

**THE SEVENTH-DAY SABBATH**  
**- 24 HOURS OF HEAVEN'S**  
**LIFE!**



**WORSHIPPING THE CREATOR ON HIS SEVENTH-DAY**  
**SABBATH.**

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# THE SEVENTH-DAY SABBATH – 24 HOURS OF HEAVEN’S LIFE: -

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**NOTE:** - All Bible texts are from the King James Version; and the compilers have supplied all emphasis throughout this article.

## SELF-DENIAL IS THE RULING PRINCIPLE OF HEAVEN: -

- God’s Holy Angels who dwell in heaven keep God’s Commandments; and they also do his pleasure or will. In other words, they are self-denying, not doing their own pleasure or wanting their own way, but desiring to fulfill the will of God.

Psalm 103:20 & 21: - “**Bless the LORD, ye his angels, that excel in strength, that do his commandments, hearkening unto the voice of his word. Bless ye the LORD, all ye his hosts; ye ministers of his, that do his pleasure.**”

**NOTE:** - The hosts of the Lord mentioned in VS. 21 are the Angels of God – See Genesis 32:1 & 2 & Luke 2:13 -15.

## THE HOLY ANGELS ARE DEDICATED TO DOING GOD'S PLEASURE! THAT IS, THEY KEEP HIS COMMANDMENTS!

The last words in this passage emphasize the fact that the Angels keep God's commandments, and do His pleasure. The word "**pleasure**" is translated from the Hebrew word "**ratson**" - See Strong's Hebrew Concordance, Number 7522. "**ratson**" is defined as "will, desire, pleasure"- Brigg, Driver, Briggs & Gesenius Hebrew Lexicon, p. 953. In other words, the Angels lovingly keep God's commandments, and in doing this, they are doing His will. This same Hebrew word "**ratson**" that is used in Psalm 103 is the same Hebrew word that is used in the following prophecy of Christ's attitude to God's Commandments or Law.

Psalm 40:7 & 8: - "Then said I, Lo, I come: in the volume of the book *it is* written of me, **I delight to do thy will** ("**ratson**"), **O my God: yea, thy law is within my heart.**"

**Question:** - Can you have the mind of Christ, whereby He exclaims "I delight to do thy will O my God: yea, thy law is within my heart"? Or to put it in another way, "I delight to do thy pleasure O my God: yes, thy law is within my heart".

This is exactly what Christ did at the time of His first advent into this world, as an example to us.

John 15:10:- "If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; **even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love.**"

Jesus taught us to pray that the conduct of the Holy Angels who dwell in heaven, is to be the conduct of His followers here on earth. This is the prayer for God's will to be done in our lives.

Matthew 6:9 & 10:- "After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. **Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.**"

**Question:** - Why is the conduct of the heavenly Angels important for us to know about and understand in our lives?

**Answer:** - It is because in the first resurrection – the resurrection of the Just, those who have believed in, and obeyed Jesus Christ, will become **equal** to the Angels of God. Every believer has this Heavenly and Holy prospect to look forward to.

**Luke 20:35 & 36:** - "But they which shall be accounted worthy to obtain that world, and the resurrection from the dead, neither marry, nor are given in marriage: Neither can they die any more: **for they are equal unto the angels;** and are the children of God, being the children of the resurrection."

## **THIS IS WHERE THE SEVENTH-DAY SABBATH REACHES IT'S FULL POTENTIAL IN PEOPLE'S LIVES!**

The Sabbath was given to mankind on the seventh day of Creation week, before the fall of our first parents, and before there was any Jewish nation. It was a day of rest and holiness unto the Lord. It was sanctified, that is, made holy by our Creator Himself, the Lord Jesus Christ – the Word of God, who was God.

**John 1:1 – 3:** - "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, **and the Word was God.** The same was in the beginning with God. **All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.**"

**NOTE:** - Jesus made all things, including the 7<sup>th</sup> day Sabbath; a major fact that cannot be ignored.

**Genesis 2:1 - 3:** - "Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. And on the seventh day God ended his work which he had made; and he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had made. And God blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it: because that in it he had rested from all his work which God created and made."

Mankind has been given this special day, to remember their Creator, the Lord Jesus Christ, in having Holy Time with Him. It is so important to human beings' spiritual and physical needs, that God placed the Sabbath at the very centre of His Moral Law of Ten Commandments.

**Exodus 20:8 - 11:** - "Remember the sabbath day<sup>1</sup>, 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."

The weekly seventh-day Sabbath is commanded to be kept holy. The Author of the Law has put His signature within the Ten Commandments, and He is identified in the Fourth Commandment, as being the Creator of Heaven and Earth. By keeping it holy, humanity will never forget that they are to know that their Creator God has given them a perfect law. The Sabbath of the fourth commandment, has been given to show humanity that God is the Creator of all things in heaven and in earth; and that He has given a holy, spiritual and just Law for His Creation (**Romans 7:12 & 14**), whereby mankind can know good from evil, to know righteousness from iniquity (that is, lawlessness), and that we are accountable to our Creator for our actions done in this life.

