

## **The Forgotten Jesus Podcast**

**S7E18**

### **Jesus the Fulfillment of the Law - Matthew 5:17-20**

**Description – Join us today as we continue to examine what Jesus meant when He said that He had come to fulfill the Law.**

Last week we started to look at the passage from Matthew where Jesus said he would not abolish the law, but that he would fulfill the law.

#### **Matthew 5:17**

<sup>17</sup> “Don’t think that I came to abolish the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to abolish but to fulfill.

Jesus fulfills the prophecies of the Torah

1. He fulfills 300+ prophecies that the Messiah would accomplish
2. He keeps the law perfectly

Jesus fulfills the Torah with his life. He was a devout Jewish observer of the Law. He never broke the law that he wrote and created. He broke the oral law, the law of man and traditions of the Pharisees.

Jesus fulfilled the Torah in his death. As the 2nd Adam, he did what the first Adam was incapable of doing. The OT sacrificial system pointed to the perfect sacrifice Jesus would make with his life.

In western thought, we think very linearly. We move from the 4th grade to the 5th grade and then on to the 6th grade.

The Jewish mind thinks differently.

Western Christians normally view the OT as, well, we don’t need that anymore, we have something better in Jesus.

But for Jesus the OT is the foundation of the House. If you get rid of the foundation you destroy the home.

#### **Matthew 5:18**

<sup>18</sup> For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not the smallest letter or one stroke of a letter will pass away from the law until all things are accomplished.

You have to understand the Hebrew language here. The word “jot” or “Smallest letter” or is a single apostrophe. Its the “Yod” in the Hebrew alphabet. It’s the same letter used in both Yahweh and Yeshua. It’s one of the most used letters in the OT, used over 66,000 times.

The “stroke of a letter” is the little tiny “hook” that appears on the end of the letter. Jesus is saying that not the smallest stroke or even the smallest letter of the law will pass away until it is accomplished.

### **Galatians 3:24-26**

<sup>24</sup> The law, then, was our guardian until Christ, so that we could be justified by faith. <sup>25</sup> But since that faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian, <sup>26</sup> for through faith you are all sons of God in Christ Jesus.

Guardian - Greek word, “paidagógos” can be translated as Guardian, Tutor, Instructor, <https://biblehub.com/greek/3807.htm>

The law was our “nanny” until the King, the Messiah was revealed to the world.

DT Lancaster says the word could literally be translated as one who conducts a child, a caretaker.

The caretaker/nanny was to supervise the boy’s conduct to and from school, about their daily life.

But what about **Galatians 3:23**?

<sup>23</sup> Before this faith came, we were confined under the law, imprisoned until the coming faith was revealed.

“Confined” - greek word “phroureó” - To guard, protect, keep watch over.

The Torah then guards us, protects us, and then carries us to the instructor and hands us off to Him. To then be taught by Him, protected by Him, and shepherd by Him.

Next time: We’re going to walk through the purpose of the law, and tackle this passage from Hebrews.

Hebrews 8:13

<sup>13</sup> By saying **a new covenant**, he has declared that the first is obsolete. And what is obsolete and growing old is about to pass away.