



DISCOURSE ON THE HILL
**ANGER &
MURDER**

Scripture: Matthew 5: 21-26 (ESV)

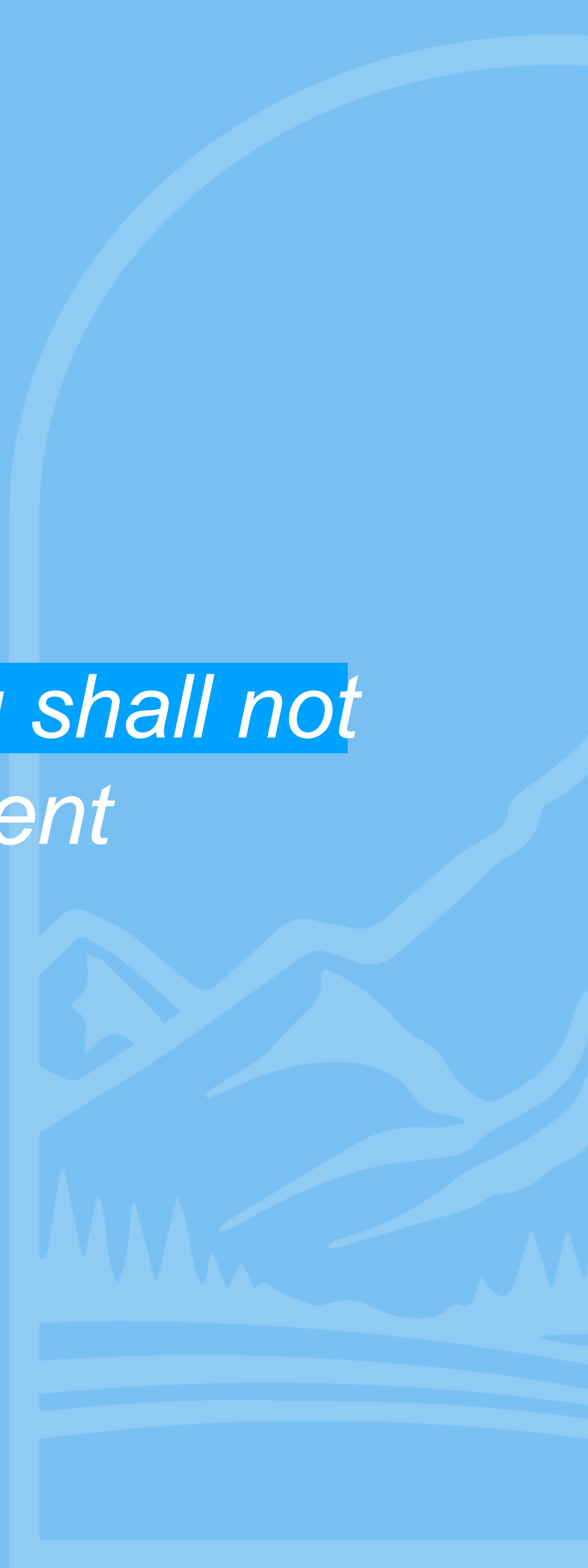
21 *"You have heard that it was said to those of old, 'You shall not murder; and whoever murders will be liable to judgment.'"*

22 *"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."*

In Matthew 5: 17-19:

