

Exodus 23.10-19, 31.12-18, 35.1-3

Resting in God's Salvation

Exodus 23.10-19

Exodus 23.¹⁰“For six years you shall sow your land and gather in its yield, ¹¹but the seventh year you shall let it rest and lie fallow, that the poor of your people may eat; and what they leave the beasts of the field may eat. You shall do likewise with your vineyard, and with your olive orchard. ¹²“Six days you shall do your work, but on the seventh day you shall rest; that your ox and your donkey may have rest, and the son of your servant woman, and the alien, may be refreshed. ¹³“Pay attention to all that I have said to you, and make no mention of the names of other gods, nor let it be heard on your lips. ¹⁴”Three times in the year you shall keep a feast to me. ¹⁵You shall keep the Feast of Unleavened Bread. As I commanded you, you shall eat unleavened bread for seven days at the appointed time in the month of Abib, for in it you came out of Egypt. None shall appear before me empty-handed. ¹⁶You shall keep the Feast of Harvest, of the firstfruits of your labor, of what you sow in the field. You shall keep the Feast of Ingathering at the end of the year, when you gather in from the field the fruit of your labor. ¹⁷Three times in the year shall all your males appear before the LORD GOD. ¹⁸“You shall not offer the blood of my sacrifice with anything leavened, or let the fat of my feast remain until the morning. ¹⁹“The best of the firstfruits of your ground you shall bring into the house of the LORD your God. “You shall not boil a young goat in its mother’s milk.

Exodus 31.12-18

Exodus 31.¹²And the LORD said to Moses, ¹³“You are to speak to the people of Israel and say, ‘Above all you shall keep my Sabbaths, for this is a sign between me and you throughout your generations, that you may know that I, the LORD, sanctify you. ¹⁴You shall keep the Sabbath, because it is holy for you. Everyone who profanes it shall be put to death. Whoever does any work on it, that soul shall be cut off from among his people. ¹⁵Six days shall work be done, but the seventh day is a Sabbath of solemn rest, holy to the LORD. Whoever does any work on the Sabbath day shall be put to death. ¹⁶Therefore the people of Israel shall keep the Sabbath, observing the Sabbath throughout their generations, as a covenant forever. ¹⁷It is a sign forever between me and the people of Israel that in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, and on the seventh day he rested and was refreshed.’” ¹⁸And he gave to Moses, when he had finished speaking with him on Mount Sinai, the two tablets of the testimony, tablets of stone, written with the finger of God.

Exodus 35.1-3

Exodus 35.¹Moses assembled all the congregation of the people of Israel and said to them, “These are the things that the LORD has commanded you to do. ²Six days work shall be done, but on the seventh day you shall have a Sabbath of solemn rest, holy to the LORD. Whoever does any work on it shall be put to death. ³You shall kindle no fire in all your dwelling places on the Sabbath day.”

1. Surprising Importance of Sabbath Laws

Repeated 5 X’s Exodus – MORE than any Other of the 10 Commandments

Ask People TODAY which of 10 Commandments is MOST Important >

Sabbath NEVER Thought to be IMPORTANT > Just GOING to CHURCH!

NATIONS > Sunday is PLAY Day – Sports, Shopping, Fun, Family Day,

SABBATH has BECOME YOUR Day!! Never God’s Day!

“Pay attention to all that I have said to you, and make no mention of the names of other gods, nor let it be heard on your lips” Exodus 23.13

2. Sabbath is about Social Justice

“Six days you shall do your work, but on the seventh day you shall rest; that your ox and your donkey may have rest, and the son of your servant woman, and the alien, may be refreshed.” Exodus 23.12

People of God called to SHARE > Servants, Poor, Wild Animals,

Even Land itself be RESTORED, RENEWED > Sabbath YEAR of JUBILEE

The Sabbath was God’s guarantee that workers and livestock would get a day off.
Philip Ryken

“You shall not boil a young goat in its mother’s milk. Exodus 23.19

PRO-LIFE Verse – Source of Life should NOT be CAUSE of DEATH

Young Goat should be NOURISHED in Mother’s Milk, NOT BOILED in it

Canaanite WORSHIP Ritual > No MIXING, IDOLATRY

3. Sabbath looks Silly

The LORD said to Moses, “You are to speak to the people of Israel and say, ‘Above all you shall keep my Sabbaths, for this is a sign between me and you throughout your generations, that you may know that I, the LORD, sanctify you.’”
Exodus 31.12,13

EVEN the Building & Beautifying of TABERNACLE Should Wait

“Six days you shall work, but on the seventh day you shall rest. In plowing time and in harvest you shall rest.”
Exodus 34.21

