

Text: Matthew 12:1-50
Topics: Beliefs, Compassion, Obedience, Signs
Series: The Promised King

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Cautions for the Religious

I. A Sabbath Attack (1-14)

Beware of rules that restrict you from God's compassion.

II. A Spirit Attack (22-37)

Beware of beliefs that blind you to the Spirit's work.

III. A Sign Attack (38-45)

Beware of demanding signs from God without surrender to God.

IV. A Strict Assertion (46-50)

Your obedience to God is essential to your relationship with God.

Application Questions - *These questions are provided for your further study and application of the subject of today's message. Thoughtfully writing out answers to these questions will help drive home the point. They are designed to be discussed in your home, with other believers, and in a Life Group, for even more benefit.*

1. Can you think of an expectation that you had from God that didn't happen? How did you react?

2. What was the Pharisees' rule in Matthew 12:1-14. Was it Biblical?

What are some rules (do & don't) that Christians have today that may not actually be Biblical? Do you have any such rules?

How can these rules keep you from God's compassion (receiving it, or showing it to others)?

3. In Matthew 12:22-37 the Pharisees deny the Holy Spirit as the source of Jesus' power. Can you think of any beliefs or attitudes of Christians that have caused you, or them, to reject the working power of the Holy Spirit?

4. The Pharisees asked Jesus for a sign in Matthew 12:38-45. Why did Jesus not give them the kind of sign they wanted?

Can you think of an example when you expected God do something in order to believe and obey Him?

How might our demands of God actually hinder our surrender to God?

5. Jesus' answer to His family's request to talk to them in Matthew 12:46-50 seems pretty harsh. Why isn't it?

Do you have an example of your relationship with Jesus growing deeper, or shallower, in relation to your obedience to His will for you?

6. What is the main application of this study, and/or the sermon and its passages, for you?