

Leviticus: Living Life at the Second Fork

Chapter 25

“Christ Our Jubilee”

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Genesis 2:2,3 “By the seventh day God completed His work which He had done, and He rested (Heb *sabat*) on the seventh day...

...He rested (Heb *sabat*) from all His work...”

God rested, not because He ran out of ideas, or because He got tired, but He had accomplished everything He wished with the Creation.

Exodus 20:8-10 “Remember the sabbath (*sabat*) day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work...”

Our productivity in life, whether spiritual or material, does not depend on us working every minute God has given us. In Christ, we live a supernatural existence.

Exodus 31:13 “... for this is a sign between Me and you...”

Our rest in Christ is a sign.

Leviticus 25:1-7

V2 “the land which I shall give you” The land, *and our lives*, belongs to God.

V 4 “during the seventh year . . . you shall not sow your field nor prune your vineyard.” For an agrarian society, this meant rest from their normal daily activities.

V 5 There was to be no formal harvesting of the voluntary fruits of the land that year.

V 6 However, everyone was to have equal access to go into the fields and take of the voluntary fruit what they needed.

V 7 Even the animals got to rest, and to eat freely.

Leviticus 25:8-18; 39-41; 53,54

Sabbath of days – week

Sabbath of years – seventh year

Sabbath of sabbath years – 49 years

Every 50th year, two consecutive years of rest!

Same sowing/harvesting rules as the 7th year sabbaths.

Everyone returned to his own property.

Land values based on the time to next Jubilee year.

Regardless of price, land went back to original family at year of Jubilee.

Rested in the goodness of God.

Indentured servants set free; all debts cancelled.

A GREAT RESET TO THE WAY THINGS SHOULD BE.

Vv 19-22 Obedience to God allows God to bless us in ways we would never see otherwise. “I will so order my blessing for you.”

Luke 5 Obedience to Jesus produces supernatural results that you can’t anticipate on paper.

Isaiah 61:1,2 Jesus prophesied “to proclaim liberty to captives”

Colossians 1:13,14 In Christ we have “release” from our sins; pardon; forgiveness. Gr *aphesis*, same as LXX **Lev 25:10**.

2:2,3 Christ is all we need, not higher knowledge, not hidden insights into angels or any other teaching about strict adherence to legal requirements that have no power over the flesh.

Vv 9,10 “complete” “to bring to a designed end; to completion of something in process” We are restored to our rightful position in Christ. Just like the year of Jubilee. Back where we started from.

There is no one else to answer to above Christ.

Vv 11,12 Our flesh, with its influence over us, and our servitude to it, was left in the tomb, when Christ arose.

V 13 “... having forgiven us all our transgressions...” All of our sins were future, when Christ paid for them.

V 14 In the same way that Jesus’s accusation was nailed to His cross, our accusation (the Law) was nailed to Him. *The Law died with Christ*.

V 15 With the payment for sin, and the resurrection from the dead, God vanquished the only weapons that Satan has, which are death, and the fear of death.

V 16 “festival” = “appointed times” in Leviticus 23 (LXX) Paul is describing the holy convocations, the dietary restrictions, and the sabbath observances of Leviticus.

V 17 All of these things are a shadow, and Christ is the reality that casts the shadow. We need not adhere to the shadow, when we have the substance that the shadow previewed.