We are commanded to "Remember the Sabbath day to keep it Holy". The result of **not remembering** the Sabbath Day, and that we have a loving Creator God, has resulted in every type of anarchy, lawlessness, evolutionary theories, skeptics, atheists, and all manner of abominable sins. We are never to forget that we have a loving Creator, who reveals His Heavenly Government through His Law, which the Holy Angels delight to obey. The Sabbath speaks of what should be our Earthly **and** Heavenly pleasure to do. Therefore, the Sabbath has a deeper meaning to it, and will show the believer, if lovingly kept, that by observing the Sabbath, you will have a better understanding of Heavenly conduct and heart service.

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<sup>1</sup> The Seventh day Sabbath commences at "even" – sunset. That is, the Sabbath day runs from Friday sunset to Saturday sunset.

**Leviticus 23:32:** - "It shall be unto you a sabbath of rest, and ye shall afflict your souls: in the ninth day of the month at even, **from even unto even, shall ye celebrate your sabbath.**"

**Mark 1:32:** - "And at even, when the sun did set, they brought unto him all that were diseased, and them that were possessed with devils."

God, in His mercy, has provided a Commandment that teaches us how vital it is to bring our lives into conformity with the loving pleasure that the Holy Angels have in keeping God's commandments. The message of self-denial is taught within the fourth commandment of God's Holy Law, and is predominately proclaimed by the prophet Isaiah - the Gospel Prophet.

## **KEEPING HOLY GOD'S SEVENTH-DAY SABBATH IS FOUNDED UPON THE HEAVENLY PRINCIPLE OF SELF-DENIAL!**

Isaiah 58:13 & 14: - "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*: 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.**"

**NOTE:** - These Holy Laws concerning the seventh-day Sabbath come directly from the **mouth of the Lord**. "... Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God." - Matthew 4:4. This passage in Isaiah must therefore be fully lived out, according to Jesus Christ.

God commands us to do deny ourselves in the following ways on his Holy day - the Sabbath day: -

- We are not to do our own ways;
- We are not to do our own pleasure (just like the Holy Angels in heaven – See Psalm 103:20 & 21);
- We are not to speak our own words.
- God rested from his own works upon the seventh-day of the week at the Creation of the world. We are to follow God's Own example of Sabbath-keeping by resting from our own works upon the Sabbath. This is based upon the heavenly principle of self-denial. Not doing our own ways, pleasure, or speaking our own words on the Sabbath day is a wonderful aid in our Christian walk, and is helping to prepare us for Heaven, where self-denial is the ruling principle.

## **GOD ENCOURAGES US TO MAKE THE SABBATH A DELIGHT TO DO, AND TO MAKE IT HONOURABLE, THUS HONOURING GOD!**

**Question:** - Can you call the Sabbath "a delight", or do you think it is a grievous commandment? John speaks of the worship of God, which is found in the Two Great Commandments, listed by Christ - Supreme love to God, and loving your neighbour as yourself. There is not one of the Ten Commandments that are to be called grievous.

1<sup>st</sup> John 5:2 & 3: - "**By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God, and keep his commandments. For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous.**"

Many people find the seventh-day Sabbath grievous, because they do not appreciate what God is trying to teach us through that commandment. The Sabbath day teaches us: -

1. How you can delight in God's Governing rules over humanity.
2. How you must not delight in your own pleasures, words and ways – delighting in selfishness.
3. How you can learn to truly honour God.
4. How to humbly acknowledge that you are a created being, who is wholly devoted to the Creator – Jesus Christ.

The Sabbath has become grievous to so many who profess the name of Christ, because if they honour God's Holy Day, **they would have to deny themselves of many of their earthly pursuits and pleasures**, e.g. going to markets, entertainment events, garage sales, shopping trips, sporting events etc. In their eyes, the Sabbath is "most

grievous", because it is inconvenient in their weekly plans, when they have so many of their own pleasures planned for this day.

☞ So, are professed Christians really trying to live a life that harmonizes with the Commandment-keeping Holy Angels who do God's will or pleasure? Or, are they only interested in their own selfish pursuits?

## DO WE WANT TO PLEASE GOD, OR DO WE WANT TO PLEASE OURSELVES?

With whom do we share companionship when we accept Christ, and enter the church of the firstborn?

Hebrews 12:22 - 25: - "But ye are come unto mount Sion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels, to the general assembly and church of the firstborn, which are written in heaven, and to God the Judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect, And to Jesus the mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling, that speaketh better things than *that of Abel*. See that ye refuse not him that speaketh. For if they escaped not who refused him that spake on earth, much more *shall not we escape, if we turn away from him that speaketh from heaven.*"

NOTE: - The context of this passage is referring to God speaking with His own voice His Ten Commandments.

