

Moses and The Law in The New Testament  
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Since we have now completed a 20 week study of The Law, The Torah, The Pentateuch, the first 5 Books of the Bible, we will now turn to the New Testament and try to find any verses that indicate that Jesus negating any word of the Law.

Keep in mind that, during our 6 week study of the duties of the elders, deacons and the priesthood, we discovered that Jesus did replace the Aaronic Priesthood. He qualified Himself to be Priest and accepted the role as the sole mediator between each individual and God. We will plan to skip over those verses since they were covered in that study.

**Matthew 1**

- 1 The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the Son of David, the Son of Abraham:
- 2 Abraham begot Isaac, Isaac begot Jacob, and Jacob begot Judah and his brothers.
- 15 Eliud begot Eleazar, Eleazar begot Matthan, and Matthan begot Jacob.
- 16 And Jacob begot Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom was born Jesus who is called Christ.
- 17 So all the generations from Abraham to David are fourteen generations, from David until the captivity in Babylon are fourteen generations, and from the captivity in Babylon until the Christ are fourteen generations.

Matthew felt it important to point Jesus' genealogy back to Abraham.

**Matthew 4:**

- 1 Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil.
- 2 And when He had fasted forty days and forty nights, afterward He was hungry.
- 3 Now when the tempter came to Him, he said, "If You are the Son of God, command that these stones become bread."
- 4 But He answered and said, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.'"
  - Deuteronomy 8:3 = "So He humbled you, allowed you to hunger, and fed you with manna which you did not know nor did your fathers know, that He might make you know that man shall not live by bread alone; but man lives by every word that proceeds from the mouth of the LORD."
- 5 Then the devil took Him up into the holy city, set Him on the pinnacle of the temple,
- 6 and said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down. For it is written: 'He shall give His angels charge over you,' and, 'In their hands they shall bear you up, Lest you dash your foot against a stone.'"
- 7 Jesus said to him, "It is written again, 'You shall not tempt the LORD your God.'"
  - Deuteronomy 6:16 "You shall not tempt the LORD your God as you tempted Him in Massah."
- 8 Again, the devil took Him up on an exceedingly high mountain, and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory.

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- 9 And he said to Him, "All these things I will give You if You will fall down and worship me."
- 10 Then Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! For it is written, 'You shall worship the LORD your God, and Him only you shall serve.'"
  - Deuteronomy 6:13 "You shall fear the LORD your God and serve Him, and shall take oaths in His name.
  - Deuteronomy 10:20 "You shall fear the LORD your God; you shall serve Him, and to Him you shall hold fast, and take oaths in His name.
- 11 Then the devil left Him, and behold, angels came and ministered to Him.

Thus we begin by seeing that Jesus quoted the Law to Satan, who knew the scriptures very well already.

**Matthew 5**

- 1 And seeing the multitudes, He went up on a mountain, and when He was seated His disciples came to Him.
- 2 Then He opened His mouth and taught them, saying:
- 3-12 – He gave the Beatitudes
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- 13-16 – He talks about believers being like salt and like light
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- 17 "Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy but to fulfill."
  - “fulfill” is 4137 = pleroo – accomplish – complete – fully preach – to make replete
  - to give the true interpretation to its moral precepts
  - law = 3551 = Nomos = The Law
- 18 "For assuredly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, one jot or one tittle will by no means pass from the law till all is fulfilled."
  - Jot = 2503 = iota = the 9<sup>th</sup> letter of the Greek alphabet – indicates the smallest part of anything
  - Tittle = 2762 = keraia = the apex of a Hebrew letter – a tiny mark above it – like a Spanish tilde
- 19 "Whoever therefore breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches men so, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does and teaches them, he shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven."
  - Which commandments?
  - He said in verses 17 and 18 He was talking about “The Law”
- 20 "For I say to you, that unless your righteousness exceeds the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven."
  - He did not consider the scribes and Pharisees to be totally righteous
- 21 "You have heard that it was said to those of old (*in ancient times*), 'You shall not murder, and whoever murders will be in danger of the judgment.'
  - Exodus 20:13 "You shall not murder."
  - Deuteronomy 5:17 'You shall not murder.'

