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FORTY REASONS

Why The 7th Day Sabbath Should Be Kept





Abraham, and we through Christ are made partakers of this same covenant made to David. It must be noticed that this covenant included the commandments which God spoke to the people and wrote upon the tables of stone. God declared that He would not alter the thing which had gone from His lips. Then He has never changed the Ten Commandments and will never change or alter them.

If we are Christ's, then we are Abraham's seed and heirs according to the promise made to Abraham - Galatians 3:27-29.

Then if we are heirs to this promise we are subject to its provisions. Now read again Psalm 89:27-34 and see if we are not obliged to keep God's commandments which He spoke, which came from His lips.

Jerusalem was destroyed in 70 A.D. by the Romans, because the Jews did not keep the Sabbath. — Jer. 17:20-27.

The Lord has fought the battle with the Jews in their War of Independence, when seven nations were defeated by a handful of Jews with few guns and little ammunition (1948). The Jews even fought again for Israel.

They are keeping the Sabbath now, very strict, here at Jerusalem, except in the Old City part of Jerusalem which is inhabited by many Arabs and 1st day Christians, and which will necessitate a partial destruction. See Zech. 14:2. Read also Jer. 17:21-27.

The Lord will keep his promise made through Jeremiah, long ago.

40. Jesus arose from the grave on the Sabbath day. Matt. 28:1-6. (For further proof of the last statement, send for tract on "The Resurrection of Christ").

For further information, please notice Psalms 89:27-34, where God spoke of Jesus Christ, His first born, and His children. (Remember that Jesus spoke of His disciples as "My little children.")

Also I will make him my firstborn, higher than the kings of the earth. My mercy will I keep for him for evermore, and my covenant shall stand fast with him.

His seed also will I make to endure forever, and his throne as the days of heaven. If his children forsake my law, and walk not in my judgments; if they break my statutes, and keep not my commandments, then will I visit their transgressions with the rod and their iniquity with stripes.

Nevertheless my loving kindness will I not utterly take from him, nor suffer my faithfulness to fail. My covenant will I not break, nor alter the thing that is gone out of my lips."

But, perhaps someone will object that this prophecy deals strictly with God's covenant with David, and that we pervert the scriptures when we made it refer to Christ, etc.

Well, suppose that we accept that angle and examine the Scriptures further.

God's promises were made to Abraham, again confirmed in Isaac, and again in Jacob; both were descendants of Abraham. David was of this Abrahamic stock, and Christ was a descendant of David through His mother. Then Christ was of the seed of Abraham, and was partaker of the covenant which God made to

"But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason for the hope that is in you with meekness and fear."

— 1 Peter 3:15.

Often the question is asked, "Why do some people keep Saturday for Sunday?" Of course they do not keep Saturday for Sunday, since there is no Scripture for keeping any day for Sunday, but those who are interested and inquire are entitled to know why the seventh day Sabbath should be kept holy unto the Lord. Therefore the following reasons are given:

1. God made the Sabbath, Mark 2:27.
2. It was made for man. Same verse.
3. Since humanity is composed of men and women, the Sabbath was made for all mankind.
4. God rested the seventh day from His labors. Gen. 2:3.
5. Many years after creation, God commanded that the Sabbath be kept. Ex. 16:26.
6. God blessed the seventh day. Ex. 20: 11.
7. God sanctified it, apart from all others. Gen. 2:3.
8. There is no record of God's having removed His blessing from the Sabbath.
9. The Sabbath was a memorial of Creation. Ex. 31: 17.
10. God ordained that man should keep the Sabbath. Ex. 20:8; Heb. 4:3, 4.

11. God forbade work even in harvest time on the Sabbath. Ex. 34:21.
12. God promised that Jerusalem would stand forever if His people would keep the Sabbath holy. Jer. 17:24, 25.
13. God sent Israel into captivity for Sabbath breaking. Neh. 13:17, 18.
14. God promised the Gentiles a blessing if they kept it. Isaiah 56:6. (This blessing was to bring them into His Holy Mountain, or kingdom.) Read it.
15. God promised to bless any man who keeps the Sabbath. Isa. 56:2.
16. God's people are to call it honorable. Isa. 58:13.
17. God called it His Holy Day. Isa. 58:13.
18. It was a sign between God and His people. Ex. 31:17.
19. It was one of the Ten Commandments which God gave unto His people to be observed. Ex. 20:8-11.
20. All of His commandments are to stand fast forever. Psalms 111:7, 8.
21. Jesus kept the Sabbath during His ministry. Luke 4:16.
22. Christ is Lord of the Sabbath; therefore it is the Lord's Day. Mark 2:28.
23. Christ recognized the Sabbath law as binding. Matt. 12:12. Also 5:17, 18.
24. Christ taught His disciples how to keep it. Matt. 12:1-13.
25. Christ warned His people not to violate it when fleeing from Jerusalem, which flight occurred in A.D. 70. See Matt. 24:20.

26. The "Holy Women" kept it after the crucifixion. Luke 23:56.
27. The Holy Spirit by inspiration still called it the Sabbath 22 years after the Cross. Acts 17:2.
28. Paul still recognized it as the Sabbath after his conversion in 45 A.D. Acts 13:27.
29. Gentile converts recognized it as the Sabbath in A.D. 45. Acts 13:42.
30. Paul called it the Sabbath. A.D. 45. Acts 13:44.
31. James called it the Sabbath day. A.D. 51. See Acts 15:21.
32. Paul held prayer meeting on the Sabbath out by the river when no synagogue was available. Acts 16:13.
33. It was Paul's custom to preach on the Sabbath day. Acts 17:2, 3.
34. At Corinth, Paul worked through the week; but preached every Sabbath to the people for 18 months. Acts 18:4, 11.
35. The first day of the week is not the Sabbath; but Sabbath comes just before the first day, hence on the seventh day. Matt. 28: 1.
36. The Sabbath will be kept in the new earth. Isa. 66:22, 23.
37. Christ made it obligatory for us to keep the commandments in order to enter eternal life. Matt. 19:17. Rev. 22:14.
38. Jesus gave us no other day to take the place of the seventh day Sabbath. Hebrews 4:8.
39. Therefore the Sabbath remains. Heb. 4:9 (see margin).