

Genesis 2:1-3—The 7th Day From sermon 4.26.20

Read Genesis 2:1-3

Questions, Answers, and Review from Sunday's sermon: <u>Just as man was created unique in all of Creation</u>, so is the 7th day compared to the previous 6. Three times in 3 verses it stated "the 7th day". No other day in creation is treated as such. Also, 3 and 7 are important Bible/God numbers. The 7th day has been both misunderstood and neglected. To avoid this, the diligent Bible student must know the truth (what the Word says) and context (to whom it was said and when).

What does it mean that God rested on the 7th Day? <u>That the universe was complete and fully functioning</u>, with age and maturity = God ceased from creating.

What does it not mean? <u>It does NOT mean God was tired, drained, or out of ideas.</u> See *Psalm 121:4 & Isaiah 40:28*

What did God require of Adam on the 7th Day? Absolutely nothing.

Why? Man is in perfect fellowship with God. A face-to-face relationship, because sin has not entered the picture. Man doesn't need a commanded/devoted day of worship, because he's still in God's presence. It is the same picture we get of restored fellowship in the eternal Kingdom, where there will no longer be a Sabbath day, church, or a day dedicated to worship. See *Revelation 21:22*

If there was nothing Adam couldn't do on this special day or nothing he needed *to* do, what makes this day so special? It was a Commemoration/a Memorial. A perpetual reminder that God is the Creator and did it all in 6 literal 24 hour days. God obviously knew/knows that everything hinges on a literal reading of Genesis 1. (as does the devil, btw). If man forgets or distorts the Creation account, everything else will eventually follow and fall.

What is so unique and divine about a 7-day week? <u>It makes no human sense</u>. <u>It doesn't fit evenly into our year or month or seasons</u>. <u>If it were left to man, he'd probably base weeks on 10's</u>.

7th Day vs. Sabbath Law

Creation to Moses———[Moses to Jesus]———Jesus to Un-creation
No Sabbath Law
Sabbath Law
No Sabbath Law
3000+ Years
1850 Years
2000 + Years

Read *Exodus 31:17*. Why was the Sabbath Law established and required? <u>As a sign of the Covenant</u> of the Law. It continued to be a reminder of the God the Creator as well.

Why are we not under the Sabbath Law? Jesus fulfilled the Law and retired the Sabbath.

God is big on signs and reminders. What other Covenant signs were mentioned on Sunday? With man through Noah—the rainbow. With Israel through Abraham—circumcision. With the Church through Jesus Christ—the Holy Spirit.

The Sabbath Law was also to be a B<u>lessing</u> to man. See *Mark 2:27* [Note: everyone is encouraged to listen again to the sermon from Feb. 2, 2020, on our web page.]

What rest do we find now Jesus? How does this preview the perfect rest we'll get in heaven?