

## Luke 6 Pt 1 vv1-26

Be merciful just as your Father also is merciful.

### I. Jesus Lord of the Sabbath

1 Now it happened on the second Sabbath after the first that [Jesus] went through the grainfields. And His disciples plucked the heads of grain and ate them, rubbing them in their hands. 2 And some of the Pharisees said to them, "**Why are you doing what is not lawful to do on the Sabbath?**"

**Talk of Change/New Wine** Jesus Poked the Religious Beehive  
Now what? Keep Poking...

- **Sabbath:** Seventh Day of Jewish week/Saturday/Commandment 4

#### Day of Rest/No Work

- **Jesus/disciples...**
  1. **Strolling through** grainfields/Plucking heads of grain
  2. **Rubbing grain together**/discarding chaff/eating grain

#### ...Hear Rustling in the Grainfield?

Parade of Tall Hats peeking out over grain...trailing Jesus/ boys...**Pharisees**

- **Jewish Religious leaders/Part of Council of the Sanhedrin**
  1. **Pharisees:** Believed in life after death
  2. **Sadducees:** Did not believe in life after death/. Sad you see.
- **Pharisee:** gr. Set apart, separated
  1. 6000 of em' at time of Jesus...Apostle Paul being one
  2. Claimed authority for interpretation of the Jewish Law

#### Judge Jesus Guilty...Why are You are breaking the Sabbath?

**Accusation?** Threshing grain on the Sabbath Day is considered work.

- Jesus answers their accusation **w/a question...**

**3... "Have you not even read this, what David did when he was hungry, he and those who were with him: 4 how he went into the house of God, took and ate the showbread, and also gave some to those with him, which is not lawful for any but the priests to eat?" [c.f. 1 Sam 21]**

- **Jesus broke their religious tradition but...**
- **David broke the Ceremonial Mosaic Law...and was justified in doing so**
  1. **Tired** David running for his life from King Saul
  2. **Hungry** Brings his men to Ahimelech the priest
  3. **Desperate** Asks temple bread give to his men. Love others self. Spirit law

Have you not even read your Bible before accusing Me?  
**What about this...?**

**Matthew 12:5** ...have you not read in the law that on the Sabbath the priests in the temple **profane the Sabbath** [work in the temple], and are blameless? 6 Yet I say to you that **in this place there is One greater than the temple.**

- **Profane the Sabbath:** gr. *beb-ay-lo'-o* lit. desecrate.
- What is Jesus saying?

Meeting the needs of others is...  
More important in God's economy than Religious Rituals

- **3 Categories of Jewish Law:** Moral/Societal/Ceremonial
  1. **Moral Law:** Eternal/All-encompassing

**1 Corinthians 6:9** Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, 10 nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God. 11 And such were some of you. But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God.

1. **Moral Law:** Eternal/All-encompassing/Unchanging/For all people all the time
2. **Societal Law:** How to deal with life. Given to Jews fresh out of bondage
3. **Ceremonial Law:** Temple Lamps, Holy Bread, Sabbaths given **to Jews** of OT

### **All Ceremonial Laws are Shadow of Jesus the Reality**

- **Temple Lamps** Jesus the Light of the World
- **Showbread** Jesus the Bread of Life
- **Sabbath Day** Jesus Sabbath Rest from working for/trying to earn Salvation

**Colossians 2:16** So let no one judge you in food or in drink, or regarding a festival or a new moon or **sabbaths**, 17 which are a **shadow of things to come**, but **the substance is of Christ**. 18 Let no one [religious] cheat you of your reward, taking delight in false humility

### **Jesus fulfilled the Ceremonial Law when He came**

- The Ceremonial Law melts in the Light of the Face of Jesus Christ
- The Ceremonial Law is superseded by the **law of Love/Mercy to fellow man**

**Mark 2:26b** [David] ...ate the showbread, **which is not lawful** to eat except for the priests, and also gave some to those who were with him?" 27 And He said to them, "**The Sabbath was made for man, and not man for the Sabbath.**"

There is One here greater than the Temple... Greater than the Sabbath

5 And He said to them, "The Son of Man is also **Lord of the Sabbath.**"

The Sabbath was made for man. I made the Sabbath.  
**I am the Lord of the Sabbath, therefore... I make the rules**

