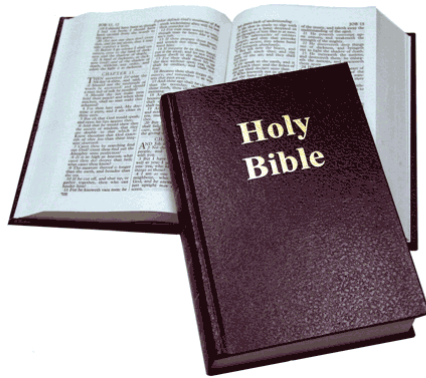


# The Sermon on the Mount

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STUDY 7

Reading: Matthew 5:17-20



## *What price righteousness?*

Home Fellowship Group Bible Study Questions

Tuesday 2nd/Wednesday 3rd April 2013

In Study 2 we noted that the first sixteen verses of the Sermon on the Mount in chapter 5 are about the character of the Christian; what we are intended to be. We suggested that the remainder of the Sermon is about the conduct of the Christian; what we are intended to do. This passage introduces that theme.

- 1) An understanding of this passage in the Sermon on the Mount depends largely on our understanding of what Jesus meant when He said He had come to fulfil the Law and the Prophets. *What does He mean?*
- 2) What is the difference in verse 17 between 'not abolishing' the Law and 'fulfilling' the Law?
- 3) What does Jesus mean in verse 18 by the terms "*until heaven and earth pass away*" and "*until all is accomplished*"?
- 4) A first glance at verse 19 might suggest the reinstatement of the Old Testament requirement that we need to be able to keep the Law to be righteous before God (i.e. salvation by works). *What point is Jesus making here?*
- 5) Why does Jesus use the example of the scribes and Pharisees in making His point in verse 20?
- 6) In what way does this study confirm or change your view on the relationship between the Old Testament and the New?