

MATTHEW – LESSON EIGHT

I. DISPUTATIONS WITH THE PHARISEES (12:1-50).

- A. Dispute over Jesus' disciples plucking grain while passing through grain fields on the sabbath day (v.1-8).
- B. Dispute over healing man with a withered hand on the sabbath day (v. 9-14).
- C. Jesus withdraws temporarily from the strife – fulfilling Isaiah 42:1-4 (v.15-21).
- D. Dispute over Jesus healing a blind and dumb man possessed with a demon (v.22-37).
- E. Scribes and Pharisees seek a sign from Jesus (v.38-45).
- F. Interruption of Jesus' mother and brothers (v. 46-50).

QUESTIONS:

1. What commandment did Jesus' disciples transgress according to the Pharisees?
2. In referring to David eating the showbread, Jesus was proving the validity of "situation ethics". (T) (F).
3. How do the priests "profane the sabbath"?
4. According to Jesus, what truth would have kept the Pharisees from condemning his guiltless disciples?
5. Why was it important for Jesus to teach the Pharisees: "the son of man is Lord of the sabbath"?
6. In healing the man with a withered hand on the sabbath, Jesus taught the truth that it was lawful to do _____ on the sabbath.
7. What caused Jesus to withdraw, and tell the followers not to make Him known?
8. How did this action fulfill Isaiah 42?
9. What did Jesus do to heal the blind and dumb man?
10. By what power did the Pharisees say Jesus did his miracle of healing the man?
11. What *two points* does Jesus make to show the Pharisees' accusation as to the source of Jesus' power is *illogical*?
12. What only could one logically conclude from Jesus doing this miracle?

13. According to Jesus, what is the blasphemy of the Holy Spirit?
14. What is the consequence of this sin?
15. What does Jesus point to as the remedy for speaking “idle words”?
16. What is one reason we should be concerned with the character of the words we speak from day to day?
17. Since miraculous signs were given by God to confirm the word (cf. Mark 16:20), why does Jesus tell the Pharisees and scribes that they were “an evil and adulterous generation” in seeking a miraculous sign from Jesus?
18. How was the “sign of Jonah” applied to Jesus?
19. In what way will the men of Nineveh and the queen of Sheba be able to justly condemn the generation of Jesus’ day?
20. What point is Jesus making by speaking of the actions of an unclean spirit?
21. What lesson did Jesus drive home when his mother and brothers interrupted his speaking to the multitudes with the request to see him?