

Never have we needed a time to remember God and His work of creation as today. Never has man so much needed a time to rest and completely put out of his mind the cares of life. We will be able to find peace of mind by following our Lord's example and devoting our time as God instructed.

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It is my desire to honor my Lord as Creator and Redeemer. ☐

I am willing to follow in the footsteps of my Lord. ☐

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Who Stands With You in the Judgment?

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For God so loved the world, that he gave . . ." John 3:16. God gave His Son. He gave us His Word. Out of the great compassion of our heavenly Father, who is the embodiment of love, also came the Sabbath. Knowing the nature of man as only He could, God knew that men must have time for spiritual and physical renewal. The pace of modern man is exhausting. In the onrush of events that surround each of us, it sometimes seems impossible to find time for reflection and rest. However, God understands the problems that face us today. He has made provision for us to have time for study, worship, and communion with Him. God knew that life would become more complex and men would have a tendency to forget their Maker. Therefore, He appointed a special time when men could set aside their many problems and renew their relationships with their heavenly Father.

Satan does not want us to find time with God. That is why he has influenced men to make such determined efforts over the centuries to blot out every remembrance of the Biblical Sabbath. But Satan has failed. God's Word still stands, and to this Word we turn now to answer the question, "What is the Lord's Day?"

THE BIBLE SAYS

1. What does the New Testament call Christ's special day for rest and worship? Revelation 1:10 (NT 212).

The Bible says: _____

16. How do we express our love to God? 1 John 5:1-3 (NT 210).

The Bible says: _____

17. Whose example will the Christian follow in choosing a day of worship? 1 John 2:6 (NT 208).

The Bible says: _____

Several times in the Bible God states that the act that distinguishes Him as the true God is His creative power. It sets Him apart as the One who created the world. The earth did not come into existence by chance, cosmic explosion, or evolutionary processes. The Bible teaches us that God, in His wisdom, planned this world and by His creative power brought it into being.

God made the Sabbath as His memorial of creation. It was also to be an oasis for man's soul in which he could find rest and restoration through communion with his Maker. The relationship of creature to Creator is the true basis for all worship. Since such a relationship can never change, all creation will worship God on His Sabbath day throughout eternity.



The Bible says: -----

Note: His prediction saw its fulfillment in the year A.D. 66 when the army of Cestius surrounded Jerusalem. For some unknown reason he withdrew his army and left. The Christians saw in this circumstance the sign that Jesus had told them in Luke 21:20 and Matthew 24:15-20. Not a Christian perished in the siege of Jerusalem four years later when Titus destroyed the city.

12. How did Christ's followers honor His holy day after the crucifixion? Luke 23:56 (NT 80).

The Bible says: -----

13. What day did the Gentiles request Paul to use to teach them about Christ? Acts 13:42-44 (NT 119).

The Bible says: -----

14. Like his Master, what did Paul do on the Sabbath? Acts 17:2 (NT 122); Acts 18:4, 11 (NT 124).

The Bible says: -----

15. On what day will all humanity come to worship God in the new earth? Isaiah 66:22, 23 (OT 595).

The Bible says: -----

2. Of which day did Jesus announce Himself as Lord? Matthew 12:8 (NT 12).

The Bible says: -----

Note: The Lord says that it is His holy day. Isaiah 58:13 (OT 590).

