

## **SUNDAY SCHOOL (COMBINED)**

**7 February 2016**

**Text: Matthew 5:17-20**

### **VITAL INTRODUCTORY THEOLOGICAL STATEMENTS**

1. They were meant to allay fears
2. They were meant to introduce the Lord Jesus Christ
  - a) The Person He is
  - b) The things He stands for
  - c) The theology He taught

### **MINISTRY TO ISRAEL**

1. The Multitudes
  - a) They did not really know Him
  - b) They were drawn to Him
    - i) He had power to heal
    - ii) He spoke with great authority
2. The Opponents
  - a) The Scribes
  - b) The Pharisees
  - c) The Sadducees
  - d) The Herodians
  - e) The Zealots (strong nationalistic spirit)
3. An open declaration
  - a) To overcome false notion  
That He had come to destroy the Law and the Prophets

**Matthew 5:17-18**

- b) He had come to fulfil the Law and the Prophets

#### 4. The Law and the Prophets

- a) A reference to the Holy Scriptures
- b) These were the foundations of Israel's religious faith
- c) The Scriptures were held in great esteem by all

#### 5. A basic understanding of the Law and the Prophets

Matthew 5:19

- a) Jot and tittle cannot pass away
- b) Two tangents: -
  - i) Whoever breaks the least of the commandments – he shall be the least
  - ii) Whoever does and teaches the commandments – he shall be great

#### 6. True righteousness

- a) The righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees      Matthew 5:20
- b) True righteousness must exceed theirs      Matthew 5:20

#### 7. Entrance to the Kingdom of heaven

Matthew 5:20

- a) Imputed righteousness
- b) Personal righteousness
- c) Faith in the Lord Jesus
- d) Proven faith in life