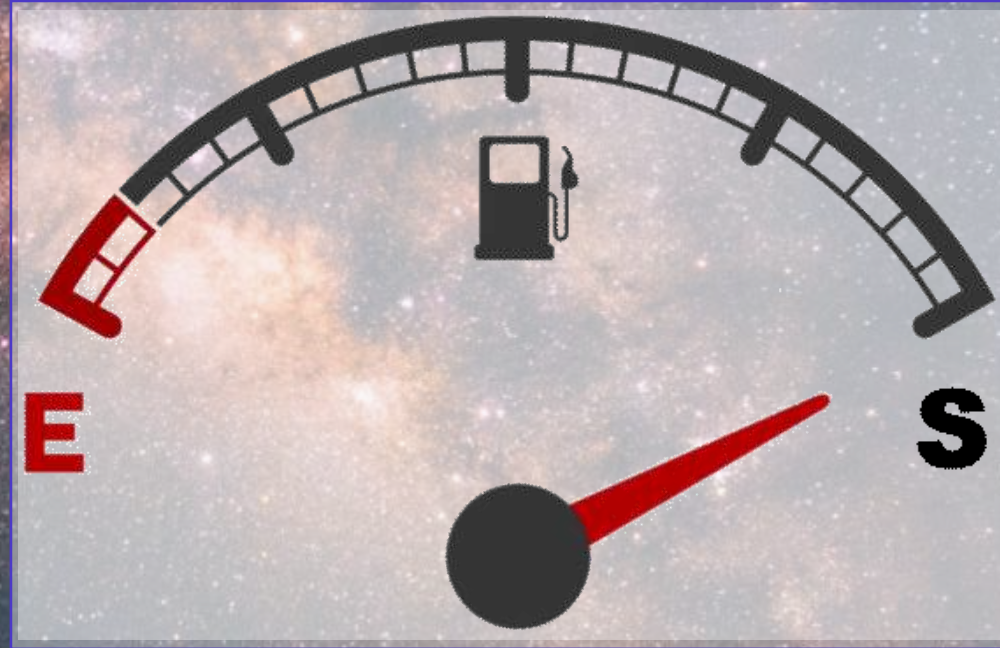
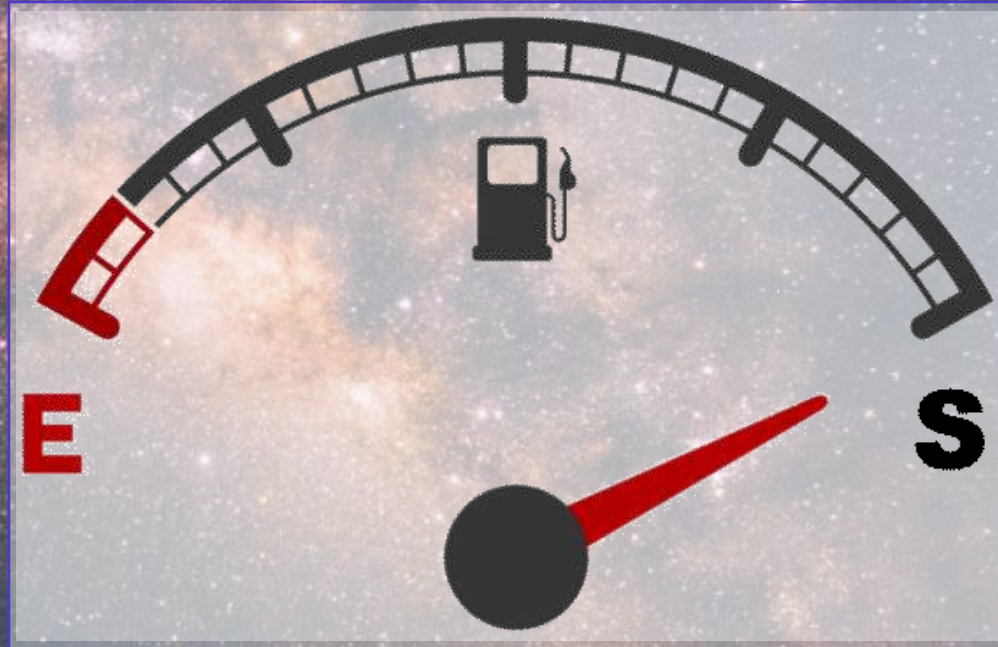


SATISFACTION



Finding the satisfaction in life that Jesus promised

LIVING IN PEACE



Matthew 5:20-26

For I tell you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees and the teachers of the law, you will certainly not enter the kingdom of heaven.

²¹“You have heard that it was said to the people long ago, ‘Do not murder, and anyone who murders will be subject to judgment.’ ²²But I tell you that anyone who is angry with his brother will be subject to judgment. Again, anyone who says to his brother, ‘Raca,’ is answerable to the Sanhedrin. But anyone who says, ‘You fool!’ will be in danger of the fire of hell.

