

God's Design For the Sabbath (Luke 6:1-11)

I. Jesus Rejects Man's Sabbath Traditions (1-5)

A. The Disciples Broke the Pharisees Tradition (1-2)

1. The Disciples Picked and Ate Grain on the Sabbath (1)

a. Over time the Jewish leaders had developed a series of thirty-nine clarifications of work, exotic legalisms, with each category capable of endless subdivision. The Mishnah explicitly listed as three of its thirty-nine categories "reaping ... threshing, winnowing" (M. Shabbath, 7.2). Jesus' disciples reaped when they "began to pick some heads of grain" and threshed and winnowed when they "rub[bed] them in their hands." And when they began to "eat the kernels," they prepared food on the Sabbath. The Pharisees were outraged—"

b. However, God had simply said, "Remember the Sabbath and Keep it Holy" (Ex. 20:8)

2. Jesus Demonstrates the Pharisees Error (3-5)

a. Jesus Reminded the Pharisees about David (3-4)

i. The Pharisees Revered David

ii. David ate forbidden bread when he was starving

iii. The Pharisees Never faulted David

b. Jesus is Greater than the Sabbath (5)

i. God instituted the Sabbath for Man's good

ii. God never intended it to be slavish legalism

II. Jesus Defies Man's Sabbath Traditions (6-11)

A. The Religious and the Afflicted Came on the Sabbath (6-7)

1. An afflicted Man Came to hear God's Word (6)

a. He came knowing his need and sincere

2. The Pharisees Came to Reject God's Word (7)

a. They refused to examine their traditions

b. They came to find fault in Jesus

B. Jesus Shuns the Pharisees Sabbath Tradition (8-11)

1. Jesus Demonstrates the Pharisees Error (8-9)

a. Jesus brought the Afflicted Front and Center (8)

b. Jesus question's the Pharisees traditions (9)

i. God's purpose for the Sabbath was good

ii. Jewish sources say not doing good is doing evil

iii. Therefore the tradition was encouraging evil

2. The Pharisees Were Furious at Jesus Action (10-11)

a. Jesus Healed on the Sabbath (10)

i. This blatantly broke their tradition

b. The Pharisees refused God's instruction (11)

i. They preferred their tradition

ii. They sought to deal with Jesus