

Matthew 12:9-14 **Healing Withered Hand on the Sabbath**

9 Now when He had departed from there, He went into their synagogue. 10 And behold, there was a man who had a withered hand. And they asked Him, saying, "Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath?"-- that they might accuse Him.

11 Then He said to them, "What man is there among you who has one sheep, and if it falls into a pit on the Sabbath, will not lay hold of it and lift it out? 12 Of how much more value then is a man than a sheep? Therefore it is lawful to do good on the Sabbath."

13 Then He said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." And he stretched it out, and it was restored as whole as the other.

14 Then the Pharisees went out and plotted against Him, how they might destroy Him. NKJV

Facts Revealed:

Healing the withered hand on the Sabbath. [Matthew 12:9-14, Mark 3:1-6, Luke 6:6-11]

- ✚ The setting was in the Synagogue on the Sabbath.
 - ✧ There was a man in the Synagogue who had a withered hand.
 - ✧ The Scribes and Pharisees watched closely to see if Jesus would heal the man on the Sabbath, that they might accuse Him. [Luke 6:7, Matthew 12:10, Mark 3:2]
 - ✧ They asked Jesus saying; "Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath?" [Matthew 12:10]
- ✚ Jesus asked them;
 - ✧ What man is there among you who has one sheep, and if it falls into a pit on the Sabbath, will not lay hold of it and lift it out? [Matthew 12:11]
 - ✧ Of how much more value is a man than a sheep? [Matthew 12:12]
 - ✧ God values mankind whom He made in His own image, far above any of the animals.
- ✚ Jesus then drew the conclusion:
 - ✧ Therefore it is lawful to do good on the Sabbath. [Matthew 12:12]
- ✚ Jesus healed the man, doing good on the Sabbath. [Matthew 12:13]
- ✚ The Pharisees plotted to destroy Jesus, doing evil on the Sabbath. [Matthew 12:14]
 - ✧ It is amazing to see the depths of evil to which a religious leader may viciously stoop, just out of envy.
- ✚ Jesus is not only Lord of the Sabbath, [Matthew 12:8] but also God of the Sabbath, and able to interpret the laws of the Sabbath and correct erroneous doctrines of men in regard to the Sabbath.
- ✚ 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.
- ✚ The evidence of the things the Pharisees did, demonstrates who the spirit they follow is, and his evil end in the Lake of Fire.
- ✚ We can not serve God and good, and Satan and evil. We must choose, and do so, based on the evidence of the fruit of their works and their words.
 - ✧ Jesus went about doing good. [Acts 10:34-43]
 - ✧ The Pharisees went about doing evil. [Matthew 12:14]
- ✚ Choose wisely, your eternal destiny depends on your choice.