

Moses: An Example of God's Workmanship!
Law, Legalism, Liberty, License, & Love:
Finding Freedom!

—Exodus 20:8–11; Galatians 2:16 & 5:13; Hebrews 10:19–25

The FOUNDATION & FOCUS of Today's Study:

Obeying God's precepts leads us to freedom!
Observing God's principles provides us protection!
Honoring the Lord's Day is a priority for faithful Christ-followers!

—23 Let us hold unwaveringly to the hope that we confess, for the One Who made the promise is trustworthy. 24 And let us take thought of how to motivate one another to love and good works, 25 not forsaking (abandoning; neglecting; avoiding) our worship meetings, as some have developed the habit of doing, but encouraging each other, and even more so because you see the day (of Christ's return) drawing near.
—**Hebrews 10:23–25**

—8 Remember the Sabbath day to set it apart as holy. 9 For six days you may labor and do all your work, 10 but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God; on it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, or your male servant, or your female servant, or your cattle, or the resident foreigner who is in your gates. 11 For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth and the sea and all that is in them, and he rested on the seventh day; therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and set it apart as holy.
—**Exodus 20:8–11**

—“To escape the error of salvation by works we have fallen into the opposite error of salvation without obedience. In our eagerness to get rid of the legalistic doctrine of works we have thrown out the baby with the bath and gotten rid of obedience as well.”

—**A. W. Tozer, from *Paths to Power***

—27 Then Jesus told them, “The Sabbath was made for man and not man for the Sabbath. 28 Therefore, the Son of Man is Lord even of the Sabbath.”
—**Mark 2:27–28**

—“Now, come on, Liddell. For the sake of your king and for your country, you put aside these silly ideas of yours about the Sabbath and about the Lord's Day.” Eric Liddell's answer was, “I would never set aside my king or my country, save that there was a higher power, a higher authority, the One Who sets up kings and the One Who brings down kings. And I will not run.” —**from “Chariots of Fire”**

—“We, in our generation, are in danger of losing the Lord's Day altogether! ... In our time the Lord's Day is not much argued about anymore—people simply ignore it. We are living in perilous times. If this ‘mock Christianity’ continues to advance at its present alarming rate, the time may be near when the Lord's Day, as a divine institution, will be nothing but a relic of history.”

—**from an article in *Banner of Truth* written in December, 1985**

—**1— Regarding the Sabbath Day, have God's requirements changed from the commands given to the Israelites?**

—The Ten Commandments begin with three specific commands that focus on **worship**. If we don't get this right, our foundation will crumble. The final six commands place an emphasis on our daily lives. The **fourth commandment** is the **hinge that holds them together; it measures our:**

- 1) dependence on the Lord,**
- 2) acceptance of God's authority, and**
- 3) love for Him.**

—**The Law was NEVER intended to provide salvation from sin.**

—**The Law ESTABLISHES God's authority!**

—**The Law EMPHASIZES our accountability to God.**

—**The Law EXPOSES the definition of sin & the difference between doing right & wrong.**

—**The Law EXISTS to protect us from the dangers of sin & to point us to Christ!**

—**Exodus 31:12–17** The Sabbath was a special sign of God’s unique relationship with His people and also a symbol of His concern for their welfare. The penalty of death was **intended to indicate its importance!**

—**Mark 2:27–28** Jesus taught that the Sabbath was a provision for God’s people to obtain **rest and refreshment** from the regular routine of work. **It should be seen as a blessing!**

—**Galatians 2:16** No person has ever been justified by the works of the Law!

—**Galatians 5:1, 13** It was for freedom from legalism that Christ set us free; we should stand firm, avoiding the slavery of attempting to please God on our own. But we shouldn’t allow our freedom to become an opportunity for pride or sin to rule over us!

—**Galatians 5:18** “But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the Law!”

—The Israelites looked **forward by faith to the freedom and forgiveness** that Christ would provide from the **penalty, problem, and plague of sin** that’s revealed by the Law.

—We look back by **faith at the freedom and forgiveness** that **Christ provides through His death for all who trust Him.**

—a practical lesson to **absorb & apply:**

—God’s _____ have never changed!

But according to Jesus, when the _____ become our emphasis, we’re missing their _____.

—Our _____ with our Heavenly Father has always been based on _____

God’s Law provides a _____ to His people!

—2— **How does Sunday relate to the Sabbath?
Are we under a “holy day of obligation?”**

—Sunday (the first day of the week) _____

—Therefore, there are several biblical **PRINCIPLES** that we can **APPLY** as God’s **PLAN & PURPOSE** for Sunday.

Based on God’s statement following creation:

—God desires that we take one day each week as:

1} A DAY OF _____ = _____

2} A DAY OF _____

Consider Psalm 103 Bless the Lord, O my soul,
And all that is within me, bless His holy name.
Bless the Lord, O my soul, And forget none of His benefits!

3} A DAY OF _____

& _____

—Hebrews 10:23–25
God’s people gather together to _____

_____! This demonstrates _____