

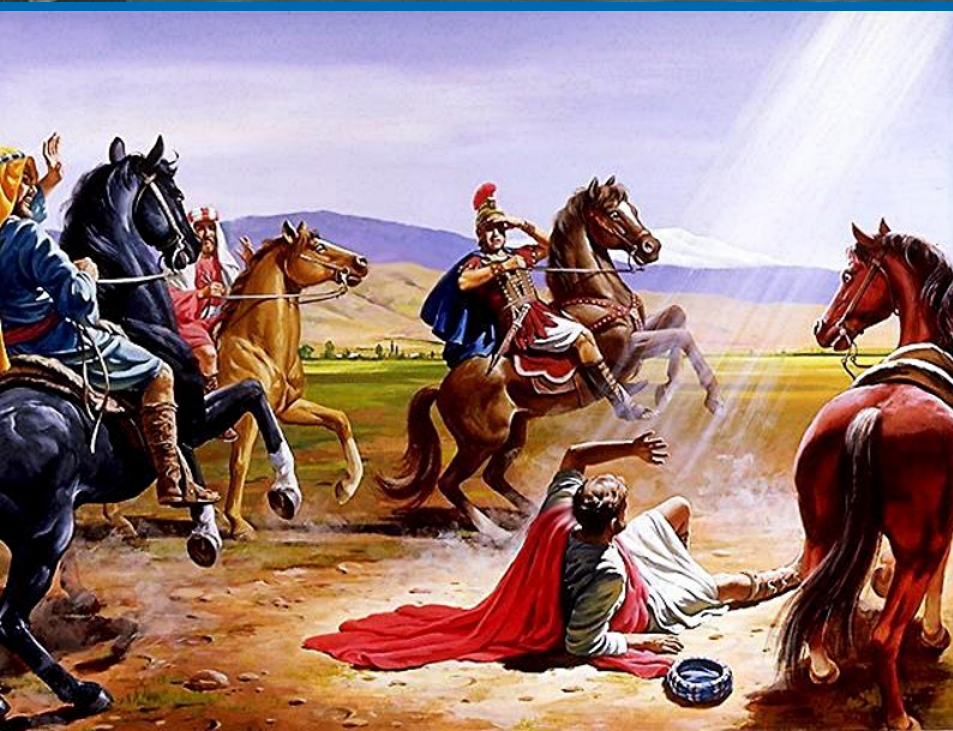
WHY ONLY MATTHEW?

- Yeshua's Sermon on the Mount can be compared only to Moses at Mt. Sinai
- This is why Matthew pictures Yeshua as a second Moses
- In Luke chapter 6 is the Sermon on the Plain, not the Sermon on the Mount
- The Sermon on the Mount is an in-depth teaching on the Torah as given to Moses
- Christ paused to make it clear He did not abolish or in any way tamper with the Torah
- He also did not create a new "Torah of Jesus"





- Yeshua chose His disciples by command
- John Calvin brought together the doctrines of election and predetermination
- Calvin's new doctrine meant that all who would believe were pre-selected in eternity past, and thus only those pre-chosen would ever be saved.... the rest wouldn't
- ***Talmid, Talmidim*** = disciple, disciples
- "Disciple" doesn't fully capture the meaning of ***Talmid***



THE DISCIPLES COULD SAY “NO”

- Yeshua didn't compete for disciples, He commanded & chose them
- Paul a Diaspora Jew, educated, well to do family, a Pharisee
- Attended the Academy of Gamaliel in Jerusalem
- These actions do not warrant a Church doctrine of exclusivity whereby disciples of Christ are predetermined

