**Matthew 5**

1. **Sermon on the Mount (The Beatitudes -v.1-12)**
   1. Jesus begins to speak about the character of those who would make up this kingdom.
   2. Characteristics of those within the kingdom of heaven, Matthew 5:3-11
2. **Salt & Light (v.13-16)**
   1. Jesus transitions into the influence that these individuals should have upon those of this world.
   2. This is an active responsibility.
3. **Jesus’s relationship regarding the Law (v.17-19)**
   1. The Pharisees accused Jesus of breaking the Law, because of the work that Jesus would do on the Sabbath (Mk. 2:24; Jn. 5:16).
   2. Some may have felt that Jesus came to destroy the Law, as both He and John the Baptist came preaching the gospel of the kingdom (cf. Matt. 3:1ff; 4:17, 23).
   3. Jesus makes it clear that He did not come to loosen (destroy) the effects of the Law (or relax it) instead He came to fulfill (to complete it, or to accomplish it).
      1. John 5:31-47; Gal. 3:24
      2. Jesus fulfills prophecy (Matthew 1:22, 2:15; how Jesus life fulfill prophecy).
4. **The righteousness of the Kingdom (v.20)**
   1. These scribes and Pharisees were hypocritical and would teach others to be so as well.
   2. The righteousness of the kingdom is one that comes from our inner person (the heart), not hypocrisy. Consider that these scribes and Pharisees sought their own glory (Matthew 6:1).
5. **The motives of the heart (v.21-48)**
   1. Jesus provides six examples of how the righteousness of the kingdom is one that comes from within.
   2. He goes beyond what the actual Law calls for and focuses on the actual intent, motives, and emotions that the individual has within themselves.