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Good morning everyone

As usual let us begin with a few moments of silent stillness before we begin.....

Lord, awaken us to your love.
Make us aware that you come to us today and everyday.
Help us to rejoice in your coming and in your abiding presence.
In Jesus name we pray. AMEN

Psalm 5:5-9a

The boastful will not stand before your eyes;
you hate all evildoers.
You destroy those who speak lies;
the LORD abhors the bloodthirsty and deceitful.

But I, through the abundance of your steadfast love,
will enter your house,
I will bow down towards your holy temple
in awe of you.
Lead me, O LORD, in your righteousness
because of my enemies;
make your way straight before me.

For there is no truth in their mouths;
their hearts are destruction;
their throats are open graves;
they flatter with their tongues.

Luke 6:6-11

The Man with a Withered Hand

On another sabbath he entered the synagogue and taught, and there was a man there whose right hand was withered. The scribes and the Pharisees watched him to see whether he would cure on the sabbath, so that they might find an accusation against him. Even though he knew what they were thinking, he said to the man who had the withered hand, 'Come and stand here.' He got up and stood there. Then Jesus said to them, 'I ask you, is it lawful to do good or to do harm on the sabbath, to save life or to destroy it?' After looking around at all of them, he said to him, 'Stretch out your hand.' He did so, and his hand was restored. But they were filled with fury and discussed with one another what they might do to Jesus.

Reflection

The Pharisees were incensed at what Jesus had done. In their eyes he had worked on the Sabbath. He had broken Jewish law. The Pharisees were legalists and if the law said that no work was to be done on the Sabbath, no work should be done, even if it meant that you possibly could lose your crops, your animals, or your home. And clearly, the Pharisees considered healing as work. Thus, Jesus had broken the law.

For Jesus, however, love was the supreme law. Love for the person outweighed any other consideration, even the law of not working on the Sabbath.

Jesus once more demonstrated his love. This is a wonderful example to us all. AMEN

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory for ever and ever. AMEN

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all evermore. AMEN

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord
In the name of Christ. AMEN

Blessings and love
Vicky