

*The Gospel according to*  
**LUKE**

**The religious leaders were focused more on their rules rather than their relationships. 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 elaborate set of rules and regulations on how they might keep the Mosaic Law.

משנה תורה

These rules known as the Oral Law, and more specifically called the Mishnah, was what the Pharisees religiously taught and tried to uphold.

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The keeping of the Sabbath was in particular a big deal to the Jews of Jesus' day, and they had fifteen hundred additional rules and regulations on how to keep it.

***<sup>1</sup>Now it happened that He was passing through some grainfields on a Sabbath; and His disciples were picking the heads of grain, rubbing them in their hands, and eating the grain. <sup>2</sup>But some of the Pharisees said, “Why do you do what is not lawful on the Sabbath?”***

**(Luke 6:1-2)**

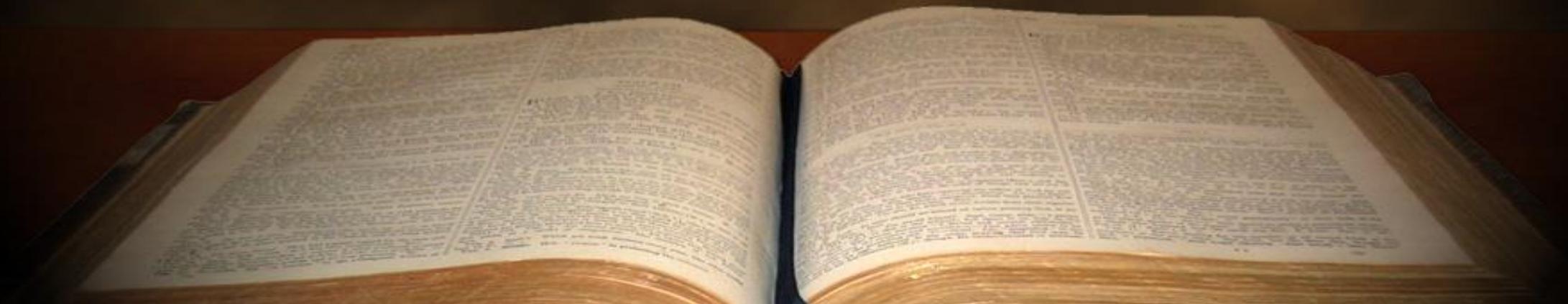
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**The Pharisees according to “their law”,  
judged Jesus’ disciples as being  
unlawful.**

***<sup>3</sup>And Jesus answering them said, “Have you not even read what David did when he was hungry, he and those who were with him, <sup>4</sup>how he entered the house of God, and took and ate the consecrated bread which is not lawful for any to eat except the priests alone, and gave it to his companions?”***

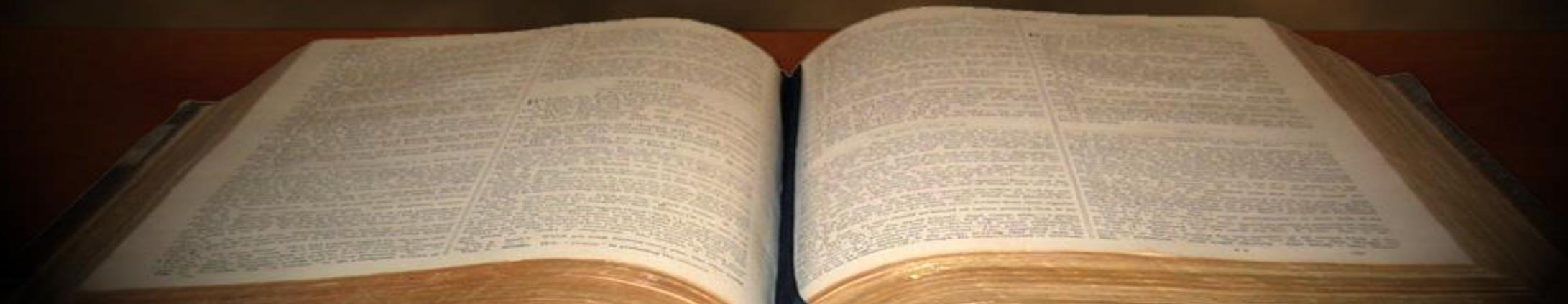
**(Luke 6:3-4)**

***<sup>3</sup>But He said to them, “Have you not read what David did when he became hungry, . . . <sup>5</sup>Or have you not read in the Law, that on the Sabbath the priests in the temple break the Sabbath and are innocent? <sup>6</sup>But I say to you that something greater than the temple is here. <sup>7</sup>But if you had known what this means, ‘I desire compassion, and not a sacrifice,’ you would not have condemned the innocent. (Matthew 12:3-7)***



***<sup>5</sup>And He was saying to them, “The Son of Man is Lord of the Sabbath.” (Luke 6:5)***

***“The Sabbath was made for man, and not man for the Sabbath. So the Son of Man is Lord even of the Sabbath” (Mark 2:27-28)***



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Jesus pointed out their wrong understanding of God's Law, and their misapplication of it, especially as it related to biblical history, as well as to Him, who as God's Son is the Lord of the Sabbath.

**LORD OF THE**

*Sabbath*



**LUKE 6:1-11**

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**God intended the Sabbath to be a day  
of rest and refreshment.**

***<sup>6</sup>On another Sabbath He entered the synagogue and was teaching; and there was a man there whose right hand was withered. <sup>7</sup>The scribes and the Pharisees were watching Him closely to see if He healed on the Sabbath, so that they might find reason to accuse Him.***

**(Luke 6:6-7)**

***<sup>8</sup>But He knew what they were thinking, and He said to the man with the withered hand, "Get up and come forward!" And he got up and came forward. <sup>9</sup>And Jesus said to them, "I ask you, is it lawful to do good or to do harm on the Sabbath, to save a life or to destroy it?"***

**(Luke 6:8-9)**

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**We can care for our needs (works of necessity) on the Sabbath.**

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**We can care for the needs of others  
(works of mercy) on the Sabbath.**

***10 After looking around at them all, He said to him, "Stretch out your hand!" And he did so; and his hand was restored. 11 But they themselves were filled with rage, and discussed together what they might do to Jesus.***

**(Luke 6:10-11)**

# LORD OF THE *Sabbath*

**So, here is the question for all of us:  
Will you accept Jesus as the Lord of the  
Sabbath? Will you rest and take delight  
in Him, celebrate His goodness, and live  
in the freedom and joy that He offers  
through the leading of the Holy Spirit?**

***14 Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession.***

***15 For we do not have a high priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but One who has been tempted in all things as we are, yet without sin. 16 Therefore let us draw near with confidence to the throne of grace, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.***

***(Hebrews 4:14-16)***