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Luke Sermon Series

Supports Session 11: Reigns

Sermon Title: "Sunday is For Jesus"

Passage: Luke 6:3-5; Matthew 12:6

Connection to Luke 6

Jesus proclaimed Himself as Lord of the Sabbath and displays that authority with a healing miracle. The way Jesus viewed the Sabbath was a point of irritation with the legalists throughout His public ministry.

Introduction/Opening

The COVID quarantine caused many of us to lose track of time and the days of the week. With our routines so radically altered, every day felt like the same. The weekend was blurred into the rest of the week, and Sundays seemed to come and go with no real fanfare or break.

The Sabbath was instituted by the Lord for the people to remember a completed creation. Under the new covenant, believers celebrate on the Lord's Day to commemorate a completed redemption. It was on Sabbath days that the Lord Jesus ran into conflict with the Pharisees over what they considered to be "work" on the Sabbath.

Is it not interesting that they did not think it was "working" to follow Jesus around and wait for Him to do something they considered to be against the traditions of the Judaism of that day?

Some of the Pharisees confronted both Jesus about His disciples for violating their interpretation of work on the Sabbath day. Jesus concluded the confrontation with a simple declaration: that He is Lord of the Sabbath. He used an event from the life of David to introduce this idea.

Outline

1. A Lesson from History (vv. 3-4)
 - a. In response to the Pharisees accusation, the Lord Jesus used an illustration from the Old Testament.
 - b. His counter question was direct and pointed – "Haven't you read..." These men considered themselves to be experts in the Old Testament so of course they knew the story about David recorded in 1 Samuel 21:1-6.
 - c. The needs of David and his men were met, contrary to the restraints of the law and not merely the tradition added to the Law by the Pharisees. They viewed the actions of the disciples as reaping, winnowing, and grinding grain.

Three main ideas are noted in this conversation with the Pharisees.

2. A Lesson from Creation (v. 5)

- a. In Matthew's account of this incident, Jesus is recorded as declaring that something greater than the temple and was here (Matt. 12:6).
- b. He himself, the architect of the temple and the one for whom worship in the temple existed was greater than the temple and the traditions based on the value of the temple.
- c. If the servants of the temple could break the Sabbath for good reason, then so could the Almighty, who was worshiped in the temple and who stood before them as the Son of Man.
- d. The Son of Man (an obvious messianic title), who is greater than David, can certainly use the Sabbath as a day to meet personal needs.

Conclusion

Many people spend their time on all the “do not’s” of their Sundays, and they miss the joy and purpose of the day. One should never view Sunday as a day for ritual and rules. Nor should one view Sunday as any other day. Believers should not view this special day legalistically or carelessly. This is the weekly gift from the Lord for His people. The implication for believers today is that Sunday is for Jesus.

The Lord's Day is not about personal pleasures, agendas, or profits. One cannot enjoy the day without knowing and enjoying a relationship with the Lord of the day.

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