

# **The Sacred Simplicity of the Sabbath**

## **Pastor Vaughn, Chapter Nine When Israel Forgot the Sabbath**

When the prophets came on the scene,  
the Sabbath was being neglected.  
Israel had strayed away  
from all that Yahweh expected.

Yahweh had chosen prophets  
to watch over Israel and guide them.  
But Israel deliberately chose  
to rebel and override them!

The prophets pleaded with them to repent.  
They begged them to return.  
But Israel refused to listen.  
They had a hard lesson to learn.

When Israel ignored the Sabbath,  
they became hard-hearted.  
They no longer loved Yahweh  
and from His Laws departed.

They returned to Babylon,  
adopting its culture and ways.  
They fell into pagan worship  
and those gods their praise.

The prophets continued to warn them:  
“Repent or you will burn!”  
But nothing seemed to reach them,  
they refused to return.

Let us be the generation  
that remembers what they did not.  
As the restored House of Israel,  
let us honor what they forgot!

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