

A fluffy white lamb stands in a lush green field, looking towards the left. The lamb's wool is thick and soft, and its legs are white. The background is a soft-focus green field.

The Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5 to 7)

3 The Law fulfilled

The Sermon on the Mount** is the **true measure of a real Christian.

- John Wesley (1703-1791)



The Sermon on the Mount** is a statement of the life we will live when **the Holy Spirit is having His way with us.

- Oswald Chambers (1874-1917)

The Sermon on the Mount** is probably the **best-known** part of the teaching of Jesus, though arguably it is the **least understood**, and certainly, it is the **least obeyed.

- John R.W. Stott (1921-2011)



Matthew 5:17-20 - Four verses – three great and profound truths

Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets.
I did not come to destroy but to fulfill.

1

For assuredly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away,
one jot or one tittle will by no means pass from the law
till all is fulfilled.

Whoever therefore breaks one of the least of these commandments,
and teaches men so, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven;
but whoever does and teaches them, he shall be called great
in the kingdom of heaven.

2

For I say to you, that unless your righteousness exceeds
the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees,
you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven.

3

Matthew 5:1-12 - The disciples of Jesus are very blessed

- **The poor in spirit**
- Those who mourn
- The meek
- Those who hunger and thirst for righteousness
- The merciful
- The pure in heart
- The peacemakers
- **Those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake**
- **Theirs is the kingdom of heaven**
- They shall be comforted
- They shall inherit the earth
- They shall be satisfied
- They shall receive mercy
- They shall see God
- They shall be called sons of God
- **Theirs is the kingdom of heaven**

HOW? WHY?

“I am the good shepherd.

The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep.”

(John 10:11)

Matthew 5:13-16 - The vocation of the disciples of Jesus

“You are **the salt of the earth...**”
(Matthew 5:13)



Matthew 5:13-16 - The vocation of the disciples of Jesus



“You are the light of the world.”

(Matthew 5:14)



Matthew 5:13-16 - The vocation of the disciples of Jesus

“You are **the salt of the earth**”

“You are **the light of the world**”

HOW?

**“Whoever believes in Me, as the Scripture has said,
out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.”**

(John 7:38)



“Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them.”

The Old Testament scriptures

(Matthew 5:17)

plēroō = to cram (a net), level up (a hollow), fill, finish, accomplish, perfect

How will the Lord Jesus fulfill the Law and the Prophets?

- ✓ The **full meaning** of the Law will be made clear
 - *“You have heard that it was said, but I say to you...”*
 - God’s eternal purpose will be accomplished and revealed
- ✓ He will **personally fulfill** all the Law’s requirements
 - *He made Him **who knew no sin** to be sin for us... (2 Corinthians 5:21)*
- ✓ The **prophecies** concerning the Messiah will be fulfilled
 - *He explained to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself. (Luke 24:27)*
- ✓ The **types and pictures** will be fulfilled
 - *Since the law has but a shadow of the good things to come instead of the true form of these realities... (Hebrews 10:1)*

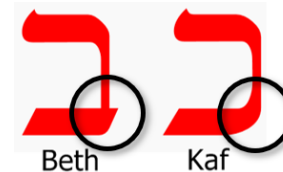


Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets...

“For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until **all is accomplished.**”

Hebrew *yod* = the smallest letter

The smallest stroke in a Hebrew letter



(Matthew 5:18)

ginomai = to cause to be, to be performed

How do YOU regard the Scriptures?

- **All Scripture is breathed out by God** and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, **equipped for every good work.**

(2 Timothy 3:16-17)

- Holy men of God spoke as they were **moved by the Holy Spirit.**

(2 Peter 1:21)

- Whatever was written in former days was written **for our instruction**, that through endurance and through **the encouragement of the Scriptures** we might have hope.

(Romans 15:4)

How do YOU regard the Scriptures?

Not an iota, not a dot will pass from the law...

Loosen, set aside, diminish

“**Therefore**

whoever **breaks** one of the least of these commandments
and teaches others to do the same
will be called **least** in the kingdom of heaven,
but whoever **does** them and **teaches** them
will be called **great** in the kingdom of heaven.”

(Matthew 5:19)

True righteousness

The way you live

“For I tell you, unless your righteousness **exceeds** that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will **never enter** the kingdom of heaven.”

(Matthew 5:20)

Be a part of what God
is doing in the world

Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites!

They do all their deeds
to be seen by others.



Matthew 23

Blind guides,
straining out a gnat
and swallowing a camel!

For you are like whitewashed tombs,
which **outwardly** appear beautiful,
but within are full of dead men's bones
and all uncleanness.

You serpents, you brood of vipers,
how are you to escape
being sentenced to **hell**?

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Their righteousness:	True righteousness:
• outward	• inward
• formal	• living
• hypocritical	• genuine

True righteousness

The promise of the New Covenant

*For this is the covenant that I will make
with the house of Israel after those days...*

*I will put My laws into their minds,
and write them on their hearts,*

} Transformed lives!

They will love
and serve Him

*and I will be their God,
and they shall be My people.*

} By grace through faith

(Jeremiah 31:33, Hebrews 8:10)

The gracious work
of the Holy Spirit

True righteousness

Not yet perfect righteousness,
but genuine and repentant



Transformed CHARACTER

Day by day, little by little



Willing OBEDIENCE

Obedience proves
and strengthens faith



FAITH in Christ



True righteousness

Matthew 5:21-48

Examples of true righteousness

- Murder
- Adultery
- Marriage
- Oaths
- Retaliation
- Love

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