

The Covenant in Our Hearts

God created the earth in six days and rested on the seventh day. We were created in His image and that is what He wants man to do. It was put into His very law, His ten commandments, His charter. To take one of the commandments of that law away is to take away a part of Him. It was written in stone. But now we don't even need those stones because now He has written those commandments — that covenant in our hearts. And we are in that covenant and that covenant is in our hearts. Anyone who breaks the Sabbath breaks the very heart of God, because He created the Sabbath *for* man because He loves man, His special creation. We gather here tonight as a sign that we know Him and that His covenant is in our heart. And He wants everyone who knows *Him* to rest. He is separate from all other gods. Whoever keeps the Shabbat as part of a people has the sign that they know the Creator God. He has written these same commandments that are in His heart, in our heart so that we might not sin against Him and violate His commandments. We keep the Sabbath as a sign that we are in a covenant with God and He has given us eternal life. On this day we remember our Creator. (1 Jn 2:4)

In Gen 1:26-27 God said, "Let us," — God was talking to God. The Word of God is talking (God is three persons), "Let us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness, and let them rule over the creation." He made them male and female and wanted them to continue and continue and continue forever and ever to multiply His image. In His eternal purpose, God does not see the fall of man. Instead, in the redemption by Messiah, He brings man back to His created purpose. Could man fill this mandate that He created man to do. No. But there will be a time when man goes back to this original mandate and then earth will be filled with man, the highest creation, the highest thought God ever had — man — male and female (not one or the other, but both together). The day will come when male and female will fill the earth and rule over it in the way God intended them to rule and if they would continue to increase and multiply and multiply they will fill the universe. Ps 8

And also, He has redeemed a segment of mankind to rule over all things, even over male and female who are going to inhabit the universe (Eph 3:21) forever and ever, generations after generations. That is what He has in store for us. And He wants us to live in that eternal age when the adversary, the accuser, will be bound.

We are learning the purpose we were created for. "Why did I create you?" was the first thing our Father spoke to my heart. And he has been explaining and continuing to unfold His plan and purpose to us. We could have been just like our parents — live and then die and never again see the light of day. That is a catastrophe. To see the trees and sky etc, is enough to know that there is a God and to thank Him. And if we have heard the good news, it is up to us to receive the good news.

God made a covenant with Adam and Eve and they broke it. He made another covenant with Adam and Eve and they tried to keep the second covenant but then only eight people kept it and were saved through the flood and they started over again, living by their conscience. But it wasn't long before they were breaking it again. He made a covenant with Abraham after that — the first covenant pertaining to the rule of God — that we could be co-heirs with God. This is what we are called to and what we are supposed to think about today — on the Sabbath. It is a sign that we know the Creator and we know His Son.

Just remember that several places in the Old Testament says the *covenant* God made with Israel was giving them the ten commandments. They were to obey these commandments. And the sign that the people are keeping these commandments is the fourth commandment. And if you have broken one, you have broken them all. In the New Covenant, God writes that same covenant in the human spirit. It is still the same commandment — being written in our heart and mind. The Sabbath is still the sign of the covenant — a new and living way. The law is in our hearts and we keep the commands by the Holy Spirit who is in us. The Catholic church took the sign of the Sabbath away in violation of the word of God and the commandment of God, and the Protestant church followed suit. Thus, Christianity does not know the sign of the covenant. But when you know the Son of God, *He* writes these laws in our heart. We are not under the law, but the law is grace — it is a blessing to us — a day of rest after working six days.

It *proves* the new covenant; it proves we have His Spirit in us as a people, when we keep this day collectively. That is why we keep it. We are not under the influence of the 'so called church' which has lost its light, its way, its glory, its lampstand. We want to restore the full glory and essence the first church had when they started, when they worshipped their King on the eve of the first day at the end of the Sabbath, which is the time when he came back to life from 72 hours in death. We don't have to spend eternity in the place where He spent three days and three nights — that is the essence of salvation. Rom 12:1; 1 Tim 2:8 — And we lift our hands to show we have no wrath or dissension, showing that the Holy Spirit lives in our midst and that we have a High Priest in heaven.

Manoah — Our God is a God of covenants and He wants men's hearts. But men want to please men. Making that decree to change the Sabbath was man pleasing man, not God. He established covenants with Adam and Eve and with Abraham and He wants to establish a covenant with us, and He wants us to abandon the way of this world and be transformed and renewed and seek to let His spirit rule us.