

I Desire Mercy

“Go and learn what this means: ‘I desire mercy, and not sacrifice.’ For I came not to call the righteous, but sinners.” (Matthew 9:13), ESV

Matthew 9:13 – Does this mean we don’t have to _____ laws?

A Closer Look At Mercy vs. Sacrifice

- A. The passage Jesus quoted:
1. Hosea 6:6 – Was the Lord not _____ in their sacrifices?
 2. Hosea 4:1,2 – The land was morally _____. Were they just not trying to offer _____?
 3. Hosea 5:6 – Even if they brought _____ and _____ to sacrifice, they would not _____ the Lord.
 4. 1 Samuel 15:22 – It’s _____ to _____ than to sacrifice.
- B. Jesus’ application of Hosea’s principle:
1. Matthew 9:13 – Their religious attempts were in _____ as long as they _____ groups of people.
 2. Matthew 12:6,7 – They would not have _____ the guiltless if they knew that God desires _____.
- C. Can we “_____” God with our religious activities?

How God’s Desire For Mercy Applies To Us

- A. Attending to matters of the heart:
1. Micah 6:8 – What God wants is for us to do _____, love _____, and walk _____ with our God.
 2. Matthew 23:23 – They had _____ the weightier matters; but neither should they neglect _____.
 3. Mark 12:33,34 – To _____ God and others is _____ than _____ burnt offerings and sacrifices.
 4. Jude 21-23 – The first step is to keep ourselves in the _____ of _____. This will affect how we deal with _____.
- B. May: Primary _____ must be given to how we _____ our fellow _____. Otherwise, our worship will be _____.

While we fight to protect the _____, let us also do what we can for those _____ who have had to face the choice.

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