

Preparation for the Final Crisis...



Teachings of Jesus

The Sabbath

- *We Were Created in God's Image. Gen 1:26; Eph 4:24; Col 3:10; YI August 10, 1899; PP 45. How?? Ps 8:5 Man a little lower than Angels*

- Righteousness and true holiness, Eph 4:24
- “A mind capable of comprehending divine things, Col 3:10
- Resemblance in form and character
- Right understanding, His memory, His imagination
- A true knowledge of his Creator, his duty, obligation to God's law
- Ability to love
- Affections were pure
- Appetites and passions under the control of reason
- Freedom of choice
- Have a **pure conscience, judgment uncorrupted, unbiased,**
- regulated according to reason and truth
- **Disposed to obedience and affection,” (no propensity to sin)**



The Hope of Restoration – Isa 49:6

- Isa 57:18 - I have seen his ways, and will heal him: I will lead him also, and restore comforts unto him and to his mourners.
- Jer 30:17 - For I will restore health unto thee, and I will heal thee of thy wounds, saith the LORD; because they called thee an Outcast, saying, This is Zion, whom no man seeketh after.
- Rev 22:2,3 - In the midst of the street of it, and on either side of the river, was there the tree of life, which bare twelve manner of fruits, and yielded her fruit every month: and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. 3 And there shall be no more curse: but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it; and his servants shall serve him:

This Side of Eternity

- Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world; Titus 2:12
- ...Tit 3:5 Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the *washing of regeneration*, and renewing of the Holy Ghost;

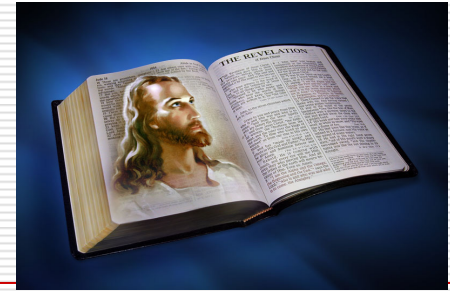
Study to Show Yourself Approved Unto God

- His lord said unto him, Well done, good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over **a few things**, I will make thee ruler over **many things**: enter thou into the joy of thy lord. Mt 25:23
- Continue in the faith **grounded and settled, and be not moved** away from the hope of the gospel, which ye have heard. Col. 1:23.
- 1 Peter 3:15 But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to **give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you** with meekness and fear:

Study!

- ❑ Act 17:11 These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and **searched the scriptures** daily, whether those things were so. (re: Bereans)
 - ❑ Through a knowledge of the plan of redemption, its truths are opened to the understanding. Far more than we do, it is our privilege to understand these wonderful themes. **We are to comprehend the deep things of God.** Angels desire to look into the truths that are revealed to the people who with contrite hearts are searching the word of God, and praying for greater lengths and breadths and depths and heights of the knowledge which He alone can give. {COL 133.1}
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Gospel – Nutshell



- 1 Timothy 3:16 And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory.

 - 2 Cor 5: 18,19 And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation; To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not **imputing** their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation.
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Links in the Chain of Truth that Unites Man with God – COL p 17; Ed 77

- **The Word** - Jn 5:39 in them ye think that ye have eternal life, .. And they testify of Me, and ye will not come to Me...Joh 17:17 ... thy word is truth.
- **Nature** - Psa 19:1 The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork. Psa 97:6 The heavens declare his righteousness, and all the people see his glory. Rom 1:20 For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, *even* his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse:
- **Experience** - in harmony with the Word and Nature. Mat 13:13 Therefore speak I to them in parables: because they seeing see not; and hearing they hear not, neither do they understand...
- **Nature & Life Experiences are to be Connected with the Truths of the written Word.**



Our Loving Elohim!

(plural noun)

- Our Father
- Son Revealed Elohim
- His Love
- Compassionate Care of Elohim
- The Godhead



Elohim in Gospel

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Summary - Godhead Seen:

- 1) Birth – Lk 1: 35; Mt 1:20-23
- 2) Baptism – Lk 3:21, 22; Mt 3: 16,17
- 3) Crucifixion – Heb 9:14 How much more shall the **blood of Christ**, who through the **eternal Spirit** offered himself without spot to **God**, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?
- 4) Commission – Mt 28:19; Acts 2: 33,38

