

THE KING SPEAKS

a Study in the Sermon On The Mount | Daily Devotion
Week 4 – October 1-5, 2012
Beyond Anger Management | Matthew 5:21-26

In this week's Daily Devotion we'll look at Matthew 5:21-26. Each of these days gives you opportunity to ponder these verses.

Jesus makes it clear that the Kingdom of God is built on the great commandment, "Love for God and Love for others". Imagine the hatred that Jesus reserves for one of the chief enemies of the heart- anger. Anger which seeks to dominate us and gain control, breaking and tramping lives. As anger does, it leaves unbridled destruction in its wake. Hear the urgency in Jesus' speech as he calls us to action, to be salt and light in his kingdom.

Day 1

Read Matthew 5:21-26

People matter to God. Our relationships are the most important things we have. Jesus put it this way; the most important commandment is Love for God and Love for others. What have you said or done today that has been reflective of that commandment? What has not been reflective of that commandment? What's it like to be on the other side of you?

Day 2

Matthew 5:21-22, James 3:6, 9-10

How serious does God take our anger? Why does James say our words matter? Does anger have a hook in you today?

Day 3

Matthew 5:5, Romans 8:1-9

Do you see yourself as God sees you? God has done what the law could not do; he placed his Spirit in our lives to change us from within. God assures us of his love and he gives us the ability to act on his behalf as a light in this world. Note an opportunity today when you could act out of God's presence within rather than out of anger.

Day 4

Matthew 5:23 -24, Proverbs 22:4

When has a relational situation so dominated your thinking that it has stood between you and God? If this is presently the issue, what will you do to make this right? Submission to these verses - gets you in sync with what God is doing in your heart.

Day 5

Matthew 5:25-26

Have you ever been forgiven? Describe a time when you deserved to have the book thrown at you, but someone let you off scot-free instead. Living out of integrity and willingness to humble yourself is in keeping with a life of salt and light.