

# JOTS, TITTLES, AND IOTAS



**17 “Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. 18 For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is**



accomplished. <sup>19</sup>Therefore whoever relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be



called great in the kingdom of heaven. <sup>20</sup>For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

**Matt. 5:17-20**



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# Moral law



**Moral law**  
**Creation is rooted in the**  
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**Truth, kindness**





**Moral law**  
**Civil law**



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**Civil law**

**Living in a theocratic Israel**



**Moral law**  
**Civil law**  
**Ritual/Ceremonial law**



**Moral law**

**Civil law**

**Ritual/Ceremonial law**

**Oral law/tradition.**



**. . . in vain do they worship me,  
teaching as doctrines the  
commandments of men.**

**Matt. 15:9**



**<sup>8</sup>You leave the commandment of God  
and hold to the tradition of men.**

**<sup>9</sup>And he said to them, “You have a  
fine way of rejecting the  
commandment of God in order  
to establish your tradition!”**

**Mark 7:8-9**



# Why is Jesus so critical of the Pharisees?



**Anger**  
**Lust**  
**Divorce**  
**Oaths**  
**Retaliation**  
**Loving enemies**





**“You have heard it said . . . .”**

**“But I say to you . . . .”**



**18 For truly, I say to you, until  
heaven and earth pass away,  
not an iota, not a dot, will  
pass from the Law until  
all is accomplished.**



**All was accomplished on the  
cross – “it is finished.”  
John 19:30**



**Moral law**

**He was sinless. 1 Pet. 2:22**

**2. Cor. 5:21**



**Ritual/Ceremonial law**  
**He was the perfect High**  
**Priest: Heb. 3:1; 4:14; 5:10;**  
**6:20**



**Ritual/Ceremonial law**  
**He was the perfect lamb**  
**Heb. 9:12, 14; 10:10, 19;**  
**13:12, 20**



**The Prophet foretold by  
Moses – Deut. 18:18;  
Matt. 21:11**



**"You (Pharisees) search the Scriptures (The O.T.) because you think that in them you have eternal life; it is these that testify about Me." John 5:39**





**“... everything written about me  
in the Law of Moses and the  
Prophets and the Psalms must  
be fulfilled.”<sup>45</sup> Then he opened  
their minds to understand the  
Scriptures. Luke 24:44-45**



**the curtain of the temple was  
torn in two, from top  
to bottom.”**

**Matt. 27:51**



**So we don't have to worry  
about the "law" then?**



**Yes and no.**



**48 You, therefore, must be  
perfect, as your  
heavenly Father  
is perfect.**

**Matt. 5:48**

