

My Bible School

Lesson # 20

Your Special Day With God



“Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.” Revelation 3:20

1: WHAT IS THE BIBLE TEACHING ABOUT CREATION?

“By the word of the Lord were the heavens made; and all the host of them by the breath of His mouth. . For He spake, and it was done; He commanded, and it stood fast.” Psalm 33:6, 9.

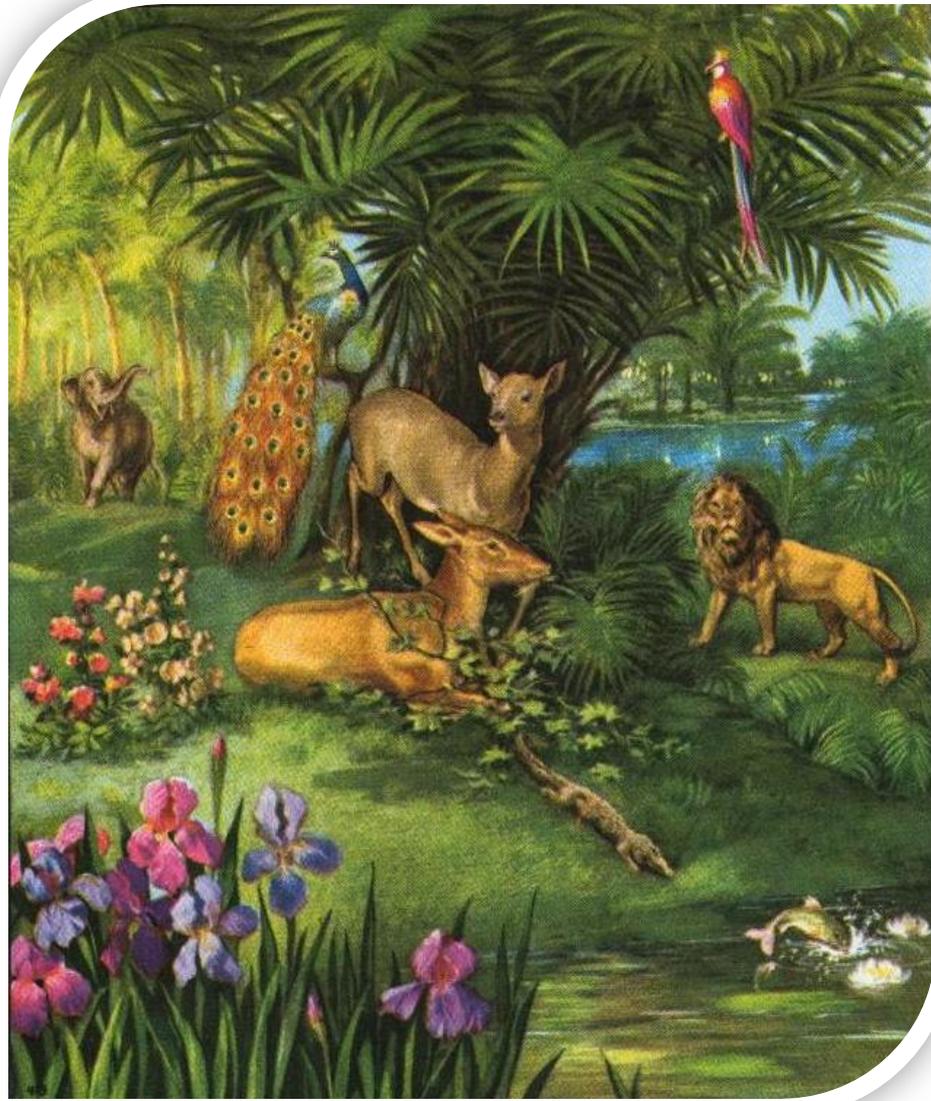
He “laid the foundations of the earth, that it should not be removed for ever.” Psalm 104:5.

