

# Legalism and the Sabbath

## Mark 2:23-28

### I. Introduction

### II. The Pharisees' Vain Accusations.

- A. Are you preoccupied about catching others doing something you think is wrong? (Deut. 23:25)
- B. The legalistic Pharisees immediately judge that Jesus is a law-breaker. (Ex. 31:15, Ex. 35:2, Num. 15:32, Neh. 13:15ff, Rom. 7:12, 1 Tim. 1:8, Ex. 34:21)

### III. Jesus's Clever Rebuke.

- A. Jesus challenges the religious leaders, answering on the disciples' behalf. (Lev. 24:5-9, 1 Sam. 22:20, 2 Sam. 7:16, Jer. 23:5)
- B. The dangers of legalism. (Col. 2:8, Col. 2:20-23; Rom.14:1f)
- C. Human need supersedes ceremonial observances. (1 Sam. 21:5)

### IV. Jesus is Lord of the Sabbath. (Mark 2:27-28)

- A. The Sabbath was made for man. (Matt. 12)
- B. Jesus is Lord of the Sabbath. (Matt. 12:8, Luke 6:5, Dan. 7:14)
- C. A short Biblical theology of the Sabbath / Lord's Day.
  - 1. It is a creation ordinance.
  - 2. Part of God's unchanging Moral Law. (Ex. 20, Ex. 16:5)
  - 3. Call the Sabbath a delight. (Is. 58:13)
  - 4. In the New Covenant, the day has changed to the first day of the week. (Jn. 20:19, Acts 20:7, 1 Cor. 16:2, 1 Cor. 11, Rom. 14, Col. 2:16)

### V. Conclusion / Application