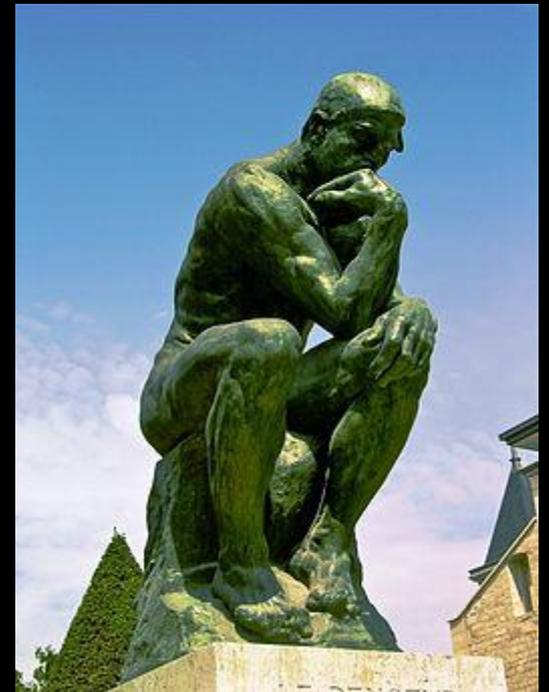
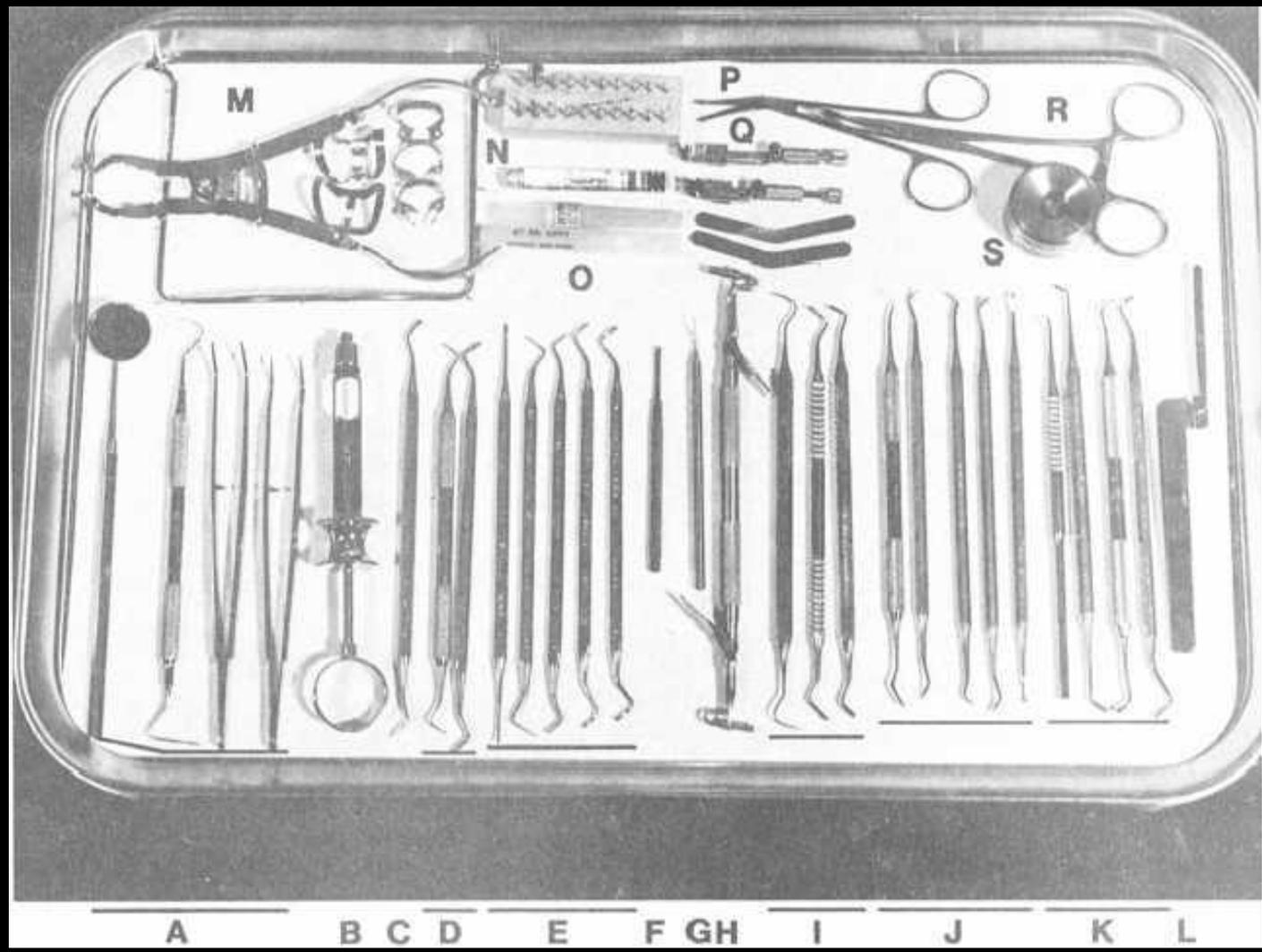


