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“Fear God and give glory to Him, for the hour of His judgment has come; and worship Him who made heaven and earth, the sea and springs of water.”

Revelation 14:7

In this Bible study we will look at the topic of the Sabbath of the 4th Commandment and its application to the Church today. Is it still binding or is it not? Should God's people today observe it or was it solely for the Jews? This is the question we shall seek answer.

**Q.** Where do we first find mention of the Sabbath in the Bible and when?

**A.** The Sabbath is first mentioned in the account of Creation in the Garden of Eden.

**Genesis 2:1-3**

**Q.** What events preceded the Sabbath Day?

**A.** The first 6 days of Creation by God.

**Genesis 1:1-31**

**Q.** After God ended His work of Creation He rested from His works. What did He do after resting?

**A.** He blessed the Sabbath Day and sanctified it or set it apart as a special day above all the other days.

**Genesis 2:2-3**

**Note:** It is interesting to note that in the account of **Genesis 2:1-3**, where we first see mention of the Sabbath Day being made holy and set apart, the only inhabitants on the earth then were Adam & Eve, who had just been created by God, the day before. **See Genesis 1:26-31/Genesis 2:7,15-25.**



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**Q.** What does Christ say regarding the Sabbath Day to the Pharisees and Jews during His earthly ministry?

**A.** The Sabbath was made for **man** and He is the **Lord** of the Sabbath.

**Mark 2:27-28**

**Note:** Another interesting fact to note here is that the **Greek word** used here in this text for the word "**man**" is the word "**ANTHROPOS**" which translates to **mankind** or **human beings**. From this word "**ANTHROPOS**", we get our English word "**ANTHROPOLOGY**", which is the "**study of human beings or human behaviour**".

**Q.** In Christ saying that He was the Lord of the Sabbath to the Jews what was He implying?

**A.** That He was the Lord who created the heavens and the earth and the seas and all that is in them. He was the one who not only made the first six days and all that was done in them, but He was also the same Lord that made the 7th day and sanctified it. He was saying that He was the great I AM.

This point is further confirmed in the below text.

**John 1:1-3,14; Hebrews 11:2; Colossians 1:13-16; Hebrews 1:1-2; Exodus 3:13-14**

**Q.** What was God's reminders to the children of Israel and why?

**A.** God admonished them to "**remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy**" and never forget it because it was a reminder to all that He was the Creator of all things.

**Exodus 20:8-11**

**Q.** In the command to the children of Israel, who did God expect to remember the Sabbath day?

**A.** Not only the children of Israel were to remember the Sabbath day, but also the "**stranger within**" their gates. That is, those Gentiles who had departed from their heathen ways to serve the true God.

**Exodus 20:10**



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**Q.** What does the Prophet Isaiah tell us about God's people who shall inherit eternal life?

**A.** We shall go to worship God from month to month and from Sabbath to Sabbath.

**Isaiah 66:22-23**

**Note:** In the Hebrew culture, a new month was started at each new moon, therefore, when Isaiah tells us that the redeemed will worship God from new moon to new moon, he is simply saying from month to month.

See: **1st Samuel 20: 24,26,27**

**Note:** Now we must use logic here. If the Sabbath was implemented at Creation for mankind and not for the Jews, before there was any sin in the world, and the Sabbath will be observed in the new heavens and the new earth which God shall **CREATE**, how then can one argue the point that it is not to be observed here on earth.

**Malachi 3:6 & Hebrews 13:8**, tell us that God never changes, He is the same yesterday, today and forever more.

**The life that we are living here upon earth is simply preparation for that which we will spend with Christ.**

**Q.** But surely the Sabbath was for the Jews, because the Commandments were given only to the Jews upon Mt. Sinai?

**A.** If this is the case as many say, then we should disregard all other commandments and not only the 4th. It should then be ok to lie, steal, kill, worship other gods, etc, but we know this is not the case.

We see in Scripture that the Sabbath and the Commandments on a whole were observed before Sinai. God does not change.

**Exodus 16: 4,5,22,23, 25-29; Genesis 26:5**



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**Q.** Who does the Apostle Paul, tell us that Israel represent today?

**A.** Israel refers to all those who are in Christ. There is no longer a Jew or Gentile as long as one is in Christ. All the servants of God are now citizens of the **NEW JERUSALEM** also known in Scripture as the **Bride of Christ** or the **Church**.