This is the teaching of the Scriptures. And it sounds glorious, doesn't it? Let us now open our Bibles for further light on this subject. The complete Godhead was involved in creation. This is made clear in the following passages.



**In the beginning God created the heavens
and the earth. *Genesis 1:1 KJV.***

**“And the earth was without form, and void; and
darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit
of God moved upon the face of the waters.” *Genesis 1:2***



“To make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ.” Ephesians 3:9.

The Bible account of creation, in which the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit participated, is the only safeguard against erroneous concepts of the beginning of human life on our planet. And this must be accepted by faith. Listen to these words:

“Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the Word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear.” Hebrews 11:3.

“For He spake, and it was done; He commanded, and it stood fast.” Psalm 33:9.

Faith in the Creator and the fact of the creation solves many knotty problems of life's origin and human destiny.

2: WHAT IS THE BASIS OF GOD'S RIGHT TO RULE?



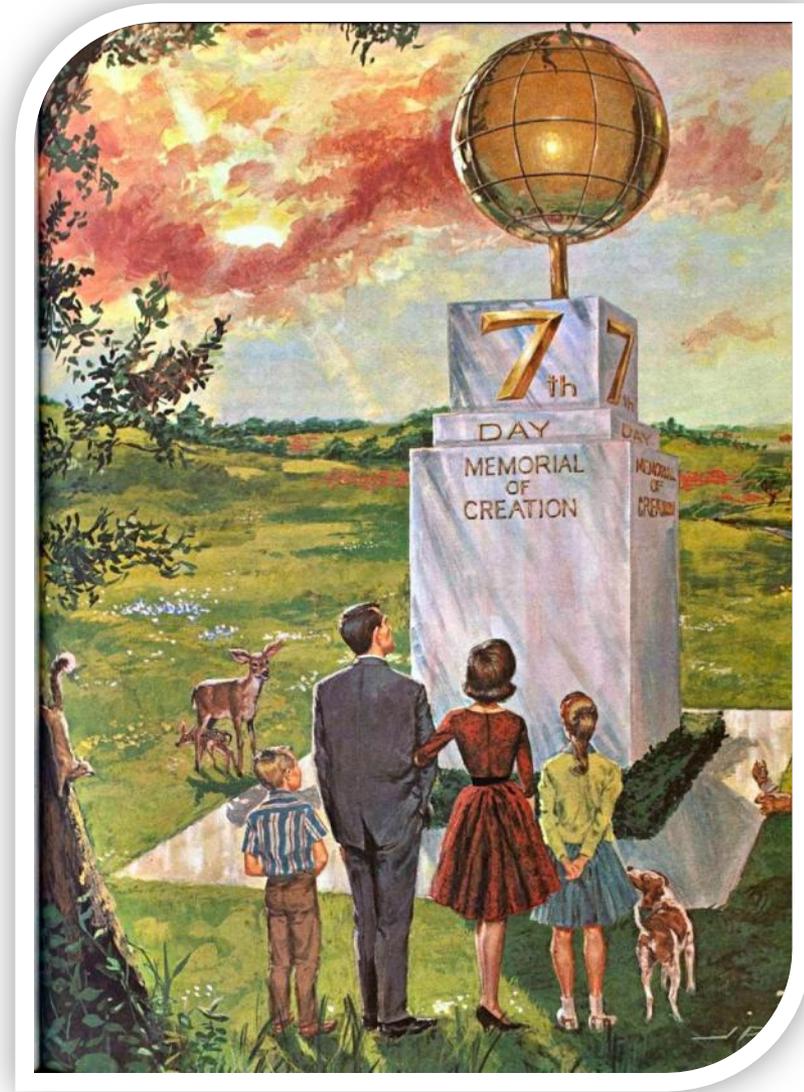
“Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for Thou hast created all things, and for Thy pleasure they are and were created.”

Revelation 4:11.

