

The Applied Law

————— The Christian Use of Biblical Law: Part 4 —————

Sermon Questions

1. When Jesus said he came to “fulfill” the law, he meant that he came to make it _____ known.
2. Matthew 5:21–48 is nicknamed the “antitheses.” (Yes/No)
3. When Jesus says, “But I say to you,” he’s correcting:
 - i. The law given to Moses and the prophets
 - ii. The law taught by the scribes and Pharisees
4. What lessons can we learn about Jesus’ discussion on murder/anger (6th commandment)?
 - i. Jesus is “internalizing” and goes beyond the OT law. God now looks on the heart.
 - ii. The spirit of the 6th commandment applies to many circumstances.
5. What lessons can we learn about Jesus’ discussion on adultery/lust (7th commandment)?
 - i. Adultery and lust are the same thing and should be punished in the same way.
 - ii. You can’t restrict God’s law to criminal matters. Principles are behind the precepts.
6. What lessons can we learn about Jesus’ discussion on divorce?
 - i. Jesus reveals a higher ethic, abrogating God’s teaching on divorce.
 - ii. Concessions in the law (like divorce) do not give license to sin.
7. What lessons can we learn about Jesus’ discussion on oaths?
 - i. All oaths are now forbidden.
 - ii. Do not use God’s command to tell the truth as an excuse to lie.
8. What lessons can we learn about Jesus’ discussion on retaliation?
 - i. Jesus upholds the law used in its proper context (punishment, not retaliation).
 - ii. Jesus cancels the law of retaliation: eye for eye, tooth for tooth.
9. What lessons can we learn about Jesus’ discussion on loving your neighbor?
 - i. Jesus teaches what God has always meant.
 - ii. Jesus updated the law, making it more loving than the old.
10. What three things should this cause us to remember?
 - i. The _____ of God.
 - ii. The _____ of man.
 - iii. Our need of _____ as our Savior and Teacher

Discussion/Meditation Questions

1. Why does Jesus' exposition of the law in verses 21–48 not fit with the explanation that Jesus came to fulfill the promises and types of the OT? What would we expect to see if that was the case?
2. Does Jesus teach the law so that he adds to what was previously revealed to Moses and the prophets? Or does he teach consistent with what has already been revealed? Justify your answer.
3. How would you explain to someone new to Christianity that Jesus upholds the laws of God in his teaching, yet how the law or our good works was never meant to save us?
4. What was your most significant take-away from this passage and sermon? Share this with another brother or sister in the fellowship.

Extras for the Children

What song did you enjoy the most today? _____

What did you learn about God today? _____

What words did you not know today? _____

