



**GOD LOVERS & PEOPLE HATERS**  
**AND OTHER THINGS THAT DON'T GO TOGETHER.**

**Love commends love  
and condemns un-love.**

**When you misunderstand God,  
you end up mistreating people.**

**What's most important to God?**

At that time Jesus went through the grainfields on the **Sabbath**. His disciples were **hungry** and began to pick some heads of grain and eat them.

**Matthew 12:1 NIV**

When the **Pharisees** saw this, they said to him, “Look! Your disciples are doing what is **unlawful** on the Sabbath.”

**Matthew 12:2 NIV**

**They cared more about  
the Scriptures than they did  
the people for whom the  
Scriptures were written.**

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

**Matthew 12:3 NIV**



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 12:4 NIV**

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*God sometimes sets aside  
His laws for the sake of mercy.*

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**Any interpretation of Scripture  
that restricts the flow of mercy  
is the wrong interpretation.**

**It is always unlawful  
to be unloving.**

**When you use the law of God  
to withhold the love of God,  
you dishonor God.**

Or haven't you read in the Law that the priests on Sabbath duty in the temple desecrate the Sabbath and yet are **innocent**?

**Matthew 12:5 NIV**

I tell you that something greater  
than **the temple** is here.

**Matthew 12:6 NIV**

So in **everything**, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this **sums up** the Law and the Prophets.

**Matthew 7:12 NIV**



Jesus replied: “ ‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ This is the first and greatest commandment.

**Matthew 22:37-38 NIV**

And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'

All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.”

**Matthew 22:39-40 NIV**

The greatest law of God  
is the law to love people.

When you side with and stand  
for the love of God, you are  
siding with and standing for the  
law of God.

If you had known what these words mean, ‘**I desire mercy, not sacrifice,**’ you would not have condemned the innocent. For the Son of Man is Lord of the Sabbath.”

**Matthew 12:7-8 NIV**

**“The multitude of your sacrifices—  
what are they to me?” says the  
Lord. “I have more than enough of  
burnt offerings, of rams and the fat  
of fattened animals; I have no  
pleasure in the blood of bulls and  
lambs and goats.**

**Isaiah 1:11 NIV**

**Stop bringing meaningless offerings! Your incense is detestable to me. New Moons, Sabbaths and convocations— I cannot bear your worthless assemblies.**

**Isaiah 1:13 NIV**

Your New Moon feasts and your appointed festivals I hate with all my being. They have become a burden to me; I am weary of bearing them.

**Isaiah 1:14 NIV**



When you spread out your hands  
in prayer, I hide my eyes from you;  
even when you offer many  
prayers, I am not listening. Your  
hands are full of blood!

**Isaiah 1:15 NIV**

Learn to do right; seek justice.  
Defend the oppressed. Take up  
the cause of the fatherless; plead  
the case of the widow.

**Isaiah 1:17 NIV**

**“I hate, I despise your religious festivals; your assemblies are a stench to me. Even though you bring me burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept them.**

**Amos 5:21-22 NIV**

Though you bring choice  
fellowship offerings, I will have no  
regard for them.

**Amos 5:22 NIV**

**Away with the noise of your songs!  
I will not listen to the music of your  
harps. But let justice roll on like a  
river, righteousness like a never-  
failing stream!**

**Amos 5:23-24 NIV**

**At the heart of worshiping God  
is a heart for loving people.**