## THINGS "BETTER THAN" SACRIFICE

(1 Samuel 15:10-22)

- INTRODUCTION (Matthew 23:23) "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites!

  For you pay tithe of mint and anise and cumin, and have neglected the weightier matters of the law: justice, mercy, and faith. These you ought to have done, without leaving the others undone."
- 1. (Proverbs 21:3) "To do righteousness and justice is more acceptable to the Lord than sacrifice"

  (Jer. 9:24; Isaiah 1:11, v16-17; Micah 6:6-8)
- 2. (Mark 12:33) "And to love Him with all the heart, with all the understanding, with all the soul, and to love one's neighbor as oneself, is more than all the whole burnt offerings and sacrifices"

(1 Cor. 13:1-3) " ... and have not love, it profits me nothing."

3. (Hosea 6:6) "For I desire mercy and not sacrifice, and the knowledge of God more than burnt offerings." "mercy"

(Micah 6:8 and 7:18)

- 4. (Hosea 6:6) " ... and the knowledge of God more than burnt offerings" "knowledge of God"
  - (Hosea 4:1) and (v6) "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge.

    Because you have rejected knowledge, I also will reject you ... because you have have forgotten the law of your God ... "
- 5. (Psalm 69:30-31) "I will praise the name of God with a song, and will magnify Him with thanksgiving. This also shall please the Lord better than an ox or bull"

(Psalm 116:17) "I will offer to You the sacrifice of thanksgiving ... "

(Hebrews 13:15) "Therefore by Him let us continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God"

- 6. (Psalm 51:16-17) "For You do not desire sacrifice, or else I would give it. You do not delight in burnt offering. The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit, a broken and contrite heart, these, O God, You will not despise."
- 7. (1 Samuel 15:22) "So Samuel said, Has 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 heed than the fat of rams."