

August 25, 2019

The Lord of the Sabbath

Introduction

The religious leaders were focused more on their rules rather than their r_____. They were more concerned about keeping or not breaking the law than enjoying and loving the Law Giver and caring for others. By the time that Jesus had come on the scene in history, the Jews had developed an e_____ set of rules and regulations on how they might keep the Mosaic Law. These rules known as the Oral Law, and more specifically called the M_____, was what the Pharisees religiously taught and tried to uphold. The keeping of the Sabbath was in particular a big deal to the Jews of Jesus' day, and they had fifteen h_____ additional rules and regulations on how to keep it.

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(Luke 6:1-5; Matthew 12:1-7; Mark 2:27-28)

The Pharisees according to "their law", j_____ Jesus' disciples as being unlawful. Jesus pointed out their wrong understanding of God's Law, and their misapplication of it, especially as it related to biblical h_____, as well as to H____, who as God's Son is the Lord of the Sabbath.

The Purpose of the Sabbath

(Luke 6:6-11; Matthew 12:9-14; Mark 3:1-6; Hebrews 4:14-16)

What we learn from Jesus concerning the Sabbath:

- God intended it to be a day of r_____ and refreshment
- We can care for our needs (works of n_____)
- We can care for the needs of others (works of m_____)

Things to Ponder This Week

Based on Luke 6:1-5, what specifically was the complaint that the Pharisees brought against Jesus' disciples? What was Jesus' defense of His disciples' actions, and what was His main argument? What are the implications for all of us that Jesus is the Lord of the Sabbath?

Based on Luke 6:6-7, who do you think brought the man whose right hand was withered to the synagogue? Why was this man brought there? What does this say about the man with the withered hand and those who brought him there?

Based on Luke 6:8-11, how did Jesus respond to the man with the withered hand? How would you answer Jesus' question, *"is it lawful to do good or to do harm on the Sabbath, to save a life or to destroy it?"* How does the reaction to Jesus' healing of the man with the withered hand by the religious leaders, explain how they might have responded to Jesus' question? Pray for God to help you better understand and do what is good according to His will, no matter what the circumstance.

Next Sunday, we will look together at Jesus "Choosing the Twelve Apostles." Prayerfully read Luke 6:12-19, and consider how and why Jesus chose the twelve apostles. How did Jesus teach and train these twelve for the work He had called them to?