

The Sabbath - His rest, the Lord's Day.

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There's one word, one phrase that's used in the scriptures, in the Word that I think that you have great need to understand. It's a word probably that most people have never understood. I know religious people have never understood it. Denominations are confused totally by it, and some denominations even build their church and their doctrine based upon what they believe this word means; and the word, is "Sabbath". The Sabbath. Jesus said He was the Lord of the Sabbath. He was the Lord of the Sabbath; therefore, why would they say things to Him doing His work on the Sabbath? What is this "Sabbath" that is referred to, this Sabbath? Or Sabbath day? Now, a day to the Lord may be a thousand years. A day may be an eternity. A day may be a time; a given period of time without start or without finish, a period of time that is measured by God, and so let's look at the Sabbath day. What is it?

When man begins to do his own work, he begins to set his body up in motion, in life. He begins to achieve thoughts in his mind. He begins to do work with his hands. He begins to do labor with his life throughout, and then, he does all these things on day 1, day 2, day 3, day 4, and day 5, and day 6, which day 6 is the works of men. In other words, when a man receives his most efficient operation in his own opinion. He's doing his most glorious work in his own opinion. He's finished college. He's got a great degree. He's got a great job. He's making a lot of money, and he's a man of the world. He is a man doing day #6, day 6. Day 6 is the works of men. He's out there doing his own plowing, his own work. He's doing his own labor. He's doing his own conditions.

So, what is the Sabbath? The Sabbath is according to what the Lord said in Gen. 1 and 2. The Lord did six days of work, and on the seventh day, He hallowed it. He made it holy, and He made it the day of rest. "And God then rested from all His labors

on that day." And, He has never entered into work again since. He has rested from His labors and is resting now as the world is doing its own, and the Spirit of God is going forth to do the work over the earth as God decreed, and the Father is resting. The Sabbath day is the seventh day, when all things are complete, and the day of holiness that man should reverence. He should not do his own works on that day because it's a day of holy days. God worked only six days. He did all the creation of the earth. He made the body, which is the earth, and all the fullness thereof, and all the heavens. He made all the things that you see growing; the grass and the plants and the animals and everything, and man does the same thing. He cultivates his own land, which is his own body: heart, mind, soul and all. He cultivates that as he's a child, as he begins to grow, and then he does all the things that he can do, and when he gets to the place where he has done his most greatest achievement, he's on day six, day six, but he's short of the glory of God. He's short of God's creation, short of God's needs. And so then day number seven, the Sabbath day, is the day that He knows that He has reached His limits. He has need of a savior. He has need of God. He has need of a recreation. He has need of regeneration. He has need to be born again. He has need to know the Lord and he accepts Jesus, and he asks God to come in his life and Jesus to be his saviour and to be his redeemer. Then, that becomes the Sabbath day. On that day, he is to cease his own works. He is to cease his own doing. He is to cease his own decisions. He is to humble himself and to be humbled and God becomes his Creator, his God, his Redeemer and does his work. All he needs to do from that day forth is to declare and to confess and to repent and to lay his works upon the Lord, to lay them upon the Lord, and Jesus becomes the Lord of the Sabbath. And so the Scripture says, "Remember the Sabbath, to keep it holy." The Sabbath day is the day when you enter into the rest of the Lord, found in Hebrews chapter 3 and 4. It's a day that you enter into the rest of the Lord. You're resting in Him. He is doing His work, and you are resting. You are resting from your labors. You are resting from your mental, physical, earthly

type of labors so the Lord can prepare you for spiritual conditions that you might live in Him, and you might rest in Him and He will do the work. You're no longer doing your own fightings. You're no longer doing your own strivings. You're no longer doing your self-will and your disobedience and your rebellion and all the other crap that you do in your life, but you have given over to the Lord. And the seventh day is the day of rest, the day of the Lord; the Sabbath day. It is the holy Sabbath day. Now, if you will apply that to everywhere it says in the Scripture where it says "Sabbath", you'll begin to understand what it means, that on the Sabbath day, you should not do those things that are your work. You should let the Lord do His works. The Sabbath day begins when you have accepted the Lord and He becomes the Lord of your life, not just because you make a mouth job on it, but because you truly in your heart mean it. Truly in your heart, you have sought Him to save you, and truly in your heart, you have given your life over to Him to save you, to recondition you, to reclaim you, to regenerate you, to give you the newness of life that you might have eternal life in Him. That becomes the Sabbath day, because at that point on you and your labors mean nothing. You and your labor that you would do to recreate yourself or to give yourself newness of life is all an abomination and a sin unto God. Any of your good works is a sin unto God. Any of your good deeds is a sin unto God, because it's done by the flesh and by the desire of the flesh and by the will of man, and not the will of God. Therefore, it says, "Remember the Sabbath, to keep it holy." Stay out of your own works. Stay out of your own doings. Stay out of your own thinking, and leave it in the Lord's hands to let Him do it. It becomes His day and the day that He is doing His work. It will last from the time that you accept the Lord, thereafter, forever and ever. That is the Sabbath day, the day of rest of man, the day that the Lord has created for Himself, the day that the Lord set aside. He said, "When you have reached that point, and you can't go any farther, and you decide that you want to enter into the rest; you want to enter into the Lord's day, you enter in then, by accepting Him as the Lord and Saviour of your life. You're no

