

The Sign of the Sabbath

Exodus 31:12-14

Introduction

1. Biblical Theology
 - a. Creation – The Kingdom Established
 - b. Fall – The Kingdom Lost
 - c. Law / Prophets – The Kingdom Foreshadowed
 - d. Christ – The Kingdom at Hand
 - e. Second Coming – The Kingdom Fulfilled
2. The Sabbath in Biblical Theology

Creation – The Sabbath Established

Genesis 1:1-2:3

1. The Six Days of Creation
2. The Seventh Day for God
 - a. God Completes the Work of Creation
 - b. God Rests from His Work of Creation
 - c. God Blesses the Seventh Day
 - d. God Sanctifies the Seventh Day
3. The Seventh Day for Man
 - a. Awe and Reverence
 - b. Thanksgiving and Delight
 - c. Worship and Relationship

The Fall – The Sabbath Lost

Genesis 3:17-19, 23-24

1. God Curses the Ground
2. Man Must Work the Ground
3. Man Expelled From Eden

4. The Seventh Day for Man
 - a. Recognize the God of Creation
 - b. Recognize the Grave Consequences of Sin

The Law / Prophets – The True Sabbath Foreshadowed

Exodus 20:8-11; 31:12-14; Leviticus 23; Numbers 28-29

1. The Law
 - a. Two-fold Summary (Deut. 6:5, Lev. 19:18, Matt. 22:36-40)
 - b. The Ten Commandments
 - c. The Outworking of the Commandments (Ex., Deut., Lev.)
 - d. Oral Tradition (Talmud – Mishnah, Gemara)
2. The Sabbaths
 - a. Days
 - b. Festivals
 - c. Years
 - d. Jubilee
3. The Seventh Day for Man
 - a. Honor and Delight in God (Is. 58:13-14)
 - b. Recognize His Sinfulness
 - c. Sign of the Covenant

Christ – The Lord of the Sabbath Has Come

1. Healing at the Pool of Bethesda (John 5:1-18)
2. Gathering Grain in the Fields (Mark 2:23-28)
3. Healing in the Synagogue (Mark 3:1-6)

Second Coming – The True Sabbath Fulfilled

1. Jesus Gives Rest (Matt. 11:28-30)
2. Jesus is the Substance of the Sabbath (Col. 2:16-17)
3. Heaven is the Ultimate Sabbath (Heb. 4:9-10)

Application

1. The Lord's Day

- a. The First Worship Service (Matt. 28:9)
- b. The First Sermon (Luke 24:27)
- c. Testimony (Luke 24:33-35)
- d. Breaking of Bread (Luke 24:35)
- e. Revelation (John 20:26-28)
- f. Empowering of the Church (Acts 2:1-4)
- g. Weekly Worship (Acts 20:7)
- h. Collecting Offerings (1 Cor. 16:1-2)
- i. Becomes the Lord's Day (Rev. 1:10)

2. For Believers

- a. Make Sunday the Lord's Day
- b. Focus Upon God's Redemptive Plan
- c. Live Out the Two-fold Summary of the Law
- d. Renew and Refresh Your Soul
- e. Don't Seek False Sabbaths

3. For Seekers

- a. See Your Need for Rest
- b. Don't Seek False Sabbaths
- c. Come to Christ