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"The Day of Worship," chapter 2: The Importance of God's Day of Worship

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We just asked about it that you. Give us an understanding of importance of keeping the Sabbath. The knowledge that you've given us about your day. Glory praise and honor in Jesus' name. Amen.

So,

Important of God's day worship. All right, there are some handouts hopefully everyone got and out their scriptures noted on those handouts. In Ezekiel Ezekiel eggs, the Lord revealed the horrors of Israel's idolatry. In each part of the vision, the Lord showed the prophets some form of idolatry, that was being committed in the temple.

Yet the Lord acknowledge degrees of the sin of idolatry. If someone could read Ezekiel 8:6 for me please and I can also after someone to read the next one if you feel 8:13 and 15 Ezekiel 8:6. And Luke you got Ezekiel 8:13. I feel like I'm in Catechism class here and Nate Ezekiel 8:15.

And he said to me, turn it again and you'll see greater abominations that they are doing.

Then he said to.

Begin.

So I want to point out in Matthew Henry's commentary by Dollar Tree and Rest. He notes. That the list of sins Paul enumerates and his indictment of mankind and Romans 1 and Compasses breaking every one of the 10 commandments. Those who reject God's revelation of himself are allowed by him to descend into deeper and deeper depravity.

As I considered each of the Ten Commandments, the one that really stuck out to me was the fourth keeping the Sabbath has a day of rest. Our idols do not afford us luxury of any respite from our pursuit of them, but the Living God does. The violation's violation of creation ordinance is a high crime.

While neglecting a sign of the covenant of grace is a greater abomination. The frequency with which the scriptures enforce the fourth commandment adds to the seriousness of this issue. The fact that

Sabbath breaking is singled out is one of the most significant causes of the exile of God's people rises raises.

I'm sorry the significance of the issues to the new to a new height. Yet as we come to consider the glory of the Sabbath as a day of exclusive worship and communing with God. Sabbath breaking is set forth in all its blackness is based in gratitude and I'll come back to that later in.

Our discussion.

Shorter catechism question. Howl is the Sabbath to be sanctified. We can answer that.

Would you like it? The sound of this to be sanctified by a holy resting all that day even from such worldly employments and recreations as our lawful on other things and spending the whole time and the public a private exercises of God's worship except so much as to be taken up in the works of necessity and mercy.

Thanks. I'll be looking at four reasons the emphasis of the Saturday is the rest from our regular employment of the purpose of worship and communion with God that are inferred from the situation of Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden. The fact that God sanctified the Sabbath position of the Sabbath within the Ten Commandments and the character of the duties associated with Sabbath keeping.

So first gardening. First the situation the Garden of Eden implies that God designed the Sabbath for worship and communion with himself. God sanctified the Sabbath as soon as a sixth day of creation was completed. So we have Scripture associated that Genesis 2:1 through 3, who would be?

Again. Henry's commentary writes after six days. I ceased from all works of creation. God did not rest as one weary but as one well pleased. Notice the beginning of the kingdom of race and the sanctification were keeping holy of this Saturday. The solemn observing of one day and seven as a day of holy rest and holy work to God's honor is a duty of all to whom God has made known his holy Sabbaths.

At this time none of the human race were in being but our first parents. For them the Sabbath was appointed and clearly for all succeeding generations also. The Christian Sabbath, which we observe is a set is a seventh day and in it we celebrate the rest of God. The son and the finishing work of our redemption.

The rest required in the Sabbath cannot be equated with an inactivity. It is not so with God himself who has never ceased to labor in his works of providence and neither should it be in the case of his creatures as they imitate his rest. Robert L Raymond a Christian theologian an author of the Lord's Day observance and contending for

the faith lines in the sand and strengthen the church notes that rest cannot mean mere cessation from labor.

Much less recovery from fatigue. Rest then means involvement in the new in the sense of a different activity. It means cessation from the labor of the six days and the taking up of different labors appropriate to the Lord's day. What these labors are the Sabbath rest are is restricted or circumscribed by the accompanying phrase to the Lord.

This certainly includes both corporate and private acts of worship and the contemplation of glory of God. Surely Adam and Eve would have enjoyed the Sabbath according to its original intent as a day of uninterrupted and direct worship and communion with God. Scottish theologian and author Dr. John Marie quotes.

There's a release from the labors of the sixth day but is also released to the contemplation of the glory of God. Cessation from the labors of the week must itself had its source and ground in obedience to God and the gratitude which is the motive of fruit of such obedience will minister to the worship, which is the specific employment of a Sabbath rest.

This is just saying that rest from weekly labors and the exercise of specific worship are inseparable. And they mutually conditioned one another. It is a Sabbath of rest to the Lord. We cannot have one without the other. The purpose of the Sabbath is not in activity. This was essentially the view of Pharisees.

The purpose of cessation from worldly employment of a Sabbath is to take up the entire time with a public and private exercise of God's worship.

