

Sunday Morning, May 17, 2020
Christ and the Sabbath, Then and Now
Luke 6:1–11

- I. The Lord of the Sabbath Tells Us That Deeds of Necessity Do Not Break the Sabbath Lk. 6:1–5
 - A. The Concern of the Pharisees Was for Their Law; Their Manmade Rules Lk. 6:1–2
 - 1. Their Concern Was Not That the Disciples Were Stealing
 - 2. Their Concern Was That the Disciples Were Breaking Their Laws
 - B. The Concern of Jesus Was for God’s Law Lk. 6:3–5
 - 1. What Did Jesus Not Say about God’s Law?
 - a. Jesus Did Not Remove the Old Testament Moral Law for the Believer
 - b. Jesus Did Not Deny the Sabbath Day as Valid for the Believer
 - 2. What Jesus Did Say about God’s Law?— Deeds of Necessity Do Not Break the Sabbath Lk. 6:3–5 (Matt. 12:3, 4, 7, 8), 1 Sam. 21; Lev. 24:5–9
- II. The Lord of the Sabbath Tells Us That Deeds of Mercy Do Not Break the Sabbath Lk. 6:6–11
 - A. The Concern of the Pharisees Was for Their Law; Their Manmade Rules Lk. 6:7
 - B. The Concern of Jesus Was for God’s Law. What Jesus Did Say about God’s Law? Deeds of Mercy Do Not Break the Sabbath Lk. 6:6–11
 - 1. The Man’s Need for Mercy
 - 2. The Savior’s Compassion Lk. 6:9
- III. The Lord of the Sabbath Tells Us That He Has the Right to Apply His Law for Our Lives Lk. 6:5
 - A. Jesus as Lord Has Authority to Apply His Law
 - B. Jesus as Lord Has Authority to Apply His Sabbath Law
 - 1. Christ’s Authority Corrects Legalism— Adding Manmade Laws for the Sabbath
 - 2. Christ’s Authority Corrects License— Dismissing God’s Laws for the Sabbath

Quotes

“In Holy Scripture, the Sabbath day is a day of rest from work, a holiday for worship, for fellowship with other believers, and for doing good works. It should be recognizably the Lord’s Day in our practice, different from other days in obvious ways, and especially devoted to him, precisely because it belongs to him in a way different from the rest of the days of the week, but there is precious little about precisely what may or may not be done apart from rest from work, worship with the saints, Christian fellowship, and good works. The Bible never tells us which knots we can tie or what we can talk about with our friends. The Sabbath is a holiday in the Bible, a day to look forward to, a day to enjoy, a special day, the best day of the week. In Mark, in his account of this same conversation with the Pharisees about Sabbath-keeping the Lord made his famous remark, ‘The Sabbath was made for man; not man for the Sabbath.’ It was to be a boon for us, not a bane; a happy day, not a bore; a refreshing day, not a wearying one. The last thing the Sabbath is in Holy Scripture is an oppressive day on which nothing fun or interesting or really valuable can be done!”

Rayburn

“We must not allow ourselves to be carried away by the common notion that the Sabbath is a mere Jewish ordinance, and that it was abolished and done away by Christ. There is not a single passage of the Gospels which proves this. In every case where we find our Lord speaking upon it, He speaks against the false views of it, which were taught by the Pharisees, but not against the day itself. . . . The architect who repairs a building and restores it to its proper use, is not the destroyer of it, but the preserver.”

J C Ryle

“God *alone is lord* of the conscience, and hath left it free from the doctrines and commandments of men which are in any thing contrary to his word, or beside it, in matters of faith or worship. So that to believe such doctrines, or to obey such commandments out of conscience, is to betray true liberty of conscience: and the requiring of an implicit faith, and an absolute and blind obedience, is to destroy liberty of conscience, and reason also (*Westminster Confession*).”