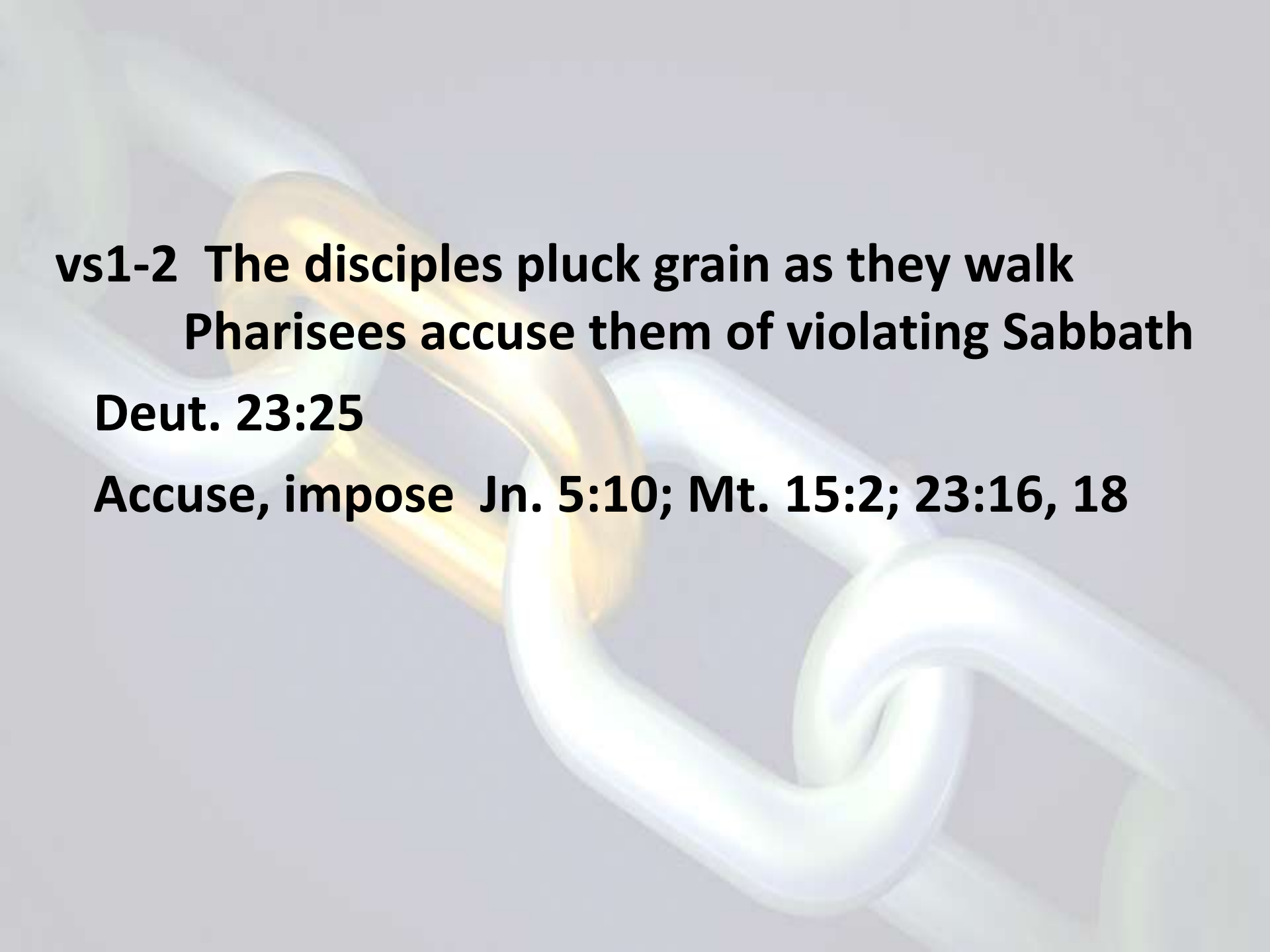


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vs1-2 The disciples pluck grain as they walk
Pharisees accuse them of violating Sabbath

Deut. 23:25

Accuse, impose Jn. 5:10; Mt. 15:2; 23:16, 18



vs3-4 Jesus asks them about David

- Would they all answer the same way**
- Any answer they gave pointed attention back to God's law**
- Jesus' point is that His disciples are guiltless**



