

Chapter 12 (1 - 8)

One Sabbath day Jesus and his disciples were walking through a cornfield. The disciples were hungry. They picked some ears of corn and ate them.

Picking corn on the Sabbath was regarded as unlawful by the Pharisees. So the Pharisees said to Jesus "Your disciples are breaking the Sabbath law".

Jesus replied "Don't you remember what David and his followers once did when they were hungry? They ate the Temple bread which only the priests were allowed to eat. Go and learn the meaning of these words 'What I want is mercy, not superficial external offerings'.

The Son of Man is master of the Sabbath"

Jesus, Son of Man, please help me understand that love is more important than law

Chapter 12 (9 - 14)

On another Sabbath, Jesus visited a prayer hall. A man with a withered hand was in the prayer hall.

Some religious leaders asked Jesus, to trap him, "Is it lawful to heal a man on the Sabbath day?" (The leaders taught that no "work" could be done on the Sabbath).

Jesus replied: "If one of your sheep fell down a hole on the Sabbath, wouldn't you lift it out?"

A man is more important than a sheep.

Therefore it is lawful to do good on the Sabbath"