

## Wise for Salvation

### **Intro:**

Matt 5:17- 48 -

The sermon on the mount is meant to show the true force of the Jewish Law. It is Jesus' Divine commentary on the the Law and it reveals to us the true standard of righteousness:  
Perfection

Which leaves us with an obvious problem...(nobody is perfect)

### **Problem:**

So what is the point of the sermon on the Mount if you cannot keep it?  
Paul answers a similar question: what is the point of a Law that cannot be kept?

Rom 2:6-29

Even though the Law condemns you

### **Main Idea:**

It is a gift  
From a faithful God  
Of perfect justice  
To show you your need for Grace

### **Implication:**

Jn 3:1-8

What does the Law have to do with lepers?  
What does it have to do with the blind, the deaf?  
What does it have to do with the dead?  
What does it have to do with nicodemus?  
What do they have to do with you?

What does he have to do with guilty idolators? Law breakers?

### **Application:**

Matt 19:16-26

With God the impossible becomes possible

Matt 8:1-13

And He is willing

When you can look in the mirror, and see the guilt and shame - you will see the reason He came

### **Articles for further study:**

<https://www.gotquestions.org/law-vs-grace.html>

<https://www.livingwaters.com/are-you-a-good-person/>

<https://www.gty.org/library/sermons-library/80-335/the-law-and-the-gospel>

<http://www.barabbas.com/messages/impossible/>

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Text:

### Even though the Law condemns you

*Rom 2:9-29 (if the Jew is no better off- even worse off with the Law then...)*

### It is a gift

Rom. 3:1 ¶ Then what advantage has the Jew? Or what is the value of circumcision?

Rom. 3:2 **Much in every way.** To begin with (chiefly), the Jews were entrusted with **the oracles (logia-words) of God.**

*Deut 4:1-10 (the benefit of His commandments - not to become righteous but to become wise -to fear of the Lord)*

### From a faithful God

Rom. 3:3 What if (1st class) some were unfaithful? Does their faithlessness nullify the faithfulness of God?

Rom. 3:4 By no means! **Let God be true though every one were a liar,** as it is written (perfect -still true),

**“That you may be justified in your words,  
and prevail when you are judged.”**

*Deut 28:1-29:1 (God has been faithful to judge)*

*Ps 51:1-12 (God doesn't spank the devils children -God's faithfulness is to bring about ours)*

### Of perfect justice

Rom. 3:5 ¶ But if (1st class) our unrighteousness serves to show the righteousness of God, what shall we say? That God is unrighteous to inflict wrath on us? (I speak in a human way.)

Rom. 3:6 By no means! For then how could God judge the world?

Rom. 3:7 But if (1st class) through my lie God's truth abounds to his glory, why am I still being condemned as a sinner?

Rom. 3:8 And why not do evil that good may come?—as some people slanderously charge us with saying. **Their condemnation is just.**

*Mk 14:17-21 (Satanic fatalism - Judas would be a great hero...blaspheme)*

*Heb 10:26-27 (behold the terror of missing the point)*

### To show you your need for grace

Rom. 3:9 ¶ What then? Are we Jews any better off? No, not at all. For we have already charged that **all, both Jews and Greeks, are under sin,**

Rom. 3:10 as **it is written:**

“None is righteous, no, not one;

Rom. 3:11 no one understands;

**no one seeks for God.**

Rom. 3:12 All have turned aside; together they have become worthless;

no one does good,

not even one.”

Rom. 3:13 “Their throat is an open grave;  
they use their tongues to deceive.”

“The venom of asps is under their lips.”

Rom. 3:14 “Their mouth is full of curses and bitterness.”

Rom. 3:15 “Their feet are swift to shed blood;

Rom. 3:16 in their paths are ruin and misery,

Rom. 3:17 and the way of peace they have not known.”

Rom. 3:18 “There is no fear of God before their eyes.” (deut 4:1-10)

Rom. 3:19 ¶ Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, **so that every mouth may be stopped (irony of those who claim to keep it), and the whole world may be held accountable to God.**

Rom. 3:20 **For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.**

*Mk 12:28-31 (plenty seek the benefits of God -purpose, joy, fulfillment- Adam and eve did- but not God)*

*James 1:22-25 (the law is a mirror - tangible evidence of your true condition - you sin because you ARE a sinner)*

*Ex 20:1-24 (to show them their need for grace - build an altar)*

*Gal 3:10-14, 21-29 (a gift to reveal our true condition and only savior - huge instruction manual - expert roommate)*

*2 Tim 3:15 (wise for salvation through someone else)*