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## SCRIPTURES

- Matthew 5
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## ON COLLISION COURSE!

- Inertia
- Momentum
- Reaction
- Collision

*If I say “Law,” you most likely recoil. Humans don’t really like rules and regulations and laws. Let’s be honest, it’s much more instinctual to do what we want, to satisfy our own thoughts and desires, without being restricted and constricted by a set of parameters. Nobody wants to be told what to do, at least not naturally. It’s something we must grow into, before we can become good at it, if ever.*

*And to further complicate the matter, as Christians, we have been taught, for the better part of two thousand years, that Christ fulfilled all the requirements of the Law, thus relieving us of our obligation to be bothered with such legalism. In other words, the burden of obeying rules and regulations is covered by the blood of*

*Jesus, and we are freed from any concern we might have about adhering to those outdated laws.*

*Furthermore, as a free religious people, we have engaged in every type of mental gymnastics to reconcile a few dozen verses in the Bible, to insure this “freed from the Law” theology would be propagated all throughout Christian history, and its now tens of thousands of denominations. Here is the slogan which best unites nearly all Christian brands: “Grace good; Law bad!”*

*And yet, if we peek just below the surface of this religion-wide theological treatise, we find it is built on very shaky ground, loose soil at best, and quicksand at worst. Disturb the ground a little and the whole house of cards crumbles, and fairly easily at that! Keep fighting and struggling to defend it, and you will be swallowed up in the soupy sand all around you. And still, Christians everywhere argue passionately to find loopholes to God’s commands, at every turn. I call it “Loophole Christianity.”*

*I often ask, “Why are you so intent on finding creative ways to not obey God? Why are you wrestling to figure out reasons to avoid doing what God requires? Was not Y’shua’s sacrifice enough to make you want to obey God, no matter what He asks of you? Why do you believe God’s desire was to free you from the requirement to obey a handful of Biblical laws after you were born-again, when every other law in the universe that God created still applies to*

*you?" If you don't think so, just toss yourself off a cliff and see what happens!*

*It's really nuts; the one people group on the planet who should be racing to do whatever God asks, no matter what, is the same people group who fight and argue and search for every excuse to avoid doing so. Oh, we are very happy to comply with all sorts of other requirements, the ones our man-made denominations uploaded to the new-and-improved version of Christianity, But, obey the Laws of God, that's legalism!*

*We are not going to dismantle every poorly parsed verse in the New Testament in this study, no. What we will do is recognize this. Y'shua made the standards much harder than any set of Laws written down by Moses. He has set our human nature on a collision course with the Kingdom of Heaven. Another way to look at it is this; He requires us to do every sort of thing that is the exact opposite of our human instincts. No, He did not, could not, change His Father's commands; but He did do two things. He revealed what were the deeper and even more difficult requirements of His Father's Laws, and then He empowered us to obey them! In other words, the cliff is much higher than you ever imagined, and when you fall off, He provides wings, and if your wings fail, a parachute. Oh, and it does not end there. After you hit bottom, you get free transport back to the top of the cliff, so you can try, try again.*

## PROPHETIC SEED:

“Blessed are those who are **persecuted for righteousness’** sake, For theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when they **revile and persecute you**, and **say all kinds of evil against you falsely** for My sake. **Rejoice and be exceedingly glad**, for great is your reward in heaven, for so they **persecuted the prophets** who were before you.” Matthew 5:10-12 NKJV

“You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ But I say to you, **love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you...**” Matthew 5:43-44 NKJV

## PROPHETIC FRUIT:

“For when we were still without strength, in due time **Christ died for the ungodly**. For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet perhaps for a good man someone would even dare to die. **But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us**. Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, **we shall be saved from wrath** through Him. For if when we were enemies **we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life**.” Romans 5:6-10 NKJV

# Let's Set the Scene: Portion in a blurb

## Introduction

Last week in [Time Never Fails](#) we introduced one of the most prophetically important characters in the Bible, John the Baptizer, a person and ministry we will revisit often throughout our study of Matthew. We saw John as the necessary forerunner of Christ and we drew from information found in the other Gospels to make the magnitude of his ministry explode in your mind. He came in the spirit and power of Elijah to prepare a way for the Lord in the wilderness. A forerunner was needed then and will be needed again before Christ comes a second time.

John baptized Y'shua to fulfill all righteousness and off into the wilderness Christ went to face forty days of satanic temptation, as necessary preparation. Y'shua emerged from the wilderness and launched into His public ministry with the same message John used to introduce Him; *"Repent, the kingdom of heaven is at hand!"* Y'shua then selected the first four disciples of His eventual twelve, and the healing began!

This week we begin our three-week journey through the Sermon on the Mount. It is the first of Y'shua's public sermons and is the backbone of His ministry. It spans three chapters in Matthew and is filled with ideas and concepts, each on their own worthy of a

full blown sermon. But, when pieced together we might even say it defines Christianity itself.

Let me remind you specifically of our introduction to the Gospel of Matthew. Just as the Torah has five books, Matthew assembled his Gospel into five separate discourses. Each of those five discourses relates to one of the five books of the Moses, in successive order. Each discourse is marked, as it comes to a close in similar fashion, “when Jesus had finished...”

The first of Matthew’s discourses is the Sermon on the Mount in Matthew 5–7. It presents the central tenets of who and what is a Christian, just as Genesis is the first book and presents the central tenets of who and what is mankind. And Just as this sermon is an invitation into the “Kingdom of Heaven” (God’s kingdom), Genesis is and invitation to live in God’s garden. The sermon comes to a close in Matthew 7:28-29 with these words... *“And so it was, **when Jesus had ended these sayings**, that the people were astonished at His teaching, for He taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes.”*

The Sermon on the Mount turns the world upside down as, in many ways, it reveals that the heart of God is indeed the exact opposite of human instinct. We might even see this sermon as a miniature, ultra concentrated, depiction of the entire Torah. I don’t say this to minimize the Torah, but rather to help you realize that

the Sermon on the Mount actually infuses the Torah with grace, the supernatural power of God that inspires, motivates and enables you to actually obey the Torah. It's like the Case Law decided on in the Courts of Heaven that then teaches us how to apply God's laws here on earth and makes them applicable in our everyday lives.

## **Matthew 5**

### **The Beatitudes**

1. He went up on a mountain, and when He was seated His disciples came to Him. (II Sam. 7???)
  - (a) Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
  - (b) Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.
  - (c) Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.
  - (d) Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be filled.
  - (e) Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy.
  - (f) Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.
  - (g) Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.
  - (h) Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

- (i) Blessed are you when they revile and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for My sake. Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

## **Salt and Light**

- 2. We are commanded to stay salty because salt that loses its properties is useless.
- 3. We are called to be the light, and commanded not to hide it, but instead to shine for the whole world to see.

## **The Law** (See: [Pick a Vowel](#))

- 4. Y'shua clarifies that He did not come to override the Law or the Prophets, but instead came to fully demonstrate what they really mean and how to truly abide in them.
- 5. Note: the Kingdom of Heaven equates to Christlikeness
  - (a) If you violate God's laws and teach others to so, you will never become like Christ.
  - (b) But, if you obey them and teach to obey, you will be more like Christ.
  - (c) Your understanding that righteousness comes through Christ will put you far ahead of those trapped in sclerotic religious behaviors. Those characters will never be like Christ.



## **You have heard that it was said...**

### **The Heart—Murder**

6. You have heard that it was said... You shall not murder, but Y'shua teaches us that anger, hatred, hurting others with your tongue is like murder.
7. Reconcile yourself with your brother before you bring offerings to God.
8. Agree with your adversary before the conflict escalates into a truly regrettable situation

### **The Heart—Adultery**

9. You have heard that it was said... You shall not commit adultery, but Y'shua teaches us that lust is also adultery.
10. You are better off removing from your life anything that makes sin convenient, rather than deal with the constant temptation and consequences of sin.

### **Marriage**

11. Divorce is a terrible option and remarriage after divorce carries a risk of committing adultery, except when divorce was caused by sexual immorality. (Note: Believers who are divorced by unbelievers are excepted from this rule.)

### **Oaths**

12. You have heard that it was said... You shall not swear falsely, but shall perform your oaths to the Lord, but Y'shua teaches us that

every oath must be kept as if sworn on God's name. You cannot leave God out of it by thinking you can swear on anything else, this giving you any wiggle room to renege on your word.

13. Please see [Vows and Vanity](#) & [Above All!](#)

### **Go the Second Mile**

14. You have heard that it was said... An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth, but Y'shua teaches us that if someone wants to take from you, don't resist; peacefully give it to them, even offer them more than they wish to take.

### **Love Your Enemies**

15. You have heard that it was said... You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy, but Y'shua teaches us to love our enemies.

