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Title: Higher

Text: Matthew 5:21-48

Introduction

Our hope is seen not in a lower standard, but in a higher one.

I. Hear the Truth

We resonate with the truth of what Jesus says

II. Feel the Standard

We tremble at the height of what is required

III. See where this leaves you

We are too weak for this; where does that leave us?

“You therefore must be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect.” (Matthew 5:48)

Conclusion

- What does this section reveal about Jesus’ character and heart?
- Is it enough to ‘try’ to be good or ‘try’ to be perfect? Why or why not?
- How do you live within Jesus’ explanation of God’s law?
- If this is kingdom living, why is it encouraging?