

## Education

### Lesson #12— Sabbath: Experiencing *and* Living the Character of God

#### Memory Verse

**Mark 2:27–28** (NKJV) *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.”*

#### Time To Be Astonished

**Japanese garden- water, plants, stones, Fish, bridge and lights.**

**The 2<sup>nd</sup> chapter of Genesis mentions, a paradise garden, beautiful rivers, precious stones, exotic animals, fruit laden trees and rest.**

**Isaiah 55:9** *“For as the heavens are higher than the earth, So are My ways higher than your ways, And My thoughts than your thoughts.”*

Think of the infinite immensity of space. Our Sun is a small star.

Astronomers estimate there are at least 200, billion stars in the Milky Way galaxy alone! **According to the best estimates of astronomers, there are at least one hundred billion galaxies in the observable universe.** Our solar system has 9 planets 170 moons.

**Genesis 2:22–24** (NKJV) *Then the rib which the Lord God had taken from man He made into a woman, and He brought her to the man. <sup>23</sup> And Adam said: “This is now bone of my bones And flesh of my flesh; She shall be called Woman, Because she was taken out of Man.” <sup>24</sup> Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh. Sabbath was honeymoon for Adam and Eve.*

**First Wedding performed by God. Explore wonders in Garden**

#### Time For Rediscovery

**Genesis 26:5** (NKJV) *because Abraham obeyed My voice and kept My charge, My commandments, My statutes, and My laws.”*

**Exodus 4:29–31** (NKJV) *Then Moses and Aaron went and gathered together all the elders of the children of Israel. <sup>30</sup> And Aaron spoke all the words which the Lord had spoken to Moses. ... then they bowed their heads and worshiped.*

**Exodus 5:5** (NKJV) *And Pharaoh said, “Look, the people of the land are many now, and you make them **rest** from their labor!” **shabath** = to cease, desist, rest. (from labor). to keep or observe the sabbath.*

**Exodus 16:22–30** (NKJV) *And so it was, on the sixth day, that they gathered twice as much bread, two omers for each one. And all the rulers of the congregation came and told Moses. <sup>23</sup> Then he said to them,*

*“This is what the Lord has said: ‘Tomorrow is a Sabbath rest, a holy Sabbath to the Lord. Bake what you will bake today, and boil what you will boil; and lay up for yourselves all that remains, to be kept until morning.’ ” <sup>24</sup> So they laid it up till morning, as Moses commanded; and it did not stink, nor were there any worms in it. <sup>25</sup> Then Moses said, “Eat that today, for today is a Sabbath to the Lord; today you will not find it in the field. <sup>26</sup> Six days you shall gather it, but on the seventh day, the Sabbath, there will be none.” <sup>27</sup> Now it happened that some of the people went out on the seventh day to gather, but they found none. <sup>28</sup> And the Lord said to Moses, “How long do you refuse to keep My commandments and My laws? <sup>29</sup> See! For the Lord has given you the Sabbath; therefore He gives you on the sixth day bread for two days. Let every man remain in his place; **let no man go out of his place** on the seventh day.” <sup>30</sup> So the people rested on the seventh day.*

**Exodus 35:3** (NKJV) *You shall kindle no fire throughout your dwellings on the Sabbath day.” **They were not to scatter to gather wood or Mana. They still fed their flocks and milked the goats.***

#### Time for Learning Priorities

**Jeremiah 17:20–27** (NKJV) *and say to them, ‘Hear the word of the Lord, you kings of Judah, and all Judah, and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, who enter by these gates. <sup>21</sup> Thus says the Lord: “Take heed to yourselves, and bear no burden on the Sabbath day, nor bring it in by the gates of Jerusalem; <sup>22</sup> nor carry a burden out of your houses on the Sabbath day, nor do any work, but hallow the Sabbath day, as I commanded your fathers. <sup>23</sup> But they did not obey nor incline their ear, but made their neck stiff, that they might not hear nor receive instruction. <sup>24</sup> “And it shall be, if you heed Me carefully,” says the Lord, “to bring no burden through the gates of this city on the Sabbath day, but hallow the Sabbath day, to do no work in it, <sup>25</sup> then shall enter the gates of this city kings and princes sitting on the throne of David, riding in chariots and on horses, they and their princes, accompanied by the men of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem; and this city shall remain forever. <sup>26</sup> And they shall come from the cities of Judah and from the places around Jerusalem, from the land of Benjamin and from the lowland, from the mountains and from the South, bringing burnt offerings and sacrifices, grain offerings and incense, bringing sacrifices of praise to the house of the Lord. <sup>27</sup> “But if you will not heed Me to hallow the Sabbath day, such as not carrying a burden when entering the gates of Jerusalem on the Sabbath day, then I will kindle a fire in its gates, and it shall devour the palaces of Jerusalem, and it shall not be quenched.” ’ ” This means it would not be extinguished.*

**Isaiah 56:2** (NKJV) *Blessed is the man who does this, And the son of man who lays hold on it; Who keeps from defiling the Sabbath, And keeps his hand from doing any evil.*”

**Isaiah 58:13–14** (NKJV) *“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,<sup>14</sup> 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.”*

Have you learned to delight in and “honor” the Sabbath? the Sabbath?

