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Matthew 5:13-20

“A Surpassing Righteousness”

What’s the focus of the Sermon on the Mount?

### 1. Jesus High View The Old Testament

“Law and Prophets” = the whole Old Testament

- i. Jesus comes to “fulfill” the Law and Prophets (v 17).
- ii. The Law and Prophets will not “disappear” in this life (v18).
- iii. Practicing and teaches these commands is “greatness” in the Kingdom of heaven (19).

### 2. A Greater Surpassing Righteousness

“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” (verse 20).

- Do we need more laws than the Pharisees?!?
- Do we need to be better Pharisees than the Pharisees?!?

Shocking! how Jesus speaks to religious leaders!:

“Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites!... You travel over land and sea to win a single convert, and when you have succeeded, you make them twice as much a child of hell as you are.

“Woe to you, blind guides!... Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees...”

“You are like whitewashed tombs, which look beautiful on the outside but on the inside are full of the bones of the dead and everything unclean.”

“You snakes! You brood of vipers! How will you escape being condemned to hell?” (Matthew 23:33-35)

Examples Of “Surpassing Righteousness”:

- i. Murder (5:21-22)
- ii. Adultery (5:27-30)
- iii. Oaths (5:33-37)
- iv. Giving (6:1-4)
- v. Prayer (6:5-8)
- vi. Worry (6:25-27)

How Do We Do This?

“Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You clean the outside of the cup and dish, but inside they are full of greed and self-indulgence. Blind Pharisee! ***First clean the inside of the cup and dish, and then the outside also will be clean*** (Matthew 23:25-26).

### 3. Salt, Light, City On A Hill

The outer witness and the inner witness:

- A. Inner attitudes (Matthew 5:1-12)
- B. Outer City, Light, City On A Hill (Matthew 5:13-16)
- A’. Inner righteousness (Matthew 5:17-20)