

You Heard, But I Say...Mat. 5:21-48

I. Introduction

A. Have you ever been told something that needed clarifying later (e.g., not enough time to do justice to something deep, or a parent to child answering just enough to satisfy them at that stage, or a teacher teaching building blocks of something complex, “**precept upon precept; line upon line**” (*Isa. 28:9-13*)?

B. Can anyone think of an example of “just enough info at the time to suffice?”

II. Scripture and Application

A. Sermon Context

- **Mat. 1-2**—Jesus’ Genealogy and Birth.
- **Mat. 3**—John the Baptist’s ministry of repentance preparing the way for and Baptizing Jesus.
- **Mat. 4**—Jesus’ Temptation and Victory over sin and calling of His Disciples.
- **Mat. 5:1-12**—Begins the Sermon on the Mount with the Beatitudes.
- **Mat. 5:13-16**—Similitudes (Salt and Light).

B. **Mat. 5: 17-48**—“*Ye have heard that it was said by them of old...But I say unto you*”

#	Reference	You’ve Heard It Said	But I say unto you	Meaning {Agree or provide Improvement + Application.}
1	Mat. 5:17-20	Keep the Law	Must be better than man’s best	Fulfill the Spirit, the purpose of the law is for man to know he sins; God is better than man's best; He is perfect
<u>Application</u> (cf. <i>Rom. 13:10; Gal. 5:14</i>): Don’t pridefully depend on self/man; but look to/depend on Jesus/God’s righteousness and Spirit to love and keep the heart and spirit of the law—not merely keeping the letter/externals, but love and glory.				
2	Mat. 5:21-26	Don’t <u>murder</u>	No <u>causeless anger</u> or vicious words	Wrong thinking/feelings sown in your heart causes sin
<u>Application</u> (cf. <i>Pro. 4:23; 16:32; 2Co. 10:5</i>):				

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3	Mat. 5:27-30	No <u>adultery</u>	No <u>lustful looks</u>	Losing battle in heart and mind in sin, leads to physical sin
<u>Application</u> (cf. 1Sa. 16:7; Pro. 31:30; Psa. 101:3; SoS. 2:16):				
4	Mat. 5:31-32	<u>Divorce in writing</u>	<u>No divorce unless fornication</u> ; as divorce may cause adultery	1-exception for divorce is permitted, * but that's not God's ideal; divorce hurts now and in the future
<u>Application</u> (cf. Mal. 2:16; Eph. 4:32; 1Th. 4:3):				
5	Mat. 5:33-37	Don't <u>perjure</u>	<u>Don't swear</u>	Let your word be sufficient
<u>Application</u> (Lev. 19:12; Num. 30:2; Mat. 23:16-22 ; cf. Heb. 13:18):				
6	Mat. 5:38-42	Make the <u>punishment fit the crime</u>	<u>Don't punish</u> , turn the cheek, <u>give greater than asked</u>	Personally, take things on the chin for Christ, forgive, and give
<u>Application</u> (cf. Rom. 12:17-21):				
7	Mat. 5:43-48	Love neighbor, <u>hate enemy</u>	<u>Love</u> , bless, do good, and even pray for <u>enemies</u>	Be as perfect / loving as God
<u>Application</u> (cf. Luke 6:27-36):				