

Matthew 12 - Heart Changes Head

▼Intro/Review

- Sponge Bob "Artist Unknown" intro (slide), "You have no talent, I have it all." Head-knowledge produced superiority but no skill, heart produced skill but no pride. Good picture of legalist encountering genuine, free believer.
- In the last chapter, Jesus used JTB's own doubts as a springboard to tell the crowds, "You guys just aren't getting this" and ends with message of "Come to me..."
- Jesus is going to encounter some Squidwards. Pharisees, oral Torah.

▼12:1-21 Lord of the Sabbath

▼12:1-8

- 12:1 Apparently some time had passed, disciples are back.
- 12:2 Violated the oral law, not the written law.
- 12:3-6 Examples, slide of tabernacle, equivalent of drinking holy water

▼12:7-8 The point

- Second time Jesus points out this verse from Hosea 6:6. First in Matt 9 when eating with Matthew and friends.
- Legalism turns into a burden that which is to bring life, namely God's law. Eating meat (then), drinking (then and now), clothing, sex, etc.
- God's love transcends His law. Not negates, not violates, fulfills beyond it's strictest interpretation. Hosea 6:6 says this. Jesus is the example of this. Something a legalist doesn't understand.
- This is why Jesus is lord of the Sabbath.

▼12:9-21

▼12:9-14

- This man could not work. Not like today with ADA.
- Every legalist fights within their own framework. They are also hypocrites within their own framework.
- Again, issue of written vs. oral Torah.

▼12:15-21

- Why did Jesus tell people not to share about healing? Think; what is it they would share, healing or message? Healing. Probably didn't want to be know as just another touring healer.
- Survey quote from Isaiah. Servant? Gentiles?

▼12:22-37 Trees and fruit

- 12:23 Question expected a "no" answer.
- 12:25 Verse quoted by Lincoln. Jesus is saying, "Duh, you guys."
- 12:27-28 Healings and casting out of demons was already happening at the time, but not on the scale, nor with the gospel.
- 12:29 Don't run too far with this one as some. It's a parallelism to what He just said. Very Jewish.
- 12:30 Radical statement, even today! Keep it in context.
- 12:31-32 Long story short, rejecting Jesus of whom the Spirit testifies. No act can override salvation in Jesus.
- 12:33-35 When garbage comes out that means there's garbage inside.

▼12:36-37

- The consequences of the heart that the words demonstrate.
- 37 is antithetical parallelism.

● Salvation by words? Only if those words are "Jesus is Lord" Romans 10:9

● What do your words reveal about your heart? Like a mirror or prism.

▼ 12:38-45 "For Sale" or "Sold (Out)"?

● 12:38 My reaction as a disciple, "You wanna see a sign, after all He has already done? Go ahead, Jesus, wow 'em."

● 12:39a adulterous - not just a person who is married or not that likes sex with whoever or whatever. A married woman. Adultery and idolatry are basically the same thing.

● 12:39b Do you picture this like Pinocchio in the whale? (slide)

● 12:40 Jesus' death and resurrection. The only sign that matters to this day.

● 12:41 Repentance is the proper response to this sign, and if that was the case it should be much more so with Jesus. Turn or burn? Kinda, repeat pill analogy.

● 12:42 Another facet of the same point. Signs and wisdom, Jews and Greeks, the cross is a stumbling stone to both. Need the Spirit.

▼ 12:43-45

● Should be seen as connected to 38-42, Jesus is using what was just discussed to build and make His point about those who seek a sign.

● Seeing a sign does not bring relationship. It may inspire you to clean up your act, but that doesn't address the issue. Self help junk.

● Does your sign say, "For Sale" or "Sold (Out)"? Does Jesus live in you? Galatians 2:20.

▼ 12:46-50 We are family

● Is Jesus dissing His family? No, He is making a point.

● What is the will of the Father? Starts with 2 Peter 3:9, results in living life in such a way that echoes Jesus' life, heart, actions, words, bring more people into the family.

● We are a family; brothers, sisters, mothers, fathers, sons, daughters. Coolest thing ever.

▼ Wrap up - The various points from these events also who us the will of the Father.

● With regard to the written word, God desires mercy over sacrifice. That doesn't contradict the letter of the law, it fulfills the Spirit of it.

● The quality of our words reveal the quality of our heart. God wants us to produce good fruit. Let Him tend and prune you.

● Don't just flip your house, let Jesus move in and take the keys!

● Doing the will of the Father begins with relationship with the Son. Impossible with it.