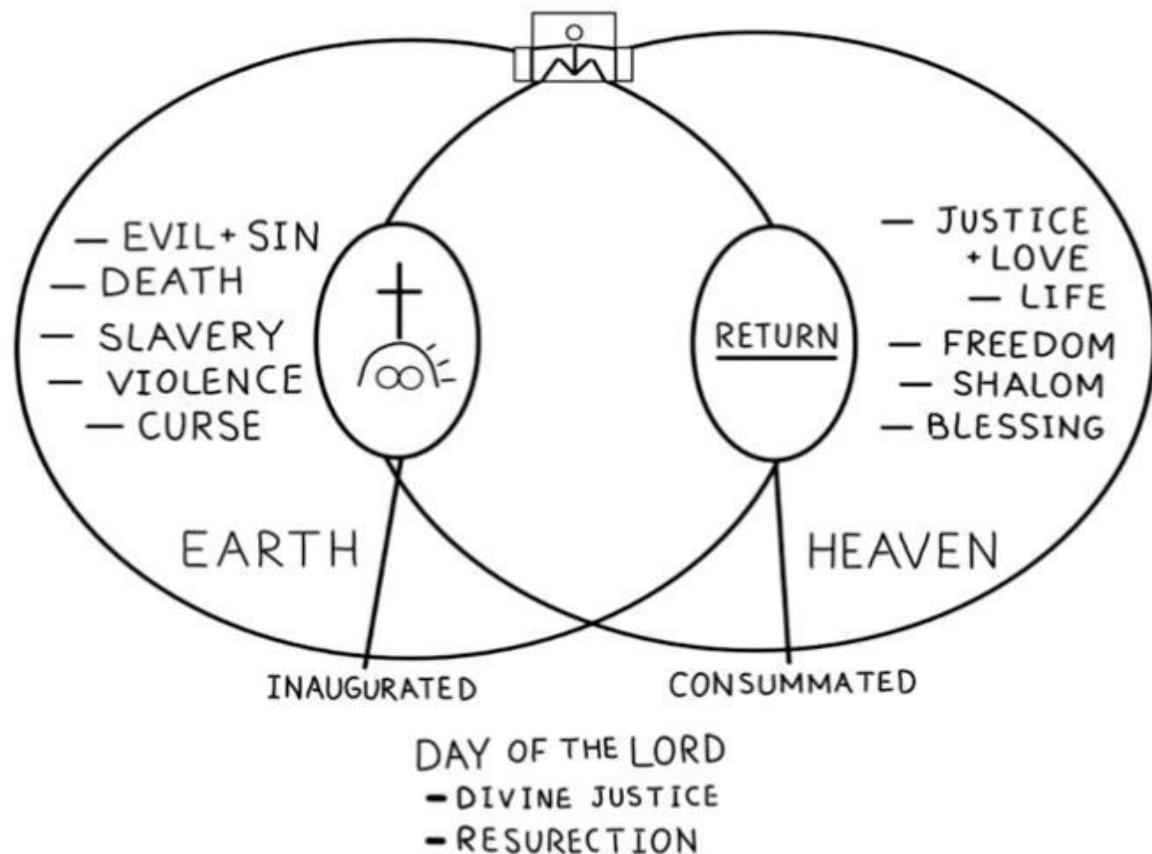


Jesus is King:
Jesus fulfils Torah (1)
Imagination produces murder

- 1) the Beatitudes Matthew 5.1-12
- 2) salt and light Matthew 5.13-17
- 3) fulfilling the spirit of the Torah (1) Matthew 5.17-32 (imagination produces murder)
- 4) fulfilling the spirit of the Torah (2) Matthew 5. 33-42 (imagination produces adultery)
- 5) love for enemies Matthew 5.43-48
- 6) giving, praying and fasting in secret Matthew 6.1-16
- 7) treasures in heaven, do not worry Matthew 6.19-34
- 8) judging others Matthew 7. 1-6
- 9) perseverance in prayer Matthew 7. 7-12
- 10) two kinds of ways, disciples, prophets, houses Matthew 7.13-29

THIS AGE
NOW

AGE TO COME
NOT YET



The Fulfilment of the Law

¹⁷ “Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfil them. ¹⁸ For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished. ¹⁹ Therefore anyone who sets aside one of the least of these commands and teaches others accordingly will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever practices and teaches these commands will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰ For I tell you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees and the teachers of the law, you will certainly not enter the kingdom of heaven.

Murder

²¹ “You have heard that it was said to the people long ago, ‘You shall not murder, and anyone who murders will be subject to judgment.’ ²² But I tell you that anyone who is angry with a brother or sister will be subject to judgment. Again, anyone who says to a brother or sister, ‘Raca,’ is answerable to the court. And anyone who says, ‘You fool!’ will be in danger of the fire of hell.

²³ “Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother or sister has something against you, ²⁴ leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to them; then come and offer your gift.

²⁵ “Settle matters quickly with your adversary who is taking you to court. Do it while you are still together on the way, or your adversary may hand you over to the judge, and the judge may hand you over to the officer, and you may be thrown into prison. ²⁶ Truly I tell you, you will not get out until you have paid the last penny.

Situation	Old Dikaioisune	Kingdom Dikaioisune
1. Irritation with ones associates. (vv. 21–26)	No murder.	Intense desire to be of help. No anger or contempt.
2. Sexual attraction. (vv. 27–30)	No intercourse.	No cultivation of lust.
3. Unhappiness with marriage partner. (vv. 31–32)	If you divorce, give 'pink slip'.	No divorce, as then practised.
4. Wanting someone to believe something. (vv. 33–37)	Keep vows or oaths made to convince.	Only say how things are or are not. No verbal manipulation.
5. Being personally injured. (vv. 38–42)	Inflict exactly the same injury on the offender.	Don't harm, but help, the one who has damaged you.
6. Having an enemy. (vv. 43–48)	Hate your enemy.	Love and bless your your enemy, as the heavenly Father does.

'What is it exactly that is being done in the delineation of this threefold progression of prohibitions from anger to contempt to verbal desecration?

The answer is that Jesus is giving us a revelation of the preciousness of human beings. He means to reveal the value of persons. Obviously merely not killing others cannot begin to do justice to that'.

Dallas Willard, *Divine Conspiracy*, p.173

Murder

Rage

Insult

Court

Supreme Court

God's court

Valley of Ben Hinnom (Hebrew) or Gehenna (Greek)



Biblios

How do we fulfil the Torah?

How do we access the good life?

How do we embody the prophetic community anticipating the new creation?

We ruthlessly eliminate self-righteous anger, contempt and insults from our lives.

We replace this with Jesus' way of dealing with the other, so that our posture is always one of kindness, reconciliation, truth and love towards the other person.