



LIFE ON THE EDGE

Radio Bible Study #8

Study: The Sabbath

Intent of Study: To show that God gave us the Sabbath and that the antichrist has a counterfeit.

Focus It: We find our rest in Jesus Christ who created the Sabbath for us to spend time with HIM.

1. Daniel 7:25
2. Revelation 14:12
3. Exodus 20:8-11
4. John 1:1-3,14
5. Genesis 1:31-2:3
6. Mark 2:27,28
7. Luke 4:16
8. Luke 23:53-24:3
9. Matthew 24:20
10. Acts 13:14-16,37-39,42-44
11. Acts 18:1-4
12. Isaiah 66:22,23 (Appeal)

Share It:

We're going to study the part of God's law that has been attempted to be changed.

1. **Daniel 7:25** - describes anti-christ power, what is it going to do in relationship to God's law? *Intends to change God's law.*
2. **Revelation 14:12** - God's special people will be obeying the commandments of God. (all ten) The antichrist will be so deceptive that people who claim to be following God and thinking they are doing right will actually be obeying the devil. How can this be?

Let's look at the part of the law that has experienced the change.

3. **Exodus 20:8-11** - This is the Sabbath commandment which asks us to rest on the seventh day of the week, but there has been a change and now people are worshipping on the first day of the week.

Who made the Sabbath?

4. John 1:1-3,14 - Jesus is the Word that was with God, who is equal with God, He was the active agent in creation. Who was the God that said to keep the Sabbath? *Jesus*. Christ created the Sabbath in the beginning and Christ gave the Sabbath commandment on Mt Sinai. (1 Corinthians 10:1-5,9 ; Colossians 1:15,16 God made all things. Let's look at the first created Sabbath.

5. Genesis 1:31-2:3 - God rested on the seventh day and blessed it.

A lot of people think that God is saying to just pick one day to worship Him on, work six days and rest one. But that is flawed thinking, God rested on a particular day, this is a unique day because it is sealed with God's holiness.

What was the Sabbath made for?

6. Mark 2:27,28 - What day was man made on? *The sixth day*.

What day was the Sabbath made? *The seventh day*.

God made the Sabbath for mankind, does not say that the Sabbath was made for the Jews.

The Sabbath is to be a blessing to humanity, not humanity to be a blessing for the Sabbath. (John 5:1, 6:4, 7:2 - feasts made for the Jews, but the Sabbath was for man)

How did Jesus relate to the Sabbath while He was on earth?

7. Luke 4:16 - went to the synagogue to read on the Sabbath day.

Jesus kept the Sabbath in His life.

How do we know that Jesus taught and believed that the Sabbath was on Saturday?

8. Luke 23:53-24:3 - Jesus died on preparation day, good Friday = Friday, rested on Sabbath and was raised on the first day of the week, Easter Sunday = Sunday. Jesus kept the Sabbath in His death.

We've learned Christ created the Sabbath in Eden, commanded the Sabbath on Sinai, kept the Sabbath in His life, clarified the Sabbath in his death and now we'll find out how Jesus expected his disciples to relate to the Sabbath after His death.

9. **Matthew 24:20** - Jesus was talking in 31AD and he said that Jerusalem would be destroyed in 70AD, and for the 39 years in between He tells His disciples to pray that their flight would not be in winter or on the Sabbath. Jesus expected that after His death the winter would continue, so He was expecting that the Sabbath would continue after His death.
10. **Acts 13:14-16,37-39,42-44** - Paul comes to church on Sabbath and the leaders ask if he has anything to say, so he preaches. Who begged to hear more preaching? *The gentiles*. Who hears the sermon on the next Sabbath? *Almost the whole city*. If the day was changed why wouldn't they have announced that they did not need to wait until the next week, that they could have just come the next day? What was Paul doing the other six days of the week?
11. **Acts 18:1-4** Paul was working six days a week and was preaching to both Jews and Greeks (gentiles) on Sabbath.

Let's read a wonderful promise about the future.

Appeal:

12. **Isaiah 66:22,23** - Sabbath has existed from the beginning and it will exist in the end.

God created the Sabbath in Eden, commanded it on Mount Sinai, kept it in His life, clarified it in His death. Everyone will be keeping the Sabbath in the new Heaven and the new earth. If all of these people in God's history are committing to keeping the Sabbath, what would keep you from keeping it. Your choice is to follow Jesus Christ and keeping the day holy that HE blessed, or you can follow the antichrist and his deception of a counterfeit sabbath. Which will you choose?

**Important question to ask: After learned all of this from the Bible, how do you feel about the Sabbath?

Do you see that the Sabbath day is the seventh of the week?

Simple Questions with Simple Answers:

1. Q: Colossians 2:14-17 (See also notes on "Law of God" study)
A: Hebrews 10:1,2 One sacrifice isn't good enough.
In Colossians God blotted out the "handwriting" = ceremonial law, nailed it to the cross and then He beat the devil. In that ceremonial law there was a certificate of debt which was wiped away.
In Colossians 2:16 there are none of the regular linguistic markers present that indicate that it is the 7th-day Sabbath or a week = it is a unique usage of the word Sabbath.
All verses in the OT that talk about feasts, new moons, Sabbaths are four-part series with descending frequency, Colossians is a three-part series with ascending frequency. There is only one three-part series in the OT Hosea 2:11

OT

Sabbath occurs 111 times in the Hebrew Bible

In 94 cases the immediate and broader context indicates the 7th-day Sabbath is in mind

In 17 cases "sabbat" needs to be translated using other words, as indicated by context

Syntactical and Linguistic markers of the 7th-day Sabbath:

keep, the, day, holy, my, cyclical (concept)

ex. Jeremiah 17:22

Whenever the Hebrew term sabbat is accompanied by these linguistic markers it can **always** be clearly identified as the 7th-day Sabbath.

Syntactical and Linguistic markers for other set times:

afflict, weeks, of the land, her/its, your, context

ex. Leviticus 16:31

NT

Syntactical and Linguistic markers of the 7th-day Sabbath:

the, day, lawful, synagogue, keep, cyclical, context

Syntactical and Linguistic markers for week:

one, first, twice, context

2. Q: Romans 14:4-6

A: The word Sabbath does not occur in the chapter. They are referring to the day that one feasts or fasts in honor of the Lord. Give people liberty to make their own decisions and not quarrel about things that are not commanded in scripture.

3. Q: Revelation 1:10

A: The Lord's day does not refer to Sunday because the early Christians were still keeping Sabbath at this point.