IT IS FINISHED

- ▶ Satan defeated and kingdom lost – 1 Jn 3:8; Jn 12:31
- ▶ Destroyed Death, 2 Tim 1:10
- ▶ Disarmed principalities – Col 2:14,15
- ▶ Redemption of man assured – Col 1:13,14
- ▶ Universe made secure – 2 Cor 5:19; Jn 12:32
- ▶ Finished characterizing the Father – Jn 17:4; 18:37
- ▶ Human priests mediating – Heb 10:11,12
- ▶ Vanquished Satan in same nature over which, in Eden, Satan obtained victory – Rom 8:3; Phil 2:6
- ▶ With His stripes, we are healed! Isa 53:5

How Jesus Lived

- Had compassion:
 - ❑ 1) and led, Mt 9:36
 - ❑ 2) and healed, Mt 14:14
 - ❑ 3) and fed, Mt 15:32
- ❑ Self-Renouncing Love
- ❑ Loving Service

Self-Renouncing Love

- It will be seen that the glory shining in the face of Jesus is the glory of self-sacrificing love. In the light from Calvary it will be seen that the **law of self-renouncing love** is the law of life for earth and heaven; that the love which "seeketh not her own" has its source in the heart of God; and that in the meek and lowly One is manifested the character of Him who dwelleth in the light which no man can approach unto. {DA 19.2}
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Love Your Enemies

Luke 6: 27,8

■ Enmity

- Hostile attitude
- Bad words
- Abusive action

■ Response

- Do good
 - Speak well of/ bless
 - Intercede before God;
pray for them
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How to Live Like Jesus

John 15: 4-12

- Abide in Me... and love one another as I have loved you...
 - People can argue with you over your theology, doctrine, lifestyle... But who can argue against unselfish, disinterested love? (Thought from *The Desire of Ages*, pp. 141, 142).
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Church Authority

- Heb 13:17 Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief: for that *is* unprofitable for you.
 - 1Th 5:12 And we beseech you, brethren, to know them which labour among you, and are over you in the Lord, and admonish you; And to esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake. *And* be at peace among yourselves.
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Church Authority 2

- **Mat 18:15** Moreover if thy brother shall trespass against thee, go and tell him his fault between thee and him alone: if he shall hear thee, thou hast gained thy brother.
 - Mat 18:16 But if he will not hear *thee, then* take with thee one or two more, that in the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established.
 - Mat 18:17 And if he shall neglect to hear them, tell *it* unto the church: but if he neglect to hear the church, let him be unto thee as an heathen man and a publican.
 - Mat 18:18 Verily I say unto you, **Whatsoever ye shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever ye shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.**
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Church Authority 3

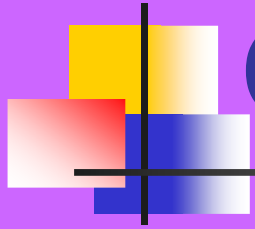
- God has bestowed power on the church and the ministers of the church, and it is **not a light matter to resist the authority and despise the judgment of God's ministers.** . . . You should have submitted to the judgment of the church. **If they decided wrong,** God could take hold of this matter in His own time and vindicate the right. He does **not lay upon you the responsibility of keeping the church** in order.--Letter 5, 1863, pp. 1-3. (To Brother and Sister Scott, July 6, 1863.) {5MR 297.1}
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Church Authority 4

- In reading and explaining the Scriptures you should be **very careful not to depart from the expressed and established views which have been given by those in the faith who have sought for truth as for hid treasure, who have endured any labor and spared no expense, who have in the fear of God presented a harmonious chain of truth.**
{3MR 261.1}
 - Pro 11:14; 15:22 Where no counsel *is*, the people fall: but in the multitude of counsellors *there is* safety
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General Conference

- At times, when a small group of men entrusted with the general management of the work have, in the name of the General Conference, sought to carry out unwise plans and to restrict God's work, **I have said that I could no longer regard the voice of the General Conference, represented by these few men**, as the voice of God. But this is **not** saying that the decisions of a General Conference composed of an assembly of duly appointed, representative men from all parts of the field should not be respected. God has ordained that the representatives of His church from all parts of the earth, **when assembled in a General Conference, shall have authority**. The error that some are in danger of committing is in giving to the mind and judgment of one man, or of a small group of men, the full measure of authority and influence that God has vested in His church in the judgment and voice of the General Conference assembled to plan for the prosperity and advancement of His work. {9T 260.2} (1909)
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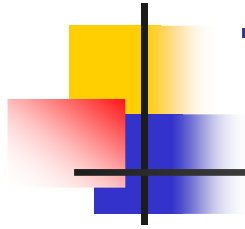
Our Mission

