

Feb 15 & 16 Homily Outline

What is Jesus relationship to the Old Testament Law?

DO NOT THINK THAT I HAVE COME TO ABOLISH THE LAW OR THE PROPHETS.

I HAVE COME NOT TO ABOLISH BUT TO FULFILL.

AMEN, I SAY TO YOU, UNTIL HEAVEN AND EARTH PASS AWAY,
NOT THE SMALLEST LETTER OR THE SMALLEST PART OF A LETTER
WILL PASS FROM THE LAW,
UNTIL ALL THINGS HAVE TAKEN PLACE.

A little section that sort of summarizes Our Lord's attitude:

Mark 7:6-7 SO THE PHARISEES AND SCRIBES QUESTIONED HIM, "WHY DO YOUR DISCIPLES NOT FOLLOW THE TRADITION OF THE ELDERS BUT INSTEAD EAT A MEAL WITH UNCLEAN HANDS?" HE RESPONDED, "WELL DID ISAIAH PROPHECY ABOUT YOU HYPOCRITES, AS IT IS WRITTEN: 'THIS PEOPLE HONORS ME WITH THEIR LIPS, BUT THEIR HEARTS ARE FAR FROM ME; IN VAIN DO THEY WORSHIP ME, TEACHING AS DOCTRINES HUMAN PRECEPTS.' YOU DISREGARD GOD'S COMMANDMENT BUT CLING TO HUMAN TRADITION."

1. Seems like Jesus did break the law, for example, he didn't keep the Sabbath.

Short answer: Our Lord didn't keep the Pharisees' version of the Sabbath

Exodus 35:1-3

MOSES ASSEMBLED THE WHOLE ISRAELITE COMMUNITY AND SAID TO THEM, "THESE ARE THE WORDS THE LORD HAS COMMANDED TO BE OBSERVED. ON SIX DAYS WORK MAY BE DONE, BUT THE SEVENTH DAY SHALL BE HOLY TO YOU AS THE SABBATH OF COMPLETE REST TO THE LORD. ANYONE WHO DOES WORK ON THAT DAY SHALL BE PUT TO DEATH. YOU SHALL NOT EVEN LIGHT A FIRE IN ANY OF YOUR DWELLINGS ON THE SABBATH DAY."

Because,

Exodus 31:17

THE LORD SPENT SIX DAYS MAKING HEAVEN AND EARTH, AND ON THE SEVENTH HE RESTED FROM HIS LABOURS.

OT:

- don't cook (Ex 16:23)
- don't light fire (for cooking) (Ex 35:3)
- don't gather firewood – there's even a story of a man being put to death for that (Num 15:32ff)
- don't carry a load – (Jer 17:21-22)
- pressing grapes (Neh 13:15)

To be a day of rest for you and your family, your servants and your animals.

It had a religious significance:

Exodus 31:13

YOU MUST ALSO TELL THE ISRAELITES: KEEP MY SABBATHS, FOR THAT IS TO BE THE SIGN BETWEEN YOU AND ME THROUGHOUT THE GENERATIONS, TO SHOW THAT IT IS I, THE LORD, WHO MAKE YOU HOLY.

2. As followers of Jesus we don't keep the Old Testament Law

- partially correct, partially wrong

This would come up in the sense that, well if you believe the Bible is the Word of God – why don't you follow it? You just do the parts you want to? In the OT there are prohibitions on eating pork and shellfish, and it says if someone uses God's name they should be stoned. So why don't you follow those things? The reason is because we can recognize that in the OT there are different types of laws:

- a. Ceremonial/liturgical – regarding the way they worship in the desert and in the Temple
 - **Jesus fulfills ceremonial**
- b. Moral – regard how everyone, everywhere should live as a human being (eg. Ten Commandments)
 - **The moral law is that which isn't taken away**
- c. Judicial – regard how the Israelite community should structure itself to thrive in the desert and in the land where God is leading them
 - **The judicial application was just for a particular time and place**

Announcements

- ❖ **Saturday (tonight)**— [NEW TIME] Ignite for High Schoolers @ 6:30pm in JPPI Youth Center.
- ❖ **Sunday (today)**—Sparks for Middle Schoolers @ 12:30pm in JPPI Youth Center. Young Adults Volleyball @ 3pm in Gym. Roots Young Adults @ 6:15pm in Camerman Hall.
- ❖ **Monday**—President's Day - School & Parish Office closed. Legion of Mary @ 9am in Center room 1. Respect Life mtg @ 5:30pm in Center rooms 3 & 4.
- ❖ **Tuesday**—**Memorial Service for Marilyn Taylor @ 11am.** Bible Study @ 9am in Center rooms 1 & 2. Women's Bible Study w/Sr. Maria Caeli @ 6:30pm in Center rooms 1 & 2.
- ❖ **Wednesday**—Rosary Makers @ 10am in Center room 1. Confession @ 5pm. Youth/Adult programs begin @ 6pm in Church. See new Adult program bulletin flyer.
- ❖ **Thursday**—"That Man is You" @ 6am in Camerman Hall. Gospel Study @ 6pm in upper JPPI Center. RCIA @ 6:30pm in Center rooms 1 & 2
- ❖ **Friday**—**SEP Training @ 10am** in Center rooms 3 & 4. Mom's group @ 10am in Center rooms 1 & 2. **Star's Holy Spouses @ 6:30pm** in Center rooms 1 & 2.
- ❖ **Saturday**—(F) The Chair of St. Peter, 9am Mass. American Heritage Girls Vocation Day @ 10am in JPPI Center. Ignite for High Schoolers @ 6:30pm in JPPI Youth Center.
- ❖ **Saturday (March 7)**—St. Patrick's Day Dinner, hosted by AHG – see bulletin flyer. Tickets on sale after morning Masses in Vestibule and Camerman Hall.
- ❖ **Pilgrimage to Italy w/Dcn. Bill & Fr. Justus in Sept.**- see bulletin flyer. Info mtg on Friday Feb. 21 @ 6pm in Camerman Hall.
- ❖ **After morning Masses in Camerman Hall**—enjoy Hospitality with your Parish Family, hosted by our 2nd Grade Families.