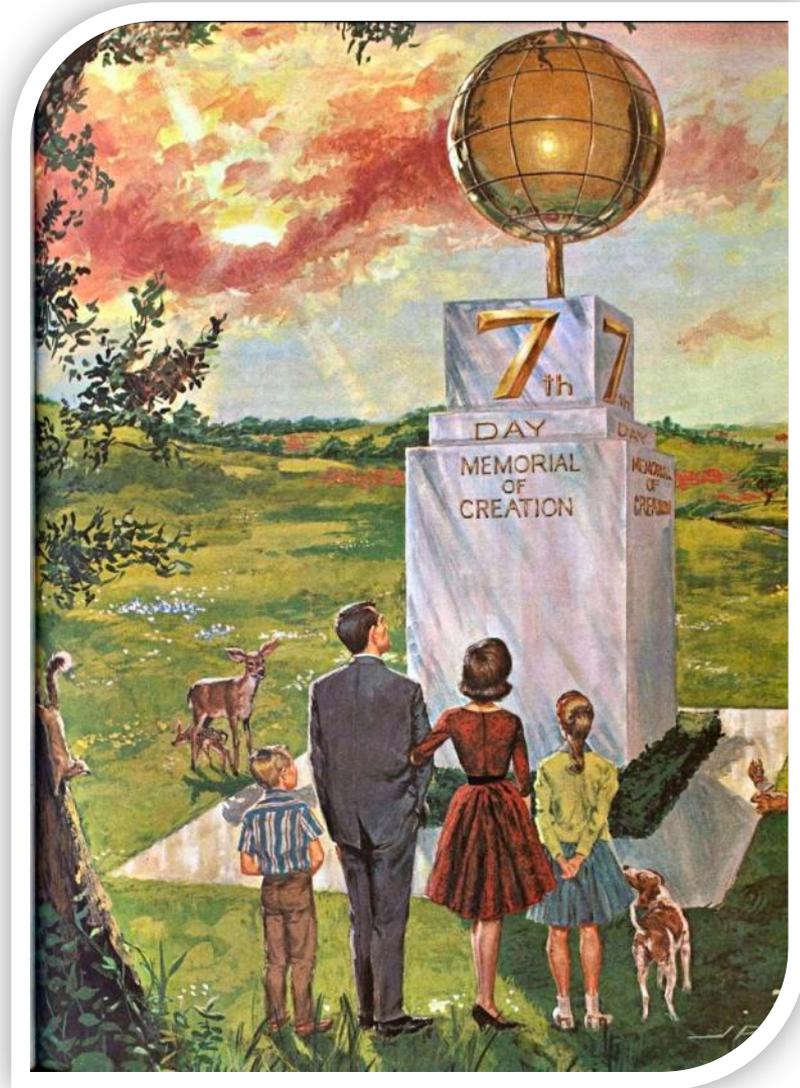
Since God created all things from nothing; He hung the earth upon nothing; upholds all things; and sustains life. He therefore has undisputed final and absolute right to ownership and rulership.

3: WHAT IS THE SIGN OF GOD'S CREATORSHIP?

