







<sup>27</sup> "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall not commit adultery.'



<sup>28</sup> But I tell you that anyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart.



<sup>29</sup> If your right eye causes you to stumble, gouge it out and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to be thrown into hell.



And if your right hand causes you to stumble, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to go into hell.



31 "It has been said, 'Anyone who divorces his wife must give her a certificate of divorce.'



<sup>32</sup> But I tell you that anyone who divorces his wife, except for sexual immorality, makes her the victim of adultery, and anyone who marries a divorced woman commits adultery.



<sup>33</sup> "Again, you have heard that it was said to the people long ago, 'Do not break your oath, but fulfill to the Lord the vows you have made.'



<sup>34</sup> But I tell you, do not swear an oath at all: either by heaven, for it is God's throne; <sup>35</sup> or by the earth, for it is his footstool; or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the Great King.



<sup>36</sup> And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make even one hair white or black.



<sup>37</sup> All you need to say is simply 'Yes' or 'No'; anything beyond this comes from the evil one.





#### Matthew 5:20

For I tell you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees and the teachers of the law, you will certainly not enter the kingdom of heaven.





## 1. What is the righteousness of the Pharisees and teachers of the law?

Law is ultimate

Appearances are everything



2. What is the righteousness that surpasses the Pharisees and teachers of the law?

God is ultimate

Authenticity is everything



3. What does the righteousness that surpasses the Pharisees and teachers of the law look like?



<sup>3</sup> Some Pharisees came to him to test him. They asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife for any and every reason?"



4 "Haven't you read," he replied, "that at the beginning the Creator 'made them male and female,'



<sup>5</sup> and said, 'For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh'?



<sup>6</sup> So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate."



<sup>7</sup> "Why then," they asked, "did Moses command that a man give his wife a certificate of divorce and send her away?"



<sup>8</sup> Jesus replied, "Moses permitted you to divorce your wives because your hearts were hard. But it was not this way from the beginning.



<sup>9</sup>I tell you that anyone who divorces his wife, except for sexual immorality, and marries another woman commits adultery."



<sup>10</sup> The disciples said to him, "If this is the situation between a husband and wife, it is better not to marry."



<sup>11</sup> Jesus replied, "Not everyone can accept this word, but only those to whom it has been given.





#### Matthew 5:17

"Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them.





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