

The Fourth Commandment

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Exodus 20:8 Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy.

Exodus 20:9 Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work:

Exodus 20:10 But the seventh day is the sabbath of the LORD thy God: in it thou shalt not do

any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy

cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates:

Exodus 20:11 For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is,

and rested the seventh day: wherefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it.

Sabbath = Rest

Sabbath keeping is resting in Christ

Exodus 33:14 – And he said, My presence shall go with thee, and I will give thee rest.

Hebrews 3:7 – Wherefore as the Holy Ghost saith, To day if ye will hear his voice,

Hebrews 3:8 – Harden not your hearts, as in the provocation, in the day of temptation in the wilderness:

Hebrews 3:9 – When your fathers tempted me, proved me, and saw my works forty years.

Hebrews 3:10 – Wherefore I was grieved with that generation, and said, They do always err in their heart; and they have not known my ways.

Hebrews 3:11 – So I swore in my wrath, They shall not enter into my rest.

Hebrews 3:12 – Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God.

Hebrews 4:4 – For he spake in a certain place of the seventh day on this wise, And

God did rest the seventh day from all his works.

Hebrews 4:5 – And in this place again, If they shall enter into my rest.

Hebrews 4:6 – Seeing therefore it remaineth that some must enter therein, and they to whom it was first preached entered not in because of unbelief:

Hebrews 4:7 Again, he limiteth a certain day, saying in David, To day, after so long a time; as it is said, To day if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Hebrews 4:8 For if Jesus had given them rest, then would he not afterward have spoken of another day.

Hebrews 4:9 – There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God.

Hebrews 4:10 – For he that is entered into his rest, he also hath ceased from his own works, as God did from his.

Hebrews 4:11 – Let us labour therefore to enter into that rest, lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief.

God gave us the literal 7th day to teach us to enter into His rest.

Isaiah 58:13 – If thou turn away thy foot from the sabbath, from doing thy pleasure on my holy day; and call the sabbath a delight, the holy of the LORD, honourable; and shalt honour him, not doing thine own ways, nor finding thine own pleasure, nor speaking thine own words:

Isaiah 58:14 – Then shalt thou delight thyself in the LORD; and I will cause thee to ride upon the high places of the earth, and feed thee with the heritage of Jacob thy father: for the mouth of the LORD hath spoken it.

Sabbath keeping is not doing thine own ways, nor finding thine own pleasure, nor speaking thine own words:

Question: Do you think this is just on Saturday? Did you know you could break the Sabbath on any day of the week?

James 2:10 – For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all.

To put this in plain English: IF YOU BREAK ONE YOU BREAK THEM ALL!

So lets say it is Thursday and I get mad at someone or lie or steal or break any of them I have broken them all so I have broken the Sabbath! I am not resting in Christ.

Matthew 11:28 – Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

Matthew 11:29 – Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls.

Jesus Christ is offering to give us rest. This is the keeping of the Sabbath finding rest for our souls!

Matthew 12:3 – But he said unto them, Have ye not read what David did, when he was an hungred, and they that were with him;

Matthew 12:4 – How he entered into the house of God, and did eat the shewbread, which was not lawful for him to eat, neither for them which were with him, but only for the priests?

Matthew 12:5 – Or have ye not read in the law, how that on the sabbath days the priests in the temple profane the sabbath, and are blameless?

Jesus Christ was trying to teach them the truth that the Law is spiritual. The Priest on the Sabbath cooked and prepared food (broke the literal interpretation of the Sabbath)

Joshua 6:14 – And the second day they compassed the city once, and returned into the camp: so they did six days.

Joshua 6:15 – And it came to pass on the seventh day, that they rose early about the dawning of the day, and compassed the city after the same manner seven times: only on that day they compassed the city seven times.

Joshua 6:16 – And it came to pass at the seventh time, when the priests blew with the trumpets, Joshua said unto the people, Shout; for the LORD hath given you the city.

Joshua 6:17 – And the city shall be accursed, even it, and all that are therein, to the LORD: only Rahab the harlot shall live, she and all that are with her in the house, because she hid the messengers that we sent.

Joshua 6:18 – And ye, in any wise keep yourselves from the accursed thing, lest ye make yourselves accursed, when ye take of the accursed thing, and make the camp of Israel a curse, and trouble it.