## THINK ABOUT IT!

*Time for some self-examination! Honouring God, by keeping holy the Seventh-day Sabbath is a test whereby you can decide: -*

- Will I seek to please myself in this life, or will I do the pleasure and will of my Heavenly Father?
- Will I take advantage of the teaching power found in the holy observance of the Fourth Commandment?
- Do I want to follow the guidelines for correct Sabbath observance found in Isaiah 58:13 & 14?
- Am I comfortable with the idea of spending eternity with the self-denying, commandment-keeping Holy Angels?
- Am I comfortable with the thought of doing the same as these Heavenly beings do for all eternity?
- Can I utilize the Seventh-day Sabbath here on Earth, to see whether I will deny self, and put my own selfish pleasures, words, and ways to death?
- Do I want to worship the Creator God, or do I not?
- Do I even desire the Seventh-day Sabbath to be a part of my life?

## Why were we even created in the first place?

Revelation 4:11: - "Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created."

NOTE: - This should be our honour to fulfill God's pleasure or will for our lives! This should be our pleasure to do, if we truly love God.

Isaiah 43:7: - "Even every one that is called by my name: for I have created him for my glory, I have formed him; yea, I have made him."

**GOD IN HIS MERCY AND RIGHTEOUS JUDGMENT GAVE US A FREE WILL.  
HE DID NOT MAKE US TO BE ROBOTS TO DO HIS PLEASURE.  
HE DELIGHTS IN THE FREE-WILL OFFERINGS, THAT COME FROM DEEP WITHIN  
OUR HEART!**

Seeing that our Creator has given us this Earth; this beautiful blue and white pearl that hangs in space which was especially designed for humanity, to provide his every requirement for life, should we not give Him glory and honour? He has not just made this Earth to be habitable, but throughout all created aspects, we see the absolute beauty and perfect artistry of a Master-Craftsman, who only wanted the very best for us spiritually, physically and emotionally.

The first man and woman were given the express commandment which they were not allowed to break - Genesis 2:16 & 17: - "And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die."

**NOTE:** - You can read the entire story of our first parents fall in Genesis Chapters 2 and 3. The Sabbath day was not the test for our first parents in Paradise. It was a day of holy delight, the foundational day of worship, just as surely as the other six days of Creation week are established and certain.

## **MAN'S FALL, AND THE SABBATH BLESSING IN A WORLD NOW UNDER CONDEMNATION.**

Mankind was created sinless and perfect, and he lived in perfect peace, in a perfect environment - the Garden of Eden, which had the Tree of Life in its very centre. Mankind has been given a free-will – the power of choice. Unfortunately, **man's** selfish actions turned his heart away from harmony with righteousness, and by breaking this express commandment, sin, tragedy and death was brought into this world. Our first parents were now alienated from God. God pronounced judgment upon mankind, in that he would surely die, and now in his fallen state, man would have to earn his bread by the sweat of his brow. Life was now to be a constant struggle of survival and pain, ending up in death and dissolution.

Genesis 3:19: - "In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou *art*, and unto dust shalt thou return."

## **THE SABBATH BECAME A DELIGHT TO THE WORKING MAN!**

- Now that mankind had to work hard for his daily bread, for the rest of his mortal life, the SABBATH became humanity's legal day off! To those who work in the heat of the day in strenuous outdoor labour, to obtain their daily bread, the weekly SABBATH is even more of a delight, than for those people who work in air-conditioned comfort, in less physically demanding jobs. God said that man would have to earn his bread by the sweat of his face, until he died. Such is the blessing and delight of the Seventh-day Sabbath, to the working person.

This is why Jesus said the Sabbath was made FOR man – as a blessing and gracious gift – and after the fall of mankind, it became a legal day off for fallen humanity, to have rest and refreshment every seventh day of the week from their daily toil.

Mark 2:27: - "And he said unto them, The sabbath was made for man, and not man for the Sabbath."

## **THE ANGEL'S UPHOLDING OF GOD'S COMMANDS!**

- Because of the disobedience of Adam and Eve, they were cast out of this Garden Paradise, and denied access to the Tree of Life, which would give eternal life to those who could continually eat of it. God therefore, set His Holy Angels at the gates of this garden, to deny humanity continued access to this Tree, so that sin could not be perpetuated eternally in fallen humanity.

Genesis 3:22 - 24: - "And the LORD God said, Behold, the man is become as one of us, to know good and evil: and now, lest he put forth his hand, and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live for ever: Therefore the LORD God sent him forth from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from whence he was taken. **So he drove out the man; and he placed at the east of the garden of Eden Cherubims, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life.**"

Man's betrayal of his Creator, is at the beginning of the Bible. Man did his own pleasure or will, and the consequence is suffering, struggle and eventual death, with the Holy Angels denying humanity access to the Tree of Life. Turning to the end of the Bible, we read how mankind can regain access to the Tree of Life. Jesus teaches that it is by doing the Commandments of God, that entrance into the New Jerusalem is granted, to have the right to eat of the Tree of Life again.