16. We should bless those who curse us, do good to those who hate us, and pray for those who spitefully use us and persecute us!

17. It's easy to love those who we get along with; there is not credit for that. But, to love those who hurt us, that is really where true love thrives.

18. Therefore you shall be perfect, just as your Father in heaven is perfect." Matthew 5:43-48 NKJV

## LAWS OF MOTION

### 1. Inertia—Momentum—Reaction—Collision

#### A. Newton's Laws of Motion and God's Word

##### (1) Law #1

##### (a) External Force (Inertia)

1. An object at rest remains at rest, or if in motion, it remains in motion at a constant speed and in a straight line, unless compelled to change its state by the action of an external force.
2. The tendency to resist changes in a state of motion is called inertia.
3. If all the **external forces** cancel each other out, then there is no net force acting on the object.
4. If there is no net force acting on the object, then the object will maintain at a constant velocity.
5. **Question:** Are remaining at a constant velocity?

##### (b) Biblical Force (or Inertia)

1. "You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. **Let your light so shine before men,** that they may see your good works

and glorify your Father in heaven.” Matthew 5:14-16

NKJV

- a) Let your light shine...
- b) Exert an external force...
- c) Change speeds...
- d) **Question:** Are you hiding your faith or is it exposed and effective?

(2) Law #2:

(a) Law of Mass and Acceleration (Momentum)

- 1. The acceleration of an object depends on the mass of the object and the amount of force applied.
- 2. Momentum is defined as the mass of an object times its velocity.
- 3. Acceleration is equal to change in momentum (mass times velocity) per change in time.
- 4. **Question:** In which direction are you moving?

(b) Biblical Mass and Acceleration (Momentum)

- 1. “Whoever therefore **breaks** one of the least of these commandments, and **teaches** men so, shall be called **least** in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever **does** and **teaches** them, he shall be called **great** in the kingdom of heaven.” Matthew 5:19 NKJV

- a) Choose least or great in the Kingdom...

- b) **Question:** How much (and what type) of your energy is invested in God?
- c) How much effort are you making to establish God's Kingdom on earth?
- d) What forces are you applying?
- e) What are you doing?
- f) What are you teaching?

(3) Law #3

(a) Action and Reaction (Collision)

- 1. The first two laws of motion refer to single bodies.
- 2. The third law is not really a law of motion, but a law of forces. Forces result from interactions of the two objects.
- 3. For every **action** (force) in nature there is an equal and opposite **reaction**.
- 4. Whenever one object exerts a force on another object, the second object exerts an **equal and opposite** force on the first object.
- 5. **Question:** What is your normal response to conflict?

(b) Biblical Action and Reaction (Collision)

- 1. "You have heard that it was said, 'An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.' **But I tell you not to resist an evil person. But whoever slaps you on your right**

**cheek, turn the other** to him also.” Matthew 5:38-39  
NKJV

2. “You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ But I say to you, **love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you,**” Matthew 5:43-44 NKJV

- a) **Question:** What is your normal response to conflict?
- b) What forces will apply to those who...
  - 1) ...harm you?
  - 2) ...curse you?
  - 3) ...hate you?
  - 4) ...use you?
  - 5) ...persecute you?

## **B. A Collision Course: Equal and Opposite Forces**

- (1) You are on a collision course with the Kingdom of Heaven!

(a) Collision

1. An instance of one moving object or person striking violently against another.

(b) On Collision Course

1. Going in a direction that will lead to a collision with another moving object or person.
2. Moving so as to crash into each other if one or the other does not change direction.
3. Synonyms: dangerous, jeopardous, hazardous, perilous, risky.

(2) To Enter the Kingdom...

(a) Collisions are necessary!

1. "These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. **In the world you will have tribulation**; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world." John 16:33 NKJV
2. "Then Jews from Antioch and Iconium came there; and having persuaded the multitudes, **they stoned Paul and dragged him out of the city, supposing him to be dead**. However, when the disciples gathered around him, he rose up and **went into the city**. And the next day he departed with Barnabas to Derbe. And **when they had preached the gospel to that city** and made many disciples, they returned to Lystra, Iconium, and Antioch, strengthening the souls of the disciples, exhorting them to continue in the faith, and saying, **"We must through many tribulations enter**

**the kingdom of God** *[to become like Christ]."* Acts  
14:19-22 NKJV

- a) You will have trials!
- b) Some of them will be violent!
- c) They are a requirement in Kingdom training!
- d) **Question:** Are you on collision course with the Kingdom of Heaven?

## INERTIA

### 2. Get Moving—you can't stay still

#### A. External Forces

(1) Law #1: Choose your speed!

(a) External Force (Inertia)

1. An object at rest remains at rest, or if in motion, it remains in motion at a constant speed and in a straight line, **unless compelled to change its state by the action of an external force.**
2. The tendency to resist changes in a state of motion is called inertia.
3. If all the **external forces** cancel each other out, then there is no net force acting on the object.
4. If there is no net force acting on the object, then the object will maintain at a constant velocity.



5. **Question:** Are remaining at a constant velocity?

**B. The Beatitudes**

(1) Get in motion!

(a) Blessed are those who change state because **this external force** acts on them!

1. “And seeing the multitudes, He went up on a mountain, and when He was seated His disciples came to Him. Then He opened His mouth and taught them, saying: “**Blessed are the poor in spirit**, For theirs is the kingdom of heaven. **Blessed are those who mourn**, For they shall be comforted. **Blessed are the meek**, For they shall inherit the earth. **Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness**, For they shall be filled. **Blessed are the merciful**, For they shall obtain mercy. **Blessed are the pure in heart**, For they shall see God. **Blessed are the peacemakers**, For they shall be called sons of God. **Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake**, For theirs is the kingdom of heaven. “**Blessed are you when they revile and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely** for My sake. Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in

heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.” Matthew 5:1-12 NKJV

2. Because you are moving in the Holy Spirit...
  - a) Blessed are the poor in spirit...
  - b) Blessed are those who mourn...
  - c) Blessed are the meek...
  - d) Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness...
  - e) Blessed are the merciful...
  - f) Blessed are the pure in heart...
  - g) Blessed are the peacemakers...
  - h) Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake...
  - i) Blessed are you when they revile and persecute you, and say all kinds of false evil things about you for Y'shua's sake...

### C. Salt and Light

(1) Inertia—feed the fire!

(a) Let your light shine...

1. **“You are the salt of the earth;** but if the **salt loses its flavor**, how shall it be seasoned? It is then good for nothing but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot by men. **“You are the light of the world.** A city that is

set on a hill **cannot be hidden**. Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. **Let your light so shine before men, that they may see** your good works **and glorify your Father** in heaven.”

Matthew 5:13-16 NKJV

- a) Start somewhere, you can't remain still!
- b) Get the fire burning...
- c) Then feed the fire...
- d) Don't let it go out...
- e) Resist every outside force that attempts to slow your velocity!
- f) **Question:** Are you hiding your faith or is it exposed and effective?

#### **D. Move it or Loose it!**

(1) If you do not exercise your faith, you have NO faith!

(a) You show me your faith...

1. “But **be doers of the word, and not hearers only**, deceiving yourselves. For **if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer**, he is like a man **observing his natural face in a mirror**; for he observes himself, goes away, and immediately **forgets** what kind of man he was. But **he who looks into the perfect law**

**of liberty and continues in it, and is not a forgetful hearer but a doer** of the work, this one will be blessed **in what he does.**" James 1:22-25 NKJV

- a) You are deceived if there is no velocity to your faith (the force that breaks the inertia).
- b) Those without movement are blind.
- c) Blessed or those moving in their faith with some speed!

(2) Show your faith by your works...

(a) Your faith is dead without works...

1. **"What does it profit**, my brethren, if someone says he has **faith but does not have works**? Can faith save him? **If a brother or sister** is naked and destitute of daily food, and one of you says to them, "Depart in peace, be warmed and filled," but you do not give them the things which are needed for the body, what does it profit? {17} **Thus also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.** {18} **But someone will say, "You have faith, and I have works." Show me your faith without your works, and I will show you my faith by my works.** You believe that there is one God. You do well. **Even the demons believe**—and tremble! But do you want to know, O foolish man, that **faith**

**without works is dead?** Was not Abraham our father justified by works when he offered Isaac his son on the altar? Do you see that faith was working together with his works, and **by works faith was made perfect?** And the Scripture was fulfilled which says, "Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness." And he was called the friend of God. {24 **You see then that a man is justified by works, and not by faith only.**" James 2:14-24 NKJV

- a) The tendency to resist changes in a state of motion is called inertia.
- b) If all the **external forces** cancel each other out, then there is no net force acting on the object and the object will maintain at a constant velocity.
- c) Change: adding works to your faith!
- d) Inertia: no change because external forces overpower faith and prevent works!
- e) Faith without works is dead (inertia).
- f) Faith with works is perfected (accelerating velocity).
- g) **Question:** Are you hiding your faith or is it exposed and effective?

