

Matthew 5 Law of the Kingdom

Jesus

- **Sermon on the Mount:** Matthew 5.6 and 7

1 And seeing the multitudes, He went up on a mountain, and when He was seated His disciples came to Him.

- **Jesus seated:** High in Mountain amphitheater
- **Disciples Standing:** Waiting. Expecting...

2 Then He opened His mouth and taught them... 3 "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 4 Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. 5 Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. 6 Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be filled. 7 Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy. 8 Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. 9 Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. 10 Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 11 "Blessed are you when they revile and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for My sake. 12 Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Mouths wide open listening to the Words of Jesus

- **Blessed are the poor in Spirit now** Kingdom of Heaven is theirs
Happy are those who know their need for God
- **Blessed are those who mourn now** Comfort is coming
Happy are those who cry over the sinful state of man
- **Blessed are the meek today** They will inherit the earth
Happy are those who use God-given strength for good and not evil
- **Blessed are those who desire righteousness now** They will receive it
Happy are those who desire to be right with God
- **Blessed are the merciful today** They will receive mercy
Happy are those who bless those deserving judgment
- **Blessed are the pure in heart now** They will see God
Happy are those whose motives are clean and uncorrupt
- **Blessed are the peacemakers today** They will be called sons God
Happy are those who sacrifice self/selfishness for peace
- **Blessed are those persecuted for righteousness** Kingdom of Heaven is theirs
Happy are those stay faithful even in suffering for Me/Truth

- **Blessed are you** when **you** when reviled/persecuted/slandered for Me [Note pronoun change]
Happy are you when you regard what God says more than men

Jump up and click heals...great is your reward in Heaven
 Everyone said...Amen. Yes, yes. I think I got that. I'm going to Heaven

13 "You are the **salt of the earth**; but if the salt loses its flavor, how shall it be seasoned? It is then good for nothing but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot by men. 14 "You are the **light of the world**. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. 15 Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house.

- **You are Salt:** Season the bland/Prevent corruption. Influence for Good
- **You are Light:** Reveal wrong/Show forth right. Influence of Change

And everyone said...Amen
Is this all its going to take to follow Jesus?

16 **Let your light so shine before men**, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

- **Let your light shine...**
 1. All that stuff we just talked about...
 2. Do it for men to see
 3. When they see the way, you live...**let them give glory to God!**

Peter/Andrew...James/John nudging each other. This is cake!
This is way easier than the old way of keeping the Law!

- **Jesus begins to tighten the noose...**

17 "Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy **but to fulfill**. 18 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. 19 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. 20 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.

- **I did not come to destroy Old Testament...but to fulfill it**
 1. Fulfilled the Law By keeping the entire Law. Every letter
 2. Fulfilled the Prophets By dying for Lawbreakers as prophesied
- **Jesus now shakes His listeners to the core...**

Unless your righteousness exceeds the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees
You will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven

- **Peter might have said:** I think I can still pull this off!

Jesus tightens the noose...External religious exercises now begin to gasp

21 "You have heard that it was said to those of old, '**You shall not murder,** and whoever murders will be in danger of the judgment.' 22 But I say to you that whoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment. And whoever says to his brother, 'Raca!' shall be in danger of the council. But whoever says, 'You fool!' shall be **in danger of hell fire.**

- **They say:** Murderers/Slanderers in danger of Hell. **That is true and...**
- **I say...**
 1. Those that are angry are in danger or hell
 2. Those that are name callers [empty-head] are in danger of Hell [s-word]

Jesus goes beyond the requirements of written law to the Spirit of the Law

23 Therefore if you bring your gift to the altar, and there remember that your brother has something against you, 24 leave your gift there before the altar, and go your way. **First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift.**

- **Before doing your religious thing:** Bells/whistles/smoke/robes...domino/domino
 1. If there is someone you offended...fix it
 2. Before you come to Me...go to them...then do your religious thing

Boys are now being convicted by God/Condemned by Satan.

Jesus offer relief...Agree your not good. Be settled you're a sinner

25 **Agree with your adversary quickly,** while you are on the way with him, lest your adversary deliver you to the judge, the judge hand you over to the officer, and you be thrown into prison. 26 Assuredly, I say to you, you will by no means get out of there till you have paid the last penny.

Jesus is throwing Light...

John 1:9 [Jesus is...] the true Light which gives light to every man coming into the world.

I just told you to forgive...what are you thinking?

- **Don't justify/defend/rationalize/excuse** why you can't/won't reconcile...
- **Agree with your adversary/accuser:** You're a sinner who doesn't want to reconcile

1 John 1:8 If we say that we have no sin, **we deceive ourselves**, and the truth is not in us... If we say that **we have not sinned**, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us.

Unless your righteousness exceeds the righteousness of the Religious Leaders...?

Boys are feeling the heat.

Stop the pompous religiosity/ceremonies and go reconcile with your brother Peter/Andrew...James/John not smiling anymore. No supposed to be.

Blessed are those that weep.

- **Jesus continues open heart surgery...**

27 "You have heard that it was said to those of old, '**You shall not commit adultery.**' 28 But I say to you that whoever **looks at a woman** to lust for her has already committed adultery with her in his heart.

