Holy Things And Holy Places


Intro. A. This week we have heard much about holy places.
   1. The world's attention has been focused on the Holy land.
   2. We hear the names of ancient cities, Bethlehem, Jerusalem, the tomb, church of the nativity.
   3. Are these really holy things, sacred places?

B. In these verses we read of the conflicts that swirled around Jesus because of His attitude toward the Sabbath.
   1. The Pharisees condemned Him for allowing His disciples to gather grain on the Sabbath.
   2. Jesus healed a man on the Sabbath.
   3. Were these things wrong?

I. The Unlawful Act of Gathering Grain.

A. They walked through the corn fields.
   vs. 1
   1. They plucked ears of grain.
   2. They rubbed the husks from them.
   3. They did eat them.

B. The Pharisees accused them.
   vs. 2
   1. Why do ye that which is not lawful to do on the sabbath days? (Harvested, threshed, winnowed on the Sabbath)
   2. Ex. 20:10
   3. Were they working? (drag a stick, plowing)
   For a sore throat they gargled oil, this was work, so they drank it.
   C. The answer of Jesus.
   vs. 3-4
   1. What David did.
   2. I Samuel 21:6
III. Some Things For Us To Consider:

A. Is there a Sabbath today? A specific Time Appointed By God For Worship?
1. We know that the Gentiles were never under the law.
2. We know the law was nailed to the cross. Not some of the law, but all of the law.
3. Sunday, the first day of the week, was chosen by the first disciples. Later, the Roman dictators decreed it after the union of church and state.
4. There is no Christian Sabbath.

B. We do by necessity have a day of worship.
1. We are to worship God.
2. This is to be done by an assembly.
3. Is it lawful on the day of worship to do good or evil? To let people suffer or die because it is Sunday is evil.
4. We do need a day of rest.

C. Why is it right to do good on the Sabbath?
1. Man is frail and his needs are often immediate.
2. Mankind is biological, we have needs that affect our well being.
3. The month of Ramadan affects all Muslims, the frail, pregnant, the old, sick. They usually let them suffer.

D. Mercy is better than sacrifice.