

A New Sabbath

Matthew 12: At that time Jesus went through the grainfields on the Sabbath. His disciples were hungry and began to pick some heads of grain and eat them. 2 When the Pharisees saw this, they said to him, “Look! Your disciples are doing what is unlawful on the Sabbath.”

Matthew 11: 27 “All things have been committed to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

Matthew 12: 3 He answered, “Haven’t you read what David did when he and his companions were hungry? 4 He entered the house of God, and he and his companions ate the consecrated bread—which was not lawful for them to do, but only for the priests.

Like David before him,
Jesus was not fully recognized
as King by his enemies.

Matthew 12: 5 Or haven't you read in the Law that the priests on Sabbath duty in the temple desecrate the Sabbath and yet are innocent? 6 I tell you that something greater than the temple is here.

Jeremiah 17: 27 But if you do not obey me to **keep the Sabbath** day holy by not carrying any load as you come through the gates of Jerusalem on the Sabbath day, then I will kindle an unquenchable fire in the gates of Jerusalem **that will consume her fortresses.”**

Don't put stock in anything
religious except for Christ
alone.

Matthew 12: 7 If you had known what these words mean, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice,' you would not have condemned the innocent. **8** For the **Son of Man** is **Lord of the Sabbath.**"

Daniel 7: 13 “In my vision at night I looked,
and there before me was one like a **son of
man**, coming with the clouds of heaven...14
He was given authority, glory and sovereign
power; all nations and peoples of every
language worshiped him.

Genesis 1: 5 And there was evening, and there was morning—the first day.

Genesis 2: 3 Then God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it he rested from all the work of creating that he had done.

In Jesus, creation finds its
completion.

As the “Lord of the Sabbath”, our
standard of behavior is found in
him alone.

The Sabbath is special
only because it points to Jesus.

Matthew 12: 9 Going on from that place,
he went into their synagogue, 10 and a
man with a shriveled hand was there.
Looking for a reason to bring charges
against Jesus, they asked him, “Is it lawful
to heal on the Sabbath?”

Matthew 12: 11 He said to them, “If any of you has a sheep and it falls into a pit on the Sabbath, will you not take hold of it and lift it out? 12 How much more valuable is a person than a sheep! **Therefore it is lawful to do good on the Sabbath.”**

Matthew 12: 13 Then he said to the man,
“Stretch out your hand.” So he stretched it
out and it was **completely restored**, just as
sound as the other. 14 But the Pharisees
went out and plotted how they might kill
Jesus.

Whether it's about you personally
or others,

the Sabbath is about restoration.

Take it with you:

(1) In Christ, every day is the
Sabbath

Take it with you:

(2) In Christ, our Sabbaths are full
of good works.

Ephesians 2: 8 For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— 9 not by works, so that no one can boast. 10 For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus **to do good works**, which **God prepared** in advance for us to do.

Then one day the truth hit me as I was praying before work. God wanted me here in this position doing this job around these people. Everything about where I was and what I was doing was His doing. I was a player on His team now. God didn't want me taking pride in what I did for a living or getting caught up in comparing myself to those around me. He just wanted me to be a faithful servant, which was impossible apart from humility. I got on my knees and asked God to forgive my pride and help me see this job from His perspective.

-David Benham "Living Among Lions"

Take it with you:

(3) In all things in Christ, focus on restoration.

Acts 3: 19 Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that **times of refreshing** may come from the Lord, 20 and that he may send the Messiah, who has been appointed for you—even Jesus. 21 Heaven must receive him until the time comes for God to **restore everything**...

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