

FULFILLING THE LAW

Romans 7:6 *But now we are released from the law, having died to that which held us captive, so that we serve in the new way of the Spirit and not in the old way of the written code.*

Jesus and the kingdom is the fulfillment of the Old Testament. The formula "Do not think that" was designed to set aside potential misunderstandings as to the nature of the kingdom. When Jesus says, "I have come" it speaks of His coming into the world and is meant to attest Jesus' divine origins and shows He was sent on a mission.

Jesus' mission was not to abolish (a term more frequently connected with the destruction of buildings), "the law or the prophets." Jesus is taking pains to relate his teaching and place in the history of redemption to the Old Testament Scriptures. For that is what "Law or the Prophets" here means: the Scriptures. The Jews of Jesus' day would refer to the Scriptures as "the Law and the Prophets;" the divisions were not yet stereotyped. The point was that all of the Law and prophets pointed to Jesus and were about proper worship.

Harold Best in Unceasing Worship, *"we were created continuously outpouring." "Our God is marked by unceasing outpouring. From eternity past the Father, Son, and Spirit are unceasing in their outpouring of love, communication, adoration, and affection of one to the other." God made us in His image and likeness and so we are outpourers. "Worship is the continuous outpouring of all that I am, all that I do, and all that I can ever become in light of a chosen or choosing God."*

God's intent is that:

- We would bear His image
- We would worship Him
- Our unceasing outpouring would be to His glory
- Mankind would be priests, the earth the temple

When God came and gave the Law and brought the prophets, God essentially had to teach the human race to worship correctly.



How do you live in true worship?

1. **Make worship costly.**

In costly worship, we remember God is God and money is not God.

2. **Make worship central.**

The tabernacle was built to be like a residence of people who lived in that nomadic world.

3. **Make worship pure.**

We approach God in worship, not as though we're doing him a favor, we come as forgiven people.

4. **Make worship joyful.**

Far more than God needs us to worship, we need us to worship because in worship we remember what God has done and what God is still doing.

For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Why?

- Their worship wasn't long enough
- Their worship wasn't broad enough
- Their worship wasn't deep enough
- Their worship wasn't high enough

The best interpretation of these verses says that Jesus fulfills the Law and the Prophets in that they point to him, and He is their fulfillment. The antithesis is not between "abolish" and "keep" but between "abolish" and "fulfill."

Jesus is not announcing the termination of the Old Testament's relevance and authority, He is showing forth the entire point.

4TH-6TH GRADE PARENT MEETING

Today at 12:30pm
In the Elementary Room

MOTORCYCLE RIDE

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Ride to Firestone Grill in SLO

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