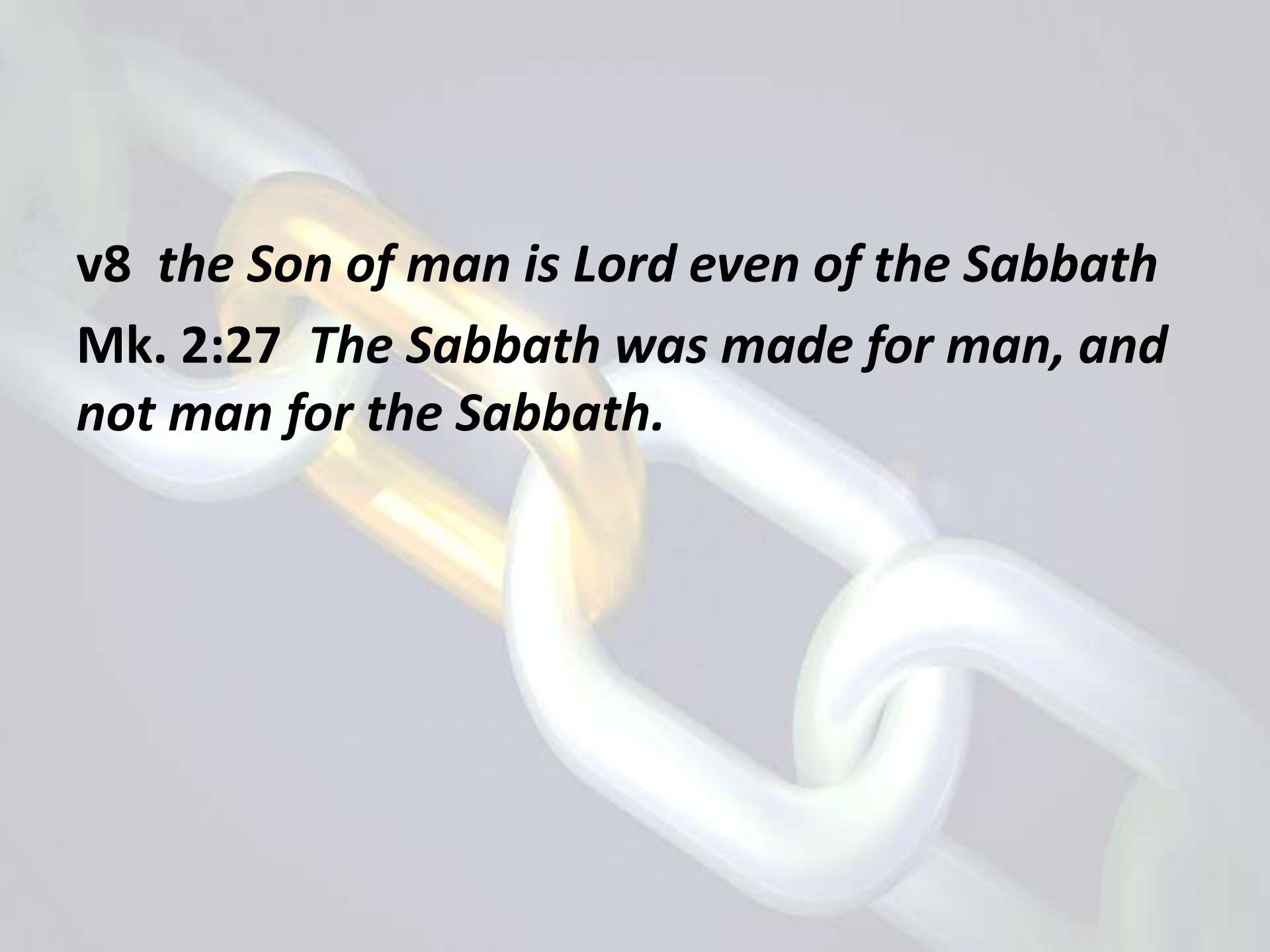
**vs 5 Jesus says the priest profane the Sabbath
and are blameless**

**- they appear to profane the Sabbath to
someone who does not know the law**

v6 One greater than the temple

v7 I desire mercy and not sacrifice

- likely some of the same people as 9:13**
- remember the people of Hosea's day (4:1, 6)**
- show mercy by not condemning the guiltless
and by only teaching God's law**



v8 the Son of man is Lord even of the Sabbath
Mk. 2:27 The Sabbath was made for man, and
not man for the Sabbath.

Summary of Jesus' Response

- 1. David's example: God's law**
- 2. Priest's work: God's law**
- 3. One greater than temple: His authority**
- 4. "Mercy, not sacrifice": Pharisees lacked**
- 5. Lord of the Sabbath: His authority**
- 6. Sabbath made for man: purpose of Sabbath**



We must learn. . .

1. The connection between mercy, truth, and knowledge Hos. 6:5-6

- God Mt. 5:45; 6:14-15**
- us Mt. 5:7, 44-45; Js. 3:17**



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**2. Of a common overreaction to *mercy*,
*not sacrifice***

- **“God wants a relationship, not religion”**
- **Mercy and genuine sacrifice go together in true religion 1 Jn. 5:3**

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