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The Seventh Day Blessing (Gen 2:1-3)

What kind of person are you? Are you the blessed kind? At first, it seems a little odd that God would bless a certain day over a person. It's not just an ordinary day. It is the seventh day. What makes this day special? For sure we could say that this day was blessed and made holy! The blessing in the Scriptures points to holiness.

“And God blessed the seventh day and make it holy, because on it He rested from all the work of creating that He had done.” Gen 2:3 says that the holiness is *the* blessing. God rests when we are holy. Can you hear what God is saying? “I am holy. Therefore, be holy.”

God delivered Israel from Egypt so that they could be holy. Let's turn to Lev 11:44. “I am the Lord who brought you up out of Egypt to be your God; *therefore be holy, because I am holy!*” It is God's will that you be holy in every way. Yes, *in every way like in the sense of “to everyone and to everything.”*

God didn't say “be holy” on certain day. He said be holy in every way. 1 Pet 1:15-16 says “But just as He who called you is holy, *so be holy in all you do*; for it is written “Be holy, because I am holy.” We need to focus on the phrase “*in all you do.*”

There is a time when we live according to our thoughts. We find those times in the Book of Judges. Turn with me to the last verse in the last chapter. “In those days Israel had no king; everyone did as he saw fit!” It still is today. So the question is how do we stay pure in this day and age as so many people say and do as they see fit?

Psalmist asked the same question long ago. “How can a young man keep his way pure? By living according to your word.” Psalm 119:9 presents a crystal clear answer. Living according to the Word is the way to become holy. So I ask you to keep your cool and seek holiness when you're working or taking a rest. When you have or have not. We must live according to God's Word.

Now, throughout the history of Israel people thought that they become holy by resting on the seventh day in the literal sense. But obeying God's word is what makes a person pure and holy. The Scriptures says “To obey is better than sacrifice, and to heed is better than the fat of rams” (1 Sam 15:22).

John 1:1 says that God is Word. To know God is to know the Word. You become holy when you know your God. It is this knowing that defines what the eternal life is. Let's go to Jn 17:3, shall we? “Now this is eternal life; that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent.”

If our becoming holy is based on observing the seventh day in the physical, mechanical and visible sense then we wouldn't need the savior like Jesus Christ, after all. Because

salvation is by faith alone! What this means is that observing the Sabbath Day is more than just following the order of days in calendar. It involves worship! For 1 Tim 4:5 says “because it is consecrated by the word of God and prayer.” The Greek for “consecrated” is *hagiazetai*, “made holy.”

True worship requires God’s word and prayer. The seventh day is the day I enter God’s holiness. For this reason, Jesus came and interpreted the “sabbath” of Genesis in a whole new way. “My Father is always at His work to this very day, and I, too, am working!” John 5:17 is an incredible revelation. Why did Jesus say that God hasn’t rested from His work and is still working to this very day?

When children go wrong parents cannot have peace, ever! Not a day goes by without feeling empty and lost when a child is wrecked by senseless sinful act of the world. In the same way, the mankind outside the Garden of Eden is lost in every way. They are formless in faith, empty in love and full of darkness in their light.

People meet only to last for a moment, then they separate. Listen to what Jas 4:14 is telling us: “What is your life? You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes.” That’s the life as we know it outside of God’s paradise. We call this life *the lost person*. This lost life is about envy, jealousy intermingled with anxieties and worries that inevitably result in death.

How does the Bible describe God’s sorrow over His children who don’t know true peace and rest due to their sin? Moses said that God was in the thick darkness (Ex 20:21). Solomon said that God was in a dark cloud (1 Ki 8:12). These are some of the expressions of *theophany*, manifestation of God who expresses how He feels about the lost sinners.

So our merciful Father sent His One and Only Son to die for our sins. He came and overcame the power of sin and death by the word of the cross. When we’re not ready for God, our great God reserved a blessed time *to become holy*. When God didn’t find a spiritual man, a man of faith who is recognized to receive the blessing of everlasting life, He blessed the seventh day and made it holy.

For six days we see the expressions like “And there was evening, and there was morning” followed by the order of the day: the first day (Gen 1:5), the second day (Gen 1:8), the third day (Gen 1:13), the fourth day (Gen 1:19), the fifth day (Gen 1:23), the sixth day (Gen 1:31).

But, when we come to the seventh day, however, we find no evening! No darkness! That means there’s only light on the seventh day (Gen 1:31-2:3). Figuratively speaking, the day symbolizes spiritual man. *Who is the only day without any darkness at all? Jesus Christ, of course!*

The day without darkness is the time when we give our worship in spirit and in truth. This worship is the person of Jesus Christ! Jesus is our Spirit. And, He is our Truth (Jn 4:23-24)! Take it by faith and believe it, my friends!

Man and time is one. Remember what Jess said in Jn 12:27 “Now my heart is troubled, and what shall I say? ‘Father, save me from this hour? No, it was for this very reason I came to this hour. Father, glorify your name!” *This hour* is the end of the darkness for God’s children.

The eternal God is working to this very day to give all people His everlasting life. God has “thus far” helped us to this very day. “Thus far has the Lord helped us” (1 Sam 7:12). And, He will help us to participate in his divine nature (2 Pet 1:4).

“God so loved the world” to this very day (Jn 3:16). God will give His power and wisdom when you give your heart (Prov 8:17, Jer 29:13). Our God is good. Have you experienced His goodness? Our God is great. You’ll see how great He is when you humble yourself. *God lets your faith to be sure and certain thru prayer.*

There’s light in the face of Christ! It is the *light of knowing God and His glory* (2 Cor 4:6). God made His light shine in our hearts. When you give your worship thru the Holy Spirit, God’s *light of seven full days* will be upon you (Isa 30:26)!

May this light *transform you and give you the wisdom to bring God’s holiness* wherever you set your foot on!