

Valley Bible Church
Sermon Notes for April 15, 1984

The Righteousness of the Kingdom

Part 2

Matthew 5:17-20

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1. The righteousness of God has not changed.

The standard of righteousness being practiced at that time was that of the scribes and Pharisees. Scribes were the scholars of the Law. The Pharisees were striving for their lives to be righteous according to the Law, according to their interpretation of the Law, which was erroneous.

The teaching they were following became the teachings of men rather than the Law. **Mark 7:1-19**, **Matthew 23:5-7**, The Pharisees and scribes were seeking honor from men. **Leviticus 19:2**

Do people set aside the Word of God and its clear standard and embrace the traditions of men?

They had lowered the standard of righteousness so they could attain to it. Jesus wants the people to see that they cannot do it themselves. He wants us to recognize our weakness.

2. The traditions of men do change.

Luke 18:9-17, we must recognize our weakness and frailties.