

Coming Out of Our Cage

The Shabbat is the sign of God's people who know the Creator, not another sign for another god who came in, like Baal.

Sometimes they have footnotes in Bibles. It was the doing of the church to change the Shabbat to Sunday. But it was only after they had fallen away. They did it in their natural mind. They changed it for good political purposes. It was in 336 AD in a council, but of course they had kept the Shabbat for many years. The sign has to be restored to a people, the twelve tribes of Israel. All that nation has to keep the Shabbat to be that light and demonstration that they are God's people. And of course they have to keep also all the other Shabbats, sabbatical years.

Mt 24:14 — I'm so thankful we don't live our lives anymore in vain in the world. So much suffering has come to people in the world. Then they get old and die, and they have to say they lived their lives in vain. One of the first things our Father spoke to me was, "Is that what I have created you for? Do you live for your created purpose? Does your life accomplish what it's supposed to do?"

Unless we are redeemed we waste our lives, going on in misery and hopelessness, not giving our life to our Creator. Even if just a desire comes in our heart to keep our life we will lose it.

Our life belongs to Him. The pot belongs to the potter. So many pots in the world are not being used for the potter, but for evil purposes. We want to be filled with the potter's love? We are calling all people to give their life to the Creator.

That love has to be developed, fully developed every day. Every day we have many opportunities to not see each other's faults, failures. We are being upgraded.

Yahshua was grade-A humanity. No matter how good we were, we are all fallen, all sinned — **Rom 3:23**.

We have to become grade A. Well, we have opportunity. I'm thankful. Were we created grade A? *Degradation* — degrade is going down; upgrade is going up.

The highest grade is A.

The lowest grade is F.

We have all fallen to B, C, D.

If you go to F, you go to the second death, you fail. F — you fail, the worst grade you can get. If you are not highly motivated, you get many F's. You won't graduate, so you get busy the last year.

Rom 3:21-23 — That's why we have to be redeemed to be brought back to A. There was great degradation in us. Now we are on the upgrade. It's wonderful to think of it that way. This is redemption and restoration. He has redeemed us, now He restores us, freeing us from all those crooked ways and bents. He is freeing us. The Son of God came to set us free.

An American actor (Jack Parr?) had the idea to bring a whole zoo of animals back to their native environment in Africa. He flew them over in their cages and put them down in their natural surroundings. Then they opened the cages. This was all filmed. Every 15 minutes they said that 15 minutes passed. I don't know how long it took those animals to get out of their cages. The lion sat there after they opened the door for at least one hour. He finally got out after 1 hour or 2. He crawled out, looked around, yawned, turned around, got back into his cage and sat down.

We have to be liberated from that prison in which we were held captive. But somehow we like to get back in that cage. Our Master paid the price to get us out of prison. After it was paid for — what happens? You stay in there, or you get out and stay free.

Our Master didn't only hang on the cross, get spat upon, beaten beyond recognition, carry His own cross (somebody had to carry it for Him because He couldn't anymore) — not only did He suffer the agony of crucifixion, but also the agony of death. He did not only suffer the agony of dying, but of death. He took our guilt, our iniquity to redeem us, to pay the price for us. Death couldn't hold Him because He was righteous. Now He wants us to follow Him in our new life. The Sons of God are free. All creation waits for us to proclaim our liberty. You are not created to stay in that cage but to go out in the jungle. He created earth for man to redeem it and restore it.

Didn't He say to Adam, "Adam, the earth is in need of restoration" ?