

When Religion Hinders Mercy

The more you experience the mercy of God,
the more you want others to experience that
mercy as well.

Matthew 12

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laws by Pharisees:

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(3) He answered, “Haven’t you read what David did when he and his companions were hungry?

(4) He entered the house of God, and he and his companions ate the consecrated bread—which was not lawful for them to do, but only for the priests.

Matthew 12

(6) something greater than the temple is here.

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(7) If you had known what these words mean, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice,' you would not have condemned the innocent.

Some people spend all their life learning what
the Bible says yet miss what the Bible means.

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(8)...the Son of Man is Lord of the Sabbath.”

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(11) He said to them, "If any of you has a sheep and it falls into a pit on the Sabbath, will you not take hold of it and lift it out?"

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(12) How much more valuable is a person than a sheep! Therefore it is lawful to do good on the Sabbath.”

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(13) “Stretch out your hand.”

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(13) So he stretched it out and it was completely restored.

The hand I hid, I lift up high,
to Him who's come to hear my cry.
Christ my healer, mercy-revealer.
Lord of the day and King of the night.

Matthew 12

(14) But the Pharisees went out and plotted how they might kill Jesus.

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(15) Aware of this, Jesus withdrew from that place. A large crowd followed him, and he healed all who were ill.

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(17) This was to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet Isaiah: (18) "Here is my servant whom I have chosen, the one I love, in whom I delight; I will put my Spirit on him, and he will proclaim justice to the nations.

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Matthew 12

(19) He will not quarrel or cry out; no one will hear his voice in the streets.

2 Thessalonians 1

(6) God is just: He will pay back trouble to those who trouble you (7) ... This will happen when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven in blazing fire with his powerful angels. (8) He will punish those who do not know God ... with everlasting destruction.

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Mark 2

(17) I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners.

Matthew 1

(21) you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins."

Your brokenness, whatever form it takes,
is no barrier to Jesus. It's an invitation to
trust and be loved by him.

- Sammy Rhodes

2 Corinthians 5

(21) God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God

Grace is a room of a thousand mirrors,
all reflecting the face of Christ.



Matthew 1

(20) A bruised reed he will not break, and a smoldering wick he will not snuff out, till he has brought justice through to victory. (21) In his name the nations will put their hope.”

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will put their hope.***

- Matthew 12:21

Jesus is the author of the
greatest comeback stories.

- Cary Sanders, *Jumpstart*