**The Supremacy of Christ!**

**Luke 6:1-11; Hebrews 1:1-8**

1. What does it mean to be supreme? Webster’s dictionary defines supreme as the “highest in rank or authority” or “greatest in degree or quality.”
2. The idea of the Supremacy of Christ is that there is no one and no thing superior to Jesus of Nazareth.
3. Jesus is **superior** to all creation—the highest being in existence—God in the flesh.
4. The entire written Word of God has as its **chief subject** the Son of God who is the loftiest idea in the universe.
5. Thus far in this gospel of Luke, we have witnessed the supremacy of Jesus in the following ways:
6. He spoke to the people with authority!
7. He healed the sick!
8. He delivered the possessed!
9. He received worshipers at his feet!
10. He forgave sinners because of who He is—the supreme God of the universe who came full of truth and grace and mercy.
11. That brings us to **Luke** **chapter 6**, where Jesus reveals another aspect of His **supremacy** as **THE LORD** of the **SABBATH**.
12. There are three very important truths that arise from this incident that occurred on a Sabbath:
13. God, not man, rules over the Sabbath!
14. God the Father has entrusted all authority, power, and dominion to His Son-- Jesus.
15. God is more concerned about mercy than rules and laws.
16. What was the big problem? The Jewish legal code allowed for a poor person who was hungry to handpick fruit or grain for consumption from a neighbor’s field.

**Deuteronomy 23:24, 25** “If you enter your neighbor’s vineyard, you may eat all the grapes you want, but do not put any in your basket. If you enter your neighbor’s grainfield, you may pick kernels with your hands, but you must not put a sickle to his standing grain.”

1. The problem was not WHAT they were doing, but WHEN they were doing it—on the Sabbath.
2. How did Jesus respond? With righteous anger! He embarrassed and angered them by accusing them of hypocrisy!
3. Jesus was throwing down the gauntlet.
4. Jesus was declaring war against this religious establishment which was actually working against God by prevent men and women from coming to Him.
5. He declared himself to be The Lord of the Sabbath!

**Hebrews 1:3** and **8**: “The Son is the radiance of God’s glory and the exact representation of his being…

But about the Son he (God the Father) says, “**Your throne, O God**, will last for ever and ever; and righteousness will be the scepter of your kingdom.

**Colossians 1:15-16**: He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn (The Supreme One) over all creation. For by him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

1. The Supremacy of Christ:
2. Jesus is supreme in his **authority**!
3. Jesus is supreme in his **power**!
4. Jesus is supreme in his **very being**!
5. Jesus is supreme in his **righteousness**!
6. There are several truths we can take away from this story of the man Jesus healed:
7. Any man-made religion always has been, and always will be, the enemy of God.
8. The human heart is desperately wicked.

**Jeremiah 17:9** The heart is deceitful above all things and beyond cure. Who can understand it?

1. Any false religion, including churchism, works to blind men and women into thinking everything is okay when it comes to their soul.

**An example**: The Pharisees believed they belonged to God while at the very same moment they were plotting to kill him. They didn’t believe Jesus for a moment though they had just watched heal a man in their presence. They saw this miracle with their own eyes. How could they be so blind?

1. **Corinthians 4:3-4:** And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. The god of this age has **blinded the minds of unbelievers**, so that **they cannot see** the light of the gospel of glory of Christ, who is the image of God.

**A Warning:** If you are attempting to earn God’s favor by attending church, reciting liturgy, follow the path of religious tradition, without true faith in Jesus Christ, then Satan has you right where he wants you: Religious, blind, deceived and lost.