Sin is a heart issue: Looking/thinking same a doing

- **One sin** not so bad now and then right...? [later]

Jesus now brings to Light the Seriousness of sin against a Holy God

29 If your right eye causes you to sin, pluck it out and cast it from you; for it is more profitable for you that one of your members perish, than for your **whole body to be cast into hell.** 30 And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and cast it from you; for it is more profitable for you that one of your members perish, than for your whole body to be **cast into hell.**

- **Sin is so serious that the penalty is Eternal Punishment**

Matthew 25:46 [Wicked] will go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into eternal life. [Equal opposites. Everlasting/Eternal same word]

Jesus: "Do whatever it takes to be free from sin"

What can we do? [Later] Hyperbole

31 "Furthermore it has been said, '**Whoever divorces his wife**, let him give her a certificate of divorce.' 32 But I say to you that whoever divorces his wife for any reason except sexual immorality causes her to commit adultery; and whoever marries a woman who is divorced commits adultery.

Spirit of Law supersedes the Written Law

- Divorce you wife for any reason other than adultery...
 1. **You are responsible** for her committing adultery with whoever she marries
 2. **You are responsible** for whoever she marries committing adultery with her

By strict observance to the Spirit of the Law...you are still married

Matthew 19:10 His disciples said to Him, "If such is the case of the man with his wife, **it is**

better not to marry."

- **NOTE:** Not a "get out of 2nd marriage free card"
- Stay in circumstance you are in now and let God bless your family.

So, what is the point of these teachings? Try Harder?

Unless your righteousness exceeds the righteousness of the Religious Leaders
You are not going to Heaven

- **The point is to get His listeners to consider...**
 1. Am I really a good person? If not...
 2. How can I get to that level of righteousness?

Jesus now cracks some ribs...

33 "Again you have heard that it was said to those of old, '**You shall not swear falsely**, but shall perform your oaths to the Lord.' 34 But I say to you, do not swear at all: neither by heaven, for it is God's throne; 35 nor by the earth, for it is His footstool; nor by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. 36 Nor shall you swear by your head, because you cannot make one hair white or black. 37 But let your '**Yes**' be '**Yes,**' and your '**No,**' '**No.**' For whatever is more than these is **from the evil one.**

- Quit your religiosity making vows by things too high for you
 1. **Heaven** God's Throne
 2. **Earth** God's footstool
 3. **Jerusalem** God's city

God knows your heart...quit fooling around. Get over yourself
Just tell the truth. Anything more is from the devil

38 "You have heard that it was said, 'An **eye for an eye** and a tooth for a tooth.' 39 But I tell you not to resist an evil person. But whoever slaps you on your right cheek, turn the other to him also. 40 If anyone wants to sue you and take away your tunic, let him have your cloak also. 41 And whoever compels you to go one mile, go with him two. 42 Give to him who asks you, and from him who wants to borrow from you do not turn away.

- **Eye for eye tooth for tooth** Reasonable penalty fitting the crime
- **Spirit of the Law** Goes beyond reasonable and into sacrificial
 1. Let them slap you
 2. Let them sue you
 3. Let them use you

Go the extra mile that they might see your good works and glorify God

I didn't know that's what it meant

- **Peter:** How many times must I forgive...seven?
- **Jesus:** Seventy times seven. Every time Peter.

Coming into view: The Law of the Coming Kingdom
Kingdom where absolute righteousness will prevail...What's that look like?

43 "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall **love your neighbor and hate your enemy.**' 44 But I say to you, **love your enemies**, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you, 45 that you may be sons of your Father in heaven; for He makes His sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust.

- **You heard:** Love your neighbor and you can hate your enemy
- **I say...**
 1. **Love** your Neighbor and Enemies
 2. **Bless** them that curse at you
 3. **Do good** to those who hate you
 4. **Pray for** those who use/persecute you no reason
- That you may prove to be sons/daughter of your Father in Heaven
 1. **Paternity Test?** Children resemble parents.
 2. If God is your Father you will do what He does...no favorites

God makes His sun rise on the evil **and** good
God sends rain on the just **and** unjust.

46 For if you love those who love you, what reward have you? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? 47 And if you greet your brethren **only**, what do you do more than others? Do not even the tax collectors do so?

Perfection is the paternity test of a child of God

48 Therefore you shall **be perfect**, just as **your Father in heaven is perfect.**

Blessed are the perfect for they are ready to enter Kingdom of Heaven. Amen?

- **Pride leads man to believe he can save himself...**

Matthew 20:20 ... [Later mother of James/John came with them to Jesus] "Grant that these two sons of mine may sit, one on Your right hand and the other on the left, in Your kingdom." 22 But Jesus answered and said, "You do not know what you ask. Are you able to drink the cup that I am about to drink, and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?" They said to Him, "**We are able.**"

- Are we able to keep the written law perfectly?
- Are we able to keep the spirit of the law perfectly?

James 2:10 ...whoever shall keep the whole law yet stumble in one point he is **guilty of all.**

Romans 3:23 ... **all have sinned** and fall short of the glory of God

Jesus did what we could never do...

Jesus fulfilled God's Law	Kept the OT Law perfectly	...for us
Jesus fulfilled the Prophets	Took God's wrath completely	...for us

Unless your righteousness exceeds the righteousness of the Scribes and Pharisees
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Jesus: "Do whatever it takes to be free from sin"
What can you do? Nothing.

- **We can't keep the Law:** We need a righteousness apart from the Law

Romans 3:20 ... by the **deeds of the law no flesh** will be justified in His sight, for by the law is the knowledge of sin. 21 But now the **righteousness of God apart from the law** is revealed, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets, 22 even the righteousness of God, **through faith in Jesus Christ**, to all and on all who believe.

Ephesians 5:25 [Jesus Christ]... loved the church and **gave Himself** for her, 26 that He might sanctify and **cleanse** her with the **washing** of water by the word, 27 that He might **present her** to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be **holy and without blemish.**