

CRACKING *the* GENESIS CODE



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#24

SECRETS UNSEALED PRESENTS: “CRACKING THE GENESIS CODE”

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“New King James Version” (NKJV).*

Genesis 2:16	Isaiah 14:14
Genesis 2:17	Genesis 2:3
Genesis 3:2; 3	Leviticus 10:1, 2, 9-11
Genesis, 2:17	Exodus 31:15
Genesis 2:15-17	Galatians 3:29
Psalms 24:1	Revelation 13:15
Genesis 3:5	Revelation 14:12
Genesis 3:13	Revelation 12:17
Genesis 2:17	Revelation 13:16
Hebrews 11:3	Deuteronomy 8:6-8
Exodus 20:8, 9	Hebrews 8:10
Exodus 20:10	Revelation 17:1, 2
Deuteronomy 4:13	Revelation 14:1
Exodus 32:15, 16	Revelation 14:6, 7
Genesis 2:2, 3	Isaiah 66:22, 23
Exodus 20:1	Revelation 22:14, 15
Ezekiel 20:20	

_____ of the living God: and he cried with a loud voice to the four angels, to whom it was given to hurt the earth and the sea, saying: Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, till we have _____ the servants of our God in their _____.”
(Revelation 7:2-3)

5. **To which commandment does the first angel’s message draw our attention?** (Hint: Read Exodus 20:8-11)

“And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people, saying with a loud voice: Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come: and _____ him that _____ heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters.” (Revelation 14:6-7)

6. **Does the Sabbath commandment have anything to do with worship?**

“For as the new heavens and the new earth, which I will _____, shall remain before me, saith the Lord, so shall your seed and your name remain. And it shall come to pass, that from one new moon to another, and from one Sabbath to another, shall all flesh come to _____ before me, saith the LORD.” (Isaiah 66:22-23)

“Lessons from a Forbidden Tree”

Lecture #24

A Matter of Faith Pure and Simple

1. **Thought Questions:**

Read the story of creation in Genesis one and two.

- a) **Did Adam and Eve actually see God create anything?**

- b) **If they didn’t, how could they know for sure that God was really the Creator?**

***NOTE:** Adam and Eve had no absolute empirical proof that God was their Creator. When God told them that He was their Creator, they had to accept His declaration by faith because they were not eyewitnesses.*

2. **What positive command did God give Adam in the Garden of Eden?**

“And the LORD God commanded the man, saying: Of _____ tree of the garden thou mayest _____ eat...” (Genesis 2:16)

3. **What negative command did God give Adam concerning one particular tree?**

“... But of the tree of the _____ of good and evil, thou shalt _____ eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely _____.” (Genesis 2:17)

***NOTE:** Out of all the trees in the Garden God reserved one for Himself from which man was to totally abstain.*

The Test in the Middle

1. **In what location was the tree which tested the faith of Adam and Eve?**

“And the woman said unto the serpent: We may eat the fruit of the trees of the garden: But of the fruit of the tree which is in the _____ of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die.” (Genesis 3:2-3)

NOTE: The tree which tested the loyalty of Adam and Eve was located in the very middle of the Garden of Eden.

2. **Who chose the tree from which Adam and Eve were not to eat?**

“... But of the _____ of knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.” (Genesis 2:17)

NOTE: God did not give Adam and Eve the option of choosing the tree from which they could not eat. God chose the specific tree, pointed it out and expected Adam and Eve to abstain from eating its fruit.

3. **Carefully read Genesis 2:15-17. Do we have any evidence that the tree of knowledge of good and evil was any different than the other trees of the Garden?**

NOTE: There is no evidence that the tree of the knowledge of good and evil was any different than the other trees of the Garden. We are not told that it was taller or brighter. Neither did it have a different type of fruit than the other trees. What made it different was not its external appearance but the fact that God had set it apart. The tree was identified by location, not appearance.

