

“Lord of the Sabbath.”

Luke 6:1-11

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Luke 6:1-2

1 One Sabbath Jesus was going through the grain fields, and his disciples began to pick some heads of grain, rub them in their hands and eat the kernels. **2** Some of the Pharisees asked, “Why are you doing what is unlawful on the Sabbath?”

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“According to Jewish tradition (in the Mishnah), harvesting (which is what Jesus’ disciples were technically doing) was forbidden on the Sabbath.”

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Luke 6:3-4

3 Jesus answered them, “Have you never read what David did when he and his companions were hungry? **4** He entered the house of God, and taking the consecrated bread, he ate what is lawful only for priests to eat. And he also gave some to his companions.”

5 Then Jesus said to them, “The Son of Man is Lord of the Sabbath.”

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1 Samuel 21:1-6

1 David went to Nob, to Ahimelek the priest. Ahimelek trembled when he met him, and asked, “Why are you alone?

Why is no one with you?” **2** David answered Ahimelek the priest, “The king sent me on a mission and said to me, ‘No one is to know anything about the mission I am sending you on.’”

As for my men, I have told them to meet me at a certain place. 3 Now then, what do you have on hand? Give me five loaves of bread, or whatever you can find.” 4 But the priest answered David, “I don’t have any ordinary bread on hand; however, there is some consecrated bread here — provided the men have kept themselves from women.”

5 David replied, “Indeed women have been kept from us, as usual whenever I set out. The men’s bodies are holy even on missions that are not holy. How much more so today!” **6** So the priest gave him the consecrated bread, since there was no bread there except the bread of the Presence that had been removed from before the LORD and replaced by hot bread on the day it was taken away.

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“The relationship between the OT incident and the apparent infringement of the Sabbath lies in the fact that on both occasions godly men did something forbidden. Since , however, it is always “lawful to do good” and to “save life”-even on the Sabbath-both David and the disciples were within the spirit of the law.”

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Luke 6:5

**Then Jesus said to them,
“The Son of Man is Lord
of the Sabbath.”**

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Mark 2:27-28

27 Then he said to them, “The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath. **28** So the Son of Man is Lord even of the Sabbath.”

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“Jewish tradition had so multiplied the requirements and restrictions for keeping the Sabbath that the burden had become intolerable. Jesus cut across these traditions and emphasized the God-given purpose of the Sabbath - a day intended for the benefit of people (for rest from daily labors, allowing spiritual, mental, and physical restoration).”

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Luke 6:6-7

6 On another Sabbath he went into the synagogue and was teaching, and a man was there whose right hand was shriveled. **7** The Pharisees and the teachers of the law were looking for a reason to accuse Jesus, so they watched him closely to see if he would heal on the Sabbath.

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“Jesus’ presence [in v.7] demanded a decision about His preaching, His acts, and His person... the Pharisees believed in Jesus’ power to perform miracles. The question was not “Could He?” but “Would He?” Jewish tradition prescribed that aid could be given the sick on the Sabbath only when the person’s life was threatened, which obviously was not the case here.”

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Luke 6:8-9

8 But Jesus knew what they were thinking and said to the man with the shriveled hand, “Get up and stand in front of everyone.” So he got up and stood there. **9** Then Jesus said to them, “I ask you, which is lawful on the Sabbath: to do good or to do evil, to save life or to destroy it?”

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“Jesus asks: Which is better, to preserve life while healing or to destroy life by refusing to heal?”

The question is ironic since, whereas Jesus was ready to heal, the Pharisees were plotting to put Him to death. It is obvious who was guilty of breaking the Sabbath.”

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Luke 6:10-11

10 He looked around at them all, and then said to the man, “Stretch out your hand.” He did so, and his hand was completely restored. **11** But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law were furious and began to discuss with one another what they might do to Jesus.

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Mark 3:5

He looked around at them in anger and, deeply distressed at their stubborn hearts, said to the man, “Stretch out your hand.” He stretched it out, and his hand was completely restored.

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“Jesus’ enemies were furious. Not only had He read their minds, He had also flouted their laws and exposed the hatred in their hearts. Ironically, their hatred combined with their zeal for the law, drove them to plot murder-an act that was clearly against the law.”

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John 15:18, 23-25

18 “If the world hates you, keep in mind that it hated me first.

23 Whoever hates me hates my Father as well. **24** If I had not done among them the works no one else did, they would not be guilty of sin. But now they have seen these miracles, and yet they have hated both me and my Father. **25** But this is to fulfill what is written in their Law: ‘They hated me without reason.’

Applications

- **Individual church traditions may not be Biblical traditions.**
- **Love Jesus, not man made rules**
- **Try not to be hypocritical**

Final Thoughts

“Which would an objective observer say is more characteristic of [our] Christianity - the positives or the negatives? Are [we] more concerned about what people shouldn’t be doing than [we] are about advancing God’s Kingdom? Is [our] way of being a Christian the only way? And what about our church? The Pharisees thought their religious system had all the answers.”

Final Thoughts

Psalm 118:24

**This is the day the LORD has
made, let us rejoice and be
glad in it.**