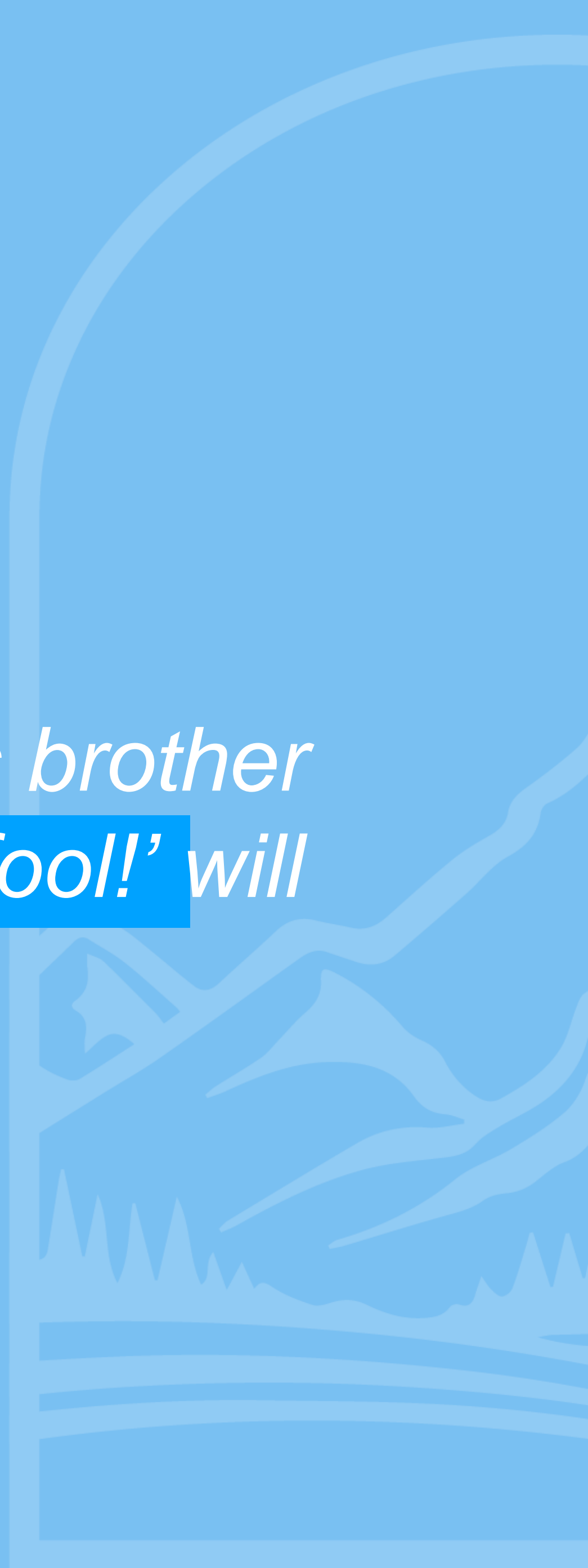
- **Jesus spoke about how he did not come to abolish the Law or the prophets but to fulfill them.**
- **And also until heaven and earth pass away the smallest letter or stroke of a letter will not pass from the law until everything takes place.**
- **He also mentions that anyone who breaks one of the least of these commands and teaches others to do so will be called least in the kingdom of heaven**
- **Whoever obeys them and teaches others to do so will be called great in the kingdom of heaven.**


“You have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘You shall not murder; and whoever murders will be liable to judgment (Matthew 5:21)




- **The older generation here is about the people of Israel.**
- **Furthermore, “Do not murder” should be a familiar phrase to most. It comes from the decalogue or the ten commandments that are provided in Exodus 20:13 and Deuteronomy 5:17**

“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 (Matthew 5:22).”

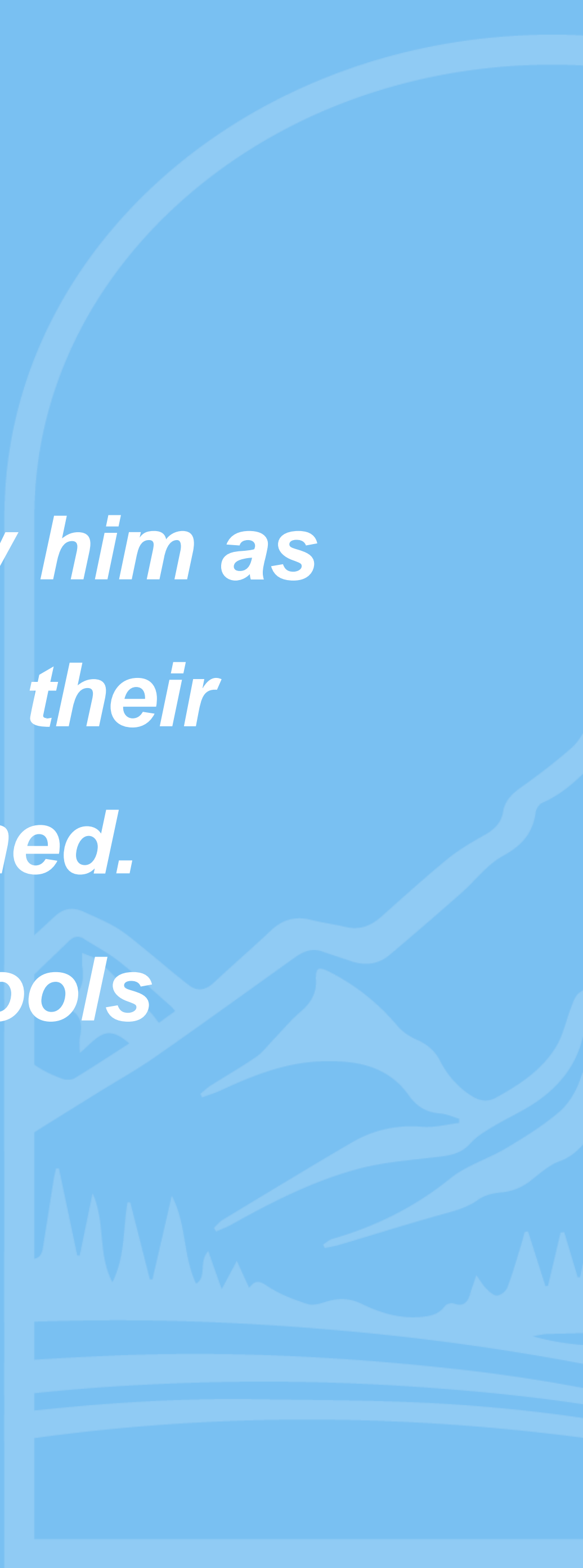


- **When Jesus said, “But I say to you,” He was not doing away with the law or adding His own beliefs.**
 - **Instead, He was giving a fuller understanding of why God made that law in the first place.**
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- **Murder is a grave sin, but so is anger because it goes against God's command to love.**
- **In Matthew, the word "anger"/"orgizó" refers to bitterness or irritation directed at a brother or sister, which could be a fellow believer.**

