

A fluffy white lamb stands in a lush green field, looking towards the left. The lamb's wool is thick and soft, and its legs are white. The background is a soft-focus green field.

The Sermon on the Mount

(Matthew 5 to 7)

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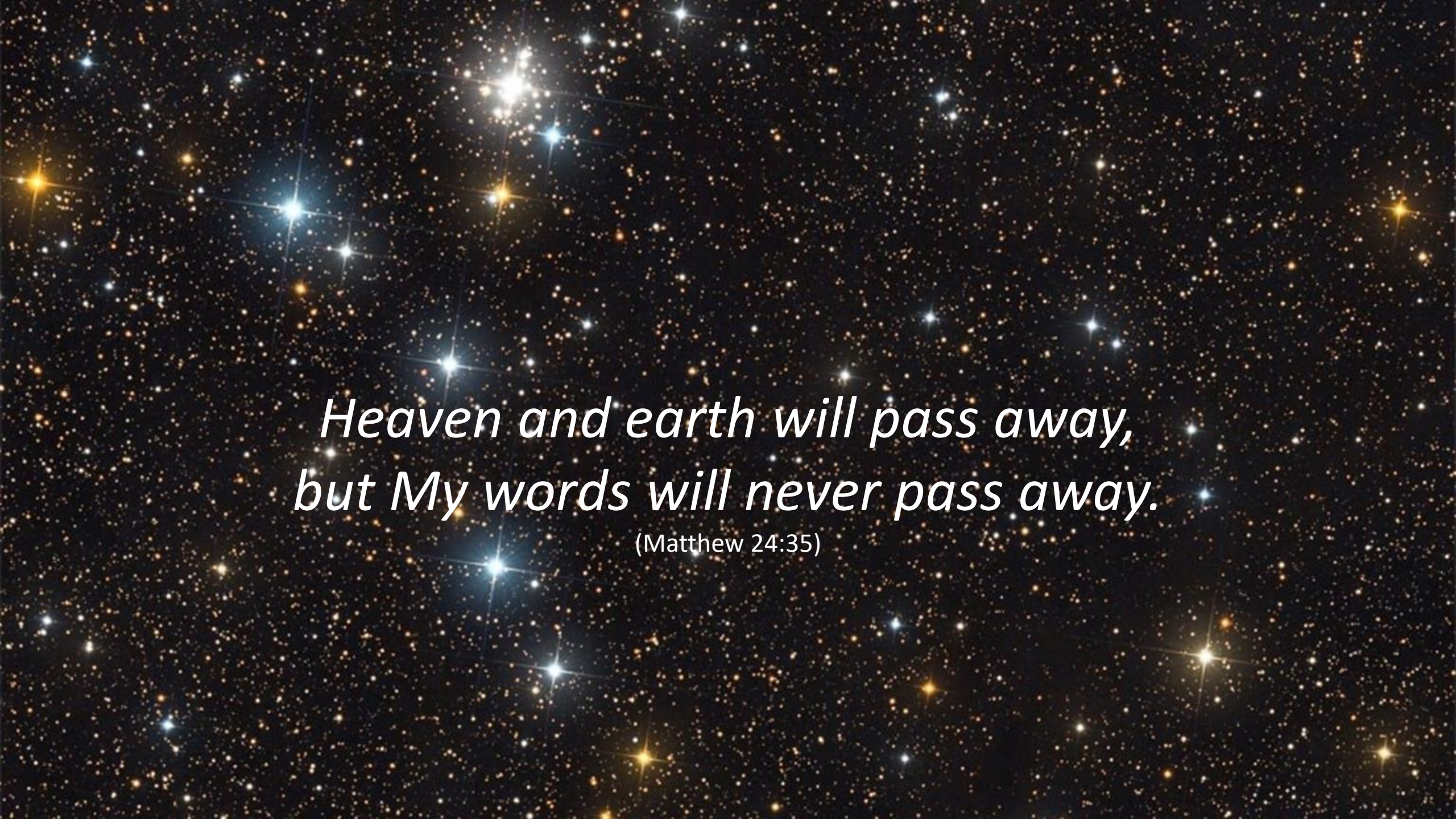
A large crowd of people in a desert setting, with a mountain in the background. The scene is bright and hazy, suggesting a hot, sunny day. The people are dressed in traditional, simple clothing, and the overall atmosphere is one of a significant gathering.

Seeing the crowds, He went up on the mountain,
and when He sat down, **His disciples** came to Him.

