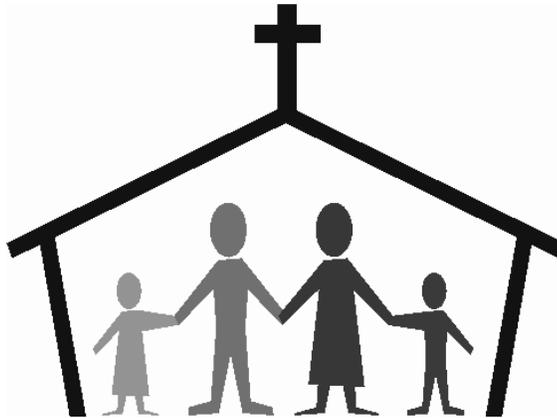


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LESSON 40



Question 61: What does the fourth commandment forbid?

Answer: The fourth commandment forbids _____ or _____ toward _____ or the _____, doing anything which is itself _____, or pursuing _____, _____ or _____ that emphasize _____ work or _____ over _____ and _____.

Question 62: What reason is tied to the fourth commandment?

Answer: The reasons tied to the fourth commandment are these: God allows us _____ of the week to tend to our _____; he claims the _____ day as _____; he set the _____; and he _____ the Sabbath.

Exodus 31:17 It is a sign forever between me and the people of Israel that in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, and on the seventh day he rested and was refreshed.”

Genesis 2:3 So God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it God rested from all his work that he had done in creation.

Leviticus 23:3 Six days shall work be done, but on the seventh day is a Sabbath of solemn rest, a holy convocation. You shall do no work. It is a Sabbath to the Lord in all your dwelling places.

Exodus 16:25-28 Moses said, “Eat it today, for today is a Sabbath to the LORD; today you will not find it in the field. Six days you shall gather it, but on the seventh day, which is a Sabbath, there will be none.” On the seventh day some of the people went out to gather, but they found none. And the Lord said to Moses, “How long will you refuse to keep my commandments and my laws?”

Nehemiah 13:15-18 In those days I saw in Judah people treading winepresses on the Sabbath, and bringing in heaps of grain and loading them on donkeys, and also wine, grapes, figs, and all kinds of loads, which they brought into Jerusalem on the Sabbath day. And I warned them on the day when they sold food.... Then I confronted the nobles of Judah and said to them, “What is this evil thing that you are doing, profaning the Sabbath day? Did not your fathers act in this way, and did not our God bring all this disaster on us and on this city? Now you are bringing more wrath on Israel by profaning the Sabbath.”

Matthew 12:1-8 At that time Jesus went through the grainfields on the Sabbath. His disciples were hungry, and they began to pluck heads of grain and to eat. But when the Pharisees saw it, they said to him, “Look, your disciples are doing what is not lawful to do on the Sabbath.” He said to them, “Have you not read what David did when he was hungry, and those who were with him: how he entered the house of God and ate the bread of the Presence, which it was not lawful for him to eat nor for those who were with him, but only for the priests? Or have you not read in the Law how on the Sabbath the priests in the temple profane the Sabbath and are guiltless? I tell you, something greater than the temple is here. And if you had known what this means, ‘I desire mercy, and not sacrifice,’ you would not have condemned the guiltless. For the Son of Man is lord of the Sabbath.”

Matthew 12:9-13 He went on from there and entered their synagogue. And a man was there with a withered hand. And they asked him, “Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath?”—so that they might accuse him. He said to them, “Which one of you who has a sheep, if it falls into a pit on the Sabbath, will not take hold of it and lift it out? Of how much more value is a man than a sheep! So it is lawful to do good on the Sabbath.” Then he said to the man, “Stretch out your hand.” And the man stretched it out, and it was restored, healthy like the other.

UNDERSTANDING AND APPLYING LESSON 40

- 1. In what way are the Ten Commandments unique from the other rules and ordinances that God gave to Israel?**
- 2. What is unique about the reason that is tied to the fourth commandment?**
- 3. What is to be the focus of the Sabbath day?**
- 4. How would you describe the kinds of activities that we should refrain from on the Sabbath day?**
- 5. Is it possible to do no work of any kind on a particular day?**
- 6. What kinds of activities should we not set aside on the Sabbath day?**

7. How can respecting the Sabbath strengthen our relationship with the Lord?

8. How does a regular rhythm of Sabbath rest teach us to find our peace and rest in the Lord?

Do you have more questions of your own?

Write down them down here and discuss them with a parent or teacher.

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