

Luke 14:1-6 **Healing on the Sabbath**

¹ Now it happened, as He went into the house of one of the rulers of the Pharisees to eat bread on the Sabbath, that they watched Him closely. ² And behold, there was a certain man before Him who had dropsy.

³ And Jesus, answering, spoke to the lawyers and Pharisees, saying, "Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath?" ⁴ But they kept silent. And He took him and healed him, and let him go. ⁵ Then He answered them, saying, "Which of you, having a donkey or an ox that has fallen into a pit, will not immediately pull him out on the Sabbath day?" ⁶ And they could not answer Him regarding these things. NKJV

Facts Revealed:

- ✚ As was expected, those who opposed Jesus (Lawyers and Pharisees) watched Him closely to see if He would heal the man who obviously needed healing of his dropsy, **so they could have excuse to accuse Him.** [Luke 14:1-2, similar to Mark 3:2, 6, Matthew 12:10, Luke 6:7]
 - ✧ Their hearts were evil because they had evil motive to accuse Jesus for doing good, which would be a violation of **their own interpretation** of the law, and not of the law itself.
 - ✧ How often we are accused of wrong doing, based on someone else's opinion of what they think a Christian should do, when they don't know the teachings of the Lord in the first place. This becomes emotionally prejudicial judgment based on imagination rather than knowledge of truth. This is also a very human trait without godliness at all.
- ✚ Jesus dealt with the situation very wisely:
 - ✧ Jesus knew the thoughts of their hearts and asked the Lawyers and Pharisees, "Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath?" [Luke 14:3, similar to Mark 3:4, Luke 6:9, Matthew 12:10-12]
 - ✧ They kept silent.
- ✚ Jesus demonstrated His compassion on the afflicted man, and healed him. [Luke 14:4]
 - ✧ Again we see displayed the power of God and His love for mankind in the person of Jesus, proving again His identity with the Father, God of Israel.
 - ✧ The evidence of the things Jesus did, demonstrate who the person of Jesus is, and His authority.
 - ✧ By their fruit, you will know them. [Matthew 7:15-20, 12:33, Luke 6:43-45]
 - ✧ The evidence is compelling.
- ✚ Jesus turned to the antagonists and said, "Which of you, having a donkey or an ox that has fallen into a pit, will not immediately pull him out on the Sabbath day?" [Luke 14:5, Matthew 12:11-12]
 - ✧ Jesus pointed out their own Hypocrisy, comparing their care for animals above God's care for human beings. [Luke 14:5, Matthew 10:29, 31, 12:11-12, Luke 12:7]
 - ✧ That was about the same as the valuation expressed by animal activists of today.
 - ✧ Save the animals but abort the babies.
 - ✧ And they could not answer Him regarding these things. [Luke 14:6]
 - ✧ Jesus knew their hearts, and that their motive was to find a way to destroy and kill Him. [Luke 6:8]
 - ✧ Because of their guilty conscience, they could not answer Him regarding these things.