Matt 118

Wedding I did Sat….Walter & Joy-el

SABBATH

We will note the importance of rest and the fact that TLJC gives us that rest and He punctuated that rest by His resurrection which points us to a new beginning.

This all started from the first mentioned principle we have looked at from the beginning of the Bible;

/Gen 2:2 By the seventh day God completed His work which He had done, and **He rested** (*shabath*) **on the seventh day** from all His work which He had done.\

We will see that rest is needed for true faith and that is the result of spiritual growth because you can not have operational faith without a relaxed mental attitude.

REPEAT

When I began this study we looked at 4 important principles which I’ll highlight again and then focus on the 4th principle to close out this series.

The study in the sabbath had us look at these 4 principles;

/1. It is a creation mandate just as is marriage, procreation, labor, and dominion (Gen 2:1-3)

2. It is a moral commandmentfrom the Creator of the universe just as is the prohibition against worshipping other gods, murdering, committing adultery, stealing, or lying (Ex 20:1-17)\

REPEAT ELABORATE

/3. It remains a binding dutyupon man (not just Israel) for *the Son of Man* continues to be Lord of the Sabbath (Mat 12:8 Mar 2:27-28)

4. It marks the beginning of the new creationat the Lord’s resurrection (Mar 16:9; Acts 20:7; 1Cor 16:2; Heb 4:9; Rev 1:10).\

Turn to Mark chapter 16 with me.

Jesus being the Lord of the Sabbath is very significant.

When I tell you it marked the beginning of the new creation and new age; I am telling you that this is beyond historic it is a universal & heavenly doctrine that all Bels should fully understand.

The resurrection of Christ is a very deep doctrine but what we will note today is one piece of it that is connected to this study on the Sabbath.

This is not a full study on the resurrection but a piece of that doctrine that is rooted in this study of the Sabbath.

/Mar 16:1 **When the Sabbath was over**, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the *mother* of James, and Salome, bought spices, so that they might come and anoint Him.\

[Mar 16:2](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/mar/16/2/s_973002) Very early on the first day of the week, they came to the tomb when the sun had risen.

[Mar 16:3](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/mar/16/3/s_973003) They were saying to one another, “Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance of the tomb?”

They were amazed at this because they knew the strict adherence to regulations that the Roman Military adhered too…and that TLJC was guarded by several Roman guards possibly 4 or more.

And the this was a tomb owned by Joseph of Arimathea, a wealthy man so this meant it would have a large entrance carved out and a large stone probably taking two men to move…this is why they are amazed.

[Mar 16:4](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/mar/16/4/s_973004) Looking up, they saw that the stone had been rolled away, although it was extremely large.

[Mar 16:5](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/mar/16/5/s_973005) Entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting at the right, wearing a white robe; and they were amazed.

This was an angel…and you will find that almost every pivot point in Biblical history angels have some appearance or involvement. Starting in the garden when God posted Cherub angels at each entrance.

[Mar 16:6](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/mar/16/6/s_973006) And he said to them, “Do not be amazed; you are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who has been crucified. He has risen; He is not here; behold, *here is* the place where they laid Him.

[Mar 16:7](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/mar/16/7/s_973007) “But go, tell His disciples and Peter, ‘He is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see Him, just as He told you.’”

[Mar 16:8](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/mar/16/8/s_973008) They went out and fled from the tomb, for trembling and astonishment had gripped them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

/[Mar 16:9](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/mar/16/9/s_973009) Now after **He had risen early on the first day of the week (Sunday)**, He first appeared to Mary Magdalene, from whom He had cast out seven demons. \ (Jewish Calendar)

This marks a new day a new age and the beginning of a time table set to ignite the CA.

The CA does not come to full fruition until TLJC is not only resurrected but appears before hundreds of witnesses for a period of 40 days. Then He ascends to heaven to be seated at the right hand of God the Father…it all had to fall into place with perfect timing.

Ten more days and the HS would descend upon the early church and the CA began!

This marked Sunday as a special day for Christians and it was still just the first day of the week for the Jews but now it was something new for this group of Christian converts.

/Act 20:7 **On the first day of the week** (Sunday), when we were gathered together to break bread, Paul *began* talking to them, intending to leave the next day, and he prolonged his message until midnight.\

You will see this same theme run throughout the majority of the NT now that Sunday has become the day of resurrection.

It is now a day to worship the Lord…it was still considered the first day of the week because of the Jewish influence at this historic point. But it was a day of new beginnings.

Notice what Apostle Paul says to the church at Corinth;

/1Cor 16:1 Now concerning the collection for the saints, as I directed the churches of Galatia, so do you also. 2 **On the first day of every week** each one of you is to put aside and save, as he may prosper, so that no collections be made when I come.\

Also take note it is not a ten percent tithe like OT scripture speaks of.

Turn to Hebrews chapter 11

Look what the Apostle John says at the time he was supernaturally commissioned to write the book of Revelation.

/Rev 1:9 I, John, your brother and fellow partaker in the tribulation and kingdom and perseverance *which are* in Jesus, was on the island called Patmos because of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus. 10 I was in the Spirit **on the Lord’s day**, and I heard behind me a loud voice like *the sound* of a trumpet,\

This is a Sunday…the Lord’s day.

The rest we should have can not come from our imagination or something manufactured by human effort.

