

# SERMON STUDY QUESTIONS

## MATTHEW 5:17-20

Below are the sermon study questions from this past Sunday's sermon on Matthew 5:17-20. I hope that each of you may be blessed, edified, and challenged as you consider Christ's fulfillment of the Law and the Prophets and the place of the law in our lives today.

1. What is significant about where Matthew 5:17-20 appears in the NT? How does this relate to the analogy of a film's opening scene?
2. What does Jesus' claim to being the fulfillment of the Law and Prophets teach us about His view of the OT, and the relationship between the OT and the NT?
3. Since Jesus said that those who relax the least of the commandments will be least in the kingdom and those who do and teach the commandments will be great in the kingdom, what does this say about the validity of the moral law today?
4. What does Jesus' being born under the law say to us about how highly God views His own law and the necessity of it being fulfilled? How does Jesus' mission to fulfill the Law and the prophets relate to God's covenants with the patriarchs?
5. What are the three uses of the Law? How does the Law not only show us ourselves but also the beauty and goodness of God and the greatness of the gift He's given us in Christ?
6. What are the two major errors to avoid when it comes to the Christian's relationship to the Law?
7. What does Christ mean when He says that unless you possess a righteousness greater than the Scribes and Pharisees you will not enter the Kingdom of Heaven? How did Christ's view of the Law differ from theirs? Where does one get this righteousness?
8. How does the rest of the Sermon on the Mount help us evaluate ourselves and how does it help us to rely upon Christ?
9. How are we rightly motivated to love God and obey Christ?
10. How can praying the Psalms (especially psalms like psalm 119) help us cultivate greater dependence upon God and obedience?