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- 22 "But I say to you that whoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment. And whoever says to his brother, 'Raca!' shall be in danger of the council. But whoever says, 'You fool!' shall be in danger of hell fire.
  - We are not to be placing ourselves into a position of judging others
- 23 "Therefore if you bring your gift to the altar, and there remember that your brother has something against you,
- 24 "leave your gift there before the altar, and go your way. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift.
- 25 "Agree with your adversary quickly, while you are on the way with him, lest your adversary deliver you to the judge, the judge hand you over to the officer, and you be thrown into prison.
- 26 "Assuredly, I say to you, you will by no means get out of there till you have paid the last penny.
  - Jesus has certainly expounded on the meaning of the commandment against murder
  - Paul later says in Ephesians 4:26 "Be angry, and do not sin: do not let the sun go down on your wrath,"
- 27 "You have heard that it was said to those of old (*in ancient times*), 'You shall not commit adultery.'
  - Exodus 20:14 "You shall not commit adultery."
  - De 5:18 'You shall not commit adultery.'
- 28 "But I say to you that whoever looks at a woman to lust for her has already committed adultery with her in his heart.
- 29 "If your right eye causes you to sin, pluck it out and cast it from you; for it is more profitable for you that one of your members perish, than for your whole body to be cast into hell.
- 30 "And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and cast it from you; for it is more profitable for you that one of your members perish, than for your whole body to be cast into hell.
  - So that is what is meant by the commandment against adultery!
- 31 "Furthermore it has been said, 'Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.'
  - Deuteronomy 24:1 "When a man takes a wife and marries her, and it happens that she finds no favor in his eyes because he has found some uncleanness in her, and he writes her a certificate of divorce, puts it in her hand, and sends her out of his house,"
  - Not one of the Ten Commandments, but included in The Law
- 32 "But I say to you that whoever divorces his wife for any reason except sexual immorality causes her to commit adultery; and whoever marries a woman who is divorced commits adultery.
  - Evidently this Law was being misused
  - Just like today!
- 33 "Again you have heard that it was said to those of old, 'You shall not swear falsely, but shall perform your oaths to the Lord.'
  - Exodus 20:7 "You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes His name in vain."

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- Leviticus 19:12 'And you shall not swear by My name falsely, nor shall you profane the name of your God: I am the LORD.'
- Numbers 30:2 "If a man makes a vow to the LORD, or swears an oath to bind himself by some agreement, he shall not break his word; he shall do according to all that proceeds out of his mouth."
- Deuteronomy 5:11 'You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes His name in vain.'
- Deuteronomy 23:23 "That which has gone from your lips you shall keep and perform, for you voluntarily vowed to the LORD your God what you have promised with your mouth."
- 34 "But I say to you, do not swear at all: neither by heaven, for it is God's throne;
- 35 "nor by the earth, for it is His footstool; nor by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King.
- 36 "Nor shall you swear by your head, because you cannot make one hair white or black.
- 37 "But let your 'Yes' be 'Yes,' and your 'No,' 'No.' For whatever is more than these is from the evil one.
  - We have many colloquialisms today that are substituted for Jesus (gee) and God (egad)
  - Should these be used by Christians?
- 38 "You have heard that it was said, 'An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.'
  - Exodus 21:24 "eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot,"
  - Leviticus 24:20 'fracture for fracture, eye for eye, tooth for tooth; as he has caused disfigurement of a man, so shall it be done to him.'
  - Deuteronomy 19:21 "Your eye shall not pity: life shall be for life, eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot."
- 39 "But I tell you not to resist an evil person. But whoever slaps you on your right cheek, turn the other to him also.
- 40 "If anyone wants to sue you and take away your tunic, let him have your cloak also.
- 41 "And whoever compels you to go one mile, go with him two.
- 42 "Give to him who asks you, and from him who wants to borrow from you do not turn away.
  - Deuteronomy 15:8 "but you shall open your hand wide to him and willingly lend him sufficient for his need, whatever he needs."
    - 9 "Beware lest there be a wicked thought in your heart, saying, 'The seventh year, the year of release, is at hand,' and your eye be evil against your poor brother and you give him nothing, and he cry out to the LORD against you, and it become sin among you.
    - 10 "You shall surely give to him, and your heart should not be grieved when you give to him, because for this thing the LORD your God will bless you in all your works and in all to which you put your hand.
- 43 "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.'