Change Your Way of Thinking

Matthew 5:17-32





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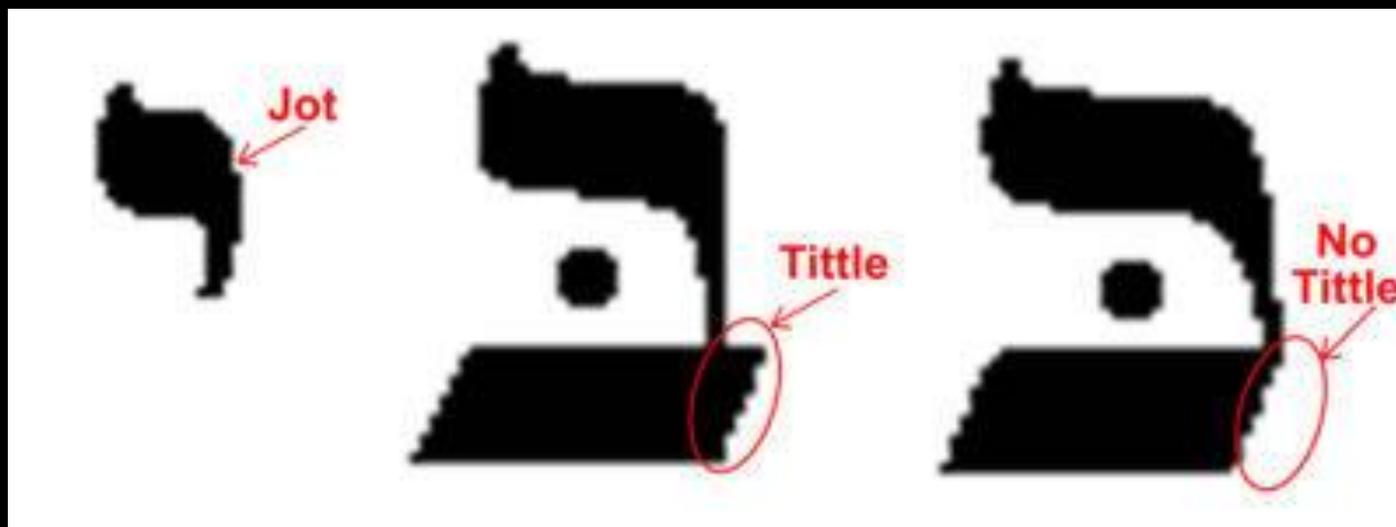
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I. About God' Law

Matthew 5:17-18

17 Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil.

18 For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled.



Why We Need The Law

Romans 3:20

Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight: for by the law is the knowledge of sin.

Galatians 3:24

Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith.

I. About God' Law

A. God only has one standard

B. God's standard is permanent

C. Christ is the fulfillment of God's Law

D. God does care about the small stuff

James 2:10

For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all.

Galatians 5:9

A little leaven leaveneth the whole lump.

II. About Righteousness

Matthew 5:19-20

19 Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven: but whosoever shall do and teach them, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

20 For I say unto you, That except your righteousness shall exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven.

A. Heaven is ruled by God's law

B. Righteousness is more than religion

III. About How You Think

Matthew 5:21-22

21 Ye have heard that it was said of them of old time, Thou shalt not kill; and whosoever shall kill shall be in danger of the judgment:

22 But I say unto you, That whosoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment: and whosoever shall say to his brother, Raca, shall be in danger of the council: but whosoever shall say, Thou fool, shall be in danger of hell fire.

1 John 3:15

Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer: and ye know that no murderer hath eternal life abiding in him.

III. About How You Think

A. Sin starts with an unacceptable root thought

James 1:14-15

14 But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed.

15 Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death.

B. Bad thoughts cannot be veneered with an outwardly “good” appearance

Proverbs 23:7a

For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he:

IV. About Disputes

A. With your brother

Matthew 5:23-24

23 Therefore if thou bring thy gift to the altar, and there rememberest that thy brother hath ought against thee;

24 Leave there thy gift before the altar, and go thy way; first be reconciled to thy brother, and then come and offer thy gift.

1. Peace with your brother brings freedom in worship

2. Being reconciled to God mean being reconciled with your brother

But There Is Another Application

Romans 12:18

If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men.

Romans 14:19

Let us therefore follow after the things which make for peace, and things wherewith one may edify another.

IV. About Disputes

B. With your adversary

Matthew 5:25-26

25 Agree with thine adversary quickly, whiles thou art in the way with him; lest at any time the adversary deliver thee to the judge, and the judge deliver thee to the officer, and thou be cast into prison.

26 Verily I say unto thee, Thou shalt by no means come out thence, till thou hast paid the uttermost farthing.

Peace with your adversary brings freedom to minister

V. About Sin

A. A new awareness needed

Matthew 5:27-28

**27 Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time,
Thou shalt not commit adultery:**

**28 But I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a
woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with
her already in his heart.**

V. About Sin

B. A radical approach is needed

Matthew 5:29-30

29 And if thy right eye offend thee, pluck it out, and cast it from thee: for it is profitable for thee that one of thy members should perish, and not that thy whole body should be cast into hell.

30 And if thy right hand offend thee, cut it off, and cast it from thee: for it is profitable for thee that one of thy members should perish, and not that thy whole body should be cast into hell.

Romans 13:14

**But put ye on the Lord
Jesus Christ, and make
not provision for the
flesh, to fulfil the lusts thereof.**

V. About Sin

C. God's standard is supreme

Matthew 5:31-32

31 It hath been said, Whosoever shall put away his wife, let him give her a writing of divorcement:

32 But I say unto you, That whosoever shall put away his wife, saving for the cause of fornication, causeth her to commit adultery: and whosoever shall marry her that is divorced committeth adultery.

**Do You Need
To Change
Your Thinking?**

