

**Valley Bible Church**  
**Sermon Notes for November 17, 1985**

**The Lord of the Sabbath**  
**Part 2**  
**Matthew 12:1-14**  
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Introduction:

How do we make decisions?

1. By feelings, I feel this is right or wrong.
2. By a process of gathering information without compassion, computer like.

1. Christ disciples accused:

2. Christ answers the accusers:

A. Necessity transcends the Law. We are not talking about the moral law of God, which never changes. The Sabbath was established to serve man. **1 Samuel 21**, David fleeing Saul sought bread from the priest, who gave him the “consecrated bread.”

B. Rules have exceptions. Priests break the Law on the Sabbath and are innocent. The Law in respect to the priests transcends the Law in respect to the Sabbath.

C. Compassion is always right. Compassion is an expression of love. Love is the fulfillment of the law.

Jesus tells the Pharisees that they are messed up.

Love and God’s Word are consistent. The Pharisees question Jesus further after Jesus has taught them.