

Matthew 5:17-48 Kingdom View

Part 2: But I say to you

Study Guide – Reference Verses

New Covenant

Jeremiah 31:31-34 "Behold, the days are coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah— not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt, My covenant which they broke, though I was a husband to them, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put My law in their minds, and write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people. No more shall every man teach his neighbor, and every man his brother, saying, 'Know the Lord,' for they all shall know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them, says the Lord. For I will forgive their iniquity, and their sin I will remember no more."

Hebrews 10:11-14 And every priest stands ministering daily and offering repeatedly the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. But this Man, after He had offered one sacrifice for sins forever, sat down at the right hand of God, from that time waiting till His enemies are made His footstool. For by one offering He has perfected forever those who are being sanctified.

The law cannot save

Galatians 2:16 knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law but by faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, that we might be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the law; for by the works of the law no flesh shall be justified.

Romans 3:28 Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith apart from the deeds of the law.

Judgement for murder

Exodus 21:12-14 "He who strikes a man so that he dies shall surely be put to death. However, if he did not lie in wait, but God delivered *him* into his hand, then I will appoint for you a place where he may flee.

But if a man acts with premeditation against his neighbor, to kill him by treachery, you shall take him from My altar, that he may die."

Discussion Questions:

1. What does Jesus mean by saying "I did not come to destroy the Law of the Prophets?" How does fulfilling them keep them from being destroyed?
2. Matthew 5:20 seems to be the interpretive key to understanding the six contrasts that follow. What does verse 20 mean?
3. In what ways are Christians today prone to living with a "checklist righteousness" that focuses only on externals? How is true inward righteousness developed (not earned) in God's people?

Notes:
