

Should We Keep Shabbat?

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The Bible says to keep God's feasts, they are His feasts:

"The feasts of the LORD, which you shall proclaim to be holy convocations, these are My feasts;" Leviticus 23:2 NKJV. We keep our secular feasts, so it is a disgrace that we don't keep God's feasts.

God made Shabbat holy at the time of creation. "God blessed the seventh day and sanctified it, because in it He rested from all His work which God had created and made." Genesis 2:3 NKJV. There are no excuses. Shabbat, Friday at sunset to Saturday at sunset is Shabbat and is a holy day. "Evening and the morning were the first day;" Genesis 1:5 NKJV.

For Further Study:

Constantine changed the day of Shabbat to Sunday. We are not to make up man-made misapplied laws. "You shall not add to the word which I command you, nor take from it, that you may keep the commandments of the LORD your God which I command you;" Deuteronomy 4:2 NKJV

Besides, he dedicated it to the S-U-N god and not to Yeshua!

"On March 7, 321, however, [Roman Emperor Constantine I](#) issued a civil decree making Sunday a day of rest from labor, stating:

All judges and city people and the craftsmen shall rest upon the venerable day of the sun. Country people, however, may freely attend to the cultivation of the fields."¹

How many of us make excuses for not keeping God's words. People give into philosophy, false religion, and excuses. As we know, Shaul said about the Old Testament portion: "All Scripture is God-breathed and is valuable for teaching the truth, convicting of sin, correcting faults and training in right living; thus anyone who belongs to God may be fully equipped for every good work." 2 Timothy 3:16-17 CJB. There was no New Testament at the time. He is talking about the Jewish scriptures. "God-breathed" means that the words were inspired by God.

The context surrounding 2 Timothy 3:16-17 is talking about the Jewish scriptures. We know that Timothy's mother was Jewish and the only scriptures back then were the Old Testament portion. Shaul tells Timothy in the previous two verses, "But you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, recalling the people from whom you learned it; and recalling too how from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures." 2 Timothy 3:14-15 CJB.

We can talk ourselves out of doing things God's way by saying the Old Testament was done away with. I think Shaul (the writer of Timothy) would be pretty angry with what people have done with the holy scriptures that he so valued – the Tanakh (the Old Testament portion). Why aren't we angry? Kefa (Peter) said about people who don't live by God's word, "But these people, acting without thinking, like animals without reason, born to be captured and destroyed, insult things about which they have no knowledge. When they are destroyed, their

¹ https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sabbath_in_Christianity

destruction will be total - they will be paid back harm as wages for the harm they are doing." 2 Peter 2:12-13 CJB. Isn't that the way the world has gone and how some churches are going? It's easy to insult and diminish God in this day and time, but it won't always be that way. God have mercy on us.

When we decidedly disobey God's words we begin losing our commitment to God and begin making up excuses to do things our own way. That's what's happened to the world. We wonder why it is so messed up. It is because man has messed it up, not God. What happened to the descendants of Noah? Noah was a righteous person (did what was right), but many of his descendants did things their own way. The same is true today. People make up excuses and say God's words don't matter anymore. Kefa had something to say about that:

2 Peter 3:3-7 CJB:

"First, understand this: during the Last Days, scoffers will come, following their own desires and asking, 'Where is this promised 'coming' of his? For our fathers have died, and everything goes on just as it has since the beginning of creation.' But, wanting so much to be right about this, they overlook the fact that it was by God's Word that long ago there were heavens, and there was land which arose out of water and existed between the waters, and that by means of these things the world of that time was flooded with water and destroyed. It is by that same Word that the present heavens and earth, having been preserved, are being kept for fire until the Day of Judgment, when ungodly people will be destroyed."

We can choose to listen to these ungodly people who say that God's word is done away with or choose to live with faith towards an almighty all-knowing God. I decided years ago that I am not going to listen to these people who act without faith and without thinking.

God said,

"Remember the day, Shabbat, to set it apart for God. You have six days to labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Shabbat for ADONAI your God. On it, you are not to do any kind of work - not you, your son or your daughter, not your male or female slave, not your livestock, and not the foreigner staying with you inside the gates to your property. For in six days, ADONAI made heaven and earth, the sea and everything in them; but on the seventh day he rested. This is why ADONAI blessed the day, Shabbat, and separated it for himself;" Exodus 20:8-11 CJB.

God says He separated this day to Himself. Now people says it doesn't matter. Also, some say our day of rest is now the day of the sun-god, Sunday. Here is an excerpt from an article I found that talks about **the religious system that we've inherited**:

"Under Satan's direction, Constantine set up the 'Council of Nicaea' and presided as 'Summus Pontifex', the official title of a Pope. Constantine's job was to mix paganism with a perverted form of Christianity to make his new religious organization look respectable. This mixture of paganism with some of the

teaching of Christ was Satan's version of a 'Christian Church.' This powerful religious institution would be later used by Satan to send millions of souls to hell and to cause the deaths of many Bible believing Christians."²

I suggest you read the whole article. It is very informative. Somehow, people say that doing things God's way doesn't matter anymore. Does God's word matter? Do we want to follow man or do we want to follow the God of the universe? We should be willing to stand with God and say, "NO MORE!" Do we trust in God or not? Others can go on living with no regard towards God. We that believe in God need to be firmly committed to live for God and follow His word.

²http://www.the-ten-commandments.org/origin_of_babylon_sun_worship.html