- To be the Light of the World.
 - This Little Light of Mine
- To be Witnesses
- So Send I You
- To Make Disciples
- The Early Explosion



Our Prophetic Message, Rev 14: 7-11, 12

- 1) Respect & adore God & His creative and re-creative power (Sabbath symbol),
- 2) Babylon is fallen because it 'makes'/ forces, nations to drink ST May 6, 1897
- 3) If you cling to the beast forever, God will have to 'give you go' (wrath, Rom 1)
- Constancy of saints is that they have experienced the faith of Jesus represented in their character of grace. ST, January 17, 1895



The Law of God

- Jesus ***could*** not change the law
- Jesus deepened the meaning of the law
- Jesus and the 7th commandment
- Jesus and the 5th commandment
- Jesus and the essence of the law
- The spirituality of the law

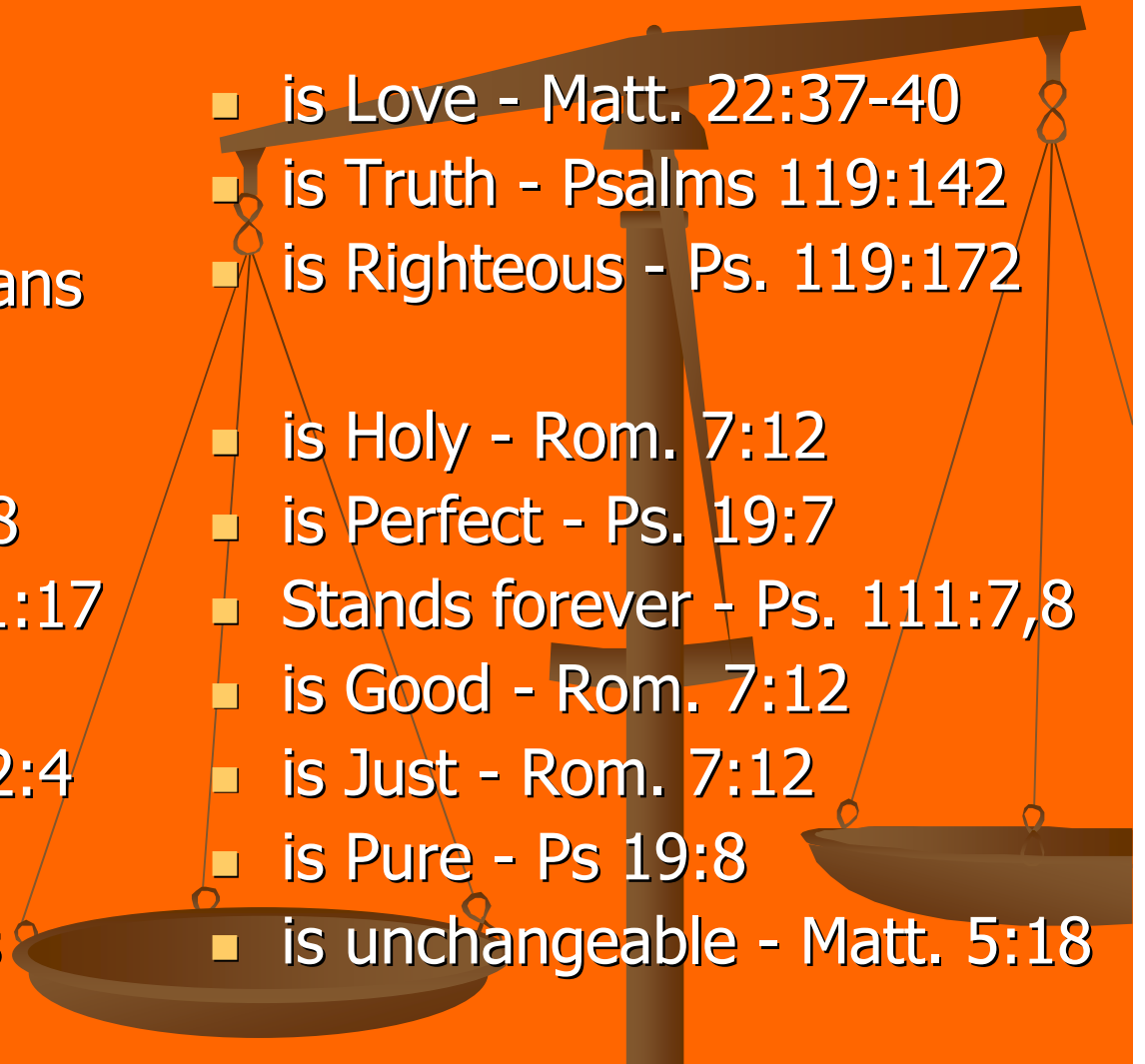
God's Character

■ God:

