

THE IMPORTANCE OF GOD'S SABBATH DAY!

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NOTE: - All Bible texts are taken from the King James Bible; and the compiler has supplied all emphasis throughout this article.

THE FOURTH COMMANDMENT AS GOD SPOKE AND WROTE IT: -

Exodus 20:8 - 11: - "Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work: **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: 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.**"

God himself spoke his Ten Commandment Law directly to his covenant people, the entire congregation of the children of Israel. He spoke these Ten Moral Laws with his own audible voice and **added no more**. Thus indicating that it was a complete Moral Code he had spoken. He then wrote out these Commandments himself with his own finger upon two tables of stone.

Deuteronomy 5:22: - "These words the LORD spake unto all your assembly in the mount out of the midst of the fire, of the cloud, and of the thick darkness, with a great voice: and he added no more. And he wrote them in two tables of stone, and delivered them unto me."

☞ The Ten Commandments are the only part of the Bible that God actually wrote himself.

Jesus taught that the smallest part of the Law of God was **not** to be done away while Heaven and Earth remained.

Matthew 5:17 - 19: - "Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil. For verily I say unto you, **Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled. Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven: but whosoever shall do and teach [them], the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.**"

NOTE: - As Heaven and earth are still standing today, every one of the Ten Commandments is still in existence today, according to the above words of Jesus Christ, even though many people believe that the Commandments have been abolished. The above words of Jesus are plain.

The Apostle James teaches that if a person breaks **one part** of the 10 Commandment Law -"the law of liberty", they are guilty of breaking the **entire** Law.

James 2:8 - 12: - "If ye fulfil the royal law according to the scripture, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself, ye do well: But if ye have respect to persons, ye commit sin, and are convinced of the law as transgressors. **For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one [point], he is guilty of all.** For he that said, **Do not commit adultery, said also, Do not kill.** Now if thou commit no adultery, yet if thou kill, thou art become a transgressor of the law. **So speak ye, and so do, as they that shall be judged by the law of liberty.**"

NOTE: - We know that James is referring to the 10 Commandment Law in this passage for two reasons: -

- In VS. 8 he calls this Law – “the royal law according to the scripture” – this informs us that he is quoting from a Law found in the Old Testament writings or “the scriptures”.
- In VS. 11 he quotes directly from two of the 10 Commandments – “Do not commit adultery” – the 7th Commandment – Exodus 20:14; and “Do not kill” – the 6th Commandment – Exodus 20:13.

Most Christians ignore the Fourth Commandment that sanctifies **the seventh-day of the week – Saturday**, and keep in its stead, the first day of the week – Sunday as the Sabbath. To them, it does not matter which day a person honours God upon. But God’s Word has **never** sanctified the first day of the week as holy time. The following Scriptures briefly outline some incidents from Biblical history which reveal

HOW GOD VIEWED HIS PROFESSED PEOPLE VIOLATING THE SABBATH DAY: -

1.) God tested the obedience of the children of Israel with the Sabbath Commandment, relating to the Manna in the wilderness. This was to prove their obedience to God’s Law and Commandments.

Exodus 16:4 & 5: - “Then said the LORD unto Moses, Behold, **I will rain bread from heaven for you; and the people shall go out and gather a certain rate every day, that I may prove them, whether they will walk in my law, or no.** And it shall come to pass, that on the sixth day they shall prepare [that] which they bring in; and it shall be twice as much as they gather daily.”

Unfortunately, they failed the test, and profaned God’s Sabbath.

