

Jesus Says

What God Requires

Luke 6:1-11

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and what the Lord requires of you: but to
do justly and to love mercy and to walk
humbly with your God.*

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Exposition

- **Working on the Sabbath** (vs. 1-5)
 - **What happened...**
 - Sabbath celebration
 - Pointed to goodness & completeness of God's creation
 - Reminder of covenant relationship with Him
 - Became a burden instead of a blessing...
Substituted religion for a relationship...
Ten(der) Commandments became a behavioral club...
 - **What God requires...**
 - I Sam 21:1-6 (see also Lev 24:5-9)
 - Matt 12:5-8 and Hosea 6:6
 - Haven't you read ...don't you know?
Not a religion, but a relationship – growing out of a heart that is right with God

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Exposition

- **Working on the Sabbath** (vs. 1-5)
 - **Healing on the Sabbath** (vs. 6-11)
 - **What happened...**
 - Malevolent, not benevolent intent
 - He knew their thoughts/motives (Jn 2:24,25; Ps 139:1-6)
 - He saw people not as means to an end, but as objects of God's love and benevolence
 - **What God requires...**
 - It's always right to do right!
 - Jesus was angry and grieved over sinful, hard hearts...
 - Mercy, justice, love-in-action Hosea 6:6; Amos 5:12, 21-24; Micah 6:8; I Cor 13:1; I Jn 3:17
- Lack of love, compassion and mercy – especially dressed up in the costume of religiosity – provokes God's wrath*

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Personal Application

- Beware of reading the word but not getting the point.
- The danger of being more concerned with right theology than with having a right relationship with God.
- The core of our faith is not scrupulous conformity to a behavioral code in the name of religion, but a transformation of heart and mind that leads to a changing life

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