



The Bible Speaks

THE LORD'S DAY

Several years ago a Christian worker, making his way from home to home, encouraging others to study the Bible, stopped to talk to a man working in his yard. When the Christian invited the man to take a little time to become acquainted with the Bible and the message in it, he was told in no uncertain terms that this man was too busy to take time for Bible study. To further emphasize how busy he was, the man said, "Why, I am so busy that I don't even have time to read the funny papers!"

Too many people have the same attitude. Today it seems that all are so busy that they are unable to do all of the things they should. Most people secretly wish that they could give God more time. They would like to do this, but the question is - where to find it?

We should be very thankful that God understands the problems that face us today. He has made provision for us to have time for study, worship, and communion with Him. God knew that as time passed and life became more complex man would have a tendency to forget the relationship that existed between him and his Maker. Therefore, God set aside a special time so that man could refresh himself, setting aside his many problems, troubles, and perplexities and again renewing his relationship with his heavenly Father.

A psychiatrist told a patient not long ago that what he needed was to learn to completely relax. For a fee of \$25 a week the psychiatrist was teaching him to do this. He was to put every problem and worry out of his mind. The psychiatrist maintained that if every person would put out of his mind all the daily perplexities for one day a week and relax completely, there would be little need for mental institutions.

God has set aside such a day in which He wants us to renew our physical and spiritual strength. Let us learn about this day from Him.

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1. In the New Testament, what does Christ, our Lord, call His special day for rest and worship? **Revelation 1:10**

The Bible Answer: _____

2. Of which day did Jesus say He was Lord? **Matthew 12:8**

The Bible Answer: _____

Note: The Lord says that this is His holy dad. **Isaiah 58:13**

3. Which day is the Sabbath of the Lord your God? **Exodus 20:8-11**

The Bible Answer: _____

Note: from **Col. 1:16 (NT 177)** and **John 1:1 (NT 82)** we learn that it was Jesus who was the active agent of creation. It was He therefore who rested on the Sabbath and blessed and sanctified it.

5. For whom did God make the Sabbath a memorial of His creative power? **Mark 2:27,28**

The Bible Answer: _____

6. How many of the earth's people were given the Sabbath as a memorial and a rest day? **Isaiah 56:1-7**

The Bible Answer: "Mine house shall be called _____
_____." (Vs.7)

7. What punishment did God predict would befall the Jewish nation if they failed to keep the Sabbath holy? **Jeremiah 17:27**

The Bible Answer: _____

8. What example did Jesus give us regarding the seventh-day Sabbath? **Luke 4:16**

The Bible Answer: _____

9. How did Jesus protect the sacredness of the Sabbath forty years after his resurrection? **Matthew 24:20**

The Bible Answer: _____

Note: Jerusalem was destroyed in 70 A.D.

10. How did Christ's followers honour His holy day after the crucifixion?
Luke 23:56

The Bible Answer: _____

11. When did the Gentiles request that the truth of Christ should be preached to them by Paul? **Acts 13:42-44**

The Bible Answer: _____

12. Like his Master, what did Paul do on the Sabbath day? **Acts 17:2, 18:3,4**

The Bible Answer: _____

13. On what day will all flesh worship God in the New Earth? **Isaiah 66:22,23**

The Bible Answer: _____

14. What does God ask His people to do in regard to His holy day?
Isaiah 58:13,14

The Bible Answer: _____

15. How do we express our love to God for creating and redeeming us?
1 John 5:1-3

The Bible Answer: _____

16. Whose example will the Christian follow in choosing a day of worship?
1 John 2:6

The Bible Answer: _____

Several times in the Bible God states that the one act that sets Him apart as the true God is His creative power. It was He who created the world. This earth did not come into existence by some strange chance, cosmic explosion, or evolutionary process. The Bible teaches us that God, in His own wisdom, planned this world and by His creative power brought it into existence.

The Sabbath was made as the memorial of His creative ability. It was also to be an oasis for man's soul in which he can find rest and restoration through communion with his Maker. The relationship of creature to Creator is the true basis for all worship. Since this relationship can never be changed, all through eternity all creation will worship God on His Sabbath day.

Never has man needed a time to remember God and His work of creation more than today. Never has man needed a time to rest and completely put out of his mind the cares of this life more than today. Only by following our Lord's example and using His time as He instructed will man be able to find the blessing that God has promised to those who honour Him as the Creator. Jesus urged us to follow in His footsteps - to follow His example. Should we not do this in the matter of Sabbath keeping?

(If you wish to respond to the following questions, place a cross in the boxes.)

It is my desire to honour my Lord as Creator and Redeemer.

I am willing to follow in the footsteps of my Lord.

Name: _____

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