

FOUNDATIONS OF FAITH

Genesis 1-11

“Rest for Weary Workers”

INTRO: *After creating EVERYTHING a long time ago, and then intentionally taking six days to prepare the Land for Man’s habitation, God created Man to represent Him on earth. With creation complete, God rested on the seventh day. What was its purpose and is it still enforced today?*

I. God desires for Man to enjoy a sanctified “_____” while serving as His earthly representative (2:1-3).

Adam (and later Israel) was to follow God’s weekly schedule and both readily understood the benefits of a “sabbath.”

II. _____ disturbs the “_____” that God intends for His people.

After the Fall, all references to the Sabbath disappear from the text until Exodus. As Adam failed, so would Israel. Failure postponed the rest that God intended for His people.

III. To experience God’s “_____,” receive Jesus as _____ and faithfully share in congregational _____.

Jesus clarified that true Sabbath “rest” was connected to His reception and worship (Matthew 11:28-30).

A. Israel will again observe the Sabbath during the _____.

Cf. Ezekiel 44-46; Zech. 12:10.

B. Christians experience Sabbath in _____.

Cf. Hebrews 4:1-3; 10:25.