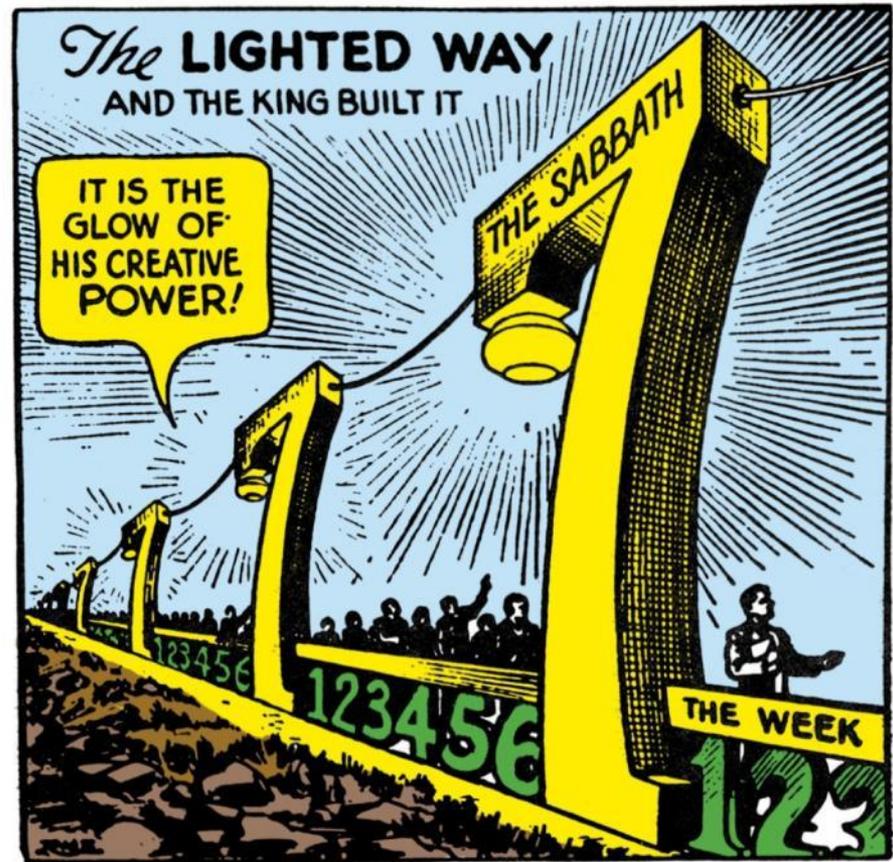
“Wherefore the children of Israel shall keep the Sabbath, to observe the Sabbath throughout their generations for a perpetual covenant. It is a sign between Me and the children of Israel for ever: for in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, and on the seventh day He rested, and was refreshed.” Exodus 31:16-17.



This statement about the Sabbath is clear. God is the speaker in this text. The Sabbath is God's sign because God is the Creator. And He created the world and the different forms of life upon it in six days and rested on the seventh day. This is God's own stated reason for making the Sabbath a sign. And He intended that all men should observe the Sabbath and recognize Him, on the seventh day in particular, as the Creator. All the inhabitants of the world, and all their church councils, cannot not erase these facts.



On God's part, the Sabbath is the sign of His creatorship, with all the obligations toward us that devolve upon Him because of this fact of creation. It is the sign of His right to rule over us, the symbol of His gracious and timeless sovereignty. On our part, it is the sign that we gratefully acknowledge Him as our Creator and accept His right of title to, and rulership over, us and all things. It is a sign that, as His creatures, we assume the obligations that naturally come to us in this relationship. The Sabbath is a matter of holy duty and a thing of infinite beauty.



4: WAS THE SABBATH MADE BEFORE MAN SINNED?

We should remember, first of all, that the Sabbath was made. It was not an institution springing from an idea merely. The Sabbath was made on the seventh day and out of the seventh day of creation week. Notice the following facts:

