

What About Creation #13

What About the Creator?

God is the creator and ruler of the universe and source of all moral authority; the supreme being.

Worship is (noun) the feeling or expression of reverence and adoration for a deity (verb) show reverence and adoration for (a deity); honor with religious rites

Definitions from Oxford American Dictionary

Worship word origins – came from compounding worth (value) and ship (state or condition).

Revelation 4:10–11 the 24 elders fall down before Him who sits on the throne and worship Him who lives forever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne, saying: “You are worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honor and power; for you created all things, and by Your will they exist and were created.”

How? Psalm 33:6,9 By the word of the Lord the heavens were made, and all the host of them by the breath of his mouth. For He spoke, and it was done; He commanded, and it stood fast.

How long? Exodus 20:11 “For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and hallowed it

The following parts of our calendar: Years, Months, days, hours, minutes, seconds; all have a reason for existing. Because the Earth orbits around the Sun we have years. Because the Moon orbits around the Earth, we have months. Because the Earth revolves on its axis, we have days. And of course hours, minutes, and seconds to divide up the day. There is no physical reason in our Solar System for having a seven day Week. None at all. Yet virtually all historical civilizations in the past as well as in the present, have followed the same seven day weekly cycle. The cultures of the world are so diverse, it seems very strange to find the same seven day weekly cycle to be so prevalent throughout the world. The universality of the seven day week should remind us of man's recent beginnings which the Bible suggests. All the civilizations originated from a single family just a few thousand years ago. In addition, we need to realize that the existence of the universal seven day week is actually an additional piece of evidence outside of the Bible, suggesting that God originally created the earth in six days and rested the seventh day.

Last day call to worship – Revelation 14:7 saying with a loud voice, “Fear God and give glory to Him, for the hour of his judgment has come; and worship Him who made heaven and earth, the sea and springs of water.”

How? Exodus 20:8-11 “Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the LORD your God. In it you shall do no work : you, nor your son, nor your daughter, nor your manservant, nor your maidservant, nor your cattle, nor your stranger who is within your gates. For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and hallowed it”

Sabbath is a Memorial Genesis 1:31-2:2 “Then God saw everything that He has made, and indeed it was very good. So the evening and the morning were the sixth day. Thus the heavens and the earth, and all the host of them, were finished. And on the seventh day God ended his work which He had done, and He rested on the seventh day from all his work Then God blessed the seventh day and sanctified it, because in it He rested from all His work which God created and made.”

WHY?

Relationship with God. Isaiah 58:13-14 “If you turn away your foot from the Sabbath, from doing your pleasure on My holy day, And call the Sabbath a delight, the holy day of the LORD honorable, and shall honor Him, not doing your own ways, Nor finding your own pleasure, nor speaking your own words then you shall delight yourself in the LORD; and I will cause you to ride on the high hills of the earth, and feed you with the heritage of Jacob your father. The mouth of the LORD has spoken.

Sign. Ezekiel 20:12,20 Moreover I also gave them My Sabbaths, to be a sign between them and Me, that they might know that I am the LORD who sanctifies them. Hallow My Sabbaths, and they will be a sign between Me and you, that you may know that I am the Lord your God.

Test. Exodus 16:4,28 ...that I may test them, whether they will walk in my Law or not. And the Lord said to Moses, “How long do you refuse to keep My commandments and My laws?”

Examples

Jesus – Luke 4:16 So He (Jesus) came to Nazareth, where He had been brought up. And as His custom was, He went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and stood up to read.

Paul – Acts 17:2 Then Paul, as his custom was, went in to them, and for three Sabbaths reasoned with them from the Scriptures

Acts 13:14-15 Acts 13: 42-44 But when they departed from Perga, they came to Antioch in Pisidia, and went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day and sat down. And after reading of the Law and the Prophets, the rulers of the synagogue sent to them, saying, "Men and brethren if you have any word of exhortation for the people, say on."

and when the Jews went out of the synagogue the Gentiles begged that these words might be preached to them the next Sabbath. Now when the congregation had broken up, many of the Jews and devout proselytes followed Paul and Barnabas, who, speaking to them, persuaded them to continue in the grace of God. And the next Sabbath almost the whole city came together to hear the word of God.

2 at Antioch (Acts 13:14,44)

1 at Philippi (Acts 16:12,13)

3 at Thessalonica (Acts 17:1,2)

78 at Corinth - 18 Months (Acts 18:1-4, 11)

84 Sabbaths Recorded

Who?

Gentiles - Isaiah 56:6 Also the sons of the foreigner (gentiles) who join themselves to the LORD, to serve Him, and to love the name of the Lord, to be His servants - everyone who keeps from defiling the Sabbath, and holds fast my covenant.

Man - Mark 2:27-28 And He said to them, "The Sabbath was made for man, and not man for the Sabbath. Therefore the Son of Man is also Lord of the Sabbath."

Which Day?

Luke 23:52,54 This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus... That day was the preparation, and the Sabbath drew near.

Luke 23:56 Then they returned and prepared spices and fragrant oils. And they rested on the Sabbath according to the commandment.

Luke 24:1 Now on the first day of the weeks very early in the morning, they, and certain other women with them, came to the tomb bringing the spices which they had prepared.

Testimonies

"It is true that there is no positive command for infant baptism. Nor is there any for keeping holy the first day of the week. Many believe that Christ changed the Sabbath. But, from His own words, we see that he came for no such purpose. Those who believe that Jesus changed the Sabbath base it only on a supposition." (Amos Binney, Theological Compendium)

"There is no word, no hint in the New Testament about abstaining from work on Sunday. The observance of Ash Wednesday, or Lent, stands exactly on the same footing as the observance of Sunday. Into the rest of Sunday no Divine Law enters." (Canon Eyton, in The Ten Commandments)

"To me it seems unaccountable that Jesus during three years discussion with his disciples, often conversing with them upon the Sabbath question, discussing it in some of its various aspects, freeing it from its false glosses, never alluded to any transference of the day; also, that during the fifty days of His resurrection life, no such thing was intimated. Nor, so far as we know, did the Spirit, which was given to bring to their remembrance all things whatsoever that He had said unto them, deal with this question. Nor yet did the inspired apostles, in preaching the gospel, founding churches, counseling and and instructing those founded, discuss or approach the subject. "Of course I quite well know that Sunday did come into use in early Christian history as a religious day, as we learn from the Christian Fathers and other sources. But what a pity that it comes branded with the mark of paganism, and christened with the name of the sun-god, then adopted and sanctified by the Papal apostasy, and bequeathed as a sacred legacy to Protestantism." (Dr E.T. Hiscox, report of his sermon at the Baptist Minister's Convention, in the "New York Examiner," November 16, 1893)

Q. Which is the Sabbath Day?

A. "Saturday is the Sabbath Day."

Q. Why do we observe Sunday instead of Sabbath?

A. ". . . Because the Catholic Church transferred the solemnity from Saturday to Sunday." (The Convert's Catechism Pg. 50)

Love - 1 John 5:3 "For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his Commandments are not burdensome." John 14:15 "If you love Me, keep My commandments."

Last Day People - Revelation 14:12 Here is the patience of the saints; here are those who keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus.

