

Whose Day Is It?

Luke 6:1-5 Sunday AM, January 5, 2025

Prelude – Scripture: Luke 5:33-6:5 (NASB95) And they said to Him, “The disciples of John often fast and offer prayers, the disciples of the Pharisees also do the same, but Yours eat and drink.” 34 And Jesus said to them, “You cannot make the attendants of the bridegroom fast while the bridegroom is with them, can you? 35 “But the days will come; and when the bridegroom is taken away from them, then they will fast in those days.” 36 And He was also telling them a parable: “No one tears a piece of cloth from a new garment and puts it on an old garment; otherwise he will both tear the new, and the piece from the new will not match the old. 37 “And no one puts new wine into old wineskins; otherwise the new wine will burst the skins and it will be spilled out, and the skins will be ruined. 38 “But new wine must be put into fresh wineskins. 39 “And no one, after drinking old wine wishes for new; for he says, ‘The old is good enough.’ ” 1 Now it happened that He was passing through some grainfields on a Sabbath; and His disciples were picking the heads of grain, rubbing them in their hands, and eating the grain. 2 But some of the Pharisees said, “Why do you do what is not lawful on the Sabbath?” 3 And Jesus answering them said, “Have you not even read what David did when he was hungry, he and those who were with him, 4 how he entered the house of God, and took and ate the consecrated bread which is not lawful for any to eat except the priests alone, and gave it to his companions?” 5 And He was saying to them, “The Son of Man is Lord of the Sabbath.”

From the synagogues to the shores of Galilee, Jesus came teaching the kingdom, showing Himself to be the Messiah. Jesus not only preached this kingdom message, but applied it to individual souls showing the breadth but also the boundaries of that kingdom—supplying fish for the fishermen but calling them to leave their nets and learn from Him to fish for men; healing the leper, but ordering him to tell no one; focusing not merely on healing the paralytic, but instead on forgiving his sins in the presence of those most tuned to questioning His ability to do this; and calling Levi, the Jewish tax collector seen by many as a traitor to his people, to be one of His closest disciples. When questioned, Jesus said that He came for the sick, not the healthy, for sinners, not the righteous. All this divided those who heard—some praising God and joyfully welcoming and submitting to Christ while others rejected Him. Last week, we talked about the spiritual discipline of fasting. For Jesus’ disciples, when the One who would break the power of sin was with them, the repentance and clarifying signified by fasting was not the focus, but rather, a time of rejoicing as they followed and learned from the incarnate Christ. The passage concluded with a parable about wine and wineskins. New wine and old wineskins won’t work! The old kingdom shared terms and practices, retaining the same call to repentance under the same holy God, but there is much that is different. So many different pieces for us to consider carefully in the order of redemption history. For us, that means work and precision, but all needed to do this comes from the gift of regeneration bringing fellowship with God and the indwelling of the Holy Spirit who directs our eyes to Christ. Take this familiar tune wed to God-glorifying text by 16 year old David Clowney, son of the former President of Westminster Seminary, and praise God for His grace shown to us!

*Hymn (Powerpoint): God, All Nature Sings Thy Glory

Jesus and His disciples walked through some grainfields on a Sabbath. Can you imagine rubbing heads of grain and then eating the grain? Perhaps not attractive for us, but it DID attract the Pharisees. “Why do you do what is not lawful on the Sabbath?” Jesus’ answer widens their perspective by referring to others they respected—what about when King David did something like this? Would they humble themselves and reconsider what they saw as so clear? There is a danger in fixating on specific acts of obedience in ways that take us from God’s purposes and the God who makes it right. Humbly ask God to teach you His ways.

*Hymn #337 (Red): Teach Me Thy Way, O Lord

***Pastoral Prayer: Pastor Jahn Choir: Sing to Jesus Scripture: Psalm 92** (NASB95) A Psalm, a Song for the Sabbath day. 1 It is good to give thanks to the LORD And to sing praises to Your name, O Most High; 2 To declare Your lovingkindness in the morning And Your faithfulness by night, 3 With the ten-stringed lute and with the harp, With resounding music upon the lyre. 4 For You, O LORD, have made me glad by what You have done, I will sing for joy at the works of Your hands. 5 How great are Your works, O LORD! Your thoughts are very deep. 6 A senseless man has no knowledge, Nor does a stupid man understand this: 7 That when the wicked sprouted up like grass And all who did iniquity flourished, It was only that they might be destroyed forevermore. 8 But You, O LORD, are on high forever. 9 For, behold, Your enemies, O LORD, For, behold, Your enemies will perish; All who do iniquity will be scattered. 10 But You have exalted my horn like that of the wild ox; I have been anointed with fresh oil. 11 And my eye has looked exultantly upon my foes, My ears hear of the evildoers who rise up against me. 12 The righteous man will flourish like the palm tree, He will grow like a cedar in Lebanon. 13 Planted in the house of the LORD, They will flourish in the courts of our God. 14 They will still yield fruit in old age; They shall be full of sap and very green, 15 To declare that the LORD is upright; He is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in Him.

Offering: *Doxology:

Jesus concludes today saying, “The Son of Man is Lord of the Sabbath.” As we briefly focus on the rules of the sabbath and the place of the sabbath for us today, don’t lose sight of the Lord of the Sabbath. Did you hear Him described in Psalm 92, the one subtitled A Song for the Sabbath day? 1 It is good to give thanks to the LORD And to sing praises to Your name, O Most High; 2 To declare Your lovingkindness in the morning And Your faithfulness by night, I heard joy and gratitude for God’s goodness from those who would honor the Lord of the Sabbath. Is it a privilege for you to sing praises to God together and to work for those around you to join you in praise?

*Hymn (Powerpoint): O God, My Joy

Our Sabbath psalm continued, 5 How great are Your works, O LORD! Your thoughts are very deep. 6 A senseless man has no knowledge, Nor does a stupid man understand this: As Pastor Jahn prepares to preach, ask God to keep you from being one of the senseless ones and to by the power and guidance of the Spirit, behold the greatness of God seen through His good and gracious works, that you would be numbered among the righteous who flourish like the palm tree, He will grow like a cedar in Lebanon. 13 Planted in the house of the LORD, They will flourish in the courts of our God.

*Hymn (Powerpoint): God of Grace

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*Hymn #526: All That Thrills My Soul

*Prayer