

What Day Did God Sanctify?

This tract has been created to introduce those who are searching for truth set forth in God's word. This tract is not based on the traditions of men and pagan religions.

As children of God, we must look for truth in what the scriptures teach us on the day God sanctified. If we believe that there is a living God who has created all things with a plan of salvation for all mankind. Then the first thing we need to deal with is when God commands something to be done, does mankind have the authority to change those things?

Deuteronomy 4:2

Verse 2 Ye shall not add unto the word which I command you, neither shall ye diminish *ought* from it, that ye may keep the commandments of the LORD your God which I command you.

Deuteronomy 12:32

Verse 32 What thing soever I command you, observe to do it: thou shalt not add thereto, nor diminish from it.

Joshua 1:7

Verse 7 Only be thou strong and very courageous, that thou mayest observe to do according to all the law, which Moses my servant commanded thee: turn not from it *to* the right hand or *to* the left, that thou mayest prosper whithersoever thou goest.

Galatians 3:15

Verse 15 Brethren, I speak after the manner of men; Though *it be* but a man's covenant, yet *if it be* confirmed, no man disannulleth, or addeth thereto.

Revelation 22:18, 19

Verse 18 For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book:

Verse 19 And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and *from* the things which are written in this book.

We see in these scriptures that we are not to add to or take away from the scriptures. We are to do as God has commanded us to do.

Now let us look at what day God sanctified.

Genesis 2:1 - 3

Verse 1 Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them.

Verse 2 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.

Verse 3 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.

Exodus 20:11

Verse 11 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.

We see here in these scriptures that God did not only sanctify the seventh day he also blessed it, making it a very sacred day.

What does the word sanctify actually mean?

Sanctify - set apart as or declare holy; consecrate

Now this may leave one to wonder is the seventh day Sabbath made only for the Israelites?

Mark 2:27

Verse 27 And he said unto them, The sabbath was made for man, and not man for the sabbath:

Exodus 20:8 - 11

Verse 8 Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy.

Verse 9 Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work:

Verse 10 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:

Verse 11 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.

These scriptures tell us that the Sabbath was made for mankind, not any single race or person. Exodus tells us clearly that even the stranger within thy gates is told to keep the seventh day Sabbath. It is man who fights against God, Israel walked away from it and so did the early church. Once the last of the apostles died, the church wanted to distant itself from anything that they thought was Jewish. The church took it upon itself to decide that the first day of the week was to be kept in remembrance of the resurrection of Jesus. We were never commanded to do this, the only remembrance we were commanded by our Lord Jesus the Christ to do was the Lord's Supper.

How can we be sure Saturday is the seventh day? Some churches honour the death of Jesus on Friday, they believe that he was in the sepulchre Saturday and raised on Sunday. What does the Bible call those days in the following verses?

Matthew 28:1

Verse 1 In the end of the sabbath, as it began to dawn toward the first *day* of the week, came Mary Magdalene and the other Mary to see the sepulchre.

Luke 23:56

Verse 56 And they returned, and prepared spices and ointments; and rested the sabbath day according to the commandment.

Luke 24:1

Verse 1 Now upon the first *day* of the week, very early in the morning, they came unto the sepulchre, bringing the spices which they had prepared, and certain *others* with them.

In every case here Saturday would be the seventh day, every Easter these churches agree that Sunday is the first day of the week making Saturday your seventh day Sabbath.

Will the seventh day Sabbath be kept in the New Kingdom?

Isaiah 66:23

Verse 23 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.

Revelation 15:4

Verse 4 Who shall not fear thee, O Lord, and glorify thy name? for *thou* only *art* holy: for all nations shall come and worship before thee; for thy judgments are made manifest.

God gave us the seventh day of rest at creation, and we are told we will still keep it in the New Kingdom. Logically if God made it for us in the beginning and we will be keeping it in the New Kingdom, then there would be no reason for us to do away with it, or we would be taking away from the word of God.

Should we not walk in the examples left to us by our Lord and Saviour Jesus.

Matthew 16:24

Verse 24 Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any *man* will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me.

Mark 10:21

Verse 21 Then Jesus beholding him loved him, and said unto him, One thing thou lackest: go thy way, sell whatsoever thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come, take up the cross, and follow me.

Luke 9:59 - 62

Verse 59 And he said unto another, Follow me. But he said, Lord, suffer me first to go and bury my father.

Verse 60 Jesus said unto him, Let the dead bury their dead: but go thou and preach the kingdom of God.

Verse 61 And another also said, Lord, I will follow thee; but let me first go bid them farewell, which are at home at my house.

Verse 62 And Jesus said unto him, No man, having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God.

John 10:27, 28

Verse 27 My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me:

Verse 28 And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any *man* pluck them out of my hand.

John 12:26

Verse 26 If any man serve me, let him follow me; and where I am, there shall also my servant be: if any man

serve me, him will *my* Father honour.

Our commission is to pattern our life after Jesus the Christ, not the false teachings of man. Jesus tells us that Sabbath is made for man and that he is Lord of the Sabbath. These words are not words that would indicate that the seventh day Sabbath has been or should be done away with. God's sanctified day for us to keep is Saturday and this day itself should not be changed.

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