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# The Foundation of God’s Government

## Sabbath Afternoon

**Read for This Week’s Study:** *Rev. 14:6–12; Eccles. 12:13, 14; Prov. 28:9; Dan. 7:25.*

**Memory Text:** “And the dragon was enraged with the woman, and he went to make war with the rest of her offspring, who keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus Christ” (*Revelation 12:17, NKJV*).

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Tuesday

May 28

## The Sabbath and the Law

Read Revelation 14:6, 7; Revelation 4:11; Genesis 2:1–3; and Exodus 20:8–11. What is the relationship between Creation, the Sabbath, and the law of God?

**Revelation 14:6, 7** 6 Then I saw another angel flying in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach to those who dwell on the earth—to every nation, tribe, tongue, and people—

7 saying with a loud voice, “Fear God and give glory to Him, for the hour of His judgment has come; and worship Him who made heaven and earth, the sea and springs of water.”

**God created all things,**

**Revelation 4:11** “You are worthy, O Lord, To receive glory and honor and power; For You created all things, And by Your will they exist and were created.”

**God blessed the seventh day**

**Genesis 2:1–3** 1 Thus the heavens and the earth, and all the host of them, were finished.

2 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.

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.

**“Remember the Sabbath day**

**Exodus 20:8–11** 8 “Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.

9 Six days you shall labor and do all your work,

10 but the seventh day *is* the Sabbath of the Lord your God. *In it* you shall do no work: you, nor your son, nor your daughter, nor your male servant, nor your female servant, nor your cattle, nor your stranger who *is* within your gates.

11 For *in* six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that *is* in them, and rested the seventh day. Therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and hallowed it.

**Revelation 1:10** 10 I was in the Spirit on the Lord’s Day, and I heard behind me a loud voice, as of a trumpet,

Lord: [G2960](#) ([Mounce](#)) κυριακός kyriakos

2x: pertaining to the Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord’s, [1Co 11:20](#); [Rev 1:10](#).

Day: G2250 (Mounce) ἡμέρα hēmera

389x: day, a day, the interval from sunrise to sunset, opp. to *νύξ*, [Mat 4:2](#); [Mat 12:40](#); [Luk 2:44](#); the interval of twenty-four hours, comprehending day and night

**Matthew 24:20** Then Jesus went out and departed from the temple, and His disciples came up to show Him the buildings of the temple. **2** And Jesus said to them, “Do you not see all these things? Assuredly, I say to you, not *one* stone shall be left here upon another, that shall not be thrown down.”

**Matthew 24:20-21** **20** And pray that your flight may not be in winter or on the Sabbath.

>>Jerusalem destroyed 70 AD - Titus

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Creation speaks of our value in God’s sight. We are not alone in the universe—some speck of cosmic dust—nor are we a genetic accident. In other words, the common scientific scenario of life’s origins, which has been picked up by the news media and popular culture, presents a view of our origins that is in every way incompatible with the biblical account.

We are here because Jesus created us. And He is worthy of our worship not only because He created us but also because He redeemed us. **Creation and Redemption are at the heart of all true worship. Therefore, the Sabbath is vital to understanding the plan of salvation. The Sabbath speaks of a Creator’s care and a Redeemer’s love.**

At the conclusion of Creation week, God rested in the beauty and majesty of the world He had made. He also rested as an example to us. The Sabbath is a weekly pause to praise the One who made us. As we worship on the Sabbath, we open our hearts to receive the special blessing He placed in that day and was placed in no other day.

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The Sabbath points us to a Creator who loved us too much to abandon us when we drifted from His purpose for us. The Sabbath is an eternal symbol of our rest in Him. It is a special sign of loyalty to the Creator (Ezek. 20:12, 20). It is a symbol of rest, not of works; of grace, not of legalism; of assurance, not of condemnation; of depending upon God for salvation, and not on ourselves. True Sabbath rest is the rest of grace in the loving arms of the One who created us, the One who redeemed us, and the One who is coming again for us.

**Ezekiel 20:12, 20 12** Moreover I also gave them My Sabbaths, to be a sign between them and Me, **that they might know** that I *am* the Lord who sanctifies them.

**Ezekiel 20:20** hallow My Sabbaths, and they will be a sign between Me and you, **that you may know** that I *am* the Lord your God.'

The message of Revelation 14, God's end-time message for the world, calls people to rest in His love and care each Sabbath. It calls us to remember the One who created us and give Him glory. Keeping the Sabbath is also a connecting link between the perfection of Eden and the glory of the new heavens and the new earth to come. It reminds us that one day the splendors of Eden will be restored.

**Most Seventh-day Adventists have faced the charge of being legalistic, and that charge is usually connected with our keeping the Sabbath. Discuss the Sabbath as a symbol of Redemption and righteousness by faith. Why would obeying God's command to rest lead people to think we are trying to work our way to heaven?**