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The central purpose of the Sabbath was to be a focus upon holiness!

- distinction from other days REST!
- dedication to the Lord REFLECT!
- deliberation on God's works REJOICE!

Then he said to them, "The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath. So the Son of Man is Lord, even of the Sabbath." (Mark 2:27-28)

JESUS ... Sabbath was designed as a **benefit** rather than a **burden** for mankind!

The law said, "No work"

Jesus said, "The law has been broken before when human need was critical"

i.e. <u>Holiness</u> does not preempt <u>helpfulness</u> ... even on the Sabbath

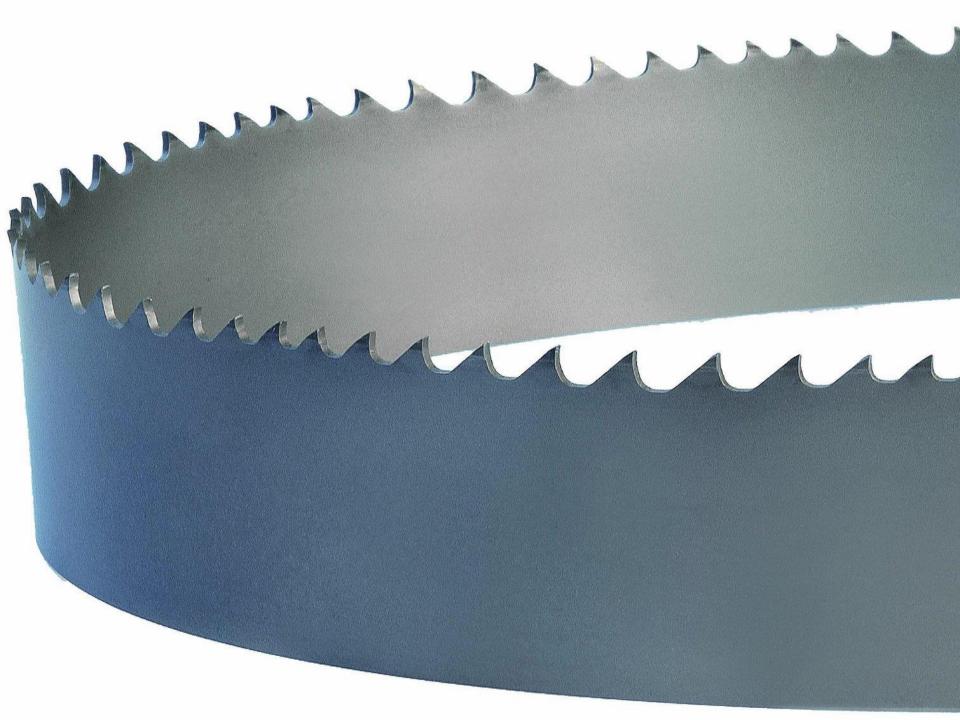
When criticized for healing on the Sabbath, Jesus responded by saying God rejoices when someone is healed on the Sabbath i.e. "The gift should be used to **honor** the giver."

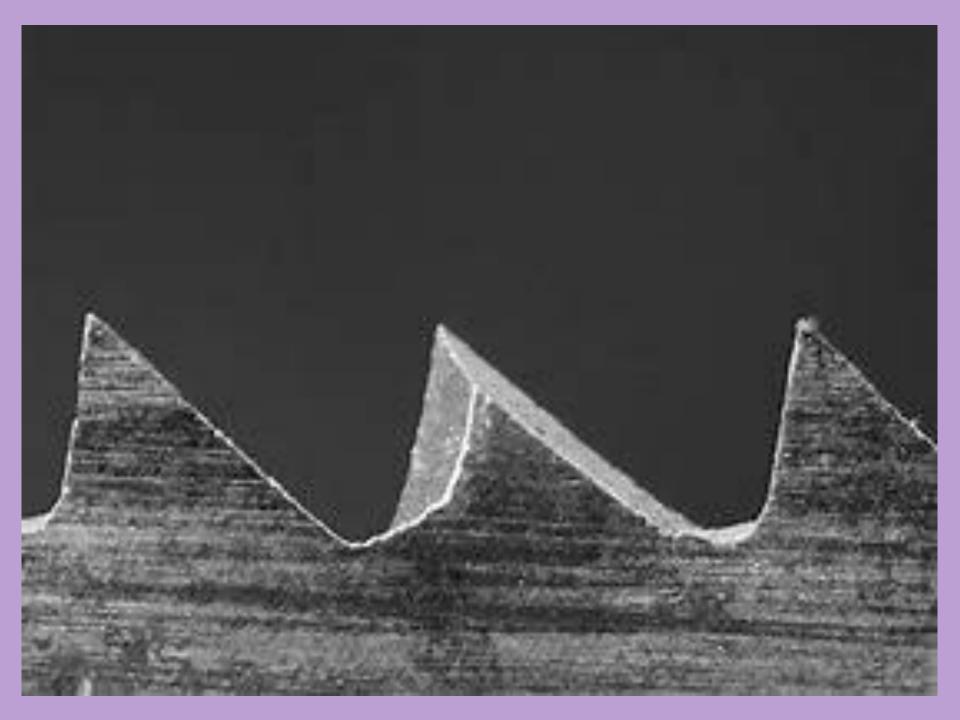
The commandment of Sabbath/ "holy time" is **still valid**!