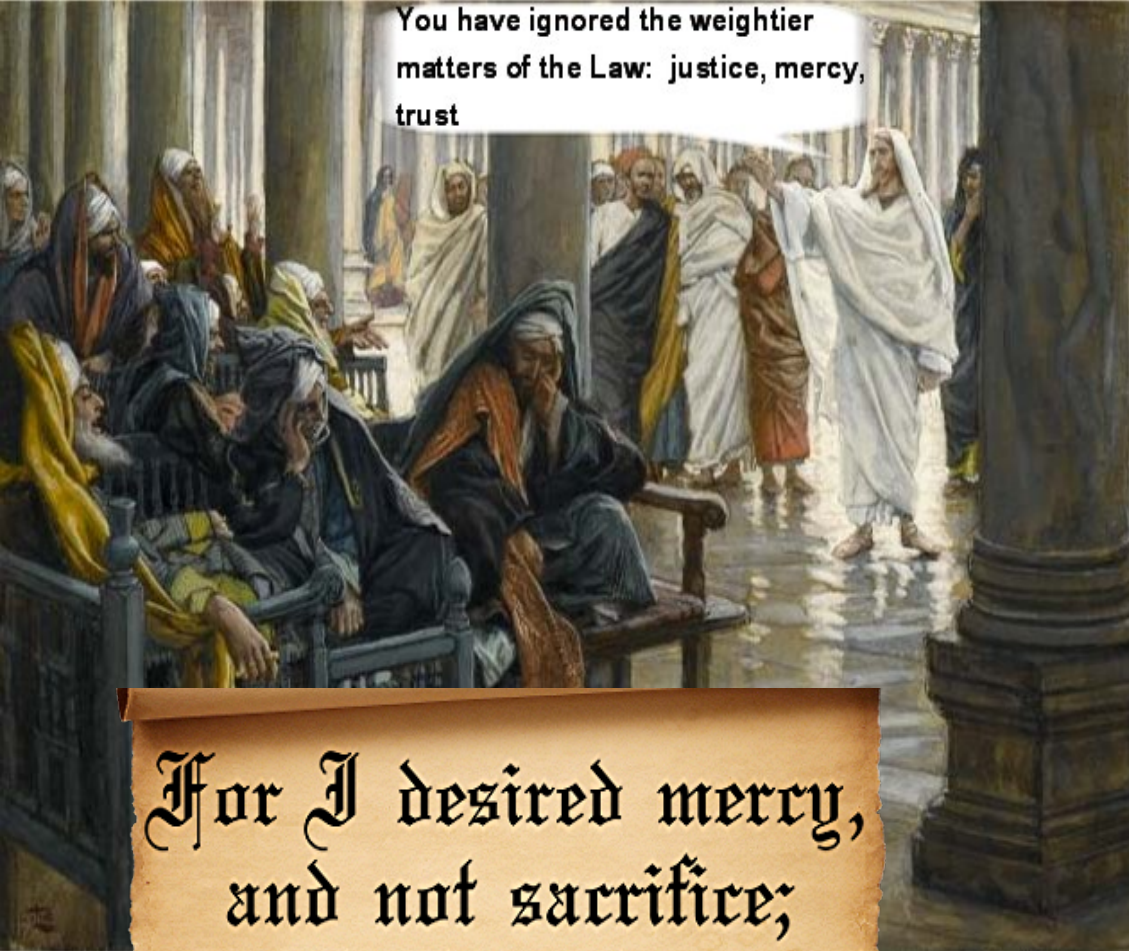
- Mercy is a reciprocal matter between God and man
- Proverbs 14:21
- B. Talmud Shabbat
“Whoever has pity on people will obtain pity from Heaven.”
- Compassion, mercy, pity are essentially the same in the Bible
- Two greatest commandments:
Love God, Love your fellow man

How blessed are those who show mercy! For they will be shown mercy.

