

Those who Honor the Shabbat will be Honored

There might be occasions when we want to present ourselves to the public on Shabbat. We have to take counsel together and decide, and then we'll either be blessed or cursed according to what is motivating us. We don't do things on the Shabbat to make money. You can work it around no problem, to your own detriment. The Jews sell their property to a Gentile for the sabbatical year so that the business on it can continue, and then they buy it back again. So we can say, "We can go outside of our tribal area and work." Whatever we make a living by could be our demise.

The Shabbat is for trusting our Father, not finding ways around it, making a lot of money. Of course, we will be tempted in that. We have to have counsel, and we have to be blessed or condemned about our choice. Breaking the Sabbath is breaking the whole law. One of the last chapters of Nehemiah talks about going out and making money on the Shabbat. Nehemiah pulled the beard of those who wanted to work on the Shabbat.

The temptation is there all the time. It could be overwhelming. The greatest shopping day is the Sabbath. That's why people have those events on the weekends. But we are supposed to rest. If we are actually keeping the Shabbat with our heart our Father will bless us. We can suffer for a little while. He will bring in the wealth of the nations. "Doing good on the Sabbath" is probably going out and passing out papers and dancing on the Shabbat, healing people. But we need to rest on the Shabbat, too.

Just remember, the Shabbat is a sign (Ex 31:12-13) that we are His people, that He is our God. If we work on the Shabbat there's no sign, we aren't a separate people. Even though it causes all kinds of financial difficulties, if our Father isn't for us we can't resist anyone. If He wants us to keep the Sabbath then He will care for us in other ways. He will test us whether we can do it. Our Master said, "I'll take the kingdom away from you." One of the reasons was they were keeping the Sabbath under the law.

Ex 31:12 — ABOVE ALL, that's the original word in the Hebrew. Do you know what *above all* means? The most important, most essential commandment. Do you know why? It goes on to say that. It says, "Surely, above all..." It's the greatest commandment. It says to observe My Sabbaths "... that you may know it is YHWH who sets you apart." You shall keep the Sabbath because it is a holy, set-apart day. If anyone doesn't keep the Sabbath, but sells bread on the Sabbath for a livelihood, he shall be put to death. If anyone does any work — for a living — he shall be cut off from his father's kin. "The Israelites shall keep it as a covenant." He took the kingdom away from them because they broke the Sabbath, and it would be given to a nation that would keep it. So if we don't keep it, it's ridiculous for us to say that we are His people.

"He ceased from work and refreshed Himself." The Sabbath is called a timeout from employment. We work every day, six days a week. What happens if we stop keeping the Shabbat is that life actually loses its meaning. You need that time with your family, your brothers and sisters, refreshment, even playing volleyball if it doesn't get too wild. So without the Shabbat we forget our purpose.

The Israelites had already lost their purpose when they quit keeping it. They lost their purpose for any work. They lost their proper balance, which is crucial to a faithful life. It's crucial to a faithful life. That's what the Sabbath is for. If we keep it in this way this is what will happen. We'll know we have a purpose; we'll know what we're living for. The Sabbath is set apart for His holy ones. Our Father LOVES those who serve Him, who honor Him in their daily employment. This is essential.

The word *holy* in Ex 31:14 is "set apart" — set apart for the set-apart people. It's a holy day for the holy people, a set-apart day for the set-apart people. It will be tremendous if we keep the Sabbath until He comes. If we don't keep it He will never come, but if we keep it we'll keep all the rest of the commandments. The Shabbat is a holy day for the holy people. If not, they are not His set-apart people. Like old Israel, they are cut off; they are not set apart to Him.

If we do honor the Sabbath as a queen, if we truly do that, we are His set-apart people. We don't become His set-apart people by keeping the Sabbath, but if we are His set-apart people we'll keep the Sabbath. The Catholics didn't want to be associated with the Jews. So they kept Sunday with the rest of the world and they weren't despised anymore. The restoration of all things includes the Sabbath, because the First Church kept the Sabbath. Then the day will come when we'll have our First Day Festivals — no excuses. We'll be together all day. The rest of the clans around can come to it. So that limits our work days to five, really. But the sixth (First Day) would be a wonderful work.

We work on the Shabbat in Glastonbury and at all these festivals. But it's supposed to be evangelism. But it's turning out that we don't take nearly enough people to evangelize. If we are to continue doing these festivals we need to start bringing enough people, having open forum tents, because otherwise money is the main motivation. And it's like that everywhere — you bring people to do the work, but not to evangelize. “Sorry, I can't talk to you because I need to do this...”

Fairs are a marvelous opportunity to meet people, SAVE people. I thought it was just for evangelism that we could be there. If we have that vision we can go there, but if it's just for making money... We can't be ashamed of the gospel, thinking we might get kicked out. But they liked our open forum — they even tried to copy us at Glastonbury. But it wasn't like our open forum. At our open forums people talk as much as they want to. We have to take dominion by the Holy Spirit. So whether we can do that is up to you. We disqualify ourselves really quickly if we don't run according to the rules. We have to run right. If you start breaking the Sabbath in the Race you're out. We can't say during the Race, “Oh, we didn't know that.”

