

Southside Baptist Church
Wednesday Night Worship – 10-12-22
Matthew Chapter 12 Part 1

1. Introduction:

a. Taking a look back:

- 1) **“These things”** – hidden from the **“wise and prudent”**; revealed to **“babes”**.
- 2) Jesus invites them to “Come”, “Take” and to “Learn”
 - a) His invitation is to -
- 3) Everyone is connected to a **“yoke”**, we found that some are connected to:
 - a) The Law – No power for living life.
 - b) The World – Life is about the flesh, living for self.
 - c) Jesus Christ – Life is in Him and through Him.
- 4) Jesus wants us to know Him – **“Learn of Me”**
 - a) Believers begin this journey first by –
- 5) Ultimately – **“you shall find REST unto your souls”** – That is In Christ.

b. Taking a look ahead:

- 1) Ready for another confrontation between Jesus and the Pharisee’s.
- 2) Jesus’ message prior to this confrontation is interesting...
 - a) Keep Jesus invitation in mind while we are in this field.
- 3) Remember our study of the sabbath rest.
 - a) What should have been a blessing became a burden.
- 4) Remember the truth of the **“yoke”**
 - a) The Lord is desiring to be connected to the yoke to come alongside you, walk with you, to lead you, to enable you in the work that is before you.
 - b) **“Comforter”** – **“parakletos”** – called to one’s side.

2. Jesus is with His disciples on the Sabbath:

a. The disciples are hungry:

- 1) This is the sabbath day. To the Jews it meant –
- 2) First question – are they stealing the **“corn”** or grain?
 - a) Deut. 23:25 –

b. The Pharisee’s are watching, and they have an opinion: Verse 2

- 1) Were the disciples harvesting or simply being blessed by what God had said?
- 2) The text tells they are eating because they are hungry not because they are harvesting.

c. Jesus speaks – Do you not know what David did? Verse 3

- 1) Great question – did they know the answer?
- 2) Did they condemn David?
- 3) This is an interesting moment for these religious leaders.
- 4) What do you see here from Jesus?
 - a) Jesus instructing in being wise with discernment and compassion when dealing ceremonial law.

d. Did the priests profane the sabbath? Verse 5-6

1) How did the priests profane the sabbath?

2) The purpose of the sabbath was to rest – to know that the Lord is their God and this understanding would break forth into worship and thus a part of worship involved the work that the priests would do on the sabbath.

3) **“That in this place is one greater than the temple”** –

e. If you understood, **“I will have mercy, and not sacrifice”** Verse 7

1) Jesus is quoting the Old Testament Prophets here:

a) I Samuel 15:22-23 –

b) Hosea 6:6 –

2) Consider what Jesus meant –

a) Drawing near with your lips while your heart is far from Him.

b) What if you knew every part of the Law and yet have not love?

f. Do you know that Jesus is lord of the Sabbath?

1) Who is the authority over the Sabbath?

2) This statement affirms that He is equal with God.

3. Tonight's Take Away:

a. Do you think it is possible to develop an attitude like the Pharisee's have here?