

## The Disciples And The Law

### **Matthew 5:17-19**

Intro:

- A. **Jesus has taught the beatitudes.**
  - 1. They are not specific law commands.
  - 2. They are imbedded in the law.
  - 3. Law did not exclude love.
  
- B. **Jesus has used figures of speech to illustrate the work of church and church-age disciple.**
  - 1. They are to be as salt.
  - 2. They are to be as light.
  - 3. God is to receive glory from those who observe their good works.
  
- C. **These may seem to set aside the law.**
  - 1. The disciples may see this as His way of negating the law.
  - 2. Jesus realizes that the Law could not be declared invalid and continue on from there.

#### I. Jesus Did Not Come To Destroy The Law.

- A. **"Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets."**
  - 1. think = νομιζω = "to regard or acknowledge as custom", "to hold as customary", "to suppose"
  - 2. destroy = καταλυω = "to loosen down", "to disunite parts of anything", "to dismantle."
  
- B. **"I am not come to destroy, but to fulfill."**
  - 1. destroy = (same as A-2)
  - 2. fulfill = πληρωω = "to make full" "complete", "accomplish", "perform fully"

#### II. The Law Was Inviolable Until Fulfilled.

- A. **"For verily I say unto you, till heaven and earth pass." V.18**
  - 1. verily = αμην = "certainly" This gives force to the statements He will make.
  - 2. pass = παρερχομαι = "to come to an end"

B. **"...one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled."**

1. jot = ιωτα = "the smallest Hebrew letter"
2. tittle = κεραια = "a little horn", the tiny stroke in the Hebrew letters that made them differ.
3. no wise = ουμη = no, not, a double negative expressing strong denial.
4. pass = (see A-2)
5. fulfilled = γινομαι = "to begin to be" "to enter upon any state or condition" "to become"
6. "until its purpose is complete" - Phi
7. "until all that must happen has happened" - NEB
8. law = νομος = "ordinance", "rule"

IV. The Disciples Must Abide In The Law And Teach Others To Do So.

A. **"whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments..."**

1. break = λυω = "to unfasten", "to unbind"
2. least = μικρος = "small", "tiny".
3. commandments = εντολη = "that which has been enjoined", "a precept or a principle"

B. **"...and shall teach men so, he shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven:"**

1. teach = διδασκω = "to give instruction"
2. least = μικρος = "small", "little".
3. kingdom = βασιλεια

C. **"...but whosoever shall do and teach them,"**

1. do = ποιεω = "to form", "to produce", "one who does repeatedly"
2. teach = διδασκω = "to give instruction"

D. **"...the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven."**

1. great = μεγας = "large"
2. "will be ranked great."

V. Was The Law Fulfilled?

A. **Colossians 2:13-17**

1. He blotted out the handwriting of ordinances.
2. He took it out of the way.
3. He nailed it to His cross.

B. **Galatians 3:10-14**

1. The law was a schoolmaster to bring Israel to Christ.
2. After faith is come, we are no longer under a schoolmaster.