There's a lot we have to learn before the Race begins, before we even know when the Race is supposed to begin. It's beyond me to know when that is. We have to all hear. It might start when *Erev Pesach* is on Wednesday evening, as it was when our Master was

crucified. That's coming up in two or three years. Whether it starts then or on the following Yom Kippur — these are all things all the prophets have to agree upon.

What does it say in Acts 26:7? We have to do that for Old Israel and the first century church. In verse 6 it says in the NEV, "*And it is for a hope kindled by God's promise to our forefathers that I stand in the dock today.*" Rom 11:15 — It talks about being raised alive from the dead. So we have to do it for them. It was the promise to Abraham. Paul took Mal 1:11 and applied it to Acts 26:7, then in verse 8 he applied it to the resurrection, as he also talks about in Rom 11:15.

It says in Mt 19:28 they will sit on twelve thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel. We are taking their place in this age. We are special agents to make sure what our Father promised to Abraham will come true in the next age, or else our Father will be split in half. Jer 34:18-20 — That's what our Father did. He said, "Let this be done to me if I don't bring it to pass." So we have to worship and serve night and day. There's no free time that we don't serve or worship.

We won't be a nation like the other nations. We will be the Twelve Tribes, but I don't think we will be called that. *Israel* means *those who rule with Elohim*. The New Jerusalem is the Body of God, the Body of Elohim, so He dwells in this body, in this Jerusalem, whatever you want to call it. He will dwell in the midst of all the nations, meaning everywhere. We are the tabernacle — His dwelling place — so we'll have to be sent out to the far reaches of the universe. You'll colonize, you'll be like the queen bees, taking people to the other planets and colonizing. All we'll be doing is ruling over the nations, and we'll be like God to them. It will be like our Master said, "If you've seen Me you've seen the Father." So since we are dealing with humans we can't just be visualized as some spirit, but we'll be human.

It's a corporate body. And there will be no difference between Him and us. He's our brother. Our Father chooses not to do it with one Son, but He wants millions, billions, trillions of sons.

“Long ago you laid the foundation of the universe... the work of your hands. They shall be changed, but you shall endure. Like a cloak they will wear off.” (Ps 102:25-26)

“But you are the same, and your years have no end.” (Heb 1:12)

Ps 102:28 — “Your servants’ children will perpetually be continued.” It’s an ever-and-ever thing. And that’s why it says in Eph 3:21, “from generation to generation, forever and ever.” He will make many more out of our DNA, and each one of them will propagate eternally, and each one of them... How many cells do you have?

The increase of His government, it will never end. And the increase of the nations will never end either. They’ll keep on having babies. When we fill up the universe we’ll have to stop propagating, but the universe never ends. So “eye has not seen and ear has not heard the things God has prepared for those who love Him.” We’ll see the servants and the servants’ children. Rev 22:3-4 — There are no more servants except the trillions and trillions in the Eighth Day coming forth from the original servants. We are the servants, the Bride is the servant, and the Bride has children.

“God will be among you.” Therefore, we will be among them so they can see Him. He lives among them to a certain extent right now, but then to the full extent. We have to struggle to keep our thoughts on Him, because Satan tries to lead our thoughts astray so many times. That’s why it speaks in Rev 3:4 of those who are worthy of Him. What does it say in verse 5? He who overcomes what? [*Selling on the Shabbat.*] Yes, all these things. That’s right. You can see what we have to be. We can’t be any way other than that. The seed that passed the test is worthy to be reproduced. Our Father can use it, bless it.

It’s not just the redemption of our spirit, but it has to go on to our soul. It talks about the salvation of our soul in many places. If we are not worthy of the next age it’s because the salvation of our soul didn’t happen. Jms 1:21 — All filthiness and wickedness didn’t go. Jms 5:19-20 — We are saviors. Whoever saves someone from the

error of his death saves his soul from death, and will cover a multitude of sins. “A sinner” sounds like it’s someone outside, but it’s talking about your brother. You don’t permit anything coming in that would lead you or your brother astray. Whoever keeps his mind on the Spirit He will keep in perfect peace. I verbally use our Master’s name to fight against the thoughts that would otherwise come to me. We can’t live without that. We have to verbally speak that.

Whoever will be the leaders in any tribe have to have the same mind. We have to have the same mind as our Master (Phil 2:5), the same mind or attitude. We have to have the same mind. You have to have the same mind as me, so we can all have the same mind, and so we don’t have any oppositional thinkers, but decide all these things in council — not just one man calling all the shots. We have to have a council of leaders. And no one can think he knows it all. He will take grace away from you and make sure you will fall.

We have to have a case history with our Father, of failures and successes. We do things wrong, then we learn from it. If we don’t have that, other people will come in and because you didn’t have that problem, you blast them because you can’t sympathize with them. Our children have the right to fail, but they will not be failures. We are learning, but we have brothers who are keepers, who keep us on course. If we are honored by our Father we’ll help those who are not honored.

Jn 12:25-26 — Do we know who is being honored and who is not being honored? Can we tell? If you feel a person is not being honored and you don’t go to him, how can it be that you are being honored? Honor means to hold in high esteem. If you are being honored you understand it, too, and you hold others in high esteem. That’s why the leaders are the greatest servants, the servants of all.