## MOMENTUM

### 3. Substance and Movement

#### A. Add Energy

(1) Law #2: Pick a direction!

(a) Law of Mass and Acceleration (Momentum)

1. The acceleration of an object depends on the mass of the object and the amount of force applied.
2. Momentum is the mass of an object times its velocity.
3. Acceleration is the change in momentum (mass times velocity) per change in time.
4. **Question:** In which direction are you moving?

#### B. Acceleration (momentum)

(1) How much of yourself are you willing use, how much energy you will invest, and into what will you invest it?

(a) The Law—Will you be great or least?

1. ““Do not think that I came to **destroy** the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to **destroy** but to **fulfill**. 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. Whoever therefore **breaks** one of the least of these commandments, and **teaches** men so, shall be called **least** in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever **does** and **teaches** them, he

shall be called **great** in the kingdom of heaven. For I say to you, that unless your righteousness exceeds the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven.” Matthew 5:17-20 NKJV

- a) Don’t change a single letter of His law...
- b) He did not come to change it, but to fully demonstrate it so we can, by His righteousness, walk in it!!
- c) See the section called “Jots, Tittles, Yods & Iotas” in [Pick a Vowel](#) for a detailed teaching.
- d) **Question:** How much (and what type) of your energy is invested in God?

(2) Words matter and meaning matter more

(a) Abolish and Fulfill

- 1. Did not come to **destroy** (**Greek:** katalysai)
  - a) Abolish, to loosen down, i.e. to demolish; specially to **halt** for the night
  - b) Root: (kataluó) to destroy, overthrow, tear down
- 2. Did come to **fulfill** (**Greek:** plērōsai)
  - a) to make replete, to cram, execute, verify...

- b) Root: (pléroó) to make full, to complete, accomplish, amply supply, fully carry, **fully preach!**

### C. Apologetics

- (1) ...reasoned arguments or writings in justification of something, typically a theory or religious doctrine.
  - (a) Physical and Natural Laws govern Christians and non-Christians alike! “...for He makes His sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain **on the just and on the unjust.**” Matthew 5:45 NKJV
- 1. **Gravity:** This keeps your feet on the ground.
  - a) ...the force that attracts a body toward the center of the earth, or toward any other physical body having mass.
  - b) ...the degree of intensity is measured by acceleration.
- 2. **Lift:** This keeps an airplane in the air.
  - a) ...an upward force that counteracts the force of gravity, produced by changing the direction and speed of a moving stream of air.
- 3. **Surface Tension:** This keeps a ship from sinking.



- a) ...the property of the surface of a liquid that allows it to resist an external force, due to the cohesive nature of its molecules.
- b) ...the tension of the surface film of a liquid caused by the attraction of the particles in the surface layer.
- c) ...tends to minimize the surface area of liquids.
- d) ...allows objects with a higher density than water to float.

#### **D. Apologetics for...Y'shua's stance on the Law**

(1) *"Y'shua did not come to loosen or halt the law, but to fully preach it."*

(a) If you believed Moses...

1. But I have a greater witness than John's; **for the works which the Father has given Me to finish—the very works that I do—bear witness of Me**, that the Father has sent Me. And the Father Himself, who sent Me, has testified of Me. You have neither heard His voice at any time, nor seen His form. **But you do not have His word abiding in you, because whom He sent, Him you do not believe. You search the Scriptures, for in them you think you have eternal life; and these are they which testify of Me.** But you are not

willing to come to Me that you may have life.” John 5:36-40 NKJV

- a) The Father gave Y’shua certain works to finish.
  - b) You have misconstrued what that work is because you do not believe the One whom the Father sent.
  - c) You search the Scriptures (Old Testament) for answers and all you will find is that they testify of Y’shua and the work He came to do!
  - d) *“Y’shua did not come to loosen or halt the law, but to fully preach it.”*
2. *““I do not receive honor from men. But I know you, that you do not have the love of God in you. **I have come in My Father’s name, and you do not receive Me;** if another comes in his own name, him you will receive. **How can you believe, who receive honor from one another, and do not seek the honor that comes from the only God?**”* John 5:41-44 NKJV
- a) Y’shua came in the Father’s name to testify of what is in the Scriptures (Old Testament), but you’d rather believe what someone else says.
  - b) *“Y’shua did not come to loosen or halt the law, but to fully preach it.”*

3. “Do not think that I shall accuse you to the Father; **there is one who accuses you—Moses**, in whom you trust. **For if you believed Moses, you would believe Me; for he wrote about Me. But if you do not believe his writings, how will you believe My words?”**” John 5:45-47 NKJV

- a) In the end there is one thing that will prove your guilt...
- b) You did not follow what Moses wrote in the Scriptures (Old Testament), and all along he was writing about Y’shua.
- c) And because you don’t follow Moses’ words, you can’t possibly follow Y’shua’s teachings!
- d) *“Y’shua did not come to loosen or halt the law, but to fully preach it.”*

(2) I did not come with my own doctrine...

(a) Controversy and conflicts about his legitimacy

- 1. “But when His brothers had gone up, then He also went up to the feast, not openly, but as it were in secret. **Then the Jews sought Him at the feast**, and said, “Where is He?” **And there was much complaining among the people concerning Him. Some said, “He is good”; others said, “No, on the**

**contrary, He deceives the people.”** However, no one spoke openly of Him for fear of the Jews.” John 7:10-13 NKJV

- a) Is He good or not?
  - b) How will we know?
2. “Now about the middle of the feast **Jesus went up into the temple and taught. And the Jews marveled, saying, “How does this Man know letters, having never studied?”**” John 7:14-15 NKJV
- a) He went into the Temple and taught the Torah and the prophets, even though He was not a formally trained rabbi.
  - b) What was He teaching?
  - c) *“Y’shua did not come to loosen or halt the law, but to fully preach it.”*
3. “Jesus answered them and said, **“My doctrine is not Mine, but His who sent Me.** If anyone wills to do His will, **he shall know concerning the doctrine, whether it is from God or whether I speak on My own authority.** He who speaks from himself seeks his own glory; but He who seeks the glory of the One who sent Him is true, and no unrighteousness is in Him. **Did not Moses give you the law,** yet none of you

keeps the law? Why do you seek to kill Me?" John 7:16-19 NKJV

- a) How does this Man know letters, having never studied?
- b) Y'shua was teaching directly from the Law and the Prophets (the doctrine of His Father).
- c) He was not speaking of His own doctrine, but instead, he was teaching the Law of Moses correctly.
- d) *"Y'shua did not come to loosen or halt the law, but to fully preach it."*

**E. Apologetics for...When one Law is in conflict with another**

(1) Knowing the heart of God...

(a) Sabbath vs. Circumcision

1. "The people answered and said, "You have a demon. Who is seeking to kill You?" Jesus answered and said to them, **"I did one work, and you all marvel. Moses therefore gave you circumcision [Leviticus 12:3] (not that it is from Moses, but from the fathers), and you circumcise a man on the Sabbath [Exodus 20:8]. If a man receives circumcision on the Sabbath, so that the law of Moses should not be broken, are you angry with Me because I made a man completely**

**well on the Sabbath?** Do not judge according to appearance, but judge with righteous judgment.””

John 7:20-24 NKJV

2. This is an essential clarification about the Law.

Y’shua’s emphasis on priorities was not an annulment of the law, but instead the proper application of the Law.

a) “And on the eighth day the flesh of his foreskin

**shall be circumcised.**” Leviticus 12:3 NKJV

b) “Remember the Sabbath day, to **keep it holy.**”

Exodus 20:8 NKJV

3. Choose

a) When one Law is in conflict with another, you must discern the heart of God on the matter.

b) In other words, when keeping one command will cause you to break another, you must choose which one is the “priority in the moment.”

c) When doing so, it is as if you are not breaking the command that you chose to violate, because you chose to honor the higher command in the moment.

d) The opportunity to keep the Sabbath is EVERY WEEK, the opportunity to circumcise on the eighth day is ONE TIME!

e) What would you do?

