**SERMON OUTLINE**

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1. INTRODUCTION
   1. What Jesus thought of His Bible is very important to us, for the servant must be like his Master.
   2. Jesus had a Bible.
      1. It was the Old Testament.
   3. Only ignorance scoffs at the fact that Jesus Christ was a historical character.
      1. We know that He lived beyond the shadow of any doubt.
   4. Who was this Jesus?
      1. Scholars are still scratching their heads and thinking.
      2. We know who Jesus was and is because we have the Bible.
         1. Jesus authenticates the Bible, and the Bible authenticates the Lord Jesus.
            1. These rise or fall together.
   5. This is what Jesus said about His Bible when He was here on Earth before the New Testament was ever written:
      1. Matthew 5:17-18
         1. Everything Jesus says is true; but when Jesus said, “Verily”, He was saying, “Pay attention”.
            1. The word “verily” means “truly” or “amen and amen”.
      2. “The Law and the Prophets” was the name for the Old Testament.
         1. That is what the Jewish people called, and still call, the Old Testament.
   6. In today’s message, we will look at three things concerning Jesus and His Bible.
2. jesus fulfills the old testament in its predictions (matthew 5:17)
   1. The Old Testament is a book of prophecy.
      1. It is a book of predictions.
         1. It predicts the Lord Jesus Christ.
            1. Matthew 5:17
   2. Jesus Christ is the fulfillment of every Old Testament prophecy concerning Him.
   3. The key to understanding the Bible is to look for Jesus in the Bible.
      1. If we read the Bible and don’t find Jesus, then reread it.
      2. The Bible has one hero; His name is Jesus.
      3. The Bible has one villain, and that is Satan.
      4. The Bible has one problem, and that is sin.
      5. The Bible has one solution, and that is salvation.
         1. That is what the Bible is all about.
   4. Luke 24:27
      1. Jesus took the Old Testament, and He started with Moses (Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy).
         1. Then, He went on to the prophets.
         2. Jesus began to expound on these Scriptures.
      2. This verse does not say that He showed them all the things concerning Himself in the Scriptures.
         1. It says, “He showed them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself.”
   5. The Bible is a Jesus book.
      1. Sometimes people ask, “Have you read the four Gospels?”
         1. There are actually sixty-six Gospels.
            1. All Scripture is about the Lord Jesus Christ.
      2. We may not see Jesus literally there on a page if we are reading some of the lists of names in Genesis.
         1. But if we understand Bible history, then we will understand ultimately that it was written to present the Lord Jesus Christ.
   6. Acts 10:43
      1. “To Him” means “To Jesus”.
      2. Don’t get the idea that the Old Testament was written about one thing, and the New Testament was written about something else.
         1. The Savior and the salvation that the Savior provides are both presented in the Old Testament.
   7. John 5:39
      1. When Jesus was here on this Earth, the Bible was the Old Testament.
   8. God has no program, no plans, and no purposes that do not ultimately center in the Lord Jesus Christ.
      1. Jesus is in all of the Bible, and we will find Him especially in prophecy.
   9. Jesus Christ is unique.
      1. He is the only person ever born to this world whose ancestry, birth time, forerunner, birth place, birth manner, infancy, manhood, teaching, character, preaching, reception, rejection, death, burial, resurrection, and ascension were all prophesied centuries before He was born.
         1. What a testimony to the character of the Bible and the character of Jesus!
            1. They rise and stand together.
   10. There are a great number of prophecies in the Old Testament concerning Jesus Christ.
       1. There are 333 precise prophecies.
       2. He would be from the human race.
          1. He is God, but He is also human.
          2. Genesis 3:15
             1. The Savior is to be the seed of the woman.
             2. This is the first prophecy.

He is a man, not an angel or some other creature.

* + 1. He would be from a section of that race.
       1. Three sections came out of the ark:
          1. Ham
          2. Shem
          3. Japheth
       2. Jesus is of Shem’s lineage.
          1. Genesis 9:26
    2. He would be from a nation of that section.
       1. Genesis 12:2-3
          1. The Messiah would come through Abraham’s lineage.
    3. He would be from a tribe of that nation.
       1. That tribe would be the tribe of Judah.
          1. Genesis 49:10
    4. He, the Messiah, would come from a family of that tribe.
       1. 1 Samuel 16:3
          1. One of the sons of Jesse would have a son named David.

David would be the progenitor of the Savior of the world, according to the flesh.

* + 1. There would be a woman of that family who would give birth to the Messiah.
       1. Isaiah 7:14
    2. There would be a son born of that woman, of that family, of that tribe, of that nation, of that race, who would be the Messiah.
       1. This is Jesus.
       2. This did not happen by chance.
  1. John 5:39
     1. Jesus fulfills the Old Testament in prediction.

