

“The Love Of The Sabbath”

Matthew 12:1-7

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INTRO: *What is one of the greatest reminders in your life of God's awesome love, power... grace, glory, & Gospel?*

- His miracles... message... mission... methods?
- His commands... commission... cross... & Church?
- How about His Sabbath? *Christ's Sabbath???*

PRAYER

CONTEXT:

- A. This is the Word of God & The God of The Word.
- B. *We're in Matthew's Gospel on The Gospel of Jesus Christ*

VIDEO: *The Gospel of Matthew*

(The Bible Project)

- C. Don't miss the text's key & closest context...
 - a. *Jesus is out teaching, preaching, & reprimanding.*
 - b. *Jesus is offering to give His rest to His believers...*
 - c. *See Christ now reprimand regarding the Sabbath.*

BIG IDEA:

The Sabbath is BOTH more AND less than most people realize!

PREVIEW:

1. Creation's HISTORY
2. Creator's MINISTRY
3. Corruption's ILLITERACY

TEXT:

Matthew 12:1-7

¹At that time Jesus went through the grainfields on the Sabbath, and His disciples became hungry and began to pick the heads *of grain* and eat. ²But when the Pharisees saw *this*, they said to Him, "Look, Your disciples do what is not lawful to do on a Sabbath." ³But He said to them, "Have you not read what David did when he became hungry, he and his companions, ⁴how he entered the house of God, and they ate the consecrated bread, which was not lawful for him to eat nor for those with him, but for the priests alone? ⁵"Or have you not read in the Law, that on the Sabbath the priests in the temple break the Sabbath and are innocent? ⁶"But I say to you that something greater than the temple is here. ⁷"But if you had known what this means, **'I DESIRE COMPASSION, AND NOT A SACRIFICE,'** you would not have condemned the innocent.

T/S: To see, hear, & heed Christ biblically & personally, we need to zoom in & out on "*The Love of the Sabbath.*"

I. Creation's HISTORY

A. Zoom Out:

“The Facts”

- Creator/Creation
- Corruption
- Christ
- Church
- Coming-back/Closure

B. Zoom In:

VIDEO: *Sabbath* (The Bible Project)
<https://youtu.be/WVpTf2HBz1A?is=qcQiaCozb2v1Qk5v>

VIDEO: *The 4th Commandment* (The Bible Project)
<https://youtu.be/VsAmFJ6quZk?si=oqxpj-N2agGGCx-K>

II. Creator's MINISTRY

VIDEO: *Gospel of Matthew* (Bible Project)
<https://youtu.be/3Dv4-n6OYGI?si=a8jI9zjZidrIRaBl>

III. Corruption's ILLITERACY

A. Sabbath Outlaws:

2But when the Pharisees saw this, they said to Him, "Look, Your disciples do what is not lawful to do on a Sabbath."

B. Sabbath Over-ruling:

a. **"SCRIPTURE":** ***"Have you not read..."***

➤ 2 Timothy 3:16-17

➤ Exodus 20:8-11

⁸Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy. ⁹Six days you shall labor and do all your work, ¹⁰but the seventh day is a sabbath of the LORD your God; *in it* you shall not do any work, you or your son or your daughter, your male or your female servant or your cattle or your sojourner who stays with you. ¹¹For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day and made it holy.

b. **"SHADOW":** Colossians 2:16-17

¹⁶Therefore no one is to act as your judge in regard to food or drink or in respect to a festival or a new moon or a Sabbath day— ¹⁷things which are a *mere* shadow of what is to come; but the substance belongs to Christ.

c. **"SIGN":** Exodus 30:12-18

The Sign of the Sabbath

12The LORD spoke to Moses, saying, **13**“But as for you, speak to the sons of Israel, saying, ‘You shall surely observe My sabbaths; for *this* is a sign between Me and you throughout your generations, that you may know that I am the LORD who sanctifies you. **14**‘Therefore you are to observe the sabbath, for it is holy to you. Everyone who profanes it shall surely be put to death; for whoever does any work on it, that person shall be cut off from among his people. **15**‘For six days work may be done, but on the seventh day there is a sabbath of complete rest, holy to the LORD; whoever does any work on the sabbath day shall surely be put to death. **16**‘So the sons of Israel shall observe the sabbath, to celebrate the sabbath throughout their generations as a perpetual covenant.’ **17**“It is a sign between Me and the sons of Israel forever; for in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, but on the seventh day He ceased *from labor*, and was refreshed.”..... **18**When He had finished speaking with him upon Mount Sinai, He gave Moses the two tablets of the testimony, tablets of stone, written by the finger of God.

➤ 2 Timothy 3:16-17

➤ Genesis 2:2-3 (not again until Exodus 16)

2By the seventh day God completed His work which He had done, and He rested on the seventh day from all His work which He had done. **3**Then God blessed the seventh day and sanctified it, because in it He rested from all His work which God had created and made.

➤ Romans 14:5

5One person regards one day above another, another regards every day *alike*. Each person must be fully convinced in his own mind.

➤ Galatians 4:9

But now that you have come to know God, or rather to be known by God, how can you turn back again to the weak and worthless elementary principles of the world, whose slaves you want to be once more?

VIDEO: *The Sabbath Day* (GotQuestions.org)
<https://youtu.be/0IEYXoDjNs?si=KXmZEghU9eqhOUu9>

➤ Luke 14:1 / Matthew 12:9-14 (next sermon...)

C. Sabbath Over-comers:

➤ Romans 8:37

But in all these things we overwhelmingly conquer through Him who loved us.

➤ 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

¹⁶From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard him thus no longer. ¹⁷Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation.^b The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. ¹⁸All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; ¹⁹that is, in Christ God was reconciling^c the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. ²⁰Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

➤ Matthew 11:28-30

PRAYER

WORSHIP:

Majesty!