

The Perpetuity of the Sabbath and Hebrews 4 In-Depth

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Some important factors to remember concerning the perpetuity of the Sabbath commandment:

- The Jews were admonished to pray that their flight would not be on the Sabbath day when they should see the abomination of desolation standing in the Holy Place. That occurred in A.D. 66, and the admonition applies again at the end-time.

Mat 24:14 And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come.

Mat 24:15 When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand:

Mat 24:16 Then let them which be in Judaea flee into the mountains:

Mat 24:20 But pray ye that your flight be not in the winter, neither on the Sabbath day:

- If the meaning of the Sabbath was only that we cease from our own works in an attempt to gain salvation. why would the Jews be instructed to pray that their flight be NOT on the Sabbath day, IF THE LAW WAS DISPENSED WITH ON THE CROSS, OR MEANS ONLY CEASING FROM OUR OWN WORKS PER HEB. 4?
- Why would we come to worship before the Lord on Sabbath in the new heaven and the new earth if the only meaning of the Sabbath is that we cease from our own works (Heb. 4) IF THE LAW WAS DISPENSED WITH AT THE CROSS OR MEANS ONLY CEASING FROM OUR OWN WORKS PER HEB. 4?

Isa 66:22 For as the new heavens and the new earth, which I will make, shall remain before me, saith the LORD, so shall your seed and your name remain.

Isa 66:23 And it shall come to pass, that from one new moon to another, and from one Sabbath to another, shall all flesh come to worship before me, saith the LORD.

Why does Hebrews 4 mention the fact that A DAY IS STILL LIMITED-EVEN THE SEVENTH-DAY? Why does Heb. 4 say that in essence that if Christ had appointed another day He would have said so?

Heb 4:1 Let us therefore fear, lest, a promise being left us of entering into his rest, any of you should seem to come short of it.

Heb 4:2 For unto us was the gospel preached, as well as unto them: but the word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in them that heard it.

Heb 4:3 For we which have believed do enter into rest, as he said, As I have sworn in my wrath, if they shall enter into my rest: although the works were finished from the foundation of the world.

Heb 4:4 For he spake in a certain place of the seventh day on this wise, And God did rest the seventh day from all his works.

Heb 4:5 And in this place again, If they shall enter into my rest.

Heb 4:6 Seeing therefore it remaineth that some must enter therein, and they to whom it was first preached **entered not in because of**

unbelief:

Heb 4:7 Again, **he limiteth a certain day**, saying in David, To day, after so long a time; as it is said, To day if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Heb 4:8 **For if Jesus had given them rest, then would he not afterward have spoken of another day.**

Heb 4:9 There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God.

Heb 4:10 For he that is entered into his rest, he also hath ceased from his own works, as God did from his.

Heb 4:11 Let us labour therefore to enter into that rest, lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief.

- **THE KEY, QUALIFYING PHRASE FOR HEBREWS 4 IS "...NOT BEING MIXED WITH FAITH"** Hebrews 4 is not saying to stop all works. It is saying that any gospel that preaches works not mixed with faith is a false gospel.
- Any effort to keep the law without the belief that we cannot keep the law except by faith in and love for Christ and acceptance of His GRACE (HOLY SPIRIT) as enabling POWER, Rom. 1:5, results in foolish, vain, worthless hypocrisy.
- Hebrews 4 is saying two things: 1) It is using the fact of God's resting from His works of creation on the Seventh-day, as a parable in teaching the lesson that the Jews were teaching a FALSE GOSPEL because it was not mixed with faith in the righteousness of Christ's Holy Spirit GRACE POWER to aid us in overcoming, Rom. 1:5. 2) It is saying that God still limits a certain day, THE SEVENTH-DAY, and that if He had appointed another day, Jesus would have said so! It is saying that the Jews did not enter God's intended rest by obedience to all His commandments, because **THEY DID NOT ENTER THAT DUTY BY FAITH IN CHRIST'S RIGHTEOUSNESS THAT IS IMPARTED FOR POWER, AND IMPUTED FOR FAILURES WHEN WE TRULY REPENT OF SINS.**
- Rom 4:2 For if Abraham were justified by works, he hath whereof to glory; but not before God. [Abraham's works were not HIS OWN WITHOUT FAITH AND LOVE FOR GOD, AND FAITH ENOUGH TO OBEY].
Rom 4:3 For what saith the scripture? Abraham believed God,

and it was counted unto him for righteousness. [Abraham's BELIEF (FAITH) was COUNTED (IMPUTED) unto him for righteousness.

- The power to obey is IMPARTED (Rom. 1:5). Grace is GIVEN (IMPARTED) for obedience. Works done by Faith in the grace power of Christ, and out of love for Him, are IMPUTED unto us as righteousness. ANYTHING ELSE IS WORTHLESS LEGALISM. So what have we to boast of? NOTHING! ALL ELSE IS AS FILTHY RAGS! This is what Hebrews 4 is teaching--the very same thing Paul said elsewhere when he said: Eph 2:8 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Eph 2:9 Not of works, lest any man should boast. [Paul did not mean that works are not necessary. Paul meant that works that are done without GRACE (POWER) THROUGH FAITH, THE GIFT OF GOD, are NOT saving. It's all the gift of God, so what have men to boast of?! That is all He meant. And when James said we are saved by faith and works, he meant works done by faith in the grace (power) of Christ's Holy Spirit indwelling the soul. SO WHAT HAS ANY MAN TO BOAST OF? It's all of Christ!
- In 1888 it was discovered that Adventists were preaching the law without faith. They made the same mistake the ancient Jews did in Hebrews 4:2. That is why the Laodicean Message instructs us to buy gold tried in the fire--FAITH THAT WORKS BY SELF-SACRIFICING LOVE FOR CHRIST.
- God is using creation as an example of ceasing from our own works as He did in creating the world in six days. This involves BELIEF (FAITH) that we can overcome and obey by faith the grace power of Christ, given for obedience (Rom. 1:5).
- If Heb. 4 was speaking ONLY of ceasing from all works of the law, the law would not be the standard of JUDGMENT. It would have vanished as the New Covenant. It would have been nailed to the cross. But Hebrews 4 is speaking of mixing faith with works--faith in the righteousness of Christ and His indwelling Holy Spirit, to empower us to overcome.

- Not being mixed with faith, the Jews were preaching a legalistic gospel, unmixed with faith that works by love for God, and faith in His Holy Spirit as enabling GRACE POWER for obedience. Rom. 1:5.
- If Hebrews 4 was speaking ONLY of ceasing from our own works, IT WOULD BE MEANINGLESS FOR IT TO SAY: "Again, HE LIMITETH A CERTAIN DAY.

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All of the above is my response to the following:

On Sat, Mar 14, 2015 at 1:17 PM, engpado@yahoo.com.br [AdventistHotIssues] <AdventistHotIssues@yahoogroups.com> wrote:

Interesting the reasoning of this young man before the hypocrisy of the SDAs.

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Jesus broke the Sabbath, and if we choose to follow Jesus and obey HIM, we will break the Sabbath also because we are going the way of Jesus. Remember...

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