

# You Have Heard ... But I Say ...

1 It was said You shall not murder  
But I say Whoever is angry 5:21-22

2 It was said You shall not commit adultery  
But I say Whoever looks at a woman to lust

3 It has been said divorce give a certificate  
But I say only for sexual immorality

4 It was said You shall not swear falsely  
But I say Do not swear at all 5:33-34

5 It was said eye for eye & tooth for tooth  
But I tell you Not to resist an evil person.

6 It was said Love neighbor & hate enemy  
But I say... Love your enemies,

# Action vs Emotion / Motivation / Intent

- If it is stopped before the action, most people would say we did nothing wrong.
- We stopped before the sin could occur.
- Jesus wanted us to look into the heart.
- *But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not look at his appearance or at his physical stature, because I have refused him. For the Lord does not see as man sees; for man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart." 1 Sam 16:7*
- Jesus' disciples are also looking at their heart.

# God's intent in all law...

- Remove any that could make it possible.
- Remember, “*fleshly lusts war (strateuo - have a strategy) against the soul.*”
- If emotions have been removed there is no longer a way to make a strategy.
- Jesus “*was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin,*” (Heb. 4:15-16), because this is how He approached all of God's laws.
- When God forbid an act, Jesus examined all emotions and intents leading to the act.
- Battle always in the heart... He never sinned

# You Have Heard ... But I Say ...

- *"You have heard that it was said to those of old, 'You shall not commit adultery.' 28 But I say to you that whoever looks at a woman to lust for her has already committed adultery with her in his heart. Mt. 5:27-28*
- THEY SHOULD HAVE KNOWN THIS!
- *"You shall **not covet** your neighbor's wife; and you shall **not desire** your neighbor's house, his field, his male servant, his female servant, his ox, his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor's." Deut. 5:21*
- WE SHOULD TOO

# The Heart and Nature of Temptation

- *But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed. 15 Then, when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, brings forth death. James 1:13-15*
- The line between temptation and sin is clearly drawn with desire and enticement.
- If we feel desire ... If we sense enticement
- Sin is born.
- Thus when we feel desire or enticement we have to repent and confess.
- The act itself is far past the birth of sin.

# Desire creates Temptation.

- If there is no desire, or it is crushed in infancy enticement is easily destroyed.
- Temptation cannot take root to conceive sin.
- Jesus kept His temptations manageable by destroying desire / interest.
- This is why Jesus revealed, in the moment of desire, the true guilt of adultery occurs.
- Whenever we see that any action is wrong, any desire for the action is also wrong.

# All Battles Should Be Internal

- *Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. 16 For all that is in the world — the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life — is not of the Father but is of the world. 17 And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever. 1Jn. 2:15-17*
- Soon after conversion the actions stop because the battles are in the heart.

# Job Knew This!

- **Even Job knew that desire and intent were where the battle had to be fought.**
- *“I have made a covenant with my eyes; Why then should I look upon a young woman?”*
- *Let me be weighed on honest scales, that God may know my integrity...*
- *If my heart has been enticed by a woman, or if I have lurked at my neighbor’s door...*
- *For that would be wickedness; yes, it would be iniquity deserving of judgment... a fire that consumes to destruction Job 31:1, 6, 9, 11-12*



# Joseph Conquered

And it came to pass after these things that his master's wife cast longing eyes on Joseph, and she said, "Lie with me." 8 But he refused and said to his master's wife, "Look, my master does not know what is with me in the house, and he has committed all that he has to my hand. 9 There is no one greater in this house than I, nor has he kept back anything from me but you, because you are his wife. How then can I do this great wickedness, and sin against God?" 10 So it was, as she spoke to Joseph day by day, that he did not heed her, to lie with her or to be with her. Gen. 39:7-10

# David Fell

- *David arose from his bed and walked on the roof of the king's house. And from the roof he saw a woman bathing, and the woman was very beautiful to behold. 3 So David sent and inquired about the woman. And someone said, "Is this not Bathsheba, the daughter of Eliam, the wife of Uriah the Hittite?" 4 Then David sent messengers, and took her; and she came to him, and he lay with her, for she was cleansed from her impurity; and she returned to her house. 2 Sam 11:1-5*

# Joseph Conquered and David Fell

- Joseph fought the battle in the heart.
- Joseph quoted Scripture and recognized the wickedness of the action in his heart.
- David had already lusted as soon as he saw.
- When he learned she was the wife of another man, the lust should have been stopped, but he did not rule over it.

# The Will of God: Our Sanctification

- *3 For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you should abstain from sexual immorality; 4 that each of you should know how to possess his own vessel in sanctification and honor, 5 not in passion of lust, like the Gentiles who do not know God; 6 that no one should take advantage of and defraud his brother in this matter, because the Lord is the avenger of all such, as we also forewarned you and testified. 7 For God did not call us to uncleanness, but in holiness. 8 Therefore he who rejects this does not reject man, but God, who has also given us His Holy Spirit. 1 Thess 4:3-8*

# Knowing this is the Will of God

- Any thought, emotion, intent, desire lust is seen for what it is:
- A violation of God's Will.
- We are not simply concerned about the action.
- God is looking at the heart.
- Our godly sorrow and repentance are triggered any time we feel the emotions.
- That is where Jesus wants to battle for the soul to be fought.