

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

STUDY # 3 “SABBATH, LISTENING TO WHAT CREATION SAYS ABOUT ITS MAKER”

Sabbath Quote: “The Sabbath was a sacrament since it was a visible figure of an invisible grace.” Calvin

REVIEW/INTRODUCTION

- God’s metanarraive begins with His being the LORD, God, King of the universe
- “heaven is His throne and the earth His footstool” Isa. 66:1
- “Lift up your eyes on high and see: who created these? He who brings out their host by number, calling them all by name, by the greatness of his might, and because he is strong in power not one is missing” Isa. 40:26
- Psa. 19 creation’s declarations about the Creator are profuse, constant and ubiquitous
- considering the “backstory” on the 4th commandment

ROMANS 1:18-23

best we can do in our idolatry and unrighteousness is suppress, not eradicate the truth

EDWARDS QUOTES

From *“The End for Which God Created the World”*

“One part of that divine fulness which is communicated, is the divine knowledge. That communicated knowledge, which must be supposed to pertain to God’s last end in creating the world, is the creature’s knowledge of HIM. For this is the end of all other knowledge; and even the faculty of understanding would be vain without it. And this knowledge is most properly a communication of God’s infinite knowledge, which primarily consists in the knowledge of himself. God, in making this his end, makes himself his end. This knowledge in the creature, is but a conformity to God. it is a participation of the same; though infinitely less in degree: as particular beams of the sun communicated are the light and glory of the sun itself, in part.

Besides, God’s glory is the object of this knowledge, or the thing known; so that God is glorified in it, as hereby his excellency is seen. As therefore God values himself, as he delights in his own knowledge, he must delight in every thing of that nature; as he delights in his own light, he must delight in every beam of that light; and as he highly values his own excellency, he must be well pleased in having it manifested, and so glorified.” vol.1 p. 101

And from a sermon on Psalm 46:10 . . . “It is most evident by the works of God, that his understanding and power are infinite; for he that hath made all things out of nothing, and upholds, and governs, and manages all things every moment, in all ages, without growing weary, must be of infinite power. He must also be of infinite knowledge; for if he made all things, and upholds and governs all things continually, it will follow, that he knows and perfectly sees all things, great and small, in heaven and earth, continually at one view; which cannot be without infinite understanding” vol,2 p. 107

GLORY AND GOODNESS

the creation that spoke of God’s glory to Adam and Eve also spoke of His goodness and love for them . . . His perfect provision

world as a physical, concrete expression and manifestation of God’s “hesed”

Scott Hafemann expressed it: “God ‘keeps the Sabbath’ by working for his people; his people ‘keep the Sabbath’ by trusting him to do so.”

“ . . . our fulfillment is wrapped up in displaying his glory. When God insists that he alone be our God, he is insisting on our happiness, since nothing compares with God when it comes to satisfying our longings. God is glorified by our dependence on him alone, and we are satisfied by trusting in his sovereignty and provision.”

SOME IMPLICATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

missing out if never studying, considering God’s creation

“outdoor deficit disorder”

technology’s effect on our mind, body and soul . . . “videophilia,” “screenagers,” and “generation D” “text neck syndrome”