**Deuteronomy 32:6** [NKJV] Do you thus deal with the Lord, O foolish and unwise people?

**Deuteronomy 32:6** [NASB] Is this *what* you do to the Lord, You foolish/unwise people?

- **Who did they think they were talking to?**

**Acts 10:36** [God sent His Word...] preaching peace through Jesus Christ—**He is Lord of all**

**John 1:3** All things were made through [Jesus] w/out Him nothing was made that was made [Including the Sabbath]

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- **For us:** Jesus fulfilled the Sabbath/Jesus is our Sabbath

**Jesus is our Rest from vainly trying to earn our Salvation**

**Hebrews 4:9** There remains therefore a **rest for the people of God**. 10 For he who has entered **His rest** has himself also ceased from his works as God did from His. 11 Let us therefore be **diligent to enter that rest**

We enter that rest by Grace Alone through Faith Alone in Jesus Alone  
Jesus' fulfillment of Sabbath reveals God's heart toward us...

**Matthew 11:28** Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and **I will give you rest**. 29 Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. 30 For **My yoke is easy and My burden is light.**

- **Religion is Satanic Bondage:**

1. **Heavy burden:** Motivated by guilt yet no power over sin
2. **Blasphemy:** Grossly misrepresents God's heart as an ogre with bat
3. **Opposite of God's Intent:** IOWs Demands Sacrifice [sr works] above Mercy

**Devilish:** Sometimes Manifesting in Horrifying Consequences  
JW's allowing family member to die...rather than get a blood transfusion

- **Jesus is not done poking the beehive...**use the rebellious as teaching props

6 Now it happened on **another Sabbath**, also, that He entered the synagogue and taught. And a man was there whose **right hand** was withered. 7 So the scribes and Pharisees **watched Him closely**, whether He would heal on the Sabbath, that they **might find an accusation** against Him.

Jesus will use the contentious issue of the Sabbath as a teaching moment to display God's grace/mercy to the humble and expose God's contempt/indignation to the arrogant. [NJC]

- Man planted by Pharisees? Used by religious for self-gain

- **Jesus will push their buttons**
  1. Withered *right* hand? [Dr. Luke]
  2. Pharisees watch Jesus to find fault.

Sad...So many live only to find fault with others

- **Jesus entire life was snares/traps...ours will be also**

**Psalm 59:2** [David picture of Jesus] Deliver me from the workers of iniquity, And save me from bloodthirsty men.<sup>3</sup> For look, they **lie in wait for my life**; The mighty gather against me, **Not for my transgression** nor for my sin, O Lord.<sup>4</sup> They run and prepare themselves through no fault of mine... [Learn to navigate snares/traps by HS]

**Trap:** Would He heal? **Snare:** If he does He breaks the law. Got Him.  
**Interesting:** They knew He had the power of God to heal the man yet didn't care?

8 But [Jesus] **knew their thoughts**, and said to the man who had the withered hand, "Arise and stand here." And he arose and stood.

Aware of their evil intent Jesus tells man...Arise and stand **here**  
**Class is now in session...**

9... Jesus said to [Religious leaders], "I will ask you one thing: Is it lawful on the Sabbath to **do good or to do evil, to save life or to destroy?**"

**IOWs If it is in One's power to heal on the Sabbath...should they?**

- No answer...anyone? Anyone at all?

10 And when He had looked around at **them all**, He said to the man, "**Stretch out your hand.**"

- Jesus looks around at **ALL of them. Every one of them.**
- **Asks the man to do the impossible...** "Stretch out your hand"

**10b...**And [the man] did so, and his hand was restored as whole as the other.

Jesus is the Messiah Jehovah Rapha  
**The Lord that Heals**

- **Sequence of Events:** Man's Faith/Man's Obedience/Man's Healing/ **All Rejoicing?**

11 But [Religious Leaders] were filled with rage, and discussed with one another **what they might do to Jesus.**

- **Filled with rage?** So, Rage is okay/Healing is not? **Hypocrites**
- Conspired "...what they might do with Jesus?" Same choice we have...

