Matt 117

Doctrine of the Sabbath

I want to send a shout out and thank you to a few folks like Revell….Allison and Jessica because of the positive feedback and financial support it has really lifted me up.

Also, I want to thank Cameron as well and I want to mention to anyone on line who is interested in a Bible Conference I know Cameron is in Missouri and he is looking into a 2020 Bible Conference in his area.

There may be some folks who are in the background or just hear this message and may be in that general area…I suggest contacting Cameron right here on this page.

Cameron often will leave a comment on my messages and perhaps you folks can contact each other and get a dialog going as to who wants to be involved in a Bible Conference.

Just a thought and by the way it is something that my wife has even suggested going forward that I attempt a few conferences a year if people will support them it is a good chance for face to face meetings and teachings and also an opportunity that may open the beginning stages of establishing a church…we simply don’t know until we take that step out in faith.

Please keep that in prayer.

Also… thanks for the kind words and prayers about my new grandson…he is healthy and happy. Angel Gabriel Garcia!

Now our study on the Sabbath came forth because of our study in Matthew.

/Mat 12:1 At that time Jesus went through the grainfields on the Sabbath, and His disciples became hungry and began to pick the heads *of grain* and eat. 2 But **when the Pharisees saw *this****,* they said to Him, “Look, **Your disciples do what is not lawful to do on a Sabbath**.”\

We noted the first mentioned principle in scripture last lesson and in this case, it was back in Genesis chapter 2.

Then God set a mandate concerning rest and having a Sabbath when He began supernaturally feeding the Exodus generation with manna from the heavens.

In Exodus chapter 20 we see God establishing the commandments for the nation of Israel.

/Exo 20:11 “For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day; therefore **the LORD blessed the sabbath day and made it holy**. (Deu 5:12 & Lev 23:3)\

Though it was established much earlier it became the fourth commandment and written into law.

The Jewish calendar is different than what we see today because the seventh day of the week for the Jews was a Saturday.

Sunday was the beginning of the week.

Over the course of hundreds of years…it became obvious in the Age of Israel that observing Saturday could be distorted too easily.

/The Jews began to set up rules and regulations that were ridiculous and had nothing to do with grace. The Sabbath was not designed for overt activity, it was designed for mental worship, thanksgiving, rest - to remember grace. Therefore, God had to change it. \

So we have the grace recognition of the Sabbath mentioned Hebrews 3:11.

Turn to Hebrews chapter 3.

This is also known as the moment by moment Sabbath whereby you depend day by day and rest entirely on what God has provided. That was the reality of the original shadow of the Sabbath.

/But as is the case for the C.A. dispensation something new has emerged that is the completion of what was initiated thousands of years earlier. The seeds planted earlier, the shadow of rituals and commands come to fruition after the Cross of Christ.\

Heb 3:4 For every house is built by someone, but the builder of all things is God.

[Heb 3:5](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/heb/3/5/s_1136005) Now Moses was faithful in all His house as a servant, for a testimony of those things which were to be spoken later;

/[Heb 3:6](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/heb/3/6/s_1136006) but Christ *was faithful* as a Son over His house—**whose house we are**, if we hold fast our confidence and the boast of our hope firm until the end.

A house is a structure built over time it changes in appearance, in stages, until it is a safe haven, completed!\

Reflection of OT into NT.

[Heb 3:7](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/heb/3/7/s_1136007) Therefore, just as the Holy Spirit says, “TODAY IF YOU HEAR HIS VOICE,

Now we are looking backward at the nation of Israel in the beginning stages…dispensation of the Jews.

[Heb 3:8](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/heb/3/8/s_1136008) DO NOT HARDEN YOUR HEARTS AS WHEN THEY PROVOKED ME,
AS IN THE DAY OF TRIAL IN THE WILDERNESS,

[Heb 3:9](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/heb/3/9/s_1136009) WHERE YOUR FATHERS TRIED *Me* BY TESTING *Me,* AND SAW MY WORKS FOR FORTY YEARS.

