## THE ROYAL BOOK TWO: LOYALTY, Ch 3 Matthew 5:17 (Old Testament Law) Pastor Miles McPherson – July 25, 2010



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Read: Matthew 5:17

Genre: Old Testament Law (read it like laws... laying the foundation for Christ)

**Setting:** Place – Galilee Time – AD 30

**Key People:** Author – Matthew Audience – Jewish believers

**Drama:** Jewish believers needing to be convinced that Jesus is the Messiah, which was predicted in the Old Testament.

**Discovery:** God informed Israel that obedience to His covenant is how they are to become His own special people.



**READ** (Exodus 19:6-7, 24:7, Matthew 5:17) **Discovery: Jesus came, not to destroy Old Testament law but to the law.** 

**REFLECT** - There is an eternal divine intent behind every law that is unchanging. **RESPOND** - Always apply the 'spirit' of the Law to your life.

• Fulfilling the law means that Jesus satisfied the requirements of the law and fully explained their spiritual meaning.



**READ** {Galatians 3:23-25, Romans 5:18-21} **Discovery: Old Testament law reveals** sin, but \_\_\_\_\_\_ death satisfied the penalty of sin.

**REFLECT** - Your sin cannot be removed by any human or religious effort.

**RESPOND** - Stop trying to justify yourself and receive the righteousness that comes by faith in Jesus.

 Old Testament religious holidays were yearly events that pointed to a future spiritual event fulfilled by Jesus.

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**READ** {Leviticus 17:11, Hebrews 9:11-15, 22} **Discovery: Old Testament law requires** a blood sacrifice so Jesus His blood.

**REFLECT** - Religious ceremony cannot cleanse my sin.

**RESPOND** - I need to apply the cleansing power of the blood of Christ.

 Old Testament offerings and sacrifices reminded Israel of the cost of approaching and walking with God.



**REFLECT** - Jesus provides complete access to God for you as an individual.

**RESPOND** - Approach God, by faith, in Jesus' name with confidence He will accept you. Hebrews 4:16


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"But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood" 1 Peter 2:9-10

Using the guidelines below, here is a daily Bible text for Loyalty (Old Testament Law) for you to READ. REFLECT and RESPOND.

 MON – Exodus 25:1-9, Acts 7:44-50,
 THU – Leviticus 16, Hebrews 9:1-10:25

 1 Corinthians 6:18-20, Hebrews 9:1-15
 FRI – Leviticus 11, Acts 10:1-11:18

TUE – Leviticus 8-9, Hebrews 7 SAT – Numbers 9:2-12, 1 Corinthians 5:7

WED – Leviticus 17:11, Hebrews 9:11-15, 10:1-18 SUN – Number 28:26-31, Acts 2

► HINT: When reading this week's devotional, apply the rules that are in **bold**.



**Read** and discover what God communicated to the people *then*.

- 1. Identify which of the three relationships the law is giving the Israelites guidance on: **relationship with God**, relationship with fellow Israelites and/or relationship with Gentiles?
- 2. Identify which of the three categories of the law is being taught: Religious Rituals, Ethical, Civil.

Discovery – Ask what attitudes and/or behaviors the laws were teaching the Israelites to be loyal to. God's people were required to be loyal to the letter and Spirit of the law (*The Letter of the Law is the 'word for word' application. The Spirit of the Law represents the 'heart of God' behind the law*).



**Reflect**, pray and determine what is God communicating to us *now*.

- 1. Apply the letter and the Spirit of the Old Testament law if it is repeated and/or reinforced in New Testament.
- 2. Apply only the Spirit of the Old Testament law if it is fulfilled in the New Testament. Ask: What does the law reveal about the 'heart of God?' What attitude or behavior are the laws teaching you to be loyal to? Write three sentences to describe your answers.



## **Respond** and do something!

Do something by praying and deciding what God wants to do in and through you in the future. Identify the steps of faith you need to take in order to facilitate God's promises. What am I going to do to apply my faith to be more loyal to who God wants me to be? Is there sin to repent of? Is there someone you need to forgive, serve or speak to?

Further applications – Write 3 sentences on how you will apply this your everyday life.

**Devotional necessities:** A Bible, pen or pencil, notebook or journal, a quiet place, a regular time, a prayerful heart of faith

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{Old Testament Law are guidelines for discipline and personal holiness}

GENRE – Old Testament Law (read it like laws)

READING RULES – While reading the text identify:

- 1. Which of the three relationships the law is giving the Israelites guidance on; relationship with God, relationship with fellow Israelites and/or relationship with Gentiles?
- 2. Identify which of the three categories of the law is being taught:
- a. Religious Rituals laws that only apply in Spirit
- b. Ethical Law laws that apply in Spirit and Letter
- c. Civil Law laws that only apply in Spirit

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