

I Am The Fulfilment

Introduction:

Today we continue with our series in the Sermon on the Mount!!

And we enter into a very interesting set of verses in the Sermon on the Mount!!!!

In Matthew 5:17-20 Jesus shares alot about the law!!!
His relationship to the Law
The Law and Grace
The Law and it's relationship to the christian today!!!

AND SO WE WANT TO TAKE A GOOD AMOUNT OF TIME OVER THE NEXT WEEKS AND LOOK INTO THESE VERSES THAT JESUS SHARES WITH US!!!!

Jesus wants to make a number of important things clear about the law!!!
He didn't come to destroy the law and prophets!
He came to fulfil it! HE CAME AS THE FULFILMENT OF IT!!!!

And He wanted to deal with some very important issues that were around in that time - namely the self-righteous, self-exalting, pious, religious leaders of the day - THE PHARISEES AND THE SCRIBES!!!!

They were the spiritual elite of that day!
They were the spiritual 'know it alls'
They were the spiritual 'police'

And in Matthew 5:17-20 Jesus really deals strongly with the difference between true righteousness and self-righteousness!!!

AND ALO BETWEEN THE IMPORTANT OF GOD'S LAW AND COMMANDMENTS, AND THE SELF-IMPOSED, MAN-MADE RULES AND COMMANDMENTS THAT WERE PROPOGATED BY THE SCRIBES AND THE PHARISEES IN JESUS DAY!!!!

Their rules
Their regulations
Their commandments
Which they wrote down, and began spreading as - THE LAW OF GOD, INSTEAD OF THEIR OWN MAN-MADE RULES!!!!

And so today we want to look at the first of a number of messages as we deal with the relationship of the law to - Jesus, to the religious leaders of that day, and to us today as christians!!!!

AND WE WANT TO LOOK SPECIFICALLY THIS MORNING AT MATTHEW 5:17 AS WE PREACH A MESSAGE ENTITLED:

'I am the fulfilment of the law'

Matthew 5:17-18 - *Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil. For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled.*

A NUMBER OF IMPORTANT PHRASES!!!!!!

Jesus states:

'Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil'

I WANT TO TAKE TIME THIS MORNING AND LOOK AT THE LAST PART OF V.17 - JESUS CHRIST AS THE FULFILMENT OF THE LAW!!!!

Jesus effectively says here - I AM THE FULFILMENT OF THE LAW!!!!

And so we want to deal fully with how Jesus is the fulfilment of the law and the prophets, and why that is so important for us today!!!

I want to make two statements - or 2 points if you will!
AND THESE 2 POINTS WILL HELP YOU TO UNDERSTAND HOW JESUS WAS THE FULFILMENT OF THE LAW AND PROPHETS - AND WHY IT IS SO IMPORTANT FOR US TODAY THAT HE WAS THE FULFILMENT OF THE LAW!!!!

That He didn't come to destroy it, but rather to fulfil it!!!!

Firstly:

1. He Fulfilled Them In Practice

Jesus speaks of coming to fulfil the Law and the Prophets!!!!

THE FIRST THING I WANT YOU TO THINK ABOUT IS THAT HE FULFILLED THEM IN PRACTICE!!!!

That is to say:

The manner in which he conducted himself:

His Actions

His Words

His Deeds

His Lifestyle

His Emotions

His Choices

His Feelings

His Interactions

His Decisions

EVERYTHING ABOUT THE MANNER IN WHICH JESUS LIVED HIS LIFE - IN THOUGHT, WORD AND DEED - WAS IN PERFECT FULFILMENT OF THE LAW AND PROPHETS!!!!

He was faultless!!!

Flawless!

Perfect!!!

Without blame!!!!

THE BIBLE PRESENTS JESUS AS THE PERFECT, SINLESS, SON OF GOD!!!!

THE ONE WHO CAME AND FULFILLED THE LAW IN HIS VERY PERSON!!!

Never once did we find Jesus breaking the law!

Never once do we find Jesus displaying imperfection or sin!!!!

HE IS THE ONLY PERSON IN THE HISTORY OF THE WORLD TO STEP INTO THE WORLD, AND BE BLAMELESS AND FAULTLESS AGAINST THE STANDARD OF THE LAW OF GOD!!!!

