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Luke 6:6-11 (Micah 6:6-8)

*Sabbath Healing*

Student Notes

- I. Jesus Christ was and is extremely controversial. He shocked everybody with his actions and his teaching. He brought the redeeming authority God himself—as a human—into the dead world (Eph.2:1-5)! He is God in human life. (Jn.14:8-11 Col.2:9-10). He said, If you have seen me you have seen God...
- A. Which is why C.S. Lewis pointed out that it is nonsense to call Jesus simply a good teacher. Josh McDowell put Lewis's logic in "Lord, Liar, Lunatic."
- II. Last week, a stunning statement about himself. Luke 6:1-5
- A. Son of Man...Messiah: Dan.7:13
- B. Lord of the Sabbath...God in the flesh...
- III. This week, a stunning deed revealing his mission... Lk.6:6-11
- A. He knows their thoughts. 6-8
1. Their theology (thoughts about God) was completely wrong.
  2. Their godless hard hearts anger him. Mk.3:1-6
- B. He heals the helpless man. 9-10
1. Asking the Pharisees the question they could not answer.
  2. Is it "lawful" to do good or evil on Sabbath?
- C. He infuriates the religious system. 11
1. The political/religious system. Herodians and Pharisees. Mk.3:6
  2. *They viewed him as a self-appointed, upstart, Galilean Peasant.*
    - a) *They couldn't figure him out (Jn3)*
- IV. Three questions...
- A. **Why on a Sabbath? To poke the religious bear...**
1. This was a trap, but the Lord stepped into it purposely.
  2. He knew their thoughts and was addressing their thoughts, their "theology."
  3. He wanted to focus everyone's mind on him rather than religion.
- B. **Why a healing? To demonstrate his authority to reverse the curse.**
1. The curse in the world (Gen 3) is the result of sin. (Rom.5:12-21). Like with the paralytic man (5:20). "your sins are forgiven"
  2. Sin is the cause of illness and death, which is why dealing with sin is more important than physical healing. But the healings Jesus did were a demonstration that he came to solve the sin problem and redeem the world.
- C. **Why the opposition? To show how humans think. (Rom.1:16-3:20)**
1. Humanity in its natural state rejects God. *Especially religious humanity.* Rom.1-3. No one righteous, not even one...(remember how his own home town treated him)
  2. We normally reject the Lord in one of 2 ways...
    - a) Self-serving Rebellion (the prodigal son)
    - b) Self-saving Religion (the older brother in the prodigal story)
      - (1) I've done everything right. I'm good. I'm entitled...
      - (2) This is spiritual self confidence in the Pharisee mold. "Boasting"

V. What do we learn here?

A. We learn that we are either with the Lord or against him. v.11. Lk.11:23

1. He does call us personally and effectively, like telling the man with the shriveled hand to come and stretch out his hand.
2. Ultimately there is no neutrality with the Lord.

B. We learn not to despair when we see evil. Acts 2:23; Gen.50:20 (Rom.11:28-32)

1. The irrational hatred of Jesus was part of God's plan. That's why Jesus stepped into this "trap".
2. Israel's faithlessness in killing Messiah provided the way of salvation for Israel and all Gentiles as well. Rom.11:28-32.
3. *If our Father can use the worst crime in history for good, then there is nothing in our suffering that cannot be used for good. Rom.8:28*

C. We learn not to trust ourselves for salvation. Religion is hopeless...

1. **The hallmark of Pharisaism... Trusting our obedience to save us. Jn.5:37-40**
  - a) Searching the Scriptures without Christ amounts to trusting our obedience to our rules based on our interpretation of the Bible.
    - (1) In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus went much deeper...
  - b) **Jn.6:28-29.** When asked by the Pharisees what are the works of God, Jesus said it is to *believe in him whom He has sent...* Jesus the Christ...which they refused to do at the time...
2. **The hallmark of the Gospel...Trusting Christ alone...free, instant eternal salvation by grace through repentant faith alone. Mk.1:15; Rom.6:23**
  - a) We are crippled and helpless...and he heals and forgives us personally, one at a time. Just reach out at his command...
  - b) Every healing Jesus did pointed to the Cross, where *He would NOT be healed...*so that we could be forgiven and resurrected (healed forever).