[Heb 3:10](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/heb/3/10/s_1136010) “THEREFORE I WAS ANGRY WITH THIS GENERATION, AND SAID, ‘THEY ALWAYS GO ASTRAY IN THEIR HEART, AND THEY DID NOT KNOW MY WAYS’;

/[Heb 3:11](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/heb/3/11/s_1136011) AS I SWORE IN MY WRATH,
‘**THEY SHALL NOT ENTER MY REST**.’”\

The moment by moment Sabbath is doctrine in the soul, capacity builds up- the soul structure begins to fill up.

/The soul structure has a gas tank- it represents our grace capacity based on doctrine, and God pouring and pouring into that tank. That can become Super-grace at some point (highest level SM). Bel learns to rest in a moment by moment Sabbath. In other words, God doesn’t bless on one day of the week, God blesses on every day of the week.\

One thing that happened when the Church Age superseded the Age of Israel is that Saturday was set aside. Saturday was a time of animal sacrifices, a time of a specialized priesthood, the priesthood of the tribe of Levi. It was a time for special activities and a time for assembly worship. But the Jewish Age ended suddenly with the cross, the resurrection, the ascension and the session of Jesus Christ. And as the Jewish Age terminated, very shortly thereafter the Church Age began. REPEAT

/Now in the C.A. every Bel is a priest, so things are different. Now there is no longer a special day. Every Bel is a priest and the objective is for every Bel priest to become spiritually self-sustaining. The priesthood of Aaron is set aside until the future Millennium. \

There was a definite reason the Jews avoided a Sunday Sabbath because it interfered with their man-made rituals.

There were a couple of feasts that the Jews had that really bothered them The Passover they could handle because that was a day which began the feast of unleavened bread.

The feast of unleavened bread they could handle. But on the first Sunday, and always on Sunday, they had the feast of the first-fruits and that used to drive them up the wall.

To this day it is a thorn for true Orthodox Jews.

/The reason was that the *Feast of the First Fruits* speaks of resurrection - the resurrection of Jesus Christ - and it was always on Sunday, Sunday Sabbath didn’t fit their agenda. A Sabbath to them was any day that they worshipped. Often a priest would go out by himself and wave a sheaf of grain before the Lord (Feast of the First Fruits). \ REPEAT

Fifty days from that Sunday there was another observation which always bothered them because fifty days from Sunday is always a Sunday - Pentecost.

/Jesus Christ was resurrected on a Sunday; Jesus Christ began the Church on the first Pentecost Sunday, fifty days after His resurrection. Jesus Christ was forty days on the earth before He ascended to the right hand of the Father. Another ten days and then the Church began on Sunday.\

REPEAT

 So there has to be a day when assembly worship is authorized, when they all come together, and it was Sunday. We observe the resurrection and the beginning of the Church Age every Sunday.

/The Jews always had to have a Sabbath day; we have a first day. This is something new, something that begins all over again. This is why Sunday became the day of celebration/Sabbath for Christians.\

This is a disputed and heated topic between Orthodox Jews and Christians today.

In addition to the super-grace Sabbath there was also an eternal Sabbath, which is also a moment by moment Sabbath - Matthew 11:28. This refers to eternal salvation.

Which we just study and see how it all ties in!

/Mat 11:28 Come to Me (believe), all who are weary and heavy-laden, and **I will give you rest.**

Eternal security gives us the greatest rest in mind, body & spirit!\

The Jews began to fold under self-made regulations added unto God’s commands and observing the Sabbath day and all the rituals push them further from a relationship with God as religion always does.

/Due to arrogance and religion, they had to be reminded. In Leviticus chapter 25, God implemented a seventh year, a sabbatical year. On the seventh year they were to stop all sowing, all planting, all harvesting.\

This would be a time for people to rest and reap the benefit of years of hard work and also for the land to rest and have a clean slate to re-start.

This might not make sense under a secular economy…it looks as though people will starve.

But no. God says, “If you will stop on the seventh year and make it a memorial to grace, then grace will provide what you need.”

