

“Your View of God”

Matthew 12:1-14

Moral Therapeutic Deism
“Santa Claus God”

“Often without realizing it, every culture quietly molds and shapes our views of God. But we can't grow in our relationship with God when we insist on relating to God as we think he should be.”

Psalm 115:15

**“Those who make them will become like them,
Everyone who trusts in them.”**

“What we revere, we resemble, either for ruin or restoration. To commit ourselves to some part of the creation more than the Creator is idolatry. And when we worship something in creation, we become like it, as spiritually lifeless and insensitive to God as a piece of wood, rock, or stone.” - G.K. Beale

I. Jesus in the Grain Fields

A. The Pharisees' Accusation

B. Jesus Defends His Disciples

C. The Pharisees' Problem

Hosea 6:4

"What can I do with you, Ephraim? What can I do with you, Judah? Your love is like the morning mist, like the early dew that disappears. (NIV)

What shall I do with you, O Ephraim? What shall I do with you, O Judah? For your loyalty is like a morning cloud And like the dew which goes away early. (NAS)

Isaiah 29:13

Then the Lord said, "Because this people draw near with their words And honor Me with their lip service, But they remove their hearts far from Me, And their reverence for Me consists of tradition learned by rote

For I delight in loyalty
rather than sacrifice,

And in the knowledge of God
rather than burnt offerings.

“ I was a good monk, and I kept the rule of my order so strictly that I may say that if ever a monk got to heaven by his monkery, it was I. All my brothers in the monastery who knew me will bear me out. If I had kept on any longer, I should have killed myself with vigils, prayers, reading, and other work. ”

“I was myself more than once driven to the very abyss of despair so that I wished I had never been created. Love God? I hated him. ”

1 John 4:19-21

We love because he first loved us. If anyone says, “I love God,” and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen. And this commandment we have from him: whoever loves God must also love his brother.

