

St. Paul's Notes

IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF JESUS

Lord of the Sabbath

Luke 6:1-11

I Samuel 21:1-9

"If you enter your neighbor's grainfield, you may pick kernels with your hands, but you must not put a sickle to his standing grain." Deuteronomy 23:25

The Talmud:

"In case a woman rolls wheat to remove the husks, it is considered as sifting;
if she rubs the heads of wheat, it is considered threshing;
if she cleans off the side-adherences, it is sifting out fruit;
if she bruises the ears, it is grinding;
if she throws them up in her hand, it is winnowing."

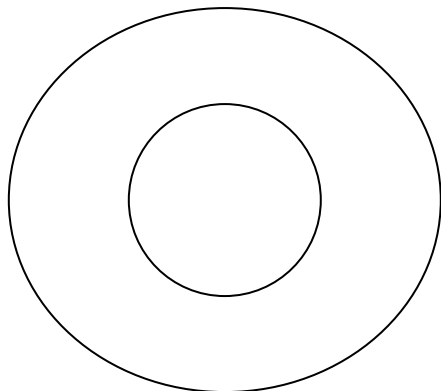
"Why are you doing what is unlawful on the Sabbath?" (6:2)

The Religion of the Pharisees

Zealous for the Law.

Devoted to being obedient to the Law.

A Hedge Around the Law



Law-Centered Religion

Plucking and Eating Barley Grain (6:1-2)

Sabbath -

David Eating Consecrated Bread from the Tabernacle (6:3-4)

He could have said...

1. _____

2. _____

"Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy." Exodus 20:8

Jesus, as Lord of the Sabbath,

"Jesus answered them, 'Have you never read what David did when he and his companions were hungry? 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.'" (6:3-4)

1 Samuel 21:1-9

Leviticus 24:5-9

*"The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath."
Mark 2:27*

Lord of the Sabbath (6:5)

"The Son of Man is Lord of the Sabbath." (6:5)

The Man with the Shriveled Hand (6:6-8)

"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" (6:7).

Saving Life and Doing Good on the Sabbath (6:9-11)

"Which is lawful on the Sabbath: to do good or to do evil, to save life or to destroy it?" (6:9)

"He looked around at them in anger ... deeply distressed at their stubborn hearts" (Mark 3:5).

Lessons for Disciples

1st - To observe the _____.

A day of _____ and _____.

2nd –The _____ is not to make life harder,

but to _____ others.

For Discussion

1. List some of the traditions that are taken for granted in your church, but are not directly mentioned in the Bible. Which seem to aid Christian mission? Which seem to impede the work of Christ?
2. Teaching that God's rules can sometimes be set aside for the sake of human need, is dangerous. How can we observe this truth without abusing it?