



Lesson 21 – The Sabbath

1) What did creation do when the Earth was created?

Job 38:7-9 When the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God _____ for joy? Or who shut up the sea with doors, when it brake forth, as if it had issued out of the womb? When I _____ the cloud the garment thereof, and thick darkness a swaddlingband for it,

2) What did God do after He created us and our world?

Genesis 1:31 And God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, it was very _____. And the evening and the morning were the sixth day.

Genesis 2:2 And on the seventh day God ended his work which he had made; and he _____ on the seventh day from all his work which he had made.

3) What did God do to make the Sabbath special?

Genesis 2:3 And God _____ the seventh day, and _____ it: because that in it he had _____ from all his work which God created and made.

God 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.

4) Of what is the Sabbath a reminder?

Romans 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 _____; so that they are without excuse:

Psalms 111:4-6 He hath made his wonderful _____ to be remembered: the LORD is gracious and full of compassion. He hath given meat unto them that fear him: he will ever be mindful of his _____. He hath shewed his people the power of his works, that he may give them the heritage of the heathen.

5) Who made us?

John 1:1-3 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word _____ with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. _____ things were made by him; and without him was not any thing _____ that was made.

The Sabbath is a memorial of the work of creation, it is a token of the love and power of Christ.

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.

6) What promise is given when we remember our Creator?

2 Corinthians 4:6-7 For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the _____ of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the _____ of the power may be of God, and not of us.

7) What will we do when we remember Him?

Psalms 92:4-5 For thou, LORD, hast made me glad through thy work: I will _____ in the works of thy hands. O LORD, how great are thy works! and thy _____ are very deep.



8) What did man forget and is still forgetting?

Isaiah 40:21-22 Have ye not known? have ye not heard? hath it not been told you from the beginning? have ye not understood from the _____ of the earth? It is he that sitteth upon the circle of the earth, and the inhabitants thereof are as grasshoppers; that stretcheth out the _____ as a curtain, and spreadeth them out as a tent to dwell in:

9) What should we do?

Isaiah 40:26 _____ up your eyes on high, and behold who hath created these things, that bringeth out their host by number: he calleth them all by names by the greatness of his might, for that he is strong in power; not one faileth.

10) What promise did God give to His people who seek Him?

Isaiah 41:10 Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will _____ thee with the right hand of my righteousness.

Isaiah 45:22 _____ unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: for I am God, and there is none else.

This is the message written in nature, which the Sabbath is appointed to keep in memory.

11) What is keeping the Sabbath a sign of?

Ezekiel 20:20 And hallow my sabbaths; and they shall be a sign between me and you, that ye may _____ that I am the LORD your God.

The Sabbath was embodied in the law given from Sinai; but it was not then first made known as a day of rest. The people of Israel had a knowledge of it **before** they came to Sinai. On the way thither the Sabbath was kept.

12) What question did God ask when the Israelites broke the Sabbath?

Exodus 16:28 And the LORD said unto Moses, How long _____ ye to keep my commandments and my laws?

13) When will God's Law go away?

Matthew 5:18 For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise _____ from the law, till all be fulfilled.

The Sabbath was not for Israel merely, but for the world. It had been made known to man in Eden, and, like the other precepts of the Decalogue, it is of imperishable obligation.

14) What will we do on the Earth made new?

Isaiah 66:23 And it shall come to pass, that from one new moon to another, and from one _____ to another, shall all flesh come to worship before me, saith the LORD.

So long as the heavens and the earth endure, the Sabbath will continue as a sign of the Creator's power. And when Eden shall bloom on earth again, God's holy rest day will be honored by all beneath the sun.



15) What specifically does the Sabbath Commandment say?

Exodus 20:8-11 _____ the sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy _____: But the seventh day is the sabbath of the LORD thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates: For in six days the LORD _____ heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the LORD _____ the sabbath day, and hallowed it.

No other institution which was committed to the Jews tended so fully to distinguish them from surrounding nations as did the Sabbath. God designed that its observance should designate them as His worshipers. It was to be a token of their separation from idolatry, and their connection with the true God. But in order to keep the Sabbath holy, men must themselves be holy. Through faith they must become partakers of the righteousness of Christ.

16) What are people called who keep the covenant of the Sabbath?

Exodus 22:31 And ye shall be _____ men unto me...

