The Ten Commandments Part 5

## **OFOLISH OFHINGS** PEOPLE DO TO MESS UP THEIR LIVES

Exodus 20:8-11

## Commandment #1 "Thou shalt have no other gods before me." (*Exodus 20:3*)

## Commandment #2 "Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image." (Exodus 20:4)

## **Commandment #3** "Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain." (Exodus 20:7)

## FOOLISH THING #4

Failing to Honor God's Day

#### Sunday is not just a second Saturday.

- Our great grandfathers called Sunday the "Holy Sabbath."
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- Our fathers called it "Sunday."
- We call it the "weekend."

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Main idea – could they trust God?

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- **4. Don't think you can skirt the issue by having others work for you** (*vs. 10*)
- 5. God says: The basis for this commandment is found in /// God's example & declaration of rest after creation (vs. 11)

## APPLICATION How does it apply to us?

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2. The New Testament teaches that Jesus is the fulfillment of the Sabbath rest principle.

**3.** From the foundation of the world, God has established a sabbath principle.

## **PURPOSE** How should we respond?

### Two Important Words

### Blessed & Hallowed

"When God blesses a man, the man becomes rich with blessings. When he blesses a land, the land becomes rich with blessings. So when he blesses a day, that day becomes rich with blessings."

John Piper

#### "blessed" & "hallowed"

When you honor God by hallowing this day and focus your attention on Him – you receive more blessing than if you keep on busying yourself seven days a week with your own plans.

## God's intention was that this rest day would be a blessing not a burden!

If thou turn away thy foot from the sabbath, from doing thy pleasure on my holy day; and call the sabbath a delight, the holy of the LORD, honourable; and shalt honour him, not doing thine own ways, nor finding thine own pleasure, nor speaking thine own words: Then shalt thou delight thyself in the LORD; and I will cause thee to ride upon the high places of the earth, and feed thee with the heritage of Jacob thy father: for the mouth of the LORD hath spoken it.

Isaiah 58:13-14

## Why do we see this day as a burden not a blessing?

- 1. We have too much leisure we don't really have a need for more rest.
- 2. We are trapped by materialism.
- 3. We don't trust God to supply (bless) if we obey in faith.
- 4. We don't truly value & treasure the Father.

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"If your heart is set more on the pleasures of the world than on the enjoyment of God you will feel the sabbath principle as a burden and not a blessing."

#### **Commandment #4**

"Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy."

- Are my Sundays focused on rest, worship, and ministry to others?
- Do I schedule church around my weekend plans rather than scheduling my weekend plans around church?
- Do I see my worship and rest time as a burden or a blessing in my life? Is my heart set more on the distractions and pleasures of this life or on the enjoyment of my relationship with God?