

TWO WHYS

1. WHY I REST ON THE SABBATH, THE SEVENTH DAY:

(A) I have the example of God Himself. — “And God did rest the seventh day from all his works.” Hebrews 4:4. See also Genesis 2:2 — “And on the seventh day God ended his work which he had made; and he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had made.” Exodus 20:11. — “For *in* six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them *is*, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it.”

(B) I have the example of Christ. — (Luke 4:16. — “And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up: and, as his custom was, he went into the synagogue on the sabbath day, and stood up for to read.”), and all the holy men of God from Genesis to Revelation.

(C) I have the plain and positive command of God. — Exodus 20:8-11 — “Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work: But the seventh day *is* the sabbath of the LORD thy God: *in it* thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that *is* within thy gates: For *in* six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them *is*, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it.” This command was confirmed by Christ. See Luke 16:17 — “And it is easier for heaven and earth to pass, than one tittle of the law to fail.”: Matthew 5:17 – 19 — Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil. For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled. Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven: but whosoever shall do and teach *them*, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.” The “whosoever” of the latter test is so sweeping in its application that it includes the whole world, even as it does in John 3:16 — “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.”: Revelation 22:17 — “And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.”

Will God condemn me for doing what He has done, and has never forbidden me to do?

Will He condemn me for this, in view of Christ’s confirmation of this law, knowing that I have His own example at creation as well as that of Christ and the holy men of past ages?

In the Judgment, will He condemn the Jews for breaking this commandment and condemn me for keeping it, when we are all judged by the same law? Romans 2:12 — “For as many as have sinned without law shall also perish without law: and as many as have sinned in the law shall be judged by the law;”

Romans 2:16 — “In the day when God shall judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ according to my gospel.”

2. WHY I WORK ON SUNDAY, THE FIRST DAY OF THE WEEK:

(A) It is not forbidden in God's word from Genesis to Revelation; and yet God's word thoroughly furnishes unto all good works. 2 Timothy 3:16, 17 — "All scripture *is* given by inspiration of God, and *is* profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works." Paul tells the elders at Ephesus that he had "kept back nothing the was profitable," and had "not shunned to declare" "all the counsel of God." — Acts 20:20, 27, and yet he has nowhere said that Sunday-keeping is profitable or a part of the counsel of God.

In view of this would the Lord condemn me for working on that day?

(B) WOULD HE CONDEMN ME FOR WORKING ON THAT DAY WHEN WE HAVE NEITHER RECORD OF EXAMPLE OF HIS USING IT IN ANY OTHER WAY?

Would He condemn me for doing what the good men have done unreproved by Him?

The promise came to Abraham's seed because he kept God's commandments (Genesis 26:5), and we have no record that he rested on Sunday. If we are Abraham's seed, we will do the works of Abraham. John 8:39 — "They answered and said unto him, Abraham is our father. Jesus saith unto them, If ye were Abraham's children, ye would do the works of Abraham."

(C) I have God's command, and at the very least, the privilege of working on the first day of the week. Exodus 20:9 — "Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work:"

WHICH IS THE SAFER WAY — GOD'S WORD, COMMAND OF MEN?