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- **Anger is a hazardous emotion that's always on the verge of exploding, resulting in violence, emotional pain, heightened mental stress, spiritual harm, and, yes, even murder.**
 - **We may not go to court because of our inward rage, but it does expose one to the possibility of being judged by God.**

“For although they knew God, they did not glorify him as God or give him thanks, but they became futile in their thoughts, and their senseless hearts were darkened. Although they claimed to be wise, they became fools (Romans 1:21- 22).”



He says it is a place of unquenchable fire

Mark 9:43

Where the worm does not die

Mark 9:48

From which there is no return, even to warn loved ones

Luke 16:19–31

Where the soul & the body can be destroyed.

Matthew 10:28




(Matthew 5:23-24); "So if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you,

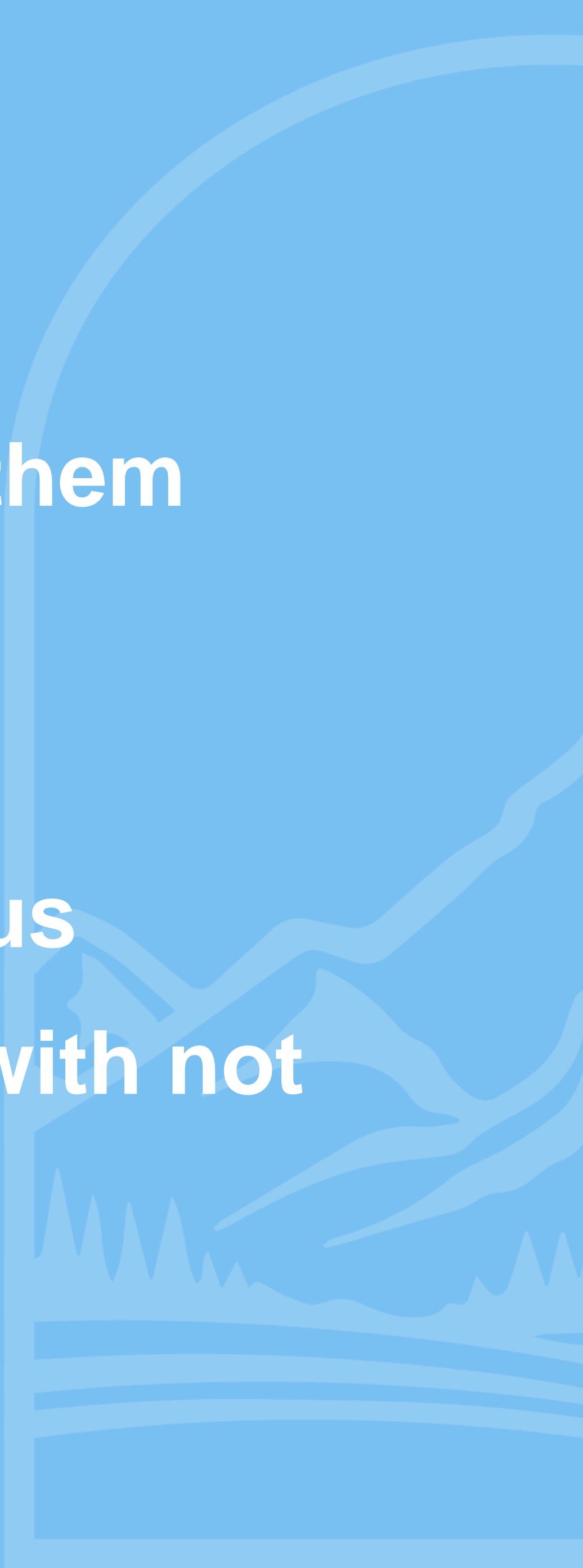
"leave your gift there before the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift."

At certain times of the year, especially during Passover, Jews brought gifts (referring to animal sacrifices) that they offered at the altar in the temple in Jerusalem. This “altar” stood in the Court of the Priests; the person bringing the gift entered this inner court to worship God and offer a specific sacrifice (these are described in the book of Leviticus). The Jews brought their gifts as a matter of course, as part of keeping God’s Law.

25 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.

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

- **The second illustration emphasizes the importance of making things right as soon as possible.**
 - **Two men travelling together to the court where a judge will hear their dispute should try to settle it outside of court.**
 - **The offender should quickly remove the source of the other man's rage and animosity.**
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- **If not, the judge may make life challenging for them both.**
 - **Going from judge to police to prison conjures us images of the red tape and hassles that come with not settling out of court.**



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