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- Leviticus 19:18 'You shall not take vengeance, nor bear any grudge against the children of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD.'
- Deuteronomy 23:6 "You shall not seek their peace nor their prosperity all your days forever.
- 44 "But I say to you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you,
- 45 "that you may be sons of your Father in heaven; for He makes His sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust.
- 46 "For if you love those who love you, what reward have you? Do not even the tax collectors do the same?
- 47 "And if you greet your brethren only, what do you do more than others? Do not even the tax collectors do so?
- 48 "Therefore you shall be perfect, just as your Father in heaven is perfect.
  - Genesis 17:1 When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to Abram and said to him, "I am Almighty God; walk before Me and be blameless."
  - Leviticus 11:44 'For I am the LORD your God. You shall therefore consecrate yourselves, and you shall be holy; for I am holy. Neither shall you defile yourselves with any creeping thing that creeps on the earth.'
  - Leviticus 19:2 "Speak to all the congregation of the children of Israel, and say to them: 'You shall be holy, for I the LORD your God am holy.'
  - Perfect = 5046 = teleios = of full age = ripe – like a fruit ready to be plucked – ready for God's Kingdom

### Matthew 7

- "Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you.
- 8 "For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened.
- 9 "Or what man is there among you who, if his son asks for bread, will give him a stone?
- 10 "Or if he asks for a fish, will he give him a serpent?
- 11 "If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask Him!
  - Genesis 6:5 Then the LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually."
  - Genesis 8:21 And the LORD smelled a soothing aroma. Then the LORD said in His heart, "I will never again curse the ground for man's sake, although the imagination of man's heart is evil from his youth; nor will I again destroy every living thing as I have done."
- 12 "Therefore, whatever you want men to do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets.

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- Leviticus 19:18 'You shall not take vengeance, nor bear any grudge against the children of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD.'

Matthew 8

- 4 And Jesus said to him, "See that you tell no one; but go your way, show yourself to the priest, and offer the gift that Moses commanded, as a testimony to them."
  - Leviticus 14:3 "And the priest shall go out of the camp, and the priest shall examine him; and indeed, if the leprosy is healed in the leper,
    - 4 "then the priest shall command to take for him who is to be cleansed two living and clean birds, cedar wood, scarlet, and
  - Leviticus 14:10 "And on the eighth day he shall take two male lambs without blemish, one ewe lamb of the first year without blemish, three-tenths of an ephah of fine flour mixed with oil as a grain offering, and one log of oil.
  - In the days of Jesus, the Jews were to continue to go to the priests – the sacrifices being symbolic of His coming death
  - Now we know from prior studies that Jesus replaced the priesthood, so this cannot be literally done today
- 5 Now when Jesus had entered Capernaum, a centurion came to Him, pleading with Him,
- 6 saying, "Lord, my servant is lying at home paralyzed, dreadfully tormented."
- 7 And Jesus said to him, "I will come and heal him."
- 8 The centurion answered and said, "Lord, I am not worthy that You should come under my roof. But only speak a word, and my servant will be healed.
- 9 "For I also am a man under authority, having soldiers under me. And I say to this one, 'Go,' and he goes; and to another, 'Come,' and he comes; and to my servant, 'Do this,' and he does it."
- 10 When Jesus heard it, He marveled, and said to those who followed, "Assuredly, I say to you, I have not found such great faith, not even in Israel!"
- 11 "And I say to you that many will come from east and west, and sit down with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven."
  - Genesis 12:3 I will bless those who bless you, And I will curse him who curses you; And in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."
  - Remember He placed before us blessings and cursings
  - This centurion chose blessings

Matthew 11

- 13 "For all the prophets and the law prophesied until John.
  - There was no longer a need for Messianic prophesy
  - He was there!

Matthew 12

- 1 At that time Jesus went through the grainfields on the Sabbath. And His disciples were hungry, and began to pluck heads of grain and to eat.

