

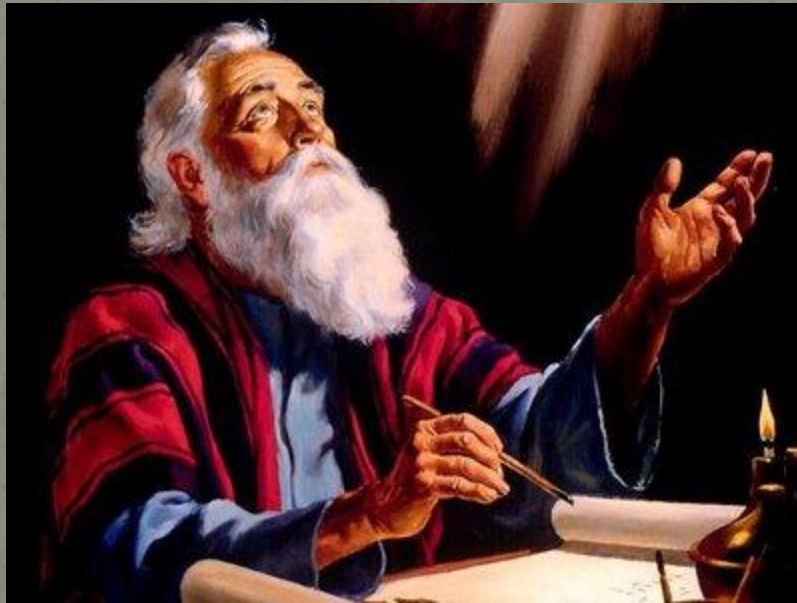
# Security Clearance

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Or, God's ID: the 7<sup>th</sup>-Day Sabbath

# Natural, Original, Organic

- The Sabbath is one of the first things written about in the Bible.



God's servant, Moses, was the first to write the integral history of the Earth.

# What happened?

## Geneses 2 : 1-3

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Thus the heavens and the earth, and all the host of them, were finished.

And on the seventh day God ended His work which He had done, and He rested on the seventh day from all His work which He had done.

Then God blessed the seventh day and sanctified it, because in it He rested from all His work which God had created and made.

## Was God tired?

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- Created the Universe on schedule (6 days flat)
- He approved it.
- He put His work aside.
- He rested from working.
- He blessed the rest day.
- He made the rest day holy because...

# ... well just because...

God created the majority of the universe just by saying things.

- He spake and it was done. He commanded and it stood fast. (KJV)
- He spoke, and it came into being. He gave the order, and there it stood. (God's Word T)
- For He hath said, and it is, He hath commanded, and it standeth. (Young's Literal T)

No matter the translation, Psalm 33:9 reminds us of the facts: As soon as God says something it becomes.



## Question:

What does  
all this mean  
to me?

After all, It's  
Saturday and  
I'm here.

Isn't it enough that I  
come to church on  
the seventh day?

# Organic Need

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The children of Adam & Eve may choose many foolish paths in their freedom, but there are natural laws that cannot be trumped. When He rested, we downloaded the protocol.

# Wired for Science

- Environmental scientist, Dr. Arnie Gotfryd, notes that humans, insects, rodents, seeds and other creatures work on a 7 day cycle.
- Renowned chronobiologist, Franz Halberg discovered that biorhythms, wired to the 7 day week, affect humans even in time isolated environments.
- BP, HR, blood chemistry, organ function, neurotransmitters, immune system, tooth development and urine volume and chemistry shift on the 7<sup>th</sup> day.
- Every human society naturally develops rhythmic times and celebrations by which the community is *identified* and emotionally grounded.

# Love, Love, Love!

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Jesus, the Creator, gave more than we can ever imagine to give us access to life we cannot deserve. We love Him. We want to be with Him. We want to be like Him. We want to please Him.



# Jesus said...

## John 15: 10

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If you keep My commands, you will be ever in My love, even as I have kept My Father's commands, and am ever in His love.

## John 14: 15

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If you love Me, keep my commandments.



For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments; and His commandments are not burdensome.-1 John 5:3

# Blessings in a Box

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Not only did God bless the Sabbath at creation, but He has attached gift after gift after precious gift to those who choose to honor His wishes by remembering and loving the day like He does.

## 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.

# The Holiness Factor

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When the Creator 'sanctified' the Sabbath, He set it apart from every other day. He wants it to be more than a tradition. It *means* something to Him.

# Ezekiel 20: 12, 19, 20

Moreover also I gave them my sabbaths, to be a sign between me and them, that they might know that I am the LORD that sanctify them. ...

