

Every Stroke Inspired: Embracing Jesus' High View of Scripture (Pt. 5)

Matthew 5:17-20

- I. Affirm Jesus' Relationship to Scripture (17)
 - A. He Did Not Come to *Abolish* the OT (17a)
 - B. He Came to *Fulfill* the OT (17b)
 - 1. He perfectly explained its meaning in His teaching (21-48)
 - 2. He perfectly obeyed its commands in His life (Mt. 3:15; Jn. 8:46; 15:10; Gal. 4:4-5)
 - 3. He perfectly embodied its message in His Person.

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- II. Adopt Jesus' View of Scripture (18)
 - A. Its Permanent Authority – "until heaven and earth pass away"
 - B. Its Verbal Inspiration – "not the smallest letter or stroke"
 - C. Its Plenary Inspiration – "until all"
 - D. Its Complete Inerrancy – "all is accomplished"
 - E. Its Careful Preservation – "not the smallest letter or stroke"

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III. Apply Jesus' Diagnosis with Scripture (19-20)

- A. The Dishonorable Disciple (19a)
- B. The Honorable Disciple (19b)
- C. The False Disciple (20)

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2. His Flawed Righteousness—“*unless your righteousness surpasses...*”
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- He obeys easier, less important commands but neglects the important (Mt. 23:1-3, 23).
- He undermines Scripture by emphasizing his own ideas (Mt. 15:1-8).
- He interprets and applies Scripture in a way that misses its primary intent (Mt. 5:21-47).

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3. The Biblical Remedy
 - a. Regeneration—a changed heart within (Jn. 3:3, 5)
 - b. Justification—a changed standing with God (Lk. 18:9-14)