

WORKING TO FIND REST . . . A SABBATH GUIDE FOR KINGDOM WORKERS

STUDY # 2 "SABBATH AND EDEN"

Sabbath Quote: "Our great grandfathers called it "the holy Sabbath;" our grandfathers, "the Sabbath;" our fathers, "Sunday;" but today we call it "the Weekend." Anon

REVIEW/INTRODUCTION

- commandment = expressions of God's perfect knowledge of us and love for us
- Question: Can all our service for Christ be unintentionally damaging our love for Christ?
- same commandment related to creation and redemption

GOD'S REST FOLLOWING CREATION Gen. 2:1-3

"MENUHA" AND ME

- "menuha" = deep, harmonious peace, serenity, rest, tranquility and contentment; delighting in, celebrating work accomplished

CREATIONAL THEOLOGY

God's Grandeur

The world is charged with the grandeur of God.
 It will flame out, like shining from shook foil;
 It gathers to a greatness, like the ooze of oil
 Crushed. Why do men then now not reck his rod?
 Generations have trod, have trod, have trod;
 And all is seared with trade; bleared, smeared with toil;
 And wears man's smudge and shares man's smell: the soil
 Is bare now, nor can foot feel, being shod.
 And for all this, nature is never spent;

There lives the dearest freshness deep down things;
 And though the last lights off the black West went
 Oh, morning, at the brown brink eastward, springs —
 Because the Holy Ghost over the bent

World broods with warm breast and with ah! bright wings. (Hopkins)

WESTMINSTER CONFSSION OF FAITH chap. 1 “ . . . although the light of nature, and the works of creation and providence do so far make known the goodness, wisdom, and power of God, as to leave men without excuse . . . ”

PSALM 19:1-4

CREATURE’S RESPONSE TO CREATION

“In creation God ‘went public’ with the glory that reverberates joyfully between the Father and the son! There is something about the fullness of God’s joy that inclines it to overflow. there is an expansive quality to his joy. It wants to share itself. The impulse to create the world was not from weakness, as though God were lacking in some perfection which creation could supply. ‘It is no argument of the emptiness or deficiency of a fountain, that it is inclined to overflow.’ Piper with quote from Edwards

Edwards, “Dissertation Concerning the End for Which God Created the World”

TAKE TIME TO WORK ON REFLECTION

1. Think about a time when God’s creation “declared’ something glorious about Himself to you.
2. If God has revealed Himself in creation and our love and trust are deepened and increased by knowing more about him, why don’t we “study” His “big Book” (general revelation) as well as His “little book” (special revelation) more than we do?