

MESSAGE NOTES

July 20, 2008

“God's Top Ten: 3rd Commandment Dedicated to Worship!”

READ 1 Kings 8:23-30

What ultimately brought significance to the temple and what would happen there?

What is the connection between the 2nd Commandment and the 3rd ?

Remember the Sabbath Day by keeping it holy.

What does this mean?

We should fear and love God so that we may not despise preaching and His Word, but hold it sacred, and gladly hear and learn it.

Dedicated to Worship!

What gave significance to the seventh day of creation?

- Genesis 2:3 (NIV) And God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it he rested from all the work of creating that he had done.

What is at the heart of God's command to remember the Sabbath?

- Exodus 20:8-11 (NIV) “Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. ⁹Six days you shall labor and do all your work, ¹⁰but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, neither you, nor your son or daughter, nor your manservant or maidservant, nor your animals, nor the alien within

your gates. ¹¹ For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but he rested on the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

How do I sin against this commandment?

- Mark 15:8-9 "These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. ⁹ They worship me in vain; their teachings are but rules taught by men.'

What characteristic of God did Solomon want to stand out to the people as they looked toward or were present at the temple? Why?

Why do we need to keep this commandment more than God needs us to keep it?

What blessings do I and my family receive as we spend time with the Lord privately?

Why can I have joy when I pull in the driveway at Tree of Life?

What blessings do I and my family receive in publicly gathering around the Word and Sacraments?

Psalm 122:1-2 (NIV)

¹ A song of ascents. Of David.

I rejoiced with those who said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD." ² Our feet are standing in your gates, O Jerusalem.