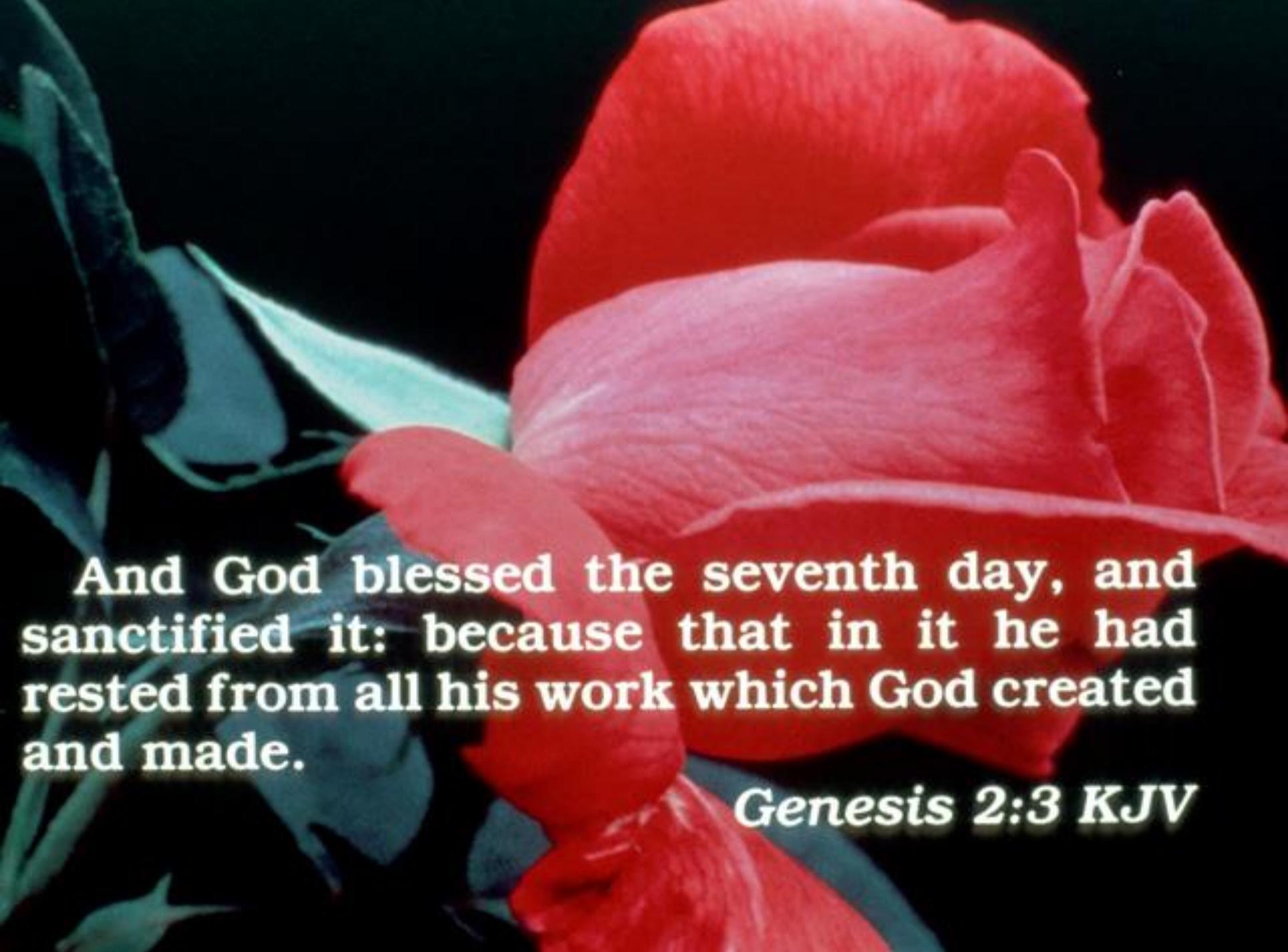


**1. The Sabbath was made on the seventh day,
out of the seventh day.**

**And on the seventh
day God ended His
work which He had
made; and He rested
on the seventh day
from all His work
which He had made.**

Genesis 2:2 KJV





And God blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it: because that in it he had rested from all his work which God created and made.

Genesis 2:3 KJV

2. The seventh day is therefore God's blessed, sanctified rest day.

“The seventh day is the sabbath of the Lord thy God.” Exodus 20:10.

God rested. He was not weary because “the Creator of the ends of the earth fainteth not, neither is weary.” Isaiah 40:28.

But He was refreshed. “On the seventh day He rested and was refreshed.” Exodus 31:17.

God rested because He was creating a day of rest thereby and was setting us an example. He was refreshed because He “saw everything that He had made, and, behold, it was very good.” Genesis 1:31.

