

## Anger

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- Are people angrier now?
- Is it a sin to be angry?
- Is God generally angry?
- Are you an angry person?

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- Murder is a capital offense
- “You have heard...but I say to you” - six times
- Our righteousness must exceed that of Pharisees
- Jesus retains and fulfills the Old Testament

### Verse 5:22

- Most anger against others is murder in God's eyes
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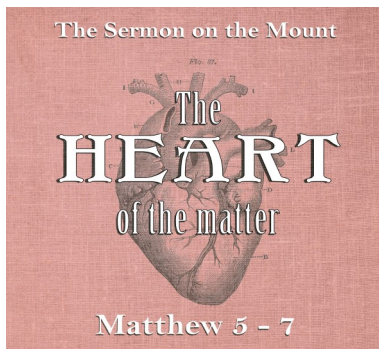
### Anger against things other than people

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- If you suspect someone has something against you—urgently go try to make it right
- Matthew 18:15—if you have something against someone, urgently go to them

### Takeaways:

- Don't let the sun go down on your anger—make it right
- Don't look down on anyone as a stupid moron anymore—hell is at stake
- If someone has something against you, go to them urgently and make it right



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