

Since God set apart the seventh day to be kept holy, you wouldn't dare to tell everyone they could keep the first day holy instead, would you? Unfortunately, there was a power who dared to "touch" or try to change a law that God had made holy. Do you remember in lessons 8 and 9 we learned about a "little horn" that would "intend to change times and law" (Daniel 7:25)?



You will not find anywhere in the Bible that God changed His special worship day. However, the papacy claims they themselves have the power to change God's holy day from Sabbath to Sunday! We will study more about that in a future lesson.

18 Do you remember from lesson 4 the story of Daniel and the lions' den? After Daniel was thrown into the lions' den, what did the king do at the entrance of the den?

Daniel 6:17 "Then a stone was brought and laid on the mouth of the den, and the king sealed it with his own _____ ring and with the signets of his lords, that the purpose concerning Daniel might not be changed."



Why was this signet ring so important? Engraved into the ring were the king's name, his title, and the territory over which he reigned. When the ring was pushed into something soft like clay or warm wax, it would leave an impression in it.

King Nebuchadnezzar probably had a seal just like King Darius. His seal could have read

something like this: Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon, ruler of the earth. (Daniel 4:22.)

Did you know that God has a seal, too? His seal is right in the middle of the Ten Commandments.

The fourth commandment is God's seal. It has His name, title, and territory.

19 Match the following. (Exodus 20:8-11)

1. Name

2. Title

3. Territory

a. Heaven, earth, sea, and everything in them

b. Lord Your God

c. Creator

Revelation 19:16 says that on Jesus' robe and on His thigh He has a name written, "King of kings and Lord of lords."

20 Do you love King Jesus? How do we show our love for Him? Jesus says, **John 14:15** "If you love Me, _____ My commandments. ... **John 14:24** "He who does _____ love Me does not keep My words."

Jesus wants us to show our love for Him by obedience.

21 How did Jesus show His love to us? **Philippians 2:8** "And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became _____ to the point of death, even the death of the cross."



Obedience is very important to Jesus. Would Jesus have had to take the punishment for our sins, which is death, if the law could have been changed or destroyed?

22 Did Jesus come to destroy the law of God? **Matthew 5:17** "Do _____ think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to _____ but to fulfill."



Jesus did not come to take away the law or the prophets. Instead, He magnified the law and made it honorable. (Isaiah 42:21.)

23 Can God's law be changed? **Matthew 5:18** "For assuredly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, one jot or one tittle will _____ pass from the law till all is fulfilled" (Matthew 5:18).

Colossians 2:14 says that Jesus "wiped out the handwriting of requirements that was against us, which was contrary to us. And He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross?"



Why does it say that if the law can't be changed?

We need to understand two words: **type** and **antitype**. **Antitype** means the real thing. A **type** is something that symbolizes the real thing. Example: If the **antitype** is Jesus, the **type** is a lamb, which symbolizes Jesus.

Before Jesus' death, the Jews had religious ceremonies and laws that were a **type** of Jesus, who was going to come. For example, they sacrificed a lamb every morning and evening. They

had feast days and other ceremonies. These ceremonies and the laws about how to keep them were all **types** representing Jesus.

When Jesus came to earth, He was the **antitype** to which all these ceremonies, sacrifices, and ceremonial laws pointed.

24 What happened at His death? **Mark 15:38** "Then the _____ of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom."

After Jesus' death, the symbols were not needed anymore because Jesus, the real Lamb of God, had died. We do not need to keep the Jewish festivals or ceremonial rules anymore.

25 How does God describe those who give the three angels' messages? **Revelation 14:12** "Here is the patience of the saints; here are those who _____ the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus."

26 What about those people who have known and loved God, but honestly did not know that the seventh day is God's holy Sabbath? **Acts 17:30** "Truly, these times of ignorance God _____, but _____ commands all men everywhere to repent."

If you have been breaking any of God's laws, all that God asks is that you repent, and He will forgive you!

God made the Sabbath to be a special memorial of the day He spent with the

first two people He made—Adam and Eve. He wants to spend the seventh day with us every week, too. It is like a weekly date with our loving Creator. We don't want to miss this very special time!

27 When does the Sabbath start? The story of when God created our world helps us to know. **Genesis 1:5** "So the _____ and the _____ were the first day." (The Bible says the same about each day of Creation week. See Genesis 1:8, 13, 19, 23, 31.)

The Bible counts a day from one sunset to another. Just like the days at Creation, the Sabbath is from Friday sunset to Saturday sunset. (Leviticus 23:32.)

28 How can we keep the Sabbath holy? **Exodus 20:10** "In it you shall do no _____."

Nehemiah 13:15-21 helps us know that we shouldn't buy or sell on the holy Sabbath day.

What did Jesus do on the Sabbath? How did He keep the day holy?

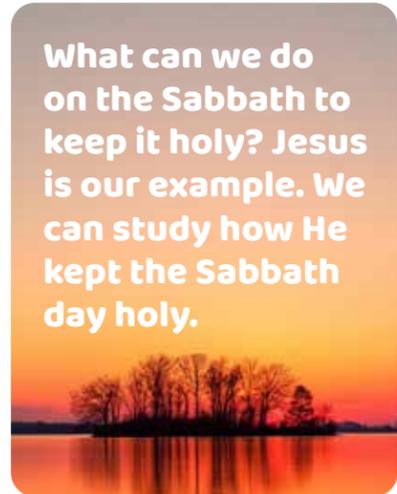
- Jesus went to church. (Luke 4:16)
- Jesus healed sick people. (John 5:9; 9:14)
- Jesus ate lunch with other people in their homes. (Luke 14:1)
- Jesus taught people about God. (Luke 14:7)
- Jesus walked with His disciples. (Luke 6:1)

Sabbath is a wonderful day. Since everyone is at home instead of away at work or school, families and friends can make special memories together and rest from the week's hard work. On this day, God should be first in our thoughts and conversation, since He is our most important guest. We can go to church to worship God with other people who love Him. We can spend time in nature, learning about the things our Creator made, and thinking about how wise and powerful He is.

We should try to make the day special, like a holiday. If we have all our food prepared and the housework finished before the Sabbath begins, we can enjoy the whole Sabbath together with Jesus.

The first of the three angels' messages warns the world that the judgment has started and calls people back to worshiping God as our Creator by keeping His seventh-day Sabbath holy.

29 Do you want to be one of Jesus' followers and help spread this message to the entire world? _____



What can we do on the Sabbath to keep it holy? Jesus is our example. We can study how He kept the Sabbath day holy.

Answers

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| 1. angel / angel / angel | 8. Worship | 15. Remember | 23. by no means |
| 2. gospel | 9. Lord / made | 16. keep / holy | 24. veil |
| 3. all / gospel | 10. Creator | 17. died | 25. keep |
| 4. everlasting | 11. seventh day / rested | 18. signet ring | 26. overlooked / now |
| 5. fear / glory | 12. seventh day | 19. 1-b / 2-c / 3-a | 27. evening / morning |
| 6. c | 13. Sabbath | 20. keep / not | 28. work |
| 7. 1844 | 14. Lord's | 21. obedient | |
| | | 22. not / destroy | |

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