

Hostility and Harmony (Matthew 5:21-26)

Introduction

- What is the theme of today's passage?
- What is the Sermon on the Mount all about?
- What repeated pattern do we see in Matthew 5:21-48?
- What is Jesus not doing?
- What is he doing?
- What do his words teach us about him?
- What should we do with his words?

i Hostility (v21-22)

- Which commandment is Jesus referring to here?
- What was the penalty for murder according to Exodus 21:12?
- What does Jesus declare this law to say?
- What is anger?
- What sort of anger does Jesus condemn?
- What sort of anger does he not condemn?
- What is most of our anger like?
- What do you do with anger?
- How do we typically view anger?

- What does I Timothy 1:15-16 teach about one way in which we can tackle anger?
- What do we notice about Jesus' patience?
- What three other things can we do to help tackle anger in our lives?
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  - ii)
  - iii)
- Will doing this make you perfect immediately?

## ii Harmony (v23-26)

- What does Jesus do in these verses?
- What should you do if you realise that you have sinned against someone?
- What happens to our relationship with the Lord if our relationships with others are wrong?
- Which verse qualifies what Jesus says here?
- What is the point of Jesus' second illustration here?
- What happens to unresolved hostility?
- What should you do if you are aware of a broken relationship, then?
- What can help you?
- What should you do if you are not a Christian?

## Conclusion

- What are you going to do with Jesus' words?