



MATTHEW

The Prophecy Fulfilled

The whole Law



- Tests of: Marriage, money, greatest law...
 - In each case Jesus redefined and corrected
 - “have you not read...”
 - Redirection to LOVE
- Love God, love your neighbor as you love yourself

Jesus asks...



- Vs 42 – “the Christ, whose son is He?”
 - *said – David! A safe answer, for them...
 - “the Lord said to my Lord” Ps 110:1
 - Jehovah – Adonai
 - Enemies laid low... final days...
 - So, Messiah was **ALIVE** and Lord of David...

Jesus responds



- No more questions... they had failed!
- Matt 23 ~ rebuke of the attackers!
- Note: to multitudes and disciples...
 - This was to be a warning to them, not to be like them!
 - Mt. 5:20!
 - How can we do this... not like these!

Intro to rebuke



- Chair of Moses ~ interpreter of his teaching
 - Observe what they tell you ~ teaching
 - But not their deeds!
- If all we leave behind is “theology” we fail!
 - Our lives **MUST** reflect all that Jesus is in us
 - $2+2 = 4$ is not enough! 613 laws will not do it either...

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Man tying tefillin around his arm

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 - External holiness...
- Do we ever do these kinds of things?
 - Places of honor? Titles? Positions?

Reminders:



- Rabbi (great one; my master) - Messiah!!!
 - Relatively new title at the time of Christ
 - "You are all brothers!" ~ power positions!
- Father? Members of the Sanhedrin were called this
 - Only one Father, in Heaven! ...
 - Leaders *kathegetes*, masters... rather, the Christ!

Barnes:



(these commands) “forbid the disciples of Jesus to seek or receive mere empty titles, producing distinctions among themselves, implying authority to control the opinions and conduct of others, and claiming that others should acknowledge them to be superior to them.”

Reminders: (2)



- **Greatest = servant!**
- **If you exalt yourself, you will be humbled...**
- **...humble yourself, you will be exalted**
 - Mt 18:4; Ps 138:6; Isa 57:15; James 4:6; 1 Peter 5:5
 - Why is humility hard?