And He opened His mouth **and taught them**,
saying:

*“**Blessed** are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is **the kingdom of heaven.**”*

(Matthew 5:1-3)



*Heaven and earth will pass away,
but My words will never pass away.*

(Matthew 24:35)

Matthew 5:17-20

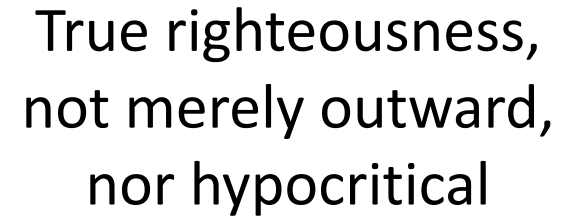


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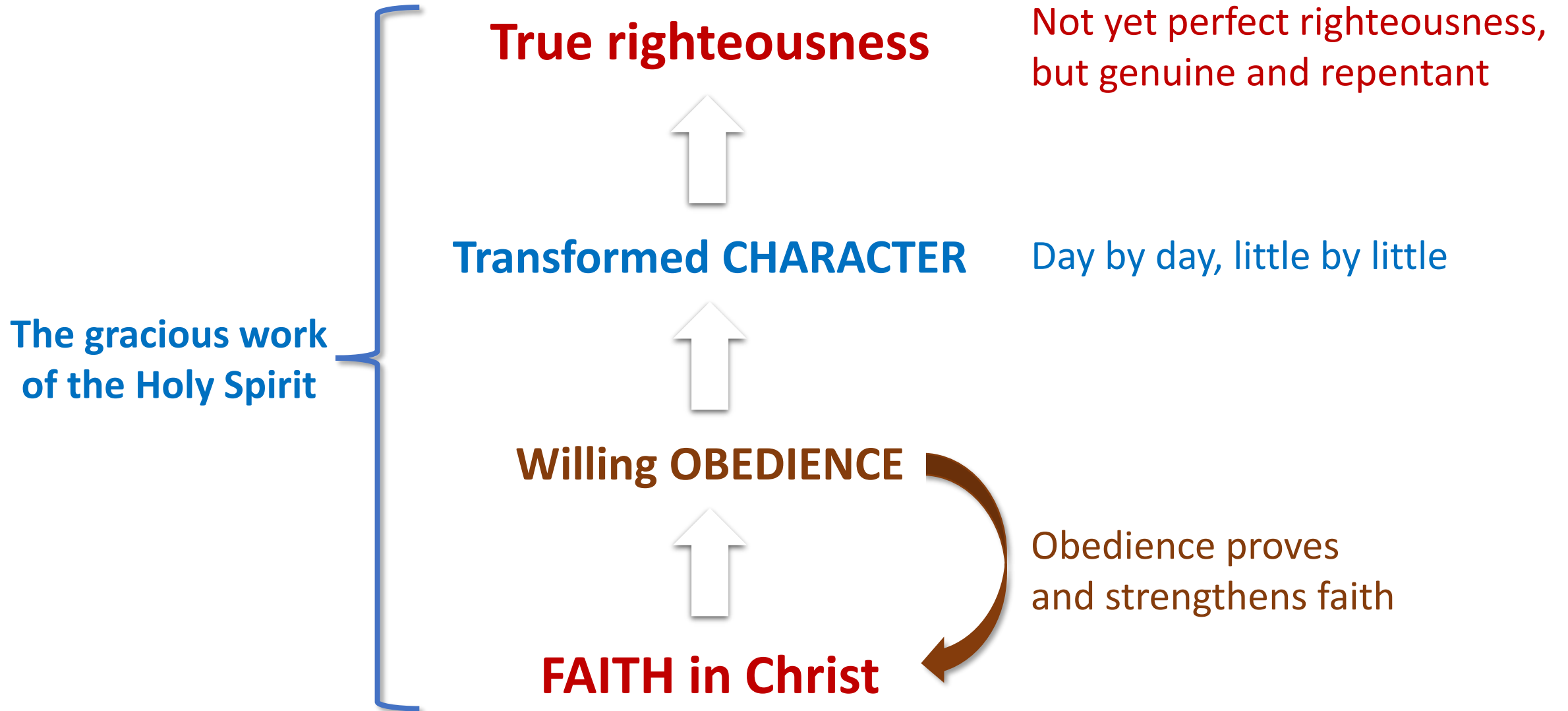
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For I tell you,
unless **your righteousness exceeds**
that of the scribes and Pharisees,
you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.



True righteousness,
not merely outward,
nor hypocritical

A transformed life



True righteousness

What is the righteousness that the law requires?