Exodus 16:23 - 28: - “And he said unto them, This [is that] which the LORD hath said, To morrow [is] the rest of the holy sabbath unto the LORD: bake [that] which ye will bake [to day], and seethe that ye will seethe; and that which remaineth over lay up for you to be kept until the morning. And they laid it up till the morning, as Moses bade: and it did not stink, neither was there any worm therein. **And Moses said, Eat that to day; for to day [is] a sabbath unto the LORD: to day ye shall not find it in the field. Six days ye shall gather it; but on the seventh day, [which is] the sabbath, in it there shall be none. And it came to pass, [that] there went out [some] of the people on the seventh day for to gather, and they found none. And the LORD said unto Moses, How long refuse ye to keep my commandments and my laws?”**

2.) The generation of adults who came out of Egypt at the Exodus (except for Caleb and Joshua), God would not allow into the Promised Land, because they profaned God’s Sabbath day.

Ezekiel 20:15 & 16: - “**Yet also I lifted up my hand unto them in the wilderness, that I would not bring them into the land which I had given [them], flowing with milk and honey, which [is] the glory of all lands; Because** they despised my judgments, and walked not in my statutes, **but polluted my sabbaths:** for their heart went after their idols.”

3.) Because Israel profaned God’s Sabbath day, he scattered them among the heathen nations.

Ezekiel 20:23 & 24: - “**I lifted up mine hand unto them also in the wilderness, that I would scatter them among the heathen, and disperse them through the countries; Because** they had not executed my judgments, but had despised my statutes, **and had polluted my sabbaths,** and their eyes were after their fathers’ idols.”

4.) God promised that **if** the people of Judah kept the Sabbath day holy, the city of Jerusalem would stand forever; but **if** they profaned the Sabbath day, God would destroy the city by fire.

Jeremiah 17:24 - 27: - “And it shall come to pass, **if** ye diligently hearken unto me, saith the LORD, **to bring in no burden through the gates of this city on the sabbath day, but hallow the sabbath day, to do no work therein; Then shall there enter into the gates of this city kings and princes sitting upon**

the throne of David, riding in chariots and on horses, they, and their princes, the men of Judah, and the inhabitants of Jerusalem: and this city shall remain for ever. And they shall come from the cities of Judah, and from the places about Jerusalem, and from the land of Benjamin, and from the plain, and from the mountains, and from the south, bringing burnt offerings, and sacrifices, and meat offerings, and incense, and bringing sacrifices of praise, unto the house of the LORD. But if ye will not hearken unto me to hallow the sabbath day, and not to bear a burden, even entering in at the gates of Jerusalem on the sabbath day; then will I kindle a fire in the gates thereof, and it shall devour the palaces of Jerusalem, and it shall not be quenched.”

The people of Judah profaned God’s Sabbath day, and therefore God allowed the Babylonians to destroy the city of Jerusalem because of this sin.

Nehemiah 13:15 - 18: - “In those days saw I in Judah [some] treading wine presses on the sabbath, and bringing in sheaves, and lading asses; as also wine, grapes, and figs, and all [manner of] burdens, which they brought into Jerusalem on the sabbath day: and I testified [against them] in the day wherein they sold victuals. There dwelt men of Tyre also therein, which brought fish, and all manner of ware, and sold on the sabbath unto the children of Judah, and in Jerusalem. Then I contended with the nobles of Judah, and said unto them, **What evil thing [is] this that ye do, and profane the sabbath day? Did not your fathers thus, and did not our God bring all this evil upon us, and upon this city? yet ye bring more wrath upon Israel by profaning the sabbath.”**

God **does not** change.

Malachi 3:6: - “For I [am] the LORD, I change not; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed.”

Hebrews 13:8: - “Jesus Christ **the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever.”**

**IF WE WANT TO BE A SAINT IN THE LAST DAYS, WE NEED TO BE OBEDIENT TO ALL OF GOD’S
COMMANDMENTS – INCLUDING THE SEVENTH-DAY SABBATH.**

Revelation 14:12: - “Here is the patience of the saints: here [are] they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus.”

**DO YOU QUALIFY FOR THE RIGHT TO THE TREE OF LIFE, AND FOR AN ENTRANCE INTO THE
GATES OF THE NEW JERUSALEM?**

Revelation 22:14: - “Blessed [are] they that do his commandments**, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city.”**