

WELCOME

WE ARE SO GLAD THAT YOU ARE HERE. THANKS FOR TAKING THE TIME TO BE WITH US. HAVE AN AWESOME SERVICE.

We hope that you will enjoy today's message and our praise and worship. If you would like to know more about our church or the different programs we have during the week, please approach our staff at the Admin Counter.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1 DAY OF HIS POWER 2010
8 Aug 2010 (Sun), 7.30pm @ Expo, The Max Pavilion
Please note that no transport will be provided.

2 CORPORATE PRAYER MEETING
11 Aug 2010 (Wed), 8.00pm
Honour Room, WCRC
All members are encouraged to attend.

3 MISSION TRIP: CHRIST CHURCH SAWANG DAENDIN FAMILY CAMP
22 - 25 Oct 2010 (Fri-Mon)
Camp Theme: **ARISE!** Isaiah 60:1
Please contact Janice Leow @ 9117 6146 or Admin Office
by **TODAY** if you would like to be part of the mission team!

COMING EVENTS

AUG		25 wed	DI - HOUR OF POWER WDT FELLOWSHIP
8 sun	DAY OF HIS POWER	SEP	
9 mon	NATIONAL DAY	1 wed	TEACHERS' DAY DI - HOUR OF POWER
11 wed	DI - HOUR OF POWER CORPORATE PRAYER MEETING	8 wed	DI - HOUR OF POWER CORPORATE PRAYER MEETING
18 wed	DI - HOUR OF POWER WISE WDT - 22		

SHUTTLE BUS SERVICE
 9.10am Boon Lay Way - Boon Lay MRT (Bus Stop)
 9.15am Jurong West St 51 Blk 511 Carpark
 9.30am Clementi MRT - Bus Stop towards City

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WORSHIP LOCATION
 WEST COAST RECREATION CENTRE
 NO. 12 WEST COAST WALK

8 Aug 2010

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The Law And The Prophets

By Warren E. Berkley

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Matthew 5:17-20

¹⁷Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy but to fulfill.

¹⁸For 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.

¹⁹Whoever 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.

²⁰For 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.

With these words our Lord explains two things of great importance:

1. He is not against the law of God in the Old Testament; in fact, He is the consummation of that system.
2. He affirms that His teaching is different from the instruction given by the scribes and Pharisees.

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I do not regard this text as a statement of contrast between what the law of Moses said with that which Christ said. Jesus takes no issue with the law of Moses, or anything revealed in the Old Testament. He came to "fulfill, not to destroy." He does take issue with what they had heard from the religious teachers of the day.

When Jesus says, "You have heard," He is making reference to the traditional teachings of the scribes and Pharisees - the common religious teaching of Judaism. In verse 43 he quotes the common doctrine "hate your enemy." The Mosaic law did not command malice or hate; the scribes and Pharisees did. The point of the passage is: What you have been hearing is very different from what I teach.

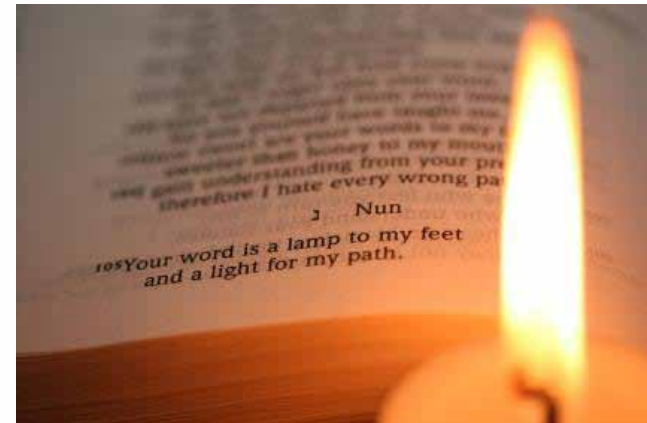
The scribes and Pharisees quoted from the law of Moses, but they didn't follow it in their doctrine or practice. The substance of their doctrine and practice was their own traditions, interpretations and rituals. Jesus swept all this human doctrine aside and gave the people His standard ("I say unto you").

As Paul Earnhart observes about these words of Jesus: "It would soon become apparent in His sermon that His conflict was not with the law but with the Pharisaic perversions of it."

What does this mean to us today? It means we ought to be certain that the basis of all our doctrine and practice is the actual Word of God, and not just someone's interpretation of it. If we fall into the habit of hearing men and automatically assuming that what they say is the Word of God - we fall into the same kind of "righteousness" the scribes and Pharisees advanced; their own (see Matt. 5:20, Rom. 10:3). To keep myself from this great peril, I need to read and study the Word of God for myself, become acquainted with Christ, learn the New Testament and refuse to let any man or group of men dictate what I believe, teach and practice.

DUTY SCHEDULE

	This Week 8th Aug (H.C.)	Next Week 15th Aug
Chairperson	Kelvin Koo	Ng Siew Choo
Speaker	Revd Timothy Chow	Revd Timothy Chow
Worship Leader	Kelvin Koo	Liow Zhong Fa
Music Team	Denny, Kah Mun	Eddy, Seng Choon, Astrid, Matthew, Denny
Projectionist	Joyee Koo, Priscilla Ang	Elissa Angeline Dang
Soundworks	Reginald Low	Cheng You Fu
H.C. Server	Raymond, Tony, Kevin Lim	-
Intercessory Prayer	Susy Loh	Eddy John Sng
Scripture Reader	Annie Kat	Selena Tay



Psalms 119:105 (New International Version)
Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path.