The Lord answers this by speaking about:

- Murder
- Adultery
- Marriage
- Truthfulness
- Retaliation
- Love

(See Matthew 5:21-48)

Concerning MURDER

Matthew 5:21-26

The sixth
commandment

You have heard that it was said to those of old,
“*You shall not **murder**;*
and whoever **murders** will be liable to judgment.”

The punishment for
murder was death

But I say to you

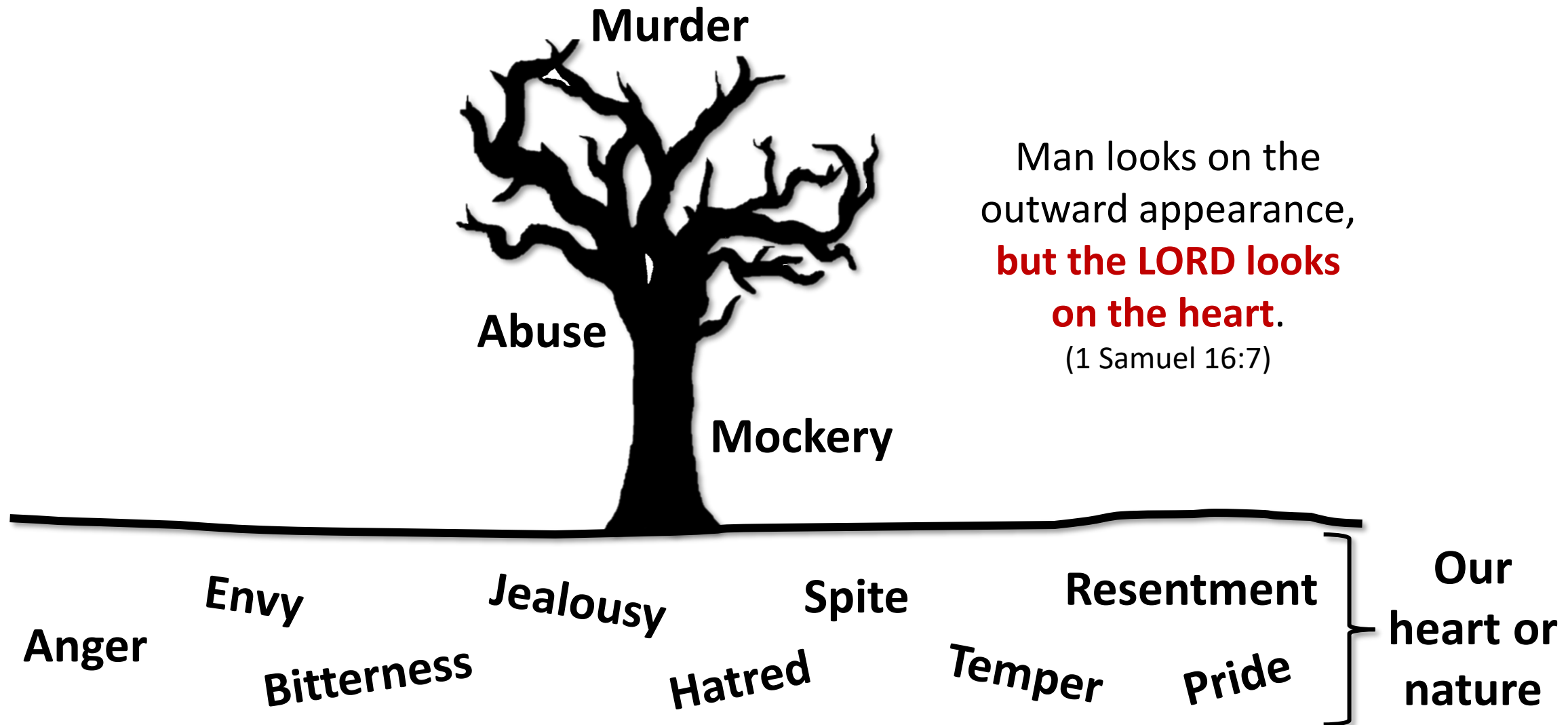
that everyone who is **angry** with his brother
will be liable to judgment;
whoever **insults** his brother will be liable to the council;
and whoever says, ‘**You fool!**’ will be liable to the hell of fire.