Revelation 22:12 - 14:- "And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward *is* with me, to give every man according as his work shall be. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last. **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.**"

**And who stands at the gates of the Holy City? God's Holy Angels keep watch over these holy gates.**

Revelation 21:10 & 12:- "And he carried me away in the spirit to a great and high mountain, and showed me **that great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God, ...** And had a wall great and high, *and had twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and names written thereon, which are *the names* of the twelve tribes of the children of Israel."*

☞ In these incidents in Genesis and the Revelation, we can see how the Holy Angels conduct themselves. And this is of paramount importance to understand the Holy Angel's behaviour, because in the resurrection of the Just, we have already read that we will be equal to the angels, in standing with them, if we are accounted worthy to obtain that holy resurrection.

Question:- How can we educate ourselves for companionship with these Holy beings in heaven?

Answer:- By studying the Scriptures, and examining the conduct of all Heavenly citizens, starting with our God, Creator and Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ, who gave us an example as to how we are to walk.

1st John 2:5 & 6:- "But whoso keepeth his word, in him verily is the love of God perfected: hereby know we that we are in him. He that saith he abideth in him **ought himself also so to walk, even as he walked.**"

## **THE FIRST STEP IN CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP IS SELF-DENIAL WHICH AS WE KNOW IS THE RULING PRINCIPLE OF HEAVEN:-**

- Jesus is our example in self-denial, and in doing the will or pleasure of God, as was demonstrated in His earthly life! This is the Heavenly mindset.

Romans 15:1 - 3:- "We then that are strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak, **and not to please ourselves. Let every one of us please *his neighbour for his good to edification.*** **For even Christ pleased not himself;** but, as it is written, The reproaches of them that reproached thee fell on me."

John 8:28 & 29:- "Then said Jesus unto them, When ye have lifted up the Son of man, then shall ye know that I am *he*, and *that* I do nothing of myself; but as my Father hath taught me, I speak these things. **And he that sent me is with me: the Father hath not left me alone; for I do always those things that please him.**"

## **MAN MUST FOLLOW THE SAVIOUR'S EXAMPLE:-**

- Humanity must enter into the mindset of Christ Jesus, by practising humility, caring for each other and esteeming others better than ourselves. This was the mind of Christ - to be humble and to deny Himself, being obedient to His Father's will, and we must have this same mindset. We must deny self and take up our cross daily in following Jesus.

Philippians 2:3 - 8:- "*Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves. Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others. Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be*

equal with God: **But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.**"

Luke 9:23: - "And he said to *them* all, **If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me."**

1st Corinthians 15:31: - "I protest by your rejoicing which I have in Christ Jesus our Lord, **I die daily.**"

- By abiding in, and believing in Christ, keeping God's commandments, and having the Holy Spirit living within us, we will do the things that are pleasing in God's sight. We must work out our own salvation with fear and trembling, and allow God to enact his will or his good pleasure in our lives.

1st John 3:22 - 24: - "**And whatsoever we ask, we receive of him, because we keep his commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in his sight.** And this is his commandment, That we should believe on the name of his Son Jesus Christ, and love one another, as he gave us commandment. **And he that keepeth his commandments dwelleth in him, and he in him. And hereby we know that he abideth in us, by the Spirit which he hath given us.**"

Philippians 2:12 & 13: - "Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling. **For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure.**"

## **THE SABBATH IS AN OUTWARD WITNESS OF AN INNER EXPERIENCE!**

- The Seventh-day Sabbath remains in its entirety, as a witness to the Heavenly Governing Principles. By practising self-denial on Jesus' Holy Day, by not doing our own pleasure on it, the Sabbath Day can be a transforming experience in one's life in practising the principle of self-denial. It is a weekly training aid in helping to prepare us to be fit to dwell in eternity with the self-denying, Commandment-keeping Angels of God. We are exhorted to be in a constant state of testing ourselves to see if we are "in the faith", a living faith that works by love, for our betterment. For faith without works is dead.

2nd Corinthians 13:5: - "Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves. Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be reprobates?"

James 2:17: - " Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone."

- The seventh-day Sabbath is still in existence, as a guiding light for those who wish to emulate the conduct of their Saviour, and our Heavenly fellow-servants, the Holy Angels.

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 4:9 & 10: - "**There remaineth therefore \*a rest to the people of God.** For he that is entered into his rest, he also hath ceased from his own works, as God *did* from his."

