

Today's Bible Readings

Hosea 6, New International Version

For I desire mercy, not sacrifice,
and acknowledgment of God rather than burnt offerings.

Matthew 9, The Message

⁹ Passing along, Jesus saw a man at his work collecting taxes. His name was Matthew. Jesus said, "Come along with me." Matthew stood up and followed him.

¹⁰⁻¹¹ Later when Jesus was eating supper at Matthew's house with his close followers, a lot of disreputable characters came and joined them. When the Pharisees saw him keeping this kind of company, they had a fit, and lit into Jesus' followers. "What kind of example is this from your Teacher, acting cozy with crooks and misfits?"

¹²⁻¹³ Jesus, overhearing, shot back, "Who needs a doctor: the healthy or the sick? Go figure out what this Scripture means: 'I'm after mercy, not religion.' I'm here to invite outsiders, not coddle insiders."

Matthew 6, New Living Translation

¹⁴ "If you forgive those who sin against you, your heavenly Father will forgive you. ¹⁵ But if you refuse to forgive others, your Father will not forgive your sins.

Romans 12.17-18, Contemporary English Version

¹⁷ Don't mistreat someone who has mistreated you. But try to earn the respect of others, ¹⁸ and do your best to live at peace with everyone.

Deep Sheet

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What do you like about the story of Hosea from the Old Testament?

The definition of mercy:

Why did the Pharisees accuse Jesus of being a bad example?

The definition of forgiveness:

The definition of reconciliation:

Other Notes:

May Weekly Bible Readings

Date	Day	New Testament	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Special Prayer	Old Testament	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
12	Su	Mark 2			Exodus 37	
13	Mo	Mark 3			Exodus 38	
14	Tu	Mark 4			Exodus 39	
15	We	Mark 5			Exodus 40	
16	Th	Mark 6			Leviticus 1	
17	Fr	Mark 7			Leviticus 2	
18	Sa	Mark 8			Leviticus 3	
19	Su	Mark 9			Leviticus 4	