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MATTHEW **The KING has Come**

**“Love Or Legalism?”
(Matthew 12:1-14, pew Bible page 816)**

- I. The Savior is Greater Than the Sabbath. (vv. 1-8)
 - A. The Pharisees’ confrontation (vv. 1-2)
 - **Danger #1:** Legalism demands conformity to an extra-biblical standard.
 - B. Jesus’ correction (vv. 3-8)
 - **Danger #2:** Legalism fails to read the Bible carefully.
 1. The Sabbath does not restrict deeds of necessity. (vv. 3-4)
 2. The Sabbath does not restrict service to God. (vv. 5-6)
 3. The Sabbath does not restrict acts of mercy. (vv. 7-8)

II. Love is Greater Than Legalism. (vv. 9-14)

A. The Pharisees' legalistic question (vv. 9-10)

B. Jesus' loving compassion (vv. 11-14)

- Danger #3: Legalism values possessions more than people.

Suggested Resources For Further Study:

- Parallel passages: Mark 2:23 - 3:6; Luke 6:1-11