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Isaiah 1:11-15

*11 “The multitude of your sacrifices—
what are they to me?” says the LORD.*

*“I have more than enough of burnt offerings,
of rams and the fat of fattened animals;
I have no pleasure
in the blood of bulls and lambs and goats.*

*12 When you come to appear before me,
who has asked this of you,
this trampling of my courts?*

*13 Stop bringing meaningless offerings!
Your incense is detestable to me.*

*New Moons, Sabbaths and convocations—
I cannot bear your worthless assemblies.*

- *Your New Moon feasts and your appointed festivals*

I hate with all my being.

They have become a burden to me;

I am weary of bearing them.

¹⁵ When you spread out your hands in prayer,

I hide my eyes from you;

even when you offer many prayers,

I am not listening.

- *Your hands are full of blood!*



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Mk 12:32-34

32 "Well said, teacher," the man replied. "You are right in saying that God is one and there is no other but him. 33 To love him with all your heart, with all your understanding and with all your strength, and to love your neighbor as yourself is more important than all burnt offerings and sacrifices."

34 When Jesus saw that he had answered wisely, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." And from then on no one dared ask him any more questions.



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