Every person born must decide what they will do with Jesus

**SUMMARY Lord of the Sabbath:** A Teaching Moment for the legalist: Many more so-called churches, cults, isms, and religions are preaching the false-doctrine of legalism than are preaching the truth of God's grace. **Why?**

There is always such a powerful lure to this type of religious legalism in the Christian life because there is never a shortage of leaders who want to lead this way, and never a shortage of people who want to follow this way. But God wants us to have the Holy Spirit write the application of **His Word into our hearts**, not the rules of man made into the law of God. [Guzik]

**vv 1-11** Godless, man-made, oppressive, hell-bound religion contrasted with...  
God's desire for us to be Born-Again enjoying an eternal Love Relationship with Him

**Psalm 37:4** Delight yourself also in the Lord, And He shall give you the desires of your heart.  
**5** Commit your way to the Lord, Trust also in Him, And He shall bring it to pass.

## II. The Twelve Apostles

**12** Now it came to pass **in those days** that [Jesus] went out to the mountain to pray, and **continued all night** in prayer to God. **13** And when it was day, He called His disciples to Himself; and from them **He chose twelve** whom He also named apostles:

### Jesus gets 12 Names from the Father

Jesus calls Sent Out Ones to Himself

**John 17:11** [vv. 6-19 Prayer for His Apostles] Holy Father, keep through Your name **those whom You have given Me**, that they may be one as We are. **12** While I was with them in the world, I kept them in Your name. Those whom **You gave Me** I have kept and none of them is lost except the son of perdition, that the Scripture might be fulfilled.

- There were only 12 Apostles proper – Judas + Matthias – Matthias + Paul = 12
- **There are no Apostles Proper** today, i.e., New Apostolic Reformation...

**The New Apostolic Reformation** teaches that God's intended form of church governance is apostles and prophets, holding **leadership over evangelists, pastors,** and teachers... God began to restore prophets and apostles over **the last thirty to forty years**. Only now, as the church is properly guided by the appropriate spiritual leaders, can it fulfill its commission. This commission is seen as more than spiritual, as it includes cultural and political control. [Yah...no]

**Hebrews 1:1** God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, **2** has **in these last days spoken to us by His Son**, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds

- **Apostolic Requirements for the 12**
  1. See the Resurrected Christ
  2. Able to perform miracles

## Jesus gets the Band Together...Sent Out Ones

14 Simon, whom He also named **Peter**, and Andrew his brother; James and **John**; Philip and Bartholomew; 15 **Matthew** and **Thomas**; James the son of Alphaeus, and Simon called the Zealot; 16 Judas the son of James, and Judas Iscariot who also became a traitor.

- **Peter**
  1. You are the Christ Son of the Living God
  2. I will follow you even if all fall away
  3. Denies Jesus 3x. Jesus forgives Peter 3x. Feed my Sheep
  4. Peter dies for His Lord after penning 1st/2nd Peter
- **John:** Son of Thunder. Anger issues. "Shall we call fire down on them?"
  1. Apostle of Love/Life/Light
  2. Advocate against false teaching
  3. Advocate for Deity of Jesus
  4. Gospel of John, 1st, 2nd, 3rd John and Revelation
- **Matthew:** AKA Levi: Hated Tax Collector makes the cut/writes a best-selling book
- **Thomas:** Doubter. Later proclaimed deity of Jesus. **All's well that ends well**
- **Other whoevers...**

### God's Interesting Cast of Characters became His "Sent Out Ones"

**Summary The Twelve Apostles:** Fisherman, Tax Collectors, former Bums/Bad guys. Chosen by the Father/Called by Jesus. **Honored for eternity in New Jerusalem**

**Revelation 21:14** ...the wall of the city had **twelve foundations**, and on them were the **names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.**

**Psalms 149:4** ...the Lord takes pleasure in His people; He will beautify the humble with salvation

### God uses the humble. Those that love to give Him the Glory

**1 Corinthians 1:26** For you see your calling, brethren, that not many wise according to the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called. 27 But **God has chosen the foolish things** of the world to put to **shame the wise**, and God has **chosen the weak things** of the world to **put to shame the things which are mighty**; 28 and the **base things** of the world and the things which are despised God has chosen, and the **things which are not**, to bring to nothing the things that are, 29 that **no flesh should glory in His presence**. 30 But of Him you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us **wisdom from God—and righteousness and sanctification and redemption—** 31 that, as it is written...

### He who Glories...Let him Glory in the Lord

As we decrease Jesus will increase...That's how we Magnify the Lord