

Thursday Evening Bible Study
Series: The Book of Isaiah

Teaching Summary for Isaiah 56: part 4

Isaiah Chapter 56

In Isaiah 56., the LORD states the requirements for receiving His blessings. He does this for three groups of people: the people of Israel, the eunuch, and the foreigner.

In each case, one of those requirements is to keep the LORD's sabbaths and not profane the sabbath.

This evening, we are going to continue our discussion about the Sabbath in the scriptures. We are answering four questions.

Last week, we completed the first question.

Colossians 2:16 - 17; Hebrews 4:1-10.

Let's review the first question, and proceed to answer the rest:

1. What is the sabbath? Cite the key scriptures and what they say about the Sabbath. We used the following scriptures to answer this question:

Exodus 20:8-11; 31:12-17; Leviticus 16:29-31; 25:1-12; Deuteronomy 5:12-15

The Sabbath was to be celebrated on the seventh day of the week (Saturday).

The LORD made the heavens and the earth in 6 days, and ceased from His labors on the seventh day, and was refreshed.

The LORD blessed the Sabbath and made it holy.

The Jews were to observe the Sabbath by doing no work. It was a day of complete rest.

Whoever did work on the Sabbath was to be put to death.

The Sabbath was a sign of a perpetual covenant between Israel and the LORD.

The tenth day of the seventh month was the day of atonement. It was a Sabbath of solemn rest.

The land received a sabbath on the seventh year. The LORD will provide food.

After seven Sabbaths of years (49 years), there was to be a Jubilee year (50th year).

2. Does the nature of the Sabbath change at all between the Torah and the prophets? Between the Old Testament and the New Testament? Between the gospels and the epistles? In what ways?

The following scriptures address this question:

Isaiah 1:13-14; Isaiah 56:2; Isaiah 58:13-14; Isaiah 66: 15-23; Ezekiel 44:24; 45:17; Matthew 12:1-14, Mark 2:23-3:6; Luke 13:10-17

3. Are Christians required to observe the Sabbath in the same way that the Jews in the Old Testament did? Why or why not? Back up your answer with scriptures.

The following scriptures address this question:

Leviticus 16:29-31; 1 Chronicles 23:31-32; 2 Chronicles 2:4, 8:12-14; John 1:17; Romans 3:21-26; Romans 10:4; Colossians 2:16-17; Colossians 3:1-4; Hebrews 8:4-6; Hebrews 10:8-18;

4. Is there a Sabbath at all for Christians? If so, what kind? If not, why not? Give biblical support for your answers.

Hebrews 3:7-19; Hebrews 4:1:10; Hebrews 7:26-28; Romans 6:14; Romans 7:4-6; Romans 8:1-4; Ephesians 4:32.