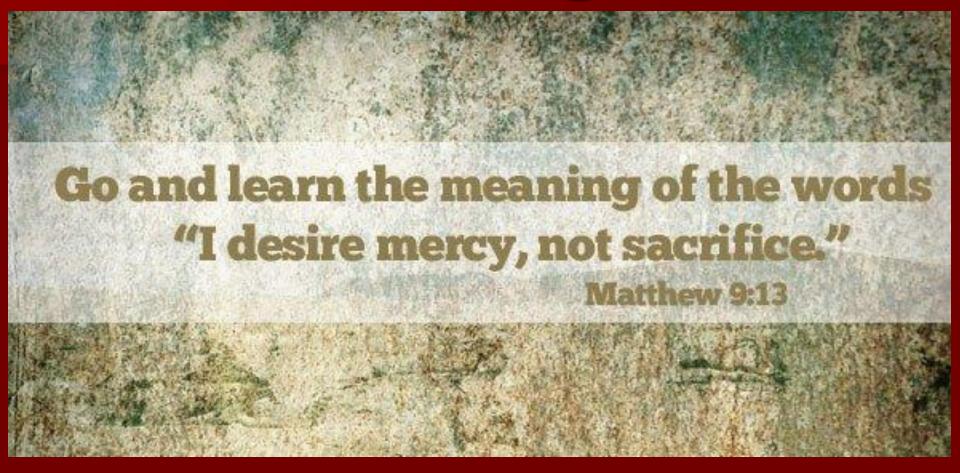
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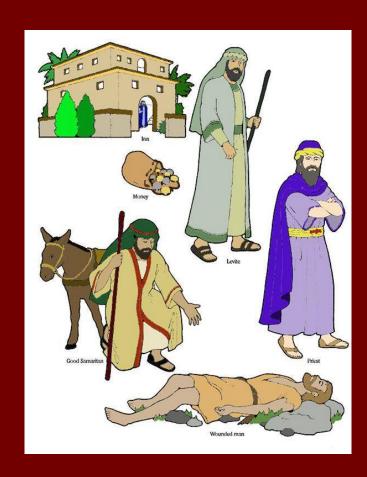
- The Christian's Bible is a drug store. Its contents remain the same, but the medical practice changes."
- "Man is the only animal that has the True Religion — several of them. He is the only animal that loves his neighbor as himself and cuts his throat if his theology isn't straight."

Mark Twain



Parable of The Good Samaritan

- Luke 10:30-37
 - What was different about the Samaritan's attitude?
- Mark 1:41, Jesus was, "moved with compassion, stretched out His hand and touched [a leper], and said to him, 'I am willing; be cleansed."
- It is recorded in <u>Luke 7:13</u>, He feels compassion for a widow who had just lost her only son, and He raises him from the dead.
- Matthew 20:34, He has compassion on two blind men and heals them.
- Matthew and Mark record that Jesus had compassion on the multitude that had followed Him "because they were weary and scattered, like sheep having no shepherd" (Matthew 9:36; Mark 6:34).



Parable of The Good Samaritan

Our Responsibility

- Jesus Christ is and was the perfect example of a good neighbor. His example is one for us to imitate.
- ✓ He saw a world of sinners robbed of their potential, stripped of spiritual ideals, wounded by sins, and unable to rise by themselves from their beaten state. He came down to where the sinners are and gave mankind a corresponding act of mercy, seen in type in the good Samaritan. Through His death and resurrection, He covers our nakedness, binds up our wounds, and heals them. He puts us in the safety of His church and provides for our physical and spiritual needs. God gives us abundantly more than we ask.
- ✓ What shall we do to inherit eternal life?
 - Love the Lord our God with all our heart, soul, strength and mind
 - ✓ Love our neighbor, as ourselves
 - ✓ Go and do the same, as the Samaritan

"Signs of Contradiction" / Gold Among The Dross

- Matthew 9:10-13
 - Mercy Compassion (Human / Divine)
 - -Sacrifice The act or victim of sacrifice
- Mark 2:14-22
 - A self-righteous person does not realize that they need salvation, but an admitted sinner does see the need for salvation.
 - -Tools of religious livings are as effective without an attentive mind of the people utilizing the tools.

"Signs of Contradiction" / Gold Among The Dross

- Luke 5:27-32
 - A person must recognize themselves as a sinner, in order to fully accept the call to repentance.
- Matthew 12:1-8
 - Provision of *Necessity*
 - David and the showbread / ISamuel 21:6
 - Ceremonial Observances give way to Moral Duties

The 2 Tables of The Law

- Hosea 6:1-6
 - -"Mercy" refers to the 2nd table of The Law / Our Duty to our fellow man
 - -"Knowledge of God" refers to the 1st table of The Law / Our Duty to God



Obey Is Better Than Sacrifice

- 1 Samuel 15:22
 - Sacrifice Obedience to God is a moral duty, constantly and indispensably necessary

- Psalm 40:6
 - Understand the spiritual meaning of the sacrifices

Obey Is Better Than Sacrifice

- Psalm 51:16-19
 - Reason God will not despise a broken/contrite/humble heart; wounded hearts seek God's mercy?

- Proverbs 15:8 / 21:3
 - What is an abomination to God?
 - What is acceptable to God?

Considerations Before Passover & The Spring Holy Days

- **Ecclesiastes 5:1**
 - -Walk Prudently/ Go to worship with considerate, circumspect and reverent feeling. (Exodus 3:5 / Joshua 5:15)
 - Hear Rather... / Warning against mere ceremonial self-righteousness
 (Ecclesiastes 7:12)

Considerations Before Passover & The Spring Holy Days

- Jeremiah 7:21-24
 - Obey The Voice (Words) and Walk (Live) in all the ways.

- Micah 6:6-8
 - Do Justly (Justice)
 - Love Mercy (Seek & Give)
 - -Walk Humbly With God

Our Responsibility Before Passover & The Spring Holy Days

Romans 12:1

- Conversion and sanctification are the renewing of the mind; a change, not of the substance, but of the qualities of our mind
- Progress of Sanctification: Dying to sin more and more and living to righteousness more and more, is the carrying on the renewing of the work.

Our Responsibility Before Passover & The Spring Holy Days

- Hebrews 10:22-24
 - -"Let Us Draw Near"
 - -"Hold Fast Your Profession"
 - -"Let Us Consider One Another"
- Hebrews 10:26-29
 - Key Phrase "...sin willfully..."
 - Deliberate & Sustained Opposition / High-handed sin
 - -Spiritual neglect & weakness



Mercy Not Sacrifice

Application To Life:

Conformity To This World / Banyan Tree — "Strangler Fig"

"The great enemy to this renewal is, conformity to this world."