A Sign of Loyalty

1. **To whom did all the trees of the Garden belong?**

4. **Why will Satan hate the final remnant of Jesus?**

“And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which _____ the _____ of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.” (Revelation 12:17)

On the Hand or in the Forehead

1. **1. In which two places will the mark of the beast be received by the unsaved?**

“And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right _____, or in their _____.” (Revelation 13:16)

2. **What was placed upon the foreheads and the hands of Israel in the Old Testament?**

“And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine _____: And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up. And thou shalt bind them for a sign upon thine _____, and they shall be as _____ between thine eyes.” (Deuteronomy 6:6-8)

3. **Where did God promise to write His holy law?**

“For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, saith the Lord; I will put my laws into their _____, and write them in their _____: and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a people.” (Hebrews 8:10)

4. **What will God’s people receive in contrast to the mark of the beast?**

“And I saw another angel ascending from the east, having the

Issues in the Final Conflict

1. Thought Questions:

a) What were the two issues of contention in the story of Daniel 3?

(Hint: Notice the number of times the word “worship” is used in the chapter.)

b) Is God’s law also involved in this story?

c) Which of the two tables of the law was especially at stake?

2. What will be the great issue in the final conflict on earth?

“And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast that the image of the beast should both speak, and _____ that as many as would not _____ the image of the beast should be killed.”

(Revelation 13:15)

3. Revelation 14:9-11 brings to view those who will receive the mark of the beast. What characterizes the followers of God in the very next verse?

“Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that _____ the _____ of God, and the faith of Jesus.” (Revelation 14:12)

“The earth is the _____, and the fullness thereof; the _____, and they that dwell therein.” (Psalm 24:1)

NOTE: All the trees of the Garden were God’s property because He created them. But the tree of knowledge was in a special category—it belonged to God exclusively in a special sense. Even though the other trees of the Garden belonged to God, man was permitted to use them for his own personal pleasure. But this particular tree was not for man’s use. It was off limits.

2. What did Satan tell Eve that she and her husband would become if they ate from the tree?

“For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as _____, knowing good and evil.” (Genesis 3:5)

NOTE: The tree was meant to test Adam and Eve’s faith in the LORD to see if they were willing to recognize Him as their Creator and as the only true God. In his temptation, Satan was not telling Eve that she and Adam would be **little** gods. He was actually telling her that they would be God. The Hebrew word for “gods” in Genesis 3:5 is *elohim*. This is the identical word which is translated “God” in Genesis 1:1. Satan unabashedly attacked God as the Creator. Satan knew that the only way he could get Adam and Eve to dishonour their Creator was by getting them to use the one tree which God had reserved only for Himself.

3. What excuse did Eve give God for eating from the tree of knowledge?

“And the LORD God said unto the woman, What is this that thou hast _____? And the woman said, the serpent _____ me, and I did eat.” (Genesis 3:13)

NOTE: The word “beguile” here means to “deceive”. We are reminded that Satan is able to deceive because he makes the counterfeit appear as close as possible to the genuine. We are also reminded that the counterfeit comes after the genuine.

4. What was the penalty for eating from the tree of knowledge?

“But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the _____ that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely

_____.” (Genesis 2:17)

A Matter of Faith Pure and Simple

1. **Do we have any absolute empirical proof today that God created the world?**

“Through _____ we understand that the worlds were framed by the _____ of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do _____.” (Hebrews 11:3)

***NOTE:** Today we do not have any greater empirical, rational, historical or scientific **proof** that God was the Creator than did Adam and Eve. After all, there are many other plausible explanations for the origin of the world—big bang, intelligent design, progressive creation, etc. the fact is that we can only be certain that God was the Creator because the word of God says so. We must accept this fact by faith.*

2. **What positive command did God give in the fourth commandment?**

“Remember the _____ day, to keep it holy. _____ days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work...” (Exodus 20:8-9)

***NOTE:** Like God specified that all the trees of the Garden were for man’s personal use, he also has specified that the first six days of the week are for our own personal use.*

