



# KINGDOM



**TITLE:** Kingdom Precepts

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**TEXT:** Matthew 5:17-20

**TARGET:** The tension between the “Law of God” and the “Grace of God” is never solved with an either/or mindset, but rather by both and through lifestyle.

- I. **Corrects a** \_\_\_\_\_ (Vs. 17): “Do not think that”
  - A. **His Motive:** “I have not come to **abolish** them (the Law OR the Prophets)”
  - B. **His Mission:** “but to **fulfill** them.”
  
- II. **Clarifies the** \_\_\_\_\_ (Vs. 18): “For truly, I say to you”
  - A. **Affirms the Law:** “until **heaven** and **earth** pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law”
  - B. **Accomplishes the Law:** “until **all** is **accomplished**.”
    1. The Law demanded Perfection
    2. The Lord delivered Perfection
  
- III. **Challenges the** \_\_\_\_\_ (Vs. 19): “Therefore”
  - A. **Statement of Examination:** “whoever **relaxes** one of the least of these commandments and **teaches** others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven”
  - B. **Sets the Expectation:** “but whoever **does** them and **teaches** them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven.”
  
- IV. **Confronts the** \_\_\_\_\_ (Vs. 20): “For I tell you”
  - A. **Earned Righteousness:** “unless your righteousness **exceeds** that of the scribes and Pharisees”
  - B. **Imputed Righteousness:** “you will **never** enter the kingdom of heaven.”

**TAKE AWAY:** PRAY THAT GOD GIVES YOU GRACE TO **T**REASURE GOD’S WORD\*  
AIM TO **K**NOW GOD’S WORD\* DESIRE TO **O**BEY GOD’S WORD