

REMEMBER THE SABBATH

Introduction:

I. THE PRINCIPLE OF REST

A. Shabbat as a verb.

Genesis 2:1-3

Exodus 31:17

B. Shabbat as a proper noun (Exodus 20:8-11; Deuteronomy 5:12-15)

Exodus 31:14-17

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C. Shabbat as a theological principle (Hebrews 4:9-11)

II. THE PRINCIPLE WRESTED

- A. By breaking the Sabbath.
- B. By making Sabbath the Queen.
- C. By ignoring shabbat altogether.

"This commandment must not be lightly regarded as a piece of antique history or as conventional wisdom that may be used as one sees fit. Rather, it calls for an imitation of God's own action, and it carries a blessing for all who will observe it." Walter Kaiser

A. Should we keep a sabbath? 1) 2) 3) 4) B. Why wouldn't you keep a sabbath? 1) 2) 3) C. How should you keep a sabbath? 1) 2) 3)

III. THE PRINCIPLE RESTORED

Parenthesis: Sunday is "the Lord's Day" for most Christians today.

Food for Thought:

- 1) What does this commandment imply about the relationship between God and humanity?
- 2) What do you think it means to keep the sabbath holy?
- 3) What do Christians lose by treating Sunday as just another day of the week?
- 4) What arrangements (or rearrangements) do you need to make to obey God's commandment?