Matthew 5:7



You have ignored the weightier
matters of the Law: justice, mercy,
trust

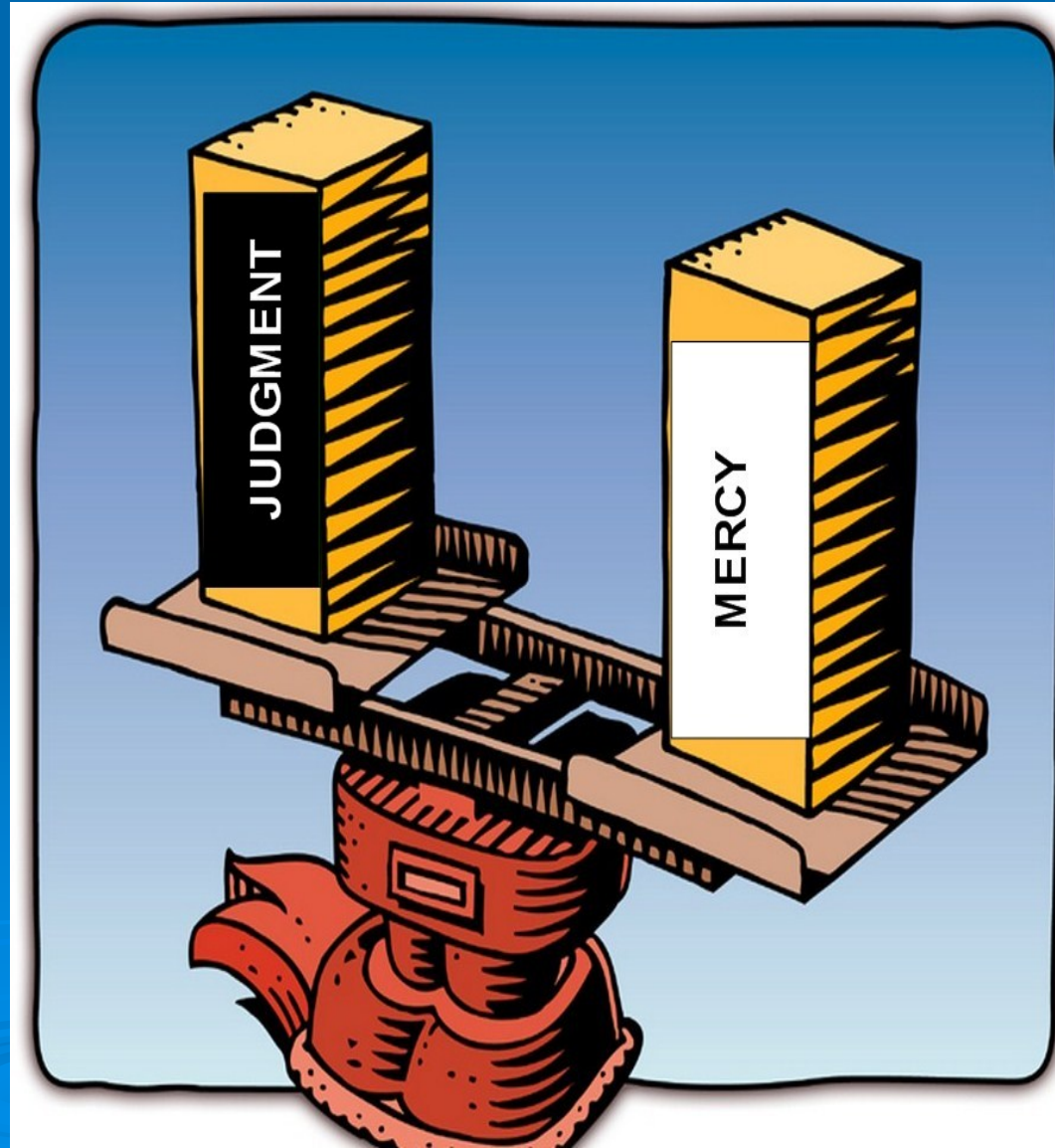


For I desired mercy,
and not sacrifice;
and the knowledge of
God more than burnt
offerings.
Hosea 6:6

- Hosea 6:6 and Matthew 23:23 mean the same
- Some laws carry more weight, and so carry greater consequences
- **P'shat** = not showing mercy is a greater sin than not paying tithes (as an example)
- **Remez** = results of our mercy (or lack of) will occur at the Final Judgment

PROPORTIONAL JUSTICE

- Our position in the Kingdom will depend on our faithfulness to God's laws & commands
- These commands & laws also have a hierarchy of more and less weight
- Of these, the laws concerning justice, mercy, and trust are among the weightiest
- God's justice requires atonement; the price is the death of an innocent creature
- Jesus Christ became that innocent creature for us





- In Matthew 23:23 where we see “mercy”, a better word would be ***chesed*** because it encompasses more traits
- The “trust” portion of the weightier matters concerns our relationship with God
- A better word than “trust” is faithfulness because it incorporates belief, trust and uncompromising loyalty

A stained glass window featuring a central white panel with the words "PURE in heart" written in a black, gothic-style font. The window is framed by dark leaded glass and includes several red and green heart-shaped motifs. The text "THE 6TH BEATITUDE" is overlaid in white, bold, sans-serif capital letters in the upper right corner.

THE 6TH BEATITUDE

PURE in heart

- ***Matt. 5:8 “How blessed are the pure in heart! For they will see God”***
- Psalm 24
- “Heart” today is a metaphor for where love resides
- Biblically “heart” equates to the mind and the intellect
- Better phrased: ***“How blessed are the pure in mind! For they will see God”***
- “Pure” recalls the ritual purity rules of the Torah

P'SHAT

KNOWING GOD



“SEEING GOD” NOW AND FUTURE

- Seeing God in the here and now is to know God
- Seeing God in the eternal future is see Him face to face as did Adam and Eve
- The pure in mind accepts God's justice
- God's justice is Salvation
- Salvation gives us membership in God's Kingdom

- **THE 7TH BEATITUDE**
- Matthew 5:9
- “Peace” is meant in the conventional way; an absence of conflict
- “Shalom” is a spiritual concept about well-being in all its facets
- Matthew 10:34
- Yeshua brings Heavenly shalom (peace)
- He says for now He is NOT bringing shalom, but rather He’s bringing conflict (a sword)
- Pirkei Avot 1:12



blessed are the
peacemakers



IT'S A GOD THING



- In the 1st century some Jews contented themselves with living under Rome, other Jews (Zealots) were ready to fight
- Jews believed they were living in the End Times
- OT Prophets foretold of God punishing His unfaithful people through the oppression of a foreign nation
- Therefore Yeshua urged people not to make war because this occupying force was God's will



LED BY THE
SPIRIT



- “SONS OF GOD”
- Rom.8:14 “*All who are led by God’s Spirit are God’s sons*”
- SERVANTS of God (like priests) a high status
- SONS of God (like Kings of Israel) a higher status
- *P’shat* = following Christ means being non-violent against Rome
- *Remez* = we are sons of God in the present, but “sons” will rise to a greater and ultimate sense in the eternal future
- Rev. 21:1 – 7
- Gen. 1:26