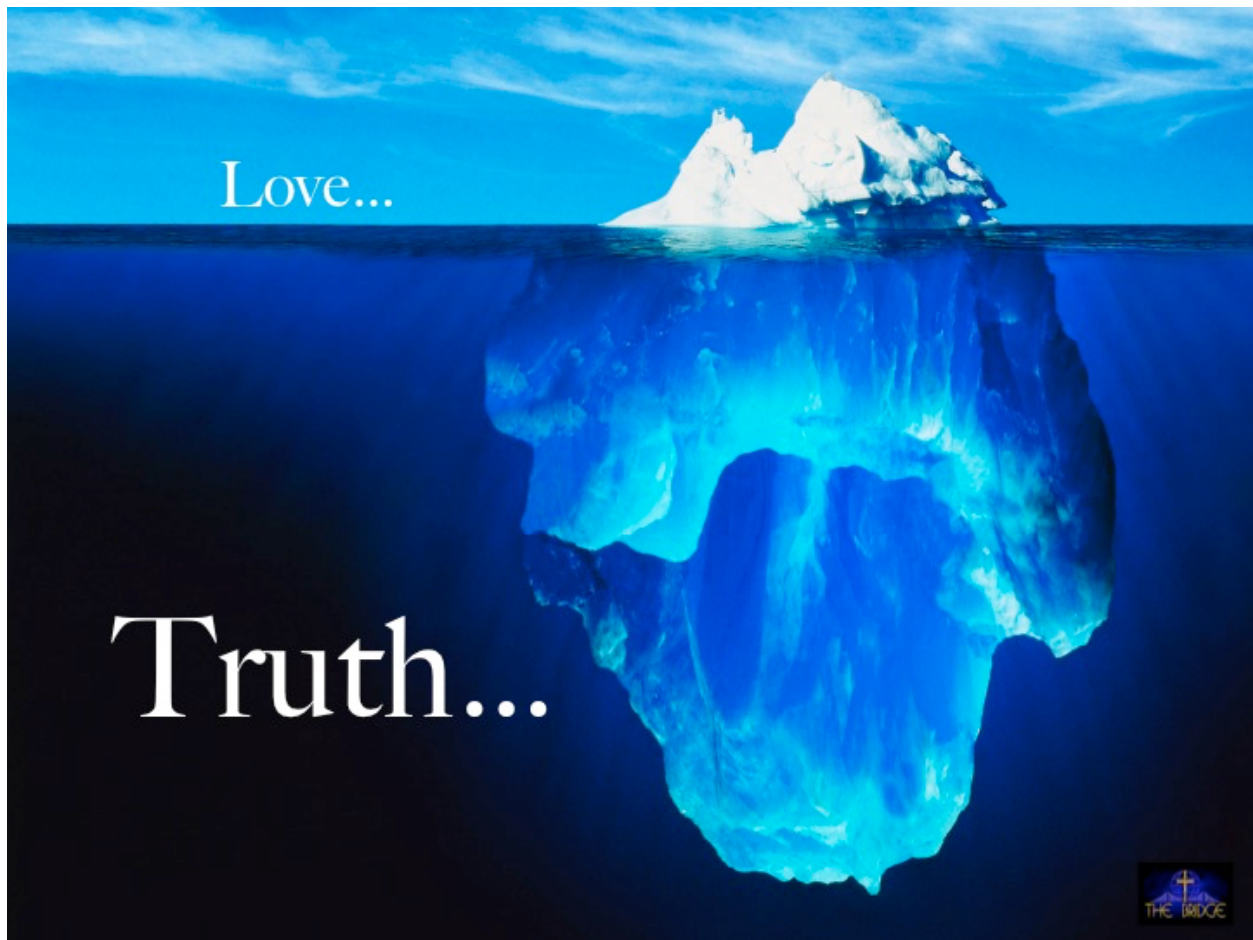


“The Lord, Liars, Lovers, & Lion Of The Sabbath” (Part 1)

Matthew 12:8-14

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INTRO: What's the tiniest tip
of the biggest iceberg you've ever seen?