Joshua 6:19 – But all the silver, and gold, and vessels of brass and iron, are consecrated unto the LORD: they shall come into the treasury of the LORD.

Joshua 6:20 – So the people shouted when the priests blew with the trumpets: and it came to pass, when the people heard the sound of the trumpet, and the people

shouted with a great shout, that the wall fell down flat, so that the people went up into the city, every man straight before him, and they took the city.

Joshua 6:21 – And they utterly destroyed all that was in the city, both man and woman, young and old, and ox, and sheep, and ass, with the edge of the sword.

The military on The Sabbath were working they made war and killed people in Jericho.

Colossians 2:16 – Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of an holyday, or of the new moon, or of the sabbath.

Colossians 2:17 – Which are a shadow of things to come; but the body is of Christ.

The Sabbath is a shadow of something that is to come into our lives. We are to enter into His Rest!

1 Corinthians 13:9 – For we know in part, and we prophesy in part.

1 Corinthians 13:10 – But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away.

1 Corinthians 13:11 – When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things.

1 Corinthians 13:12 – For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known.

Now do not miss understand me. I am not saying that we are now going to stop going to church on Saturday. In fact I can not tell you to do anything that is the job of Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior.

The new covenant:

Hebrews 8:10 – For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, saith the Lord; I will put my laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts: and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a people:

Hebrews 8:11 – And they shall not teach every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the Lord: for all shall know me, from the least to the greatest.

Jesus Christ will teach His church! He will tell them individually what they are to do. Christ runs His church not man.

The Fourth Commandment (Part 2)

Now lets look at Sunday worship spiritually. In the parable called the sower, seeds were being planted into the earth. The earth is symbolic of the mind of mankind. Lets look at the first day of creation.

Genesis 1:2 – And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.

Without form, void and darkness

Lets look and see what these words mean.

Without form H8414 - From an unused root meaning to lie waste; a desolation (of surface), that is, desert; figuratively a worthless thing; adverbially in vain: - confusion, empty place, without form, nothing, (thing of) nought, vain, vanity, waste, wilderness.

Notice the word confusion. We know confusion means Babylon.

Void H922 - From an unused root (meaning to be empty); a vacuity, that is, (superficially) an undistinguishable ruin: - emptiness, void.

Darkness H2822 - From H2821; the dark; hence (literally) darkness; figuratively misery, destruction, death, ignorance, sorrow, wickedness: - dark (-ness), night, obscurity.

Now lets look at what the first day represents:

A desolate place, a desert which is a dry and thirsty land, confusion (Babylon) empty, void, darkness (lack of light/understanding) ignorance (ignoring the voice of God) wickedness.

This is what Catholicism gave humanity inwardly. Spiritual Sunday worship

Just because you go to Church on Saturday does not mean you are keeping the Sabbath. If you are not entering into His rest in Gods eyes you are a spiritual Sunday keeper.

Now this verse does not bother me any more.

Romans 14:4 – Who art thou that judgest another man's servant? to his own master he standeth or falleth. Yea, he shall be holden up: for God is able to make him stand.

Romans 14:5 – One man esteemeth one day above another: another esteemeth every day alike. Let every man be fully persuaded in his own mind.

Romans 14:6 – He that regardeth the day, regardeth it unto the Lord; and he that regardeth not the day, to the Lord he doth not regard it. He that eateth, eateth to the Lord, for he giveth God thanks; and he that eateth not, to the Lord he eateth not, and giveth God thanks.

Romans 14:7 – For none of us liveth to himself, and no man dieth to himself.

Romans 14:8 – For whether we live, we live unto the Lord; and whether we die, we die unto the Lord: whether we live therefore, or die, we are the Lord's.

Romans 14:9 – For to this end Christ both died, and rose, and revived, that he might be Lord both of the dead and living.

Romans 14:10 – But why dost thou judge thy brother? or why dost thou set at nought thy brother? for we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ.

Here we have arguments about keeping the letter of the Law.

Acts 15:1 – And certain men which came down from Judaea taught the brethren, and said, Except ye be circumcised after the manner of Moses, ye cannot be saved.

