

Sunday, 08-27-2023

Sabbath Reforms
Bible Background: Nehemiah 13:4-31
Printed Text: Nehemiah 13:15-22 KJV/NLT
Devotional Reading: Mark 2:23-27

Aim for Change:

- **KNOW** and **UNDERSTAND** that the Sabbath is to be honored.
 1. How well do I **KNOW** and **UNDERSTAND** that the Sabbath is to be honored?
 - **SHARE** with others the importance of honoring the Sabbath.
 2. How often do I **SHARE** with others the importance of honoring the Sabbath?
 - **PLAN** to honor the Sabbath.
 3. How can I better **PLAN** to honor the Sabbath?
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The People, Places, and Times:

- Am I living for the Lord as He structured in His word? How does knowing His words help me not repeat the mistakes of my ancestors or myself?
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Background:

- In what areas do I need spiritual reshaping?
 - Reading and studying His word – **Rev 1:3**
 - Confessing my sins one to another – **Jas 5:16**
 - Repentance – **Mark 1:15**
 - Servitude – **Matt 20:1-16**
 - Tithes/Offerings – **Deu 12:11; Mal 3:8**
 - Worship – **Psalms 95:1-6**
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Devotional Reading: Thursday: The Lord of the Sabbath – Mark 2:23-27

- (v. 24) – Am I so focused on the words that I miss their intent?
 - (v. 27) – Do I not honor the Sabbath because I don't understand its purpose outside of rest?
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Focal Verses – Restoring the Sanctity of the Sabbath – Nehemiah 13:15-22

1. Sabbath Observance (vv. 15-18)

- How many divisions are there in the Mosaic Law pertaining to the Sabbath? Am I doing anything outside of worship, acts of mercy, or necessity on the Sabbath? – **Exodus 20:3-18; 31:13-14; Leviticus 23:3**
- (vv. 15-16) – How were the people of Judah/Jerusalem different than the people of today?
- (vv. 17-18) – Is my lack of reverence to God the Father on the Sabbath keeping me in my own captivity? Are my struggles self-inflicted due to ignorance and disobedience?

2. Keeping the Sabbath (vv. 19-22)

- What are the purpose(s) of why our Father instituted the Sabbath to be maintained? – **Mark 2:23-27; Col 2:12-19**
- (v. 19) – Do I take the necessary steps to ensure the sanctity of the Sabbath?
- (vv. 21-22) – Am I convicted to keep the Sabbath holy as the Father preordained or only holy enough out of convenience?