

**Series "Knowing The Exact Truth"**  
**"Lord Of The Sabbath"**  
**Luke 6:1-11**  
**Study-20**

**We come to The 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Conflict With The Religious Over Obeying The Sabbath: Matthew 12:1-14; Mark 2:23-3:6; Luke 6:1-11**

**Luke 5:17-6:11 A Section That Covers 5 Direct Conflicts With The Religious Leaders.**

**Luke 6:1 He was passing through some grainfields on a Sabbath;**  
**Luke 6:6 On another Sabbath He entered the synagogue and was teaching;**

**Jesus declares Himself Lord of the Sabbath - Luke 6:5**

**Thought Of Our Passage:** "Laws Don't Exist For Their Own Sake, But For The Benefit Of Mankind, So That Needs Can Be Met."

**1. Verses 1-5 Lord Of The Sabbath**

**2. Verses 6-11 Never Wrong To Do Right**

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**Luke 6:1 Now it happened**

Luke left off **Luke 5:36-39** with Jesus stating the impossibility of mixing religion with His relationship! The old with the new.

**John 5:1-47 Context:** Jesus leaves Galilee and goes to Jerusalem, probably Feast of Tabernacles. **John 5:16-18**

**Verse 1 His Controversial Action: That He was passing through some grainfields on a Sabbath (KJV) corn fields; Speaks of wheat.**

**on a Sabbath**

The Hebrew word **sabot** means "*repose or rest, complete cessation.*"

**and His disciples were picking the heads of grain, rubbing them in their hands, and eating the grain.** (The Religious interpret this as labor on the Sabbath)

**Verse 2 Protesting His Action: Luke 6:2 Pharisees – "to separate" They were the separatist of their day. "Why do you do what is not lawful on the Sabbath?"** (Jesus, the Rabbi, is responsible for the disciples!)

**Deuteronomy 23:25 (Moses allowed their actions on any day, but the Pharisees did not!) WOW! Religious rules Superseded Scripture!**

**What are the Pharisees protesting about?** A violation of their interpretation and rules for the Sabbath.

**Talmudic Rabbis developed 24 chapters, a list of 39 categories of work that were prohibited on the Sabbath.**

There were approximately **1,521** things that were not permissible on the Sabbath.

**"Why do you do what is not lawful on the Sabbath?" Pharisees charged the disciples with working on the Sabbath: Exodus 34:21** They were harvesting.

**Plucking the heads was** - Reaping.

**Rubbing off the husk** - Threshing.

**Blowing the chaff was** - Winnowing.

**Making a meal** – Should have made the meal the day before.

**Religion had become a "burden," Jesus came to be a "blessing!"**

**Three Basic Views Of The Sabbath:**

**1. Belief That Christians Should Worship On Saturday.**

**2. Sunday Is The NT Equivalent Of The O.T. Sabbath Day.**

**3. The Belief That the Sabbath has been abolished by the death, resurrection of Lord Jesus Christ, and that a new day has been given to the church, called "The Lord's Day."**

**The 4<sup>th</sup> Commandment was a ceremonial law to teach us about the spiritual rest that could only be found in Jesus, for both Jew and Gentile, "There is no rest in mere religious observances."**

**Deuteronomy 23:25**

**Verses 3-5 Silencing His Critics: Luke 6:3**

**And Jesus answering them said, "Have you not even read what David did when he was hungry, (The disciples were hungry just like David was) Jesus says, "Have you read in your Bibles about David!"**

**he and those who were with him, David was not the king yet but was being chased all over Israel by Saul. (1 Samuel 21:1-6)**

**Luke 6:4 ate the consecrated bread (Leviticus 24:4-8)**

This was called **"The Show Bread, Bread of the Presence."**

**which is not lawful for any to eat except the priests alone,**  
When the bread was replaced, the priest then could eat it!

**and gave it to his companions?"** David's application to the ritual law was to **place human need above ceremonial law**. **Laws/Rules have been made so that needs can be met in life. (David did so, so also the Son of David)**  
**Matthew 12:5**

**"Rules have been made so that needs can be met in life."**

**Luke 6:5 "The Son of Man is Lord of the Sabbath."** Only God could make such a claim.

**The Son of Man** (*Messianic Title*) Jesus is claiming to be God!

**Mark 2:27 "Sabbath "The Lord's Day" is a gift from God." (Our Need)**  
**Exodus 35**

**Sabbath was a law uniquely given to Israel by God.** There were no other nations or people that had such a day as the Sabbath.

## **2. Verses 6-11 Never Wrong To Do Right**

**Verse 6 His Controversial Action: and there was a man there whose right hand was withered. 7 times** Jesus healed people on the Sabbath!

**Verse 7 Protesting His Action: watching** – *means "to spy on, to watch out of the corner of one's eye."*

**to see if He healed on the Sabbath, so that they might find reason to accuse Him.** Their interpretation of the law allowed healing only for life-threatening situations.

**What was the religious leaders' motive for attending the Sabbath service?**  
*To ensure the observance of the law according to their strict interpretation.*

**Legalism** – *"Over applying the law to such an extent that people are crushed or ignored." The ridged rule becomes a yoke too great to bear.*

**Verses 8-11 Silencing His Critics: Luke 6:8 But He knew what they were thinking,**  
Jesus being God was omniscient. He knows the hearts of men.

**1 Corinthians 9:21; James 2:8**

**Luke 6:9-10; Mark 3:5**

**We should follow the same rapid response to those that are in need.**

**Jesus is implying that not to help is wrong. He was looking at them.**

**He said to him, "Stretch out your hand!" And he did so;**

**Jesus Modeled His Lordship Over The Day And Disease:  
and his hand was restored.**

**Luke 6:11 But they themselves were filled with rage,  
*"Irrational anger, filled with insane rage."***

**discussed together what they might do to Jesus. Mark 3:6**  
The Pharisees joined the Herodians.

**"Mercy and compassion do not make one a Christian; nevertheless, true  
faith produces a merciful heart!"**

#### **Application:**

- 1.** Jesus And His Word Are The Only Absolute Authorities We Must Follow.
- 2.** We Should Expect To Be Attacked By The Religious When We Follow Jesus Completely.
- 3.** Look For Opportunities To Do Good To Other People. No Matter What Persons Say About The People That We Are Trying To Help. Don't Be Concerned About How The Church Has Always Done It.
- 4.** Church Traditions Too Often Become Church Laws, Keeping People Away From God Rather Than Leading Them To Him.