



Mount of Beatitudes

Matthew 5:2–12

- [2] *And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:*
[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 satisfied.*
[7] *“Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive 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 others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. [12] Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.*

Matthew 5:17

[17] *“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.*

I JESUS AND THE SCRIPTURES - “I came to fulfill the Law & the Prophets”

The law covered three primary categories...

Moral Law (10 Commandments, etc.)

- Ethics – “This is how you should live.”
- *Demonstrates God’s character and holiness.*

Civil Law

- Government – “This is how you should be governed.”
- How to treat foreigners, how to care for the poor, how to sentence murderers, etc.
- *Demonstrates God’s justice and wisdom.*

Ceremonial/Sacrificial Law

- Personal Purity – “This is how you remained clean before God.
- How to cleanse yourself from impurities. Don’t eat shellfish, don’t touch lepers, don’t wear certain fabrics, etc.
- The point of the ceremonial law was to reveal to the people that they were spiritually unclean, and that in order to enter into God’s presence, they had to be purified.
- It also revealed how sin must be atoned for.
- *Demonstrated God’s purity.*

Three aspects of the Ceremonial Law:

- 1.) *How to remain pure*
- 2.) *How the priest would cleanse himself to enter God’s presence and become the mediator between God and the people*
- 3.) *The process of transferring sins onto an innocent animal, and sacrificing it for sins.*

Three truths about Jesus:

- Jesus was completely pure/sinless
- Jesus fulfilled the priestly role
- Jesus fulfilled the sacrificial system