Here's the interesting thing:

THE PHARISEES PORTRAY A VERY DIFFERENT STORY!!!!

As you read the Bible - You can sense a bit of a rebellious streak about Jesus!!!

The religious leaders of the day didn't like Him!!!
In fact many of His actions were offensive to the religious leaders of His day!!!

THE RELIGIOUS LEADERS - WOULD HAVE LOOKED AT THE LIFE AND ACTIONS OF JESUS AND THEY WOULD SAY THAT THERE WERE A NUMBER OF THINGS JESUS DID WRONG!!!

He was at fault, and to be blamed on a number of counts:

In His Actions - Things that He did on the Sabbath Day - healing people amongst other things!

In His Associations - They couldn't believe their eyes that Jesus would associate himself with publicans and sinners - and dine with them!

In the eyes of the Pharisees - with regards to these actions and associations and many other things - they would have viewed Jesus as a law-breaker!

A rebel!

Someone that wasn't following the religious conventional system of the day!!!!

AND SO IN FACT - THE PHARISEES WOULD SAY THE VERY OPPOSITE OF JESUS!!!!

Jesus says - I didn't come to destroy the law and prophets, but to fulfil it!

The Pharisees would say - He didn't come to fulfil the law and prophets, but to destroy it!!!!

THE PHARISEES AND RELIGIOUS LEADERS DIDN'T LIKE THIS JESUS!

THE ONE WHO WASN'T FOLLOWING THE RELIGIOUS ORDER OF THEIR DAY!

THE ONE THAT WASN'T FOLLOWING THE 'SPIRITUAL PROTOCOL'!

THE ONE THAT IN THEIR MINDS WAS CONSTANTLY BREAKING THE LAW!!!!!!

But here is the deal!!!

It is important that we understand what the law of God truly is!!!!

And what the Bible speaks of whenever it speaks of the law and the prophets!!!!

The Jews in Jesus day used the expression 'The Law' in 4 different ways:

- **10 Commandments**

- **The Penteteuch**

- **The Law and Prophets - meaning the entire Old Testament**

- **The oral and scribal law**

In the time of Jesus it was the last meaning that was most common. It was in fact this scribal law which both Jesus and Paul so utterly condemned.

And it is important that you understand the last of these 4 usages of the law - because this is the difference between Jesus view of the law, and the Pharisees!!!!

THE ORAL AND SCRIBAL LAW!

What is it?

What is the scribal law?

As we look at the Old Testament:

We see commands

We see instruction

We see rules

We see guidance

We see important overall principles that govern the spiritual actions and lifestyle of the average spiritual person!

As we look at many of the verses in the Old Testament and in the books of Law - you will find that God gives an overall principle that we are to live our lives by!!!

For example - Honour your father and mother - a command but also a governing principle - and from there then of course you can think about ways in which you can honour your parents!!!

For example:

Remember the sabbath and keep it holy - an important overall command and principle to govern the lifestyle of a person in relation to the sabbath!!!

Here's the thing though:

*Where the Old Testament laid down a 'principle' the scribes were a group of people who came together to make 'laws' and 'rules and regulations' based on these Old Testament governing principles.

*To the scribes these great principles didn't seem enough. They held that the law was divine, and that in it God had said his last word, and that therefore everything must be in it. If a thing was not in the law explicitly, it must be there implicitly. **They therefore argued that out of the law it must be possible to deduce a rule and regulation for every possible situation in life.**

So there arose a group of men called the scribes who made it the business of their lives to reduce the great principles of the law to literally thousands upon thousands of rules and regulations.

Example:

Remember the Sabbath and keep it holy

THE OVERALL GENERAL COMMAND AND PRINCIPLE LAID OUT IN GOD'S LAW!!!

The scribes then went about to define what laws were to be written through their interpretation that constituted keeping this commandment.

The Bible simply speaks in the Old Testament - **that no work is to be done.**

THE SCRIBES SAW IT AS THEIR JOB TO THEN DEFINE WORK AND MAKE LAWS BASED ON THEIR DEFINITION AND INTERPRETATION:

*Carrying a weight or burden

*Food equal in weight to a dried fig, enough wine for mixing in a goblet, milk enough for one to swallow, honey enough to put on a wound, oil enough to anoint a small member, water enough to moisten an eye-salve etc

*They spent endless hours arguing whether one could then move a lamp on the sabbath.

