

My heart is conditioned to LOVE at all costs

1 Kings 10:1-9

The Queen of Sheba Visits Solomon

10 When the queen of Sheba heard about the fame of Solomon and his relationship to the LORD, she came to test Solomon with hard questions. **2** Arriving at Jerusalem with a very great caravan—with camels carrying spices, large quantities of gold, and precious stones—she came to Solomon and talked with him about all that she had on her mind. **3** Solomon answered all her questions; nothing was too hard for the king to explain to her. **4** When the queen of Sheba saw all the wisdom of Solomon and the palace he had built, **5** the food on his table, the seating of his officials, the attending servants in their robes, his cupbearers, and the burnt offerings he made at^[a] the temple of the LORD, she was overwhelmed.

6 She said to the king, “The report I heard in my own country about your achievements and your wisdom is true. **7** But I did not believe these things until I came and saw with my own eyes. Indeed, not even half was told me; in wisdom and wealth you have far exceeded the report I heard. **8** How happy your people must be! How happy your officials, who continually stand before you and hear your wisdom! **9** Praise be to the LORD your God, who has delighted in you and placed you on the throne of Israel. Because of the LORD’s eternal love for Israel, he has made you king to maintain justice and righteousness.”

Matthew 12:1-4

The disciples needed to eat, they were hungry. The law makers were willing to uphold the law over Jesus. The law is what they were comfortable with. The law is what they thought was right. They were unwilling to change.

Jesus’ response: Matthew 12:5-8

5 Or haven’t you read in the Law that the priests on Sabbath duty in the temple desecrate the Sabbath and yet are innocent? **6** I tell you that something greater than the temple is here. **7** If you had known what these words mean, ‘I desire mercy, not sacrifice,’^[a] you would not have condemned the innocent. **8** For the Son of Man is Lord of the Sabbath.”

When a law is not for the benefit of God’s work and plan for our life to live with our needs met- it MUST be changed.

Matthew 12
June 14, 2020

Strange Law 1: It is illegal for persons to hunt game from a moving vehicle, unless the game they are hunting is a whale.

Strange Law 2: It is illegal for a woman to drive a vehicle in a house coat.

Strange Law 3: Vehicles cannot surpass speeds of 60 m.p.h. if there is no driver.

Strange Law 4: In Downey, California, it is illegal to wash your car in the street.

Strange Law 5: In Los Angeles, California, it is illegal to wash your neighbor's car without their permission.

Strange Law 6: In Long Beach, California, automobiles are the only items allowed to be stowed in the garage.

Strange Law 7: In Alhambra, California, motorists cannot park their vehicles on the street overnight unless they have a special permit.

Strange Law 8: In Walnut, California, it is illegal to put rock or sand on your driveway.

Now for a few laws that aren't driving-specific:

Strange Law 9: In Fresno, California, park visitors cannot "annoy" lizards they encounter at the city park.

Strange Law 10: "Sunshine is guaranteed to the masses."

Strange Law 11: In Arcadia, California, peacocks have the right of way to cross the street, this includes crossing driveways.

Strange Law 12: In Burlingame, California, it is illegal for residents to spit anywhere, except on baseball diamonds.

Strange Law 13: In El Monte, California, it is illegal to own a pinball machine.

Strange Law 14: In Eureka, California, it is illegal for men with mustaches to kiss a woman.

Strange Law 15: It is illegal for animals to mate within 1,500 feet of a school, saloon or place of worship.

Strange Law 16: It is illegal for a Californian to ride their bicycle through a public swimming pool.

Strange Law 17: In Los Angeles, California, it is illegal to hunt moths under a streetlamp.

Strange Law 18: In Norco, California, it is illegal to grow oleander flowers.

Strange Law 19: In Long Beach, California, it is illegal to curse on a mini-golf course.

Strange Law 20: In Blythe, California, it is illegal to wear cowboy boots unless you own two or more cows.

Slavery was legal- it had to be abolished

Segregation laws-it had to be abolished

Wage gap- it must be abolished

Higher mortgage rates for people of color- it must be abolished

Immigration laws placing children in cages- it must be abolished

What is important to understand is that not all laws are necessary, just, or Godly.

