



<sup>9</sup> Immediately the man became well, and picked up his pallet and began to walk. Now it was the Sabbath on that day.

<sup>10</sup> So the Jews were saying to the man who was cured, "It is the Sabbath, and it is not permissible for you to carry your pallet."

**Religious crowd is always at the wrong place at the wrong time doing the wrong thing.**

**POD – Occupation with self and works blinds people from recognizing the hand of God.  
It also prevents us from rejoicing with others when God acts in their life.**

**POD – There is no joy in religion, only fleeting happiness at the expense of others.  
Religion is a system of works meant to secure the blessing and admiration of God.**

**There is joy (+H) for the positive believer.**

<sup>11</sup> But he answered them, "He who made me well was the one who said to me, 'Pick up your pallet and walk.'"

<sup>12</sup> They asked him, "Who is the man who said to you, 'Pick up your pallet and walk'?"

<sup>13</sup> But the man who was healed did not know who it was, for Jesus had slipped away while there was a crowd in that place.

***The punishment for violating the Sabbath was death by stoning.***

"The Christ of the Gospels", Sheppard

- **The Sabbath was designed** -

1. For man (for his rest).
2. For his worship *to God*.
3. For his service *to God*.

**The Pharisees forbade anyone from carrying a burden, including carrying a pallet (a mattress).**

*False teeth were construed as a burden!*

*Scuffing up the dirt with your shoe was construed as plowing!*

**Religious people are always attempting to enslave people in their system of ritual observance and works.**

<sup>14</sup> Afterward Jesus found him in the temple and said to him, "Behold, you have become well; do not sin anymore, so that nothing worse happens to you."

**The inference was that this man was sick because of sin.**

*If we are **sick**, we must carefully evaluate if unconfessed sin is present in our life and confession is in order.*

**Is God trying to get our attention to do something He has revealed to us that we should be doing, but we have been saying, "NO"?**

**Psalms 26:2**

Examine me, O LORD, and try me; test my mind and my heart.

<sup>15</sup> The man went away, and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had made him well.

<sup>16</sup> For this reason the Jews were persecuting Jesus, because He was doing these things on the Sabbath.

*Vv. 17-45 is the Lord's defense. . .*

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