

The Obstacle of Tradition – Luke 14:1-6

I. Tradition is Challenged (1-4a)

A. Will Jesus Break Tradition to Do His Work? (1-2a)

1. The Pharisees watched Jesus Closely (1)
 - a. Always looking to critique and find fault
 - b. Sabbath Tradition prevented healing
2. A Man Came Before Jesus in Need (2)
 - a. The man had Dropsy
 - swollen limbs, fluid accumulating in legs
3. Two types of People Before Jesus
 - a. One is proud and seeking to find fault
 - b. One is humble, in need of help

B. Jesus Challenged The Pharisees Ideas of the Sabbath (3-4a)

1. Jesus asked a simple question (3)
 - a. Is it Lawful to Heal on the Sabbath?
 - Seems like a simple question
 - Tradition says no
 - Pharisees remember the woman He healed
2. The Pharisees Remained Silent
 - a. They could not answer
 - b. They were bound by their tradition

II. Godliness is Commended (4b-6)

A. Jesus Healed the Man on the Sabbath (4b)

1. He took him
2. He healed him
3. He sent Him away

B. Jesus demonstrated the Pharisees' Hypocrisy (5-6)

1. He showed them how they broke the Sabbath
 - a. They broke it to benefit themselves
 - b. Their ox or donkey falls in a ditch
2. They could not reply to Him (6)