
SERMON OUTLINE

Living forever starting now Matthew 5:17-20

- I. Eternal Truth – What God says in His word is true forever (Matthew 5:17-18).
 - A. Jesus said He didn't come to abolish the Old Testament but to fulfill it (5:17).
 - Jesus fulfilled the Law's holy standards and Old Testament prophecies.
 - B. Jesus said God's Word is all true and will all be fulfilled (5:18).
- II. Eternal Rewards – What God honors in heaven is commitment to His word now (Matthew 5:19).
 - A. Believers who reject parts of God's word and mislead others, will be "least" in heaven (5:19a).
 - B. Believers who obey and teach God's word will be "great" in heaven (5:19b).
- III. Eternal Life – What God requires to enter heaven is righteousness we can't earn (Matthew 5:20).
 - A. Self-righteous Pharisees: Those who think they qualify for heaven by keeping rules will not be in heaven.
 - B. A different righteousness: Those who enter heaven have a *different kind* of righteousness (Romans 3:20-23; Acts 13:38-39).