

KINGDOM RELIGION - IS OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS RIGHT?

Matthew 6:1-18

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Introduction

Background

- Focuses on 3 main religious practices of the time: a) Giving, b) Prayer, c) Fasting.
- Recall Matt 5:20: The righteousness of Christ's followers must surpass that of the Pharisees and teachers of the law.
- Jesus highlights the (non)-examples of the Pharisees and teachers of the law and instructs what the right kind of righteousness looks like.

What does the Right Kind of Righteousness look like?

1. Not self-seeking but God-pleasing (v2-6)
2. Not mindless legalism but should lead to spiritual transformation (v7-15)
3. Not about external appearances but the inner attitude (v16-18)

Implications for us

1. Surrender our pride
2. Guard the best of our intentions
3. Entrust our need for affirmation

Reflection

1. Have we been faithful in the practice of our spiritual disciplines?
2. Which areas do we need God to deal with us (i.e. surrender, guarding, entrusting)?