



## **JESUS THE BIBLE AND YOU**

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As we continue to look at the Greatest Sermon Of All Time, taught by the Greatest Teacher Of All Time...**JESUS**, we see that Jesus is making a powerful statement about the law in Matthew 5:17-20. The sermon on the Mount sets the bar for the “counter-culture basics” of the Christian life. Jesus didn’t come to tear down the bar, but to raise the bar.

**DISCUSSION QUESTION:** What is your view of the Bible?

**If you take Jesus seriously, you must take the Bible seriously.**

The Old Testament is broken into two major divisions, The Law and the Prophets (see *GOING DEEPER*). God’s moral and ceremonial laws were given to help people love God with all their hearts and minds. These laws have often been misquoted or misapplied. When Jesus talked about a new way to understand God’s law, He was actually trying to bring people back to its original purpose.

**READ Amos 8:11-12:** What is the warning the Prophet Amos is giving us? Why?

**How to Take the Bible Seriously.**

- 1. Trust and Obey the Bible as God’s Word, just like Jesus did.**

**DISCUSSION QUESTION:** Is it harder for you to trust the Bible, or obey what it teaches? Explain, and give 1-2 examples, if possible.

**READ Matthew 5:17-18:** Law and Prophets is the reference to the whole of the Old Testament. Jesus says that He did not come to abolish the law, but to fulfill the law. What do you think He means?

**READ Matthew 5:19.** Some become experts at telling others what to do, but they miss the point of God’s law themselves. It’s easy to study the laws and tell others to obey them. How are you doing at obeying the laws *yourself*?

**READ Luke 16:19-31:** What powerful message is Jesus trying to teach?  
(*This Lazarus is not the Lazarus who was raised from the dead in John 11*).

## 2. Search the scriptures and let them search you.

**DISCUSSION QUESTION:** Have you ever "searched the Scriptures, and let the Scriptures search you?" Share how this has changed (or can change) your life. What can you do to make this a priority?

**READ 2 Timothy 3:16-17 and Hebrews 4:12.** What do these passages tell us about the Bible and its usefulness to a follower of Christ?

Tyler shared how God spoke to him in **Proverbs 17:9**. Has God ever given you a specific passage at a specific time? Share with the group.

## 3. When Scripture shows you where you fall short, receive the grace and righteousness of Jesus.

**READ Matthew 5:20.** The Pharisees' weakness was that they were content to follow the laws outwardly, without allowing God to change their hearts or attitudes. So what does Jesus want us to do in order to surpass the Pharisees?

**COMMIT TO MEMORY:** Matthew 5:17-20

### GOING DEEPER: THE LAW AND THE PROPHETS

The Law, or Law of Moses, consists of the first five books of the Old Testament, known as the Torah in Hebrew and the Pentateuch in Greek. The Prophets consists of several books written by people who were teachers or proclaimers of the will of God.

**LAWS:** There are three categories of law: ceremonial, civil and moral.

- a) Ceremonial law related specifically to Israel's worship (Example, Leviticus 1, 2, 3). It's primary purpose was to point forward to Jesus. After Jesus' death and resurrection, we are no longer bound by ceremonial laws, however, the principles behind them still apply--to worship and love a Holy God.
- b) Civil laws applied to daily living in Israel (See Deut 24). Because our modern society and culture is so radically different, many of these guidelines do not need to be followed specifically. But the principles behind them are timeless and should guide our conduct.
- c) Moral law includes the Ten Commandments found in Exodus 20. It requires strict obedience. Jesus obeyed the moral law completely.

As you look at the breakdown of the laws, what lessons or purpose do you see?

The Old Testament also includes writings from God's Prophets. What are the names of some of the Prophets God sent to speak to His people?