As the Jews departed from God and failed to make the righteousness of Christ their own by faith, the Sabbath lost its significance to them. Satan was seeking to exalt himself and to draw men away from Christ, and he worked to pervert the Sabbath, because it is the sign of the power of Christ. The Jewish leaders accomplished the will of Satan by surrounding God's rest day with burdensome requirements. In the days of Christ, the Sabbath had become so perverted that its observance reflected the character of selfish and arbitrary men rather than the character of the loving heavenly Father.

The rabbis virtually represented God as giving laws which it was impossible for men to obey. They led the people to look upon God as a tyrant, and to think that the observance of the Sabbath, as He required it, made men hard-hearted and cruel. It was the work of Christ to clear away these misconceptions.

17) What did Jesus do that got the Jews into a rage?

Matthew 12:1 At that time Jesus went on the sabbath day through the corn; and his disciples were an hungred, and began to _____ the ears of corn, and to eat.

18) Was it lawful to do so?

Deuteronomy 23:25 When thou comest into the standing corn of thy neighbour, then thou mayest pluck the ears with thine _____; but thou shalt not move a sickle unto thy neighbour's standing corn.

To do this on the Sabbath was held to be an act of desecration. Not only was the gathering of the grain a kind of reaping, but the rubbing of it in the hands was a kind of threshing. Thus, in the opinion of the rabbis, there was a double offense.

19) What did the spies report back to the priests?

Matthew 12:2 But when the Pharisees saw it, they said unto him, Behold, thy disciples do that which is not _____ to do upon the sabbath day.

20) How did Jesus reply?

Matthew 12:3-5 But he said unto them, Have ye not read what David did, when he was an hungred, and they that were with him; How he _____ into the house of God, and did eat the _____, which was not lawful for him to eat, neither for them which were with him, but only for the priests? Or have ye not read in the law, how that on the sabbath days the priests in the temple _____ the sabbath, and are blameless?

The Jewish teachers prided themselves on their knowledge of the Scriptures, and in the Saviour's answer there was an implied rebuke for their ignorance of the Sacred Writings.



21) What did Jesus finish the conversation with?

Matthew 12:6-8 But I say unto you, That in this place is one _____ than the temple. But if ye had known what this meaneth, I will have mercy, and not sacrifice, ye would not have condemned the guiltless. For the Son of man is _____ even of the sabbath day.

If it was right for David to satisfy his hunger by eating of the bread that had been set apart to a holy use, then it was right for the disciples to supply their need by plucking the grain upon the sacred hours of the Sabbath. Again, the priests in the temple performed greater labor on the Sabbath than upon other days. The same labor in secular business would be sinful; but the work of the priests was in the service of God. They were performing those rites that pointed to the redeeming power of Christ, and their labor was in harmony with the object of the Sabbath.

Christ would teach His disciples and His enemies that the service of God is first of all. The object of God's work in this world is the redemption of man; therefore, that which is necessary to be done on the Sabbath in the accomplishment of this work is in accord with the Sabbath law.

22) What did Jesus say just before for healing a man on the Sabbath?

Luke 6:9 Then said Jesus unto them, I will ask you one thing; Is it _____ on the sabbath days to do _____, or to do evil? to save life, or to destroy it?

It was a maxim among the Jews that a failure to do good, when one had opportunity, was to do evil; to neglect to save life was to kill. Thus Jesus met the rabbis on their own ground.

23) What did Jesus do next?

Mark 3:4-5 And he saith unto them, Is it lawful to do good on the sabbath days, or to do evil? to save life, or to kill? But they held their _____. And when he had looked round about on them with anger, being _____ for the hardness of their hearts, he saith unto the man, Stretch forth thine hand. And he stretched it out: and his hand was restored whole as the other.

Every religion that wars against the sovereignty of God defrauds man of the glory which was his at the creation, and which is to be restored to him in Christ. Every false religion teaches its adherents to be careless of human needs, sufferings, and rights. The gospel places a high value upon humanity as the purchase of the blood of Christ, and it teaches a tender regard for the wants and woes of man.

24) What command did Jesus give shortly before going to Calvary?

John 15:10-11 If ye keep my commandments, ye shall _____ in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love. These things have I spoken unto you, that my _____ might remain in you, and that your joy might be full.

The Saviour had not come to set aside what patriarchs and prophets had spoken; for He Himself had spoken through these representative men. All the truths of God's word came from Him. But these priceless gems had been placed in false settings. Their precious light had been made to minister to error. God desired them to be removed from their settings of error and replaced in the framework of truth. This work only a divine hand could accomplish. By its connection with error, the truth had been serving the cause of the enemy of God and man. Christ had come to place it where it would glorify God and work the salvation of humanity.

Isaiah 58:13-14 *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.*