

Sin Begins in the Heart

(Matt. 5:21-30)

The “Sermon on the Mount” was, and still is, a new and higher form of doctrine. It amazed those fortunate enough to hear it in person (Matt. 7:28-29). It emphasized the spiritual nature of the coming new covenant versus the physical thrust of the Old (James 2:26). The inner man was now in focus. (2 Cor. 4:16)

Introduction: (Matt. 5:17-20)

I Definition of terms is mandatory.

“Sin” - (1 John 3:4)	(Gen. 3:17)	(Rom. 6:23)
(Matt. 15:15-20)	(Acts 5:4)	(James 1:13-15)
“Heart”- (Lev. 17:11)	(1 Pet. 3:3-4)	(Jer. 17:9)
(Prov. 23:7)	(2 Cor. 9:7)	(Heb. 4:12)

II Exposition of the Text is necessary. (Matt. 5:21-30)

(:21) – (Ex. 20:13)	(Num. 15:33)
(:22) – (Matt. 25:40)	(Luke 10:29ff)
(Eph. 4:26-27) / (Num. 35:12)	(Acts 23:1)

(:23) – (Lev. 9:7)

(:24) – (Matt. 23:25-26)

(1 Sam. 15:22)

(:25) – see (:22a)

(Phil. 2:3)

(:26) – (Eph. 5:27)

(Rev. 19:8-9)

(:27) – (Deut. 5:18)

(2 Sam. 11:2-4)

(:28) – (1 John 2:16)

(1 Pet. 2:11)

(:29-:30) – (Isaiah 66:24b)

III Avoiding sin to begin with is essential.

(Gen. 4:7)

(Luke 6:45)

(Psalm 119:11)

(2 Pet. 1:5-8)