

## **Sermon Notes: Matthew 5:17-20**

“Obedience is the key that opens every door. Obedience is the road to freedom.” CS Lewis

“Greatness in the Kingdom of God is measured by obedience” John Stott

Obedience matters but it’s a certain kind of obedience.

The Pharisees got it wrong because their version of righteousness was self-generated and outward; the righteousness of the Kingdom is received from Christ and inward.

“The OT is a story in search of an ending.” NT Wright

We should read the Bible Christocentrically asking: how does this story or passage point to Jesus?

Every part of the Bible is authoritative and every part matters.

Outside of sin itself, the Bible opposes nothing more strongly than the religion of human achievement.

“Love God then do what you want.” Augustine

How do you view God’s commands: are they a burden or a joy?

Disobedience begins with an assassination of God’s character.

What commandments do you relax or cause others to relax?