

V1 AT THAT TIME JESUS WENT THROUGH THE GRAIN FIELDS ON THE SABBATH WITH HIS DISCIPLES WHICH WAS A VIOLATION OF JEWISH TRADITION THOUGH NOT OF SCRIPTURE AND THEY BECAME HUNGRY AND BEGAN TO PICK THE HEADS OF GRAIN AND EAT AS THE SCRIPTURE ALLOWED DEUT 23:24-25

THE DISCIPLES WERE NOT REAPING ON THE SABBATH THEY WERE SIMPLY SATISFYING THEIR HUNGER ACCORDING TO THE PROVISION OF SCRIPTURE

V2 BUT WHEN THE PHARISEES SAW IT THEY SAID TO HIM BEHOLD YOUR DISCIPLES DO WHAT IS UNLAWFUL TO DO ON THE SABBATH THEY PUT HUMAN TRADITION ABOVE GOD'S WORD

MARK 2:27-28 JESUS SAID THE SABBATH WAS MADE FOR MAN AND NOT MAN FOR THE SABBATH IT WAS TO BE A DAY OF REST FROM THEIR WORKS IT WAS FOR THEIR GOOD

V3-4 JESUS INSTRUCTS THEM HAVE YOU NOT READ WHAT DAVID DID WHEN HE BECAME HUNGRY HE AND HIS COMPANIONS AS THEY FLED FOR THEIR LIVES SOUTH OF GIBEAH TO ESCAPE THE JEALOUS AND VENGEFUL SAUL THEY CAME TO NOB WHERE THE TABERNACLE WAS LOCATED AND THEY ASKED FOR FOOD AHIMELECH THE PRIEST GAVE THEM THE CONSECRATED BREAD

WHICH WAS NOT LAWFUL FOR THEM TO EAT BUT WAS FOR THE PRIEST ALONE BECAUSE THERE WAS NO ORDINARY BREAD ON HAND

GOD WAS NOT OFFENDED BY THAT ACT AND HE DID NOT DISCIPLINE AHIMELECH OR DAVID GOD WAS WILLING FOR A CEREMONIAL REGULATION TO BE VIOLATED WHEN DOING SO WAS NECESSARY TO MEET THE NEEDS OF HIS BELOVED PEOPLE

IF GOD MAKES ALLOWANCES FOR HIS LAW TO BE BROKEN UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES FOR THE WELFARE OF HIS PEOPLE JESUS SAID HE CERTAINLY PERMITS MAN MADE TRADITIONS TO BE BROKEN FOR THAT PURPOSE

V5-6 THE SABBATH DOES NOT RESTRICT SERVICE TO GOD OR HAVE YOU NOT READ IN THE LAW THAT ON THE SABBATH THE PRIEST IN THE TEMPLE BREAK THE SABBATH AND ARE INNOCENT

JESUS ANGERED THE PHARISEES BY POINTING OUT THE INCONSISTENCY OF THEIR LEGALISTIC THINKING AND THEN JESUS SAID BUT I SAY TO YOU THAT SOMETHING GREATER THAN THE TEMPLE IS HERE AND NOTHING WAS GREATER THAN THE TEMPLE BUT GOD IN THEIR MINDS

V7 THE SABBATH DOES NOT RESTRICT ACTS OF MERCY JESUS POINT IS THAT THE SABBATH WAS NEVER MEANT TO RESTRICT ACTS OF MERCY JESUS SAYS BUT IF YOU HAD KNOWN WHAT THIS MEANS I DESIRE COMPASSION AND NOT A SACRIFICE YOU WOULD NOT HAVE CONDEMNED THE INNOCENT HOSEA 6:6

SABBATH OBSERVANCE WAS NOT A SUBSTITUTE FOR THE HEART RIGHTEOUSNESS AND COMPASSION THAT CHARACTERIZE GOD'S FAITHFUL CHILDREN

V8 THEN JESUS SAYS FOR THE SON OF MAN IS LORD OF THE SABBATH HE IS OUR TRUE REST FROM OUR WORKS JESUS FULFILLED THE SABBATH FOR US HE IS OUR SABBATH MATT 11:28-30

HAVE YOU FOUND YOUR REST IN JESUS HAVE YOU COME TO HIM AS YOUR SABBATH NO LONGER TRUSTING IN YOUR WORKS FOR SALVATION BUT IN HIS WORK FOR YOU DID YOU LEARN FROM HIM HAVE YOU FOUND REST FOR YOUR SOUL

JESUS IS LORD OF THE SABBATH IS HE YOUR LORD HAVE YOU COME TO HIM IN HUMBLE SUBMISSION HE ALONE CAN GIVE YOU THE REST YOU ARE LOOKING FOR

DON'T BE LIKE THE PHARISEES WHO TRUSTED IN THEIR RIGHTEOUSNESS SEEING THEMSELVES AS BETTER THAN OTHERS THE ONLY RIGHTEOUSNESS GOD ACCEPTS IS THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF CHRIST 2COR 5:21

2PETER 3:9 THE LORD IS NOT SLOW ABOUT HIS PROMISE AS SOME COUNT SLOWNESS BUT IS PATIENT TOWARD YOU NOT WISHING FOR ANY TO PERISH BUT ALL TO COME TO REPENTANCE