

THE LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

“But every Lord’s [day], do ye gather yourselves together, and break bread, and give thanksgiving after having confessed your transgressions, that your sacrifice may be pure.”

The Didache, 14:1

The Creation.

Genesis 2:2–3 And on the seventh day God finished his work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all his work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it God rested from all his work that he had done in creation.

The Old Covenant.

“Q. What is God’s will for you in the fourth commandment?

A. First, that the gospel ministry and education for it be maintained, and that, especially on the festive day of rest, I diligently attend the assembly of God’s people to learn what God’s Word teaches, to participate in the sacraments, to pray to God publicly, and to bring Christian offerings for the poor.

Second, that every day of my life I rest from my evil ways, let the Lord work in me through his Spirit, and so begin in this life the eternal Sabbath.”

Heidelberg Catechism, Question 103

1. Creation. Exodus 20:8-11
2. Covenantal. Deuteronomy 5:12-15
3. Covenantal Violations. Exod. 35:2

The New Covenant.

1. The Gospels.

2. The Acts.

3. The Letters.

And so...

1. Creation order remains.

2. Old Covenant is fulfilled.

3. New Covenant is a Sabbath rest.

Application:

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“Sabbath is not primarily about us or how it benefits us; it is about God, and how God forms us. It is not, in the first place, about what we do or don’t do; it is about God – completing and resting and blessing and sanctifying. These are all things that we don’t know much about.....But it does mean stopping and being quiet long enough to see – open-mouthed – with wonder – resurrection wonder...we cultivate the “fear of the Lord”. Our souls are formed by what we cannot work up or take charge of. We respond and enter into what the resurrection of Jesus continues to do.”

Eugene Peterson, *Christ Plays in Ten Thousand Places*, 150.