

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 **T**REASURE GOD’S WORD* AIM TO **K**NOW GOD’S WORD *DESIRE TO **O**BEY GOD’S WORD