**NOTE:** - \* The Greek word that is translated as "a rest" in VS. 9, is "sabbatismos" – See Strong's Concordance; Greek No. 4520. It is defined as "Sabbath rest, Sabbath observance" – A Greek-English Lexicon of the New Testament and Other Early Christian Literature, by Walter Bauer, page 739.

VERSE 9 literally reads, "There remains a Sabbath observance to the people of God."

## **Keeping the Sabbath Holy was a test to see if God's people would keep all of His Commandments!**

- Before the children of Israel came to Mt. Sinai in Exodus 19 and 20, whilst they were still in the Wilderness of Sin, we have this very interesting situation arising where the proper observance of the Sabbath was the point at issue in testing the loyalty of God's professed people towards the Lord and His whole Law.

Exodus 16:23 - 30: - "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?** See, for that the LORD hath given you the sabbath, therefore he giveth you on the sixth day the bread of two days; abide ye every man in his place, let no man go out of his place on the seventh day. **So the people rested on the seventh day.**"

NOTE: - In this Biblical incident, the people were not allowed to go out of their place [that is their tents], to collect the manna on the Sabbath day. This requirement was a distinct test for the people of God.

- So before the Ten Commandments were publicly spoken by God, His people knew of the Sabbath's existence, and the Holy Laws concerning proper observance of it. It was certainly a test to see if the people would be obedient to all of God's *Commandments* and *Laws*. And we know that God does not change in His righteous Commandments that He has given for mankind's benefit.

Malachi 3:6: - "For I *am* the LORD, I **change not**; ..."

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

**The Sabbath, therefore, is still a test of your professed loyalty to the Creator God – the Lord Jesus Christ!**

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**Another significant reason to keep the Sabbath Day of Creation week Holy!  
You are honouring and recognizing the God who sanctifies you.  
It is the perpetual sign, or mark for the people of God forever!**

Exodus 31:13 - 18: - "Speak thou also unto the children of Israel, saying, **Verily my sabbaths ye shall keep: for it is a sign between me and you throughout your generations; that ye may know that I *am* the LORD that doth sanctify you.** 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. **Six days may work be done; but in the seventh is the sabbath of rest, holy to the LORD: whosoever doeth *any* work in the sabbath day, he shall surely be put to death.** Wherefore the children of Israel shall keep the sabbath, to observe the sabbath throughout their generations, for a perpetual covenant. It is a sign between me and the children of Israel for ever: for *in* six days the LORD made heaven and earth, and on the seventh day he rested, and was refreshed. And he gave unto Moses, when he had made an end of communing with him upon mount Sinai, two tables of testimony, tables of stone, written with the finger of God."

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**THANK THE LORD FOR HIS SEVENTH-DAY SABBATH!  
AND THANK THE LORD FOR REVEALING TRUE SABBATH PRINCIPLES THROUGH  
THE PROPHET ISAIAH'S WRITINGS IN ISAIAH 58:13 & 14!**

**But wait, there is more:-**

## WHAT OTHER CHARACTERISTICS DO THE HOLY ANGELS HAVE?

- The Angels of God were present at Mt. Sinai, where God's Holy Government was spoken to the children of Israel. The Angels of God praise Him continually. **Can we do the same?** The Holy Angels rejoice when a sinner repents. **Can we do the same?** The Holy Angels are witnesses to human beings' confession of faith. Those who overcome this world and its sins, will have their name confessed by Jesus before the Father and His Angels.

Psalm 68:17: - "The chariots of God *are* twenty thousand, *even thousands of angels*: the Lord *is* among them, *as in Sinai*, in the holy *place*."

Acts 7:52 & 53: - "Which of the prophets have not your fathers persecuted? and they have slain them which showed before of the coming of the Just One; of whom ye have been now the betrayers and murderers: **Who have received the law by the disposition of angels**, and have not kept *it*."

Psalm 148:1 & 2: - "Praise ye the LORD. Praise ye the LORD from the heavens: praise him in the heights. **Praise ye him, all his angels: praise ye him, all his hosts.**"

Luke 15:10: - "Likewise, I say unto you, **there is joy in the presence of the Angels of God over one sinner that repenteth.**"

Luke 12:8 & 9: - "Also I say unto you, Whosoever shall confess me before men, him shall the Son of man also confess before the Angels of God: But he that denieth me before men shall be denied before the Angels of God."

Revelation 3:5: - "**He that overcometh**, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, **but I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels.**"

## GOD'S JUDGMENT AND THE ANGELS: -

- The Holy Angels have their part to play in the execution of the judgment. They can only do this because they know, love, and delight in God's Holy Standard in the judgment, - the Royal Law of Liberty – the Ten Commandments. If you break one of these commandments, then you are registered as having broken the whole Law. God's Angels **know** who have offended the Son of man, as being those who have committed iniquity or lawlessness.

