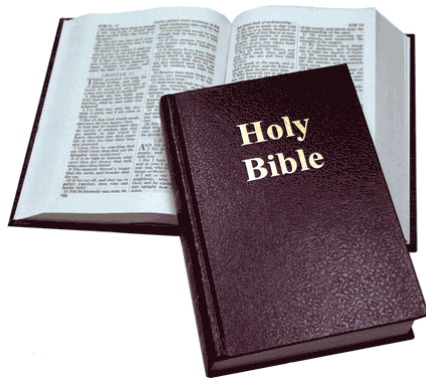


The Sermon on the Mount

STUDY 9

Reading: Matthew 5:27-30



Concerning heart and limbs!

Home Fellowship Group Bible Study Questions

Tuesday 30th April/Wednesday 1st May 2013

In this study we look at the second of six statements that follow the same pattern: *"You have heard it said...but I say to you"*.

- 1) Jesus begins in verse 27 by declaring one of the Ten Commandments, but then seems to backtrack by adding "but I say to you..." *What point is Jesus making here?*
- 2) In verse 28 what does Jesus teach about adultery; and what does that reveal to us about sin in general?

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- 3) In the light of His teaching on the seventh commandment in verses 27-28; why are Jesus' illustrations of the eye and hand in verses 29-30 significant?
- 4) Although He is not being literal here; what point is Jesus making to His listeners when suggesting that they should cut off any offending limbs?
- 5) Why does Jesus use such extreme language when talking about the need to avoid hell? How does that affect the way we think about the need to spread the gospel today?