How often... and in what ways... do you think about

FOREVER?

Are you what David Tripp calls an “eternity amnesiac”?

A continual looking forward to the eternal world is not a form of escapism or wishful thinking, but one of the things a Christian is meant to do.

- C.S. Lewis

I have recently come to think that Matthew 11:28 – 12:14 might be one of the Bible's biggest "tips" I've ever seen...

PRAYER

CONTEXT:

- Bible... Gospel... Mission, Ministry, Message...
- Teaching, Preaching, Reprimanding...
- Ch.12 is groundwork for Ch.13...
- Matthew 12:1-7 (last week)

T/S: What's a good fisherman do when they find a spot where they keep catching fish?

What do treasure hunters do when they find a treasure?

BIG IDEA: Do NOT underestimate Christ, Christianity, or the Gospel war we are in!

TEXT:

One Perfect Life

(MacArthur's chronological harmonizing of The Gospels)

#46. The Disciples Pick Grain on the Sabbath

Matt. 12:1-7; Mark 2:23-28; Luke 6:1-5

MK Now it happened MT at that time, LK on the second Sabbath after the first that MT Jesus went through the grainfields on the Sabbath. And His disciples were hungry. MK And as they went His disciples began to pluck the heads of grain MT and to eat LK them, rubbing them in their hands. MT And when LK some of MT the Pharisees saw it, they said to Him, "Look, LK why are MT Your disciples LK doing what is not lawful to do on the Sabbath?"

MK But He said to them, "Have you never LK even read this, MK what David did when he was in need and hungry, MT he and those who were with him: MK how he went into the house of God in the days of Abiathar the high priest, and ate the showbread, LK and also gave some to those MK who were with him, MT which was not lawful for him to eat, nor for those who were with him, [nor] LK for any but the priests?"

MT "Or have you not read in the law that on the Sabbath the priests in the temple profane the Sabbath, and are blameless? Yet I say to you that in this place there is One greater than the temple. But if you had known what this means, 'I desire mercy and not sacrifice,' you would not have condemned the guiltless."

MK ***And He said to them, "The Sabbath was made for man, and not man for the Sabbath."***

VIDEO: *What Does It Mean That
The Sabbath Was Made For Man...*
(GotQuestion.org)

“47. Jesus Heals a Man’s Hand on the Sabbath

Matt. 12:8–14; Mark 3:1–6; Luke 6:6–11

MT **Therefore, the Son of Man is also Lord of the Sabbath.”** **LK** Now it happened **MT** when He had departed from there, **LK** on another Sabbath, **MT** He went into **their** synagogue **MT** again **LK** and taught. **MT** And **behold**, **LK** a man was there whose right hand was withered. So, the scribes and Pharisees **watched Him closely**, whether He would heal on the Sabbath, that they **might find an accusation against Him**. **MT** And they asked Him, saying, “Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath?”—that they might **accuse Him**.

LK But **He knew** their thoughts, and said to the man who had the withered hand, “**Arise**, **MT** **step forward**, **LK** **and stand** here.” And **he arose and stood**. Then Jesus said to them, “I will ask you one thing: **MT** “Is it lawful on the Sabbath to do good or to **do evil**, to save life or to **kill**?”

But they kept silent.

MT 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? Of how **much more value** then is a **man than a sheep**?

Therefore, it is lawful to do good on the Sabbath. MK And when He had looked around at them LK all MK with anger, being grieved by the hardness of their hearts,

He said to the man, “Stretch out your hand.” MT And he stretched it out, and his hand was restored as whole as the other. (Note the “celebration of completion.”)

VIDEO: *The Other Pastor Jeff*

MT Then the Pharisees LK were **filled with rage.** MK [They] went out and **immediately plotted with the Herodians against Him,** LK and **discussed with one another what they might do to Jesus—** MK **how they might destroy Him.**”

CLOSE:

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Christianity, or the Gospel war we are in!

PRAYER