

# THE SIX AMENDMENTS

(Deut.8:15 "The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your countrymen, you shall listen to him.)

## Matthew 5:21-48

### I. THE FIRST AMENDMENT. "You have heard that the ancients were told, 'YOU SHALL NOT COMMIT MURDER' and 'Whoever commits murder shall be liable to the court.'" (v. 21)

A. But I say to you,

1. Harbor no hatred in your heart (v. 22). Angry (without cause), Raca (empty head), Fool (*moros* or black hearted)
2. Hasten to heal the hurt (vs. 23, 24).
3. Halt the humiliation (vs. 25, 26).

### II. THE SECOND AMENDMENT. "You have heard that it was said, 'YOU SHALL NOT COMMIT ADULTERY' (v. 27)

A. But I say to you,

1. Savior's sex standard (v. 28).
2. Spiritual surgery (vs. 29, 30).

### III. THE THIRD AMENDMENT. "It was said, 'WHOEVER SENDS HIS WIFE AWAY, LET HIM GIVE HER A CERTIFICATE OF DIVORCE'" (v. 31)

A. But I say to you,

1. She is stigmatized (an action done to the innocent party) (v. 32).

### IV. THE FORTH AMENDMENT. "gain, you have heard that the ancients were told, 'YOU SHALL NOT MAKE FALSE VOWS, BUT SHALL FULFILL YOUR VOWS TO THE LORD.'" (v. 33)

A. But I say to you,

1. Swear by nothing (vs. 34-36).
2. Speak your statement, "yes" or "no." (v. 37).

### V. THE FIFTH AMENDMENT. "You have heard that it was said, 'AN EYE FOR AN EYE, AND A TOOTH FOR A TOOTH.'" (v. 38)

A. But I say to you,

1. Refuse to retaliate (v. 39).
2. Relinquish your right to resist (v. 40).
3. Render request (v. 41).
4. Respond with resources (v. 42).

### VI. THE SIXTH AMENDMENT. "You have heard that it was said, 'YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR and hate your enemy.'" (v. 43)

A. But I say to you,

1. Shower love on your enemies (v. 44).
2. Show yourselves to be sons of your Father. (v. 45)
3. Spread open the boundaries of your heart (v. 46, 47)
4. Strive to have the "perfect" love of your "perfect" Father (v. 48).