

Sabbath Worship in the Millennium

The New Testament teaches that right now, in the church age, people don't have to keep the Sabbath day holy. You're free to honor a day as being holy if you wish, but it's not required. We have the freedom to do as we please:

Romans 14:5-6: "One man esteemeth one day above another: another esteemeth every day alike. Let every man be fully persuaded in his own mind. He that regardeth the day, regardeth it unto the Lord; and he that regardeth not the day, to the Lord he doth not regard it. He that eateth, eateth to the Lord, for he giveth God thanks; and he that eateth not, to the Lord he eateth not, and giveth God thanks."

This is why Christians are allowed to do all sorts of things on Saturdays (the seventh day of the week). We can work, or mow our lawn, or buy things, or sell things. In the Old Testament those actions were terrible sins that were punishable by *death*, but that's no longer the case! Today we have freedom in this issue.

However, in the millennium things will be different. It seems that every Sabbath people will gather together to worship God. We can find this interesting fact at the very end of Isaiah:

Isaiah 66:23-24: "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. And they shall go forth, and look upon the carcasses of the men that have transgressed against me: for their worm shall not die, neither shall their fire be quenched; and they shall be an abhorring unto

all flesh.”

The passage is pretty clear. From one new moon to another, and from one Sabbath to another, “all flesh” will come and worship before God. Just to be clear, the Sabbath is a reference to *Saturday*, not Sunday. In the church age we're free to worship on any day that we please, but in the millennium the day of worship will apparently be Saturday.

Verse 24 is also quite startling. *All flesh* will gather together to worship God – and all flesh will also look upon the tormented souls in Hell, who are tormented day and night forever and ever. In other words, people will both worship God and witness His holy judgment. Don't take my word for it – it's right there in the passage! You can read it for yourself.

It's certainly something to think about. The Bible teaches that each dispensation has its own set of rules, and some rules differ from one dispensation to another. Before the church age people were required to keep the Sabbath holy. During the church age people are free to keep any day holy or to keep no day holy. During the millennium people will keep the Sabbath day as a day of worship. There are some rules that never change, but there are other rules that *do* change and we need to be mindful of that.