

EARTHLY SITUATION ... HEAVENLY MOTIVATION



- a) Scribes and Pharisees = keepers, copiers, teachers, and tradition holders (Torah)
 - b) Jesus “You found the key but you failed to open the door.”
 - c) I need to catch something **they** missed if I would enter God’s kingdom.
- *This calls for me to **examine** my life.

Jesus' message on the mountain describes God's expectations (impossibly high). It also tells of the joy and reward of those who seek his kingdom and righteousness.

- standards of true salvation
- character of those who are truly saved
- impact of those who are truly saved

Righteousness of RULES

VS.

Righteousness of HEART

HUMILITY that weeps over the SELF

It is only when I **hunger** for his nature and **abandon** my self centeredness (pride) that I enter his kingdom and experience his life

**EXPECTATIONS that rise above
the CULTURE**

Light and darkness are different.

BEHAVIOR that goes beyond the RULES

Laws are simply the minimal expectation. They are a starting point rather than a stopping place.

WORSHIP that moves past the FORM

Human forms and norms, applause or approval is irrelevant.

FAITH that reaches beyond the EARTH

Pursuit of earthly resources and rewards
is not my priority.

WISDOM that sees beneath the SURFACE

Obedience to God is the foundation of kingdom living. Two houses may be identical except for their foundations, yet that one **difference** is **crucial**.

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