

# WHY STUDY THE WHOLE BIBLE? (JESUS AND THE OLD TESTAMENT)

**BIBLICAL PASSAGE** **Matthew 5:17–20**

**MEMORY VERSE** **Matthew 5:17**

“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.”  
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## TABLE TALK QUESTION

**What will a study of the Old Testament do for my personal walk with the Lord?**

## JESUS, THE FULFILLMENT

1. Jesus teaches us truth about the Old Testament’s \_\_\_\_\_ (Matt. 5:17–18).
  
2. Jesus teaches us that God evaluates a person’s response to Scripture as either \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ (Matt. 5:19–20).

## SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- What kind of image of the Old Testament do you think Jesus tried to present?
- How much do you value the Old Testament?
- What Old Testament passage means the most to you?
- When you study the Old Testament, how does it change the way you value your relationship with Christ?

## FREE THOUGHT

“In the precepts of the law, God is but the rewarder of perfect righteousness, which all of us lack, and conversely, the severe judge of evil deeds. But in Christ his face shines, full of grace and gentleness, even upon us poor and unworthy sinners.” —**John Calvin, *Calvin's Institutes***

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