Day 4: Genesis 2:1-3: The Seventh Day



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Creation completed: all the host of them: Deut. 4:19; Neh. 9:16

God rested: ceased from the work of creation as an example for man; *Shabbat* (Sabbath) means rest; but God does not need rest and continually works to sustain creation: Ps. 121:3-4; Isa. 40:28; John 5:8-17

God blessed: the Sabbath for man's benefit, to provide rest: Mark 2:27

- From physical labor: Ex. 16:22-30; 20:8-11
- From slavery in Egypt into the promised land: Deut. 5:12-17; 12:8-14: Ps. 95:1-11
- From slavery to sin and futile working for righteousness: Matt.11:28-29

God made holy: sanctified, set apart the Seventh Day for man to enjoy God's presence and worship God: Rev. 4:11

Ultimate Spiritual Rest: We have peace with God and enjoy God's presence forever through our mediator and great high priest, Jesus Christ: Isa. 57:14-21; John 14:27; Rom. 5:1-11; Heb. 4:1-11; Rev. 21:1-4

Assignment: How was God present with people in the Old Testament?

How is He present with believers now?

How did Israel's observance of the Sabbath reveal its trust, obedience, and belief in God?

How did Israel's Sabbath observance show its lack of trust, obedience or belief?