

also transgress the commandment of God by your tradition? For God commanded, saying, Honour thy father and mother: and, He that curseth father or mother, let him die the death. But ye say, Whosoever shall say to his father or his mother, It is a gift, by whatsoever thou mightest be profited by me; And honour not his father or his mother, he shall be free. Thus have **ye made the commandment of God of none effect by your tradition.** Ye hypocrites, well did Esaias prophesy of you, saying, This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honoureth me with their lips; but their heart is far from me. But in vain they do worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men."

With all that we have seen so far, it is clear that God has indeed loved us, and provided for us a day of rest, by giving us a holy and blessed 24 hours for undistracted rest, that we may stop all our daily work and worship the creator of the Sabbath, – the Seventh day Saturday Sabbath – is a perpetual sign of our unity with the Creator.

Psalms 95:1-11 "O come, let us sing unto the LORD: let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation. Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise unto Him with psalms. For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods. In his hand are the deep places of the earth: the strength of the hills is His also. The sea is His, and He made it: and His hands formed the dry land. O come, let us **worship and bow down:** let us **kneel before the LORD our maker.** For He is our God; and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand. To day if ye will hear His voice, harden not your heart, as in the provocation, and as in the day of temptation in the wilderness: When your fathers tempted me, proved me, and saw my work. Forty years long was I grieved with this generation, and said, It is a people that do err in their heart, and they have not known my ways: Unto whom I swear in my wrath that they should not enter into **my rest.**"

The children of Israel constantly failed at worshipping the Creator as He had instructed them in His Word. As it says in the above Psalm, they hardened their heart toward **God's Rest Day.** They polluted the day.

Ezekiel 20:12, 13 "Moreover also I gave them **my Sabbaths,** to be a sign between me and them, that they might know that I am the LORD that sanctify them. But the house of Israel rebelled against me in the wilderness: they walked not in my statutes, and they despised my judgments, which if a man do, he shall even live in them; and **my Sabbaths they greatly polluted:** then I said, I would pour out my fury upon them in the wilderness, to consume them."

Psalm 95 exhorts us to worship our Creator on **His Day** of Rest. Paul admonishes us in the book of Hebrews, that through the everlasting gospel, we are to enter into that wonderful **Rest** that **God has provided** for our spiritual benefit, in the seventh day Sabbath. He warns us not to be like the unbelieving multitudes in the wilderness, who constantly refused to keep the commandments of God, by breaking the Sabbath and by turning to worship

other gods (days). In fact, the reason that the Lord could not take that rebellious generation of the children of Israel into the Promised Land was because they profaned God's Holy Sabbath day. **Ezekiel 20:15, 16** "Yet also I lifted up my hand unto them in the wilderness, that I would not bring them into the land which I had given them, flowing with milk and honey, which is the glory of all lands; Because they despised my judgments, and walked not in my statutes, but **polluted my Sabbaths:** for their heart went after their idols."

Paul tells us to **enter** into the experience of the refreshing, restful, and spiritually blessed time of the Seventh day Sabbath, as God did, as our example, so long ago. **To believe is to obey.**

Hebrews 4:1-11 "Let us therefore fear, lest, a promise being left us of entering into His rest, any of you should seem to come short of it. For unto us was the gospel preached, as well as unto them: but the Word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in them that heard it. For we which have **believed do enter into rest,** as he said, As I have sworn in my wrath, if **they shall enter into My rest:** although the works were finished from the foundation of the world. For he spake in a certain place of **the seventh day** on this wise, And **God did rest the seventh day** from all His works. And in this place again, **If they shall enter into My rest.** Seeing therefore it remaineth that some must enter therein, and they to whom it was first preached entered not in because of unbelief. Again, He limiteth a certain day, saying in David, To day, after so long a time; as it is said, To day if ye will hear His voice, harden not your hearts. For if Jesus had given them Rest, then would he not afterward have spoken of another day. There remaineth therefore **a *rest to the people of God.** For he that is entered into His Rest, **he also hath ceased from his own works, as God did from His.** Let us labour therefore to enter into that rest, lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief."

