

Revolutionary Faith:
An Exceptional Faith in a Mediocre World
Matthew 5:17-20

When the last recorded revelation from God in the Old Testament is given (Nehemiah), it is followed by 400 “silent” years.

Those 400 years gave way to a rigid, listless Judaism that would be dominated by the elites of the Hebrew society.

But the Scripture says that God intervened in human history in the fullness of time.
Galatians 4:4

Jesus’ demonstration of a faithful relationship with God the Father was revolutionary in its lifestyle and teachings.

It was so revolutionary that many wanted to “cancel” the entire Old Testament altogether. It is in response to this defective conclusion that Jesus aims a portion of the Sermon on the Mount.

The veracity of the word of God is . . .

- Unmatched
Hebrews 4:12-13
- Unfathomable
Psalm 19:7-10
- Unfailing
Isaiah 40:8

Jesus uses 7 illustrations to teach that the Law and the Prophets cannot be canceled.

- Anger, abuse, and insults are at the heart of murder.
- Lust is a path to sexual disobedience.
- Selfishness is the groundwork for divorce.
- False statements lead to the destruction of deception.
- Unforgiveness and retaliation end in bitterness.
- Loving those who don’t love you is the mark of faith.
- Anonymous generosity is evidence of real relationship with God.

The purpose of the word of God has always been to expose our sinful rebellion and contrast it with God’s glorious perfection. This leads us to His merciful plan of salvation.