Lesson 22

3/24/19

Mercy & Sacrifice

The goal for this lesson is to explain what Jesus taught regarding mercy & sacrifice, & to explain how it compares to the things taught in the law of Moses.

The first three questions are review from lesson #2.

1) Consider Deuteronomy 30:11-20. God wanted the Israelites to be able to follow the law. How is the law described in verse 11-14? According to verse 16 & 20, what should be Israel’s motive for following the law?

Deuteronomy 6:1-5 confirms God’s desire to be feared & loved.

1 “Now this is the commandment—the statutes & the rules—that the Lord your God commanded me to teach you, that you may **do them** in the land to which you are going over, to possess it, 2 that you may **fear the Lord your God**, you & your son & your son's son, by keeping all his statutes & his commandments, which I command you, all the days of your life, & that your days may be long. 3 Hear therefore, O Israel, & be careful to do them, that it may go well with you, & that you may multiply greatly, as the Lord, the God of your fathers, has promised you, in a land flowing with milk & honey. 4 Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. 5 You shall **love the Lord your God** with all your heart & with all your soul & with all your might.”

2) According to the following New Testament verses, what was the reason/purpose of the law of Moses? Matthew 7:12; 22:36-40; Romans 13:8-10; James 2:8

3) How did most Israelites see the law instead? What was their purpose/motive for following it? Romans 9:30-32

4) Consider Matthew 12:1-14. How did the Pharisees misunderstand the law? What point is Jesus teaching them? See also Deuteronomy 23:24-25 & Exodus 31:14

5) How were lepers treated according to the law of Moses? Leviticus 13:45-46

6) What can we learn from Jesus’ interaction with a leprous man? Matthew 8:1-4

7) How were those with a discharge of blood treated according to the law of Moses? Numbers 5:1-4

8) What can we learn from Jesus’ interaction with a woman who had a discharge of blood? Matthew 9:20-22

9) What was the law regarding punishment for crime according to the law of Moses? Leviticus 24:17-22

10) What can we learn from Jesus’ words regarding retaliation in Matthew 5:38-42?

11) What are some ways you can apply Jesus’ words regarding mercy & sacrifice?