Matthew 13:40 - 43: - "As therefore the tares are gathered and burned in the fire; **so shall it be in the end of this world. The Son of man shall send forth his angels, and they shall gather out of his kingdom all things that offend, and them which do iniquity;** And shall cast them into a furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth. Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Who hath ears to hear, let him hear."

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.**"

- Those who will be accounted worthy of the resurrection from the dead and are equal unto the Holy Angels, must have a complete picture of God's Heavenly Government – and a good understanding of His Law of Ten Commandments. **Why is this insight necessary?** Because the inspired apostle Paul stated that the saints will judge the evil angel's that fell from this Holy Government in heaven. They were expelled from heaven because they had sinned against God's holy Law of Liberty. These fallen demons are now reserved in darkness for the Great Day of Judgment, and they will be judged by those who have an intelligent and practical understanding of God's Law of Liberty.

Luke 20:35 & 36: - "But **they which shall be accounted worthy to obtain that world**, and the resurrection from the dead, neither marry, nor are given in marriage: Neither can they die any more: **for they are equal unto the angels**; and are the children of God, being the children of the resurrection."

1st Corinthians 6:2 & 3: - "Do ye not know that the saints shall judge the world? and if the world shall be judged by you, are ye unworthy to judge the smallest matters? **Know ye not that we shall judge angels?** how much more things that pertain to this life?"

2nd Peter 2:4: - "For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast *them* down to hell, and delivered *them* into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment."

Jude 1:6: - "And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day."

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## HOW CAN YOU LOSE YOUR PLACE IN HEAVEN?

### WHY WAS LUCIFER, NOW SATAN, CAST OUT OF HEAVEN WITH HIS EVIL ANGELS?

There are two main reasons.

#### REASON NUMBER ONE: -

## THE ISSUE OF WORSHIPPING THE TRUE GOD

### **CAST OUT!**

- Lucifer one of the covering Cherubs, [who is now called Satan, that is, the Adversary], was the cause of there being war in Heaven. He had become exulted with pride in his own eyes, and had turned away from God and His Government. He wanted to fulfill his own will and pleasures, and to receive the worship that only belonged to God. The devil transgressed God's Heavenly Law! He did not succeed in this uprising, and he lost his place in Heaven, and was cast out. He wanted to be exalted equal to God. In other words, he was not self-denying as the Holy Angels of God were, but wanted to do his own pleasure or will. So much so, that he started the first war in the Universe in an attempt to retain his place in Heaven.

Revelation 12:7 - 9: - "And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels, And prevailed not; **neither was their place found any more in heaven. And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.**"

Isaiah 14:12 - 15: - "**How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations! For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north: I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High.** Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit."

Ezekiel 28:13 - 17: - "**Thou hast been in Eden the garden of God; every precious stone was thy covering, the sardius, topaz, and the diamond, the beryl, the onyx, and the jasper, the sapphire, the emerald, and the carbuncle, and gold: the**

workmanship of thy tabrets and of thy pipes was prepared in thee in the day that thou wast created. *Thou art* the anointed cherub that covereth; and I have set thee *so*: thou wast upon the holy mountain of God; thou hast walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire. Thou *wast* perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till iniquity was found in thee. By the multitude of thy merchandise they have filled the midst of thee with violence, and thou hast sinned: therefore I will cast thee as profane out of the mountain of God: and I will destroy thee, O covering cherub, from the midst of the stones of fire. Thine heart was lifted up because of thy beauty, thou hast corrupted thy wisdom by reason of thy brightness: I will cast thee to the ground, I will lay thee before kings, that they may behold thee."

- This enemy of God and humanity, even wanted Jesus Christ to worship him, when Christ was in the wilderness of temptation. Here we see a practical demonstration of the truth of Isaiah 14:12 - 15, that Satan, in his pride wanted to take the place of God and receive worship from Christ. Jesus' response was final and absolute!

Matthew 4:8 - 11: - "Again, the devil taketh him up into an exceeding high mountain, and showeth him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them; And saith unto him, **All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me.** Then saith Jesus unto him, **Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve.** Then the devil leaveth him, and, behold, angels came and ministered unto him."

- The Holy Angels, who have remained loyal to God and who have kept their first love, worship Him as the Creator.

Nehemiah 9:6: - "**Thou, even thou, art LORD alone**; thou hast made heaven, the heaven of heavens, with all their host, the earth, and all *things* that *are* therein, the seas, and all that *is* therein, and thou preservest them all; and the host of heaven worshippeth thee."

