

## The Heart of Marriage

Matthew 5:31-32

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Two image bearers, together as ONE

Offspring

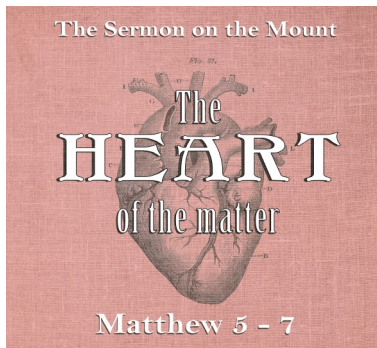
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