

WHAT'S ON THE FINAL EXAM

Matthew 9:10-13

Recognizing How Sick I Am

- The real test of your spirituality is in how you react when someone does something you think is wrong.
- *Matthew 9:12; John 8:9*
- Jesus is close to whoever recognizes how “sick” he is
- Like wearing clothes pressed & dry-cleaned, but never taking a shower.

Being Merciful to Others

- *Matthew 9:13*
- prep for final exam: “go and do your homework!”

- *Matthew 23:23*
- preach condemning standards, but unfaithful in secret

Even the worst external sin is only a speck compared to the sin of unmerciful judgmentalism.

Ultimate Loyalty to God

- *Hosea 6:6*: loyalty
- *Matthew 9:13*; *Matthew 12:7*: compassion
 - **Ultimate loyalty to God is demonstrated in how compassionate we are toward others.**
- *Luke 6:36*
- “I’m after love that lasts not more religion. I want you to know God not go to more prayer meetings.” (MSG)

God Who is Rich in Mercy (Ephesians 2:4)

- God will have a people even when those who are called His people prove unworthy of the name.
- There never was a night so dark but that God had a star shining through its blackness.
- There never was a desert so dreary but God could lead a people through it and make the wilderness rejoice.