(b) Showbread and Temple Service

1. "At that time Jesus went through the grainfields on the Sabbath. And His disciples were hungry, and began to pluck heads of grain and to eat. And when the Pharisees saw it, they said to Him, "Look, Your disciples are doing what is not lawful to do on the Sabbath!" But He said to them, "**Have you not read what David did when he was hungry, he and those who were with him: how he entered the house of God and ate the showbread [1 Samuel 21:1-6] which was not lawful for him to eat [Leviticus 24:5-9], nor for those who were with him, but only for the priests? Or have you not read in the law that on the Sabbath the priests in the temple profane the Sabbath, and are blameless? [Numbers 28:9-10]** Yet I say to you that **in this place there is One greater than the temple.** But if you had known what this means, '**I desire mercy and not sacrifice,**' [Hosea 6:6] you would not have condemned the guiltless. For the Son

**of Man is Lord even of the Sabbath.”” Matthew**  
12:1-8 NKJV

2. Perfect Example: David and the Showbread

a) David and his men have not eaten. Do you eat from the showbread meant only for the priests or do you let you men suffer?

1) **“So the priest gave him holy bread; for there was no bread there but the showbread** which had been **taken from before the Lord**, in order to put hot bread in its place on the day when it was taken away.” I Samuel 21:6 NKJV

b) The bread was replaced every Sabbath with fresh bread and only the priests were permitted to eat it!

1) **““And you shall take fine flour and bake twelve cakes** with it. Two-tenths of an ephah shall be in each cake. You shall **set them** in two rows, six in a row, on the pure gold **table before the Lord**. And you shall put pure frankincense on each row, that it may be on the bread for a memorial, an offering made by fire to the Lord. **Every Sabbath he shall set it** in order before the Lord continually, being taken from the children of Israel **by an everlasting covenant. And it shall**



**be for Aaron and his sons**, and they shall eat it in a holy place; for it is most holy to him from the offerings of the Lord made by fire, by a perpetual statute.”” Leviticus 24:5-9 NKJV

2) “And you shall set the showbread on the table before Me always.” Exodus 25:30 NKJV

c) What do you do? The bread happens EVERY WEEK; the men are hungry NOW! Clearly the men are MORE IMPORTANT than the Bread.

3. Perfect Example: The Priests and the Sabbath

a) The Priests are commanded to work on the Sabbath. *Have you not read in the law that on the Sabbath the priests in the temple profane the Sabbath, and are blameless?* (Matthew 12:5) Are they Guilty of violating the Sabbath?

1) “And **on the Sabbath day** two lambs in their first year, without blemish, and two-tenths of an ephah of fine flour as a grain offering, mixed with oil, with its drink offering— **this is the burnt offering for every Sabbath**, besides the regular burnt offering with its drink offering.” Numbers 28:9-10 NKJV

b) What should they do?

- 1) **“This was the schedule of their service** for coming into the house of the Lord according to their ordinance by the hand of Aaron their father, as the Lord God of Israel had commanded him.” I Chronicles 24:19 NKJV
- c) The Levitical Priests were divided into 24 groups for the purposes of their service in the Temple, known as the [priestly divisions or courses](#). You can see the details in I Chronicles 24:1-19. But, it seems that the separation of priests into divisions was earlier commanded in Deuteronomy 18:8.
- d) This simply means that a priest only served on the Sabbath one time every 24 weeks.
- e) Why are they blameless? (Matthew 12:5) Because the command for the Temple service happens every week, and the priest who is on duty must do so only two times per year! Therefore, there is no prohibition in the sanctuary on the Sabbath!
4. Now we really know what Y’shua meant when He said...
  - a) **“But if you had known what this means, ‘I desire mercy and not sacrifice,’ [Hosea 6:6] you would not have condemned the guiltless. For the Son of**

**Man is Lord even of the Sabbath.”” Matthew**  
12:7-8 NKJV

b) *I desire mercy and not sacrifice...*

1) “For I desire **mercy and not sacrifice**, And **the knowledge of God** more than **burnt offerings.**”

Hosea 6:6 NKJV

2) Yahweh prioritizes the heart above all else,  
especially your understanding His heart!

3) Saul learned this lesson from Samuel after his  
rebellious approach to the Amalekites (See I  
Samuel 15). Obey God’s heart; it is always His  
top priority!

4) “So Samuel said: “**Has the Lord as great delight  
in burnt offerings and sacrifices**, As in **obeying  
the voice of the Lord?** Behold, **to obey is better  
than sacrifice**, And to heed than the fat of  
rams.” I Samuel 15:22 NKJV

c) If you understood these things, you would have  
recognized that when one command is  
transgressed in order to fulfill another command,  
which takes precedent in the moment, the  
“violation” is guiltless (as if they have transgressed  
no command)!

- d) *Why is the Son of Man is Lord even of the Sabbath?* Not because He has taught us how to violate it, but because he has taught us how to keep it with the heart of the Father!
- e) *“Y’shua did not come to loosen or halt the law, but to fully preach it.”*

(c) Healing on the sabbath...

1. **“Now it happened on another Sabbath,** also, that He entered the synagogue and taught. And a man was there whose right hand was withered. So the scribes and Pharisees watched Him closely, whether **He would heal on the Sabbath,** that they might find an accusation against Him. But He knew their thoughts, and said to the man who had the withered hand, “Arise and stand here.” And he arose and stood. Then Jesus said to them, **“I will ask you one thing: Is it lawful on the Sabbath to do good or to do evil, to save life or to destroy?”** And when He had looked around at them all, He said to the man, “Stretch out your hand.” And he did so, and his hand was restored as whole as the other. **But they were filled with rage,** and discussed with one another what they might do to Jesus.” Luke 6:6-11 NKJV

- a) Now this should be an easy one!
  - b) Is it lawful on the Sabbath to do good or to save life? Of course it is. Human life takes precedent over any command in the moment!
  - c) Thinking otherwise is legalism.
  - d) Consider how Rahab lied to protect the spies in Joshua 2. Consider what you would have done during WWII if questioned about hiding Jews. If you were doing so to protect them, would you lie?
  - e) However, believing that these teaching moments are meant to cancel the Law altogether is foolishness.
  - f) Y'shua is the master of applying the Law, not transgressing it! *"Y'shua did not come to loosen or halt the law, but to fully preach it."*
- (d) Paul continued Y'shua's sentiments to fully preach, not loosen or halt!
1. **"What advantage then has the Jew, or what is the profit of circumcision? Much in every way! Chiefly because **to them were committed the oracles of God.**"** Romans 3:1-2 NKJV

2. “Do we then **make void the law through faith?**

Certainly not! On the contrary, **we establish** [*uphold, make to stand*] **the law.**” Romans 3:31 NKJV

3. “Moreover the law entered that the offense might abound. **But where sin abounded, grace abounded much more**, so that as sin reigned in death, even so grace might reign through righteousness to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.” {6:1} “What shall we say then? **Shall we continue in sin** [*Whoever commits sin also commits lawlessness, and sin is lawlessness. I John 3:4*] **that grace may abound? Certainly not!**

How shall we who died to sin [*sin is lawlessness*] live any longer in it?” Romans 5:20-21–6:1-2 NKJV

4. “Or do you not know, brethren (**for I speak to those who know the law** [*nomos: Mosaic Law*]), that the law has dominion over a man as long as he lives?”  
Romans 7:1 NKJV

**F. Apologetics for...knowing what the new covenant is built upon...**

(1) A better covenant...

(a) Established on what?

1. “For **every high priest** is appointed to offer both gifts and sacrifices. Therefore **it is necessary that this One**

**also have something to offer.** For if He were on earth, He would not be a priest, since there are priests who offer the gifts **according to the law; who serve the copy and shadow** of the heavenly things, as **Moses was divinely instructed** when he was about to make the tabernacle. For He said, **“See that you make all things according to the pattern shown you on the mountain.”** Hebrews 8:3-5 NKJV

- a) Y’shua, as the high priest of our new covenant, had to follow the exact pattern of the Law given on the mountain!
  - b) What was that better covenant established on?
2. “But now He has obtained a more excellent ministry, inasmuch as He is also Mediator of **a better covenant**, which was established on **better promises.**” Hebrews 8:6 NKJV
- a) Words matter: Established?
    - 1) (Greek: *nenomothetētai*): founded on; legislated on; enacted on; enjoined; sanctioned...
    - 2) (Root: *nomotheteó*): to make law; to ordain by law; give the sanction of law to, base legally, to legislate, by...

- 3) to have enactments enjoined by, sanctioned by, establish by... the Mosaic Law
- 4) received and established upon the foundation of the the Mosaic Law and priesthood!
- 5) The New and Better Covenant is built UPON the Mosaic Covenant (Law), not a replacement for it!
- 6) *“Y’shua did not come to loosen or halt the law, but to fully preach it.”*

(2) Sin is Lawlessness!

(a) Does Y’shua take away the Law or sin?