²³“Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and

Matthew 5:20-26

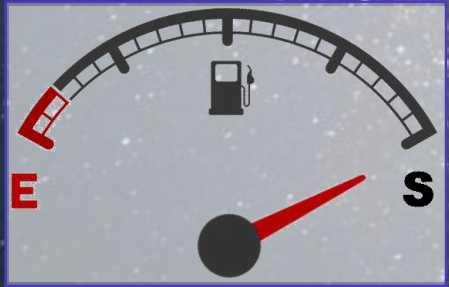
there remember that your brother has something against you, ²⁴leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to your brother; then come and offer your gift. ²⁵"Settle matters quickly with your adversary who is taking you to court. Do it while you are still with him on the way, or he may hand you over to the judge, and the judge may hand you over to the officer, and you may be thrown into prison. ²⁶I tell you the truth, you will not get out until you have paid the last penny.

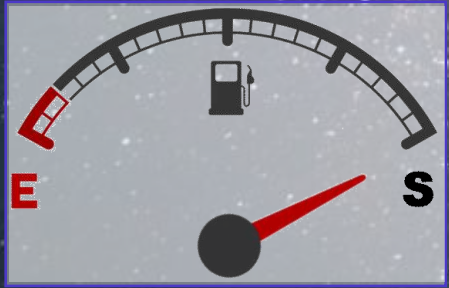
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Matthew 5:20

Unless your righteousness surpasses the Pharisees and the teachers of the law, you will certainly not enter the kingdom of heaven.

**JESUS WAS SAYING THAT THE
"RELIGIOUS" PEOPLE ARE WILLING
TO SETTLE FOR THE EXTERNALS,
AND THAT SIMPLY ISN'T GOOD
ENOUGH..**





**IF YOU WANT TO BE IN A RIGHT
RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD, IF YOU
WANT TO BE SPIRITUAL, YOU HAVE
TO GO BEYOND THE EXTERNALS
AND DEAL WITH THE MATTERS OF
THE HEART.**

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Matthew 5:21

“You have heard that our ancestors were told, ‘You must not murder. If you commit murder, you are subject to judgment.’

A person is sitting on a dark rock in the lower right corner of the image, looking up at the night sky. The sky is filled with stars and the Milky Way galaxy, which is visible as a bright, hazy band of light stretching across the upper half of the frame. The overall scene is serene and contemplative.

Matthew 5:22

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1 John 4:20

If someone says, "I love God," but hates a fellow believer, that person is a liar; for if we don't love people we can see, how can we love God, whom we cannot see?

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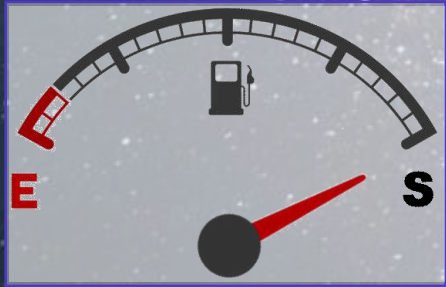
Proverbs 20:3

It is to a man's honor to avoid strife, but every fool is quick to quarrel.

CONTEMPT IS A SIN

Matthew 5:22

"...anyone who is angry with his brother will be subject to judgment."



**CONTEMPT—LOOKING DOWN
ON OTHERS—IS A SIN.**



RECONCILIATION IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY

Matthew 5:23-24

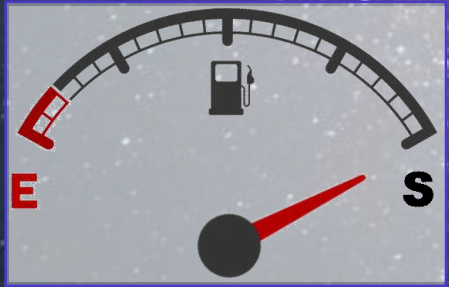
"So if you are presenting a sacrifice at the altar in the Temple and you suddenly remember that someone has something against you, ²⁴ leave your sacrifice there at the altar. Go and be reconciled to that person. Then come and offer your sacrifice to God.

RECONCILIATION IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY

Your brother has something against you

If you have something against your brother





**IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO
MAKE AN EFFORT TO
RECONCILE.**



BEING RECONCILED IS BETTER THAN BEING RIGHT

Matthew 5:25

“When you are on the way to court with your adversary, settle your differences quickly.

Otherwise, your accuser may hand you over to the judge, who will hand you over to an officer, and you will be thrown into prison.

A person is sitting on a large, dark rock in the foreground, looking out over a vast, starry night sky. The Milky Way galaxy is visible as a bright, hazy band of light stretching across the sky. The background is filled with numerous stars of varying colors and sizes. The overall scene is serene and contemplative.

Romans 12:17-18

Never pay back evil with more evil. Do things in such a way that everyone can see you are honorable. ¹⁸ Do all that you can to live in peace with everyone.

