

Jesus Speaks About the Law



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Matthew 5:44

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Jesus said He came to **fulfill** the **Law** and the **Prophets** not to do away with them. The people were used to hearing the many laws and regulations of the religious leaders and had lost sight of what God really required.

Jesus said the **scribes** and **Pharisees** had made outward rules to be followed, but they were breaking God's laws in their hearts. In fact, Jesus said that even the smallest little letter or stroke of the Law would be accomplished.

Jesus explained how murder was punished by the court, but that hatred in the **heart** was the same as murder before God. The people were responsible to make relationships right between one another.

Jesus explained how some of their commandments should be carried out. They should tell the truth and carry out what they promised. They should not only **love** their neighbors, but also **pray** for their enemies instead of hating them. God sends the rain to fall on the righteous and the unrighteous. He loves them all.

Finally Jesus said the real goal is to be **perfect** as their heavenly Father is perfect. Jesus showed how that was possible through His life. He fulfilled the Law for us since we cannot keep the Law ourselves.



QUESTIONS:	What did Jesus come to do? What were the scribes and Pharisees doing with the Law? What happens in the heart?
PRAYER:	Help us forgive others as You have forgiven us. Help us have hearts to desire to serve You.

ACTIVITY PAGE

Lesson 24

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PASSAGE:	Matthew 5:17-48
VERSE:	Matthew 5:44 "... love your enemies, and pray for those who persecute you ..."
SONGS:	"Have Thine Own Way Lord," "Holy Bible, Book Divine," "Jesus Paid It All"
ACTIVITIES:	<p>Inside/Outside: Make a game of jumping inside and outside a heart-shaped area on the floor. Allow freedom of movement inside the heart area. Give specific directions to follow outside with a rope and footprints to follow, etc.</p> <p>Loving Care: Help your child make a picture and turn it into a card to give to someone in the family. Talk about showing loving care.</p> <p>Wordless Book Hearts: This might be a good time to review the truths of salvation using white, black, red, green and gold hearts representing clean, sinful, cleansing with Jesus' blood, heaven and growing.</p>