

Title: Beyond Sacrifice
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Matthew 9:13a

¹³ But go and learn what this means: 'I desire mercy and not sacrifice.'

Matthew 12:7

⁷ But if you had known what this means, 'I desire mercy and not sacrifice,' you would not have condemned the guiltless.

Mercy:

compassion, tender mercy, kindness, beneficence, an outward manifestation of pity.
= LOVE IN ACTION

Luke 10:33, 37a

³³ But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was. And when he saw him, he had compassion.

³⁷ And he said, "He who showed mercy on him."

Sacrifice:

Old Testament offering to God by slaughter.

II Samuel 24:24

²⁴ Then the king said to Araunah, "No, but I will surely buy it from you for a price; nor will I offer burnt offerings to the LORD my God with that which costs me nothing." So David bought the threshing floor and the oxen for fifty shekels of silver.

SACRIFICE → JUDGEMENT

LOVE → MERCY

Cross: sacrifice + mercy

Fulfil the Law – wilful sacrifice

Mercy *overtook* sacrifice and removed it

→ Mercy *triumphed* over sacrifice / judgement

Romans 5:5

⁵ Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us.

I Corinthians 13:3

³ And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, but have not love, it profits me nothing.

I John 4:18

¹⁸ There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves torment. But he who fears has not been made perfect in love.

Acts 4:32

³² Now the multitude of those who believed were of one heart and one soul; neither did anyone say that any of the things he possessed was his own, but they had all things in common.

James 2:12-13

¹² So speak and so do as those who will be judged by the law of liberty. ¹³ For judgment is without mercy to the one who has shown no mercy. Mercy triumphs over judgment.

Proverbs 21:13

¹³ Whoever shuts his ears to the cry of the poor Will also cry himself and not be heard.

II Timothy 1:15-18

¹⁵ This you know, that all those in Asia have turned away from me, among whom are Phygellus and Hermogenes. ¹⁶ The Lord grant mercy to the household of Onesiphorus, for he often refreshed me, and was not ashamed of my chain; ¹⁷ but when he arrived in Rome, he sought me out very zealously and found me. ¹⁸ The Lord grant to him that he may find mercy from the Lord in that Day—and you know very well how many ways he ministered to me at Ephesus.

I Corinthians 14:1

¹ Pursue love...

I John 2:6

⁶ He who says he abides in Him ought himself also to walk just as He walked.

1st: church, 2nd: world

Romans 12:13

¹³ distributing to the needs of the saints, given to hospitality.

Galatians 6:10

¹⁰ Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith.

Cautions:

1. Undisciplined mercy
2. Parasiting
3. Pearls before swine

Matthew 13:12

¹² For whoever has, to him more will be given, and he will have abundance; but whoever does not have, even what he has will be taken away from him.

Conclusion:

James 1:27

²⁷ Pure and undefiled religion before God and the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their trouble, and to keep oneself unspotted from the world.

Micah 6:8

⁸ He has shown you, O man, what is good; And what does the LORD require of you But to do justly, To love mercy, And to walk humbly with your God?