1. “Whoever commits sin also commits lawlessness, and **sin is lawlessness**. And you know that **He was manifested to take away our sins** [lawlessness], and in Him there is no **sin** [lawlessness]. Whoever abides in Him does not sin [lawlessness]. Whoever sins [lawlessness] has neither seen Him nor known Him.”

I John 3:4-6 NKJV

- a) Y’shua made the standards much harder than any set of Laws written down by Moses.
- b) He requires us to do every sort of thing that is beyond opposite of our human instincts.



c) He did not change His Father's commands; but He did do two things. He revealed what were the deeper and even more difficult requirements of His Father's Laws, and then He empowered us to obey them!

(b) Words matter: Lawlessness

1. Greek (anomia): lawlessness, iniquity, disobedience, sin. illegality, i.e. Violation of law or wickedness
2. From (anomia): lawlessness, iniquity, disobedience, sin; without law

(3) Application of the Law

(a) Words Matter: Law

1. Greek: (nomos) force or influence impelling to action; of the Mosaic law; the books which contain the law, the Pentateuch, the Old Testament scriptures in general.

(b) Does Y'shua take away law or sin?

1. "And of His fullness we have all received, and grace for grace. {17} For the **law** was given through Moses, but **grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.**" John 1:16-17 NKJV

a) *"Y'shua did not come to loosen or halt the law, but to fully preach it."*

- b) The Law came through Moses; Y'shua taught us the deeper truths about them and empowered us to obey them!
  - c) That's a better covenant established on better promises!
- (4) One covenant does not annul another...
  - (a) Covenants build on top of one another!
    - 1. "And this I say, **that the law**, which was four hundred and thirty years later, **cannot annul the covenant that was confirmed before** by God in Christ, that it should make the promise of no effect. **For if the inheritance is of the law, it is no longer of promise**; but God gave it to Abraham by promise." Galatians 3:17-18 NKJV
      - a) No covenant that comes after annuls one that came before...
      - b) It was actually the promise because of faith that came first, and it was not annulled at Sinai when the Law was codified through Moses later.
      - c) In the same way the "New" Covenant does not annul the Mosaic Covenant.
- (5) Why was the Law codified and written down later?
  - (a) Sin predated the law!

1. “Therefore, just as through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, because all sinned— **(For until the law sin was in the world, but sin is not imputed when there is no law.)**” Romans 5:12-13 NKJV
  - a) Even though sin is lawlessness, sin predated the law being written down.
  - b) After the law was written down, it removed any excuse of ignorance.
- (b) The Law increased sin!
  1. **“Moreover the law entered that the offense might abound. But where sin abounded, grace abounded much more,”** Romans 5:20 NKJV
    - a) After the law was written down, sin became more obvious.
    - b) The more obvious sin is, the more necessary grace is!
- (c) Paul masterfully sums up the entire concept of Law and sin!
  1. **“What shall we say then? Is the law sin? Certainly not! On the contrary, I would not have known sin except through the law.** For I would not have known covetousness unless the law had said, “You shall not

covet." But **sin, taking opportunity by the commandment, produced in me all manner of evil desire.** For **apart from the law sin was dead. I was alive once without the law, but when the commandment came, sin revived and I died.** And the commandment, which was to bring life, I found to bring death. **For sin, taking occasion by the commandment, deceived me, and by it killed me. Therefore the law is holy, and the commandment holy and just and good.** Has then what is good become death to me? Certainly not! **But sin, that it might appear sin, was producing death in me through what is good, so that sin through the commandment might become exceedingly sinful.** For we know that **the law is spiritual, but I am carnal, sold under sin."** Romans 7:7-14 NKJV

a) Check out Paul's pure logic...

- 1) The Law defines sin! ("Sin is Lawlessness." I John 3:4)
- 2) Knowing sin exposes my evil desires.
- 3) Without seeing the law I would feel perfectly fine about my sinful choices, but my sin is exposed by God's commandments.

- 4) Therefore the Law is holy, and the commandment holy and just and good.
- 5) And even though the Law is good, it showed how dead I am (which seems not good).
- 6) For that reason we know that the law is spiritual, and it is me who is the problem.
- 7) The problem is always the people, not the law.
- 8) *“For if that first covenant had been faultless, then no place would have been sought for a second. **Because finding fault with them,** He says: “Behold, the days are coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant...”*

Hebrews 8:7-8 NKJV

(6) This is why Paul teaches Timothy to use the Holy Scriptures as the standard...

(a) All Scripture...

1. “But you must continue in the things which you have learned and been assured of, knowing from whom you have learned them, and that from childhood **you have known the Holy Scriptures**, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. **All Scripture is given by inspiration** of God, and **is profitable for doctrine**, for reproof, for

correction, for instruction in righteousness, that **the man of God may be** complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work." II Timothy 3:14-17 NKJV

- a) These are the Old Testament Scriptures that were inspired by God (no others existed at that time!)
- b) What are they good for?
  - 1) doctrine
  - 2) reproof
  - 3) correction
  - 4) instruction in righteousness
  - 5) So, the man of God may be thoroughly equipped.

**G. Are you part in or all in? What forces will you apply?**

- (1) You have heard that it was said...
  - (a) Murder (Matthew 5:21-26)
    - 1. "You shall not murder [Exodus 20:13]..."
      - a) Y'shua teaches us that anger, hatred, hurting others with your tongue is like murder.
      - b) Reconcile yourself with your brother before you bring offerings to God.
      - c) Agree with your adversary before the conflict escalates into a truly regrettable situation.
  - (b) Adultery (Matthew 5:27-30)

1. “You shall not commit adultery [Exodus 20:14]...”

- a) Y’shua teaches us that lust is also adultery.
- b) You are better off removing from your life anything that makes sin convenient, rather than deal with the constant temptation and consequences of sin.

(c) Marriage and Divorce (Matthew 5:31-32)

1. “Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce [Deut. 24:1]...”

- a) Divorce is a terrible option and remarriage after divorce carries a risk of committing adultery, except when divorce was caused by sexual immorality.
- b) Note: Believers who are divorced by unbelievers are excepted from this rule.
  - 1) “But if the unbeliever departs, **let him depart; a brother or a sister is not under bondage in such cases.** But God has called us to peace.” I

Corinthians 7:15 NKJV

(d) Oaths (Matthew 5:33-37)

1. “You shall not swear falsely, but shall perform your oaths to the Lord.”

- a) Time and space do not allow elaboration on this topic here, but this is to what Y’shua is referring...

*“You shall... take oaths in His name.”*

(Deuteronomy 6:13) *“And you shall not swear by My name falsely...”* (Leviticus 19:12)

- b) For a detailed teaching on what was really being said about oaths, please see: [Vows and Vanity](#) & [Above All!](#)
- c) *“Y’shua did not come to loosen or halt the law, but to fully preach it, and to reveal the deeper considerations!”*
- d) **Question:** How much (and what type) of your energy is invested in God?

## REACTION

### 4. Equal but Opposite

#### A. **FORCE** (See: [Spiritual Violence](#))

- (1) Collision: an instance of one moving object or person striking violently against another.
- (2) Law #3: Choose your response!
  - (a) Action and Reaction (Collision)
    - 1. The first two laws of motion refer to single bodies.
    - 2. The third law is not really a law of motion, but a law of forces.



3. For every **action** (force) in nature there is an equal and opposite **reaction**.
4. Whenever one object exerts a force on another object, the second object exerts an **equal and opposite** force on the first object.
5. Forces result from interactions of the two objects.
6. **Question:** What is your normal response to conflict?

## **B. The Upside Down Kingdom**

### (1) Think Opposite!

- (a) Human nature is on a collision course with the Kingdom of Heaven!

1. “And from the days of John the Baptist until now **the kingdom of heaven** suffers **violence**, and **the violent** take it by force.” Matthew 11:12 NKJV

- a) It is spiritually violent to do the exact opposite of your “human nature!”
- b) See: [Spiritual Violence](#) for a detailed teaching on this topic.

### (b) Y’shua took on the Opposite!

1. “Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore you on Christ’s behalf, be reconciled to God. For **He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might**

**become** the righteousness of God in Him.” II

Corinthians 5:20-21 NKJV

- a) He was sinless and yet you took on our sin.
- b) It does not get more opposite than that!
- c) Would you be willing to do the same?

### **C. Be different—Action and Opposite Reaction**

(1) Equal but Opposite!

(a) An eye for an eye and a tooth...

1. ““You have heard that it was said, ‘**An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.**’ [Exodus 21:24; Lev. 24:20. Deut. 19:21] **But I tell you not to resist an evil person.** But whoever slaps you on your right cheek, turn the other to him also. **If anyone wants to sue you and take away your tunic, let him have your cloak** also. And **whoever compels you to go one mile, go with him two. Give to him who asks you,** and from him who wants to borrow from you do not turn away.” Matthew 5:38-42 NKJV

a) Choose opposite!

