

I Desire Compassion

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Exodus 34:1–9; Numbers 6:24–26; 1 Samuel 15:22; Psalm 40:6–8; Psalm 50:14–15; Jeremiah 7:22–23; Hosea 5; Hosea 6:6; Micah 6:8; Matthew 9; Romans 5:8

[Matthew 9:9–13](#) (NASB95)

9As Jesus went on from there, He saw a man called Matthew, sitting in the tax collector’s booth; and He *said to him, “**Follow Me!**” And he got up and followed Him.

10Then it happened that as Jesus was reclining *at the table* in the house, behold, many tax collectors and sinners came and were dining with Jesus and His disciples.

11When the Pharisees saw *this*, they said to His disciples, “Why is your Teacher eating with the tax collectors and sinners?”

12But when Jesus heard *this*, He said, “***It is not those who are healthy who need a physician, but those who are sick.***”

13“***But go and learn what this means: ‘I desire compassion, and not sacrifice,’ for I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners.***”

[Hosea 5:15](#) (LES2)

15 I will go and return to my place until which time they are destroyed, and they will seek my face.”

[Hosea 6:6](#) (NLT)

6 I want you to show love,
not offer sacrifices.

I want you to know me
more than I want burnt offerings.

- [Romans 5: 8](#) reads, “but God demonstrates his own love for us in this: while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”

[Exodus 34:1-9](#) God says that he is the god who forgives iniquity, transgression and sin.

[1 Samuel 15:22](#) (NET)

15:22 Then Samuel said,

“Does the Lord take pleasure in burnt offerings and sacrifices as much as he does in obedience?

Certainly, obedience is better than sacrifice;

paying attention is better than the fat of rams.

[Psalm 40:6–8](#) (NET)

40:6 Receiving sacrifices and offerings are not your primary concern.

You make that quite clear to me!

You do not ask for burnt sacrifices and sin offerings.

40:7 Then I say,

“Look! I come!

What is written in the scroll pertains to me.

40:8 I want to do what pleases you, my God.

Your law dominates my thoughts.”

[Jeremiah 7:22–23](#) (NET)

7:22 Consider this: When I spoke to your ancestors after I brought them out of Egypt, I did not merely give them commands about burnt offerings and sacrifices. 7:23 I also explicitly commanded them: “Obey me. If you do, I will be your God and you will be my people. Live exactly the way I tell you and things will go well with you.”



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*If man is in the likeness of God,
... who is his buyer, tell me?
Who is his seller?
Men and women were created
free. In fact, even after we
chose to be enslaved to sin, God
spontaneously recalled us to
freedom. And if God does not
enslave what is free, who is he
that sets his own power above
God's?
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[Micah 6:8](#) (NASB95)

8He has told you, O man, what is good;

And what does the Lord require of you
But to do justice, to love kindness,
And to walk humbly with your God?

Do Justice Love Kindness

Love Kindness Be Humble before

Be Humble before God

A heart that loves God leads to hands that love people.

[Psalm 50:14-15](#) (NASB95)

14“Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving
And pay your vows to the Most High;
15Call upon Me in the day of trouble;
I shall rescue you, and you will honor Me.”

1. Show love to someone who doesn't deserve it
2. Invite someone into the kingdom of God
3. Serve God's Kingdom