It gave Him pleasure. “For thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created.” Revelation 4:11.

God blessed and sanctified the seventh day. He rested on the seventh day and made it His rest day: then "God blessed the seventh day and sanctified it: because that in it He had rested," Since the seventh day is the day on which He rested, and since He blessed and sanctified it, it follows that upon no other day except the one on which He rested has He placed His blessing and sanctification, making it "the Sabbath of the Lord thy God."

It is this unchangeable fact of God's resting on the seventh day, and then blessing and sanctifying it, that settles for time and eternity God's holy Sabbath day.

The six-day creation of our planet would have to be done all over a second time, in order to change the Sabbath day!

**AN IMPORTANT
DOCUMENT —**

The Sabbath **THE WORLD'S BIRTH CERTIFICATE**

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FINISHED... AND ON THE SEVENTH DAY GOD
ENDED HIS WORK WHICH HE HAD MADE...
AND GOD BLESSED THE SEVENTH DAY...
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**“God is not a man, that He should lie; neither the son of man,
that He should repent. . He hath blessed; and I cannot reverse it.”
Numbers 23:19-20. “Thou blessest, O Lord, and it shall be blessed
for ever.” 1 Chronicles 17:27.**

5: WAS THE SABBATH SIGN TO BE FOR ALL MEN FOR ALL TIME?

One writer has said, “God saw that a Sabbath was essential for man, even in Paradise. . He needed a Sabbath to remind Him more vividly of God and to awaken gratitude because all that he enjoyed and possessed came from the beneficent hand of the Creator.” Here are ten facts, most of them historical, about the true Sabbath:

1. The Sabbath was made for man, all men.

**“The Sabbath was made for man, and not man for the Sabbath.”
Mark 2:27.**

This does not mean for Jews only. Woman was created for man; Gentile men would not agree that women were made only for Jews. Neither would Jewish women agree to that. The Sabbath is universal.

2. Noah had a knowledge of a week of seven days.

Genesis 8:12- "And he stayed yet other seven days; and sent forth the dove; which returned not again unto him any more"

Why is the Sabbath not spoken of or hundreds of years after it is mentioned in Genesis 2:1-3? Consider this: Genesis 3 gives us the story of the temptation and the Fall. The fourth chapter tells of Cain and Abel. Chapter five gives genealogy. And - think of it!- chapter six brings us to Noah's time, more than 1,500 years after creation. In an ordinary Bible, you need to turn but one leaf to cover this period of 1,500 years. Naturally the Sabbath would not be repeatedly mentioned. In Exodus, the second book of the Bible, the Sabbath is set forth in its primeval and everlasting importance (*Exodus 20:8-11*).

3. Abraham knew and obeyed God's laws.

Genesis 26:5- "Abraham obeyed My voice, and kept My charge, My commandments, My statutes, and My laws,"

Abraham, though he had not the written law, knew God's laws and sought to obey them.

4. In Moses' time, the Sabbath was known and observed.

God delivered Israel from Egypt that they might obey Him and keep His laws.

Psalm 105:43-45- "He brought forth His people with joy and His chosen with gladness. . that they might observe His statutes, and keep His laws."

