
Today's Quote:

"Jesus rejects the superficial interpretation of the law given by the scribes; He Himself supplies the true interpretation. His purpose is not to change the law, still less to annul it, but to reveal the full depth of meaning that it was intended to hold." John Stott, *The Message of the Sermon on the Mount*

"Christian righteousness is righteousness unlimited. It must be allowed to penetrate beyond our actions and words to our heart, mind and motives, and to master us even in those hidden, secret places." John Stott, *The Message of the Sermon on the Mount*

Upcoming Lessons:

Sunday, August 3rd
Kingdom Righteousness
Before God
(Matthew 6:1-18)

Sunday, August 10th
Kingdom Security
(Matthew 6:19-34)

Sunday, August 17th
Kingdom Relationships
(Matthew 7:1-20)

Sunday, August 24th
Kingdom Commitment
(Matthew 7:21-29)

Sunday, August 31st
Conclusion

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The Sermon on the Mount

Kingdom Righteousness Before Man (Matt. 5:17-48)

I. Jesus' Approach to Kingdom Righteousness Before Man (5:17-20)

A. Jesus Came to Fulfill the Law

1. He fulfilled it through His life.
2. He fulfilled it through His teaching.
3. He fulfilled it through His people.

B. Jesus Calls Us to Keep the Law

1. We must keep it completely.
2. We must keep it comprehensively.
3. We must keep it perfectly.

II. Jesus' Explanation of Kingdom Righteousness Before Man (5:21-48)

A. It is Invisible

1. Anger
2. Lust

B. It is Committed

1. Divorce
2. Oaths

C. It is Gracious

1. Retaliation
2. Enemies

Questions for Reflection

1. How has your view of God's commands grown over the course of your life as a Christian?
2. Which aspect of kingdom righteousness is the most difficult for you (invisible, committed, or gracious)?
3. What is one habit, belief, or attitude you have that you want God to begin changing in you?