

**November 27, 2011 ~ Louis Brenton
Anger and Reconciliation**

Main Text: Matthew 5:21-26

1. Anger makes us all murderers v. 21-22

- ♦ Human life is sacred because humans are made in God's image

Genesis 9:6

Genesis 4:3-7

- ♦ The real spiritual battlefield is your mind

Luke 18:10-11 --Jesus says we are exactly like other men

1 John 3:15

Psalm 14:1

- ♦ To revile humans made in God's image is serious business

2. Reconciliation should precede worship v. 23-24

- ♦ Outward acts of worship in no way negate internal sin

Jeremiah 7:9-10

- ♦ When you are involved in conflict, the task of seeking reconciliation falls to YOU

Matthew 18:15-17

Romans 12:18

- ♦ When we refuse to be peace makers, we are denying our sonship Matthew 5:9

3. The time for reconciliation is always now v. 25-26

- ♦ We should seek resolution while the matter is still in our hands

- ♦ Our inability to reconcile is a shame to us & to our Lord 1 Corinthians 6:1-8