- 1) **Injury to a pregnant woman:** “eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot, burn for burn, wound for wound, stripe for stripe.”

Exodus 21:24-25 NKJV

2) **Injury to a neighbor:** “If a man causes disfigurement of his neighbor, as he has done, so shall it be done to him— fracture for fracture, eye for eye, tooth for tooth; as he has caused disfigurement of a man, so shall it be done to him.” Leviticus 24:19-20 NKJV

3) **False Witnesses:** “Your eye shall not pity: life shall be for life, eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot.” Deuteronomy 19:21 NKJV

- b) Do not return harm for harm, but instead give people what they do not deserve!
- c) Human nature is on a collision course with the Kingdom of Heaven!
- d) **Question:** Are you on collision course with the Kingdom?

(b) Love Your Enemies

1. ““You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall **love your neighbor** [Lev 19:18] and **hate your enemy.**’ But I say to you, **love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you,** that you may be sons of your Father in heaven; for He

makes His sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust. **For if you love those who love you, what reward have you?** Do not even the tax collectors do the same? And if you greet your brethren only, what do you do more than others? Do not even the tax collectors do so?

**Therefore you shall be perfect, just as your Father in heaven is perfect.”** Matthew 5:43-48 NKJV

- a) Human nature is on a collision course with the Kingdom of Heaven! It's no big deal to love someone who is good to you, but if you...
  - 1) love your enemies
  - 2) bless those who curse you
  - 3) do good to those who hate you
  - 4) pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you...
  - 5) You will be perfect *[completeness of Christian character]*, just as your Father in heaven!
- b) Note to self: you should expect persecution.
  - 1) *“We must through many tribulations enter the kingdom of God.”* Acts 14:22 NKJV

2) **Questions:** What is your normal response to conflict? Are you on collision course with the Kingdom?

(c) Details from Luke 6:32-36 on loving the unlovable:

1. It is NO credit to you to love those who love you.
2. It is NO credit to you to do good to those who do good to you.
3. It is NO credit to you to lend to those who will pay you back.
4. Be merciful as God is merciful. In other words, have the proper, deeper understanding of God's heart!

(d) This is the heart of God! Would you do the same?

1. "For when we were still without strength, in due time **Christ died for the ungodly**. For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet perhaps for a good man someone would even dare to die. **But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us**. Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we **shall be saved from wrath** through Him. For if when we were enemies **we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having**

**been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life.**

Romans 5:6-10 NKJV

- a) God demonstrated the type of love He has and the type we should emulate in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.
- b) His death reconciled us for an eternity when we die, but His life demonstrated how we should live.
- (e) How should we live?

1. "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you **present your bodies a living sacrifice**, holy, acceptable to God, which is your **reasonable service**. And **do not be conformed to this world**, but **be transformed by the renewing of your mind**, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and **perfect will of God.**" Romans 12:1-2 NKJV

- a) All in with God! Hold back nothing back.
  - b) Leave the world behind and be perfect *[complete in Christian character]!*
  - (f) One last thing!
1. "**Give, and it will be given** to you: good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over will be put into your bosom. For with **the same measure**

**that you use, it will be measured back to you.”” Luke  
6:38 NKJV**

- a) You will gain what you are willing to give up!

## **Summary: LAWS OF MOTION**

### **1. Inertia—Momentum—Reaction—Collision**

#### **A. Newton’s Laws of Motion and God’s Word**

##### **(1) Law #1**

##### **(a) External Force (Inertia)**

1. An object at rest remains at rest, or if in motion, it remains in motion at a constant speed and in a straight line, unless compelled to change its state by the action of an external force.
2. The tendency to resist changes in a state of motion is called inertia.
3. If all the **external forces** cancel each other out, then there is no net force acting on the object.
4. If there is no net force acting on the object, then the object will maintain at a constant velocity.
5. **Question:** Are remaining at a constant velocity?

##### **(b) Biblical Force (or Inertia)**

1. Let your light shine...
2. Exert an external force...

3. Change speeds...
4. **Question:** Are you hiding your faith or is it exposed and effective?

(2) Law #2:

(a) Law of Mass and Acceleration (Momentum)

1. The acceleration of an object depends on the mass of the object and the amount of force applied.
2. Momentum is defined as the mass of an object times its velocity.
3. Acceleration is equal to change in momentum (mass times velocity) per change in time.
4. **Question:** In which direction are you moving?

(b) Biblical Mass and Acceleration (Momentum)

1. Choose least or great in the Kingdom...
2. **Question:** How much (and what type) of your energy is invested in God?
3. What forces are you applying?
4. What are you doing?
5. What are you teaching?

(3) Law #3

(a) Action and Reaction (Collision)

1. The first two laws of motion refer to single bodies.



2. The third law is not really a law of motion, but a law of forces. Forces result from interactions of the two objects.
  3. For every **action** (force) in nature there is an equal and opposite **reaction**.
  4. Whenever one object exerts a force on another object, the second object exerts an **equal and opposite** force on the first object.
  5. **Question:** What is your normal response to conflict?
- (b) Biblical Action and Reaction (Collision)
1. How will you react to (resist) evil people and your enemies? What forces will apply to those who...
    - 1) ...harm you?
    - 2) ...curse you?
    - 3) ...hate you?
    - 4) ...use you?
    - 5) ...persecute you?

## **B. A Collision Course: Equal and Opposite Forces**

- (1) You are on a collision course with the Kingdom of Heaven!
  - (a) Collision
    1. An instance of one moving object or person striking violently against another.

(b) On Collision Course

1. Going in a direction that will lead to a collision with another moving object or person.
2. Moving so as to crash into each other if one or the other does not change direction.
3. Synonyms: dangerous, jeopardous, hazardous, perilous, risky.

(2) To Enter the Kingdom...

(a) Collisions are necessary!

1. You will have trials!
2. Some of them will be violent!
3. They are a requirement in Kingdom training!
4. **Question:** Are you on collision course with the Kingdom?

**Summary: INERTIA**

**2. Get Moving—you can't stay still**

**A. External Forces**

(1) Law #1: Choose your speed!

(a) External Force (Inertia)

1. An object at rest remains at rest, or if in motion, it remains in motion at a constant speed and in a

straight line, **unless compelled to change its state by the action of an external force.**

2. The tendency to resist changes in a state of motion is called inertia.
3. If all the **external forces** cancel each other out, then there is no net force acting on the object.
4. If there is no net force acting on the object, then the object will maintain at a constant velocity.
5. **Question:** Are remaining at a constant velocity?

## **B. The Beatitudes**

(1) Get in motion!

(a) Blessed are those who change state because **this external force** acts on them!

1. Because you are moving in the Holy Spirit...
  - a) Blessed are the poor in spirit...
  - b) Blessed are those who mourn...
  - c) Blessed are the meek...
  - d) Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness...
  - e) Blessed are the merciful...
  - f) Blessed are the pure in heart...
  - g) Blessed are the peacemakers...

- h) Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake...
- i) Blessed are you when they revile and persecute you, and say all kinds of false evil things about you for Y'shua's sake...

### **C. Salt and Light**

(1) Inertia—feed the fire!

(a) Let your light shine...

1. Start somewhere, you can't remain still!
2. Get the fire burning...
3. Then feed the fire...
4. Don't let it go out...
5. Resist every outside force that attempts to slow your velocity!
6. **Question:** Are you hiding your faith or is it exposed and effective?

### **D. Move it or Loose it!**

(1) If you do not exercise your faith, you have NO faith!

(a) You show me your faith...

1. You are deceived if there is no velocity to your faith (the force that breaks the inertia).
2. Those without movement are blind.

3. Blessed or those moving in their faith with some speed!
- (2) Show your faith by your works...
- (a) Your faith is dead without works...
1. The tendency to resist changes in a state of motion is called inertia.
  2. If all the **external forces** cancel each other out, then there is no net force acting on the object and the object will maintain at a constant velocity.
  3. Change: adding works to your faith!
  4. Inertia: no change because external forces overpower faith and prevent works!
  5. Faith without works is dead (inertia).
  6. Faith with works is perfected (accelerating velocity).
  7. **Question:** Are you hiding your faith or is it exposed and effective?

## MOMENTUM

### 3. Substance and Movement

#### A. Add Energy

- (1) Law #2: Pick a direction!
  - (a) Law of Mass and Acceleration (Momentum)

1. The acceleration of an object depends on the mass of the object and the amount of force applied.
2. Momentum is the mass of an object times its velocity.
3. Acceleration is the change in momentum (mass times velocity) per change in time.
4. **Question:** In which direction are you moving?