Laws cannot be above what God says

What Jesus died for

What Jesus commissioned us to stand for

I am So GRATEFUL and SAVED because
JESUS stood (stands) for justice and gave
His life for me, for all of us, so that I, we
could have eternal life

Matthew 12:7-8

⁷ If you had known what these words mean, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice,'^[a] you would not have condemned the innocent. ⁸ For the Son of Man is Lord of the Sabbath."

Mercy over Sacrifice

Sacrifice=about You and your pain in return for a reward later

- Friends
- Family
- Watching tv
- Gossip

Mercy=you are not benefitting right now; the person deserves to be punished but you give mercy- you forgive.

We must be born again

What you think is right and feels right- check your
heart/spirit/sin/ego/pride/fear

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When you have been enslaved, oppressed, abused you have nothing left but to embrace the mercy of God. Don't forget about the children of God because you do not see a solution

The solution is always GOD

As Christians we are called

Romans 12:1

Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of **God's mercy**, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, **holy and pleasing** to God--this is your true and **proper worship**.

Holy and pleasing

What is holy? exalted or worthy of **complete devotion** as one perfect in goodness and righteousness

What is pleasing to God?

Galatians 1:10 ESV / 754 helpful votes

For am I now seeking the approval of man, or of God? Or am I trying to please man? If I were still trying to please man, I would not be a servant of Christ.

1 Thessalonians 2:4 ESV / 748 helpful votes

But just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel, so we speak, not to please man, but to please God who tests our hearts.

Romans 8:8 ESV / 568 helpful votes

Those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

Romans 12:2 ESV / 553 helpful votes

Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

Romans 12:1-2 ESV / 501 helpful votes

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I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

[Hebrews 13:16](#) ESV / 493 helpful votes

Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

[2 Corinthians 5:9](#) ESV / 445 helpful votes

So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him.

[Psalm 19:14](#) ESV / 445 helpful votes

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.

[Acts 5:29](#) ESV / 354 helpful votes

But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than men.

[John 12:43](#) ESV / 325 helpful votes

For they loved the glory that comes from man more than the glory that comes from God.

[John 5:44](#) ESV / 298 helpful votes

How can you believe, when you receive glory from one another and do not seek the glory that comes from the only God?

[Ephesians 5:10](#) ESV / 297 helpful votes

And try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord.

[Ephesians 6:6](#) ESV / 295 helpful votes

Not by the way of eye-service, as people-pleasers, but as servants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart,

[Psalm 149:4](#) ESV / 295 helpful votes

For the LORD takes pleasure in his people; he adorns the humble with salvation.

[Hebrews 13:15-16](#) ESV / 283 helpful votes

Through him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

[Hosea 6:6](#) ESV / 283 helpful votes

For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice, the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings.

Definition of Steadfast love: 1a : firmly fixed in place : immovable. b : not subject to change

[Romans 8:5](#) ESV / 276 helpful votes

For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit.

[Romans 12:12](#) ESV / 267 helpful votes

Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer.

[Matthew 10:28](#) ESV / 204 helpful votes

And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell.

[Proverbs 29:26](#) ESV / 143 helpful votes

Many seek the face of a ruler, but it is from the LORD that a man gets justice.

[Galatians 1:9](#) ESV / 137 helpful votes

As we have said before, so now I say again: If anyone is preaching to you a gospel contrary to the one you received, let him be accursed.

[Revelation 4:11](#) ESV / 136 helpful votes

"Worthy are you, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created."

[Matthew 9:13](#) ESV / 131 helpful votes

Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, and not sacrifice.' For I came not to call the righteous, but sinners."

List of scriptures above Retrieved from: https://www.openbible.info/topics/pleasing_god

Matthew 12:9-14

⁹ Going on from that place, he went into their synagogue, ¹⁰ and a man with a shriveled hand was there. Looking for a reason to bring charges against Jesus, they asked him, "Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath?"

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

¹³ Then he said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." So he stretched it out and it was completely restored, just as sound as the other. ¹⁴ But the Pharisees went out and plotted how they might kill Jesus.

Instead of the law makers listening, learning, and changing their beliefs and turning their hearts and laws towards Jesus- they plotted to kill him.

Jesus continued the work of God

Jesus heals the sick

Jesus casts out a demon from a demon possessed man and the priests accuse Jesus of working with Satan

The priests were unable to see that the kingdom of God had come upon them Matthew 12:28

Why?

