

“The Eyes Have It” Matthew 5:25-30

Proverbs 16:18 Pride goes before destruction, a haughty spirit before a fall.

God has a plan for our lives which requires a humble discovery on our part.

Arrogance is enamored self-respect totally apart from reality; it's an inappropriate high esteem of oneself from some imagined or real superiority.

Arrogant people act differently under pressure and it's NOT because pressure changes people, it's because it reveals who people really are!

Religious arrogance is the most vicious of all especially when it's manifest in trying to change the world through activism instead of understanding that the world will never get better and that the purpose of a believer in Jesus Christ is to witness, to execute the plan of God and become an invisible hero with a fantastic invisible impact!

We can only agree with our adversary and settle matters by having kind thoughts toward our enemy by observing the 6th commandment to avoid mental attitude murder.

So, to have mental attitude sins toward others results in self-generated misery and that's when we become our own worst enemies because we are not led by the Holy Spirit when this happens.

And by application, the principle which comes to us, is that in order for us to have impact for Jesus Christ, we must have God's blessing in time of heavy stress or trial as well as in time of great success.

But actually, the purpose of the 10 commandments is to demonstrate to man that he is a sinner and he can do nothing to save himself, so he must go outside of the 10 commandments for his salvation and that's where the Lord Jesus comes in.

At the Cross, the sins of the world would be poured out upon Jesus Christ and when He was bearing our sins, the Father would judge Him which means that all sin is judged at that time and therefore, sin is no longer the issue in salvation, the only issue is Christ who bore our sins.

Self-righteousness and human good come from the same place; the sinful nature within us and Jesus is using the Mosaic law as a background to teach His disciples and warn them regarding self-righteousness which is one of the fiercest enemies of impact for the Lord Jesus Christ.

We all live in our minds and the visible physical act of adultery is not as bad as the invisible mental attitude sin of adultery according to the Lord Jesus.

The worst sins are always committed in the mind and sometimes when we notice people who are self-righteous, we can almost count on the fact that they are heavy mental attitude sinners and no one's ever mentioned it to them.

If you gouge out your eye or cut off your hand, what have you done? You've mutilated yourself and if you commit physical adultery, what have you done? You've mutilated yourself and mutilation has a deeper concept: that of self-judgement.

This is exactly what we have here; the Lord Jesus is going to use the shock of self-mutilation as an analogy for self-judgement.

The part of the body which offends must be judged either at the Cross or in the Lake of Fire and recovery for the believer is simply agreeing with the judgement of the Cross.