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Week 12 – THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT, PART 2 (Mt 5:17-47, pp. 91-97)

The Sermon on the Mount is one of the most famous “sermons” that Jesus delivers. In the sermon, Jesus teaches about the Kingdom of Heaven. The sermon goes from Matthew 5 through Matthew 7.

Last week we studied the first section, which included the Beatitudes and the encouragement to be “salt” and “light.” This week Jesus speaks to us about the true nature of the Law and its fulfillment.

In this section, Jesus teaches about the 5th, 6th, and 8th commandments.

How does Jesus correct our understanding of what each of these commands requires?

5th Commandment _____

6th Commandment _____

8th Commandment _____

What is the theme in Jesus’ teaching about the commandments?

What imagery does Jesus use to explain the danger associated with breaking God’s Law? _____

What does Jesus encourage us to do when we break God’s Law? _____

Many people have a negative view of God’s Law. They see in the Law harsh and unreasonable requirements. They imagine that such requirements are unbecoming of a loving God. And this has led many people to the disastrous heresy of rejecting God’s Law.

But all of this is based on a false understanding of what God’s truly is. The Law is not arbitrary. Instead, the Law is a reflection of God’s very nature and character.

How does the apostle John explain God’s nature in 1 John 4:7-8? _____

How does Jesus affirm this basic understanding of God’s Law in Matthew 22:36-40? _____

How does Paul explain the Law in Romans 13:8-10? _____

What, then, does Jesus mean when he says, “I have not come to abolish [the Law or the Prophets] but to fulfill them.”? (see John 13:1; 17:26) _____

The Law describes God’s Love and his expectation for us to love Him and to love our neighbor. **Why then, is it a disastrous heresy to reject God’s Law?** _____

We teach that the Law is 1)A **CURB** (to protect us from unbridled evil), 2)A **MIRROR** (to show us our sins); and 3)A **GUIDE** (to show us the way we ought to live as God’s people)

As God’s forgiven people, how does the Law of Love guide us? _____

For Next Time:

Week 13 – THE SERMON on the MOUNT, PART 3 (Mt 6:1-18, pp. 99-105)