

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

STUDY # 8 “A CASE STUDY . . . SAUL” (Panic about Righteousness)

Sabbath Quote: “Their attitude [Pharisees] robbed the Sabbath of its characteristic gratitude for liberation. Gratitude had to make way for precisionist obedience, freedom was replaced with a new bondage, and relaxation was ruined by a perpetually plagued conscience.” J. Douma

REVIEW/INTRODUCTION

Jacob . . . case study in panic about provision; Sabbath is for learning again to trust and rest in our Creator’s/Provider’s care . . . the God of Jacob came to Jacob

Saul . . . case study in panic about righteousness or providing for, not just our physical needs, but also our soul needs by ourselves

SAUL . . . THE TIRELESS WORKER FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS

everything about him was extraordinary --- by nature and nurture Phil. 3:5-5, Acts 22:3

Phinehas; works credited as righteousness for endless generations Psa. 106: 30-31
Numbers 25

PHARISEES . . . SERIOUS ABOUT RIGHTEOUSNESS WORK

people of the Book, “moral minority”

“another atonement” as effective as the Temple sacrifices?

lots of “fences” for protection from breaking the Law

SO MUCH WORK TO DO . . . SO FEW WORKERS

“for God’s sake” we must stop His enemies [“followers of the wrong way”]

THE WORK OF THE RIGHTEOUS ONE ON THIS “RIGHTEOUS” ONE

“the Champion of Grace” will meet the champion of law in a dusty ring outside of Damascus . . . Saul will experience a glorious defeat Acts 9

he saw that in all his works he was working against God’s work

learning to rest in the work of Another

TIME TO WORK ON REFLECTION

1. How is knowing that our similarity to the Pharisees is more “heart-deep” than skin-deep a blessing?
2. What are some ways you have seen Christ’s “done” affect your “doing;” His work affect your working?