

“The King and His Beauty IV”

Matthew 5:17-20

I. The _____ of the Law

A. The Law proceeds from God

_____ Himself delivered the Decalogue!

- “....*The Lord will come down on Mount Sinai in the sight of all the people.*” [Exodus 19:11b]
- ‘*You have seen for yourselves that I have talked with you from heaven*’” [Exodus 20:22]
- “*Scripture is God-breathed*” [Second Timothy 3:16]

B. The Law is _____

“*Until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished.*”[18]

“**Iota**”: The smallest letter in the Greek alphabet – the size of a comma

“**Dot**”: “The least stroke of a pen”

C. The Law is _____

- We forget what the Psalmists knew!
- “*More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb.*” [Psalm 19:10]

D. It all turns on _____

- “*I long for your commandments.*” [Psalm 119:131b]
- “*Beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, He explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself.*” [Luke 24:27]

II. The problem

A. The Law was _____ – unfulfilled

Eden’s ruin - “*In Adam’s fall, we sinned all*”

B. The Law continues to be broken and _____

- “*Sin is lawlessness*” [First John 3:4b]
- We are *all* lawbreakers--by _____ and by _____
- Religion: an attempt to patch together _____ _____ righteousness
- “*For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become guilty of all of it.*” [James 2:10]

III. The beauty of the King’s _____

- “*I have not come to abolish but to fulfill the Law and the Prophets*” [Matthew 5:17]
- Jesus’ mission statement! The reason _____ He entered this world
- “*When the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons.*” [Galatians 4:4-5]

A. Jesus came to fulfill the law through His _____

- Jesus lived the life we could _____ live
- At His trial: no one could bring any charge against Him! Pilate washed his hands!

B. Jesus frequently upset _____ law-keepers

Those who were confident of their own righteousness

C. Jesus came to _____ fulfill the law

- The spirit as well as the _____
- Jesus fulfills and clarifies the Law
 1. He makes the law _____
 2. He makes the law _____

D. Jesus' life makes the Law _____**E. It all turns on _____**

"Love is the fulfillment of the law" [Romans 13:10b]

IV. The beauty of the King's _____**A. The King is the Lamb**

- Center of Exodus: _____
- Center of the Passover: substitutionary _____
- This substitutionary sacrifice points to Jesus
- He died the death we _____

B. It all turns on love

"Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends." [John 15:13]

V. Our response**A. Welcome the _____**

- Hunger and thirst for His righteousness [Matthew 5:6]
- Receive _____
- *"Let the beauty of our Lord and God be upon us"* [Psalm 90:17, KJV]
- Jesus fulfilled all the law on our _____. Now, we live it out in _____ for Him
- *"Love is the fulfillment of the law."* [Romans 13:10]
- *"Our pleasure and our duty, though opposite before, since we have seen his beauty, are joined to part no more"* [John Newton]

B. Witness**C. Wonder**

"One thing have I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord...." [Psalm 27:4a]

The Lord's Supper

- The _____ is the place where we see the King in His beauty; where we gaze upon the beauty of the Lord
- Remember _____
- Passover: lamb slain – blood smeared – meal eaten
- This table is where we _____ the King
- The Word _____

"In every place where I cause my name to be remembered I will come to you and bless you." [Exodus 20:24b]