

# DEFINING MOMENTS: Learning to Loath Legalism

LUKE 6:1-11

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## Legalism Misleads the Heart of Man and Misses the Heart of God

1. Legalism Misappropriates \_\_\_\_\_ (1-5).

2. Legalism Misplaces \_\_\_\_\_ (6-10).

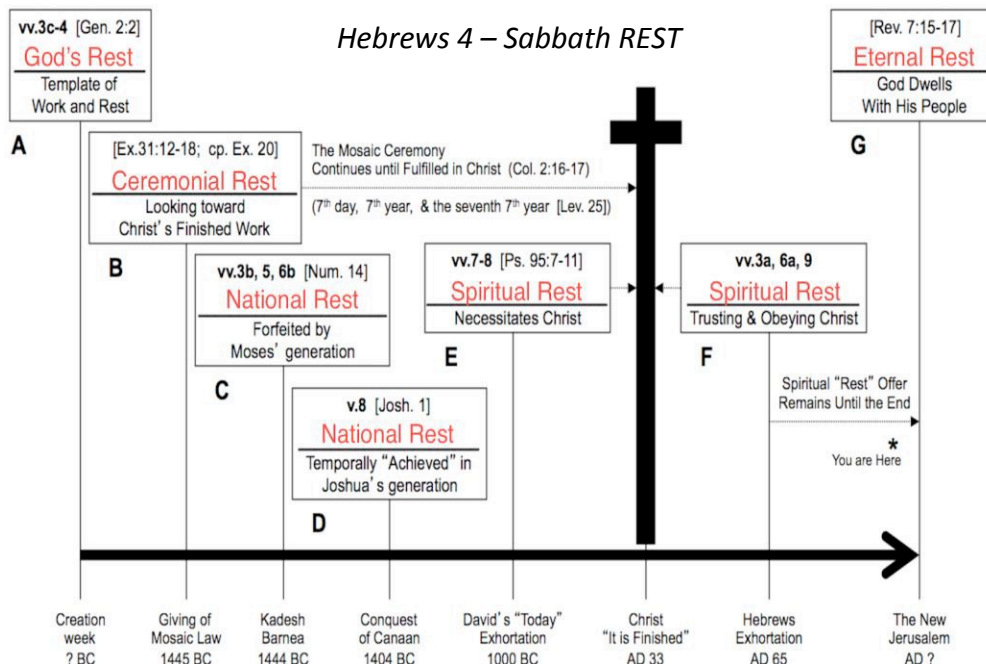
3. Legalism Misapplies \_\_\_\_\_ (11, Heb 4:1-11).

### Luke 6:1-11 (ESV)

On a Sabbath, while he was going through the grainfields, his disciples plucked and ate some heads of grain, rubbing them in their hands. <sup>2</sup>But some of the Pharisees said, "Why are you doing what is not lawful to do on the Sabbath?" <sup>3</sup>And Jesus answered them, "Have you not read what David did when he was hungry, he and those who were with him: <sup>4</sup>how he entered the house of God and took and ate the bread of the Presence, which is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and also gave it to those with him?" <sup>5</sup>And he said to them, "The Son of Man is lord of the Sabbath."

<sup>6</sup>On another Sabbath, he entered the synagogue and was teaching, and a man was there whose right hand was withered. <sup>7</sup>And the scribes and the Pharisees watched him, to see whether he would heal on the Sabbath, so that they might find a reason to accuse him. <sup>8</sup>But he knew their thoughts, and he said to the man with the withered hand, "Come and stand here." And he rose and stood there. <sup>9</sup>And Jesus said to them, "I ask you, is it lawful on the Sabbath to do good or to do harm, to save life or to destroy it?" <sup>10</sup>And after looking around at them all he said to him, "Stretch out your hand." And he did so, and his hand was restored.

<sup>11</sup>But they were filled with fury and discussed with one another what they might do to Jesus.



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1. What religious practices do you think are essential in the Christian life? How have we made the rituals and ceremonies more critical than their end?
2. We seem to be pretty good at pointing out the religious legalism in other people and belief systems. However, we're often blind to our legalistic tendencies? What remnants of religious legalism still exist in your life?
3. If we genuinely believed Jesus is our "Sabbath rest," what difference would it make for our daily life in our discussion about legalism?

### **Quote for the Week. . .** by Jerry Bridges



*"Aggravating all of these areas (of legalism) is a class of people who have come to be known as "controllers." These are people who are not willing to let you live your life before God as you believe He is leading you. They have all the issues buttoned down and have cast-iron opinions about all of them. These people only know black and white. There are no gray areas to them. They insist you live your Christian life according to their rules and their opinions. If you insist on being free to live as God wants you to live, they will try to intimidate you and manipulate you one way or another. Their primary weapons are "guilt trips," rejection, or gossip. These people must be resisted. We must not allow them to subvert the freedom we have in Christ."*