

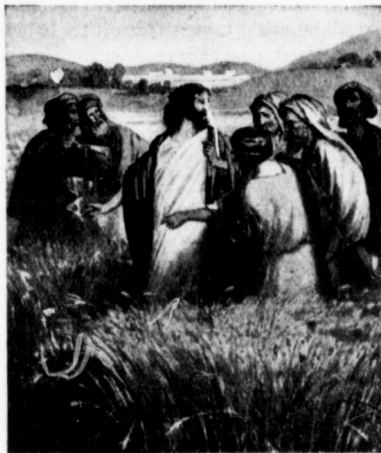
## Lesson II.

## THE USE OF THE SABBATH

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Mark 2 : 23 to 3 : 6—Memory Verses, 27, 28.

**Golden Text**—The sabbath was made for man, and not man for the sabbath.—Mark 2 : 27.



23 And it came to pass, that he went through the corn fields on the sabbath day ; and his disciples began, as they went, to pluck the ears of corn.

24 And the Phar'isees said unto him, Behold, why do they on the sabbath day that which is not lawful ?

25 And he said unto them, Have ye never read what Da'vid did, when he had need, and was an hungred, he, and they that were with him ?

26 How he went into the house of God in the days of Abi'athar the high priest, and did eat the shewbread, which is not lawful to eat but for the priests, and gave also to them which were with him ?

27 And he said unto them, The sabbath was made for man, and not man for the sabbath :

28 Therefore the Son of man is Lord also of the sabbath.

Ch. 3 : 1 And he entered again into the synagogue ; and there was a man therewhich had a withered hand.

2 And they watched him, whether he would heal him on the sabbath day ; that they might accuse him.

3 And he saith unto the man which had the withered hand, Stand forth.

4 And he saith unto them, Is it lawful to do good on the sabbath days, or to do evil ? to save life, or to kill ? But they held their peace.

5 And when he had looked round about on them with anger, being grieved for the hardness of their hearts, he saith unto the man, Stretch forth thine hand. And he stretched it out : and his hand was restored whole as the other.

6 And the Phar'isees went forth, and straightway took counsel with the Hero'dians against him, how they might destroy him.

## THE LESSON RETOLD

It happened one Sabbath day, that Jesus and His disciples were walking through a field of grain ; and the disciples, who were very hungry, plucked some of the grain and ate it.

Now, some of those who were passing by thought it sinful to pluck grain on the Sabbath, and they said angrily to Jesus, "Why are Your disciples doing that which is wrong to do on the Sabbath day ?" "Have you not read in the scriptures", asked Jesus, "how David, when his enemies were chasing him on the Sabbath day, and he was very hungry, took some of the bread from the tabernacle, which was forbidden to any but the priests, and he and his men ate it that they might be strong to escape from their enemies ?" Jesus also said to these fault-finders, who were called Pharisees, that He, the Son of man, was Lord of the Sabbath and knew best how it

should be used. Besides, He said, "The Sabbath was made to be a help to men, and not a burden to them.

Shortly afterwards, Jesus went into a synagogue or place of worship, and there He saw a man with a withered, useless hand. When the fault-finders who had followed Jesus saw this, they watched eagerly to see if He would heal the man, so that they might again accuse Him of doing wrong. Jesus knew their thoughts and asked them, "Is it lawful to do good on the Sabbath day, or to do evil, to save a man's life, or to allow it to be lost ?"

The wicked Pharisees could not answer this question, so Jesus, sad because these men had such wicked, unkind hearts, turned to the man with the withered hand and said, "Stretch out thy hand." And when the man obeyed, his helpless arm was made as strong