

Part Two

Lesson 9

“More Attempts to Change the Elite“

Scripture to Study: Matthew 12:1-46

Introduction

Throughout the ministry of Jesus, a constant purpose would remain of trying to move the leaders of the Jews to accept Him as the Messiah. As we learned in a prior lesson, this was to be a main goal of His teaching (Mal.3-4). The Pharisees and Sadducees and other leaders of the Jewish nation would be the biggest deterrent Jesus would face in reaching those people who would want to listen him. At every turn the elite leaders would test Him, confront Him and ultimately would be the ones to turn the masses into a mob that would request His death. Throughout the book of Matthew, Jesus confronts these folks & we shall end this section of our study by focusing on one chapter that seems to be representative of His efforts in this regard.

ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS:

1. In Matthew 12:1-8, what did Jesus and His disciples do?
2. What did the Pharisees accuse them of doing?
3. Where did Jesus appeal for the authority to do what they did?
4. What does it mean for one to have “mercy and not sacrifice“?
5. What did the Old Law say about a sheep falling into a ditch on the Sabbath?
6. What did Jesus do in these two events concerning the Sabbath Day?
7. What did the Pharisees plot to do against Jesus?
8. Beginning in verse 22, how did these Pharisees demonstrate their attitudes against Jesus?
9. What sign did Jesus give when these Pharisees demanded one?
10. What did the men of Ninevah and the Queen of the South say regarding that question of a sign?

THINK ON THESE THINGS:

How does verses 33 and 35 of this chapter apply to Matthew 7:17-20?

Discuss Isaiah’s prophecy found in this chapter.