

“Unless you can say that man has no need for rest, no need for communion with God, unless you can sweep away creation, resurrection, and the hope of the coming rest, you cannot cancel the Sabbath, nor dispose of its obligation and authority.”

- Andrew Bonar, *Earth's Morning: Or, Thoughts on Genesis*

Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates. For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day. Therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

- Exodus 20:9-11

For the Son of Man is Lord of the Sabbath.

- Matthew 12:8

So then, there remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God, for whoever has entered God's rest has also rested from his works as God did from his.

- Hebrews 4:9-10

Assignment:

1. Read Exodus 31:12-17. How does this passage help you understand how seriously the people of Israel needed to view the Sabbath?
2. Read Matthew 12:1-14. According to Jesus, what is the most important way to observe the Sabbath?
3. What is the lesson Jesus wants you to learn when he says, “The sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath?”
4. What are the blessings that we receive by obeying the 4th Commandment?
5. What does it mean to “keep the Sabbath holy?” How can you do that?

The Seventh Day Genesis 2:1-3

Genesis 2:1

Stephen Langton (1227) and Robertus Stephanus (1550) - they installed CHAPTERS and VERSES into the texts of Scripture.

A poetic tactic: INCLUSIO. A statement of completion.

Genesis 2:2-3

How is the 7th Day of Creation different from the 6 other days?

1. No CREATION formula.
2. No MORNING AND EVENING refrain.
3. The day itself is BLESSED.
4. The NUMBER of the day is repeated three times.

What is the Sabbath?

- I. A Memorial of CREATION. (Genesis 2:1-3)
 - A. God FINISHED his work.
 - B. God RESTED from his work.
 - C. God BLESSED the day.
- II. A Testimony to REDEMPTION. (John 20:1)
 - A. Christ has FINISHED the work of redemption (John 19:30).
 - B. Christ is the Sabbath's FULFILLMENT. (Matthew 11:28-30; Colossians 2:16-17)
- III. A Pledge of Future GLORY. (Hebrews 4:9-10)
 - A. Rest from godly LABOR. (Revelation 14:13)
 - B. Restoration of PARADISE. (Isaiah 66:23; Revelation 21:1-7)