/The Sabbath is no longer about rituals and calendar dates it is a mental stability and relaxed attitude that ushers in a strong faith which propels a Bel closer to maturity at extremely high levels (Super Grace).\

The rest we have is needed for the faith to have momentum. REPEAT

/Heb 11:1 Now **faith** (*pistis)* **is the assurance** (*hypostasis*) of *things* hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. 2 For by it the men of old gained approval.\

 PISS-TIS (faith) which has 3 different meanings but in this case it is a trust or confidence in the word of God…. BD!

HOOP-PO-STAS-IS is also a confidence but it is used here for something of substance…a reality. REPEAT

BD is what we rely on because it is real it has substance it is a fact we can be assured of…assurance gives us rest.

[Heb 11:3](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/heb/11/3/s_1144003) By faith (in BD) we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things which are visible.

[Heb 11:4](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/heb/11/4/s_1144004) By faith (in BD) Abel offered to God a better sacrifice than Cain, through which he obtained the testimony that he was righteous, God testifying about his gifts, and through faith, though he is dead, he still speaks.

[Heb 11:5](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/heb/11/5/s_1144005) By faith (in BD) Enoch was taken up so that he would not see death; AND HE WAS NOT FOUND BECAUSE GOD TOOK HIM UP; for he obtained the witness that before his being taken up he was pleasing to God.

It is trust and confidence in what God has said and what God has taught these OT heroes that gave them a relaxed MA so they could apply faith and move forward in the plan of God.

/[Heb 11:6](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/heb/11/6/s_1144006) And **without faith it is impossible to please *Him****,* for he who comes to God must believe that He is and *that* He is a rewarder of those who seek Him.\

[Heb 11:7](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/heb/11/7/s_1144007) By faith (in BD) Noah, being warned *by God* about things not yet seen, in reverence prepared an ark for the salvation of his household, by which he condemned the world, and became an heir of the righteousness which is according to faith.

Noah had a 120 year span to build an ark and receive the ridicule and attacks from all the Unbels around him.

That is a faith that is dependent on a strong MA.

[Heb 11:8](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/heb/11/8/s_1144008) By faith (in BD) Abraham, when he was called, obeyed by going out to a place which he was to receive for an inheritance; and he went out, not knowing where he was going.

This was one of the greatest calls for faith in the word of God…Abraham had to put his own flesh and blood on an alter and raise a knife up to kill him. This is a MA developed only in a moment by moment relationship with the Lord.

Because it is a continued set of building blocks….one step in faith at a time that is how Abraham got to this point.

God kept coming thru in HIS way and His timing over and over again.

[Heb 11:9](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/heb/11/9/s_1144009) By faith he lived as an alien in the land of promise, as in a foreign *land,* dwelling in tents with Isaac and Jacob, fellow heirs of the same promise;

[Heb 11:10](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/heb/11/10/s_1144010) for he was looking for the city which has foundations, whose architect and builder is God.

[Heb 11:11](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/heb/11/11/s_1144011) By faith (in BD) even Sarah herself received ability to conceive, even beyond the proper time of life, since she considered Him faithful who had promised.

Abraham and Sarah had their share of failures and disagreements but each time they would circle back around to God’s plan and wait on His timing…His power.

Finding that rest means not depending on human viewpoint and human solutions.

/Heb 6:16 For men swear by one greater *than themselves,* and with them an oath *given* as confirmation is an end of every dispute. 17 In the same way God, desiring even more to show to the heirs of the promise the **unchangeableness** of His purpose, interposed with an oath,\

This is why understanding the essence of God becomes so important.

When you understand that God does not change… He is all powerful….He is everywhere present;

**/**[Heb 6:18](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/heb/6/18/s_1139018) so that by two unchangeable things in which **it is impossible for God to lie**, we who have taken refuge would **have strong encouragement** to **take hold of the hope** set before us.\

God never lies!

That encouragement is what we get after we apply BD for a period of time and learn to relax in a moment by moment sabbath that God’s plan is working in our lives. Take hold of that hope…you have to make an effort to live this type of lifestyle.

REPEAT

/2Cor 4:16 Therefore we **do not lose heart**, but though our outer man is decaying, yet our inner man is being renewed day by day.\

Being renewed….if you are taking BD seriously and applying it in your life…living as a soldier for Christ…running the spiritual race.

You have to taking BD in consistently to be renewed!

/[2Co 4:17](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/2co/4/17/s_1082017) For momentary, light affliction is producing for us an eternal weight of glory far beyond all comparison, 18while we look not at the things which are seen, **but at the things which are not seen**; for the **things which are seen are temporal**, but the things which are not seen are eternal.\

That momentary light affliction is the suffering and heartache we deal with in these earthen vessels… these weak bodies we have right now…but it is that which we endure now, in time, while clinging to Christ and staying rooted in His mind that pushed toward SM and crowns & rewards in heaven.

REPEAT

/That which is seen in the cosmic system is more often than not a temporary distraction or stumbling block designed by Satan to keep us from reaching our spiritual peak. Remember the cosmic system is designed to wear down the saints (Dan 7:25).\

COSMIC SYSTEM ELABORATE

/Rest (sabbath) of mind, body and spirit is needed for the Bel to grow in the plan of God. If we are constantly stressed, tired and frustrated it wears us down so we become easy targets for satanic deception.\

This will also be the time your OSN will gain ground in your life…when you are worn out.

/Faith and rest are a unique blend that are designed to feed off one another and when both elements are operating properly in a Bel’s life, Spiritual Maturity is easily attainable.\

The Bel who struggles with spiritual growth and yet gives plenty of attention to BD…they study the word…that Bel is lacking in one of three things.

Faith….resting in God’s word and who TLJC is and their union with Him…or application. REPEAT