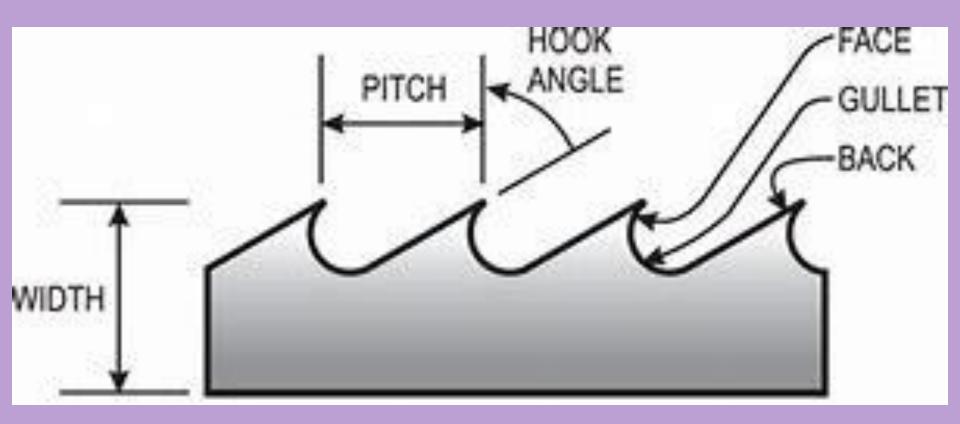
We must trust in God's provision enough to trade some <u>work</u> time for some <u>worship</u> time.

We should be very careful about commerce and expectations <u>upon</u> <u>others</u> in order to encourage/allow them to observe Sabbath.

We should practice a **rhythm** of projection/reflection in order to allow our **soul** to catch up with our **body** and give God the opportunity to restock our empty shelves with his abundant resources.

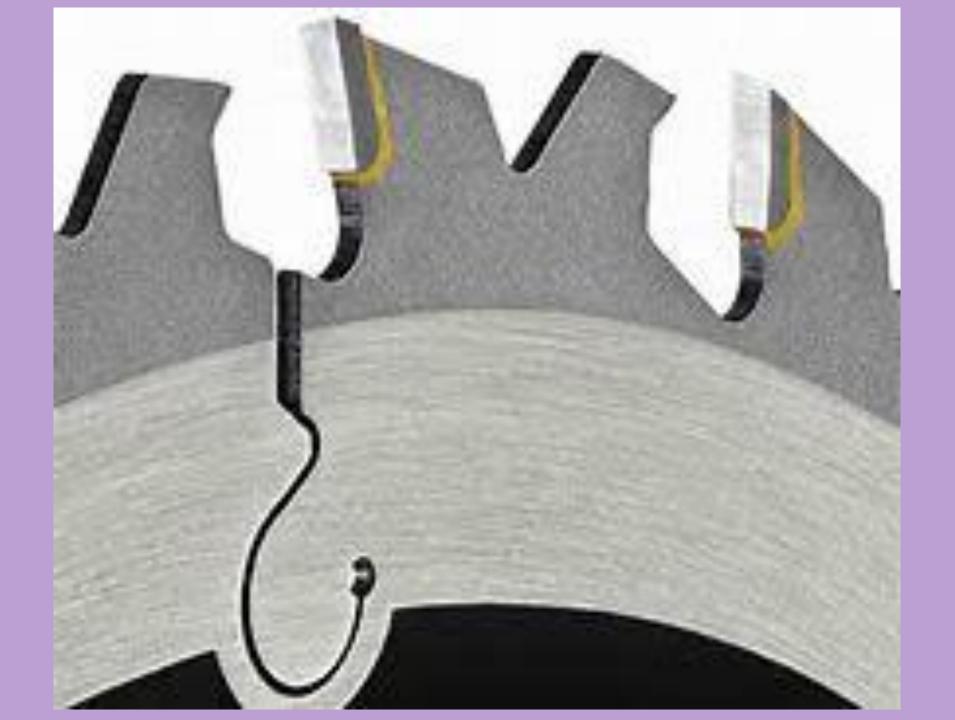
















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