

## **Pastor Roy's Study Questions on Matthew 12:1-21** **(August 27, 2025)**

*— Below are questions to help further our understanding of Wednesday's Sermon. —*

1. How does W.H. Auden's realization about the need for God to judge evil challenge our own views on divine justice and morality?
2. In what ways might we be guilty of placing a higher priority on solving our problems than pursuing God, and how can we shift our focus?
3. How do we balance adhering to religious laws and practices with showing compassion and meeting human needs, as Jesus demonstrated with his disciples in the grainfields?
4. What are some modern examples of religious legalism that might be hindering people from experiencing God's love and grace?
5. How can we cultivate a peace that surpasses understanding even when facing difficult circumstances in life?
6. In what ways might we, like the Pharisees, be missing the true intent of God's laws and teachings in our own lives?
7. How does Jesus' statement that He is 'lord of the Sabbath' challenge our understanding of religious authority and divine sovereignty?
8. What can we learn from Jesus' approach to confronting the religious leaders about their misinterpretation of the law?
9. How does the concept of God valuing mercy over sacrifice apply to our lives and relationships today?
10. In what ways can we, as followers of Christ, continue His mission of bringing hope to all people, including those outside our immediate religious or cultural circles?