Of course, they never would. God called their bluff right from the start: the Sabbath would never mean a thing to them.

/They never observed the sabbatical year, and finally, in a period of 490 years of Jewish history they had missed seventy Sabbath years. In turn, God then gave them all the seventy years in captivity. \

This began the cycle of discipline that actually leads us into the 7 year Tribulation. But first it put them under the authority of Unbels like the Assyrians and Babylon’s and Persians.

God knew that they would not observe the Sabbath, or the sabbatical year, so He gave them another one: the Jubilee year.

/The Jubilee year is found in Leviticus chapter 25 and this is a theological term - *a generation test*. On the 15th year everyone who owned property was to return it, anyone in slavery / debt was forgiven. Again, on the fiftieth year they failed to observe it. Total rejection of the Sabbath commands for the nation of Israel.\

It was total because they had no doctrine. They were filled with legalism or the polar opposite, they had become like heathens (Unbels). The Sabbath is a ritual, not just a day, it had meaning and needed respect and strict adherence.

Observing the day was a ritual connected with BD, acknowledging and living in God’s standard.

Sabbath means rest, and the Jews had to stop working because that is physical rest. But that is rest ritual and it is not meaningful unless you have doctrine in the soul to appreciate it. The Lord’s table, the communion table, is not meaningful unless you have doctrine in the soul to appreciate it. And so it was with the Jews in the past. Doctrine in the soul was necessary. REPEAT

Otherwise it is all fluff and lip service.

Turn to Colossians chapter two.

Now in the Church Age the Sabbath is interrupted even as the Age of Israel is interrupted. This is taught in Col 2:16,17.

As the Church Age interrupts the Age of Israel so the Saturday Sabbath is set aside.

/Now in the Church Age we start with something brand new. On the Day of Pentecost, the first day of the Church Age (Sunday), God the Holy Spirit took all Bels in Jerusalem and entered them into a union with Christ (Baptism of Holy Spirit). Entering into union with Jesus Christ, means that Christianity is not a religion, it is a relationship (marriage, family, body). \ REPEAT

Now in Colossians we see Paul coming back from being out of the plan of God.

Apostle Paul had been following his emotions and had gotten side tracked into Jerusalem where God the HS didn’t want him to go. Paul had a deep love for his people the Jews and even those still involved in Judaism and it got him into some trouble. Remember Paul had family and friends connected to the Scribes and Pharisees.

This was one of the prison Epistles of Paul’s and probably written around 60 AD or shortly thereafter.

This would be followed up by his letters to Timothy then Titus which marked the last years of the Apostle Paul.

 Important because the miracles and healings had ceased and the completed canon of scripture for Paul was at its last stages, probably within 5 or 6 years before Paul was put to death.

Paul is addressing false teachers…misconceptions about the Sabbath, circumcision and the spiritual life in general.

Col 2:13 When you were dead in your transgressions and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He made you alive together with Him, having forgiven us all our transgressions,

[Col 2:14](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/col/2/14/s_1109014) having canceled out the certificate of debt consisting of decrees against us, which was hostile to us; and He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross.

[Col 2:15](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/col/2/15/s_1109015) When He had disarmed the rulers and authorities, He made a public display of them, having triumphed over them through Him.

This calls out what happen the 3 days TLJC was suppose to be in that tomb. He went into the bowels of the earth and proclaimed His victory.

Now here it gets important for CA Bels;

/[Col 2:16](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/col/2/16/s_1109016) Therefore **no one is to act as your judge** in regard to **food or drink** or in respect to **a festival** or **a new moon** or **a Sabbath day**— (Rom 14)\

Pretty clear statement from the Apostle who wrote the majority of the NT.

This lines up pretty well with his teaching to the Romans as well.

As a Bel priest and bride of TLJC let no one put a standard on what you do in your spiritual walk Royal Family….its between you & God!

[Col 2:17](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/col/2/17/s_1109017) things which are a *mere* shadow of what is to come; but the substance belongs to Christ.

