

## **PULPIT MINISTRY: OCTOBER 2015**

Theme: **“Filled with the Fullness of God” (Ephesians 3:19)**

### **EVENING WORSHIP**

**4 October 2015**

Text: **Matthew 5:1-20**

Title: **I Did Not Come to Destroy But to Fulfill**

### **THE EXAMPLE OF JESUS IN FULFILLING THE SCRIPTURE**

*“Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy but to fulfill.” Matthew 5:17*

1. The Lord Jesus is the best example

- a) There is no greater example of one fulfilling the Scriptures
- b) He had fullness of understanding to fulfill the Scriptures

2. He came to fulfill all of Scripture

- a) “Fulfill” means to obey in fullness
  - i) Internally
  - ii) Externally
- b) Jesus was obedient to all of Scripture
- c) All of that which was written about Him, He obeyed as God’s will for Him

3. He did not come to destroy

- a) There were those who came to destroy (eg. Pharisees)
  - i) By distorting the Scriptures
  - ii) By adding to the Lord’s Word, like traditions
- b) Jesus did not come to destroy the Law and the Prophets
  - i) He wanted to allay the fears of the people
  - ii) He could not destroy the Scriptures

## REASONS FOR JESUS BEING A GREAT EXAMPLE OF FULFILING THE SCRIPTURE

### 1. He had a high sense of purpose

- a) He came into this world with a great sense of purpose
- b) This purpose was what He was sent to do by His Father
- c) His sense of purpose drove Him to fulfill the Scriptures
- d) His whole life was to fulfill this purpose

### 2. He had a high regard for His Father and the Scriptures

#### a) For His Father

- i) There was a close relationship between Father and Son
- ii) All that He had said, Jesus would do.

#### b. For all of Scripture

##### i) As a whole

*“The Law or the Prophets” Matthew 5:17*

##### ii) Every little letter or stroke

*“For assuredly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, one jot or one tittle will by no means pass from the law till all is fulfilled.” Matthew 5:18*

##### iii) Every part of the Scripture is important

##### iv) God meant for all of His Scripture to be fulfilled

##### v) Jesus fulfilled the Scriptures due to His high regard for His Father

## PRACTICAL STEPS TO FULFILLING THE SCRIPTURE

### 1. Read the Scriptures

- a) Morning and evening
- b) Giving due regard for the Scriptures each day

## 2. Understand the Scriptures

- a) Seek wisdom to understand
- b) Develop greater fullness of understanding

## 3. Practise the Scriptures

- a) In life and ministry
- b) With a great sense of purpose