## **B. Acceleration (momentum)**

- (1) How much of yourself are you willing use, how much energy you will invest, and into what will you invest it?
  - (a) The Law—Will you be great or least?
    1. Don't change a single letter of His law...
    2. He did not come to change it, but to fully demonstrate it so we can, by His righteousness, walk in it!!
    3. See the section called "Jots, Tittles, Yods & Iotas" in [Pick a Vowel](#) for a detailed teaching.
    4. **Question:** How much (and what type) of your energy is invested in God?
- (2) Words matter and meaning matter more
  - (a) Abolish and Fulfill
    1. Did not come to **destroy** (**Greek:** katalysai)
      - a) Abolish, to loosen down, i.e. to demolish; specially to **halt** for the night

- b) Root: (kataluó) to destroy, overthrow, tear down
- 2. Did come to **fulfill** (**Greek: plērōsai**)
  - a) to make replete, to cram, execute, verify...
  - b) Root: (pléroó) to make full, to complete, accomplish, amply supply, fully carry, **fully preach!**

### C. Apologetics

- (1) ...reasoned arguments or writings in justification of something, typically a theory or religious doctrine.
  - (a) Physical and Natural Laws govern Christians and non-Christians alike! “
    - 1. **Gravity:** This keeps your feet on the ground.
      - a) ...the force that attracts a body toward the center of the earth, or toward any other physical body having mass.
      - b) ...the degree of intensity is measured by acceleration.
    - 2. **Lift:** This keeps an airplane in the air.
      - a) ...an upward force that counteracts the force of gravity, produced by changing the direction and speed of a moving stream of air.
    - 3. **Surface Tension:** This keeps a ship from sinking.

- a) ...the property of the surface of a liquid that allows it to resist an external force, due to the cohesive nature of its molecules.
- b) ...the tension of the surface film of a liquid caused by the attraction of the particles in the surface layer.
- c) ...tends to minimize the surface area of liquids.
- d) ...allows objects with a higher density than water to float.

**D. Apologetics for...Y'shua's stance on the Law**

(1) *"Y'shua did not come to loosen or halt the law, but to fully preach it."*

(a) If you believed Moses...

- 1. The Father gave Y'shua certain works to finish.
- 2. You have misconstrued what that work is because you do not believe the One whom the Father sent.
- 3. You search the Scriptures (Old Testament) for answers and all you will find is that they testify of Y'shua and the work He came to do!
- 4. *"Y'shua did not come to loosen or halt the law, but to fully preach it."*



5. Y'shua came in the Father's name to testify of what is in the Scriptures (Old Testament), but you'd rather believe what someone else says.
  6. *"Y'shua did not come to loosen or halt the law, but to fully preach it."*
  7. In the end there is one thing that will prove your guilt...
  8. You did not follow what Moses wrote in the Scriptures (Old Testament), and all along he was writing about Y'shua.
  9. And because you don't follow Moses' words, you can't possibly follow Y'shua's teachings!
  10. *"Y'shua did not come to loosen or halt the law, but to fully preach it."*
- (2) I did not come with my own doctrine...
- (a) Controversy and conflicts about his legitimacy
    1. Is He good or not?
    2. How will we know?
    3. He went into the Temple and taught the Torah and the prophets, even though He was not a formally trained rabbi.
    4. What was He teaching?

5. *“Y’shua did not come to loosen or halt the law, but to fully preach it.”*
6. How does this Man know letters, having never studied?
7. Y’shua was teaching directly from the Law and the Prophets (the doctrine of His Father).
8. He was not speaking of His own doctrine, but instead, he was teaching the Law of Moses correctly.
9. *“Y’shua did not come to loosen or halt the law, but to fully preach it.”*

**E. Apologetics for...When one Law is in conflict with another**

(1) Knowing the heart of God...

(a) Sabbath vs. Circumcision

1. This is an essential clarification about the Law.  
Y’shua’s emphasis on priorities was not an annulment of the law, but instead the proper application of the Law.
2. Choose
  - a) When one Law is in conflict with another, you must discern the heart of God on the matter.
  - b) In other words, when keeping one command will cause you to break another, you must choose which one is the “priority in the moment.”

- c) When doing so, it is as if you are not breaking the command that you chose to violate, because you chose to honor the higher command in the moment.
  - d) The opportunity to keep the Sabbath is EVERY WEEK, the opportunity to circumcise on the eighth day is ONE TIME!
  - e) What would you do?
- (b) Showbread and Temple Service
1. Perfect Example: David and the Showbread
    - a) David and his men have not eaten. Do you eat from the showbread meant only for the priests or do you let you men suffer?
    - b) The bread was replaced every Sabbath with fresh bread and only the priests were permitted to eat it
    - c) What do you do? The bread happens EVERY WEEK; the men are hungry NOW! Clearly the men are MORE IMPORTANT than the Bread.
  2. Perfect Example: The Priests and the Sabbath
    - a) The Priests are commanded to work on the Sabbath. *Have you not read in the law that on the Sabbath the priests in the temple profane the*

*Sabbath, and are blameless?* (Matthew 12:5) Are they Guilty of violating the Sabbath?

- 1) What should they do?
  - b) The Levitical Priests were divided into 24 groups for the purposes of their service in the Temple, known as the [priestly divisions or courses](#). You can see the details in I Chronicles 24:1-19. But, it seems that the separation of priests into divisions was earlier commanded in Deuteronomy 18:8.
  - c) This simply means that a priest only served on the Sabbath one time every 24 weeks.
  - d) Why are they blameless? (Matthew 12:5) Because the command for the Temple service happens every week, and the priest who is on duty must do so only two times per year! Therefore, there is no prohibition in the sanctuary on the Sabbath!
3. Now we really know what Y'shua meant when He said...
- a) *I desire mercy and not sacrifice...*
    - 1) Yahweh prioritizes the heart above all else, especially your understanding His heart!
    - 2) Saul learned this lesson from Samuel after his rebellious approach to the Amalekites (See I

Samuel 15). Obey God's heart; it is always His top priority!

- b) If you understood these things, you would have recognized that when one command is transgressed in order to fulfill another command, which takes precedent in the moment, the "violator" is guiltless (as if they have transgressed no command)!
- c) *Why is the Son of Man is Lord even of the Sabbath?* Not because He has taught us how to violate it, but because he has taught us how to keep it with the heart of the Father!
- d) *"Y'shua did not come to loosen or halt the law, but to fully preach it."*

(c) Healing on the sabbath...

1. Now this should be an easy one!
2. Is it lawful on the Sabbath to do good or to save life? Of course it is. Human life takes precedent over any command in the moment!
3. Thinking otherwise is legalism.
4. Consider how Rahab lied to protect the spies in Joshua 2. Consider what you would have done during

WWII if questioned about hiding Jews. If you were doing so to protect them, would you lie?

5. However, believing that these teaching moments are meant to cancel the Law altogether is foolishness.

6. Y'shua is the master of applying the Law, not transgressing it! *"Y'shua did not come to loosen or halt the law, but to fully preach it."*

(d) Paul continued Y'shua's sentiments to fully preach, not loosen or halt!

**F. Apologetics for...knowing what the new covenant is built upon...**

(1) A better covenant...

(a) Established on what?

1. Y'shua, as the high priest of our new covenant, had to follow the exact pattern of the Law given on the mountain!

2. What was that better covenant established on?

3. Words matter: Established?

1) (Greek: *nenomothetētai*): founded on; legislated on; enacted on; enjoined; sanctioned...

2) (Root: *nomotheteó*): to make law; to ordain by law; give the sanction of law to, base legally, to legislate, by...

- 3) to have enactments enjoined by, sanctioned by, establish by... the Mosaic Law
- 4) received and established upon the foundation of the the Mosaic Law and priesthood!
- 5) The New and Better Covenant is built UPON the Mosaic Covenant (Law), not a replacement for it!
- 6) *“Y’shua did not come to loosen or halt the law, but to fully preach it.”*

(2) Sin is Lawlessness!

(a) Does Y’shua take away the Law or sin?

1. Y’shua made the standards much harder than any set of Laws written down by Moses.
2. He requires us to do every sort of thing that is beyond opposite of our human instincts.
3. He did not change His Father’s commands; but He did do two things. He revealed what were the deeper and even more difficult requirements of His Father’s Laws, and then He empowered us to obey them!

(b) Words matter: Lawlessness

1. Greek (anomia): lawlessness, iniquity, disobedience, sin. illegality, i.e. Violation of law or wickedness
2. From (anomia): lawlessness, iniquity, disobedience, sin; without law

### (3) Application of the Law

#### (a) Words Matter: Law

1. Greek: (nomos) force or influence impelling to action; of the Mosaic law; the books which contain the law, the Pentateuch, the Old Testament scriptures in general.

