

THE HEALING OF THE MAN WITH DROPSY

Luke 14:1-6

V: 1 (A) The Age of the MESSIAH had been symbolized by a joyous banquet. Example:

The day before - Luke 13:29.

(B) The Pharisees were at the banquet, but had not come to the banquet - really!

(C) They had been forewarned of this type of attitude. Luke 13:24-30.

(D) The scripture says plainly: *they watched HIM*.

(E) This is not a joyous celebration - this is a clever way to evaluate the LORD!

V: 2-3 A question of law to these supposed doctors of the law by the great LAWGIVER HIMSELF. Exodus 20:8, 31:14-15 and Ezekiel 20:13.

V: 4 (A) Property and protocol dominate the mood.

(B) They are more concerned with their dignity than they are with the MESSIAH.

(C) Note the order of things: JESUS heals the man and in the next verse HE teaches. *Do and teach!* Acts 1:1 and *deed and word*. Luke 24:19.

(D) The LORD JESUS did not practice what HE preached - HE preached what HE practiced! HE did a miracle and taught from it. Acts 2:22 ff.

V: 5 (A) Law versus law, which comes first? Exodus 23:4-5 and Deuteronomy 22:4.

(B) GOD first made man; then HE made the Sabbath; Mark 2:27

(C) JESUS is LORD of the Sabbath. Mark 2:28

V: 6 (A) The prophet Isaiah pictured the suffering servant, the coming MESSIAH as being

able to silence HIS enemies - *The LORD GOD hath given me the tongue of the learned.*
Isaiah 50:3-9.

(B) . . . *they could not answer HIM* . . . They wanted to contend but they were dumb-founded! Psalms 107:42 & Ezekiel 16:60-63.

(D) As the poet says: It is sometimes better to be silent and have all think you a fool than it is to open your mouth and remove all doubt!

This is the context for the following parable:

V:22 There is always room for another. John 14:1-2ff

V:23 Compel - GOD is quite serious that HIS table in the Great Supper be filled - full.

Compel is from the Greek word an-ang-kad-zo, *to necessitate*, by implication distress -distress, must needs, of necessity - bend an arm (ache).

V:24 (A) BEHOLD the graciousness and severity of GOD!

(B) Come to the Banquet for the Messianic Age is now! The Kingdom of GOD came 2,000 years ago. Mark 9:1 and Acts 2:1-47.

(C) True Christians are eating bread in the Kingdom of GOD every LORD'S DAY! John 6:38-58, Matthew 26:26-30, Acts 2: 42, 20:7 and 1 Corinthians 11:23-26.