* The Greek word that is translated as "a rest" in verse 9, is "sabbatismos" See Strong's Concordance; Greek No. 4520. It is defined as "Sabbath rest, or Sabbath observance"

Therefore verse 9 literally reads, "**There remains a Seventh Day Sabbath observance to the people of God.**"



Which day is the right day to worship God? The Muslims worship Friday, the Adventists Saturday, and the Catholics Sunday. What day does God expect us to honour? God made seven days in the week, look at any calendar, but that doesn't prove anything, it's likely some scientist did that by the stars or something. Let us go to the Word of God, the Holy Bible, and just count the days in Genesis chapter one. Genesis 1:5 "...the evening and the morning were the first day"(Sunday) Genesis 1:8 "...And the evening and the morning were the second day."(Monday) Genesis 1:13 "And the evening and the morning were the third day."(Tuesday) Genesis 1:19 "And the evening and the morning were the fourth day."(Wednesday) Genesis 1:23 "And the evening and the morning were the fifth day."(Thursday) Genesis 1:31 "...And the evening and the morning were the sixth day." (Friday) Then, when God finished His work week makes this statement.

Genesis 2:1-3 "...And on the seventh day God ended His work which he had made; and He rested on the seventh day (Saturday) from all His work which He had made. 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."

Mark 2:27 "And he said unto them, **The Sabbath was made for man, and not man for the Sabbath.**"

So how do I know that the Seventh day that God rested upon is the Sabbath? Exodus 35:2 "Six days shall work be done, but on the seventh day there shall be to you an holy day, a Sabbath of rest to the LORD."

The Sabbath day became the **identifying sign** of the Creator God. The Seventh day Sabbath was set aside each week as a day in which the human creation would have time and opportunity to remember the Creator, and become refreshed and renewed for His service. If the Sabbath had been loved and honoured by the human Creation, no one would have forgotten the existence and claims of

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God. There would be no scoffers, atheists, or evolutionists. God asked us to remember the Sabbath, to keep it holy, and to never forget it. This is the Creator's request. "**He that hath ears to hear, let him hear.**" Matthew 11:15

Exodus 20:8-11 "**Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.** Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work: 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 made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day:** wherefore the LORD blessed the **Sabbath day**, and hallowed it."

Exodus 23:12 "Six days thou shalt do thy work, and on the **seventh day** thou shalt rest: that thine ox and thine ass may rest, and the son of thy handmaid, and the stranger, may be refreshed."

Leviticus 19:30 "Ye shall **keep my Sabbaths**, and reverence my sanctuary: I am the LORD."

The Lord says that the Sabbath day is holy unto us. The Lord also says that the Sabbath day is holy unto Him!

Exodus 31:12-18 "And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, Speak thou also unto the children of Israel, saying, 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. Ye shall **keep the Sabbath therefore; for it is holy unto you**: every one that defileth it shall surely be put to death: for whosoever doeth any work therein, that soul shall be cut off from among His people. Six days may work be done; **but in the seventh is the Sabbath of rest, holy to the LORD**: whosoever doeth any work in the Sabbath day, he shall surely be put to death. 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. And he gave unto Moses, when he had made an end of communing with him upon mount Sinai, two tables of testimony, tables of stone, written with the finger of God."

The Sabbath is a perpetual covenant between God and man. To understand the meaning of a perpetual covenant, we need look no further than the cloudy skies after rain. When you witness a rainbow, you see the sign of a covenant to perpetual generations, that God will not destroy the whole earth by water again. The Sabbath is as enduring as the rainbow, a perpetual sign.

Genesis 9:11-13 "And I will establish my covenant with you; neither shall all flesh be cut off any more by the waters of a flood; neither shall there any more be a flood to destroy the earth. And God said, This is the token of the covenant which I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for perpetual generations: I do set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be for a token of a covenant between me and the earth."

WORSHIPING THE CREATOR GOD!

Do we worship a day that God created, or do we worship the creator on the day the He Rested on? Biblically, the concept of worshiping God is bound up in the recognition that God is the Creator. Mankind has proved through time, that he needs to worship some-

thing, and in their darkness they have even lowered themselves to worshipping creatures to fill their need.

Romans 1:25 "Who changed the truth of God into a lie, **and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator**, who is blessed for ever. Amen."

Such ignorance of a loving Creator God is tragic. God gave His Creation, the perfect opportunity for worship, on the Seventh day Sabbath, by setting aside 24 hours, each week in the life of a human being, thus enabling the individual the time to wholly devote themselves to remembering the love and watch-care of a Creator God.

Let us look at some passages that clearly show that worship of God is given in recognition of the fact that he has **created** all things.