- is Love - 1 John 4:8
- is Truth - John 14:6
- is Righteous - 1 Corinthians 1:30
- is Holy - Isaiah 6:3
- is Perfect - Matthew 5:48
- Stands forever - James 1:17
- is Good - Luke 18:19
- is Just - Deuteronomy 32:4
- is Pure - 1 John 3:3
- is unchangeable - James 1:17

■ Law:

- is Love - Matt. 22:37-40
- is Truth - Psalms 119:142
- is Righteous - Ps. 119:172
- is Holy - Rom. 7:12
- is Perfect - Ps. 19:7
- Stands forever - Ps. 111:7,8
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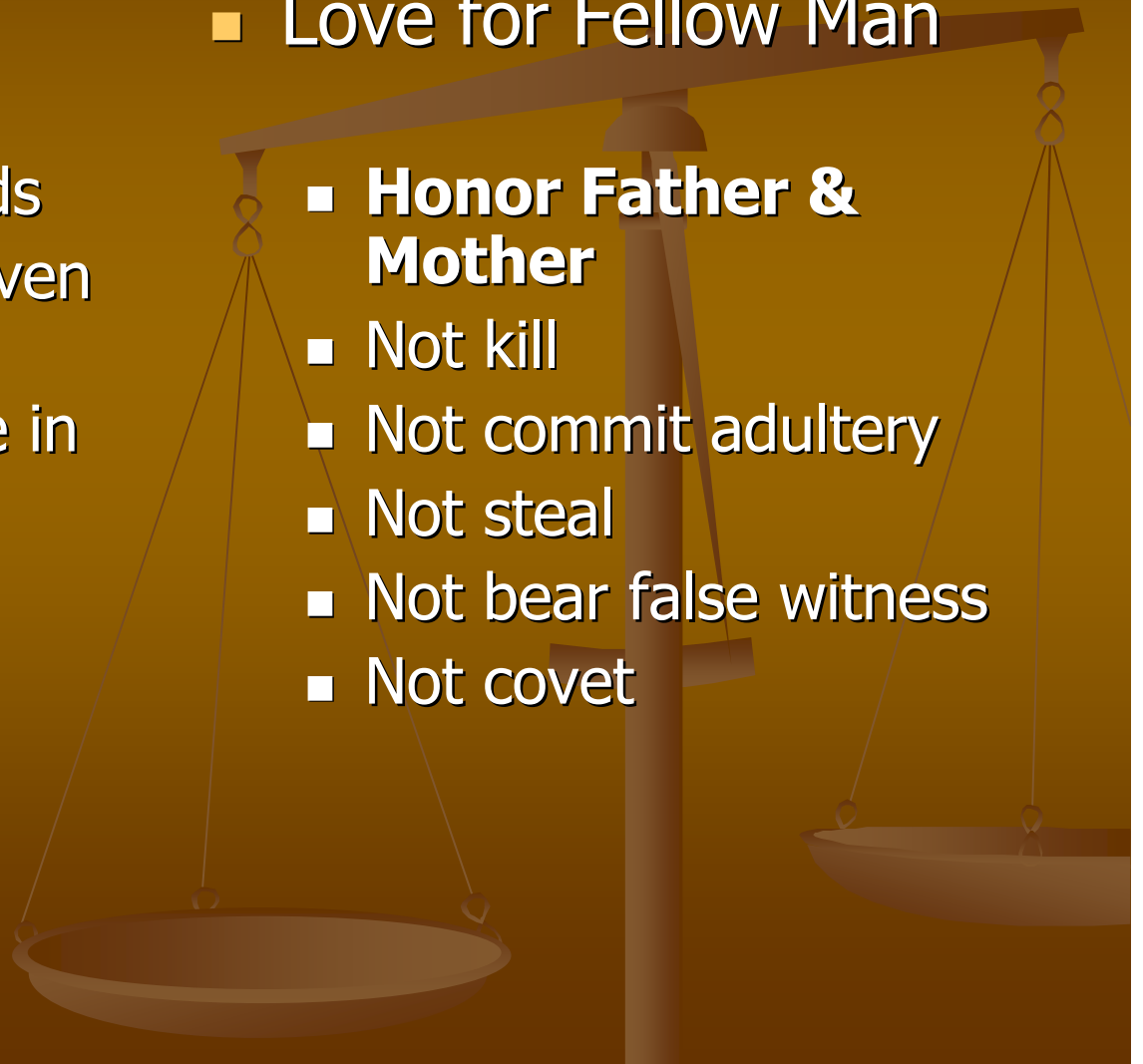
God's Law of Love in 10 Commandments

