

# FULFILLED: JESUS AND THE OLD TESTAMENT

**Matthew 5:17-20**

BIBLICAL PASSAGE

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MEMORY VERSE

“Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them.” **Matthew 5:17**

Ask yourself this question: Why is parenting at times more *frustrating* than *fulfilling*? Take a moment to pause and think about it.

**Read Matthew 5:17-20.**

The Law revealed God’s holiness. It was not intended to be the way of salvation. Its purpose was “to lead us to Christ that we might be justified by faith. Now that faith has come, we are no longer under the supervision of the law” (Gal. 3:24-25).

Jesus fulfilled the Law and claimed a greater authority. He contrasted the former things (“You have heard that it was said . . .”) with His own teaching (“But I tell you . . .”). The Pharisees were careful to observe the letter of the Law. But Jesus recognized that by doing so, the Pharisees did not always keep the Law’s spiritual purposes.

Jesus gave a word of warning to any teacher who would lead others to break or neglect God’s Law.

Your teenager needs to be reminded that God does what He says He will do. God promised to send Jesus; He fulfilled His promise. Fulfillment is found in the pages of the Bible as well as in the relationship you have with your teenager. When you commit to teaching your child God’s ways, parenthood can be the most fulfilling time of your life.

When you become frustrated, examine yourself to see if you are leaning on your own understanding instead of trusting in God, His Word, and Jesus Christ who fulfills Scripture.

## FAMILY DEVOTIONAL TIME

### Connect . . .

**Read** the first part of the verses listed below, and see who can guess the second half.

“In the beginning \_\_\_\_\_”; “In the beginning \_\_\_\_\_”; “Love your neighbor \_\_\_\_\_”; “For God so loved/ \_\_\_\_\_”; “A friend loves \_\_\_\_\_”; “I am the Way, \_\_\_\_\_”

**Read:** Just as it took the first and second parts to complete each verse, it takes the Old and New Testaments to complete recorded Scripture.

### Explore . . .

**Read** Matthew 5:17-20. **Discuss:** Why is it important for us to study the Old Testament? What did Jesus say regarding the Law and Prophets, or the Old Testament?

**Read:** Jesus is the Bible’s consistent and unified message. God’s plan has been unfolding since the beginning. Christ’s coming, His life, and message of salvation achieved this plan.

### Transform . . .

Do you have a favorite verse or story from the Old Testament? What is it? **Discuss:** What will a study of the Old Testament do for your personal walk with the Lord? How would it hurt your walk with the Lord if you did not have the Old Testament?

*Pray that God will give your family a love for all Scripture and a desire to study His Word.*

Answers: “God created”, “was the Word”, “as yourself”, “the world”, “at all times”, “the Truth, and the Life”

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