

*Unite Sacrifice with Jesus' Sacrifice
Gospel Reading for July 21, 2017
With Divine Will Truths*

Matthew 12: 1-8

Jesus was going through a field of grain on the Sabbath. His disciples were hungry and began to pick the heads of grain and eat them. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to him, "See, your disciples are doing what is unlawful to do on the Sabbath."

He said to them, "Have you not read what David did when he and his companions were hungry, how he went into the house of God and ate the bread of offering, which neither he nor his companions but only the priests could lawfully eat? Or have you not read in the law that on the Sabbath the priests serving in the temple violate the Sabbath and are innocent? I say to you, something greater than the temple is here. If you knew what this meant, I desire mercy, not sacrifice, you would not have condemned these innocent men. For the Son of Man is Lord of the Sabbath."

***II. "Him Only Shall You Serve"
Sacrifice***

2100 *Outward sacrifice, to be genuine, must be the expression of spiritual sacrifice: "The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit. . . ."*¹⁷ *The prophets of the Old Covenant often denounced sacrifices that were not from the heart or not coupled with love of neighbor.*¹⁸ *Jesus recalls the words of the prophet Hosea: "I desire mercy, and not sacrifice."*¹⁹ *The only perfect sacrifice is the one that Christ offered on the cross as a total offering to the Father's love and for our salvation.*²⁰ *By uniting ourselves with His sacrifice we can make our lives a sacrifice to God.*

From the Book of Heaven

V4 – Feb. 3, 1902 – ...I said: 'Lord, let us withdraw, don't You see how men embitter You and almost give You no peace?' *So we withdrew inside my bed, and wanting to cheer my good Jesus, I said to Him: 'Since You would be so afflicted if men should do this, I offer You my life to suffer any pain in order to obtain that they do not come to this. And so that my offering may not be rejected in any way, I unite it to Your sacrifice in order to obtain the deed of grace with certainty.'*

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