*Whether a tailor could leave their house with a needle in their robe

To them these things were the essence of religion

Their religion was a legalism of petty rules and regulations

For them - To write was work on the sabbath

And they defined writing as more than 2 letters of alphabet

THE SCRIBES WROTE - To heal was work on the sabbath

And they further defined:

*Healing was allowed when there was danger to life, and especially in troubles of the ear, nose and throat

*Steps could only be taken to stop the patient from getting worse on the Sabbath, not to make them better

*Plain bandage could be put on a wound, but no ointment

SO:

The scribes were the men who worked out these rules and regulations

The pharisees were the men who separated themselves from all the ordinary activities of life to keep all these rules and regulations

We can see the lengths of their pious religion and legalism in this:

For many generations - the scribal law - was never written down!
It was oral law and it was handed down in the memory of generations of scribes
In the middle of 3rd Century AD a summary of it was made and codified - that was known as the Mishnah - 63 tractates on various subjects of the law
*It would work out to be an 800 page book

*Jewish scholars later busied themselves with making commentaries to explain the Mishnah!
These commentaries are known as the Talmuds:
- Jerusalem Talmud - 12 printed volumes
- Babylonian Talmud - 60 printed volumes

To the strict orthodox Jew, in the time of Jesus, religion, serving God, was a matter of keeping thousands of legalistic rules and regulations as literally matters of life and death and eternal destiny.

And so bottom line is this:

The Scribes and Pharisees didn't think that the law of God as written in His Word was enough!

THEREFORE THEY WROTE THEIR OWN SET OF ADDITIONAL RULES AND REGULATIONS BASED AROUND THE LAWS AND PRINCIPLES OF GOD'S WORD - AND BEGAN TO ORDER PEOPLE TO LIVE BY THEM!!!!

And so Jesus comes along - and He throws the cat amongst the pigeons!!!
HE ISN'T THERE TO ABIDE BY THE MAN-MADE RULES OF MEN!
HE ISN'T THERE TO FULFIL THEIR MAN-MADE RELIGIOUS LAW AND RELIGIOUS SYSTEM!!!
HE ISN'T THERE TO DO WHAT THEY SAY, AND FOLLOW THEIR OWN PIOUS RULES!!!

He didn't come in any way to fulfil their 'laws' and live by their 'man-made regulations'!!!
HE CAME TO LIVE AND FULFIL AND PERFECT THE LAW OF GOD IN HIS LIFE, HIS ACTIONS AND HIS DEEDS!!!!!!

And so while we see in many cases the Pharisees - resenting the actions of Jesus, and picking faults in his actions, that he is perverting and breaking the Law!!!!

IT WAS NEVER IN RELATION TO THE LAW OF GOD!!!!

IT WAS ONLY EVER IN RELATION - TO THE SCRIBAL LAW - THE ADDITION MAN-MADE RULES, REGULATIONS AND RELIGIOUS STANDARDS OF THE RELIGIOUS LEADERS OF HIS DAY!!!!!!

So it is very ironic in this sense:

The Pharisees saw Jesus as one who was breaking and destroying the law!!!
WHEN IN FACT - THEY WERE DOING IT THEMSELVES!!!

Ironically - it was the Pharisees who where destroying the law! By their traditions, they robbed the people of the Word of God; and by their hypocritical lives, they disobeyed the very law they claimed to protect.

WHEREAS - JESUS CHRIST - AS TOUCHING THE LAW OF GOD - HE WAS BLAMELESS!
He was, is and will forever be - THE PERFECT, SINLESS, BLAMELESS, SPOTLESS SON OF GOD!!!!!!

Even though he many times in the Gospel challenges man's interpretation of the law - namely the Scribes and Pharisees - JESUS NEVER BROKE THE LAW OF GOD!!!

He was perfect - AND HE FULFILLED THE LAW IN PRACTICE!!!
IN THE MANNER IN WHICH HE CONDUCTED HIS LIFE!!!