God's sanctified. Sabbath the second discussion point. Second the fact that the Lord sanctified and hallowed unless you hallowed the Sabbath day means that he set it apart for the purpose of worship. Scripture reading here. Leviticus 27:28. Do we have any volunteers? Josiah 7:28 not withstanding no devoted things that a man shall devote unto the Lord of all that he had both the man and beast and of the field his possession shall be sold or redeemed.

Every devoted thing is most holy unto the Lord. So God sanctified the Sabbath and made it holy the natural conclusion is that he set it apart for worship. In every case whether an object is declared holy devoted to the Lord or sanctify the emphasis always rest upon setting something apart exclusively to the service.

Of the Lord. This means that the operative phrase in the fourth commandment is keep it holy. Not you shall do no work. Do I get amen?

The position among the Ten Commandments. Third. The position of the fourth commandment among the Ten Commandments pointed to an emphasis

upon worship. For the Ten Commandments address our direct relation to God with respect to his worship and service while the last six addressed our service to God by way of serving our neighbor.

First the first commandment concerns its objects of worship the second the manner of worship. The third proper attitude of worship and fourth the time set apart exclusively for worship. Sadly many churches have moved away from understanding the Sabbath as a day of worship. Henry comments and marked two twenty three through twenty eight, do we have two twenty threes and twenty eighty one like to read Thomas?

Cave. As he went through the cornfield. That was he.

Can he said hunting.

Hunger. They.

Based.

On.

Thank you. Henry also comments on Mark 20 a Mark to 23 through 28, the Sabbath is a sacred and divine institution a privilege and benefit not a task of graduating. God never designed it to be a burden to us, therefore, we must not make it so to ourselves. The Sabbath was instituted for the good of mankind is living in society having many wants and troubles preparing for the state of happiness for misery man was not made for the Sabbath.

As if his keeping it could be of service to God nor was he commanded to keep it outward keep it outward observance to his real hurt every observance respecting it is to be interpreted by the rule of mercy. Many contemporary Christians have abused this principle in order to shift from a worship centered view of Sabbath to a man's sinner he wrote seven.

Our fourth point the duties of the Sabbath. Every duty explicitly explicitly connected to the Sabbath observance is a duty related to worship. Leviticus 23:3.

Yes, sir. Six days shall work be done rest only complications of the Lord and all your dwellings. At 27. Lout.

First Corinthians, 16 1 through. Flowery. The same as I've given order to the Church of Malaysia even so do you upon the first day of the week, but every one of you laid by him in the store and? Across the town.

Assets every requirement attached to the Sabbath keeping in both the old and New Testaments relates to some duty of corporate or private worship. The evidence shows that God appointed the Sabbath day for us

to rest from our word worldly employments, so we might have a day of worship and communion with God.

When our soul focused on that day is upon worshiping and committing with our God through the glorious gospel of his son. Particular questions regarding our thoughts speech and recreations on that day will begin to be to answer themselves. Consider what a glorious privilege and blessing such a day ought to be to us.

What mercy from God that we should have one day and seven to enjoy God without the distractions burdening us throughout the week. Does this not make our neglect of the Sabbath appear as ingratitude. If Adam and Eve needed a day of worship before the fall, do we not need such a day.

When our when you just disregard the Sabbath by bending your conscience to the will of employers or to the lusts of the flesh, rather than the word of God, do you realize you are actually despising the privilege of worship? Does not this highlight the importance of a Sabbath more than every other factor combined.

So in conclusion. Disagreements over Sabbath key things should not rupture the fellowship of believers and the doctrine or justification of the authority of scripture yet neither do the scriptures treat the Sabbath as a rip real issue. Can we honestly say that the modern church has attached some importance to Sabbath keeping that God has.

Whether position whether position you adopt with respect to Sabbath, whatever. I'm sorry, whatever position you adopt with respect to Sabbath keeping. Made a wait of the word of God ride you to study these things with greater urgency and increase sincerity to understand the will of the Lord. Yes, Mr.

Renter.

From Vance perspective, we have a tendency to look at it as well. I'm giving up these things. Awards today. I'm giving these things up for God. When that's a entirely. What God has.

But I think in our flesh we have a tendency to look at as many times as I'm making these sacrifices. I'm not doing these things. Well the things that God has given us to do on this day or to be so much greater than the things that we're not doing anytime.

Learning to live that understanding.

Just. Thank you. One thing I'd like to point out from our personal perspective. I didn't have a real clear understanding of Sabbath and the importance of coming here to hope well and and. Mr. Renter was a huge impact to me in terms of. Helping me understand. The true minions and understanding how important it is to.

Keep in the Sabbath. So again, I want to thank you day for for being a. For helping me and also. Reading through this book has really broadened my understanding of keeping the sabbath from the importance of keeping this african going back to the scriptures which scriptures really emphasize that.

So, I just want to say it has personally impacted me in my family.

Thank you. So. By the way we thank you for. Bringing your word to light to us and showing us the importance of Sabbath keeping. Where your scripture highlights. The things that we need to see how we need to be grateful to you and what you've done for us and how.

You've given us this day. To worship you to glorify me. Continue Lord God to reveal these things to us and to show us. How. We can continue to grow our name and we thank you and we praise you.