

JESUS & THE SABBATH (2) MT 12:9-14

Rules, rules, everywhere is rules! **As if** we could rule the bad away!

And the rules were endless...wandering farther and farther from Scripture!

Most of the rules fell on women...oppressive, intrusive, controlling, and ultimately ineffective!

How does this text help us?

1. There are **still** rules!

Matthew 12:9 And when he was departed thence, he went into their synagogue: Matthew 12:10 And, behold, there was a man which had his hand withered. And they asked him, saying, **Is it lawful to heal on the sabbath days? that they might accuse him.**

Matthew 12:12 How much then is a man better than a sheep? **Wherefore it is lawful to do well (καλῶς) on the sabbath days.**

We would often read this passage **as if** Sabbath | the Lord's Day is nothing...non-significant...no big deal!

Most...maybe just many churches have entirely moved away from any rules about dress (or anything else). Hatred, irritation, or "whatever" has taken over!

Deuteronomy 22:5

The woman shall **not** wear that which pertaineth unto a man,

neither shall a man put on a woman's garment:

for all that do so are **abomination unto the LORD thy God.**

Deut. 22:5 probably **isn't** altogether about pants on women **but** it is about something!

The grounding of the command is what is important!

4 principles of dress:

A. Modesty

B. Distinction of the sexes

C. Identification

D. Appropriateness

Where do we normally see this today?

2. Rules to be kept!

(As believers & for believers)

Genesis 2:1 Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. Genesis 2:2 And on the seventh day God **ended** his work which he had made; and he **rested** on the seventh day from all his work which he had made. Genesis 2:3 And God **blessed** the seventh day, and **sanctified** it: because that in it he had rested from all his work which God created and made.

Exodus 20:8 **Remember** the sabbath day, to keep it holy. Exodus 20:9 Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work: Exodus 20:10 But the seventh day is the sabbath of the LORD thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates: Exodus 20:11 **For** in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: **wherefore** the LORD **blessed** the sabbath day, and **hallowed** it.

Deuteronomy 5:12 **Keep** the sabbath day to sanctify it, as the LORD thy God hath commanded thee. Deuteronomy 5:13 Six days thou shalt labour, and do all thy work: Deuteronomy 5:14 But the seventh day is the sabbath of the LORD thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, nor thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thine ox, nor thine ass, nor any of thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates; **that** thy manservant and thy maidservant **may rest as well as thou.**

Deuteronomy 5:15 And **remember** that thou wast a servant in the land of Egypt, and that the LORD thy God brought thee out thence through a mighty hand and by a stretched out arm: therefore the LORD thy God commanded thee to keep the sabbath day.

Matthew 28:1 **In the end of the sabbath, as it began to dawn toward the first day of the week,** came Mary Magdalene and the other Mary to see the sepulchre.

A. Jesus is Lord of the Sabbath and all rules...!

Matthew 12:8 For the Son of man **is Lord** even of the sabbath day.

B. Man wasn't made for the Sabbath but the Sabbath for man.

Mark 2:27 And he said unto them, **The sabbath was made for man, and not man for the sabbath:**

C. People trump rules!

Matthew 12:7 But if ye had known what this meaneth, **I will have mercy, and not sacrifice**, ye would not have condemned the guiltless.

Matthew 9:11 And when the Pharisees saw it, they said unto his disciples, Why eateth your Master with publicans and sinners?

Matthew 9:12 But when Jesus heard that, he said unto them, **They that be whole need not a physician, but they that are sick.**

Matthew 9:13 But go ye and learn what that meaneth, **I will have mercy, and not sacrifice: for I am not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.**

D. Doing good / well **is the point of the Sabbath & rules!**

Matthew 12:11 And he said unto them, What man shall there be among you, that shall have one sheep, and if it fall into a pit on the sabbath day, will he not lay hold on it, and lift it out?

Matthew 12:12 How much then is a man better than a sheep? Wherefore it is lawful **to do well** (καλῶς ποιεῖν) on the sabbath days.

Doing good / well → **not** doing as you please!

4. Rules that **enrage some!**

Matthew 12:14 Then the Pharisees went out, and held a council against him, how they might destroy him.