

Treasures of the Sanctuary—Lesson 11—“The Sabbath and the Sanctuary”

OPENING DISCUSSION QUESTIONS/TALK:

1. Have popular ideas ever been wrong? Please give an example.
2. Have you ever done something just because everyone else did it, but you didn't know the reason why? (please share)

READING AND STUDY QUESTIONS:

1. What was in the center of the camp of Israel? (Numbers 2:17)
2. What was in the *Most Holy Place* of that Sanctuary? (Exodus 26:33)
3. What was in the Center of that Holy Ark? (Deuteronomy 10:4,5)
4. What is in the center of God's Holy Law? (Exodus 20:1, 8-11, *compare to verse 17*)
 - a. What does this commandment say to us? (v.8-10)
 - b. Whose special Sabbath is it? (v.10)
 - c. Why did God Himself **ble**ss this day and **make it holy**? (v.11) And, what does it remind us of?
 - d. Was it a specific day of the week? (v.10) Does it matter which day?
5. How can we know which day is the Sabbath today? (*Several ways: the Calendar, the dictionary-7th day-, Over 108 languages of the world, The Jewish people, the death and resurrection of Jesus—Luke 23:54-24:1*) *Note: In 1582, the western world changed from the Julian Calendar to the Gregorian Calendar. Ten dates were dropped from the Calendar...however, the weekly cycle did not change. (Thursday, the 4th of October became Friday, the 15th of October)*
6. When does the Sabbath begin and end? “...*from evening unto evening you shall celebrate the Sabbath*” (Leviticus 23:32) “*and the evening and the morning were the first...second...third...etc. day*” (Gen. 1:3—etc.)

7. Did God consider the keeping of the 7th day Sabbath to be a special sign between Him and His people? (Exodus 31:13; Ezekiel 20:20)
8. Did God consider it as a blessed and special day that people should keep holy, even before Mt. Sinai? (Exodus 16:4,5, 27,28)
9. When did God first give us the 7th day Sabbath as a gift? (Genesis 2:1-3) Was this even before there was ever sin?
10. What did Jesus teach about the Sabbath? (Mark 2:27, 28) Who was it made for?
11. Did Jesus always keep the Sabbath? (John 15:10) Would he like us to do the same?
12. What did Jesus do every Sabbath day? (Luke 4:16) Should Christians follow Jesus' example?
13. Did Jesus' followers in the early church worship God on the Sabbath day? (Acts 13:42,44; 16:13; 17: 2; 18:4)
14. Is the first day, Sunday, mentioned in the New Testament? *Note: the phrase "first day" is used 8 times in the New Testament. It never says that day was "blessed" or "made holy"—not even once! (Why then are so many Christians going to church on Sunday, if it's the wrong day? We'll see in an upcoming lesson)*
15. Will we also be keeping the Sabbath day in Heaven? (Isaiah 66:22, 23)
16. What does Jesus invite each of us to do today? (John 14:15, 21) "...he who _____ my commandments, and _____ them, he it is who _____ me...."

HEART QUESTION(S):

1. Does our Heavenly Father make it abundantly clear when His Holy Sabbath is? _____
2. Do you want to follow the will of Jesus Christ out of your love for Him? _____

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