

# Commandment Number IV

**Scripture: Exod. 20:1-11; Deut. 5:12-15**

**Intro:** There are several points of interest that must occupy our thoughts that find close tie with this fourth injunction.

1. Complete all labor in six days: God did.
2. Creation all accomplished in six days: Very good.
3. Command to observe Sabbath: Seventh day.
4. Consecration to God involved in first four commands. (Worship, Wisdom, Words, Walk)

## **I. The Sabbath Instituted. (Gen. 2:1-3)**

- A. Observed by providence.
  1. Six days of creation: Restoration. (Gen. 1)
  2. Seventh day completion: Rested. (Gen. 2)
- B. Ordered for people. (Ex. 20:8; 31:12-18)
  1. God gave it to Israel.
    - a. Holy day to them: No work. Penalty for desecration. (Num. 15:29-36)
    - b. Heeded sign perpetual covenant: No wickedness. To be consecrated.
  2. God bade it of Israel. (Jer. 17:22)
    - a. Symbol of their separation to God: Captivity resulted from failure to obey this command. (Ez. 20:21; Jer. 17:27; Deut. 5:15; Ez. 20:10-24; Lev. 26:34-35)
    - b. Specialty of their sanctification. (Ex. 20:11)
      1. God hallowed it for Himself: "Remember". Solemn warning. (Lk. 17:32)
      2. God blessed it to them. Reoperation. Special day. Will be practiced in millennium. (Mt. 24:20; Isa. 66:23; Ez. 46:1)

## **II. The Sabbath Instruction. (Lev. 23:3)**

- A. The Lord's day for the Jews. (Lev. 26:2; Isa. 58:13-14)
  1. Observed several Sabbaths. (Lev. 23)
  2. Obeyed scriptures statements. (Lev. 19:30)
- B. The Lord's day for the Just. (I Cor. 16:2; Rom. 13:8-9; Gal. 4:9-10; Col. 2:16-17)
  1. The church has its day. (Heb. 10:25; Rev. 1:10)
    - a. Observed by early disciples. (Jn. 20:19, 26)
    - b. Observation of events on Sunday: Resurrection. Pentecost. (Acts 2:1-4)
  2. The Christian has that day. (I Cor. 16:2)
    - a. The Sabbath was a memorial of creation. (Ex. 20:11)
    - b. The Sunday is a celebration of redemption.
      1. Solemn preparation for it. Motive. Meditation. Manners.
      2. Sacred observance of it. Thoughts. Talk. Tithe. Talent.

### **III. The Sunday Intention. (Rev. 1:10)**

- A. Commanded attendance. (I Cor. 16:2)
  - 1. Continued affair. (Acts 2:41,42,47)
  - 2. Conviction affair. (Heb. 10:25)
- B. Commanded attention. (Acts 17:11)
  - 1. Affectionate and appropriate. (Heb. 4:2)
  - 2. Attentive and retentive. (Lk. 8:15)
    - a. Purpose to hear and heed.
    - b. Practice it heartily and heedingly.