3. **What negative command did God give in the fourth commandment?**

“But the _____ day is the Sabbath of the LORD thy God: in it thou shalt not do any _____, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates.” (Exodus 20:10)

***NOTE:** As God reserved one tree exclusively for Himself, the fourth commandment underlines the fact that He has reserved the seventh day of the week for Himself.*

***NOTE:** The Sabbath is not per se better than any other day. The central issue in Sabbath observance is not whether one day is better than another. The central issue is whose authority do we accept? By keeping the Sabbath we are recognizing the authority of the One who established it. On the other hand, by keeping Sunday we are recognizing (perhaps inadvertently) the authority of the power which made it a day of worship—the Roman Catholic Papacy.*

Consequences of Sabbath Violation

1. **What was the penalty for violating the Sabbath?**

“Six days may work be done; but the seventh is the Sabbath of rest, holy to the LORD: whosoever doeth any work in the Sabbath day, he shall surely be put to _____.” (Exodus 31:15)

***NOTE:** Some people argue that because we do not execute those who break the Sabbath today, the Sabbath is no longer binding upon Christians. But this logic ignores the fact that people in the Old Testament were also executed for adultery. Is adultery alright today because we do not execute people for it? The fact is that knowingly trampling upon the Sabbath does not lead to immediate death today but it will lead to second death at the end of time.*

2. **According to the apostle Paul, who is the seed of Abraham today?**

“And if ye be _____, then are ye Abraham’s seed, and heirs according to the promise.” (Galatians 3:29)

***NOTE:** We have the following remarkable statement from the devotional book, *Our High Calling*: “As the tree of knowledge was placed in the midst of the Garden of Eden, so the Sabbath command is placed in the midst of the Decalogue. In regard to the fruit of the tree of knowledge, the restriction was made, “Ye shall not eat of it... lest ye die.” (Genesis 3:3). Of the Sabbath God said: Ye shall not defile it, but keep it holy. “Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.” (Exodus 20:8). As the tree of knowledge was the test of Adam’s obedience, so the fourth command is the test that God has given to prove the loyalty of all His people.” E. G. White, *Our High Calling*, p. 343.*

“I will _____ above the heights of the clouds; I will be _____ the most High.” (Isaiah 14:14)

NOTE: There can be no doubt that Satan hates the Sabbath because it reveals the absolute distinction between the Creator and the creature. At the beginning Lucifer (later called Satan) wanted to be God (Isaiah 14:12-14) which is a preposterous idea if he is a mere creature. Satan's hatred for the Sabbath stems from the fact that it identifies the true Creator whose position he wanted to usurp. Satan's hatred for the Sabbath can be discerned in the way he led Israel to persistently violate it in the Old Testament, by the way in which the religious leaders of Christ's day distorted its meaning and by the way Christians disdain and attack it today.

2. **Which genuine day of worship did God create at the beginning?**

“And God _____ the _____ day, and _____ it: because that in it he had rested from all his work which God created and made.” (Genesis 2:3)

NOTE: Satan has a counterfeit for each one of God's truths. It is important to remember that the counterfeit always comes after the genuine in time and the counterfeit deceives because it is so similar to the genuine. God's genuine day of worship at the very beginning was the seventh day Sabbath. Should we expect a counterfeit day of worship later on in history? Would it be a day which purports to honour God? Yes to both questions! But in order to be deceptive, it would have to be a day which purports to honour God. Which day of worship has been embraced by the Christian world and which seemingly honours God? The answer is unmistakable: The Sunday.

3. **Thought Questions:**

a) **Is the Sabbath really better than any other day?**

b) **What is the true issue involved in keeping the exact day which God has specified?**

The Test in the Middle

1. **Where do you think the fourth commandment is located in the Law of God?**

In the _____.

NOTE: The tree of knowledge which tested the faith of Adam and Eve was located in the middle of the Garden. So the Sabbath commandment is in the very center of God's law. Archaeological discoveries at Ugarit unmistakably reveal that ancient law codes were sealed in the middle of the tablet. The seal always had three elements: The name of the lawgiver, his official function and the territory over which he governed. Of all the Ten Commandments, only the fourth contains these three elements. There God is identified by His name (LORD), His title (Creator) and His territory (heaven and earth).

