

Jesus set this wonderful day aside to be with us and to help us become like Him. Jesus, at Eden, gave people two wonderful institutions to make them supremely happy—marriage and the Sabbath. He must often weep that so many people today ignore and misuse these two loving gifts, and thus end up with lives of misery and woe.

**26. In John 14:15 Jesus says, "If you love me, keep my commandments." Do you love Him enough to keep all of His commandments now?**

**Ans:** \_\_\_\_\_



### REVELATION'S SEAL OF GOD

Would you be surprised to learn that God has a special sign, seal, or mark that He places upon His people?

Would you be startled to learn that unless a person bears this mark at Jesus' return, he cannot enter God's Kingdom?

Would you be shocked to discover that most people are totally unaware of God's mark, and thus ignore it?

Would you be dumbfounded to find out that one great prime purpose of Revelation is to identify and restore God's mark to His people?

Well, incredible as it may seem, the above given statements are true! Few things are as important to God as His mark. And tragically, when God looks at most of His people today, He can only shake His head and say, "The mark is missing." It would be difficult to find a more important topic for study. Please pray much as you consider this most vital matter.

## GOD'S SEAL OF PROTECTION

### 1. Why does God delay earth's final destruction? Revelation 7:1-3

"Hurt not the earth...till we have \_\_\_\_\_ the  
\_\_\_\_\_ of our \_\_\_\_\_ in their \_\_\_\_\_."

**NOTE:** God will not permit the final winds of war to bring total destruction upon the earth until His people have received His mark, or seal. Winds in prophecy represent war, bloodshed, and destruction. Jeremiah 25:31-33; 49:36, 37.

### 2. How widely will God's message about His seal be proclaimed? Revelation 14:6

"To every \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ and  
\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_."

**NOTE:** We shall discover that the seal or mark of God is an important part of the Three Angels' Messages of Revelation 14, which will be proclaimed worldwide with great power, just before Jesus returns. Remember that "seal", "sign", and "mark", often are used interchangeably in Scripture. Romans 4:11; Ezekiel 9:4; Revelation 7:2, 3.

### 3. How is a seal used symbolically in scripture? Romans 4:1; Ezekiel 9:4; Revelation 7:2, 3; Ephesians 4:30

"A \_\_\_\_\_ of the righteousness of the faith." "Grieve not the \_\_\_\_\_ of God, whereby ye are \_\_\_\_\_."

**NOTE:** A seal may stand for a truth or requirement of God. A seal may indicate God's ownership and approval.

## A GOVERNMENT SEAL

### 4. What three things does a government seal contain?

### 21. What sin does God specifically name in Isaiah 58:1, 13?

He said they were trampling upon His \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE:** God calls Sabbath-breaking a sin. In Isaiah's day they were trampling upon God's Holy Sabbath, which is His sign or seal. Men today are doing the same serious thing. His command is to "Cry aloud!" and explain the Sabbath to them. Jesus the Good Shepherd knows His loving sheep will gladly follow Him in Sabbath-keeping when they understand, because they love to please Him.

### 22. Which day will the saints keep in the new earth? Isaiah 66:22, 23

The \_\_\_\_\_

### 23. What should be my motivation for obedience to God's commands? John 14:15

Love of the \_\_\_\_\_

### 24. What must I do to worship Him as Creator? Exodus 20:8-11

"Remember the \_\_\_\_\_ day to keep it \_\_\_\_\_  
for in six days the Lord made \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_"

**NOTE:** God commands that I keep the Sabbath holy as proof that I accept and worship Him as Creator.

### 25. Why should Sabbath keeping be exciting? Mark 2:28

Because the Sabbath is the \_\_\_\_\_ day.

**NOTE:** Remember! Jesus created everything in cooperation with His Father (John 1:1-3, 10, 14; Hebrews 1:1, 2; Ephesians 3:9; Colossians 1:13-17). This, of course, includes the seventh-day Bible Sabbath. The Sabbath is thrilling and exciting to Christians because it centers in Jesus. It is HIS day. It represents HIS power to create, HIS love, HIS power to save from sin, and HIS miracles. And most exciting of all,

I should follow \_\_\_\_\_ example.

**NOTE:** Since Jesus set an example for me in Sabbath keeping, surely I will want to follow Him in keeping it.

**17. Did Christian Gentiles keep the Sabbath? Acts 13:42**

**Ans:** \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE:** Verse 43 points out that the Sabbath keeping Gentiles were also living under grace.

**18. Did Jesus plan for His disciples to keep the Sabbath after His resurrection? Matthew 24:20**

Yes! He instructed them to pray that their escape would not be on the \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE:** When Jesus made this statement He knew Jerusalem would be destroyed almost 40 years in the future; so He clearly expected them to still be keeping the Sabbath 40 years after His resurrection.

**GOD'S PEOPLE IDENTIFIED**

**19. How does Revelation refer to those who will be saved? Revelation 14:12; 12:17**

As the people who " \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ of God and the \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus."

