

whosoever shall say, Thou fool, shall be in danger of hell fire."

(Matth. 5: 44)

"But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you." These are strong demands which Jesus makes in the Sermon on the Mount. Some people today speak of the Gospel as though there was nothing in it but the Sermon on the Mount. They say that if we live according to the Sermon on the Mount that is enough. I would like to ask them to live up to the demands of the Sermon on the Mount for one solid week. Gospel means good news. ~~It is~~ good news to come to someone and say "I have good news for you" and he says "What" and you answer "Keep the commandments". We must keep the commandments. But the Gospel is something beyond that. The commandments and the Sermon on the Mount are like a mirror which shows how far we fall short of what is necessary if we are to live as God intended us to live. Man has himself chosen to sin but this sin has so seized hold of his character and his nature that there is nothing he can do to eradicate it. But it must be eradicated.

Hawthorn tells the story of a magician who married a very beautiful woman but she had one blemish upon her face which was very unsightly. He determined to get rid of this blemish. In some way he must remove it. So he studied