

## The Law of Love

*But the local Jewish leader in charge of the synagogue was very angry ... because Jesus had healed her on the Sabbath day. Luke 13:14*

Obeying God is not a trip  
Along the grocery aisle  
To pick and choose what we see fit  
That fits our taste or style.  
We cannot pull a single verse  
To prove or justify  
A viewpoint we have oft rehearsed  
And stubbornly apply.

Hypocrisy like Jesus saw  
Can come in many forms:  
Adhering to a certain law  
To reinforce old norms.  
One verse was used to execute  
More than a thousand souls  
As witches, "crimes" we now refute  
As selfish, misled goals.

To pull one verse and then repeat it  
So that one group's omitted,  
Leaves Christ's command to love defeated,  
And faith is not committed.  
To "work" on Sunday was forbidden,  
But Christ relaxed this law,  
For mercy's light will not be hidden;  
Love rules over us all.

We all are broken, bent, and shattered,  
In need of hope and healing;  
Let's not be harmed or hurt or battered,  
Denied by rules unfeeling.  
Our role is not to judge, condemn,  
But live our lives unbounded.  
Christ took all laws and narrowed them  
To two, both on love founded.