Acts 15:2 – When therefore Paul and Barnabas had no small dissension and disputation with them, they determined that Paul and Barnabas, and certain other of them, should go up to Jerusalem unto the apostles and elders about this question.

Acts 15:3 – And being brought on their way by the church, they passed through Phenice and Samaria, declaring the conversion of the Gentiles: and they caused great joy unto all the brethren.

Acts 15:4 – And when they were come to Jerusalem, they were received of the church, and of the apostles and elders, and they declared all things that God had done with them.

Acts 15:5 – But there rose up certain of the sect of the Pharisees which believed, saying, That it was needful to circumcise them, and to command them to keep the law of Moses.

Now this has been a problem that I have noticed being raised a S.D.A. church (third Generation). There have been people judging others on what they did on Saturday and what kind of food they ate. I, myself as a young Christian back in 1996 was judgmental due to this verse.

1 Timothy 2:9 – In like manner also, that women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with shamefacedness and sobriety; not with broided hair, or gold, or pearls, or costly array;

I noticed that the elders and deacons all wore jewelry and I made a big fuss about it because I just heard a Revelation Seminar and the S.D.A. church taught against it. I became the Gospel Gestapo. I was wrong because I lacked understanding.

Acts 15:6 – And the apostles and elders came together for to consider of this matter.

Acts 15:7 – And when there had been much disputing, Peter rose up, and said unto them, Men and brethren, ye know how that a good while ago God made choice among us, that the Gentiles by my mouth should hear the word of the gospel, and believe.

Acts 15:8 – And God, which knoweth the hearts, bare them witness, giving them the Holy Ghost, even as he did unto us;

Acts 15:9 – And put no difference between us and them, purifying their hearts by faith.

Acts 15:10 – Now therefore why tempt ye God, to put a yoke upon the neck of the disciples, which neither our fathers nor we were able to bear?

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Romans 2:25 – For circumcision verily profiteth, if thou keep the law: but if thou be a breaker of the law, thy circumcision is made uncircumcision.

Romans 2:26 – Therefore if the uncircumcision keep the righteousness of the law, shall not his uncircumcision be counted for circumcision?

Romans 2:27 – And shall not uncircumcision which is by nature, if it fulfil the law, judge thee, who by the letter and circumcision dost transgress the law?

Shall not his uncircumcision be counted for circumcision?

Shall not his not keeping the literal Sabbath be counted as Sabbath keeping (Resting in Christ)

Romans 2:28 – For he is not a Jew, which is one outwardly; neither is that circumcision, which is outward in the flesh:

Romans 2:29 – But he is a Jew, which is one inwardly; and circumcision is that of the heart, in the spirit, and not in the letter; whose praise is not of men, but of God.

2 Corinthians 3:6 – Who also hath made us able ministers of the new testament; not of the letter, but of the spirit: for the letter killeth, but the spirit giveth life.

The letter killeth but the spirit giveth life!

It is impossible to keep the Sabbath literally. It is death. Lets look at some verses.

Exodus 35:2 – Six days shall work be done, but on the seventh day there shall be to you an holy day, a sabbath of rest to the LORD: whosoever doeth work therein shall be put to death.

Exodus 31:14 – Ye shall keep the sabbath therefore; for it is holy unto you: every one that defileth it shall surely be put to death: for whosoever doeth any work therein, that soul shall be cut off from among his people.

Ok if we follow this law literally we have to kill anyone who breaks the Sabbath.

The letter killeth but the spirit giveth life!

Exodus 35:3 – Ye shall kindle no fire throughout your habitations upon the sabbath day.

You can not make a fire to cook your meals

The letter killeth but the spirit giveth life!

Numbers 15:32 – And while the children of Israel were in the wilderness, they found a man that gathered sticks upon the sabbath day.

Numbers 15:33 – And they that found him gathering sticks brought him unto Moses and Aaron, and unto all the congregation.

Numbers 15:34 – And they put him in ward, because it was not declared what should be done to him.

Numbers 15:35 – And the LORD said unto Moses, The man shall be surely put to death: all the congregation shall stone him with stones without the camp.

So, I guess all of us that were camping (Path finders) on Saturday when we got up and gathered wood to kindle a fire were to be stoned/killed.