REPITION of SAME Laws AFTER Golden Calf > Exodus 35 Sabbath

Chick-fil-et FAST Food Restaurant in USA – Stiff COMPETITION

CLOSED Sundays – Rest, Refreshment, Church > Losing 20% of Possible Profit

Even Caring for BODY of Crucified Lord WAITED for Sabbath to End

Now *after the Sabbath*, toward the dawn of the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. Matthew 28.1

If a man’s business requires so much of his time that he cannot attend the Sunday morning and evening services, and Wednesday night prayer meeting, then that man has more business than God intended him to have. J.C. Penny

No GOOD EXEMPTIONS for MISSING the Worship of God > N.T. Sabbath

People MISS Morning Worship to Prepare for Evening, or Vice Versa

Anything CAN SEEM Like a GOOD REASON – to Miss Meeting God/People

If TOO BUSY to Meet w/ God & His People > RE-Think PRIORITIES

4. Sabbath teaches us about Salvation

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Exodus 31.12,13

The Sabbath was a tabernacle in time.

Goran Larsson

And he said to them, “The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath. So the Son of Man is lord even of the Sabbath.”
Mark 2.27,28

Sabbath – Giving Self to God and his People in Worship > GROW in Grace

GOD Alone must DO the WORK of Salvation > We DO Nothing to EARN

Sabbath is CESSATION > STOP what YOU are Doing – Get out of Way!!

5. Sabbath is matter of Life and Death

You shall keep the Sabbath, because it is holy for you. Everyone who profanes it shall be put to death. Whoever does any work on it, that soul shall be cut off from among his people. Six days shall work be done, but the seventh day is a Sabbath of solemn rest, holy to the LORD. Whoever does any work on the Sabbath day shall be put to death.
Exodus 31.14,15

Church is NOT given Authority to Carry Out DEATH PENALTY Today

But we HAVE Keys to Eternal Life – Announce Life & Death to World

Jesus: “I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.”
Matthew 16.18,19

Thanks be to God, who in Christ always leads us in triumphal procession, and through us spreads the fragrance of the knowledge of him everywhere. For we are the aroma of Christ to God among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing, to one a fragrance from death to death, to the other a fragrance from life to life.
2 Corinthians 2.14-16

The death penalty seems harsh, but not when we realize what the Sabbath was intended to do. By not keeping the Sabbath, the Israelite was showing that he or she was not interested in knowing God. Peter Enns

Sabbath Breaking – National Sin – No Other Nation had Such a God, Sabbath

Jesus DAY – Religious Leaders emphasized SABBATH > Keep Boundaries

IGNORING God's SABBATH – God's Day, God's Purpose, God's People

Telling God “You are a WASTE of my TIME. Not worth the INVESTMENT”

The Lord's Day is a vacation for the soul. It is a day to revel in the wonders of God and the mysteries of his Word. It is a day to regain perspective. Before we launch out into another week with all the difficulties and distractions of daily life, we take a day to remember who God is and who we are in relationship to him.

Philip Ryken

The Sabbath should be to us a tower we should mount aloft to contemplate afar the works of God.

John Calvin

On the Lord's Day we stop working and instead rest in God's peace. We stop producing and rest in God's provision. We stop accomplishing and rest in our identity in Christ. We stop acquiring and rest in God's care. We stop worrying and rest in God's sovereignty.

Marva Dawn

You are DECLARING Christ and Gospel to Others just by GOING to Church

You need to TELL THEM what is Message – FAITH Comes by Hearing Christ

But your FAITHFUL Going POINTS to IMPORTANCE of the Message

What HOLDS Islam Together? Why would people Join? UMMA / Community

Xtians translated FAITH to Worship Service – Light, Friendly, Fast, GET OUT!

Imagine Spending WHOLE Day with One Another – Know, Love, Support

Sporadic, Inconsistent, Erratic, Not very CONVINCING that Christ is Important
RARE to see Spiritual FAILURE in People that are Faithful in WORSHIP
STOP Coming to Worship – DRIFT Away – eventually they FALL AWAY
KIDS FORCED!! Make Bed, Brush Teeth, Shower.... GO TO CHURCH
RESPECTED, Never Fought, Friends, Joy

“If you turn back your foot from the Sabbath, from doing your pleasure on my holy day, and call the Sabbath a delight and the holy day of the LORD honorable; if you honor it, not going your own ways, or seeking your own pleasure, or talking idly; then you shall take delight in the LORD, and I will make you ride on the heights of the earth; I will feed you with the heritage of Jacob your father, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.” Isaiah 58.13,14