#### (b) Does Y'shua take away law or sin?

1. *"Y'shua did not come to loosen or halt the law, but to fully preach it."*
2. The Law came through Moses; Y'shua taught us the deeper truths about them and empowered us to obey them!
3. That's a better covenant established on better promises!

### (4) One covenant does not annul another...

#### (a) Covenants build on top of one another!

1. No covenant that comes after annuls one that came before...
2. It was actually the promise because of faith that came first, and it was not annulled at Sinai when the Law was codified through Moses later.
3. In the same way the "New" Covenant does not annul the Mosaic Covenant.



(5) Why was the Law codified and written down later?

(a) Sin predated the law!

1. Even though sin is lawlessness, sin predated the law being written down.
2. After the law was written down, it removed any excuse of ignorance.

(b) The Law increased sin!

1. After the law was written down, sin became more obvious.
2. The more obvious sin is, the more necessary grace is!

(c) Paul masterfully sums up the entire concept of Law and sin!

1. Check out Paul's pure logic...

- 1) The Law defines sin! ("Sin is Lawlessness.")
- 2) Knowing sin exposes my evil desires.
- 3) Without seeing the law I would feel perfectly fine about my sinful choices, but my sin is exposed by God's commandments.
- 4) Therefore the Law is holy, and the commandment holy and just and good.
- 5) And even though the Law is good, it showed how dead I am (which seems not good).

- 6) For that reason we know that the law is spiritual,  
and it is me who is the problem.
- 7) The problem is always the people, not the law.
- (6) This is why Paul teaches Timothy to use the Holy Scriptures  
as the standard...
  - (a) All Scripture...
    - 1. These are the Old Testament Scriptures that were  
inspired by God (no others existed at that time!)
    - 2. What are they good for?
      - 1) doctrine
      - 2) reproof
      - 3) correction
      - 4) instruction in righteousness
      - 5) So, the man of God may be thoroughly equipped.

**G. Are you part in or all in? What forces will you apply?**

- (1) You have heard that it was said...
  - (a) Murder (Matthew 5:21-26)
    - 1. “You shall not murder [Exodus 20:13]...”
      - a) Y’shua teaches us that anger, hatred, hurting others  
with your tongue is like murder.
      - b) Reconcile yourself with your brother before you  
bring offerings to God.

- c) Agree with your adversary before the conflict escalates into a truly regrettable situation.

(b) Adultery (Matthew 5:27-30)

1. “You shall not commit adultery [Exodus 20:14]...”
  - a) Y’shua teaches us that lust is also adultery.
  - b) You are better off removing from your life anything that makes sin convenient, rather than deal with the constant temptation and consequences of sin.

(c) Marriage and Divorce (Matthew 5:31-32)

1. “Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce [Deut. 24:1]...”
  - a) Divorce is a terrible option and remarriage after divorce carries a risk of committing adultery, except when divorce was caused by sexual immorality.
  - b) Note: Believers who are divorced by unbelievers are excepted from this rule.

(d) Oaths (Matthew 5:33-37)

1. “You shall not swear falsely, but shall perform your oaths to the Lord.”
  - a) For a detailed teaching on what was really being said about oaths, please see: [Vows and Vanity](#) & [Above All!](#)

- b) *“Y’shua did not come to loosen or halt the law, but to fully preach it, and to reveal the deeper considerations!”*
- c) **Question:** How much (and what type) of your energy is invested in God?

## Summary: REACTION

### 4. Equal but Opposite

#### A. **FORCE** (See: [Spiritual Violence](#))

- (1) Collision: an instance of one moving object or person striking violently against another.
- (2) Law #3: Choose your response!
  - (a) Action and Reaction (Collision)
    - 1. The first two laws of motion refer to single bodies.
    - 2. The third law is not really a law of motion, but a law of forces.
    - 3. For every **action** (force) in nature there is an equal and opposite **reaction**.
    - 4. Whenever one object exerts a force on another object, the second object exerts an **equal and opposite** force on the first object.
    - 5. Forces result from interactions of the two objects.
    - 6. **Question:** What is your normal response to conflict?

## **B. The Upside Down Kingdom**

### **(1) Think Opposite!**

- (a) Human nature is on a collision course with the Kingdom of Heaven!
  - 1. It is spiritually violent to do the exact opposite of your “human nature!”
  - 2. See: [Spiritual Violence](#) for a detailed teaching on this topic.
- (b) Y’shua took on the Opposite!
  - 1. He was sinless and yet you took on our sin.
  - 2. It does not get more opposite than that!
  - 3. Would you be willing to do the same?

## **C. Be different—Action and Opposite Reaction**

### **(1) Equal but Opposite!**

- (a) An eye for an eye and a tooth...
  - 1. Choose opposite!
    - a) Do not return harm for harm, but instead give people what they do not deserve!
    - b) Human nature is on a collision course with the Kingdom of Heaven!
- (b) Love Your Enemies

1. Human nature is on a collision course with the Kingdom of Heaven! It's no big deal to love someone who is good to you, but if you...
  - 1) love your enemies
  - 2) bless those who curse you
  - 3) do good to those who hate you
  - 4) pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you...
  - 5) You will be perfect *[completeness of Christian character]*, just as your Father in heaven is perfect!
  - 6) Note to self: you should expect persecution.
  - 7) **Questions:** What is your normal response to conflict? Are you on collision course with the Kingdom?
- (c) Details from Luke 6:32-36 on loving the unlovable:
  1. It is NO credit to you to love those who love you.
  2. It is NO credit to you to do good to those who do good to you.
  3. It is NO credit to you to lend to those who will pay you back.
  4. Be merciful as God is merciful. In other words, have the proper, deeper understanding of God's heart!
- (d) This is the heart of God! Would you do the same?

1. God demonstrated the type of love He has and the type we should emulate in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.
  2. His death reconciled us for an eternity when we die, but His life demonstrated how we should live.
- (e) How should we live?
1. All in with God! Hold back nothing back.
  2. Leave the world behind and be perfect *[complete in Christian character]!*
- (f) One last thing!
1. You will gain what you are willing to give up!

## QUESTIONS & DISCUSSION

### 1. Relate each of the following scriptures to its corresponding

**Law of Motion:** (Refer to the sermon notes pages 11-14 for help)

- A. (Matthew 5:1-16) Velocity & Inertia: An object at rest remains at rest, or if in motion, it remains in motion at a constant speed, unless compelled to change its state by the action of an external force.
- B. (Matthew 5:17-20) Momentum & Acceleration: The acceleration of an object depends on the mass of the object

and the amount of force applied. Momentum is defined as the mass of an object times its velocity

- C. (Matthew 5:38-44) Collision & Response: For every action (force) in nature there is an equal and opposite reaction.

**2. Read James 1:22-25 and James 2:14-24.**

- A. How do these relate to Velocity & Inertia?

**3. “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**

- A. Destroy means loosen or halt. And fulfill means fully preach. Explain Matthew 5:17 using this understanding.

- B. Support this new understanding using John 5:36-47 and John 7:10-19.

**4. When one Law comes into a conflict with another Law, at any given moment, you must discern the heart of God based on His priorities...** (See pages 29-37 in the sermon notes to help)

- A. Use the following passage and report what Y’shua taught on this topic. (See: John 7:20-24; Matthew 12:1-8; Luke 6:6-11)

- B. Now that you see how Y’shua discerned the heart of His Father during conflicts, explain what He meant in Matthew 12:7-8.

**5. How do the following scriptures support this statement?**

- A. *“Y’shua did not come to loosen or halt the law, but to fully preach it.”* (Romans 3:1-2; 3:31; 5:20-21; 6:1-2; 7:1)



**6. The word “established” in Hebrews 8:6 means “established by the Mosaic Law.”**

- A. Please explain in your own words what that means about the “better covenant.”
- B. Please explain why this is consistent with Matthew 5:17 and all the Romans verses in question 5.

**7. Sin is lawlessness according to I John 3:4-6 and the Law refers to God’s laws (the Mosaic Law).**

- A. With this understanding, explain John 1:16-17. (Hint: “*Y’shua did not come to loosen or halt the law, but to fully preach it.*”)
- B. Paul masterfully sums up the entire concept of law and sin in Romans 7:7-14. Write a short narrative explaining his perspective and how this is consistent with II Timothy 3:14-17.

**8. Matthew 5:38-48 paints the quintessential example of how, “Human nature is on a collision course with the Kingdom of Heaven!”**

- A. How is human instinct the opposite of what Y’shua requires of us?
- B. What example did Y’shua set according to Paul? (See: Romans 5:6-10; II Corinthians 5:20-21)