EVERYTHING IS FULFULLED IN TLJC!

**/**[Col 2:18](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/col/2/18/s_1109018) Let no one keep defrauding you of your prize by **delighting in self-abasement and the worship of the angels,** taking his stand **on *visions*** he has seen, inflated without cause by his fleshly mind,\

Does this remind anyone of legalistic teachings and denominational dogma?

TEE-PINE-AH-FRO-SUIT-A - is that long Greek noun for *self-abasement*. It points to self-suffering for the purpose of attention…giving the appearance of humility. It is an outward show!

Man-made religion and the nonsense that goes with it!

Remember…they were at a point now where miracles, signs, tongues…water baptism and even the Sabbath were being replaced with CA mystery Doctrine.

[Col 2:19](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/col/2/19/s_1109019) and not holding fast to the head, from whom the entire body, being supplied and held together by the joints and ligaments, grows with a growth which is from God.

**/**[Col 2:20](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/col/2/20/s_1109020) If **you have died with Christ to the elementary principles of the world**, why, as if you were living in the world, **do you submit yourself to decrees** (*dogmatizō*), such as,\

 IF is in 1st class condition….YOU ARE!!

DOG-MA-TEEZ-OH has the meaning of a set of laws or ordinances that you submit too…this is man made laws and rituals….in fact the root word is DOGMA…where we get that English word from.

[Col 2:21](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/col/2/21/s_1109021) “Do not handle, do not taste, do not touch!”

[Col 2:22](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/col/2/22/s_1109022) (which all *refer* *to* things destined to perish with use)—in accordance with the commandments and teachings of men?

/Col 2:23 These are matters which have, to be sure, **the appearance of wisdom** in **self-made religion** and **self-abasement** and severe treatment of the body, *but are* of **no value** against fleshly indulgence.\ ELABORATE REPEAT

I’ll put some of Romans chapter 14 on board so you can see the similarities.

/Rom 14:4 **Who are you to judge the servant of another**? To his own master he stands or falls; and he will stand, for the Lord is able to make him stand.\

This lines up perfectly with what Paul taught to the church at Colossae and Laodicea …because that Colossians letter was addressed for Bels all in and around that city.

/[Rom 14:5](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/rom/14/5/s_1060005) One person regards one day above another, another regards every day *alike.* **Each person must be fully convinced in his own mind**.\

He is talking to Bels here.

Bel priests who understand BD and that lack of faith is sin nothing to do with rituals that have been fulfilled already.

We each answer to God about our own spiritual walk.

/[Rom 14:6](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/rom/14/6/s_1060006) **He who observes the day, observes it for the Lord**, and he who eats, does so for the Lord, for he gives thanks to God; and he who eats not, for the Lord he does not eat, and gives thanks to God.\

The doctrine of Sabbath runs much deeper for the CA Bel we are to live in faith we are to apply each and every day.

You may set aside every Monday night for a time to worship God and rest and give thanks to Him…it’s up to you!

The truth of it is for CA Bel we need a moment by moment relationship with God that is dependent on a relaxed mind.

The call to assembly for Bible Class is just as important today as it was thousands of years ago.

/Heb 10:24 and let us **consider how to stimulate one another** to love and good deeds, 25 **not forsaking our own assembling together**, as is the habit of some, but encouraging *one another;* and all the more as you see the day drawing near.\

What you are doing right now is Bible study it is the highest form of worship and it is pulling people together. We have access to world wide communication which is a blessing if it is used the right way.

/Heb 4:9 So **there remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God**. 10 For **the one who has entered His rest** has himself also rested from his works, as God did from His.\

The rest we have now isn’t dependent on a date on the calendar though you should have respect for assembling together when it is available to you.

The rest we have in the CA is much deeper… the shadow is now fulfilled and something we live in every day.

/[Heb 4:11](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/heb/4/11/s_1137011) Therefore let us be diligent to enter that rest, so that no one will fall, through *following* the same example of disobedience.\