




The Sermon on the Mount: Anger Issues

Matthew 5:21-22


 Matthew 5:21–22 (NIV) “You have heard that it was said to the people long ago, ‘Do not murder, and anyone who murders will be subject to judgment.’²² But I tell you that anyone who is angry with his brother will be subject to judgment. Again, anyone who says to his brother, ‘Raca,’ is answerable to the Sanhedrin. But anyone who says, ‘You fool!’ will be in danger of the fire of hell.”

The **System** judges the **action of** murder.


 Matthew 5:21 (NIV) “You have heard that it was said to the people long ago, ‘Do not murder, and anyone who murders will be subject to judgment.’”


 Exodus 20:13 (NIV) “You shall not murder.”


The **Savior** judges the **anger that leads to** murder.

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1. Jesus indicts the **inward possession** of anger.


 Matthew 5:22a (NIV) “But I tell you that anyone who is angry with his brother will be subject to judgment.”

 Ephesians 4:26–27 (LB) “If you are angry, don’t sin by nursing your grudge. Don’t let the sun go down with you still angry—get over it quickly;²⁷ for when you are angry, you give a mighty foothold to the devil.”

 Proverbs 19:11 (NIV) “A man’s wisdom gives him patience; it is to his glory to overlook an offense.”

2. Jesus indicts the **outward expressions** of anger.

 Matthew 5:22b (NIV) “Again, anyone who says to his brother, ‘Raca,’ is answerable to the Sanhedrin.”

 Matthew 5:22c (NIV) “But anyone who says, ‘You fool!’ will be in danger of the fire of hell.”

Jesus says...

1. Hell is a place **of eternal torment**. (Luke 16:23)


2. Hell is a place **with an unquenchable fire**. (Mark 9:43)

3. Hell is a place **where people weep and gnash their teeth**. (Matt 13:42)


4. Hell is a place **from which there is no return**. (Luke 16:19–31)

5. Hell is a place **of outer darkness**. (Matt 25:30)


6. Hell is a place **prepared for the devil and his angels**. (Matt 25:41)

 Matthew 5:20 (NIV) “For I tell you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees and the teachers of the law, you will certainly not enter the kingdom of heaven.”

 1 Samuel 16:7c (NIV) “Man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.”

 Romans 14:4 (NIV) “Who are you to judge someone else’s servant? To his own master he stands or falls. And he will stand, for the Lord is able to make him stand.”

Digging Deeper— Is anger ever a good thing? Why is anger such a dangerous emotion? Why do you think that Jesus

 cares so much about how we are feeling on the inside? Why is it so hard to let go of our anger? Why do we demand that others forgive us quickly if we are not forgiving others quickly? What has been said to you that you still have a hard time letting go of? Is there anything that you have said that you should apologize for?