

SATURDAY

Numbers 6:24-26 "The Lord bless you and keep you! May the LORD make his face shine upon you, and be gracious to you! May the Lord turn his face upon you and give you peace!"

Everything, whether it be a principle, a law, or an order of things, everything has been created and established by God and revealed in his Word.

The Sabbath is not a day like any other:

At the beginning:

Ge 2:1-2 "Thus were the heavens and the earth and all their army finished." On the seventh day, God did the work He had done, and He rested on the seventh day from all the work He had done.

Ge 2:3 "GOD BLESSED THE SEVENTH DAY AND SANCTIFIED IT, because in it God rested from all the work that he had created and made."

The Sabbath, the seventh day of the week, is part of God's creation and is the only day blessed and sanctified by God.

In Noah's day:

Ge 7:1,4 "The Lord said to Noah, 'Go into the ark with all your household, for I have seen that you are righteous before me in this generation; for in seven days I will make it rain on the earth forty days and forty nights: I will destroy from the face of the earth all the living things that I have made.'

Noah was called to enter the ark for the salvation of his family on the

seventh day, that is, Saturday.

In Abraham's day:

Ge 26:5 "For Abraham obeyed my voice and kept what I commanded him, my commandments, my statutes, and my laws."

In Moses' day:

Ex 24:15-16 "And Moses went up the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the LORD remained on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days. On the seventh day the Lord called Moses out of the midst of the cloud.

The Sabbath, the fourth of the 10 commandments

Ex 20:8-11 "Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy. Work six days and do all your work, but the SEVENTH is A DAY OF REST, CONSECRATED TO THE ETERNAL GOD YOUR GOD; DO NO ORDINARY WORK IN IT, NEITHER YOU, NOR YOUR SON, NOR YOUR DAUGHTER, NOR YOUR SERVANT, NOR YOUR MAIDSERVANT, NOR YOUR CATTLE, NOR THE STRANGER WHO DWELLS IN YOUR CITY; for in six days the LORD made the heavens, and the earth, and the sea, and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day: therefore THE LORD BLESSED THE DAY OF REST, AND SANCTIFIED IT. (Ex 16:29; Ex 31:12-17; Deut 5:12-15).

Ex 16:26 ... The seventh day is the Sabbath.

Lev 23:3 "Six days shall be labored; but THE SEVENTH DAY IS THE SABBATH, THE DAY OF COMPLETE REST AND HOLY CONVOCATION. (WORSHIP) You shall do no work in it; it is a rest consecrated to the Lord in all the places where you dwell.

Many object saying that the Sabbath is part of the Mosaic law so it should not be observed, but Jesus said that he did not abolish the law but brought

it to completion. (The Mosaic law includes three main laws: the moral law, the ceremonial law, and the sacrificial law; the Sabbath is part of both the moral law as a day of rest to be sanctified, the fourth of the 10 commandments, and the ceremonial law as a service to worship God.) Furthermore, the same ten commandments are reported in the New Testament and summarized in only two commandments: the first Love God, referring to the first 4 commandments, the second love one's neighbor, referring to the last 6 commandments, as in this verse:

Mt 22:37-40 Jesus said to him, "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the great and first commandment. The second, similar to this, is: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'" On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."

Rom 13:9 For "You shall not commit adultery," "You shall not kill," "You shall not steal," "You shall not covet," and any other commandment are summed up in this word, "Love your neighbor as yourself."

Mt 5:17 "Do not think that I have come to abrogate the law or the prophets."

Others quote Jesus' verse in Mark, but what does that mean?

Mr 2:27 And he said unto them, The sabbath was made for man (not for the Jews), and not man for the sabbath.

It means that the Sabbath is subject to man because it is a sacred day established by God and therefore reserved as a day of worship to the Lord. Man must not be a slave to human traditions added to the Sabbath to set limits and not to do good, as Jesus himself said to the Pharisees, because the Pharisees raised the Sabbath more than the good to be done on the Sabbath and used it to condemn man, as they did with Him by saying that together with His disciples they violated the Sabbath. This is because in the Pharisees there was no love of God, in fact most of them were called by Jesus, children of the devil their father. Similarly what some believers do today with the Word of God, who instead of using it with the Spirit to

build, use it as a letter to judge and condemn.

The same principle of the Sabbath in Mark's verse is explained to us by the apostle Paul with regard to women.

1 Corinthians 11:9 ... Man was not created for woman, but woman for man.

What do these words mean here too?

That woman is subject to man as man is subject to Christ and not vice versa. This means that God establishes an order in everything in His Kingdom and so it must be fulfilled.

1 Corinthians 11:3 "But I want you to know that the head of every man is Christ, and that the head of a woman is man, and that the head of Christ is God."

In Joshua's day:

Jos 6:15 On the seventh day they arose in the morning at dawn, and went round the city seven times in the same manner; on that day alone they went round the city seven times.