I am the LORD your God; walk in my statutes, and keep my judgments, and do them;

And hallow my sabbaths; and they shall be a sign between me and you, that ye may know that I am the LORD your God.

# Foreshadowing and Sabbath

- Abraham and Isaac on Mt. Moriah



- Sacrificial Lamb





# Hebrews 4: 1,3,4,7,9-11

Let us therefore fear, lest, a promise being left us of entering into his rest, any of you should seem to come short of it... For we which have believed do enter into rest...

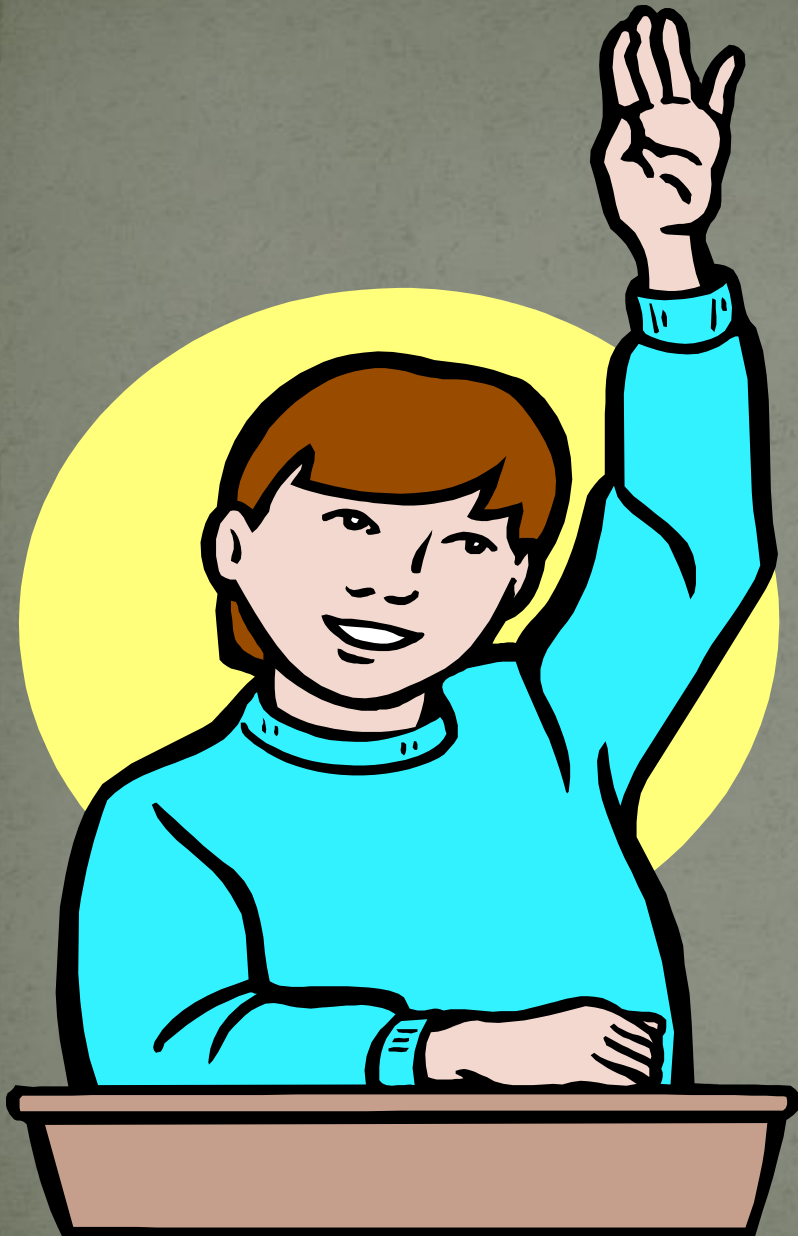
Again, he limiteth a certain day...There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God. For he that is entered into his rest, he also hath ceased from his own works, as God did from his. Let us labour therefore to enter into that rest, lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief.



# "A sign between you and Me"

- The Sabbath was there before sin and remains a relationship builder between Creator and His creation.
- The Sabbath is a membership badge.
- *It is a holy reminder of His love, power, Fatherly position and cosmic role.*





## So... ?

- What does it mean to ‘Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy’?
- How do we keep the Sabbath?
- What are some things we can do on the Sabbath to make it “a delight”?
- What does it mean to “do our pleasure, speak our own words” on the Sabbath?
- Is keeping the Sabbath a test, a reward?
- Can we make it to Heaven if we choose not to keep the Sabbath?
- (james2:10, jude1:24)

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May you find your Joy in the Creator and His holy day!