

**Except Your  
Righteousness  
Exceed**

Matthew 5:20

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- Matthew 23:4-10

- Matthew 6:1-8

- John 5:41-44

- 1 John 2:15

- 2 Corinthians 5:9

- Matthew 5:16

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- Luke 18:11-12

- Philippians 2:3

- James 2:1-13

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  - Matthew 15:7-9
  - Romans 6:17

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  - Matthew 23:23-24
  - Justice
  - Mercy
  - Faith
  - Revelation 22:14

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  - Matthew 15:1-2; Mark 7:1-23

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  - Laid aside the commandment of God
  - Held the tradition of men
  - Rejected the commandment of God in order to keep tradition

**You cannot have both laws!**



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  - Drawing near with mouth
  - Heart is far from God
  - Worship is therefore vain

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- **Put tradition above divine law**
  - Make the distinction between “traditions of the apostles” and traditions of men
  - Make the distinction between teaching the traditions of men and customarily or traditionally carrying out the will of the Lord
  - Make the distinction between teaching the traditions of men and teaching the application of Bible truth

# Pharisee?

- “You are being Pharisaical to show such concern over details”
  - Wrong.
- “You’re Pharisaical because you’re judging others”
  - Wrong.
- **Will the real Pharisees please stand up?**
  - **The Pharisees of Jesus’ day were not condemned for being careful with the law of God. They were condemned for their liberal approach to the law of God.**

## Don't repeat these errors of the Pharisees

- Love of the honor of men
- Trusting in self and despising others
- Stressing external over internal
- Playing the hypocrite
- Giving attention to some of God's law while neglecting other parts
- Rejecting the commandment of God in order to keep traditions – “teaching for doctrines the commandments of men”