In Nehemiah's day:

Ne 9:14 "You have made known to them your (God's) HOLY SABBATH, and you have given them commandments, precepts, and a law through Moses your servant.

In Ezekiel's day:

Eze 30:20 "In the eleventh year, in the first month, on the seventh day of the month, the word of the LORD came to me in these terms...

Singing for the Sabbath day (Ps 92:1-15)

In Isaiah's day:

Is 56:2,6-7 "Blessed is the man who does this, the son of man who sticks to this, who keeps the Sabbath and refrains from profaning it, who refrains from doing any evil. And the strangers who shall join themselves unto the LORD to serve him, to love the name of the LORD, to be his servants, and all that shall keep the sabbath, and abstain from desecrating it, and shall abide by my covenant, I will bring them to my holy mountain, and will gladden them in my house of prayer: and their burnt offerings and their sacrifices shall be acceptable upon my altar, for my house will be called a house of prayer for all peoples.

In Jeremiah's day:

Jeremiah 17:21-22 "Thus says the Lord: For the sake of your own lives, take heed not to bring any load or pass it through the gates of Jerusalem on the Sabbath; you shall not take any load out of your houses, nor do any work on the Sabbath; but keep the Sabbath day holy, as I commanded your fathers.

In Jesus' day:

Mt 5:17 "Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to bring to completion.

The Sabbath, part of the moral, ceremonial and spiritual law, confirmed by Jesus Christ who called himself "the Lord of the Sabbath"

Mt 12:8 ... the Son of Man is Lord of the Sabbath. (Mark 2:28; Lk 6:5).

Here the Lord of the Sabbath is also understood as the Lord who gives rest and peace, and those who go to Him find true rest. In any case, Jesus never changed the day of the Sabbath consecrated and blessed to offer our spiritual worship.

Healing on Saturday... (Mark 3:1-5).

Teaching in the synagogue on the Sabbath... (Mk 6:2; Lk 4:16-21; Lk 4:31; Lk 6:6; Lk 13:10).

In the time of the apostles:

Acts 15:21 "For Moses from of old has had in every city someone who preaches him in the synagogues, where he is read every sabbath.

Ac 13:27 "For the inhabitants of Jerusalem and their rulers did not recognize this Jesus, and in condemning him they fulfilled the declarations of the prophets that are read every Sabbath.

The Jews read the Torah and the prophets every Sabbath

Acts 18:4 (The Apostle Paul in Corinth) ...every Sabbath he taught in the synagogue and persuaded Jews and Greeks.

Preaching of the Apostle Paul in Antioch... (Ac 13:14; Ac 13:44).

Preaching of the Apostle Paul in Philippi... (Ac 16:13)

The Sabbath in the time of the end:

Mt 24:20 (Jesus said) Pray that your flight will not be in winter or on the Sabbath.

The Sabbath in the new heavens and the new earth:

Is 66:22-23 "For as the new heavens and the new earth which I am about to create shall stand firm before me," says the Lord, "so shall your seed and your name endure. It shall come to pass, that from new moon to new moon, and from sabbath to sabbath, all flesh shall come and worship me, saith the LORD.

SATURDAY DAY OF REST FOR THE PEOPLE OF GOD

Heb 4:9-10 "Therefore there remains a sabbath rest for the people of God; for he who enters into the rest of God also rests from his own works, as God rested from his.

The Letter to the Hebrews confirms not only rest in God as the salvation of the soul, but also as a day of rest to be consecrated to God with worship, because it does not speak of rest only but of sabbath rest, indicating that God rested on that day, establishing it as a day of adoration.

God's Days of the Week

(the names of the first six days were given by the man)

1st day = first day of the week Sunday

Day 2 = Monday

Day 3 = Tuesday

Day 4 = Wednesday

Day 5 = Thursday

Day 6 = Friday

Day 7 = Sabbath (Shabbat name given by God)

Days of the week set by man

Day 1 = Monday

Day 2 = Tuesday

Day 3 = Wednesday

Day 4 = Thursday

Day 5 = Friday

Day 6 = Saturday

Day 7 = Sunday

For those who are still not convinced that obedience is worth more than sacrifice (sacrifice understood in doing one's own will and not that of God), we can read these verses:

Jer 35:13-14 13 "Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Go and say to the men of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, 'Will you not receive the lesson then, learning to obey my words?' says the Lord. " The words of Jonadab the son of Rechab, who commanded his sons not to drink wine, have been put into practice; and they have not drunk wine to this day, in obedience to the command of their father; I have spoken to you, spoken since the morning, and you have not listened to me.

Heb 12:9 "And we have had our fathers according to the flesh as correctors, and we have kept them; shall we not submit much more to the Father of spirits in order to have life?

The worship of the Lord is required of us by Him on the Sabbath, but in our life as Lord it must be every day.

Ac 5:29 "But Peter and the other apostles answered, ' We must obey God rather than men.'

Saturday begins at sunset on Friday and ends at sunset on Saturday.

2 Corinthians 13:13 "The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all." Amen.