■ Love for God

- Have no other gods
- Not make any graven image
- Not take His name in vain
- Remember the Sabbath
- **Honor Father & Mother**

■ Love for Fellow Man

- **Honor Father & Mother**
- Not kill
- Not commit adultery
- Not steal
- Not bear false witness
- Not covet





Purpose of Law/ Torah

- **1Ti 1:8** But we know that the law *is* good, if a man use it lawfully;
- 1Ti 1:9 Knowing this, that the law is **not** made for a righteous man, but for the lawless and disobedient, for the ungodly and for sinners, for unholy and profane, for murderers of fathers and murderers of mothers, for manslayers,
- 1Ti 1:10 For whoremongers, for them that defile themselves with mankind, for menstealers, for liars, for perjured persons, and if there be any other thing that is contrary to sound doctrine;
- 1Ti 1:11 According to the glorious gospel of the blessed God, which was committed to my trust.

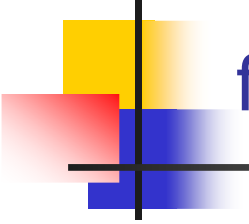
Laws

- Christ and the Law of Moses —
 - If man had kept the law of God, as given to Adam after his fall, preserved by Noah, and observed by Abraham, there would have been no necessity for the ordinance of circumcision.
 - And if the descendants of Abraham had kept the covenant, of which circumcision was a sign, they would never have been seduced into idolatry, nor would it have been necessary for them to suffer a life of bondage in Egypt;
 - **they would have kept God's law in mind, and there would have been no necessity for it to be proclaimed from Sinai or engraved upon the tables of stone.**
 - And had the people practiced the principles of the Ten Commandments, there would have been no need of the additional directions given to Moses. {PP 364.2}

Law

according to Simchat Torah Beit Midrash

- Hb – Torah – Yarah – to cast, point = teachings, the directions pointed out by the teacher
- Ex – a parent's torah is a set of teachings or instructions, to train and bring the children to maturity, to set them on the correct path.
- Contrast = law is a set of rules that if not observed correctly will result in punishment and there is no room for teaching.
- **Command**/ Orders Vs **Directed** / guide (Hb 6680 tsavah)



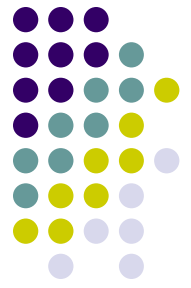
Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the *law*, till all be fulfilled. Mt 5:18

- Matthew 5: 21, 27, 31,33,38,43
 - Thou shalt not kill, Ex 20:13
 - Thou shalt not commit adultery, Ex 20:14
 - Put away wife with letter of divorcement, Deut 24:1
 - Thou shalt not swear/vow, Lev 19:12; Num 30:2; Deut 23:23
 - An Eye for an Eye, Ex 21:24; Lev 24:20
 - Love thy neighbor, hate thine enemy, Lev 19:18; Deut 23:6
 - **Mk 7:1-13** Honor thy parents



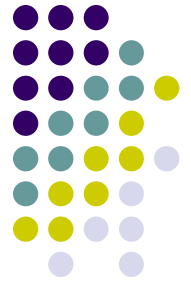
Law/Torah Modified/Expanded/Deepened or Nailed to Cross?

- Matthew 5: 21,27,31,33,38,43
- Acts 17:30 And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent:...
- Polygamy, slavery, divorce
- Sometimes God adapts to the situation!



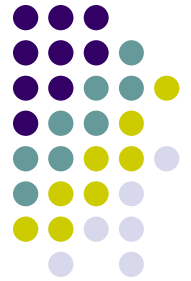
To Put it More Plainly...

