

## **1-29-12: Honor His Day**

**Matthew 7:24-27**

*<sup>24</sup> “Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. <sup>25</sup> The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. <sup>26</sup> But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. <sup>27</sup> The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash.”*

**Ephesians 2:19-22**

*19 Therefore you are no longer outsiders (exiles, migrants, and aliens, which would be excluded from the rights of citizens), but you now share citizenship with the saints (God’s own people, consecrated and set apart for Himself); and you belong to God’s [own] household. 20 You are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets with Christ Jesus Himself the chief Cornerstone. 21 In Him the whole structure is joined (bound, welded) together harmoniously, and it continues to rise (grow, increase) into a holy temple in the Lord [a sanctuary dedicated, consecrated, and sacred to the presence of the Lord]. 22 In Him [and in fellowship with one another] you yourselves also are being built up [into this structure] with the rest, to form a fixed abode (dwelling place) of God in (by, through) the Spirit.*

**Exodus 20:7**

*“You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not hold anyone guiltless who misuses his name.*

### **BUILDING BLOCK #1**

**YOU SHALL HAVE NO OTHER GODS BEFORE ME**

or

**KEEP GOD FIRST!**

### **BUILDING BLOCK #2**

**YOU SHALL NOT MAKE FOR YOURSELF AN IDOL IN THE FORM OF ANYTHING IN HEAVEN ABOVE OR ON THE EARTH BENEATH OR IN THE WATERS BELOW**

or

**WORSHIP ONLY HIM!**

### **BUILDING BLOCK #3**

**YOU SHALL NOT MISUSE THE NAME OF THE LORD YOUR GOD FOR THE LORD WILL NOT HOLD ANYONE GUILTY WHO MISUSES HIS NAME**

or

**REVERENCE HIS NAME!**

**BUILDING BLOCK #4**

**REMEMBER THE SABBATH DAY BY KEEPING IT HOLY**

or

**HONOR HIS DAY!**

**Exodus 20:8-11**

*<sup>8</sup> "Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.<sup>9</sup> Six days you shall labor and do all your work,<sup>10</sup> but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God. On it you shall not do any work, neither you, nor your son or daughter, nor your manservant or maidservant, nor your animals, nor the alien within your gates.<sup>11</sup> For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but he rested on the seventh day. Therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.*

**Genesis 2:2-3**

*<sup>2</sup> By the seventh day God had finished the work he had been doing; so on the seventh day he rested [or ceased] from all his work.<sup>3</sup> And God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it he rested from all the work of creating that he had done.*

**1. WHICH DAY OF THE WEEK SHOULD THE SABBATH BE OBSERVED?**

**Romans 14:5-6**

*<sup>5</sup> One man considers one day more sacred than another; another man considers every day alike. Each one should be fully convinced in his own mind.*

**Romans 14:5-6**

*<sup>6</sup> He who regards one day as special, does so to the Lord. He who eats meat, eats to the Lord, for he gives thanks to God; and he who abstains, does so to the Lord and gives thanks to God.*

**2. WHAT IS THE SABBATH FOR?**

**3. DO CHRISTIANS STILL NEED TO OBSERVE THE SABBATH?**

**Matthew 5:17-19**

<sup>17</sup> *“Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. <sup>18</sup> I tell you the truth, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished.*

<sup>19</sup> *Anyone who breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever practices and teaches these commands will be called great in the kingdom of heaven.*

#### 4. WHY DID GOD OBSERVE THE SABBATH?

#### 5. HOW CAN I TAKE TIME FOR THE SABBATH WHEN THERE IS SO MUCH TO DO?

Exodus 16:4-5

<sup>4</sup> *Then the Lord said to Moses, “I will rain down bread from heaven for you. The people are to go out each day and gather enough for that day. In this way I will test them and see whether they will follow my instructions.<sup>5</sup> On the sixth day they are to prepare what they bring in, and that is to be twice as much as they gather on the other days.”*

Matthew 11:28-30

<sup>28</sup> *“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. <sup>29</sup> Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.<sup>30</sup> For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.”*

Hebrews 4:1-7

<sup>1</sup> *Therefore, since the promise of entering his rest still stands, let us be careful that none of you be found to have fallen short of it.<sup>2</sup> For we also have had the gospel preached to us, just as they did; but the message they heard was of no value to them, because those who heard did not combine it with faith.<sup>3</sup> Now we who have believed enter that rest, just as God has said, “So I declared on oath in my anger, ‘They shall never enter my rest.’” And yet his work has been finished since the creation of the world.<sup>4</sup> For somewhere he has spoken about the seventh day in these words: “And on the seventh day God rested from all his work.”<sup>5</sup> And again in the passage above he says, “They shall never enter my rest.”<sup>6</sup> It still remains that some will enter that rest, and those who formerly had the gospel preached to them did not go in, because of their disobedience. <sup>7</sup> Therefore God again set a certain day, calling it Today, when a long time later he spoke through David, as was said before: “Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts.*