

Matthew 5:17-20

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SERMON NOTES

Matthew

The King and His Kingdom

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Jesus and the Scriptures

1. Jesus affirmed the authority of the scriptures.
2. Jesus Himself fulfilled the scriptures.
3. Jesus often taught from the scriptures.
4. Jesus clarified the true meaning of the scriptures.

“All the wisdom of this world is but a tiny raft upon which we must set sail when we leave this earth. If only there was a firmer foundation upon which to sail, perhaps some divine word.”

- Socrates

- **What do you believe about the Scriptures?**
- **What did Jesus believe and teach about the Scriptures?**

“Let it suffice for us to hold, that sooner shall heaven fall to pieces, and the whole frame of the world become a mass of confusion, than the stability of the law shall give way.”

- John Calvin

“The Holy Scriptures tell us what we could never learn any other way: they tell us what we are, who we are, how we got here, why we are here and what we are required to do while we remain here.”

- A.W. Tozer

How did Jesus fulfill the Law and the Prophets?

- **As to the Law:** By living a sinless life, Jesus embodied all the OT's moral and ethical demands. In His death on the cross, Jesus fulfilled, once for all, the atoning sacrificial demands of the Law.
- **As to the Prophets:** All the covenant promises and prophetic predictions of the OT's Messianic hope were/will be fulfilled and realized in the person and work of Jesus.

“What the star did for the Magi, the Scriptures do for us. The star beckoned and guided them to Jesus; the Scriptures will lighten our path to Him. Reading the Bible is like an exciting treasure hunt. As each clue leads to another clue until the treasure is discovered, so every verse leads to other verses until the glory of Christ is unveiled.”

- John Stott, *Christ the Cornerstone*

“Jesus of Nazareth, the Son of God, with all His supernatural knowledge and wisdom, accepted and endorsed the divine origin and authority of the Old Testament Scriptures. He believed them. He obeyed them in His own life and ministry. He quoted them in debate and controversy.”

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“According to Jesus, every call to obey hangs on the foundational command to love God and others. Any righteousness not firmly hung on love is filthiness and rags, just so many sodden garments on the floor of a flooded closet.”

- Jen Wilkin, *In His Image: 10 Ways God Calls Us to Reflect His Character*

“We can begin each day with the deeply encouraging realization, I’m accepted by God, not on the basis of my personal performance, but on the basis of the infinitely perfect righteousness of Jesus Christ.”

- John Owen

“From the beginning to the end of the Hebrew and Christian scriptures, there is the enduring truth of God’s sovereignty and providence. Evil may run rampant, accidents will happen, disappointments and setbacks may dismay the best of us, and at times there may seem to be no meaning to it all. But there is always the relief of the recurring words ‘But God,’ and the tirelessly repeated reassurance that is backed by a thousand reasons: ‘Have no fear.’”

- Os Guinness, *Carpe Diem Redeemed*

“The Scriptures are the lifeline God throws us in order to ensure He and we stay connected while the rescue is in process.”

- J.I. Packer