

THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT
Notes – Week 1 – “SHINE ON!” – Matthew 5:13-20

1. Matt. 5:13-16: Salt and Light – Images for Impact

A. “You are the salt of the earth” –

B. “You are the light of the world” –

2. Matt. 5:17-18: The Law and the Prophets and Jesus

V. 17 *“Think not that I have come to abolish the law and the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them, but to fulfill them.”*

V. 18 *“I tell you the truth, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished.”*

A. The Law: as given to Israel consisted of 3 parts:

The Moral Law – Exodus 20:1-26

The Judicial Law (Civil Law, Judgments) – Ex. 21:1 – 24:11

The ceremonial Law (the Ordinances) – Ex. 24:12 – 31:18

B. The Prophets: refers to all that we have of the Prophetic books of the Old Testament; The Prophets:

C. Not to Abolish but to fulfill –

**“The New is in the old Concealed;
the Old is in the New Revealed.”**

D. v. 18 - Jesus gives His Stamp of Approval on the Old Testament

3. WHERE DOES THE SINNER STAND TODAY IN RELATION TO THE LAW?

A. Romans 3:9-11

B. Romans 3:21-24

C. Hebrew 10:5-10; 17-18

4. Matthew 5:19-20 – A Higher Standard –

*“Anyone who breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called **least** in the kingdom of heaven...but whoever practices and teaches these commands will be called **great** in the kingdom of heaven... unless your righteousness **surpasses** that of the Pharisees and the teachers of the law, you will certainly not enter the kingdom of heaven.”*

A. v. 19 – the least and the greatest -

B. v. 20 – Surpassing Righteousness – Not the letter, but the spirit...

1) Matthew 23:1-4; v. 25-28 –

2) Luke 10:25-37 – The Religious leaders test Jesus

3) The Jesus Law - Luke 10:27; Matthew 22:37-40; Mark 12:29-31

“Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself. All the Law and Prophets hang on these two commandments.” (Matthew 22:37-40)

5. A Better Righteousness -

In these verses, Jesus draws us into His ministry – but on His terms.

We can make an impact for Jesus if we live like he lives, not abolishing the Law or diminishing it or changing it, but by allowing him to live the “Jesus Law” in us and through us. His law challenges us to love Him with all our heart, souls, minds, and strength---fully, surrendered completely to Him. Only then are we able to be salt and light to the world we live in; In Jesus we can ‘SHINE ON!