

**Valley Bible Church
Sermon Notes for April 8, 1984**

**The Righteousness of the Kingdom
Matthew 5:17-20
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1. The righteousness of God has not changed.

Where the disbanding of the physical laws of the universe would lead to chaos, so the changing of moral and ethical laws also leads to chaos. Chaos is the product of this choice.

There is a law that is unchangeable and Jesus is testifying to that fact.

Verse 17, Jesus is making it clear that the law is not going to change. **Hebrews 10**, Jesus came to fulfill the law. With one sacrifice He has perfected for all time those who are sanctified.

Verse 18, The law will not change, will not pass away until all is accomplished.

Verse 19, Our faithfulness must be to all of the law. Our faithfulness to all of the law will determine our reward in the Kingdom. There are greater commandments and therefore greater consequences for breaking them. Jesus said that the first commandment is, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart" and the second commandment is to "Love your neighbor as yourself."

2. The traditions of men do change.

The greatest possession we can pass on to our children is truth. God's truth is unchanging absolute.