

THE TRUE GOSPEL

100 SCRIPTURES ABOUT THE KINGDOM OF GOD

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HOW MUCH RIGHTEOUSNESS IS REQUIRED TO ENTER THE KINGDOM

Mat 5:20 For I say unto you, That except your righteousness shall exceed the Righteousness of the scribes and pharisees, ye shall in no case enter into the **KINGDOM OF HEAVEN**.

Note: Most people believe that the Kingdom of Heaven is something WITHIN YOU. But here it says that the Kingdom is something YOU ENTER. And one of the qualifications for entering it is to have more righteousness than the Pharisees. As we saw in # 7, the basic definition of righteousness is keeping God's commandments. How can we be more righteous or keep God's commandments better than the Pharisees who were extremely strict in keeping the letter of the law? To find the answer, we look through the scriptures for the things that the Pharisees were criticized for. Then we must examine ourselves in the light of these errors and avoid their mistakes in our own lives. The Pharisees were the religious leaders who 'sat in Moses' seat'. They thought of themselves as the spiritual elite of their day, closer to God than anyone else. Yet, as their errors are exposed, we see that they were far away from God and responsible for killing Jesus.

1. The Pharisees received baptism just for show without producing good fruits that demonstrate repentance. Mat 3:5-10
2. The Pharisees thought that they were saved because of who they were, the descendants of Abraham and the children of God. Mat 3:9, Jhn 8:33, 37, 41
3. The Pharisees had a holier than thou attitude about consorting with sinners. Mat 9:10-13, Mar 2:16, Luk 5:30, 7:39, 15:1-7, They trusted in themselves that they were righteous and despised others. Luk 18:9-14
4. The Pharisees said that Jesus' good works were of Satan. This is an example of blasphemy against the holy spirit. Mat 9:34, 12:22-32. They said that Jesus was a Samaritan and had a devil, dishonoring him. Jhn 8:48-49, 52
5. The Pharisees condemned the guiltless by saying it is unlawful for the hungry to go through the grain fields and pluck corn to eat on the Sabbath day. Mat 12:1-8, Mar 2:23-28, Luk 6:1-5
6. The Pharisees condemned the guiltless by saying it is unlawful to heal people on the Sabbath day. Mat 12:9-14, Mar 3:1-6, Luk 6:6-11, 14:1-6, Jhn 9:1-16
7. The Pharisees expected Jesus to prove himself by giving a sign from Heaven. Mat 12:38-40, 16:1-4, Mar 8:11
8. The Pharisees taught people the traditions of men for doctrines instead of the commandments of God. Mat 15:1-11, Mar 7:1-13
9. The Pharisees were called blind leaders of the blind. Mat 15:12-14 (An example of their blind teaching - Mat 23:16-22)
10. The Pharisees' doctrine was like leaven and their leaven was hypocrisy. Mat 16:6-12, Mar 8:15, Luk 12:1

11. The Pharisees taught against God's commandment about adultery by saying that it is lawful to divorce your wife for any cause. Mat 19:3-9, Mar 10:2-9
12. The Pharisees taught against God's commandment about honoring parents by saying that if you give a gift to the temple called corban, you no longer have to provide for your parents. Mar 7:9-13
13. The Pharisees were like wicked husbandmen in charge of a vineyard. They abused and sent away empty people whom their Lord sent to them to receive the good fruits of his vineyard. Mat 21:33-46
14. The Pharisees should be obeyed because they sat in Moses' seat, but their example should not be followed because they did not practice what they preached. Mat 23: 1-3
15. The Pharisees bound heavy burdens upon men, but would not move the burdens with one of their fingers. This is another way of saying that they would not do the work that they expected others to do. Mat 23:4
16. The Pharisees did all their religious works to be seen by men. They were boastful of their righteousness. Mat 23:5, Luk 18:12
17. The Pharisees loved the uppermost rooms at the feasts, chief seats in synagogues, greetings in the markets and to be called Rabbi. Mat 23:6-12, Luk 11:43
18. The Pharisees prevented people from entering the Kingdom of God and did not go in themselves. Mat 23:13
19. The Pharisees devoured widows' houses. Mat 23:14
- 20.. The Pharisees were zealous to make proselytes, but made him more a child of hell than themselves. Mat 23:15
21. The Pharisees were very careful to pay tithes, but omitted the weightier [matters] of the law, judgment, mercy, faith and the love of God: Mat 23:23, Luk 11:42
22. The Pharisees were careful to clean themselves outwardly (they had a tradition of ceremonially washing often up to the elbow), but within they were full of extortion, excess, dead mens bones and all uncleanness. Mat 23:25-26, Luk 11:37-41, Mat 25:27, Luk 11:44
23. The Pharisees were responsible for killing prophets and righteous men including Jesus. Mat 24:29, Jhn 8:37, 40, 58-59, 11:43-53
24. The Pharisees asked Jesus questions while secretly trying to catch him in his words so that they might have evidence to accuse him. Mat 22:15-22, Mar 12:13-17, Luk 11:53-54 13, Jhn 8:3-6
25. The Pharisees had a 'holier than thou' attitude about their frequency of fasting and prayers, and made long prayers for a pretense Mat 23:14, Mar 2:18, Luk 5:33 20
26. The Pharisees accused Jesus of blasphemy because he forgave sins. Luk 5:21
27. When Jesus commended John the Baptist as the greatest prophet, the Pharisees who were not baptized by John rejected the counsel of God. Luk 7:24-30
28. The Pharisees did not love very much, therefore they were not forgiven much. Luk 7:36-47
29. The Pharisees were covetous. Luk 16:14
30. The Pharisees told Jesus to rebuke his disciples when they loudly rejoiced and praised God for all the mighty works they had seen Jesus do. Luk 19:37-40
31. The Pharisee, although a teacher in Israel, did not know the basic doctrine of being born again in order to enter the Kingdom of God. And he did not receive or believe the teaching of Jesus. Jhn 3:1-12

32. The Pharisees said that people were deceived who believed Jesus was the Messiah because they saw in the scriptures that no prophet would come out of Galilee, but out of Bethlehem. They also cast people out of the synagogues for believing in Jesus. Jhn 7:31-52, 9:22, 24-34, 12:42
33. The Pharisees accused that Jesus bore record of himself, so his record was not true. Jhn 8:13-18
34. The Pharisees judged after the flesh, but righteous judgment comes from seeking God's will. Jhn 5:30, 8:15
35. The Pharisees were from beneath and of this world whereas Jesus was from above and not of this world. Jhn 8:23
36. The Pharisees could not listen to the words of Jesus. Jhn 8:37, 43
37. The Pharisees condemned others for sin, but not themselves. Jhn 8:3-11
38. The Pharisees who thought they perceived and knew God, were actually blind by not seeing who Jesus was. Jhn 9:35-41
39. The Pharisees did not know God the Father nor believe his words of truth. Jhn 8:45-47, 54-55
40. The Pharisees' real father was Satan for they did after his deeds, lusts, murders and lies, not after those of God or Abraham. Jhn 8:38-39, 41-42, 44, 55