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- Deuteronomy 23:25 "When you come into your neighbor's standing grain, you may pluck the heads with your hand, but you shall not use a sickle on your neighbor's standing grain.
- 2 And when the Pharisees saw it, they said to Him, "Look, Your disciples are doing what is not lawful to do on the Sabbath!"
- 3 But He said to them, "Have you not read what David did when he was hungry, he and those who were with him:
- 4 "how he entered the house of God and ate the showbread which was not lawful for him to eat, nor for those who were with him, but only for the priests?"
  - 1 Samuel 21:6 So the priest gave him holy bread; for there was no bread there but the showbread which had been taken from before the LORD, in order to put hot bread in its place on the day when it was taken away.
- 5 "Or have you not read in the law that on the Sabbath the priests in the temple profane the Sabbath, and are blameless?"
  - Exodus 25:30 "And you shall set the showbread on the table before Me always."
  - Exodus 29:32 "Then Aaron and his sons shall eat the flesh of the ram, and the bread that is in the basket, by the door of the tabernacle of meeting."
  - Leviticus 8:31 And Moses said to Aaron and his sons, "Boil the flesh at the door of the tabernacle of meeting, and eat it there with the bread that is in the basket of consecration offerings, as I commanded, saying, 'Aaron and his sons shall eat it.'"
  - Leviticus 24:5 "And you shall take fine flour and bake twelve cakes with it. Two-tenths of an ephah shall be in each cake."
  - Leviticus 24:9 "And it shall be for Aaron and his sons, and they shall eat it in a holy place; for it is most holy to him from the offerings of the LORD made by fire, by a perpetual statute."
  - Jesus is saying that human needs takes precedence over the letter of the law – and, in fact, this provides the broadest intent of the law
  - The Law is full of common sense!

### Matthew 15

- 1 Then the scribes and Pharisees who were from Jerusalem came to Jesus, saying,
- 2 "Why do Your disciples transgress the tradition of the elders? For they do not wash their hands when they eat bread."
- 3 He answered and said to them, "Why do you also transgress the commandment of God because of your tradition?"
- 4 "For God commanded, saying, 'Honor your father and your mother'; and, 'He who curses father or mother, let him be put to death.'
  - Exodus 20:12 "Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long upon the land which the LORD your God is giving you."
  - Exodus 21:17 "And he who curses his father or his mother shall surely be put to death."
  - Leviticus 19:3 'Every one of you shall revere his mother and his father, and keep My Sabbaths: I am the LORD your God.'

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- Leviticus 20:9 'For everyone who curses his father or his mother shall surely be put to death. He has cursed his father or his mother. His blood shall be upon him.'
- Deuteronomy 5:16 'Honor your father and your mother, as the LORD your God has commanded you, that your days may be long, and that it may be well with you in the land which the LORD your God is giving you.'
- Deuteronomy 27:16 'Cursed is the one who treats his father or his mother with contempt.' And all the people shall say, 'Amen!'"
- 5 "But you say, 'Whoever says to his father or mother, "Whatever profit you might have received from me is a gift to God" --
- 6 'then he need not honor his father or mother.' Thus you have made the commandment of God of no effect by your tradition.
- 7 "Hypocrites! Well did Isaiah prophesy about you, saying:
- 8 "These people draw near to Me with their mouth, And honor Me with their lips, But their heart is far from Me.
- 9 And in vain they worship Me, Teaching as doctrines the commandments of men."
- What were the "traditions of men"?
- This refers to the Jewish oral traditions
- These traditions were later put into the Mishnah and, later, in the Talmud
- The Jews of the day were putting more emphasis on the oral law than on the words of the Torah as we studied it last

Matthew 17

- 1 Now after six days Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother, led them up on a high mountain by themselves;
- 2 and He was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and His clothes became as white as the light.
- 3 And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, talking with Him.
- 4 Then Peter answered and said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if You wish, let us make here three tabernacles: one for You, one for Moses, and one for Elijah."
- 5 While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them; and suddenly a voice came out of the cloud, saying, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. Hear Him!"
  - Deuteronomy 18:15 "The LORD your God will raise up for you a Prophet like me from your midst, from your brethren. Him you shall hear,"
  - Deuteronomy 18:19 'And it shall be that whoever will not hear My words, which He speaks in My name, I will require it of him.'
- 6 And when the disciples heard it, they fell on their faces and were greatly afraid.
- 7 But Jesus came and touched them and said, "Arise, and do not be afraid."
- 8 When they had lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only.
- 9 Now as they came down from the mountain, Jesus commanded them, saying, "Tell the vision to no one until the Son of Man is risen from the dead."
  - This was a vision!