**Romans 2:28-29; Romans 11:25-26; Romans 9:6-8; Galatians 3:6,7,26-29; Ephesians 2:11-13; Ephesians 5:25-30,32; Revelation 21:2,9**

**Q.** What does the Bible tells us regarding the customs of Christ and His Apostles?

**A.** It was their custom to go into the synagogue and preach on the Sabbath day before and after Christ's death and resurrection.

**Luke 4:16; Acts 13:42-44; Acts 17:1-4; Acts 18:1-4,11**

**Note:** *Christ is our example in all things, therefore we should follow the principles which He has laid out in His word. If He kept the Sabbath day and so did His apostles then so should we, for "the Sabbath was made for man and not man for the Sabbath."*

**Q.** Which day does God refer to as His Holy day?

**A.** The Sabbath day. It is a day of delight, holy and honourable unto God.  
**Isaiah 58:13-14**

**Q.** What does God say regarding the Sabbath Day and His relationship to His people?

**A.** The Sabbath is a sign between God and His people **forever** because it is a memorial to His works of Creation in 6 days. This 4th Commandment along with the other 9 were written in stone by the finger of God. They are unchangeable.

**Ezekiel 20:12,20; Exodus 31:16-18**



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**Q.** What do the Apostles John and James tell us regarding the Law of God of which the 4th Commandment is a part of?

**A.** Breaking God's law is deemed to be sin and it is by this law that we are all judged before God.

**1st John 3:4; James 1:25; James 2:10-12**

**Note:** However, let us not be Pharisees. We are not saved by law keeping; we are saved only by faith in Christ, because of God's grace to us as sinners, and not by our works, **Ephesians 2:8-9**. However, the law shows us what is sin, **Romans 3:20**, and when we understand what is sin and what sin has done to our Saviour Jesus Christ, then because of our love for Christ and what He has done for us, then we shall obey His Law. Says Christ, "**If ye love Me, keep my Commandments (law).**" **John 14:15**

Christ's death is not an excuse to break God's Law because Christ Himself also kept His Father's Commandments, **John 15:10**. The death of Christ itself shows us the unchangeableness of God's Law, for it was because of all of our sins, all of our transgressions, against the Father's Law, that Christ died. If the Law of God, inclusive of the 4th commandment, could be changed, then Christ need not have to die.

Christ came not to change God's Law but to uphold it.

"Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil. For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled."

**Matthew 5:17-18**



THE SABBATH WAS HALLOWED AT THE CREATION. AS ORDAINED FOR MAN, IT HAD ITS ORIGIN WHEN "THE MORNING STARS SANG TOGETHER, AND ALL THE SONS OF GOD SHOUTED FOR JOY." JOB 38:7. PEACE BROODED OVER THE WORLD: FOR EARTH WAS IN HARMONY WITH HEAVEN. "GOD SAW EVERYTHING THAT HE HAD MADE, AND, BEHOLD, IT WAS VERY GOOD:" AND HE RESTED IN THE JOY OF HIS COMPLETED WORK.

GENESIS 1:31.


BECAUSE HE HAD RESTED UPON THE SABBATH. "GOD BLESSED THE SEVENTH DAY, AND SANCTIFIED IT." — SET IT APART TO A HOLY USE. HE GAVE IT TO ADAM AS A DAY OF REST. IT WAS A MEMORIAL OF THE WORK OF CREATION, AND THUS A SIGN OF GOD'S POWER AND HIS LOVE. THE SCRIPTURE SAYS, "HE HATH MADE HIS WONDERFUL WORKS TO BE REMEMBERED." "THE THINGS THAT ARE MADE," DECLARE "THE INVISIBLE THINGS OF HIM SINCE THE CREATION OF THE WORLD." "EVEN HIS EVERLASTING POWER AND DIVINITY." GENESIS 2:3; PSALM 111:4; ROMANS 1:20, R. V.


THE SABBATH CALLS OUR THOUGHTS TO NATURE, AND BRINGS US INTO COMMUNION WITH THE CREATOR. IN THE SONG OF THE BIRD, THE SIGHING OF THE TREES, AND THE MUSIC OF THE SEA, WE STILL MAY HEAR HIS VOICE WHO TALKED WITH ADAM IN EDEN IN THE COOL OF THE DAY. AND AS WE BEHOLD HIS POWER IN NATURE WE FIND COMFORT, FOR THE WORD THAT CREATED ALL THINGS IS THAT WHICH SPEAKS LIFE TO THE SOUL.

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