

Why the Mosaic Law is Still Relevant

The Sermon on the Mount, Season 1

Core Message: Jesus did not come to abolish the Law or the Prophets but to fulfill them. His teaching affirms the ongoing relevance and spiritual value of the Hebrew Scriptures in guiding believers toward holiness. By understanding and applying the principles from both the Old and New Testaments, we deepen our relationship with God. True righteousness comes from internal transformation, surpassing mere external obedience, as we walk in the Spirit and reflect God's heart. Forgiveness, peace, and guarding our hearts are critical aspects of living according to God's Kingdom.

Main Bible Verses (NASB):

- **Core Memory Verse: (Matthew 5:17) "Do not think that I came to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I did not come to abolish but to fulfill."**
- (Matthew 5:18) "For truly I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not the smallest letter or stroke shall pass from the Law until all is accomplished."
- (Matthew 5:19) "Whoever then annuls one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever keeps and teaches them –he shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven."
- (Matthew 5:20) "For I say to you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven."
- Matthew 5:21-22 "You have heard that the ancients were told, 'You shall not commit murder'... But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother shall be guilty before the court..."

- Matthew 5:27-28 "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall not commit adultery'; but I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust for her has already committed adultery with her in his heart."
- Matthew 13:52 "Every scribe who has become a disciple of the kingdom of heaven is like the head of a household, who brings out of his treasure things new and old."
- 2 Corinthians 12:9 "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is perfected in weakness."

Key Points (Fill-in-the-Blank):

- "Do not think that I came to _____ the Law or the Prophets; I did not come to abolish but to fulfill."
- "Not the smallest _____ or stroke shall pass from the Law until all is accomplished."
- "Whoever annuls one of the least of these _____ and teaches others to do the same shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven."
- "Every scribe... that becomes a disciple of mine will be like the owner of a mansion... able to bring forth out of that mansion, treasures _____ and _____."
- "If you don't understand the _____ of our Scriptures... you're going to misunderstand the last quarter of it."
- "Yeshua is saying unless your walk with the Spirit goes _____ that of the scribes and the Pharisees..." you will not enter heaven.
- "Forgive and it shall be _____ you."

Notes:

(Use lines below for personal notes)

Reflection Questions:

1. Connecting the Hebrew Scriptures with Jesus and the New Testament enhances the relevance and authority of both. How so?

2 What spiritual principles of the Law did Rabbi highlight today that you can immediately apply to your daily walk with God?

3. Are you holding on to unforgiveness? Allow the Holy Spirit to search your heart and reveal anyone you need to “let off the hook”, including God. Verbalize to God your forgiveness for each person and their offense and then bless them. Repeat as needed.

4. What does it mean for your righteousness to “exceed that of the scribes and Pharisees” in today’s context?

5. How do Jesus’s teachings raise the bar from rule keeping to a heart exam? What will be your response?

Application Challenge of the Week:

Each day this week, reflect on one Old Testament command and ask the Holy Spirit to show you its heart application for your life today.

(Or come up with your own as the Lord leads):

Prayer Prompts:

- Thank God for the unity and fulfillment of both the Old and New Testaments.
- Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal any hidden unforgiveness and help you release it.
- Invite God to deepen your understanding of His righteousness and holiness.

Resources	Where to find it
<i>The Beatitudes</i> , a teaching series; <i>To Know Him By Name</i> & <i>Decoding the Torah</i> , Books by Rabbi K. A. Schneider	https://store.discoveringthejewishjesus.com/products/the-beatitudes-sc https://discoveringthejewishjesus.com/to-know-him-by-name/ https://discoveringthejewishjesus.com/decoding-the-torah/

“The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord cause His face to shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up His face to you and give you peace.” Numbers 6:22-27 (