No-one could find any fault in Him - regarding the law of God!!!

Many tried
All failed
None could find any fault in Him!!!

Spurgeon says it this way:

'To show that he never meant to abrogate the law, our Lord Jesus has embodied all its commands in his own life. In his own person there was a nature which was perfectly conformed to the law of God; and as was his nature such was his life.'

In fact all throughout the Bible - the Scripture attest to the same fact - THAT JESUS CHRIST WAS PERFECT!!!!

a. As God in the flesh - He only ever did that which pleased the Father

Matthew 3:17 - **And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.**

John 4:34 - **Jesus saith unto them, My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work.**

Jesus came to do the will of the Father

He lived His life in perfect obedience and harmony to the will and wants of God the Father - that included obviously - LIVING BY HIS LAW AND KEEPING IT ENTIRELY!!!

b. As God in the flesh - He did what we couldn't - AND LIVE A PERFECT LIFE UNDER THE LAW!

Galatians 4:4 - makes it clear that when Jesus was born - **'he was made under the law'**

AND THEREFORE HE WAS SUBJECT AS GOD IN THE FLESH TO THE DEMANDS AND THE COMMANDS OF THE LAW!!!!

And as the Son of God - touching the law in every point and every command and every instruction - HE WAS PERFECT!!!!

2 Corinthians 5:21 - **For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.**

Hebrews 4:15 - **For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin.**

1 John 3:5 - **And ye know that he was manifested to take away our sins; and in him is no sin.**

1 Peter 2:22 - **Who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth:**

Many people throughout his life testified of His perfection!

There was no-one that could find any fault in Him

Pilate said - **Behold, I bring him forth to you, that ye may know that I find no fault in him.** (John 19:4)

His wife stated - **Have thou nothing to do with that just man:** (Matthew 27:19)

Judas said - **I have sinned in that I have betrayed the innocent blood** (Matthew 27:4)

The dying thief added - **this man hath done nothing amiss.** (Luke 23:41)

The Roman Centurion as he watched all that happened at Calvary said - **Certainly this was a righteous man.** (Luke 23:47)

There was testimony after testimony

Person after person

Verse after verse where people all stated, said and wrote down of the perfection of Jesus

His complete sinlessness

His perfection as touching the law of God - which of course God gave as His standard for living!!

But this is where it gets personal:

HE LIVED THE PERFECT LIFE THAT WE COULD NEVER LIVE!!!!

Which then of course enabled Him to die on the cross sacrificially for all those of us who have broken the law, and are called sinners!!!!

HE DIED IN OUR PLACE
HE PAID OUR PRICE
HE DIED FOR OUR SIN

WE WERE THE LAW-BREAKERS - HE WAS THE ONE WHO DIED
WE WERE THE REBELS - HE WAS THE ONE WHO WAS SACRIFICED
WE WERE THE SPIRITUALLY IMPERFECT ONES WHO HAVE ALL BROKEN GOD'S LAW - YET
JESUS WAS THE ONE WHO CHOOSE TO DIED FOR IT!!!!

Jesus died on the cross, as the only one to ever live a perfect life - TO DEAL WITH OUR SIN!
TO DEAL WITH OUR SHORTCOMINGS TOUCHING THE LAW OF GOD WHICH PROVES TO
US WE ARE SINNERS AND NEED A SAVIOUR!!!
TO DEAL WITH THE PENALTY THAT COMES FROM THE LAW - AND MAKE PAYMENT FOR
US!!!!

So that although we are under the law - the penalty we faced for breaking the law could be dealt with!!!!

We will talk about that a little bit more in our 3rd point as we close out the message.

Simply put as we think about the words of Jesus - IN PRACTICE - HE CAME TO FULFIL THE LAW!

We was the fulfilment of the law in the manner in which he lived His life!

Perfection

Perfect character

Perfect conduct

Perfect in Word and in deed!!!!

IN DEED WE CAN SAY THIS MORNING THAT JESUS CAME AS THE FULFILMENT OF THE
LAW!

