

THE SABBATH DAY AS IN THE LAW OF MOSES

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Commandment No 4: *Exodus 20:8-11*

This is a part of the **Moral Law**.

There is also **the Ceremonial Law** of the Feasts, Sacrifices, Priests, and the Tabernacle. **The Ceremonial Law was fulfilled by Jesus Christ** at the Cross, in the Resurrection, in the Ascension and in His Enthroning at the right hand of the Father.

These are now set aside and we do not keep them. *Colossians 2:14, 16-23, Ephesians 2:15.*

There is an aspect of the Feast of Tabernacles to be fulfilled before Jesus' Second Coming - the final ingathering.

Jesus confirmed the Moral Law. *Matthew 5:17-19.*

Jesus confirmed the 6th commandment. *Matthew 5:21-26*, the 7th commandment, *Matthew 5:27,28*, and following, in *Matthew 5*, other aspects of the Moral Law.

He confirmed the Moral Law generally in *Matthew 22:37-40*.

The writers of the New Testament also confirmed the Moral Law, in many places, *Romans 13:8-10, 1 Corinthians 6:9,10, Galatians 5:19-21, Ephesians 4:22-5:7, Colossians 3:5-9, James 2:8-12.*

Jesus also confirmed the Moral Law in *Mark 7:20-23*, and many other places.

All the commands of the Moral Law are confirmed in the New Testament except the keeping of the weekly Sabbath Day, as in the Law of Moses.

Jesus took full authority over the Sabbath. *Mark 2:23-28, Mark 3:1-5, John 5:1-18.*

Jesus did not confirm the weekly Sabbath as part of the Moral Law, as He did the other commandments.

The New Testament writers forbid judging anyone over the issue of Sabbath keeping. *Colossians 2:16, Romans 14:4-13.*

The keeping of the weekly Sabbath day, as in the Law of Moses, is set aside by the New Testament . *Colossians 2:16, Romans 14:4 – 13.*

The New Testament believers kept the Lord's Day, *Revelation 1:10*, the first day of the week, to meet and break bread. *Acts 20:7*. The Lord's Day is the day that Jesus rose from the dead. *Matthew 28:1*.

The 4th command of the Moral Law, *Exodus 20:8-11*, is fulfilled in our lives by understanding, and faith obedience to, *Hebrews 4:1-10*.

Verse 9 "There remains therefore a rest, (in the Greek – sabbatismos – the keeping of a Sabbath. This Greek Word occurs only once in the New Testament), for the people of God."

Verse 10 "For he who has entered His rest, (in the Greek – katapausis – meaning a place of resting down), has himself also ceased from his works as God did from His."

As we walk in the Spirit, (*Galatians 5:16,25*) we have ceased from our own works. As many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are the sons of God. *Romans 8:14*.

The fulfilling of the Sabbath in our lives is not by observing the weekly 7th day, but by our walk in the Spirit of God and obedience to His leading.