

Re-Radicalized

Devotional on the Sermon on the Mount

Week 5

Day 21

Praise (Reflect on what you're grateful for from your weekend with the Lord)

Read the text: Matthew 5:17-20 (Focus: Need for the Old Testament)

Ask questions & interpret the context:

- What has been your take on Old Testament Laws?
- What about the moral laws (Example: 10 Commandments)? If Jesus fulfilled these directives from the Father by perfectly obeying them, do you believe it's reasonable that followers of Jesus are to obey them to today? Why or why not?
- Agree or disagree, and why? *The Bible's moral laws bring out our knowledge of sin* (Romans 7:7).

Summarize: Now take a moment to go back and pour over your observations as well as your responses to the questions.

Engage with God: Bring your thoughts, questions, and desire for change to the Lord for his forgiveness, wisdom, correction, guidance, and direction.

Extra Questions To Consider

1. What is the Lord saying to you personally?
2. What do you need to pray about?
3. With whom does the Lord want you to share this devotional?
4. Who has the Lord placed on your heart to pray for and invite to church?

Digging Deeper

- The Law was broken down into 3 categories: **Judicial**, concerning the actions and behavior of Israel as a nation, **Ceremonial**, covering Israel's methods of worship and being cleansed from sin, and **Moral**, focused on the directives for people to live in a right relationship with God and with each other. List how you see Jesus being the fulfillment of the O.T. Laws.
- Examine the following references to further understand Jesus' fulfillment of the O.T. Laws: Hebrews 4:15; 9:11-12; 10:9-12; 19-25.
- If you really want to examine this further, here is a longer list:

| <u>O.T. Passage</u> | <u>Jesus' Fulfillment</u> |
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| <u>Ceremonial Law</u> | |
| Exodus 26:36-37 (door) | John 10:9 |
| Exodus 27:1-5 (altar) | Hebrews 10:12; 13:10 |
| Exodus 30:17-21 (laver) | I John 1:7 |
| Exodus 25:31-40 (the lamp) | John 8:12 |
| Exodus 25:23-30 (the show bread) | John 6:35 |
| Exodus 25:17-22 (the mercy seat) | Hebrews 4:16 |
| Leviticus 1:1-17; 6:8-13 (the burnt offerings) | Ephesians 5:2; 1 Peter 1:19 |
| Leviticus 2:1-16 (the grain offerings) | Luke 12:22-34 |
| Leviticus 7:11-21 (the peace offerings) | Ephesians 2:13-16; Romans 5:1 |
| Exodus 12 (passover & festival of unleavened bread) | 1 Corinthians 5:7 |
| <u>Judicial Law</u> | |
| Exodus 21:12-36 | Romans 3:20-22 |

- In what way(s) do you understand that Jesus fulfilled the moral law which revealed the knowledge of sin?
- In what way(s) do you understand that moral law in the New Testament, also called the Law of Christ, is what followers of Jesus are called to obey? (See John 14:21-23)
- Consider why the following are commands under the Law of Christ: (Communion – John 13, 1 Corinthians 11; Baptism – Matthew 28:20; Submission to authority – Matthew 22:21, Romans 13:7; Submission to government – Romans 13:1; moral behavior (royal law) – Matthew 22:37-39)