The letter killeth but the spirit giveth life!

Jeremiah 17:21 – Thus saith the LORD; Take heed to yourselves, and bear no burden on the sabbath day, nor bring it in by the gates of Jerusalem;

The Jews used the letter of the law to say that the man that was healed on Saturday broke the Sabbath because he was carrying his bed. (Burden)

John 5:8 – Jesus saith unto him, Rise, take up thy bed, and walk.

John 5:9 – And immediately the man was made whole, and took up his bed, and

walked: and on the same day was the sabbath.

John 5:10 – The Jews therefore said unto him that was cured, It is the sabbath day: it is not lawful for thee to carry thy bed.

Jeremiah 17:22 – Neither carry forth a burden out of your houses on the sabbath day, neither do ye any work, but hallow ye the sabbath day, as I commanded your fathers.

No one can work on Saturday. No policeman no Doctors no nurses. I will not have any electricity because there will be no one working to get it to my house or church.

The minister can not even work because it is his job to preach, he is working. No one to watch the prisoners that are locked up in Jail. The whole world would stop.

The letter killeth but the spirit giveth life!

Matthew 12:1 – At that time Jesus went on the sabbath day through the corn; and his disciples were an hungred, and began to pluck the ears of corn, and to eat.

Matthew 12:2 – But when the Pharisees saw it, they said unto him, Behold, thy disciples do that which is not lawful to do upon the sabbath day.

Here we have the Jews once again going by the letter of the law. Christ was trying to show them that the Sabbath is an inward thing!

Matthew 12:3 – But he said unto them, Have ye not read what David did, when he was an hungred, and they that were with him;

Matthew 12:4 – How he entered into the house of God, and did eat the shewbread, which was not lawful for him to eat, neither for them which were with him, but only for the priests?

Matthew 12:5 – Or have ye not read in the law, how that on the sabbath days the priests in the temple profane the sabbath, and are blameless?

Mark 2:27 – And he said unto them, The sabbath was made for man, and not man for the sabbath:

John 5:16 – And therefore did the Jews persecute Jesus, and sought to slay him, because he had done these things on the sabbath day.

They were only obeying the letter of the law. You kill someone who breaks the Sabbath.

The letter killeth but the spirit giveth life!

Here is a verse that has been used to say that every Saturday man kind will worship God in heaven.

Isaiah 66:23 – And it shall come to pass, that from one new moon to another, and from one sabbath to another, shall all flesh come to worship before me, saith the LORD.

I put it to you that this is happening now. It is where man has entered into the Sabbath Rest and the new moon is the new understandings that God keeps on revealing to His people.

The reason I do not think that this is in heaven is because flesh and blood can not enter heaven.

1 Corinthians 15:50 – Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption.

The letter killeth but the spirit giveth life!

The Law is spiritual!

1 Kings 9:7 – Then will I cut off Israel out of the land which I have given them; and this house, which I have hallowed for my name, will I cast out of my sight; and Israel shall be a proverb and a byword among all people:

Proverb H4912

Apparently from H4910 in some original sense of superiority in mental action; properly a pithy maxim, usually of a metaphorical nature; hence a simile (as an adage, poem, discourse): - byword, like, parable, proverb.

Israel is a proverb a parable and so are we. When some one asks me why I go to church on the 7th day I tell them about the rest of Christ but I am not afraid to take out the trash or buy gas on my way to church.

Exodus 20:2 – I am the LORD thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.

I am no longer under bondage to the Law! I am free in Christ.

Lets say I judge someone of breaking the Sabbath just like the Jews did to Christ. When I do this I am breaking the Sabbath my self. Here is a verse.

Romans 2:1 – Therefore thou art inexcusable, O man, whosoever thou art that judgest: for wherein thou judgest another, thou condemnest thyself; for thou that judgest doest the same things.

Romans 2:2 – But we are sure that the judgment of God is according to truth against them which commit such things.

Romans 2:3 – And thinkest thou this, O man, that judgest them which do such things, and doest the same, that thou shalt escape the judgment of God?

If I am judging you of sabbath breaking I am breaking the Sabbath because if you break one you break them all. How can I judge anyone? I can not.