



Matt 2:1

Fresh Start

IN 2021

MAKING THE MOST OF NOW

- **GENESIS 2:1-3**

1. SABBATH - A **REST-DAY** PURPOSED **BY GOD** TO RENEW US.

GEN. 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. (ESV) Ex 20:8-11

- **FRIDAY SUNSET TO SATURDAY SUNSET.**

2. A SET-APART DAY THAT IDENTIFIED ISRAEL AND GOD AS ONE.

- EXO 31:13 "BUT AS FOR YOU, SPEAK TO THE SONS OF ISRAEL, SAYING, YOU SHALL **SURELY OBSERVE MY SABBATHS**; FOR THIS IS A SIGN BETWEEN ME AND YOU THROUGHOUT YOUR GENERATIONS, THAT YOU MAY KNOW THAT I AM THE LORD WHO SANCTIFIES YOU.

3. A **THANKS-DAY** TO RECALL GOD'S DELIVERANCE FROM SLAVERY.

- DEUT. 5:15 'AND YOU SHALL **REMEMBER** THAT YOU WERE A SLAVE IN THE LAND OF EGYPT, AND THE LORD YOUR GOD **BROUGHT YOU OUT** OF THERE BY A MIGHTY HAND AND BY AN OUTSTRETCHED ARM; **THEREFORE**, THE LORD YOUR GOD **COMMANDED YOU** TO OBSERVE THE SABBATH DAY. (NAS)

4. HOLY SPIRIT INSPIRED CHRISTIANS TO
REDEFINE THE DAY TO **POINT TO**
JESUS.

A. FROM SATURDAY TO SUNDAY -
RESURRECTION SUNDAY. ACTS 20:7

B. RENAMED “THE LORD’S DAY.” REV 1:10

5. HOLY SPIRIT INSPIRED BELIEVERS TO **GATHER WITH OTHER BELIEVERS TO OBSERVE THE DAY.**

- ACTS 2:44, “AND **ALL THOSE WHO BELIEVED WERE TOGETHER...** 46 AND DAY BY DAY CONTINUING WITH ONE MIND IN THE TEMPLE,..., TAKING THEIR MEALS **TOGETHER ...**”
- ACTS 20:7, “ON THE FIRST DAY OF THE WEEK, **WHEN WE WERE GATHERED TOGETHER...**”

APPLICATION

1. ESTABLISH A “SET-APART” DAY TO DEDICATE TO CHRIST. SUGGESTION – SUNDAY!

- **HABIT** – SAME DAY, SAME TIME, SAME PLACE, NO DISTRACTIONS, W MY FAMILY.
- **PRIORITY** – TAKE NOTES ON THE SERMON.

2. PLAN HOW YOU CAN “CEASE” FROM WORK FOR YOUR GOOD AND GOD’S BEST ON THAT DAY.

APPLICATION

3. **GATHER** WITH OTHER BELIEVERS ON YOUR “SET APART” DAY. (HINT – TRY 9A OR 11A ON SUNDAY AT BETHANY, IF IN OUR AREA).

SUMMARY OF OT.

1. **REST-DAY** PURPOSED BY GOD TO RENEW.
 2. **SET-APART DAY** TO IDENTIFY ISRAEL AND HER GOD AS ONE. EX 31:13
 3. **THANKS-DAY** TO RECALL GOD'S DELIVERANCE FROM SLAVERY. DEU 5:15
- RABBIS MADE THE DAY *ABOUT KEEPING THE LAW* – NOT KNOWING THE ONE WHO GAVE US THE LAW. JOHN 5:18