Title: Kingdom Precepts

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 both and lifestyle.

1. **Corrects a Misunderstanding** (Vs. 17): “Do not think that”
   a. His Motive: “I have not come to abolish the Law OR the Prophets”
   b. His Mission: “but to fulfill them.”

2. **Clarifies the Message** (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.”
      i. The Law demanded Perfection
      ii. The Lord delivered Perfection

3. **Challenges the Mindset** (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.”

4. **Confronts the Misleading** (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 TREASURE GOD’S WORD* AIM TO KNOW GOD’S WORD *DESIRE TO OBEY GOD’S WORD