

FALL ON THE MOUNT: Part 11

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Matthew 5:17-32 The Law and Grace

JESUS AND THE LAW

What will he do with the Law?

- The ‘Thou Shalts’
- And the “Thou Shalt Nots”

Leviticus 19:18 “Do not seek revenge or bear a grudge against anyone among your people, but *love your neighbor* as yourself. I am the LORD.

**BUT WHO EXACTLY IS MY NEIGHBOUR
AND WHO IS NOT MY NEIGHBOUR?**

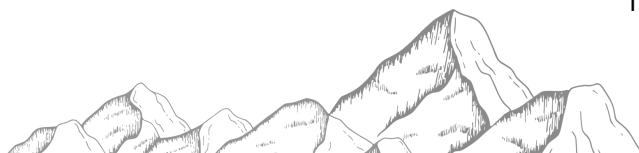
Exodus 20:8-10 “Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. 9 Six days you shall labor and do all your work, 10 but the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God. *On it you shall not do any work*, neither you, nor your son or daughter, nor your male or female servant, nor your animals, nor any foreigner residing in your towns.

**BUT WHAT EXACTLY IS WORK
AND WHAT IS NOT WORK?**

Loopholes !!!!!!!!!!!!!

At first the religious Jews would have very much liked what Jesus said:

“Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law and the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them.”



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Concerning Righteousness

Unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees!

Jesus does not care about the most minimum requirements of the Law achieved through a series of *schemes* and *loopholes*.

Jesus cares about the full *spirit* and *heart* of the Law.

Verse 48 (conclusion)

“Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.”

What needs to be our takeaways from this?

- Jesus strongly affirms the Law!
- Jesus did not come to abolish the Law!
- Jesus is setting us up for our need for grace! (Poverty of Spirit)

Paul - Grace and Law!!! Romans 5:20-6:4

John - Forgiveness of Sin and no more sinning!!! 1John 1:8-2:2

Constant, Ongoing, Continuous (spiral upwards)

1. Gratefulness
2. Conviction (without shame)
3. Confession
4. Forgiveness
5. Restoration

