

Matthew's Gospel

Chapter 12a

Matthew 23:4-5 [The Pharisees] tie up heavy burdens, hard to bear, and lay them on people's shoulders, but they themselves are not willing to move them with their finger. They do all their deeds to be seen by others.

Deut. 23:24-25 If you go into your neighbor's vineyard, you may eat your fill of grapes, as many as you wish, but you shall not put any in your bag. If you go into your neighbor's standing grain, you may pluck the ears with your hand, but you shall not put a sickle to your neighbor's standing grain.

Leviticus 24:8 Every Sabbath day Aaron shall arrange it before the Adonai regularly; it is from the people of Israel as a covenant forever. And it shall be for Aaron and his sons, and they shall eat it in a holy place, since it is for him a most holy portion out of Adonai's food offerings, a perpetual due.

1. **Human need** is greater than the **Temple service**
(ex. – David and the showbread - 1 Samuel 21:1-6)
2. The **Temple service** is greater than the **Sabbath**
(ex. – Priestly service on Sabbath – Numbers 28:9-10)
3. Therefore, **human need** is great than the **Sabbath**.

Numbers 28:9-10 On the Sabbath day, two male lambs a year old without blemish, and two tenths of an ephah of fine flour for a grain offering, mixed with oil, and its drink offering: this is the burnt offering of every Sabbath, besides the regular burnt offering and its drink offering.

Hosea 6:6 For I desire *chesed* ["steadfast love/loyalty"] and not sacrifice, the **knowledge of God** rather than burnt offerings.

LOVE + KNOWLEDGE = CONNECTION

Mark 12:33 And to love Him with all the heart and with all the understanding and with all the strength, and to love one's neighbor as oneself, is much more than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices.

Exodus 31:16 Therefore the people of Israel shall keep the Sabbath, observing the Sabbath throughout their generations, as a covenant forever. It is a sign forever between Me and the people of Israel that in six days Adonai made heaven and earth, and on the seventh day He rested and was refreshed.

Isaiah 56:3-8

Mark 2:27 And He said to them, "The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath."

b.Shabbat 133a - *Wherever you encounter a positive commandment and a prohibition in conflict with one another, if you can observe both of them it is preferable. But if not, then let the positive commandment come and override the prohibition.*

Leviticus 18:5 You shall therefore keep My statutes and My judgments; if a person does them, **he shall live by them**: I am Adonai.

Proverbs 3:27 Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due, when it is in your power to do it. Do not say to your neighbor, "Go, and come again, tomorrow I will give it" – when you have it with you.

b.Yoma 85b - *A man may profane one Sabbath, so that he may live to keep many Sabbaths.*

Isaiah 42

John 4:34 Yeshua said to them, "My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me and to accomplish his work."

John 9:4 We must work the works of Him who sent Me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.

James 4:17 So whoever knows the right thing to do and fails to do it, for him it is sin.

Hebrews 4:9-11 So then, there remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God, for whoever has entered God's rest has also rested from his works as God did from His. Let us therefore strive to enter that rest, so that no one may fall by the same sort of disobedience.