

## 7) The Sermon on the Mount;

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[As noted in the Sermon on the Mount, (Matt; Chps 5-7), Jesus demonstrates many issues with; 'You have heard it said'...(followed with).. 'but I say'. It gives you the impression that he's disagreeing with many of their practices of the time.]

*But later he brings it together with this standing proclamation;*

*"Do not think that I have come to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I have not come to destroy, but to fulfill. For amen I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, not one jot or one tittle shall be lost from the Law till all things have been accomplished.*

*Therefore, whoever does away with one of these least commandments, and so teaches men, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever carries them out and teaches them, he shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I say to you that unless your justice exceeds that of the Scribes and Pharisees, you shall not enter the kingdom of heaven."*

A very good sample of this display is presented in my layout on the subject of divorce. As noted in that presentation, the dedication and knowledge of Jesus goes a long, long way. He was implementing the *original* Laws, where the rulers who think they know it all have missed a great many basics. Therefore, with his note; 'unless your justice exceeds that of the Scribes and the Pharisees, you shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven', he is declaring that he is defending the Laws and the Prophecies, because they are being poorly administered.

After Peter's confession of who Jesus was in his eyes, he takes them up to the top of a hill. Here he is transfigured before Peter, James and John. They see Jesus radiant in white with Moses on one side and Elijah on the other, (Luke 9; 28-36).

- 1) This was more or less a display, that the *greatest* of the written Laws and the *greatest* of the Prophets, were of the very *essence* of Christ's teachings.
- 2) Thus, his statement as noted above is brought out for them to see physically.