longer doing your own works, your own desires, reaching and striving for your own gain, but you have put it in the Lord's hands that He will take care of it, and that becomes the holy Sabbath day. That is exactly what the Scripture means by the "Sabbath day", and always has meant by the "Sabbath day". It is the day of worship, the day that you worship the Lord, and that day is a continuous one day, and has nothing to do with the sun going up and the sun coming down. It has to do with the time, from the time that Jesus becomes the Lord of your life and God is the Regenerator of your life and the Changer of your life, and God is the core of your life, and God is the strength of your life, and God is the holiness of your life. From that moment forth, it becomes the day of the Lord or the Sabbath day in your life----ever and forever here on this earth and in the kingdom to come. That is the Sabbath day. The Sabbath day is the day of the Lord, the day of rest.

If you will begin to put it into Scripture now, you'll begin to see how it really fits in. It has nothing to do with a Monday, Tuesday, or Saturday, or Sunday or any of that stuff that man created upon this earth, for God does not see the sun rise nor the sun go down. He sees the sun, the earth, the moon, the stars and all the creation of the millions and trillions of galaxies. He sees them all as one and in an instant of time.

He has every one of them under His control at all times seeing no day and night. For to Him a day and night stands for darkness of the devil; and therefore, He has all light. There is a continuous day and continuous light in His kingdom. Therefore, do not look at the sun going up and coming down. That's just a man's sign that he can use so that he might be able to divide time, and he might divide seasons and years. It has nothing to do with Sabbath day. The Sabbath day is the day of holiness of God. It is the day when the Lord becomes Lord of your life and He rules and reigns in it. And so, each person who has the Sabbath has a different Sabbath day. So, when it says, "Remember the Sabbath, to keep it holy" that's exactly what it means. From the day when you begin to walk with the Lord and it becomes His day, keep it holy! Don't go

back and do your own works, but do the works of the Lord, and let the Lord do His works within you. And when it said that Jesus says, "I am the Lord of the Sabbath", He means that if you have a Sabbath day within you and you're ever going to have a Sabbath day and live it, then He is the Lord of that day in your life from that point on.

And so if He becomes the Lord of the Sabbath, then you have a Sabbath day that you've entered into, you've made Him the Lord. Then don't go back and do your own works and do your own plowing and your own mending, but put it in the Lord's hands. In other words, by confession, by repentance, by declaring, and by the Word of God, confess it over to the Lord and let Jesus be the Lord of your life, for He's the Lord of your Sabbath, and enter into the rest of God, the rest of God, God's rest. For God's rest and the Sabbath day fit together, fit together as one. The Lord of the Sabbath is Jesus. Do you understand what the Sabbath is now? The Sabbath is that holy day of the Lord when man has ceased from doing his own works; lay them down and saying, "Lord, my life is Yours," and he lays his life in Jesus' hands from that point on. He must not go back and take it up again. That's why it says when you've gone to the Sabbath day, remember that Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Do not go back and do works. Do not go back to the flesh. Do not go back to man. Do not go back to the primitive things that you used to do and worship with your hands and worship with your mouth: but instead, worship with your heart, your soul, and all your inward man with the truth within and serve the Lord, for the Lord is to come in at that time and be sitting on the throne of man within his own heart, and He takes over. Jesus, then, becomes the Lord of the Sabbath, the rest of man, the rest that man has entered into. The children in the wilderness never entered into that rest. They never knew the Sabbath day. They never got to that point. That's why they worshipped on a Saturday. They never had a Sabbath day, and so man, for his own seeing, made Sunday the Sabbath day, the next day because that was the seventh day, and man never got into it. Still hasn't entered into it in this world. Man still has not seen the true Sabbath and entered into it yet. He's still

worshipping on a day of the week and making that his Sabbath, instead of the Lord being the Lord of the Sabbath as a condition, as a rest that a man has by seeking God, he's trying to make it himself by doing it on a Sunday and calling that the holy Sabbath. Soooo terrible that man has not seen his Lord and has not known His ways. He has not known the truth. He has only known denominationalism and religion.