3. Which day is God's Sabbath? Exodus 20:8-11 (OT 72).

The Bible says: -----

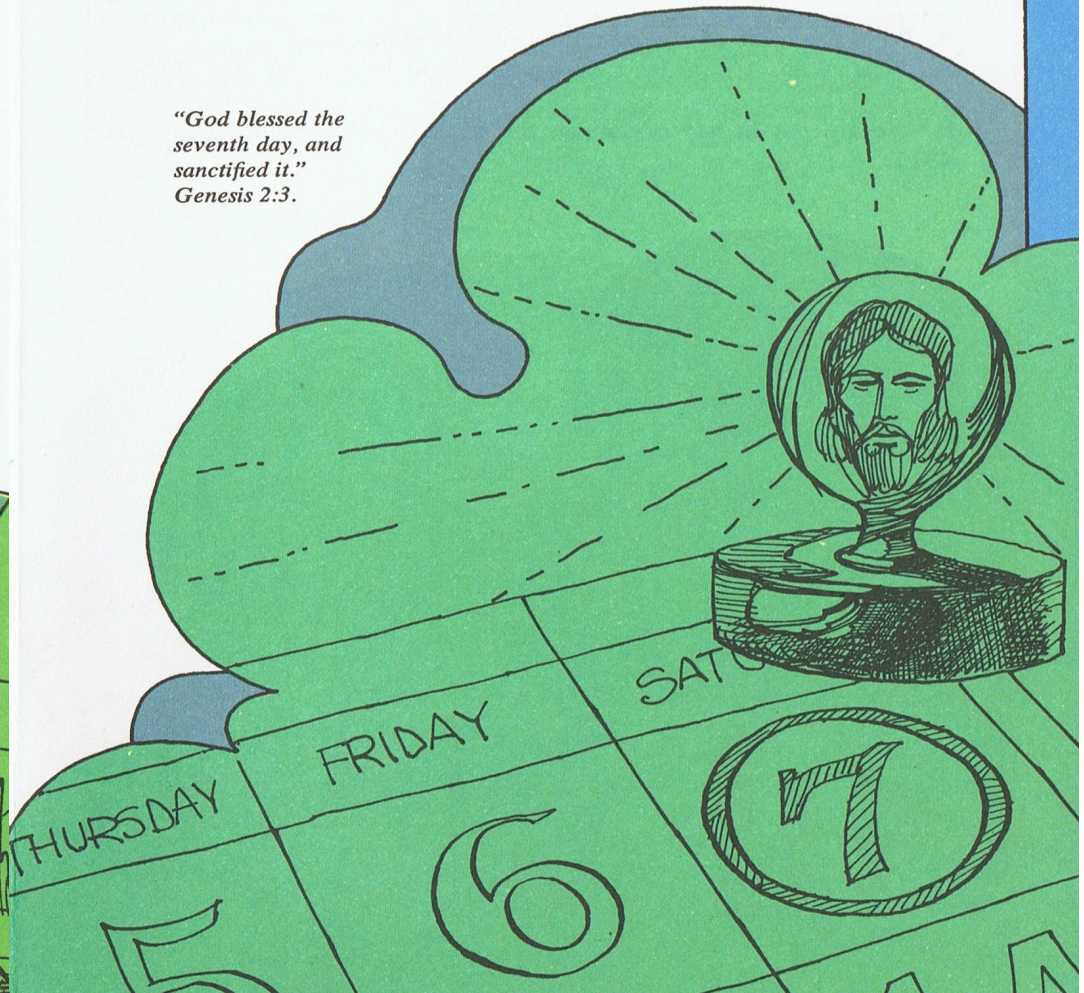
4. Which day of the week is the seventh day?

The dictionary declares, "Saturday . . . the seventh or last day of the week."—*Standard Dictionary*. (Funk & Wagnalls.)

5. When was the Sabbath created, blessed, and set aside as holy? Genesis 2:1-3 (OT 10).

The Bible says: -----

*"God blessed the
seventh day, and
sanctified it."
Genesis 2:3.*



Note: From Colossians 1:16 and John 1:1-3, 14 we learn that the Son was the active agent of creation. It was He, therefore, who rested on the seventh day and blessed and sanctified it.

6. For whom did Christ make the Sabbath? Mark 2:27, 28 (NT 34).

The Bible says: _____

7. What event does the Sabbath memorialize? Exodus 20:8-11 (OT 72).

The Bible says: "For in six days the Lord _____."

8. How many of the earth's people received the Sabbath as a memorial and a rest day? Isaiah 56:1-7 (OT 588).

The Bible says: "Mine house shall be called _____."

9. What are some of the principles of Sabbathkeeping?

A. First of all, it is to be a happy day. God blessed the day. Exodus 20:11 (OT 72).

B. We are not to buy or sell on the Sabbath. Nehemiah 10:31 (OT 431).

C. According to Isaiah 58:13 (OT 590) we are to "turn away thy foot from the sabbath, from _____

and call the sabbath _____; . . . not doing _____, nor finding _____

_____, nor speaking _____."

D. It is also a day for fellowship and communion in worship. Hebrews 10:25 (NT 196); Psalm 100:2, 4 (OT 503).

E. It should be a day to praise God for His goodness to us. Psalm 92:1-5 (OT 501). It is a day to study His created works of beauty. Psalm 111:2-4 (OT 509).

Note: The basic principle of Sabbathkeeping is to lay aside all unnecessary labor and secular activities and to devote the hours to worship of our Creator. You can do this in many ways. We need not remain idle. The Sabbath was one of Christ's busiest days. Study His life and see how He kept the Sabbath. It should be a joyful day, especially for the children, and is for our spiritual development.

10. What custom did Jesus have on the Sabbath? Luke 4:16 (NT 55).

The Bible says: _____

11. What did Jesus say indicating that the Sabbath would remain sacred after His resurrection? Matthew 24:20 (NT 25).

*"The seventh day is the sabbath
of the Lord thy God: in it
thou shalt not do any work."
Exodus 20:10.*

