

Sermon Notes

But I say...

Matthew 5:17-30

Intro: Is God more ethically relaxed in the NT?

1. Jesus FULFILS, not abolishes, the Old Testament Scriptures

(17-20)

- The “Prophets” = History books, Wisdom Books, Prophets
- The “Law” = First 5 books (Genesis-Deuteronomy)
- The specific “Commandments” = e.g. Exodus 20-24)

➔ So external righteousness is not enough for kingdom entry

➔ **So even *internal sin* is *eternally* deadly**

2. Example 1: “Do Not Murder” includes anger, contempt, insult

(21-26)

➔ What to do next: go and apologise to reconcile (23-26)

3. Example 2: “Do not Commit Adultery” includes lustful looking

(27-30)

➔ What to do next: take radical action to prevent it (29-30)

Conclusion: where do I go from here?