
SERMON OUTLINE

The importance of addressing our anger

Matthew 5:21-26

- I. Unrighteous anger doesn't just have personal consequences but spiritual consequences (Matthew 5:21-22).
 - A. Spiritual consequences of inner anger (21-22a).
 - Acting on anger by murder brings the consequences of human courts.
 - But just thinking angry, hateful thoughts about a brother brings God's judgment.
 - B. Spiritual consequences of angry words (22b).
 - Slandering a brother can bring human judgment.
 - But slandering also warrants judgment in hell.

Point: Human laws only address external acts of anger; we must address heart issues before God.

- II. Unresolved conflict when others are angry at us has spiritual and personal consequences (Matthew 5:23-26).
 - A. Unresolved conflict blocks our worship – So humble yourself to go apologize (5:23-24).
 - Apologies – Make things right relationally.
 - B. Unresolved conflict can also result in jail – So learn to settle personal conflicts (5:25-26).
 - Restitution – Make things right financially.

Point: Addressing anger issues spiritually not only frees us to worship, it also spares us from human consequences.