1. jesus fulfills the old testament in its perfection (matthew 5:17-18)
   1. A “jot” is the smallest letter in the Greek alphabet we call an “iota”.
      1. It is the smallest marking.
      2. A “tittle” is the smallest punctuation mark, almost like a fly speck.
      3. The Bible is so inspired that the smallest, most minute marks and punctuations will never fail.
   2. Jesus held the highest view of the Bible.
      1. There are some people today who say that the Bible is inspired in spots.
         1. If we cannot trust all of it as God originally gave it, then we cannot trust any of it.
            1. Matthew 5:18
   3. The inspiration of the Bible:
      1. The Bible is verbally inspired.
         1. Not just the thoughts, but the words are also inspired.
         2. Word for word, the Bible is inspired.
         3. Matthew 4:4
         4. We cannot have thoughts without words any more than we could have mathematics without numbers.
         5. God gives the Word.
      2. The Bible is plenarily inspired.
         1. We believe in the verbal, plenary inspiration of the Word of God.
         2. The word “plenary” means “full”.
            1. It means all of it.

From Genesis to Revelation, the Bible is verbally, plenarily inspired.

* + - * 1. Matthew 5:18
  1. Anyone who puts doubt in your mind concerning the Word of God is doing the work of the devil.
  2. We need to get a grip on the Word of God.
     1. Our view of the Bible should be the view of our Savior who said, “Not a jot, not a tittle shall fail from the law until all be fulfilled.”
        1. Matthew 5:18

1. jesus fulfills the old testament in its purpose (galatians 3:24)
   1. The Bible says that the Old Testament law is a schoolmaster to bring us to Jesus Christ.
      1. Galatians 3:24
      2. The law cannot save us; the Ten Commandments cannot save us.
         1. They show us our need for the Savior.
   2. Romans 10:4
   3. Matthew 5:17
      1. When we understand this, then we understand what the cross is all about and why Jesus died.
   4. John 19:30
      1. Jesus Christ fulfilled the law; He met every demand.
      2. If Jesus had not met every demand of the law, then He could not be our Savior.
   5. God demanded a perfect, sinless sacrifice who was born of a virgin with none of the Adamic nature in Him.
      1. Jesus Christ lived a sinless life.
         1. He met every standard of the law of God.
         2. He met every requirement of the Word of God.
            1. That is the only reason why Jesus can be our Savior.
   6. Had Jesus not fulfilled the righteousness of the law, we could never be righteous.
      1. Jesus fulfilled the law for us that grace might fulfill it in us.
   7. The difference between the law and the Gospel is this:
      1. When we think of the law, we think of the Ten Commandments because they summarize the law.
      2. The law says, “Do this, and you will live.”
         1. The Gospel says, “Live, and you will do.”
      3. The law says, “Pay me what you owe.”
         1. The Gospel says, “I forgive all.”
      4. The law says, “You shall love the Lord with all of your being.”
         1. Deuteronomy 6:5
      5. The Gospel says, “Herein is love, not that we love God, but that He loved us, and sent His Son…”
         1. 1 John 4:10
      6. Deuteronomy 27:26
         1. If we are trying to be saved by keeping the law and we break one little point, then there is a curse upon us.
      7. The Gospel says, “Blessed is the man whose iniquities are forgiven and whose sins are covered.”
         1. Psalm 32:1
      8. The law says that the wages of sin is death, but the Gospel says that the gift of God is eternal life.
         1. Romans 6:23
      9. The law says, “Do”.
         1. The Gospel says, “Done”.
      10. Jesus fulfilled the law; Jesus died upon the cross.
2. CONCLUSION
   1. Why the Old Testament?
      1. To show that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.
         1. He fulfills the Bible in its predictions.
         2. He fulfills the Bible in its perfection, and He believed it.
         3. He fulfills the Bible in its provision.
   2. The law is here to tell us that we are sinners, and we are lost.
      1. You cannot save yourself.
      2. If your religion is the Ten Commandments, then you will die and go to Hell.
         1. James 2:10
            1. If you have broken one commandment in spirit, then you have broken them all.
            2. The law is a unit, and God does not grade on the curve.
   3. Jesus came to save sinners.
      1. He suffered, bled, and died upon the cross and paid every debt that we owe.
      2. He fulfilled the law in its purpose.
         1. Galatians 3:24
   4. The Ten Commandments are not obsolete; they are absolute.
      1. Romans 8:4
         1. You cannot do this without Jesus Christ in you.
   5. The Bible of Jesus was a perfect Bible.
      1. It was the Old Testament.
   6. Those of us who live this side of Calvary also have the New Testament.
      1. If the Old Testament is true, then so is the New Testament.
         1. And the New Testament says that we must be born again.
            1. John 3:3
   7. Do you know Jesus personally? If not, you can pray to Him today by asking Him to come into your life.
   8. Call upon Jesus today. Repent (turn) from your sins, and turn to Jesus. Ask Him to forgive you of your sins, and acknowledge Him as Lord of your life.
      1. Romans 3:23
      2. Romans 10:9-10
      3. Romans 10:13
      4. Acts 16:31
      5. John 3:16