

Text: Matthew 5:1-48  
Topics: Beatitudes, God's Law, Righteousness  
Series: The Promised King

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## God's Kingdom Laws

### I. The Demonstration (1-12)

The Beatitudes are the characteristics of Kingdom people.

### II. The Explanation (13-20)

God's Law is to be seen by what is practiced in His people but perfected in Christ.

### III. The Interpretation (21-48)

God is the standard and His concern is the heart.

My clinging to Christ AND keeping His commandments show that I am in His Kingdom.

Application Questions - These questions are provided for your further study and application of the subject of today's message. Thoughtfully writing out answers to these questions will help drive home the point. They are designed to be discussed in your home, with other believers, and in a Life Group, for even more benefit.

1. Have you had a negative, or positive, experience with another Christian about keeping God's law?
2. Look over the nine beatitudes in Matthew 5:3-12. Which is the hardest for you to understand why Jesus identifies this as a characteristic of His people? Why?  
  
Do you find yourself internally resistant to any of these characteristics being part of your lifestyle? If so, which one(s) and why?
3. What does it mean to be salt and light? (Matthew 5:13-16)  
  
Where are you best "salt & light"? Worst? How can you improve?
4. To outwardly live out our faith as salt & light (Matt. 5:13-16), could easily become (or at least be perceived as) pious and/or judgmental, the very characteristics Jesus condemned in the religious leaders. What tips would you give for guarding against becoming like that?
5. What did Jesus mean when He said, "I did not come to abolish but to fulfill [the Law]"? (Matthew 5:17)  
  
How does this apply to your daily life?
6. Skim over the six teachings Jesus clarified in Matthew 5:21-47. Which one do you think God wants you to focus on? Why?
7. What is the main application of this study, and/or the sermon and its passages, for you?