

Not Profaning the Sabbath

Gen 1:26 – “Then God said, ‘Let us make man in our image, in our likeness...’”
They made man in *their* own image and likeness. Then man fell and would now have to go against the “Second Law of Thermodynamics” to retain the image of their Creator. Those who give themselves to this struggle (Job 14:14, NAS) and retain that image are the Righteous. They will be the Restored Man in the eternal age (Rev 21:3).

There have been a few who are redeemed, elevated from being merely men of the earth. Redeemed Man will be raised up into the very likeness of our Master. They will be the dwelling place of Elohim. The redeemed men are the spiritual.

Elohim made man, and then He rested on the seventh day. Then after Abraham came Moses, who recorded this in Exodus 20:

Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work... (Ex 20:8-10)

This was written to Redeemed Man, to keep the Sabbath as a sign. There will be a Seventh Day when Redeemed Man will rule the Earth. The scions of the nations go into the next age, but they will need to be ruled over. They will need “parents.” The whole purpose of the Seventh Day is that we would teach the nations who are repopulating the earth. We’ll be helping the nations, getting them established.

We will all be in our own nations. Those from the first church who overcame will probably be ruling over the restored Twelve Tribes of Israel (Mt 19:28) in the land promised to Abraham. People of the nations will go up to Jerusalem to get to know Yahshua, and eventually become part of the Holy (Ps 102:28). Billions will come to know our Master and come into being part of the Holy. There will be billions also who must be just pretending. So many do not receive the Holy Spirit in the next age, even after we’ve talked to them over and over so much, yet they side with Satan (Rev 20:7-9).

Satan is like a roaring lion that is always prowling, seeking someone to devour. So many are led astray and destroyed. Those who aren't praying to be delivered are the foolish. The wise virgins need to warn the foolish. There is no such thing as a wise person who doesn't warn the foolish, speaking to them, encouraging them. There is no such thing as a wise person who doesn't encourage the foolish. If they don't, they become foolish, too.

We prepare for the thousand-year Shabbat every week. That's why we remember the Sabbath. We remember the Sabbath, when our Father re-made the earth and made it a habitable place. We also remember that our Father made man.

And YHWH spoke to Moses, saying, "Speak also to the children of Israel, saying: 'Surely My Sabbaths you shall keep, for it is a sign between Me and you throughout your generations, that you may know that I am the LORD who sanctifies you. You shall keep the Sabbath, therefore, for it is holy to you. Everyone who profanes it shall surely be put to death; for whoever does any work on it, that person shall be cut off from among his people. Work shall be done for six days, but the seventh is the Sabbath of rest, holy to the LORD. Whoever does any work on the Sabbath day, he shall surely be put to death. Therefore the children of Israel shall keep the Sabbath, to observe the Sabbath throughout their generations as a perpetual covenant. It is a sign between Me and the children of Israel forever; for in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, and on the seventh day He rested and was refreshed.'" (Ex 31:12-18)

We have to understand that this is a special day. There are two ways of breaking the Sabbath: 1) profaning it; 2) working – carrying out our weekly function.

The Sabbath is a sign that we are the Holy. It is a sign to the nations that we're doing something they're not doing, and they would be drawn. They'll come to see that we are "holy" which means set apart. We could be making lots of money on that day, but we're not. We're going to be like Elohim.

"Everyone who profanes the Shabbat shall surely be put to death." This word *profane* is not necessarily one time. Everyone who profanes the Sabbath will surely break the Sabbath. It is a continual thing until it is a sin unto death.

In old Israel most people were profaning it, and they couldn't judge who was profaning it or not because so many were. The last verses in Jeremiah 9 talk about the circumcised being judged along with the uncircumcised (Jer 9:25-26).

One who profanes the Sabbath is one who does not treat it as sacred; they treat it as common, not looking forward to it, not preparing for it properly. They could be playing volleyball all day, or sleeping all day. In another tribe, there were a few brothers (now they know better) who would frequently disappear on the Sabbath and be gone all day. You could never find them.

Our Father is speaking to us now; He's telling us now that we maybe have profaned the Shabbat in the past, but we've got to stop doing that. *Profane* means to treat as casual, carelessly, to treat as recreation, to make common, to treat it as just another day, not looking forward to it or going through it in ritual, not taking delight in it (Isa 58:13-14).

It says in Isa 53:10 that His offspring will carry out His good pleasure. We are not to do our own pleasure on the Shabbat, which means not doing our own thing. The Shabbat is for a Nation. We keep it as a people. We have a social time. We may play a game of volleyball or have a picnic, but it is a day to spend time with your friends and your wife and family. Especially that day is for community affairs. It is not an independent time where we go off as individuals away from the Body. That is to profane it.

We have all profaned the Sabbath, but we cannot go on profaning it. If we keep on profaning it, we will be cut off. We are coming to the knowledge of the truth. If we go on sinning after we have come to the knowledge of the truth, we will be cut off – put to death.

So many times our sins pile up to heaven, and we've got to go back and confess the first sin that cut us off, before our sins started piling up. If we can't remember them all, we may sometimes have to say, "Abba, there are so many sins I've got piled up, and I

can't remember them all. Please have mercy on me." We have all profaned the Sabbath, but we cannot go on profaning it.

Before the Race starts, our Father wants to show us anything that would keep us from running the Race. The Race will most likely start at Passover, but we will be perfectly clean at Yom Kippur. Then we have to keep ourselves clean. The Race won't begin until we're ready. It will not be just when the tribe of Benjamin is established. "Ready... Set... Go!"

In the eternal age (the Eighth Day) we will be like God to the restored men of the nations; when they see us, they will see our Father. We will be human, not divine. But in a way we'll be like the angels, not marrying or given in marriage. We will be married to our Master.

The nations will have children, and somehow our Father will replicate us. It says that the children of Your servants will continue, multiplying forever and ever. There will be endless generations. He is our Husband, and we are His wife in that sense. The increase of His government will never end. We will be ruling together with our Master.

What is a lukewarm person? A person who is not hot, but is really cold, and is acting like he's hot – trying to act hot, when he's not. He only gets to the place of being lukewarm. His sins are piled up, and he becomes like a Pharisee. If you're cold, just say, "I'm cold." You'll always be lukewarm if you're cold, and you try to act hot. You can't keep it up, so just be real.

Isn't it wonderful that there is a "law of thermodynamics" that opposes us, but we have to exercise our will to overcome it? Our Master had to pray that He'd be delivered from the evil one. Our Master used His will. We can do the same.