

"I would have mercy, not sacrifice Outline – Mike Baird

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- Hosea 6:6
 - " For I desired mercy, and not sacrifice; and the knowledge of God more than burnt offerings."
 - The Lord values mercy and knowledge more than empty rituals
- Micah 6:6-8
 - " Wherewith shall I come before the LORD, and bow myself before the high God? shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves of a year old?
Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, or with ten thousands of rivers of oil? shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?
He hath shewed thee, O man, what is good; and *what doth the LORD require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?*"
- Matt 9:13
 - "And when the Pharisees saw it, they said unto his disciples, Why eateth your Master with publicans and sinners?
But when Jesus heard that, he said unto them, They that be whole need not a physician, but they that are sick.
But go ye and learn what that meaneth, I will have mercy, and not sacrifice: for I am not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance."
 - Bruce R McConkie:
 - " Mercy, love, charity, the attributes of godliness, take precedence over sacrifices and ritualistic performances. The religion of the Pharisees was one of form, ceremony, rules, and sacrifices, a religion which held them aloof from publicans and sinners; if, on the other hand, they had possessed the pure love of God, they would have viewed all men with mercy and compassion." (Doctrinal New Testament Commentary, 1: 182)

- 1 Samuel 15:22

"And Samuel said, Hath the LORD as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams."

What can we do to ensure we have "Mercy not Sacrifice"

- D&C 121:

" No power or influence can or ought to be maintained by virtue of the priesthood, only by persuasion, by long-suffering, by gentleness and meekness, and by love unfeigned; By kindness, and pure knowledge, which shall greatly enlarge the soul without hypocrisy, and without guile—

... Let thy bowels also be full of charity towards all men, and to the household of faith, and let virtue garnish thy thoughts unceasingly; then shall thy confidence wax strong in the presence of God; and the doctrine of the priesthood shall distil upon thy soul as the dews from heaven.

The Holy Ghost shall be thy constant companion, and thy scepter an unchanging scepter of righteousness and truth; and thy dominion shall be an everlasting dominion, and without compulsory means it shall flow unto thee forever and ever."