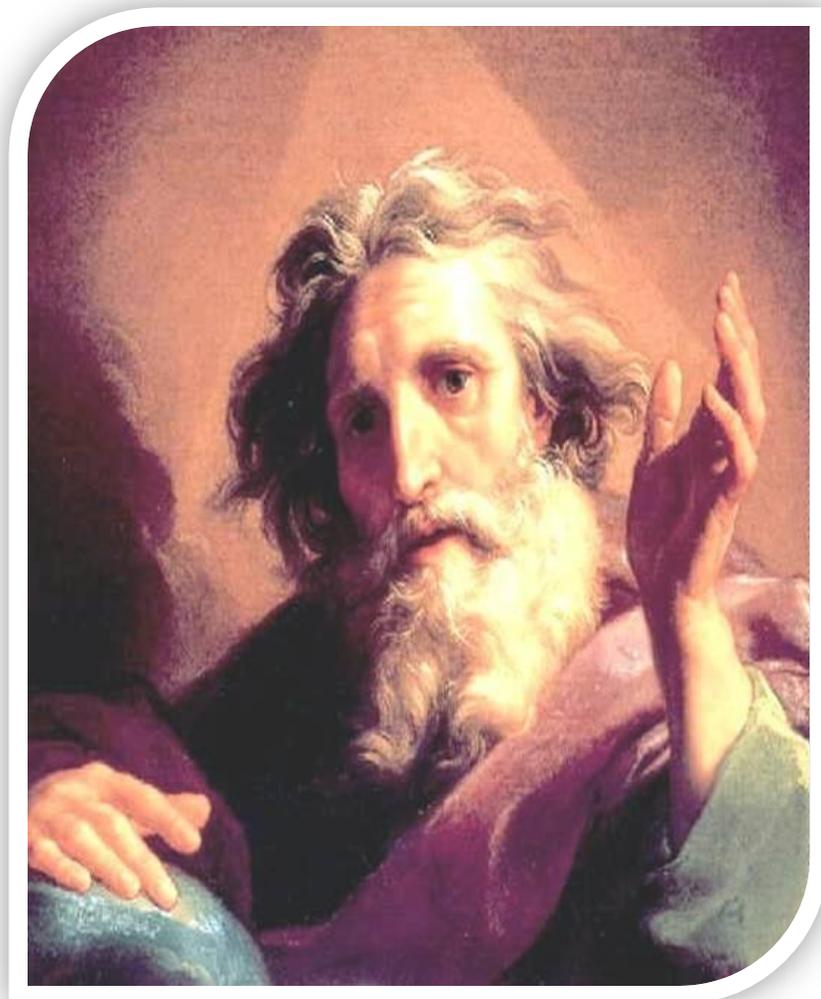
God spoke and wrote His holy law, with the Sabbath commandment in the very heart of it.

**“These words the Lord spake unto all your assembly in the mount out of the midst of the fire, of the cloud, and of the thick darkness, with a great voice: and He added no more. And He wrote them in two tables of stone, and delivered them unto me.”
Deuteronomy 5:22.**



5. The Sabbath was for men in Isaiah's time.

“If thou turn away thy foot from the Sabbath, from doing thy pleasure on My holy day; and call the Sabbath a delight, the holy of the Lord, honourable; and shalt honour Him, not doing thine own ways, nor finding thine own pleasure, nor speaking thine own words: then shalt thou delight thyself in the Lord; and I will cause thee to ride upon the high places of the earth, and feed thee with the heritage of Jacob thy father: for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.” Isaiah 58:13-14.



6. It was for men in Jeremiah's time.

“Thus saith the Lord; Take heed to yourselves, and bear no burden on the Sabbath day, nor bring it in by the gates of Jerusalem; neither carry forth a burden out of your houses on the Sabbath day, neither do ye any work, but hallow the Sabbath day, as I commanded your fathers” Jeremiah 17:21-22.

7. It was for Jesus, the Son of man, and for men in His time.

Since Jesus was the Creator, He made the world and the Sabbath too
It was His custom while in this world to keep it.

“He came to Nazareth, where He had been brought up: and as His custom was, He went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and stood up for to read.” Luke 4:16.

Jesus kept all His Father's commandments. He did not come to destroy them, but to show how they should be kept.

“If ye keep My commandments, ye shall abide in My love; even as I have kept My Father's commandments, and abide in His love.” John 15:10.



He rested in the tomb on the Sabbath. His followers sacredly observed the same day.

“The women also, which came with Him from Galilee, followed after, and beheld the sepulchre, and how His body was laid. And they returned, and prepared spices and ointments; and rested the Sabbath day according to the commandment.” Luke 23:55-56.