- In consequence of continual transgression, the moral law was repeated in awful grandeur from Sinai. Christ gave to Moses religious precepts which were to govern the everyday life. These statutes were explicitly given to guard the ten commandments. They were **not** shadowy types to pass away with the death of Christ. They were to be binding upon man in every age as long as time should last. These commands were enforced by the power of the moral law, and they clearly and definitely explained that law. {RH, May 6, 1875 par. 10} 1 BC 1104:6



More Plainly

- Read carefully all of Deuteronomy 26, also chapters 27 and 28; for here are stated plainly the blessings of obedience. {RH, December 25, 1900 par. 6}
- These directions, which the Lord gave to His people, express the **principles of the law** of the kingdom of God, and they are **made specific**, so that the minds of the people may not be left in ignorance and uncertainty... {RH, December 25, 1900 par. 7}



Still Plainer

- The principles set forth in Deuteronomy for the instruction of Israel are to be followed by God's people to the end of time. True prosperity is dependent on the continuance of our **covenant relationship** with God... {PK 570.2}

The Sabbath

- The Lord, the Creator of
- The Lord, the Lord of
- The Example of Christ
- Miracles on
- The Sabbath post Resurrection

7th Section of the Creation Story

- 2. And on the *seventh day* God **finished** his work which He had made; (7 words in Hebrew)
- and He **rested** on the *seventh day* from all His work which He had made.
(7 words in Hebrew)
- 3. And God **blessed** the *seventh day*, and hallowed it; (7 words in Hebrew)



Word frequency in Gen 2:2-3

 God	3 times
 Seventh Day	3 times
 His work	3 times
 Done	3 times

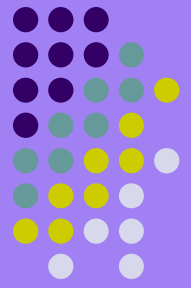




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- Acts 17:30 And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent:...
- Christ Lord of the Sabbath

The Sabbath as Good News!



- 1) Good news of human roots and inauguration
- 2) Good news of perfect creation – renewing faith in a perfect Creator
- 3) Good news of God's care – in work and rest
- 4) **Good news of redemption, liberation, Deut 5:15, Isa 61:1,2**
- 5) Good news of service, Divine worship, Mt 11:28
- 6) Good news of Divine rest for human restlessness! Heb 4
- 7) Good news of belonging – Sabbath as covenant, Ex 19:4

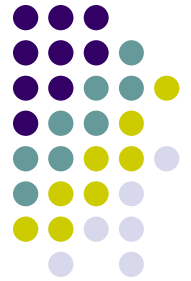
How to Keep

- Do well, heal. Jn 5:5-9; Mt 12:12; Lk 13:16
- Servants and animals to rest on the Sabbath
- Not do your own (weekly) pleasures. Isa 58:13,14
- Enjoy nature. Ps 92:1-5
- Holy Convocation. Lev 23:3; worship, Acts 16:13;
- No purchases to be made, Neh 10:31; 13:15-17
- Work set aside when begins to get dark, Neh 13:19 – guard the edges of

Sabbath in Revelation



- People of God have the seal of God in their foreheads, 7:1-3.
- They obey the commandments of God, 12:17; 14:12
- They worship the Creator, 14:7



The Sabbath Question

- The Sabbath question is to be the issue in the great final conflict, in which all the world will act a part. Men have honored Satan's principles above the **principles that rule in the heavens**. They have accepted the spurious sabbath, which Satan has exalted as the sign of his authority. But God has set His seal upon His royal requirement. Each Sabbath institution, both true and false, **bears the name of its author**, an ineffaceable mark that **shows the authority of each**. {7BC 977.7}
- The great decision now to be made by every one is, whether he will receive the mark of the beast and his image, or the seal of the living and true God (ST March 22, 1910) {7BC 977.8}



God's Authority

- God could have destroyed Satan and his sympathizers as easily as one can cast a pebble to the earth; but He did not do this. Rebellion was not to be overcome by force. Compelling power is found only under Satan's government. The Lord's principles are not of this order. His **authority rests upon goodness, mercy, and love**; and the presentation of these principles is the means to be used. God's government is moral, and truth and love are to be the prevailing power. {DA 759.1} “It is Finished”

Reasons for the Divine Choice of the Sabbath as Covenant Symbol



- 1) Ownership – Seal, Ex 20: 8-11
- 2) Holiness – set apart for Divine manifestation,
- 3) Incorruptible and Universal – immaterial time
- 4) Renewal - of baptism covenant
- 5) Spiritual - nature of relationship
- 6) Commitment -that binds God and His people
- 7) Redemption - God's saving activity, Heb 4

