

GREATER RIGHTEOUSNESS

I) Review of Matthew

- Matthew shows that Jesus is _____ who has come to _____ by _____.
- Jesus is _____ as He is _____.

II) Review of the Sermon

- The Sermon on the Mount should be read as _____.
- According to Jesus, we fulfill the Torah by _____.

III) Greater Righteousness (5:17-20)

“For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven” (5:17-20).

Throughout the main body of the sermon (5:17—7:12), Jesus expounds upon greater righteousness. To enter His kingdom, our righteousness must exceed that of the Pharisees. Noting not just the sermon but specifically 5:17-20; 5:48; 6:1; 7:12; & 7:15-16, consider the following:

1. What is *righteousness*?
2. What lacks in the Pharisees' righteousness?
3. What does it mean then that our righteousness should be greater than that of the Pharisees?

