

An Overview of Matt. 5:21-48 “The Heart Behind The Act”

Intro: Matt. 5:17-20

- Jesus came to fulfill the law
- Fulfill—to complete what was already present
- Jesus clarifies God’s original meaning
- Jesus came as divine righteousness
- External righteousness is unattainable

● The heart behind the action vs. 21-48

Matt. 22:36-40

³⁶ “Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?” ³⁷ And He said to him, “‘YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL, AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND.’ ³⁸ This is the great and foremost commandment. ³⁹ The second is like it, ‘YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF.’ ⁴⁰ On these two commandments depend the whole Law and the Prophets.”

- John 14:15, 21, 23

- Matt. 15:1-9; 23:25-28
Isaiah 29:13

Illustration speed limit.

● 6 illustrations that it's about the heart Matt. 5:21, 27, 31, 33, 38, 43

● Rich young ruler Matt. 19:16-22

● Quote John MacArthur Obedience is a hallmark of genuine saving faith and love for God. Those who are truly saved, by grace alone, will invariably respond with a life of submission and service. With their hearts regenerated (John 3:5; Titus 2:4-7; cf. Eph. 2:4-10) and their minds renewed (cf. Rom. 12:2; Eph. 4:23), genuine Christians cannot help but outwardly reflect who they are on the inside—new creatures in Christ (2 Cor. 5:17).

● Baptism Romans 6:3-7, 4