



Chapter 5:17-20

- 17 “Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy but to fulfill.
- 18 For assuredly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, one jot or one tittle will by no means pass from the law till all is fulfilled.
- 19 Whoever therefore breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches men so, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does and teaches them, he shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.
- 20 For I say to you, that unless your righteousness exceeds the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven.

Observations & Discussion

1. **The bad news**...vs. 18: what does Jesus mean by “one jot or one tittle” & how does He relate that truth to your obligation to keep the Law?

2. **The bad news**...vs. 19: what are the “least of these commandments” and how does Jesus relate that truth to your obligation to the Law?

3. **The bad news**...vs. 20: have you personally kept the Law (all 613 Commandments) to a greater degree than the Scribes and the Pharisees?

4. **The good news**...how has Jesus fulfilled the Law to the smallest letter? Find an example.

5. **The good news**...how has Jesus fulfilled the Law in the smallest matter? Find an example.

6. **The good news**...how has Jesus fulfilled the Law to a greatest degree? Find an example.

7. Vs. 20 – how will you ever obtain a righteousness great enough to enter the Kingdom of Heaven?