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- C. Interpretation of the Command – (Matt. 5:22)

II. REMINDER TO NOT MURDER

- A. Brother Kills Brother – (Genesis 4:2-10)
 - 1. Setting – “*at the altar*”
 - 2. Progression – “*disobedience and anger*”
 - 3. Action – “*left the altar and killed his brother*”
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 - 1. Setting – “*at the altar*”
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- B. Mastering and Turning from Sin
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