

# FREEDOM IN CHRIST





**ONE  
GREATER THAN THE  
TEMPLE**

## **Matthew 12:1-2 NKJV**

**1** At that time Jesus went through the grainfields 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!”

## Matthew 12:3-8 NKJV

**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.”

## **BRIEF OVERVIEW.....**

- 1. IT WAS THE SABBATH.***
- 2. DISCIPLES WERE HUNGRY.***
- 3. IT WAS UNLAWFUL TO PLUCK HEADS OF GRAIN ON THE SABBATH.***
- 4. AS ALWAYS, THE PHARISEES WERE MORE THAN FORTH COMING IN POINTING THIS OUT.***
- 5. JESUS USES OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE TO SHOW UP THE PHARISEES FOR THE HYPOCRITS THEY ARE. AND ALSO TO REVEAL AN EVEN GREATER TRUTH THAT WAS COMING.***

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## Colossians 1:15-17 NKJV

**15** He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation.

**16** For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him.

**17** And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist.

## Hebrews 1:3

**3 who being the brightness of His glory and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the word of His power, when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,**

## Ephesians 1:13-14

**13** In Him you also trusted, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise,

**14** who is the guarantee of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, to the praise of His glory.

## Ephesians 2:19-22

**19** Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, **20** having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone, **21** in whom the whole building, being fitted together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord, **22** in whom you also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

## 1 Corinthians 3:16

Do you not know that you are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?

## 1 Corinthians 6:19

Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own?

## 2 Corinthians 6:16

**16** And what agreement has the temple of God with idols? For you are the temple of the living God. As God has said:

*“I will dwell in them  
And walk among them.  
I will be their God,  
And they shall be My people.”*

## Revelation 21:21-27

**21** The twelve gates were twelve pearls: each individual gate was of one pearl. And the street of the city was pure gold, like transparent glass. **22** But I saw no temple in it, for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple. **23** The city had no need of the sun or of the moon to shine in it, for the glory of God illuminated it. The Lamb is its light. **24** And the nations of those who are saved shall walk in its light, and the kings of the earth bring their glory and honor into it. **25** Its gates shall not be shut at all by day (there shall be no night there). **26** And they shall bring the glory and the honor of the nations into it. **27** But there shall by no means enter it anything that defiles, or causes an abomination or a lie, but only those who are written in the Lamb's Book of Life.