

**Part Two**  
**Lesson 4**  
**“The Sermon on the Mount”**  
**“Unless Your Righteousness Exceeds...”**

Scripture to Study: Matthew 5:13-16; 20-48

Introduction

The Pharisees made their own rules in regards to living...and then deceived the Jewish people into believing that their rules were God's rules. In this section of the Sermon, Jesus first appeals to proper influence, and then He describes the true intent and meaning of the Old Testament Laws which the Pharisees had changed to suit their desires. Jesus shows the weakness of the Pharisees by referring to that which they said and comparing what was said to the actual intent of the Law.

**ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS:**

1. What three examples does Jesus use to describe what position and practice these Jews should actually be showing to the world around them?
2. What good is tasteless salt? What city on a hill can be hidden? How can you hide a lamp?
3. To what good works does Jesus here refer?
4. What specifically do you think Jesus had in mind when he qualified the way these would ever “see the kingdom of heaven”? (vs. 20)
5. As you look at the examples that Jesus uses, what do you think the Pharisees were attempting to get away with?
6. Can we worship God acceptably if a brother/sister has something against us? Have you ever tried to do so? Whom was supposed to go to whom?
7. In what two ways did Jesus say that adultery could be committed? How did these Pharisees attempt to bypass God's Old Testament Law in that regard?
8. How did the Pharisees attempt to bypass God's law concerning truth-telling?
9. What did Jesus say would be the proper way to respond to personal insult?
10. How does one love his enemy?

**THINK ON THESE THINGS:**

See if you can find out what the “MISHNA” is... it's important to a fuller understanding of this section of the sermon on the mount.

*Note: A study of the marriage/divorce remarriage controversy is better covered when that is the only intent of the student, accordingly we will defer that topic to a later date.*