8. His followers honored the Sabbath forty years after His death.

“Pray ye that your flight be not in the winter, neither on the Sabbath day.” Matthew 24:20.

Looking forward about forty years into the future, Jesus admonished His followers to pray that their flight from the besieged city of Jerusalem, in A.D. 70, might not be on the Sabbath day. Jesus, as a carpenter, closed shop and went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day as a regular custom. He found that the church had heaped up a great stack of traditional rules about Sabbath observance, laws not found in the Bible. These Jesus ignored or deliberately disobeyed, but He kept and honored the Sabbath which He had made at creation. Sin is **“the transgression of the law,” 1 John 3:4. and Jesus did not sin**

9. It was for Paul and men of his time.

Sabbath observance was an accepted custom in Paul's time. The apostle spoke to both Jews and Gentiles on the Sabbath.

“When they departed from Perga, they came to Antioch in Pisidia, and went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and sat down. . And when the Jews were gone out of (the synagogue, the Gentiles besought that these words might be preached to them the next Sabbath. . And the next Sabbath day came almost the whole city together to hear the Word of God.” Acts 13:14, 42, 44.

Paul, a servant of God, would have no more right than you or I to dishonor God and His sign of creatorship. He was a loyal observer of the Bible Sabbath. Said he: “This I confess unto thee, that after the way which they call heresy, so worship I the God of my fathers, believing all things which are written in the law and in the prophets.” Acts 24:14.



10. The true Sabbath will also be for the saved in the new earth. In the new earth, the Sabbath will be forever honored.

“As the new heavens and the new earth, which I will make, shall remain before Me, saith the Lord, so shall your seed and your name remain. And it shall come to pass, that from one new moon to another, and from one Sabbath to another; shall all flesh come to worship before Me, saith the Lord.” Isaiah 66:22-23.

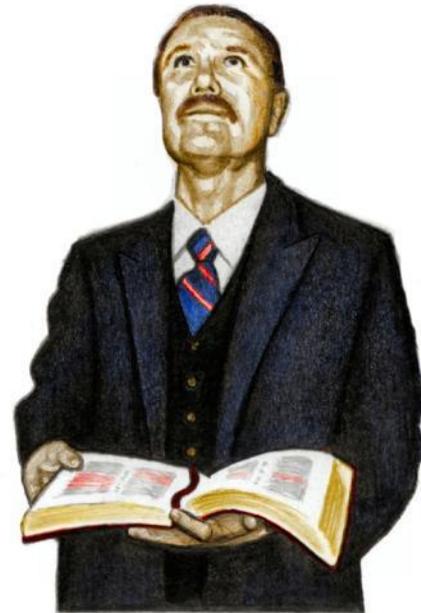
6: HOW IS THE SABBATH RELATED TO THE WORK OF REDEMPTION?

1. Redemption involves a work of creation.

Since it takes creative power to redeem, God used the Sabbath as a sign of sanctification, or redemption. When He creates the new earth, the Sabbath will continue on its eternal way, the sign of God's peace and power. Throughout all eternity, it will carry the double significance of a sign of power to create and to redeem.

“If any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.” 2 Corinthians 5:17.

“Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me.” Psalms 51:10.



2. The Sabbath is a sign of this sanctifying power.

**“Verily My Sabbaths ye shall keep: for it is a sign between Me and you throughout your generations; that ye may know that I am the Lord that doth sanctify you.”
Exodus 31:13.**



The Sabbath is God's flag, the symbol of His sovereignty, woven in the loom of heaven out of that intangible and precious something we call time, and raised over His fair earthly dominion in the freshness of creation's morning. And today, after the passing of the long years, it still remains the symbol of His right to rule as Creator and Redeemer.



Do you wish to recognize your Creator and serve Him under the gentle folds of His flag? You would not trample it under your feet, miss the benign blessings it vouchsafes to you, or deny the God who made you.