**NOTE:** This includes Sabbath keeping since it is the fourth commandment (Exodus 20:8-11).

**20. Why is breaking God's Commandments, or Law, so serious? I John 3:4; Romans 6:23**

Because breaking God's Law is \_\_\_\_\_ and the wages of sin is \_\_\_\_\_.

Government seals are used to officially identify legal documents. Such a seal gives the national leaders' **a. Name, b. Title, and c. Territory** over which he rules or has authority.

**5. Identify God's seal in His Holy Law. Exodus 20:8-11**

"The \_\_\_\_\_ day is the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ thy God... For the Lord \_\_\_\_\_ heaven and earth.

**NOTE:** The fourth commandment is the seal of God's Ten Commandment Law because it contains the three essentials for a seal: a. God's name—"The Lord thy God", b. God's title as Creator-"made", and c. God's territory-"heaven and earth."

**GOD'S REMARKABLE SEAL**

**6. What is God's sign or seal of His creating and redeeming power? Exodus 31:17; Ezekiel 20:12; Revelation 4:10, 11**

The \_\_\_\_\_ is sign that God is Creator and Redeemer.

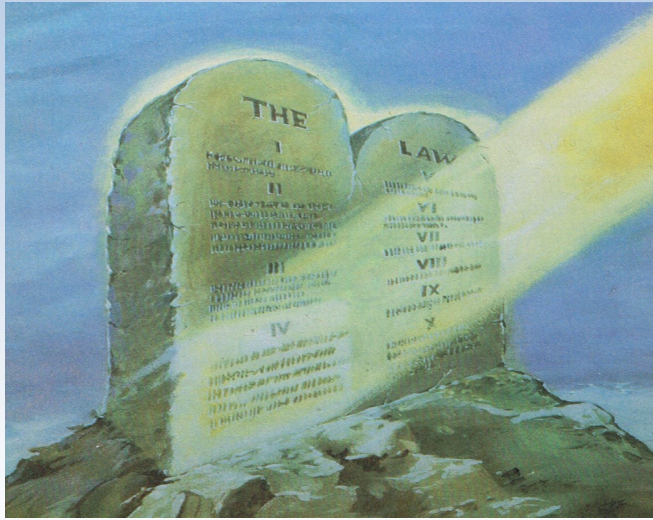
**NOTE:** God, Himself, made the Sabbath at the time of Creation, and God declares the Sabbath to be a sign of His creating and redeeming power.

**7. Where will God's sign or seal be on a person? Revelation 7:3**

"In their \_\_\_\_\_."

**NOTE:** The forehead represents the mind; we serve the Lord with our minds (Romans 7:25). So when we consent to keep God's Sabbath, we are marked or signed in our minds, represented by our foreheads.

**GOD'S HOLY SABBATH**



**8. When did God make the Sabbath? Genesis 2:1-4**

When "the Lord God made the \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_."

**NOTE:** After the six days of Creation, God made the Sabbath on the seventh day.

**9. From what did God make the Sabbath? Exodus 20:10**

"The seventh \_\_\_\_\_ is the Sabbath."

**NOTE:** God made the Sabbath from a 24-hour day—the seventh day. It is made of time, and time is what it takes to develop a true friendship with the Lord. He offers me 24 hours a week of His priceless time so He and I can become warm, close friends. How can I ignore such an offer?

**10. What did God do to make the Sabbath special? Genesis 2:2, 3**

"He \_\_\_\_\_ on the seventh day...and God \_\_\_\_\_ the seventh day and \_\_\_\_\_ it."

**NOTE:** "Sanctify" means to set aside for a sacred use.

**11. When God blesses, how long is it for? 1 Chronicles 17:27**

"It shall be blessed \_\_\_\_\_"

**12. For whom did God make the Sabbath? Mark 2:27, 28**

"The Sabbath was made for \_\_\_\_\_"

**NOTE:** Some say the Sabbath was made for the Jews only, and not for Gentiles, but Jesus says it was made for all mankind, or people everywhere, from the very beginning of time.

**13. What command is given about the Sabbath? Exodus 20:8-11**

"Remember the Sabbath day to \_\_\_\_\_ it holy."

**NOTE:** This command is so clear that a person would have to try hard to misunderstand it. It is the only one of the ten beginning with the word "remember." God saw that men would forget.

**THE NEW TESTAMENT SABBATH**

**14. Were the Ten Commandments ever repealed? Luke 16:17**

No! It is easier for \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ than one \_\_\_\_\_ of the Law to fail."

**NOTE:** God's Law and His Commandments are the same thing. Matthew 5:17-19; Romans 13:8-10.

**15. Which day did Jesus and Paul keep? Luke 4:16; Acts 17:2**

"The \_\_\_\_\_ Day."

**16. How should it affect me to learn Jesus kept the Sabbath? 1 Peter 2:21**