

Let's Look at the Heart

Matthew 5:21-48

(series #25)

Introduction: the spiritual climate of Jesus' day

- a preoccupation with mere external righteousness
- a distorted view of understanding God's law

I. The Priority of the Heart in Hebrew Scripture

- A. 1st Samuel 16:6-7
- B. 1st Kings 8:38-39
- C. 1st Chronicles 28:9
- D. Proverbs 15:11
- E. Jeremiah 17:10

II. The Priority of the Heart in the New Testament

- A. Matthew 15:1-19
- B. Luke 6:45; 16:15
- C. Revelation 1:14; 2:3,9,13,19; 3:1,8,15
- D. Matthew 23:25-28

III. The Perfection of Righteousness in Christ

- A. 2nd Corinthians 5:21
- B. 1st Corinthians 1:30
- C. Romans 3:20

Concluding applications: How is your heart?