## WHO WILL YOU WORSHIP FOR ETERNITY?

**THIS QUESTION DETERMINES WHETHER YOU CAN INHERIT ETERNAL LIFE, SO THAT YOU CAN JOIN YOUR FELLOW SERVANTS, THE HOLY ANGELS, WHO ARE NOW WORSHIPPING GOD IN HEAVEN!**

## **DO YOU HAVE A RIGHT TO ENTER HEAVEN?**

- Unless you have the desire to worship the Creator God alone for eternity, you will not find a place in Heaven. Satan and his followers refused to worship their Creator alone, and this caused them to be cast out of Heaven! The Fourth Commandment, gives you the time and opportunity to worship God every Seventh day of the week, to prove your own selves to Christ that you love Him, and is the sanctified way whereby you can show your allegiance to the Creator. We are to fear God and give glory to Him, and we are to worship Him who made heaven and earth. Such is the message of the First Angel, who loudly cries to a world in danger of God's impending judgment. This is the Everlasting Gospel, and the blessing and comfort in worshipping the Creator alone, is to be upon those that keep God's Commandments (including the Sabbath Commandment), and the faith of Jesus. These obedient and loyal subjects are safe to take to Heaven.

Revelation 14:6, 7 & 12: - "And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people, saying with a loud voice, **Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come: and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters.** ... Here is the patience of the saints: here *are* they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus."

- In the last days, worship is the test issue (See Revelation 13:4, 8, 12 & 15). Remember the test for the children of Israel in Exodus 16, that was shown before in this booklet, that the Sabbath was the test to see if His professed people would be obedient to all of God's Commandments and Laws? The world will

falsely worship God on the first day of the week, Sunday, a day God does not recognize as His Holy day (Remember Isaiah 58:13, where the Lord, in speaking of the Sabbath day, called it "**my holy day**"). Jesus only recognizes the Seventh day Sabbath, as **THE** day which He is Lord of. "Sunday Sabbath" worship has **never** been appointed in Scripture. No new commandment is found in the Bible concerning there being any change to the day of weekly worship, than that which was blessed and sanctified by Jesus Himself in Genesis 2:1 – 3

Mark 2:27 & 28: - "And he said unto them, **The sabbath was made for man, and not man for the sabbath: Therefore the Son of man is Lord also of the sabbath.**"

- Do not be deceived into false worship, which comes in the form of "the commandments of men". Only God's Law, as given in full in Exodus 20:3 - 17, reveals to us the knowledge of the true worship of the Creator God, especially as found in the Fourth Commandment. All other worship, following after the commandments of man, is **vain** worship – that is, it is of no profit; it is worthless!

Matthew 15:8 & 9: - "This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honoureth me with *their* lips; but their heart is far from me. But in **vain they do worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men.**"

- Those loyal and obedient people to their Creator God here on Earth, will be safe to take to Heaven to worship God alone, and will join with all the heavenly inhabitants, in their worship of Him.

Revelation 7:9 -12: - "After this I beheld, and, lo, a **great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues**, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands; And cried with a loud voice, saying, **Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb. And all the angels stood round about the throne, and about the elders and the four beasts, and fell before the throne on their faces, and worshipped God, saying, Amen: Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honour, and power, and might, be unto our God for ever and ever. Amen.**"

## **WARNING!**

- If you so **dislike** obeying the Sabbath day Commandment right now, and rise up against it, and against the self-denial required to keep it holy, then you will **not** fit in with the self-denying, commandment-keeping Holy Angels in Heaven. Your eternity is at stake. What you do here on Earth, and the mindset you now have, will decide your future for eternity. For when Jesus Christ comes again, your character will not miraculously change. You will be in the future, what you are now in the present.

Revelation 22:11 – 14: - "He that is unjust, let him be unjust still: and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still: and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still: and he that is holy, let him be holy still. And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward *is* with me, **to give every man according as his work shall be.** I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last. **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.**"

**THE GOD OF THE UNIVERSE, THE SUSTAINER OF ALL LIFE, THE ETERNAL WORD, AND THE AUTHOR AND FINISHER OF OUR FAITH, HAS THE RIGHT TO DETERMINE THE ULTIMATE DESTINY FOR ANY PLACEMENT IN HIS HOLY HEAVEN.**

**GOD'S WORD IS FINAL, AND HE WILL NOT ALLOW SIN TO RISE A SECOND TIME, TO DESTROY THE PEACE AND TRANQUILITY OF THE UNIVERSE.**

Nahum 1:7 - 9: - "The LORD *is* good, a strong hold in the day of trouble; and he knoweth them that trust in him. But with an overrunning flood he will make an utter end of the place thereof, and darkness shall pursue his enemies. **What do ye imagine against the LORD? he will make an utter end: affliction shall not rise up the second time.**"

## Reason Number Two: -

# UNREPENTANT SINNERS WILL NOT INHERIT ETERNAL LIFE!

- Satan was the first to break God's Law of Liberty, the Government of Heaven. He was the first to commit murder, because of the hatred he had in his heart towards God/Christ, and he became the father of all liars. The devil, transgressed God's Law [which is the definition of sin], and became the first sinner in the Universe. By your works of sin, or by your works of righteousness, it will be manifested as to whose side you are on.