2. **According to God Himself, what is His covenant?**

“And he declared unto you his _____, which he commanded you to perform, even Ten _____: and he wrote them upon two tables of stone.” (Deuteronomy 4:13)

3. **On how many sides of the tablets were the Ten Commandments written?**

“And Moses turned, and went down from the mount, and the two tablets of the Testimony were in his hand. The tablets were written on _____ their sides; on the _____ side and on the _____ were they written. And the tablets were the work of God, and the writing was the writing of God, graven upon the tablets.” (Exodus 32:15-16)

NOTE: Clay tablets have been unearthed in the city of Ugarit in Canaan (see the copies at the end of this lesson). These tablets contain **covenants** between greater and lesser kings. The tablets are written on **both sides** and in the **middle** of one side is the seal of the lawgiving king. The seal of authenticity in the middle of the tablet contains the name, title and territory of the lawgiving king. One is reminded that the Ten Commandments are the covenant between God and His people and the

tablets were written on both sides. One would therefore expect God's seal to be in the very center of the Ten Commandments and it is. The fourth commandment is the only one which identifies the lawgiver, his title and his territory.

4. **Who chose the seventh day Sabbath as the specific day of rest?**

"See, for that the _____ hath given you the Sabbath, therefore _____ giveth you on the sixth day the bread of two days; abide ye every man in his place, let no man go out of his place on the seventh day." (Exodus 16:29)

NOTE: God specifically chose the tree from which Adam and Eve were not to eat. In the same manner, the seventh day was specifically chosen by God at creation as His day of rest. God has not given man the option of choosing on which day he will abstain from work. The fourth commandment does not say "remember to keep one day in seven" or "remember to keep every seventh day" or "remember to rest". God is specific about the day which He chose: "**The seventh day is the Sabbath of the LORD thy God.**"

5. **Thought Questions:**

a) **Is there any astronomical reason for a seven day week?**

NOTE: There is an astronomical explanation for the year—it is the amount of time it takes our planet to make one complete turn around the sun. There is an astronomical explanation for the month—it is the time period between one new moon and another. There is an astronomical explanation for the day—it is the amount of time it takes our planet to make one complete revolution on its axis. But there is no astronomical explanation for a seven day week. The only reason for the existence of a seven day week is that God made it so at the beginning. Since time immemorial the week has been composed of seven days.

b) **Is the Sabbath in its external appearance any different than any other day?**

NOTE: The tree of knowledge looked just like any other tree in its external appearance. Every tree in the Garden belonged to God. In the same manner, every day of the week belongs to God because He made them. But the Sabbath belongs to God in a special sense. On the surface, the Sabbath looks just like any other day. It has 24 hours and the sun rises and sets on it just like any other day of the week. We get up and go to bed on the Sabbath the same as on any other day. What sets the Sabbath apart is not its external appearance but the fact that God has reserved it for Himself.

A Sign of Loyalty

1. **Of what great fact does the Sabbath remind man?**

"For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and _____ the seventh day: wherefore the LORD _____ the Sabbath day, and _____ it." (Exodus 20:11)

NOTE: The Sabbath is a memorial of the Creator and by observing it we are recognizing the fact that He alone is God and we are his creatures. We are reminded that the tree of knowledge in the Garden was also meant to test man's willingness to accept God's sovereignty as the only Creator God.

2. **When we keep the Sabbath, whom are we recognizing as our God?**

"And hallow my _____; and they shall be a _____ between me and you, that ye may _____ that I am the LORD your God." (Ezekiel 20:20)

NOTE: As abstaining from the tree of knowledge was an external sign of loyalty, so the observance of the Sabbath is a sign of Loyalty to the true God.

Satan's Hatred of the Sabbath

1. **What great aspirations did Lucifer have in heaven which led to his downfall?**