But another aspect that we can think of, as we consider v.17 and think about him fulfilling the 'law and prophets' is this:

2. He Fulfilled Them In Picture and Prophecy

Matthew 5:17 - **Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil.**

If you remember earlier - I mentioned that the phrase 'law and prophets' is often used throughout the Bible to speak of 'The Old Testament' - as a whole!

From Genesis to Malachi!

The Bible that they would have had in JESUS day!!!

The Old Testament is referred to by the phrase 'The Law and Prophets'. For example in:

*Matthew 7:12, 11:13, 22:40

*Luke 16:16

*John 1:45, Acts 13:15, Romans 3:21

And so as we think about Jesus statement in Matthew 5:17 where he states that he came to 'fulfil' the 'Law and Prophets' - we can see very clearly that Jesus came to as the fulfilment of the Law in Prophecy and Picture!!!

As we look through the Law and the Prophets

As we look through the pages of the Old Testament we can see an incredible number of pictures and prophecies that all point to one who would come

They point to One that would come and be that Messiah

The Saviour

The Sin Bearer

The Son of God

The Coming King of the Jews

The One Who Would be - 'wounded for our transgressions, bruised for our iniquities, the chastisement of our peace was upon Him; and with His stripes we are healed'

In the verses around it the same passage tells us:

Isaiah 53:4 - Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted.

Isaiah 53:6-7 - All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all. He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth.

That is just one example of one passage written by the Prophets, in this case Isaiah, which speaks of Jesus!!!!

AS WE GO THROUGH THE OLD TESTAMENT - YOU CAN SEE OVER AND OVER AND OVER AGAIN - PICTURES, SHADOWS AND PROPHECIES OF JESUS!!!!

Think about it with me:

a. The trail of Blood and Sacrifice all through the Old Testament for Sin

***The Levitical Offerings** - wave offering, peace offering, trespass offering, burnt offering, sin offering, meal offering

***The Day of Atonement** - when the High Priest would offer up one goat - and shed 'tis blood for the covering of the sins of Israel for that year

In addition he would also then release another goat, known as the scapegoat! He would lay his hands on the goat and confess the sins of the nation before releasing it out by the hand of a strong man, to take the goat outside of the camp and let it go!

An awesome picture of Jesus!

Our scapegoat!

He went outside the camp for us and carried away our sin

All through out the Old Testament there is picture after picture and story and story and sacrifice after sacrifice all of which speak and point us to JESUS! The perfect fulfilment of the law and Prophets!

The pictures they shared

The shadows of sacrifice that found its fulfilment in the sacrifice of Jesus - the perfect sinfulness, permanent sacrifice for the sins of humanity!!!!

Hebrews 10:1-6 - For the law having a shadow of good things to come, and not the very image of the things, can never with those sacrifices which they offered year by year continually make the comers thereunto perfect. For then would they not have ceased to be offered? because that the

worshippers once purged should have had no more conscience of sins. But in those sacrifices there is a remembrance again made of sins every year. For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and of goats should take away sins. Wherefore when he cometh into the world, he saith, Sacrifice and offering thou wouldest not, but a body hast thou prepared me: In burnt offerings and sacrifices for sin thou hast had no pleasure.

Hebrews 10:11-14 - And every priest standeth daily ministering and offering oftentimes the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins: But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God; From henceforth expecting till his enemies be made his footstool. For by one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified.

He was the perfect sacrifice

He was the fulfilment of all those sacrifices throughout the 'Law and Prophets' and what they pictured!!!!

JESUS CAME AS THE FULFILMENT OF THE LAW!!!

We could go on this same theme:

The coats of skin - in Genesis 3 - the first sacrifice for sin

The Passover Lamb - Exodus 12

The Levitical Offerings and the Blood of all the bulls and goats from the time Sin entered into the world until Jesus died!!!

There is a trail of blood that lines the Bible for sin - AND THAT TRAIL ALL POINTS TO JESUS AND LEADS TO JESUS

You see the Bible makes it clear that it is only through the shedding of blood that there is remission for sin!

It was only through sacrifice that someone could deal with sin!

All those Old Testament Offerings, sacrifices, and all the blood of bulls and goats were but temporary!

That is why it happened again and again!

Over and over!

Year after year!

