

CHAPTER 15

The Law of Human Need Is Superior to the Law of the Tithe

We have discussed in detail that we were created neither for the Sabbath nor the tithe. Here we will further explore the relationship between them both. This time, however, we will see how our Lord's use of a particular argument against legalistic obedience to the Sabbath works also against legalistic obedience to man's tithe. Here we will fully develop the superior concept of *The Law of Human Need*.

There are five representative stories of confrontation between Jesus and the Pharisees over working on the Sabbath. We discussed one in detail: the disciples eating grain on the Sabbath. The other four occurred when Jesus on the Sabbath (1) healed a man with a withered hand, (2) healed a crippled woman, (3) healed a paralyzed man, and (4) healed a blind man. We will review and comment on only one of these incidents, the man with the withered hand. But you may refer to the footnote and read about the other confrontations.⁹³

In each incident you will see that preachers criticized Jesus for doing these things on the Sabbath. You'll also see that He responded to the blind, merciless legalism of His critics by citing what I call *The Law of Human Need*. This timeless law was superior to the law of the ancient Sabbath and is superior to the law of the present tithe. If we