

### God Rests and Rejoices in His Work

Gen 2 <sup>1</sup> Thus the heavens and the earth, and all the host of them, were finished. <sup>2</sup> And on the seventh day God ended His work which He had done, and He rested on the seventh day from all His work which He had done. <sup>3</sup> Then God blessed the seventh day and sanctified it, because in it He rested from all His work which God had created and made.

\* **Why is it** easy for us to miss the depth and glory of Genesis, and how do we fight that tendency?

\* **In Gen 1**, what does God create that he does not need?

\* **What does** “all the work which God ha[s] created and made” (vs 3) suggest in the Hebrew?

\* **In vs 2-3**, what does God do that he does not need to do?

*Isa 40 <sup>28</sup> The everlasting God, ... the Creator of the ends of the earth, does not become weary or tired. (NASV)*

*Psalms 121 <sup>4</sup> Behold, He who keeps Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep.*

\* **So why is** God resting?

*Psalms 104 <sup>31</sup> May the glory of the Lord endure forever; May the Lord rejoice in his works.*

\* **What does** God intend us to do with his example?

*Eph 5 <sup>1</sup> Be imitators of God as dear children.*

*Exo 20 <sup>9</sup> Six days you shall labor and do all your work, <sup>10</sup> but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the LORD your God. In it you shall do no work ... <sup>11</sup> For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, ... and rested the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and hallowed it.”*

\* **What does** it mean that God “sanctified” or “hallowed” the seventh day?

\* **Why the** seventh day?

\* **How do** we see this in a new way with Christ in the NT, and why did it shift to the first day of the week?

*Mk 16 <sup>9</sup> He rose early on the first day of the week*

*Lk 24 <sup>13</sup> Now ... two of them were traveling that same day [i.e. the first day of the week] to ... Emmaus ... <sup>15</sup> So it was ... that Jesus himself drew near ... <sup>30</sup> Now it came to pass ... that he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. <sup>31</sup> Then their eyes were opened and they knew him ... <sup>33</sup> So they rose up ... and returned to Jerusalem, and found the eleven and those who were with them ... <sup>35</sup> And they told about the things that had happened ... <sup>36</sup> Now as they said these things, Jesus himself stood in the midst of them*

*Jn 20 <sup>19</sup> then ... the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in the midst ... <sup>20</sup> ... Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord.*

*Lev 23 <sup>10</sup> “When you come into the land ... you shall bring a sheaf of the firstfruits of your harvest to the priest. <sup>11</sup> He shall wave the sheaf before the LORD, to be accepted on your behalf; on the day after the Sabbath the priest shall wave it ... <sup>15</sup> And you shall count ... from the day that you brought the sheaf of the wave offering:*

seven Sabbaths shall be completed. <sup>16</sup> Count fifty days to the day after the seventh Sabbath; then you shall offer a new grain offering to the LORD. <sup>17</sup> ... two wave loaves ... They shall be ... baked with leaven.

Act 20 <sup>7</sup> Now on the first day of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread, Paul ... spoke to them and continued his message until midnight.

Rev 1 <sup>10</sup> I was in the Spirit on the Lord's Day

one sheep, and if it falls into a pit on the Sabbath, will not lay hold of it and lift it out? <sup>12</sup> Of how much more value then is a man than a sheep? Therefore it is lawful to do good on the Sabbath."

<sup>13</sup> Then He said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." And he stretched it out, and it was restored as whole as the other. <sup>14</sup> Then the Pharisees went out and plotted against Him, how they might destroy Him.

\* **Name three** important truths related to this working / resting-rejoicing pattern which God created and blessed:

1) Man is not supposed to \_\_\_\_\_ all the time, nor is he supposed to \_\_\_\_\_ all the time.

2) God works then rests & enjoys, so that man might do what?

Rom 5.8 God demonstrates his own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

1Jn 4.10 In this is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

3) Following in God's footsteps regarding work / rest & enjoy is not \_\_\_\_\_ for fallen people.

Mat 12 <sup>1</sup> At that time Jesus went through the grainfields on the Sabbath. And His disciples were hungry, and began to pluck heads of grain and to eat. <sup>2</sup> And when the Pharisees saw it, they said to Him, "Look, Your disciples are doing what is not lawful to do on the Sabbath!" ... <sup>9</sup> Now when He had departed from there, He went into their synagogue. <sup>10</sup> And behold, there was a man who had a withered hand. And they asked Him, saying, "Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath?" -- that they might accuse Him. <sup>11</sup> Then He said to them, "What man is there among you who has

– What are two ways of not following in God's footsteps in this area?

– How did the scribes and Pharisees fail to follow God?

– What is the heart and key?

Neh 8 <sup>9</sup> "This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn nor weep ... <sup>10</sup> ... Go your way, eat the fat, drink the sweet, and send portions to those for whom nothing is prepared; for this day is holy to our LORD. Do not sorrow, for the joy of the LORD is your strength." ... <sup>12</sup> All the people went their way to eat and drink, to send portions and rejoice greatly, because they understood the words that were declared to them.