Their sin- pride/ego/doubt in God/no faith/jealousy, etc

Matthew 12:29-37

²⁹ "Or again, how can anyone enter a strong man's house and carry off his possessions unless he first ties up the strong man? Then he can plunder his house.

³⁰ "Whoever is not with me is against me, and whoever does not gather with me scatters. ³¹ And so I tell you, every kind of sin and slander can be forgiven, but blasphemy against the Spirit will not be forgiven. ³² Anyone who speaks a word against the Son of Man will be forgiven, but anyone who speaks against the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven, either in this age or in the age to come.

³³ "Make a tree good and its fruit will be good, or make a tree bad and its fruit will be bad, for a tree is recognized by its fruit. ³⁴ You brood of vipers, how can you who are evil say anything good? For the mouth speaks what the heart is full of. ³⁵ A good man brings good things out of the good stored up in him, and an evil man brings evil things out of the evil stored up in him. ³⁶ But I tell you that everyone will have to give account on the day of judgment for every empty word they have spoken. ³⁷ For by your words you will be acquitted, and by your words you will be condemned."

Blasphemy against the spirit:

Blasphemy against the Holy Spirit" is conscious and hardened opposition to the truth, "because the Spirit is truth" (1 John 5:6). Conscious and hardened resistance to the truth leads man away from humility and repentance, and without repentance there can be no forgiveness.

WE cannot get caught up in our thoughts and feelings. We **must** check our **hearts**

Stay humble

Repent

Forgive

Repeat

Matthew 12:38-50

The Scribes and Pharisees Ask for a Sign

³⁸ Then some of the scribes and Pharisees answered, saying, "Teacher, we want to see a sign from You."

³⁹ But He answered and said to them, "An evil and adulterous generation seeks after a sign, and no sign will be given to it except the sign of the prophet Jonah. ⁴⁰ For as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the great fish, so will the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth. ⁴¹ The men of Nineveh will rise up in the judgment with this generation and condemn it, because they repented at the preaching of Jonah; and indeed, a greater than Jonah is here. ⁴² **The queen of the South will rise up in the judgment with this generation and condemn it, for she came from the ends of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon; and indeed a greater than Solomon is here.**

Jesus is referring to our inability to believe without seeing miracles and though we have miracles very day our faith is weak. The queen of the south (Africa area 1 Kings 10) came to see Solomon and saw all he had to offer and left (not filled) the elders and priest need more to believe and follow Jesus. This reminds me of today- we know what is just, but we need more of a sign. We know we need to be humble, share the gospel,

and love one another but we do not because we are more concerned about being liked and being comfortable than doing what Jesus would want us to do.

An Unclean Spirit Returns

⁴³ "When an unclean spirit goes out of a man, he goes through dry places, seeking rest, and finds none. ⁴⁴ Then he says, 'I will return to my house from which I came.' And when he comes, he finds it empty, swept, and put in order. ⁴⁵ Then he goes and takes with him seven other spirits more wicked than himself, and they enter and dwell there; and the last *state* of that man is worse than the first. So shall it also be with this wicked generation."

We find salvation, through repentance, humility, and forgiveness but we forget and get tired and makes excuses and we give into influences of spirits that are not the Holy Spirit.

Jesus' Mother and Brothers Send for Him

⁴⁶ While He was still talking to the multitudes, behold, His mother and brothers stood outside, seeking to speak with Him. ⁴⁷ Then one said to Him, "Look, Your mother and Your brothers are standing outside, seeking to speak with You."

⁴⁸ But He answered and said to the one who told Him, "Who is My mother and who are My brothers?" ⁴⁹ And He stretched out His hand toward His disciples and said, "Here are My mother and My brothers! ⁵⁰ For whoever does the will of My Father in heaven is My brother and sister and mother." How exciting that we are part of the family of God if we do God's will

God desires for us to do His Will

Be reconciled to God



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Philippians 2:12

Therefore, my dear friends, as you have always obeyed--not only in my presence, but now much more in my absence--continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling,

Additional reading on the queen of the south

<https://www.bloggingtheologically.com/2011/08/11/learning-from-the-queen-of-the-south/>
<https://www.thebiblejourney.org/biblejourney2/31-the-golden-age-of-israel-under-king-solomon/the-queen-of-sheba-travels-to-jerusalem/>