The Sabbath is God's holy day. It is the day that man has finished his work as number six. Six days are given unto man. The seventh is the Lord's. So, when he has finished his works and has decided that he can't go any further, he strived and tried and did the best he could do, and he saw that he fell short. But some men never enter into the seventh. They stop on the sixth. Religious man goes to six and stops, and he worships in sixth. Religious man worships the sixth day. He worships the works of man. He worships by his own thinking. He worships by his own reading. He worships by his hands. He worships by his giving money. He worships by his giving work. He worships by his giving works upon the earth instead of doing them in the Lord, instead of going into the Lord and receiving the Sabbath day, he is constantly doing it under man's sixth day--the works of men, the power of men; and sure, it's religion, but it's not Christianity. It's not the Christianity that God would have man to know. It is the works of man by his mind, and by the power of his hands instead of by his confession and his repentance and brokenness, instead of by having Jesus as the core of his heart. He knows Jesus---he knows of Him, but he doesn't know Him in his heart. He knows Him by reading, but he doesn't know Him by sight. He knows Him by hearing, but he doesn't know Him by closeness and touch and feel. He doesn't see His face. He hasn't seen His glory. He's only heard about it, but when He's seen it and heard it and it's near unto him, and he's walking hand in hand with Jesus and he's seen His face, and he's fed His goodness and tasted the sweetness of His glory, he will go in then and enter into the seventh day, the day of holiness, the Sabbath day. And when he's entered into that, if he's truly entered into it and has known the Lord, he will not turn back. He will do

anything to keep from turning back. He will destroy sin in his life. He will destroy unrighteousness through confession and repentance, and let Jesus do the works of his life. And Jesus will cause him to cleanse it, purify it, and make it the day of rest, that Sabbath day that extends for eternity within: and that is the meaning of the Sabbath day. It is the period of time when man has accepted Jesus, not accepted Him by Saviour, but has made Him Lord of his life and has truly given himself over to Jesus to be the Lord of his life. He stops his striving. He stops his working. He stops his doing. He stops his growth of himself and he lays it into the Lord's hands and he humbles himself before the Lord and God takes over his work. He then has entered into the day of rest, and boy, when he enters into that Sabbath day, that day of rest, he no longer has that worry and that fear and that striving within. He lays it all aside, the burdens and the cares of the day are gone because Jesus is the mighty Master and the Lord of His Sabbath. If He still has strivings, and worries, and fears, he has not entered rest yet. He has entered into either an imitation, or he is kidding himself trying to think he has entered in when he has not, or he's fooling himself by believing something that he doesn't have. For, when he's entered into it, there is no doubt. He will know it because he will rest within from his labor. He will rest within from his labors, and never pick them up again: and any attempt to pick them up again by the devil, he will lay it aside and he will know to put it back and lay it down. For, he will know that it is the holy day of the Lord, the day of the Lord's work within him, and he is at rest. That's why Jesus said that He was the Lord of the Sabbath, so that He could do the work in man for that day. On the Sabbath, Jesus does His work. That's why He said that He was doing His healing. On the Sabbath, He was healing people. He was setting people free. He was trying to explain to the Jews and the Pharisees that that was His day in man. That was the holy day and He was the Lord of that Sabbath, and it was His day of healing. It was His day of resurrection for men. It was His day for regenerating men. It was His day that He did the work in them, because the first six days, man did his own work and strived for

himself in all of his rebellion and disobedience, insubordination and deviousness, and all these other lies, and all these other sins. He did his own work, but on that day, the seventh day, he has to give it to the Lord and on the seventh day, man cannot work, must not work, should not work, cannot. For if he does so, he will pollute, destroy, make unholy, sin on that day. For that is the day that he enters into the rest of the Lord, and the day that he does His own work, or God does his work, and his own work, man's work is laid aside forever. No longer will you strive. No longer will you do your own work. No longer will you set yourself up to grow and to be big. But, if he should fall back from the Sabbath, then he's deluded the Sabbath. He has made it unholy, and he has taken away from the Lord the day of the Sabbath, the Lord has established. Therefore, when you enter the Sabbath day, remember to keep it holy. Therefore, remember, that when you enter into the day of rest, the Sabbath day of the Lord, that He is the Master and the Lord of the Sabbath. And remember that the Sabbath day is the time of man's rest, a man's rest. He rests from his labor, from all of his works on the earth, all of his works in the flesh; so that God will become his only provider, his only source, his only way, and Jesus will be your way of life. Are you hearing me? Do you understand it? Now what you need to do is you need to run a study. Get the concordance out and look up the word "Sabbath": and you need to run a study, and you need to plug in for each place that says, "Sabbath", you put into that with your understanding, your mental, spiritual understanding, that this Sabbath means "the day of the Lord", the day beginning when you have accepted Him as Lord and given your life over to Him, and you begin to read it with that understanding and you'll see a new thing in the scripture. Then take also and do a study to find out all the places where "Sabbath" is listed. What does it say? What does it mean? Now you'll begin to understand how that Sabbath would apply, and how it doesn't affect anything to do with six or seven days of the week, or man's creation of the week, or man's calendar. It doesn't have anything to do with that. It has to do with a period of time that the Lord

owns your life and that Jesus is the Master of it. Put it in the concordance. Look it up in the scriptures, and then begin to study it. Do a study. Write it up! Find out what it all means so that you have understanding, so that you have knowledge because the Lord says you perish because you lack knowledge. Knowledge is the Word revealed with understanding in life in your heart. So put it that way so that you'll have it. Do a study with a concordance of the word "Sabbath" and then you'll see how it fits in.