The Jewish
Sanhedrin

(Matthew 5:21-22)

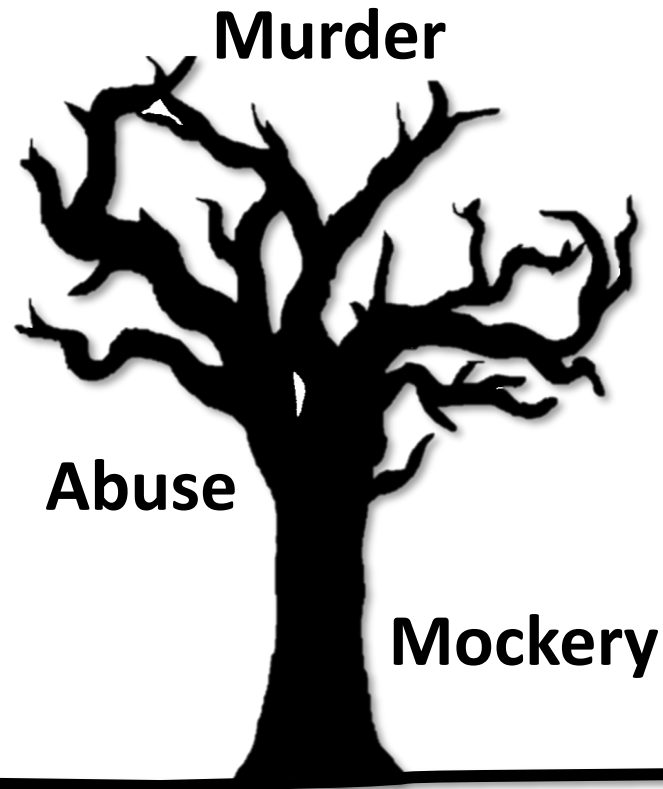
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Do not let sin reign
in your mortal body,
to make you
obey its passions.
(Romans 6:12)



What is
seen and
heard

Anger Envy Jealousy Spite Resentment
Bitterness Hatred Temper pride

Where it
comes
from

Concerning MURDER

Let a person examine himself...
and so eat of the bread
and drink of the cup.
(1 Corinthians 11:28)

So if you are offering your gift at the altar
and **there** remember
that your brother has something against you,
leave your gift there before the altar **and go**.

First be reconciled to your brother,
and **then** come and offer your gift.
(Matthew 5:23-24)

Concerning MURDER

Come to terms quickly with your accuser
while you are going with him to court,
lest your accuser hand you over to the judge,
and the judge to the guard,
and you be put in prison.

You are in
the wrong!

Truly, I say to you, you will never get out
until you have paid the last penny.

(Matthew 5:25-26)

The justice you
don't want!

Concerning MURDER

First be reconciled to your brother...

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If possible, so far as it depends on you,
live peaceably with all people.

(Romans 12:18)

This is the will of God, that by **doing good**
you should put to silence the ignorance of foolish people.

(1 Peter 2:15)

Concerning ADULTERY

Matthew 5:27-30

You have heard that it was said,
“You shall not commit adultery.”

The seventh
commandment

But I say to you

that everyone who looks at a woman
with lustful intent has **already**
committed adultery with her in his heart.

(Matthew 5:27-28)

Concerning ADULTERY (and other sexual immorality)

We **use** our eyes and hands to sin,
but sin comes from **our sinful heart**.

If your **right eye** causes you to sin,
tear it out and throw it away.

For it is better that you lose one of your members
than that your whole body be thrown into hell.

And if your **right hand** causes you to sin,
cut it off and throw it away.

For it is better that you lose one of your members
than that your whole body go into hell.

(Matthew 5:29-30)

**WE CANNOT BE
CASUAL ABOUT
ONGOING SIN
IN OUR LIFE.**

Concerning ADULTERY (and other sexual immorality)

Out of the heart come evil thoughts, murder, **adultery, sexual immorality**, theft, false witness, slander.

(Matthew 15:19)

Do not let sin reign in your mortal body, to make you **obey** its passions.

(Romans 6:12)

Do not lead us into temptation, but **deliver us** from the evil one.

(Matthew 6:13)

Flee youthful passions and **pursue** righteousness, faith, love, and peace, **along with** those who call on the Lord from a pure heart.

(2 Timothy 2:22)

I have made **a covenant** with my eyes...

(Job 31:1)



Concerning MARRIAGE AND DIVORCE

Matthew 5:31-32

It was also said,

*“Whoever divorces his wife,
let him give her a certificate of divorce.”*

(Matthew 5:31)

From Deuteronomy 24:1

Matthew
19:1-12

Because of your **hardness of heart**
Moses allowed you to divorce your wives,
but from the beginning it was not so.

What therefore
God has joined together,
let not man separate.

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