

Jesus Said What?

Sermon on the Mount

(Matthew 5-7)

- Introduction:
1. The Sermon on the Mount is the longest recorded sermon we have of Jesus.
 2. In this sermon, there are things that are not only hard to understand, but hard to obey and put in practice, thus making them “hard sayings of Jesus.”
 3. Let’s look at a few tonight.

I. Thou Fool

- A. (Matthew 5:21-22).
- B. We are not to call people...
 1. Raca – Empty Headed.
 2. Fool – Someone who acts without wisdom.
- C. I used to read this legalistically as a child. I would never call someone a fool, but I would call them an idiot, jerk, imbecile, or a knuckle-head, bird-brain.
- D. But didn’t Jesus call people fools (Luke 12:20; Matthew 23:17,19)?
 1. Consider context.
 2. (Matthew 23:7) Call no man father.
 3. Jesus is speaking of angry words spoken in rash, anger.
- E. What makes this passage a hard saying, in my judgment, is that it is so commonly disobeyed. This passage is so challenging!

II. Do Not Swear at All

- A. (Matthew 5:33-37).
- B. Yet we read of oaths made by inspired men in Scripture.
 1. (2 Corinthians 1:23) Moreover I call God as witness against my soul, that to spare you I came no more to Corinth.
 2. (Galatians 1:20) Now concerning the things which I write to you, indeed, before God, I do not lie.
 3. (Hebrews 6:17) Thus God, determining to show more abundantly to the heirs of promise the immutability of His counsel, confirmed it by an oath...
- C. Consider our practice in the courtroom – Do you swear to tell the whole truth...
- D. Working toward a solution.
 1. Why condemn “false swearers” if swearing alone is a sin (1 Timothy 1:10)?
 2. All oaths of a certain kind are forbidden by Jesus. These were deceptive oaths.
 3. Jesus is talking about “false oaths,” but oaths were not forbidden (Matt. 5:33).

III. Do Not Worry

- A. (Mathew 6:25-34).
- B. In this passage, we are commanded not to worry five times.
- C. (Philippians 4:6).
- D. Definition of terms is needed.
 1. Jesus experienced great feelings of dread in the garden (Mark 14:33-34).
 2. Often worry and concern are used interchangeably, but there is a difference.
 3. Worry is not the absence of concern, but worry is the absence of God in the midst of our concern.

- Conclusion:
1. I hope this has been helpful to you.
 2. Next week, we will discuss Blasphemy of the Holy Spirit (Matthew 12:22-32).