Scripture Reading – Matthew 5:21-26

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Points We Will Explore

1. Jesus came to fulfill the Law.

2. Nothing will pass from the Law until ALL is accomplished.

3. Jesus did not just fulfill the Law, but to further the point of the Law.

Jesus Came to Fulfill the Law

- See a stance by Jesus challenging the Pharisees
- The “experts” of the Law did not teach the heart of the Law.
- The heart of the Law is a heart issue.
- Jesus goes into the motivations behind the issues.
- Jesus fulfilled not only the Law, but prophesies as well.

Prophecies

- Scholars say Jesus fulfilled over 300 prophecies.
- Range from when, where, and to whom he would be born, to how he would die, to his ascension to Heaven.
- His lineage fulfills many prophecies
  - Isaac
  - Jacob
  - Judah
  - David

Genesis 3:15

- 15 I will put enmity between you and the woman,
  and between your offspring and her offspring;
  he shall bruise your head,
  and you shall bruise his heel.”

Scholars say this fulfills prophecy that Jesus would defeat Satan, even after being killed on the cross.

2 Samuel 7:12-13

- 12 When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your fathers, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. 13 He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever.

Jesus, of the lineage of David, had His kingdom established and is still sitting on the throne.

Lineage of Christ

- Several verses about Jesus' genealogy fulfill prophecy.
- Genesis 17:19 – Isaac
- Genesis 28:14 – Jacob
- Genesis 49:10 – Judah

Nothing Will Pass

- Jesus tells His audience nothing will pass from the Law until all is accomplished.
- Jesus fulfilled the Law in it’s entirety.
- Satisfied the penalty of sin, for everyone.

John 19:28-30

- 28 After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now
  finished, said (to fulfill the Scripture), “I thirst.” 29
  A jar full of sour wine stood there, so they put a
  sponge full of the sour wine on a hyssop branch
  and held it to his mouth. 30 When Jesus had
  received the sour wine, he said, “It is finished,”
  and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

Τετέλεσται

- Tetelestai – “it is finished” or “paid in full”
- Have you ever financed a car or a house?
- Imagine having your bill stamped with PAID IN FULL without paying one cent.
- Jesus paid the bill.

Not Just Fulfilled, But Furthered

- The Law is still valid and important
- Morality of the Law is still applicable today.
- Jesus is teaching the reason the Law is important, not just that it is important.

Romans 3:19-20

- 19 Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. 20 For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.

Provisions of the Law

- Paul tells us it is provided to reveal our sin.
- Expose our transgression
- Silences the self-justification
- Shows the need for a savior

Luke 18:9-14

- 9 He also told this parable to some who trusted in
themselves that they were righteous, and treated
others with contempt: 10 “Two men went up into the
temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax
collector. 11 The Pharisee, standing by himself,
prayed thus: ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other
men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like
this tax collector. 12 I fast twice a week; I give tithes
of all that I get.’ 13 But the tax collector, standing far
off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but
beat his breast, saying, ‘God, be merciful to me, a
sinner!’ 14 I tell you, this man went down to his house
justified, rather than the other. For everyone who
exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who
humbles himself will be exalted.”