### Time for Finding Balance

**Matthew 5:17–18** (NKJV) *“Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy but to fulfill.<sup>18</sup> For assuredly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, one jot or one tittle will by no means pass from the law till all is fulfilled.*

**Matthew 12:1–13** (NKJV) *At that time Jesus went through the grainfields on the Sabbath. And His disciples were hungry, and began to pluck heads of grain and to eat.<sup>2</sup> And when the Pharisees saw it, they said to Him, “Look, Your disciples are doing what is not lawful to do on the Sabbath!”<sup>3</sup> But He said to them, “Have you not read what David did when he was hungry, he and those who were with him:<sup>4</sup> how he entered the house of God and ate the showbread which was not lawful for him to eat, nor for those who were with him, but only for the priests?<sup>5</sup> Or have you not read in the law that on the Sabbath the priests in the temple profane the Sabbath, and are blameless?<sup>6</sup> Yet I say to you that in this place there is One greater than the temple.<sup>7</sup> But if you had known what this means, ‘I desire mercy and not sacrifice,’ you would not have condemned the guiltless.<sup>8</sup> For the Son of Man is Lord even of the Sabbath.”<sup>9</sup> Now when He had departed from there, He went into their synagogue.<sup>10</sup> And behold, there was a man who had a withered hand. And they asked Him, saying, “Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath?”—that they might accuse Him.<sup>11</sup> Then He said to them, “What man is there among you who has one sheep, and if it falls into a pit on the Sabbath, will not lay hold of it and lift it out?<sup>12</sup> Of how much more value then is a man than a sheep? Therefore it is lawful to do good on the Sabbath.”<sup>13</sup> Then He said to the man, “Stretch out your hand.” And he stretched it out, and it was restored as whole as the other.*

**Luke 13:10–17** (NKJV) *Now He was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath.<sup>11</sup> And behold, there was a woman who had a spirit of infirmity eighteen years, and was bent over and could in no way raise herself up.<sup>12</sup> But when Jesus saw her, He called her to Him and said to her, “Woman, you are loosed from your infirmity.”<sup>13</sup> And He laid His hands on her, and immediately she was made straight, and glorified God.<sup>14</sup> But the ruler of the synagogue answered with indignation, because Jesus had healed on the Sabbath; and he said to the crowd, “There are six days on which men ought to work; therefore come and be healed on them, and not on the Sabbath day.”<sup>15</sup> The Lord then answered him and said, “Hypocrite! Does not each one of you on the Sabbath loose his ox or donkey from the stall, and lead it away to water it?<sup>16</sup> So ought not this woman, being a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan has bound—think of it—for eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the Sabbath?”<sup>17</sup> And when He said these things, all His adversaries were put to shame; and all the multitude rejoiced for all the glorious things that were done by Him.*

### A Time for Community

**Acts 13:14–15** (NKJV) *But when they departed from Perga, they came to Antioch in Pisidia, and went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day and sat down.<sup>15</sup> And after the 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.”* **In the Church and in Nature**

**Acts 16:13** (NKJV) *And on the Sabbath day we went out of the city to the riverside, where prayer was customarily made; and we sat down and spoke to the women who met there.*

**Acts 17:1–4** (NKJV) *Now when they had passed through Amphipolis and Apollonia, they came to Thessalonica, where there was a synagogue of the Jews.<sup>2</sup> Then Paul, as his custom was, went in to them, and for three Sabbaths reasoned with them from the Scriptures,<sup>3</sup> explaining and demonstrating that the Christ had to suffer and rise again from the dead, and saying, “This Jesus whom I preach to you is the Christ.”<sup>4</sup> And some of them were persuaded; and a great multitude of the devout Greeks, and not a few of the leading women, joined Paul and Silas.*

**Acts 18:4** (NKJV) *And he reasoned in the synagogue every Sabbath, and persuaded both Jews and Greeks.*

**Hebrews 10:24–25** (NKJV) *And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works,<sup>25</sup> not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.*