



The Greatest Commandments and Jesus' Ministry

The Teachings of Jesus



Matthew 5:17-20

Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them, but to fulfill them. For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called the least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

- What do you think Jesus meant when he said he had not come to abolish the Law and Prophets, but to fulfill them?
- Why would some people think he was abolishing the Law (and Prophets)?
- What does one's righteousness exceeding the scribes and Pharisees have to do with fulfilling the Law and Prophets?
- How might loving God and loving neighbor help one to exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees?

Jesus taught how to love God

- Matthew 6:1-18
- Luke 18:9-14
- Matthew 6:19-24
- Luke 14:25-35
- Matthew 6:25-34
- John 14:15, 21, 23-24



Jesus taught how to love one's neighbor

- Luke 6:27-36, 12:32-34
- Matthew 18:21-35
- Luke 10:25-37
- Luke 14:7-11

Integration of love for God and love for neighbor

- Matthew 25:31-46
- John 15:9-17

