

Deuteronomy: God's Covenant People

[#18] *Lord of Our Time: Remember the Sabbath* – Deuteronomy 5:12–15

Sermon Outline – December 3, 2017

Children's Sermon: God's Rest

Building with Legos, Building the FFF Maze, Getting Good Grades, etc.

God's "Rest" in the Bible...

Genesis 2:1–3

¹ Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. ² And on the seventh day God finished his work that he had done, and *he rested on the seventh day* from all his work that he had done. ³ So God blessed the seventh day and *made it holy*, because on it God rested from all his work that he had done in creation.

"**Rest**" resembles the word '**peace**'... It stands for consummation of the work accomplished and the joy and satisfaction attendant upon this." ¹ (bold mine)

Moses' second address (4:44–26:19)

Notes:

How are we to understand OT law as Christians?

Answer: With our Jesus glasses on

Ceremonial, Civil & Moral

Israel, Jesus & Us

The First Three Commandments (5:6–11)

1. No **Place** for False Gods
2. No False **Images** of God
(Misrepresenting God; false gods)
3. No False **Speech**



Keep the Sabbath (5:12–15; Cf. 14:22–16:17)

Exodus 20:8–11

⁸ "**Remember** the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. ⁹ Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, ¹⁰ but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your

¹² " ***Observe*** the Sabbath day, to keep it holy, as the Lord your God commanded you. ¹³ Six days you shall labor and do all your work, ¹⁴ but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God. On it you shall not do any work, you or your son

¹ Vos, Geerhardus (2000). *Biblical Theology: Old and New Testaments* (p. 140). The Banner of Truth Trust.

<p>God. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or <u>your livestock</u>, or the sojourner who is within your gates. ¹¹ For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day. Therefore the LORD <u>blessed the Sabbath day</u> and <u>made it holy</u>.</p>	<p>or your daughter or your male servant or your female servant, or <u>your ox or your donkey or any of your livestock</u>, or the sojourner who is within your gates, that your male servant and your female servant may rest as well as you. ¹⁵ You shall remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and the Lord your God brought you out from there with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm. Therefore the Lord your God <u>commanded you to keep the Sabbath day</u>.</p>
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What did the Sabbath mean to Israel?

1. Creation Mandate:

- Exodus 20 Remember to imitate God. **(Moral)**

Entering the joy of God's finished work of creation.

2. Sign of the Mosaic Covenant: **(Ceremonial, Civil)**

Exodus 31:12–17 (final instruction on Mt. Sinai)

¹² And the Lord said to Moses, ¹³ “You are to speak to the people of Israel and say, ‘Above all you shall **keep my Sabbaths**, for **this is a sign between me and you** throughout your generations (Cf. Genesis 17:1–14), that you may know that I, the Lord, sanctify you. ¹⁴ You shall keep the Sabbath, because it is holy for you. Everyone who profanes it shall be put to death (civil law). Whoever does any work on it, that soul shall be cut off from among his people. ¹⁵ Six days shall work be done, but the seventh day is a Sabbath of solemn rest, holy to the Lord. Whoever does any work on the Sabbath day shall be put to death. ¹⁶ Therefore the people of Israel shall **keep the Sabbath**, observing the Sabbath throughout their generations, as a covenant forever. ¹⁷ It is **a sign** forever between me and the people of Israel that in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, and on the seventh day he rested and was refreshed.’ ”

- Deuteronomy 5, *Redemption from slavery*. **Freed to enter God's *new creation* rest.**
- *A time of rest and refreshment* (Cf. Exod. 23:12). **(Ceremonial; Civil)**
- *A day of holy convocation* (Lev. 23:2–3). **(Civil)**

The Sabbath Law Taken to Heart

- Help for the Poor (Like God)
- Rejoice before the Lord

Entering God's New Creation Rest (Shadow)

Psalm 95:6–11

⁶ Oh come, let us *worship* and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker! ⁷ For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand. Today, if you hear his voice, ⁸ *do not harden your hearts*, as at Meribah, as on the day at Massah in the wilderness, ⁹ when your fathers put me to the test and put me to the proof, though they had seen my work. ¹⁰ For forty years I loathed that generation and said, “They are a people who go astray in their heart, and they have not known my ways.” ¹¹ Therefore I swore in my wrath, “*They shall not enter my rest*.” (Hebrews 3 &4)

Today's Clear Biblical Bullet...
Trust God's promised new creation blessings.



**If we will not do what God has commanded,
then we have not entered God's rest.**

Jesus is Our Sabbath Rest

Jesus Secures Our “Seventh Day” Rest

John 5:16–17 (Jesus healed a cripple)

¹⁶ And this was why the Jews were persecuting Jesus, because *he was doing these things on the Sabbath*. ¹⁷ But Jesus answered them, “My Father is working until now, and I am working.”

Colossians 2:13–17 (Start at v. 16)

¹³ And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together

with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, ¹⁴ by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, **nailing it to the cross**. ¹⁵ He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him.

¹⁶ Therefore let no one pass judgment on you in questions of food and drink, or with regard to a festival or a new moon or **a Sabbath**. ¹⁷ These are a shadow of the things to come, but the substance belongs to Christ.

...Fired at our Life & Heart

We are to trust the finished work of Jesus and joyfully offer the remainder of our life in service to Him!



Entering the New Creation Rest of our Savior

Hebrews 4:8–13

⁸ For if Joshua had given them rest, God would not have spoken of another day later on. ⁹ So then, **there remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God**, ¹⁰ for whoever has entered God's rest has also rested from his works as God did from his. ¹¹ **Let us therefore strive to enter that rest**, so that no one may fall by the same sort of disobedience. ¹² For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. ¹³ And no creature is hidden from his sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give account.

Expressions of Our Sabbath Rest: **Jesus is Lord of Our Time/Life**

- The Creation Mandate to Rest Every Week
- Joyful Worship:
 - Helping the Poor (Physical & Spiritual)
 - Hospitality (Love of Strangers)
 - Rejoicing in Our New Life in Jesus
 - Gathered Worship
 - Discipling (Love of Brothers & Sisters)