



Lord of the Sabbath

Matthew 12:1-8



An Accusation (vv. 1-2)

- The Sabbath
 - An Israelite Distinctive
 - Halakha
- The Charge



A Two-Fold Rebuttal (vv. 3-6)

- David and the Fellas (1 Sam 21:1-6)
 - The Situation of David
 - The Action of David
 - The Person of David
- The Sabbath Work of the Priesthood (Num. 28:9-10)
- Something Greater
 - The Presence and Power of God in Christ



A Rebuke, A Declaration (7-8)

- Mercy, Not Sacrifice (Hos. 6:6)
 - Righteous Living vs. Religious Activity
 - Condemning the Guiltless
- *Kurios* of the Sabbath (cf. Mk. 2:23-28; Lk. 6:1-5)

Living in the Presence of God

- ▶ Two Wrong Ways to ‘Obey’
 - ▶ **Superficial Obedience**
 - ▶ **Mis-motivated Obedience**
 - ▶ **A Third Way: Obedience, an Expression of Love**
- ▶ A Caution Against Condemning the Guiltless
 - ▶ **Preferences vs. Guidelines vs. God’s Word**
- ▶ Grasping the Core of Sabbath Rest
 - ▶ **Areas of Disagreement**
 - ▶ **Which day?**
 - ▶ **What activities are permitted?**
 - ▶ **Areas of Agreement**
 - ▶ **Rest is a God-ordained counterpart to work**
 - ▶ **Rest does not mean just “doing something different” than other days**
 - ▶ **Our ultimate rest comes through Jesus Christ—already and not yet**