John 8:44: - "Ye are of *your* father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it."

1<sup>st</sup> John 3:4 & 7 - 10: - "Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law. ... Little children, let no man deceive you: he that doeth righteousness is righteous, even as he is righteous. He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil. Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God. In this the children of God are manifest, and the children of the devil: whosoever doeth not righteousness is not of God, neither he that loveth not his brother."

- The devil, or the dragon, being jealous of, and hating the Lord Jesus Christ, has, since his fall, always exhibited hatred towards those who are loyal to God's Commandments. At the very end of time, he will make war against the remnant of the woman's seed [that is, with the remnant who come from the true churches' offspring or descendants], who will keep the Commandments of God, and have the Testimony of Jesus Christ.

Revelation 12:17: - "And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ."

- Knowing that there is an impending judgment awaiting all of us, we must submit to the Everlasting Gospel of God. We must commit our souls in well doing, as unto a faithful Creator.

1<sup>st</sup> Peter 4:17 - 19: - "For the time *is come* that judgment must begin at the house of God: and if *it first begin* at us, what shall the end *be* of them that obey not the gospel of God? And if the righteous scarcely be saved, where shall the ungodly and the sinner appear? Wherefore let them that suffer according to the will of God commit the keeping of their souls *to him* in well doing, as unto a faithful Creator."

- The carnal mind of humanity must be put to death. Our mindset must be a Spiritual, and Christ-based one. Then we will delight in the Commandments of God, and have life and peace. The opposite mindset that is natural to all humanity – the carnal mind, leads to death and enmity with God, because it will not be subject or obedient to the Law of God.

Romans 8:5 - 8: - "For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit. For to be carnally minded *is* death; but to be spiritually minded *is* life and peace. Because the carnal mind *is* enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be. So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God."

- God will gather together his saints unto Himself at His second coming - those that have made a covenant with Him by sacrifice – that is, by self-denial.

Psalms 50:3 - 6: - "Our God shall come, and shall not keep silence: a fire shall devour before him, and it shall be very tempestuous round about him. He shall call to the heavens from above, and to the earth, that he may judge his people. Gather my saints together unto me; those that have made a covenant with me by sacrifice. And the heavens shall declare his righteousness: for God *is* judge himself. Selah."

CAN YOU DELIGHT IN THE SABBATH, THE HOLY OF THE LORD - HIS HOLY DAY?

CAN YOU CALL THE SABBATH HONOURABLE, AND HONOUR HIM WHO GAVE IT  
TO MANKIND?

DO YOU WANT THE SABBATH, THE PERPETUAL SIGN OF THE LORD WHO  
SANCTIFIES YOU, IN YOUR LIFE?

DO YOU WANT TO KEEP THE DAY THAT CHRIST IS LORD OF?

Isaiah 58:12 - 14: - "And *they that shall be* of thee shall build the old waste places: thou shalt raise up the foundations of many generations; and thou shalt be called, The repairer of the breach, The restorer of paths to dwell in. 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: 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*."

Isaiah 66:22 & 23: - "For as the new heavens and the new earth, which I will make, shall remain before me, saith the LORD, so shall your seed and your name remain. 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."

## **ENTERING INTO THE TRUE EXPERIENCE OF KEEPING THE SEVENTH-DAY SABBATH HOLY IS A PREPARATION FOR DWELLING IN HEAVEN, WHERE THE PRINCIPLE OF SELF-DENIAL RULES!**

☞ There are two mindsets which we can have over keeping the Sabbath day holy.

1. If we have the mindset that when the end of the Sabbath day is approaching, and we want the Sabbath to continue, even after sunset has occurred, this is a sign that we have the mindset of heaven, simply because we do not want this glimpse of Eternity to end.
2. If we have the mindset of when the Sabbath day is ending, that we are looking at the clock for the Sabbath to come to an end; or, we keep looking at the sun for it to set, then it reveals that we do NOT have the mindset of the heavenly citizens.

The choice is up to you as to which mindset you can have! The mindset of Heaven and of the Holy Angels who selflessly dwell there? Or the mindset of self!

Deuteronomy 30:19 & 20: - "I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, *that* I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live: That thou mayest love the LORD thy God, *and* that thou mayest obey his voice, and that thou mayest cleave unto him: for he *is* thy life, and the length of thy days: that thou mayest dwell in the land which the LORD sware unto thy fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them."

**CHOOSE LIFE!**

HONOUR AND RESPECT THE DAY CHRIST GAVE HUMANITY, AS HONOURABLE AND DELIGHTFUL TO KEEP, AND IS THE WEEKLY REMINDER OF OUR ORIGINS, AND TEACHES US THE SPIRITUAL LESSONS WE SO ESSENTIALLY NEED FOR TODAY, AND FOR OUR ETERNAL FUTURE!

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**"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." – Revelation 22:14.**



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