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How is that righteousness obtained?

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Five,

How is that righteousness clearly manifested in the  
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Matthew 23:16-22

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“Blessed are the merciful,  
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Matthew 5:7

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Matthew 23:23-24

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Matthew 5:8

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