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We Shall Keep the Sabbath Day Holy

Remember the sabbath day to keep it holy. Exodus 20:8.

God said, “The seventh day is the sabbath of the Lord thy God.” He placed His sanctity upon this day and blessed it and hallowed it as a day of rest.... It is the only commandment in the whole Decalogue that tells who God is. It places God in distinction with every other god. It
says the God that made the heaven and the earth, the God that made
the trees and the flowers and that created man; this is the God that
you are to keep before your children, and you have only to point to the
flowers and tell them that He made these and that He rested on the
seventh day from all His labors.... The seventh day is a God-given
memorial.

Pointing to God as the maker of the heavens and the earth, it
distinguishes the true God from all false gods. All who keep the
seventh day, signify by this act that they are worshippers of Jehovah.
Thus the Sabbath is the sign of man’s allegiance to God as long as
there are any upon the earth to serve Him....

God has given men six days wherein to labor, and He requires that
their own work be done in the six working days. Acts of necessity and
mercy are permitted on the Sabbath, the sick and suffering are at all
times to be cared for; but unnecessary labor is to be strictly avoided....
And the commandment includes all within our gates. The inmates of
the house are to lay aside their worldly business during the sacred
hours. All should unite to honor God by willing service upon His holy
day.

So long as the heavens and the earth endure, the Sabbath will
continue as a sign of the Creator’s power. And when Eden shall bloom
on earth again, God’s holy rest day will be honored by all beneath the
sun. “From one sabbath to another” the inhabitants of the glorified new
earth shall go up “to worship before me, saith the Lord.”

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