

The Kingdom and Its Ethic, Part 2
The Framework of the Kingdom
Matthew 5:13-20

- I. Connecting The Kingdom to Its Ethic
 - A. The kingdom is the “rule of God”
 - B. The ethic is moral principles guiding those living under this rule
 - C. This sets out the “framework” of the City of God
 - 1. The foundation is the rule of God manifest by the person and work of Jesus
 - 2. The framework is the ethic lived out by those transformed by the person and work of Jesus
- II. Two Great Metaphors For The Framework of God’s Kingdom (13-16)
 - A. Salt – here, specifically an agent of flavor (and possibly preservation)
 - B. Light
 - 1. From a city: on a hill – safety, security, prestige
 - 2. From a lamp: illumination, awareness, insight
 - C. If salt loses flavor or light is hidden, they are no longer functioning in their proper way (city of man)
 - D. The call to action – let your light shine
 - 1. Before men
 - 2. To see your good works (ethic)

- 3. Why – to turn their attention away from you and to the God whose rule led you to the good works
- III. The Principles of the Kingdom Ethic (17-20)
 - A. External authority
 - 1. From God
 - 2. By revelation (Law)
 - 3. Manifested in Jesus
 - B. Fulfillment and Accomplishment
 - 1. What we cannot do (by effort or desire)
 - 2. This has been done for us (grace of God in Jesus Christ)
 - 3. We are now enabled to do, apart from the burden of Law-keeping
 - C. A “New” Way of Living
 - 1. Excessive self-righteousness (Scribes and Pharisees), which is really a religious hypocrite pretending to be of the city of God living in denial of his servitude to the city of man
 - 2. Exceptional lawlessness – the normal life of the citizens of the City of Man
 - 3. NEW – An internal, transformative righteousness that does not view the recipient as superior to those without it, rather – there is empathy and love