



KEEP THE SABBATH DAY

Evening Sermon by Ray Reynolds (April 1, 2012)

GULF SHORES CHURCH OF CHRIST

Text: Exodus 20:1-17

Introduction: We rarely go for extended periods of time, without hearing something said about the Ten Commandments. What are the Ten Commandments? What do they mean to New Testament Christian? I want to share some thoughts with you tonight about the fourth commandment. I hope it will give you a newfound respect for God and the commands of God. . . .

Discussion:

I. What Was The Fourth Commandment?

A. The Day of Rest

Genesis 2:2, Exodus 16:23,25,26,29

B. The Day of Remembrance

Deuteronomy 5:15, Exodus 20:8-11

C. The Day of Reverence

Exodus 31:13-17, Exodus 31:15, Nehemiah 13:19, Leviticus 23:32

II. How Was The Fourth Commandment Followed Under the Old Law?

A. Moses & The Israelites

Exodus 16:23, Exodus 20:8, Deuteronomy 5:15, Exodus 31:13-17

B. The Kings & The Prophets

II Kings 11:16-18, Jeremiah 17:10-27, Amos 8:4, Hosea 2:13, Isaiah 1:13, 66:23, II Kings 4:23

C. The First Century Jews

No work on the Sabbath (**Exodus 31:13-17; 20:8-11; 23:9-12; 34:21**)

No gathering, baking, or boiling any food on the Sabbath (**Exodus 16:23-26**).

No fire was to be kindled on the Sabbath (**Exodus 35:1-3**).

No sticks could be gathered for a fire on the Sabbath (**Numbers 16:32-35**).

No buying or selling things on the Sabbath (**Nehemiah 13:15-21**).

No bearing burdens/heavy lifting on the Sabbath (**Jeremiah 17:21-22**).

No travelling, unless an approved "Sabbath Day's journey" (**Matthew 24:20**).

A holy service was to be conducted on the Sabbath (**Leviticus 23:3, Numbers 28:9-10**).

These traditions were corrupted and abused (**Isaiah 1:13, Mark 2:27**).

III. How Is The Fourth Commandment Followed Under the New Law?

A. The Need for Rest

Hebrews 4:15, Matthew 5:17, Galatians 5:3-4

B. The Need for Remembrance

Matthew 5:17, Galatians 5:1-4, Colossians 2:14, James 1:25, Matthew 28:18,

Acts 20:7, Matthew 26:26-29, Acts 2:42, I Corinthians 11:17-34

C. The Need for Reverence

I Corinthians 6:19-20, II Corinthians 3:4-6, Romans 2:1-2, Ezra 7:6, II Chronicles 34:14,

Colossians 2:16-17, Galatians 5:4, Hebrews 4:9, Revelation 14:13, Ecclesiastes 3:2-8

Conclusion: We know why the Israelites followed the Ten Commandments (**Deuteronomy 6:6-9**). Why did Jesus follow the Ten Commandments? Why did Jesus teach the Ten Commandments? These are the rules Jesus lived by, the principles He stood for, and the basis of what He taught and believed. Are you saved by the blood of the Lamb? Are you seeking to please God? Come to Jesus!!!!

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