

EQUIPPING THE SAINTS
20/20 Vision in 2020
LESSON STUDY: *Simplicity of the Gospel*
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ELIJAH IN OUR DAY

The Gospel Simplified: Jesus In, Satan Out

SCRIPTURE: EZEKIEL 20:12,20

"¹² Moreover also I gave them my sabbaths, to be a sign between me and them, that they might know that I am the LORD that sanctify them. ²⁰ And hallow my sabbaths; and they shall be a sign between me and you, that ye may know that I am the LORD your God."

God is still calling Elijahs, the repairer of the breach, the restorer of the paths to dwell in.

1. Isa. 58:12-14: "¹² And they that shall be of thee shall build the old waste places: thou shalt raise up the foundations of many generations; and thou shalt be called, The repairer of the breach, The restorer of paths to dwell in. ¹³ If thou turn away thy foot from the sabbath, from doing thy pleasure on my holy day; and call the sabbath a delight, the holy of the LORD, honourable; and shalt honour him, not doing thine own ways, nor finding thine own pleasure, nor speaking thine own words: ¹⁴ Then shalt thou delight thyself in the LORD; and I will cause thee to ride upon the high places of the earth, and feed thee with the heritage of Jacob thy father: for the mouth of the LORD hath spoken it."

What earthly kingdom will think that they can change God's times and laws?

2. Dan. 7:8,25: "⁸ I considered the horns, and, behold, there came up among them another little horn, before whom there were three of the first horns plucked up by the roots: and, behold, in this horn were eyes like the eyes of man, and a mouth speaking great things. ²⁵ And he shall speak great words against the most High, and shall wear out the saints of the most High, and think to change times and laws: and they shall be given into his hand until a time and times and the dividing of time."
3. Dan. 8:23-25: "²³ And in the latter time of their kingdom, when the transgressors are come to the full, a king of fierce countenance, and understanding dark sentences, shall stand up. ²⁴ And his power shall be mighty, but not by his own power: and he shall destroy wonderfully, and shall prosper, and practise, and shall destroy the mighty and the holy people. ²⁵ And through his policy also he shall cause craft to prosper in his hand; and he shall magnify himself in his heart, and by peace shall destroy many: he shall also stand up against the Prince of princes; but he shall be broken without hand."

What law will be restored to its rightful place?

4. Deut. 4:12,13: "¹² And the LORD spake unto you out of the midst of the fire: ye heard the voice of the words, but saw no similitude; only ye heard a voice. ¹³ And he declared unto you his covenant, which he commanded you to perform, even ten commandments; and he wrote them upon two tables of stone."

If there were no law, there could be no sin?

5. 1 John 3:4: "Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law."

Can one know God and not keep his commandments?

6. 1 John 2:3,4: "³ And hereby we do know that we know him, if we keep his commandments. ⁴ He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him."

How many of the commandments does one have to break in order to become a law breaker?

7. James 2:10-12: “¹⁰For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all. ¹¹For he that said, Do not commit adultery, said also, Do not kill. Now if thou commit no adultery, yet if thou kill, thou art become a transgressor of the law. ¹²So speak ye, and so do, as they that shall be judged by the law of liberty.”

Which commandment of the ten, is the devil is trying to get rid of?

8. Ex. 20:8-11: “⁸Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy. ⁹Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work: ¹⁰But the seventh day is the sabbath of the LORD thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates: ¹¹For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it.”

When and by whom was the Sabbath made?

9. Gen. 2:1-3: “¹Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. ²And on the seventh day God ended his work which he had made; and he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had made. ³And God blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it: because that in it he had rested from all his work which God created and made.”

Who was with the Father when the Sabbath was created?

10. John 1:1-3: “¹In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²The same was in the beginning with God. ³All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.”
11. Col. 1:12,13,16,17: “¹²Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light: ¹³Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son: ¹⁶For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him: ¹⁷And he is before all things, and by him all things consist.”

What else did Jesus say about how was he connected with the Sabbath?

12. Mark 2:27-28: “²⁷And he said unto them, The sabbath was made for man, and not man for the sabbath: ²⁸Therefore the Son of man is Lord also of the sabbath.”

What command did God give in the book of Deuteronomy?

13. Deut. 5:12-15: “¹²Keep the sabbath day to sanctify it, as the LORD thy God hath commanded thee. ¹³Six days thou shalt labour, and do all thy work: ¹⁴But the seventh day is the sabbath of the LORD thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, nor thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thine ox, nor thine ass, nor any of thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates; that thy manservant and thy maidservant may rest as well as thou. ¹⁵And remember that thou wast a servant in the land of Egypt, and that the LORD thy God brought thee out thence through a mighty hand and by a stretched out arm: therefore the LORD thy God commanded thee to keep the sabbath day.”

There are certain things we are to do on the Sabbath, and there are certain things we are not to do on the Sabbath.

14. Ex. 16:2,4,5,22,23,26,27,29: “²And the whole congregation of the children of Israel murmured against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness: ⁴Then said the Lord unto Moses, Behold, I will rain bread from heaven for you; and the people shall go out and gather a certain rate every day, that I may prove them, whether they will walk in my law, or no. ⁵And it shall come to pass, that on the sixth day they shall prepare

that which they bring in; and it shall be twice as much as they gather daily. ²² And it came to pass, that on the sixth day they gathered twice as much bread, two omers for one man: and all the rulers of the congregation came and told Moses. ²³ And he said unto them, This is that which the LORD hath said, To morrow is the rest of the holy sabbath unto the LORD: bake that which ye will bake to day, and seethe that ye will seethe; and that which remaineth over lay up for you to be kept until the morning. ²⁶ Six days ye shall gather it; but on the seventh day, which is the sabbath, in it there shall be none. ²⁷ And it came to pass, that there went out some of the people on the seventh day for to gather, and they found none. ²⁹ See, for that the LORD hath given you the sabbath, therefore he giveth you on the sixth day the bread of two days; abide ye every man in his place, let no man go out of his place on the seventh day.”

When does the Sabbath begin and end?

15. Lev. 23:32: “It shall be unto you a sabbath of rest, and ye shall afflict your souls: in the ninth day of the month at even, from even unto even, shall ye celebrate your sabbath.”
16. Mark 1:32: “And at even, when the sun did set, they brought unto him all that were diseased, and them that were possessed with devils.”

Since Jesus is the Lord of the Sabbath, will he ever change that day?

17. Ps. 89:34: “My covenant will I not break, nor alter the thing that is gone out of my lips.”
18. Mal. 3:6: “For I am the LORD, I change not; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed.”
19. Heb. 13:8: “Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever.”

God’s people who keep the commandments of God are the Elijahs of the last days, only a few will be in that group.

20. Rev. 14:6,7,12: “⁶ And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people, ⁷ Saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come: and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters. ¹² Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus.”
21. Rom. 11:4,5: “⁴ But what saith the answer of God unto him? I have reserved to myself seven thousand men, who have not bowed the knee to the image of Baal. ⁵ Even so then at this present time also there is a remnant according to the election of grace.”
 - A. Those who make up the very elect (the remnant) will have one burning desire and that is to bring glory and honor to God.
 - B. They will have a burden for souls.

Do you plan to go to heaven? We will be keeping the Sabbath there.

22. Isa. 66:22,23: “²² For as the new heavens and the new earth, which I will make, shall remain before me, saith the LORD, so shall your seed and your name remain. ²³ And it shall come to pass, that from one new moon to another, and from one sabbath to another, shall all flesh come to worship before me, saith the LORD.

Jesus wants all of us to be there.

23. John 14:15: “If ye love me, keep my commandments.”

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