

Recap

- **Role of OT Law in Kingdom of God**
 - **Jesus came to fulfill the Law** – to bring to its God-ordained purpose
 - **Jesus expects us to practice the Law** – in a way that exceeds righteousness of scribes/Pharisees

- **3 examples**
 - **Jesus fulfills law by** ‘stepping behind’ it to God’s intention for His people
 - **Our righteousness exceeds Pharisees** by focusing on heart transformation and not behavior modification

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Oaths

- **Oath** – commitment to a person made in the name of God

- **In the Kingdom** – God looking for truthful people (“simply say ‘yes’ or ‘no’”), not people who have to qualify their words/commitments with oaths

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Eye for Eye/ Hate Your Enemies

Law – based on justice; treating others as they deserve

- **Eye for eye** – proportional retribution
- **Love neighbor/hate enemies** – treat others based on how they treat you

Jesus – based on grace; treating others as God treats us (don't resist evil person/love your enemies)

- **This reflects God's character** – give suns/rain to evil and good
- **Marks us as God's children** – everybody treat their own well; not salty

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Eye for Eye/ Hate Your Enemies

Challenge – how to take Jesus seriously even where we can't take Him literally; obedience will cost us

- **Turn the other cheek** – don't give insult for insult
- **Give them your coat** – more than could be legally demanded
- **Go the 2nd mile** – more than required
- **Lend to those who ask** - ???
- **Love your enemies/Pray for those who persecute you** – seek good of those who don't seek your good

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Be Perfect

- **Perfect** – mature, whole, complete
- **Jesus fulfills the Law** – by pointing us towards the ultimate end of the Law/desire of God: that we become like Jesus (Christlikeness)
- **Our righteousness exceeds that of scribes and Pharisees** – by being transformed into the image of Jesus (begins in our hearts) vs managing our behaviors

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