Psalms 86:8-10 "Among the gods there is none like unto thee, O Lord; neither are there any works like unto thy works. All nations whom thou hast made shall come and worship before thee, O Lord; and shall glorify thy name. For thou art great, and doest wondrous things: thou art God alone."

Revelation 4:10, 11 "The four and twenty elders fall down before Him that sat on the throne, and **worship** Him that liveth for ever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne, saying, 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."

Nehemiah 9:6 "Thou, even Thou, art LORD alone; Thou hast made heaven, the heaven of heavens, with all their host, the earth, and all things that are therein, the seas, and all that is therein, and Thou preservest them all; and the host of heaven **worshipeth Thee**."

All intelligent creation whether upon the earth or in the heavens of heavens is to worship the Creator God. The Sabbath is the **ONLY** day chosen by God, in which all creation, both in heaven and in earth, has the opportunity of unitedly showing their love and loyalty to Him, by having the time to give full and uninterrupted worship and thanks to their Creator. What has been done on this earth will be replicated throughout eternity.

Ezekiel 46:3 "Likewise the people of the land shall worship at the door of this gate before the LORD in the Sabbaths and in the new moons."

Isaiah 66:22-23 "For 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."

God loves to give us an opportunity to unite with Himself. If we keep the Sabbath, having faith in the Creator's wisdom in giving us a Holy and Blessed rest day, we will truly be able come to a better understanding of what the true worship of God is.

John 4:23 "But the hour cometh, and now is, when the **true worshippers** shall worship the Father in spirit and in **truth**: for the Father seeketh such to **worship Him**."

We must worship the Creator, and NOT the creation (i.e. a day) as many do, making a religion out of the day, instead of worshipping the Creator on the day He made for us to worship Him on.

The central theme of the everlasting Gospel is to "**Worship the Creator**". Therefore the gospel can in no way make void the Seventh day of the week, Sabbath, which is so vital in the worship of The

Creator, as directed by God himself.

Revelation 14:6, 7 "And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people, saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come: and **worship Him** that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters."

The apostle Paul was a man on a mission, who wished to proclaim the everlasting gospel of worshipping the Creator, by faithful obedience.

Acts 14:14, 15 "Which when the apostles, Barnabas and Paul, heard of, they rent their clothes, and ran in among the people, crying out, and saying, Sirs, why do ye these things? We also are men of like passions with you, and preach unto you that ye should turn from these vanities unto the living God, which made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and all things that are therein."

Acts 17:23-25 "For as I passed by, and beheld your devotions, I found an altar with this inscription, TO THE UNKNOWN GOD. Whom therefore ye ignorantly worship, him declare I unto you. God that made the world and all things therein, seeing that He is Lord of heaven and earth, dwelleth not in temples made with hands; Neither is worshipped with men's hands, as though He needed any thing, seeing He giveth to all life, and breath, and all things."

What was Paul's own confession of worship? He believed wholeheartedly in the claims of the Law of God, and by faith worshiped God accordingly. He believed in the Law, including the claims of the Sabbath commandment, and this guided his worship. For he understood Faith to be an act of Obedience.

Acts 24:14-16 "But 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: And have hope toward God, which they themselves also allow, that there shall be a resurrection of the dead, both of the just and unjust. **And herein do I exercise** (practice, strive to obey) **myself, to have always a conscience void of offence toward God, and toward men.**"

And here is the proof. Paul's manner was to keep the Sabbath day holy. Just as it was Jesus' custom to go to worship in the synagogue upon the Sabbath day and to teach the people upon that holy day – See Luke 4:16, 31, 32. He would go to the synagogue and teach on the Sabbath. Other times he would leave the cares and troubles of the city, and find peace and opportunity for prayer by the side of a river, where Creation would be better appreciated.

Acts 17:2 "And Paul, **as his manner was**, went in unto them, and three **Sabbath days** reasoned with them out of the scriptures."

Acts 16:13 "And **on the Sabbath** we went out of the city by a river side, where prayer was wont to be made; and we sat down, and spake unto the women which resorted thither."

The commandments of God give us the ultimate guide as to how to worship God acceptably. Jesus told us plainly, that when men tamper with the laws of God, they lose sight of how to acceptably worship God. When God's commandments are transgressed in any particular **our worship of God becomes vain**.

Matthew 15:3-9 "But he answered and said unto them, **Why do ye**