

## Matthew 12:9-14 Healing Withered Hand on the Sabbath

**9** Now when He had departed from there, He went into their synagogue. **10** And behold, there was a man who had a withered hand. And they asked Him, saying, "Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath?"--that they might accuse Him.

**11** Then He said to them, "What man is there among you who has one sheep, and if it falls into a pit on the Sabbath, will not lay hold of it and lift it out? **12** Of how much more value then is a man than a sheep? Therefore it is lawful to do good on the Sabbath."

**13** Then He said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." And he stretched it out, and it was restored as whole as the other.

**14** Then the Pharisees went out and plotted against Him, how they might destroy Him. NKJV

Facts Revealed:

**Healing the withered hand on the Sabbath.** [Matthew 12:9-14, Mark 3:1-6, Luke 6:6-11]

- † The setting was in the Synagogue on the Sabbath.
  - ✧ There was a man in the Synagogue who had a withered hand.
  - ✧ The Scribes and Pharisees watched closely to see if Jesus would heal the man on the Sabbath, that they might accuse Him. [Luke 6:7, Matthew 12:10, Mark 3:2]
  - ✧ They asked Jesus saying; "Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath?" [Matthew 12:10]
- † Jesus asked them;
  - ✧ What man is there among you who has one sheep, and if it falls into a pit on the Sabbath, will not lay hold of it and lift it out? [Matthew 12:11]
  - ✧ Of how much more value is a man than a sheep? [Matthew 12:12]
  - ✧ God values mankind whom He made in His own image, far above any of the animals.
- † Jesus then drew the conclusion:
  - ✧ Therefore it is lawful to do good on the Sabbath. [Matthew 12:12]
- † Jesus healed the man, doing good on the Sabbath. [Matthew 12:13]
- † The Pharisees plotted to destroy Jesus, doing evil on the Sabbath. [Matthew 12:14]
  - ✧ It is amazing to see the depths of evil to which a religious leader may viciously stoop, just out of envy.
- † Jesus is not only Lord of the Sabbath, [Matthew 12:8] but also God of the Sabbath, and able to interpret the laws of the Sabbath and correct erroneous doctrines of men in regard to the Sabbath.
- † The evidence of the things Jesus did, demonstrate who the person of Jesus is, and His authority.
  - ✧ By their fruit, you will know them. [Matthew 7:15-20, 12:33, Luke 6:43-45]
  - ✧ The evidence is compelling.
- † The evidence of the things the Pharisees did, demonstrates who the spirit they follow is, and his evil end in the Lake of Fire.
- † We can not serve God and good, and Satan and evil. We must choose, and do so, based on the evidence of the fruit of their works and their words.
  - ✧ Jesus went about doing good. [Acts 10:34-43]
  - ✧ The Pharisees went about doing evil. [Matthew 12:14]
- † Choose wisely, your eternal destiny depends on your choice.