



Sunday Worship Times:
8:30 am & 10:30 am
Sunday School 10:30am
Soul Church Friday 7:00pm

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Pastor's Message

I have recently been encouraged by a number of people to make sure I am taking my day off, or my sabbath. I admit, I have a hard time with sabbaths. I see all that there is to do, and I want to get at it! And hey, one day I will have my rest, I figure. Yet, that is not Biblical. That kind of thinking does not honor God, and as a disciple of Christ, I need to be honoring God with all that I do.

Even though I know that God took a sabbath rest after creating the universe (Gen 2:1-3), I still struggle with taking my own sabbath rest. After all, what does that really mean? What really is a sabbath rest for us as disciples of Christ? There are a lot of verses that speak of the sabbath, but for me, the one that stood out recently is found in the book of Leviticus, chapter 23.

Leviticus 23 is a chapter about the festivals of God that the Israelites are supposed to celebrate throughout the year. There is the Passover feast and the festival of unleavened bread, the festival of weeks, the festival of trumpets, the festival of tabernacles, and... there is the sabbath, the day of resting. I find it interesting that the sabbath day is grouped in with the festival celebrations. In fact, the sabbath day is the first celebration that we are told to keep (Lev 23:3). Yes, the sabbath day is a celebration day!

Perhaps like me, you have often thought of the sabbath as a boring, not allowed to do anything, waste of a day wherein we could be getting so much done! But do you know, the sabbath is a celebration day?! Yes, scripture tells us that the day of rest is a day to celebrate! It is a day to celebrate God, to celebrate His goodness, His grace, His love, His sovereignty, and all that He is and does for us, including giving us rest. That is why we get together on the sabbath – to celebrate God with each other.

God Himself took a day to celebrate His creation, to celebrate us! After God created on the sixth day, Gen 1:31 says that "God saw all that he had made, and it was very good." God's creation was very good! What do you do after all of your labors of making something that you are pleased with? You look at it, think back upon the process, proclaim it as good, maybe even very good, and you celebrate its completion and creation. That is what God did! He took the next day so sit back, celebrate, and enjoy His creative work. And you know something? The sabbath wasn't something that God did after He completed all of His creative work, the sabbath was *part* of that creative work. God created celebration! Celebrating what has been accomplished is an integral part of the process; it is not separate from it.

I am thankful for those who remind me that I need to take a sabbath, that I need a day to celebrate God and His goodness. That six days of creative energy need to be reflected upon, enjoyed, and celebrated.

I can do that. It is not just a wasted day of doing nothing. It may just be one of the most important things that we do all week.

Sincerely His,
Pastor Michael Wedman



Don't forget to get a shoe box and get it filled and return by November 17 to mail out world wide. These boxes share the love of Christ to those in need around the world, and it means someone cares. To some, this is the first gift they have ever received. So share your love today. And it is fun! give. Last two weeks folks to make a difference!





*Our Purpose:
Anchored in God's Love, we exist to promote and proclaim
the gospel of Jesus Christ for the salvation and
sanctification of all people*

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1 Prayer Group 9:15 a Soul Church 7p <i>communion</i>	2 Women's Fellowship 10 a—11:30 a
3 Worship 8:30 & 10:30 a <i>Communion</i> Sunday School 10:30 a Youth 5 — 7 p	4 Haircut Fundraiser	5 Quilters Begin 10:00 Great Bend Choir 4:30-9:15	6 Transformative Prayer 7 p	7 Minor Prophets Bible Study 9:30 AA Meeting 5 p	8 Prayer Group 9:15 a Soup for the Soul 6-6:45 Soul Church 7	9
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