

BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH OF ERIE

SERMON OUTLINE

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“A PARABLE ON THE SABBATH DAY”

Matthew 12:1-14

Jesus was never afraid to challenge the religion of man whenever it interfered with the grace of God. This is the difference between religion and Christianity.

(1) Religion is man reaching up to God. Christianity is God reaching down to man.

(2) Religion is all about works and trying to earn favor with God. Christianity is all about grace and what Jesus did for each of us on the cross.

Many people are confused about the idea of the Sabbath. Are we to observe the Sabbath Day rules the Jews follow to this day? Or is Sunday the Sabbath for us? Hopefully, by the end of this message you'll have an answer to these and other questions about the Sabbath.

What do we learn from this passage:

I. The Charge about the Sabbath vs: 1-2

The Pharisees took the simple idea of resting one day a week and, trying to be perfect, figured they had to help God out to tell people what resting really was. So, they came up with 39 different things that were prohibited on the Sabbath. Like these. . . .

Did you catch that rule of the Sabbath - Making two loops? Tying a knot? What, did a lot of people trip on the Sabbath because their shoes were un-tied?! The Pharisees apparently felt that Jesus and His disciples were "reaping" and "threshing" because they picked .

heads of grain then separated the grain from the chaff.

II. The Comeback about the Sabbath Vs. 3-8

V-3 The Lord skillfully parried the accusation with a dynamic comeback.

“Have ye not read...?”

Jesus gave a threefold reply to their accusation.

1. *Have You Not READ... about King David? (vv. 3-4).*
2. *Have You Not READ... about the Priests? (vv. 5-6).*
3. *Have your not READ ... about the Prophet? (v. 7). (Hosea 6:6)*

III. The Curing on the Sabbath Vs. 9-14

- A. The Case (12:9-10)
- B. The Comment (12:11-12)
- C. The Cure (12:13)
- D. The Council (12:14)

Now let me share with you – **FOUR TRUTHS WE SHOULD LEARN ABOUT THE SABBATH.**

The Jews had changed the Sabbath blessing into a Sabbath burden. Christians are not required to obey the Sabbath laws We're under grace, not law.

By resting in Christ for salvation, we fulfill the Sabbath requirement.

We should follow a healthy cycle of work and rest.

There are two large companies in America that close on Sundays: **Chick-fil-a**, founded by Truett Cathey and **Hobby Lobby**, founded by David Green. Both of these men are Christians. On their websites they explain WHY they close on Sunday—it's not because they believe it is the Sabbath Day. But they both believe it is important to give their employees a day off, so they can worship, rest, and spend time with their families.

Many people still try to experience salvation by holding on to their own efforts, but salvation only comes by resting in Christ and trusting God. So, stop trying and start trusting