

Living by Jesus' First Sermon

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Introduction:

- A. Defining righteousness
 - 1. God has defined it in every dispensation
 - a. In the beginning - Gen. 2:16-17
 - b. After the flood - Gen. 9:1, 8-9
 - c. At the call of Abraham - Gen. 12:1-3
 - d. As Israel left Egypt - Ex. 12:1-20
 - e. At Mount Sinai - Ex. 20:1-2
 - f. At the return from captivity - Neh. 8:1-8
 - 2. And in every dispensation, humankind redefined it
- B. Jesus had to return their understanding to what God means by righteousness
 - 1. Matt. 5:17-20

I. HOW DOES GOD DEFINE RIGHTEOUSNESS?

- 1. Godly Living - 5:13-16
- 2. Handling Anger - 5:21-26
- 3. Purity of Heart - 5:27-30
- 4. Faithfulness in Marriage - 5:31-32
- 5. Truthfulness - 5:33-37
- 6. The Second Mile Principle - 5:38-40
- 7. Excelling in Love - 5:43-48
- 8. Secret Good Deeds - 6:1-4
- 9. Prayer Life - 6:5-13
- 10. Genuine Forgiveness - 6:14-15
- 11. Private Devotion - 6:16-18
- 12. Spiritual Motives - 6:19-21
- 13. Purity in Judgment - 6:22-23
- 14. Unbound to Riches - 6:24
- 15. Trusting God - 6:25-34
- 16. Righteous Judgment - 7:1-6
- 17. Persistence in Prayer - 7:7-12
- 18. God's Way - 7:13-14
- 19. Fruitfulness - 7:15-20
 - a. Micah 3:5 - They treated best the prophets who said what they wanted to hear; but they will turn on them when the good treatment stops
 - b. John 15:2 - It's not enough to be an olive tree or a grapevine; you must be productive. Not a message they wanted to hear; being Jewish was enough in their minds. Is being a Christian enough for you?
 - c. Matt. 3:10 - You are known for what you do, not what you say or think. Good fruit or goodbye
- 20. Obedience - 7:21-23
 - a. Luke 13:23-28 - Assuming a relationship
 - b. James 1:22-24 - Familiar vs. fervent

21. Preparation - 7:24-27
 - a. Luke 6:47-49
 - b. Requires extra effort and doing the work before the crisis
22. A different kind of teacher - 7:28-29
 - a. Matt. 13:54; John 7:46
 - b. It was the content, not the delivery
 - c. It was confidence conferred by truth, not bravado brought on by audience approval