BUT JESUS WAS THE FULFILMENT OF THE LAW AND PROPHETS AND THE PICTURE WE FIND IN ALL THOSE SACRIFICES

His sacrifice was perfect

His sacrifice was permanent

He died once for all

For the sins of entire world

So that everyone can come to know God and know sins forgiven and a relationship with Jesus through what He did for us in dying on that cross!

But in addition to the trail of blood and all the sacrifices and Offerings, throughout the Old Testament we can see pictures of Jesus!

In every page

In every book

In many of the Old Testament stories!

In the New Testament we can clearly see Jesus and others pointing us back to the Old Testament To the law of Moses

To the Prophets!
Saying that in reading them we read of Jesus!!!!

Colossians 2:16-17 - **Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of an holyday, or of the new moon, or of the sabbath days: Which are a shadow of things to come; but the body is of Christ.**

John 5:39 - **Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me.**

John 5:46 - **For had ye believed Moses, ye would have believed me; for he wrote of me.**

Luke 24:27 - **And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, he expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself.**

Luke 24:44 - **And he said unto them, These are the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the psalms, concerning me.**

Jesus makes it very clear - when you read the New Testament - THEY TELL OF HIM, THEY SPEAK OF HIM!

And really the bible is a grand story of 66 books that cohesively come together in which Jesus is the central character!

And he is spoken of

Pictured

Prophesied

Of there is a shadow of who He is in every book!

AND WE SEE THESE SHADOWS AND PICTURES AND PROPHECIES IN THE OLD TESTAMENT - THE LAW AND THE PROPHETS!!!!

But as Jesus said - He has now come to fulfil them!

He came as the fulfilment of them all!

Of all that spoke or hinted of Him

As He came:

The shadows were now very visible clearly seen in Him!

The pictures and prophecies were now Fulfilled and seen clearly in Him!

Let me share must a few for you!

As we look at the Old Testament each of the stories told of a shadow, a hint of the coming Christ! In the New Testament we see the fulfilment of this!

WE COULD GO THROUGH EACH AND EVERY BOOK OF THE BIBLE AND TALK ABOUT WHERE JESUS IS PICTURED IN EACH BOOK BUT FOR TIME'S SAKE LET ME GIVE YOU A FEW:

***The fourth man** in the furnace in Daniel

***He is pictured in Isaac**, the beloved son of Abraham that was to be offered up as a sacrifice

***The Ram caught in the thickets** that took the place of Isaac - Jesus and the Crown of Thorns

***At the burning bush** where God spoke and called Himself - 'I AM' just as Jesus made 6 specific 'I AM' STATEMENTS OF HIS DEITY - PROVING THAT IT WAS THAT SAME JESUS AT THE BURNING BUSH!!!

***Jacob's Ladder** - with the coming down looking as the Son of Man

***The Captain of the Lord of Hosts** that met Joshua before the Battle of Jericho

***The Rock that was struck by Moses** - Just as Jesus was smitten for us

***The Manna from Heaven** - which pictured the one that would come as the bread of life

***The Brazen Serpent** - that was lifted up in the wilderness and all the people had to do was 'look and live' - JUST AS JESUS WAS LIFTED UP ON THE CROSS AND ALL THAT WE MUST DO TO LIVE IS TO LOOK TO JESUS AND BELIEVE ON HIM AND HIS CROSS!!!

THOSE ARE A FEW OF MY FAVOURITES AS WE SEE SHADOWS AND PICTURES AND TYPES OF JESUS ALL THROUGHOUT THE OLD TESTAMENT!!!

That's why I love the bible!

And even as we come to the Old Testament - the whole of the law and the prophets speak of him! They tell of the Christ that would come!!!

We could go on for ages and speak about the JESUS that was spoken of in the law and prophets! ALL THROUGH THE OLD TESTAMENT IT SPEAKS OF HIM - BUT IN HIM COMING - HE CAME AS THE FULFILMENT OF THE LAW AND PROPHETS!!!

In picture

In prophesy

It was all Fulfilled in Him!!!!

All the prophesies that speak of him in the law and prophets - which He came as their fulfilment:

In His Birth

In His Childhood

In His Life

In His Suffering and Death

In His Resurrection

The most familiar passages include Isaiah 53 which we read earlier!!!

