

STUDIES IN MATTHEW

Lesson 12

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THE ORIGINAL MEANING OF THE LAW

Matthew 5:21--32

Introduction

I. The incarnation and preparation of the King 1:1---4:11

II. The declaration of the principles of the King 4:12---7:29

A. The introduction to the ministry of the King 4:12--25

B. The principles of the King 5:1---7:29

1. The setting 5:1--2

2. The subjects of the kingdom 5:3--16

3. The explanation of genuine righteousness 5:17---7:12

a. The principle of righteousness and the Law 5:17--48

1) The confirmation of the Law 5:17--20

(Excursus: Are we under the Ten Commandments?)

Cf. Romans 7:4

Ceremonial law

Civil law

Moral law Cf. Romans 7:7

2) The interpretation of the Law 5:21--48

a) The law regarding murder 5:21--26

1)) The contrast

"You have heard that the ancients were told

. . . but I say to you"

2)) The Lord's interpretation 5:21--22

3)) The relationship to worship 5:23--24

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4)) The relationship to wisdom 5:25--26

b) The law regarding adultery 5:27--30

c) The law regarding divorce 5:31--32

Conclusion and application

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