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MATTHEW **The KING has Come**

**“Grace Raises The Bar”
(Matthew 5:17-32, pew Bible page 810)**

I. A Higher Bar for Righteousness (vv. 17-20)

A. The Scriptures (vv. 17-19)

1. Preeminent (v. 17)

2. Permanent (v. 18)

3. Pertinent (v. 19)

B. The Standard (v. 20)

1. Not external, “technical,” and self-elevating

2. But internal, heart-driven, and for the Glory of God

II. A Higher Bar for Anger (vv. 21-26)

A. The established standard: Don't murder. (v. 21)

B. The standard of grace: Authentic reconciliation
(vv. 22-26)

III. A Higher Bar for Lust (vv. 27-30)

A. The established standard: Don't commit
technical adultery. (v. 27)

B. The standard of grace: Mortify your flesh.
(vv. 28-30) (See Romans 8:13, Colossians 3:5)

IV. A Higher Bar for Marriage (vv. 31-32)

A. The established standard: Do the right thing
technically. (v. 31)

B. The standard of grace: Honor marriage. (v. 32)