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WEEKLY MINISTRY MEDITATIONS

Pronounced "Soul"

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Unhealthy Traditions (Pt. 1 of 2)

During the month of February this year, God had informed me to address the readers about "Traditions." Three months later, He has informed me to address the reader again. Why? Because many are still living by the "LAW" and He died for us that "GRACE" may abound. If we live by the law, we must live by **all** rules concerning the law!

MATTHEW 12:1-8 NKJV – (1) At that time Jesus went through the grain fields on the Sabbath. And His disciples were hungry, and began to pluck heads of grain and to eat. (2) And when the Pharisees saw *it*, they said to Him, "Look, Your disciples are doing what is not lawful to do on the Sabbath!" (3) But He said to them, "Have you not read what David did when he was hungry, he and those who were with him: (4) how he entered the house of God and ate the showbread which was not lawful for him to eat, nor for those who were with him, but only for the priests? (5) Or have you not read in the law that on the Sabbath the priests in the temple profane the Sabbath, and are blameless? (6) Yet I say to you that in this place there is One greater than the temple. (7) But if you had known what *this* means, 'I desire mercy and not sacrifice,' you would not have condemned the guiltless. (8) For the Son of Man is Lord even of the Sabbath."

The disciples were not stealing corn. People could eat some of the corn as they passed a field of corn. The Law allowed them to do that (**Deuteronomy 23:25**). God said that people should not work on his rest day (**Exodus 20:8-11**). But the men who taught the *Law **added hundreds of strict rules** to this command. There were 39 basic extra rules, and the disciples had broken some of these rules. As a result, the Pharisees charged the disciples as 'guilty', claiming that the *disciples had harvested the corn, separated the grain and the straw, and prepared a meal.

SCRIPTURE READING

1 CORINTHIANS 3:18-19

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Life has no remote. Get up and change it yourself.