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A Burden Or a Blessing

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Living vs Quality living!
A BURDEN OR A BLESSING *Worship: Burden or blessing.*

INT.

Your life IS either a Burden or a Blessing.
 Jesus' way: A Great Blessing. John 10:10.
 Much depends on you having the right attitude
 toward the church & your Christian worship.
 Lesson: Explains the situation.

I. ORIGIN OF THE SABBATH.

1. *Gen. 1:31, 2:1-3. 4000 BC. Why sanctified? *Volunteer, rest day!*
2. Ex. 16:16-30. Sabbath (rest) commanded.
 No spec. observance for 2,500 yrs.
 This, 30 days before Law on Sinai. 1491BC.
3. Ex. 20:8-11. 4th Commandment. A Rest for
 God's people. No fires! Ex. 35:3. Cook 6th
4. Ex. 31:12-18. Purpose: REMEMBER goodness!!
5. Serious! Num. 15:32-36. Man stoned to
 death for gathering fire-wood on Sabbath.
6. Neh. 13:15-22. BC 434 Governor stopped the
violations of the Sabbath Day.
7. TWO QUESTIONS:
 - a. Designed by the Lord to be a BURDEN or
 a BLESSING? Answer: Great Blessing!
 (A rest day for relaxing, entertainment,
 freedom, joy, pleasures and family
 festivals. Very happy provision!!!)
 - b. HOW & WHEN did it become a day of
 drudgery, dread, misery and fear???

II. ORIGIN OF THE UNHAPPY SABBATH DAY.

- A. Man-made traditions contaminated the true
 nature of the Day. Misconceptions. Legal!
- B. Some non-Biblical traditions:
 1. No burdens borne on the Sabbath.
 2. Tailor cannot carry needle home--robe.
 3. Burden: "Enough oil to anoint the
smallest toe of a newborn baby."
 4. Cannot row a boat after sundown. Ill.
 Eng. officer in storm--shoot Jew!!!!

NOTE: God made the Sabbath a BLESSING.
Man made the Sabbath a BURDEN...

III. JESUS FOLLOWED GOD'S SABBATH LAW. Trouble!!!

A. Matt. 12:1-8. "Harvesting & threshing!!!"
Jesus: ^{David} ate the sacred show bread.
(Bread for man, man made for bread?)

I. Sam. 21: 1-6.

Capernaum!

2. Priests WORK in temple on Sabbath!!

B. Mk. 1:21-28. Unclean spirit exorcised. Good!
C. John 5:1-16. Impotent man. Pool of Bethesda. Carry bed. Work? Jews angry. v16
NOTE: Jesus made Sabbath beautiful.
Jews made Sabbath ugly day..

D. John 9. Blind man healed. Mud & washing. Pool of Siloam. Glorious day! Excommunicated

Laid hands. Synagogue.

E. Luke 13:11-17. Hunch-backed ^{Woman} woman.. Jews angry. **YET**, they watered oxen & donkeys.

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F. Luke 14:1-6. Man cured of dropsy. Angry Jews PULLED oxen & donkeys out of ditch!!
MAN MADE GOD'S BEAUTIFUL DAY UGLY.

IV. QUESTION: LORD'S DAY? Beautiful or ugly to you??

1. Assembly? Burden or joy & pleasure? Heb. 10:23 Fellowship. Rejoicing. Singing. Happy day!!!!
2. Singing? Bother? Bore? Chore? Eph. 5:18- 19 Be glad! Praise God! Edify! Lift up!
3. Prayer? Associated with Happiness? A.*2:42,46-
4. Preaching? Heavy? Burdensome? Why, when this is God's SAVING POWER!!! Rom. 1:16. Happy day
5. Lord's Supper? Old. Trite? Common? How in light of I Cor. 11:26. Remembering day!!!
6. Giving? Burden or a blessing? I Cor. 16:2. Cheerfully! Happily! Why??? **MORE TO COME....**

QUESTION: Sunday made for man or man made to logistically stumble-thru worship???

INV: Lord's Day: One of God's choicest spiritual blessings in Christ Jesus. Eph. 1:3.

Sinner friend: Your life as God wants it? NO!
Plea: Obey gospel, be saved, be happy until Jesus comes again!! Mk. 16:16.

Christian brother: Being a Chr. been a BURDEN to you, or a BLESSING in Christ Jesus?
If have let the DEVIL steal your JOY, why not let JESUS give it back!!!! John 10:10.