AND MANY OF THE PSALMS SUCH AS PSALM 22 WHICH SPEAK PROPHETICALLY ABOUT HIS LIFE AND HIS SUFFERING AND HIS DEATH FOR US!!!

All these pictures and prophesies all throughout the Law and Prophets which find their fulfilment in Jesus!!!

TRULY WHAT HE SAID IT TRUE:

I didn't come to destroy the law and prophets - I CAME TO FULFIL IT!!!

As we close we think lastly of this regarding his fulfilment of the law and prophets:

3. He Fulfilled Them In Payment

And this is the most important one today!!!

As you know Jesus was made under the law as He took on human flesh! He became like us in humanity!

YET AS YOU KNOW AND AS WE MENTIONED PREVIOUSLY - IN HIS DEITY HE WAS PERFECT!!!

But the greatest truth as we think of him fulfilling the law is this:

HE CAME AND FULFILLED THE PAYMENT OF THE LAW!

By the law of God - all humanity is lost

We are all sinners

We are all imperfect

We are all separated from God in our sinful state!!!

And if we are judged by the law - WE ARE ALL GUILTY BEFORE HIM
WE ARE ALL SINNERS

WE ARE ALL HELPLESS AND HOPELESS AND HELL BOUND!

That is a gruesome picture!!!

All throughout the Old Testament it spoke of the one who would come as the Saviour, The Messiah
The one who would deal a death blow to Satan according to Genesis 3:15 and give us a way of
having relationship again with God!!!

And that is what Jesus did!!!

As He died on that cross He satisfied the payment that needed for all those who had broken God's
law!!!

And that is all of us!!!

He made to pay the price for our sin and purchase salvation for us through his sacrifice!!!!

ALL THE BLOOD AND SACRIFICE ALL THROUGH THE OLD TESTAMENT WERE JUST
SHALLOW PICTURES THAT WOULD ULTIMATELY BE FULFILLED IN JESUS AND HIS
SACRIFICE!!!!

And his death on the cross has made a way for all to be saved

For all to be forgiven

For alls sin to be dealt with

For all to know eternal life

To all those who will believe on Him and place their faith and truth in Him!!!!

Galatians 3:13 - **Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for
it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree:**

He has redeemed us

He has paid the price for our salvation

He has made a way back to God

And he is the fulfilment of the payment of the law!!!!

What that means is - through Jesus:

We can know eternal life

We can know salvation

We can know a home in heaven

We can know relationship!

By the law - we are sinners

We are lost

We are helpless

We are hell bound

But Jesus fulfilled the payment needed for those that have broken Gods law!!!!

And now - through Him alone - and through believing on Him - we can be saved

We can be at One with God!

Sins forgiven

And relationship restored!

All thanks to Jesus and His sacrifice!!!!!!

What a Saviour!

I am so thankful for Jesus who came as the fulfilment of the law and prophets in every way!!!
IN PRACTICE - through his perfect life and conduct

IN PICTURE AND PROPHECY - he Fulfilled as that was spoken of Him throughout the Old Testament

IN PAYMENT - He fulfilled the payment that the law ultimately required!!!

What a Saviour !

As we close:

I quote the theologian Carson:

Jesus fulfills the Law and the Prophets and they point to him, and he is their fulfillment." (Carson)

- Jesus **fulfilled** the doctrinal teachings of the **Law** and the **Prophets** in that He brought full revelation.
- Jesus **fulfilled** the predictive prophecy of the **Law** and the **Prophets** in that He is the Promised One, showing the reality behind the shadows.
- Jesus **fulfilled** the moral and legal demands of the **Law** and the **Prophets** in that He fully obeyed them and He reinterpreted them in their truth.
- Jesus **fulfilled** the penalty of the **Law** and the **Prophets** for us by His death on the cross, taking the penalty we deserved

In every sense JESUS cried out to us today:

I AM THE FULFILMENT OF THE LAW!

I explore you today if you don't know Him - believe on the Jesus that is spoken of from Genesis to Revelation!

He paid your price

He died your death

He offers you eternal life

The question is - Will you believe on Him and trust in Him to save you?