

SABBATH THROUGH THE AGES –Part 5 Handout

“What Was Nailed to the Cross?”

Reviewing Key Points from the Prior Sabbath Through the Ages Studies:

- Light Symbolizes Truth
 - [Psalm 119:105](#) “Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.”
- Light Should Increase Continually
 - [Proverbs 4:18](#) “But the path of the just is as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day.”
- YHWH’s Law is part of this vital light which to increase in the End of time – Prov. 6:23, Mal 4:4-6
 - The Law isn’t just Exodus 20... It’s the whole Torah (Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy – as can be seen by looking up the word “Law” from the Old Testament references in the Strong’s Concordance).
- The Law of the YHWH Was Not To End with the Saviour’s Life, Ministry, and Death:
 - “Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets... For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, til all be fulfilled.” Matthew 5:17-18
- The Law will Be Part of YHWH’s Final Elijah Message Given at the End of Time
 - [Malachi 4:4-6](#) “Remember ye the law of Moses My servant, which I commanded unto him in Horeb for all Israel, with the statutes and judgments. Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD...”

In this Study, We are Going to Address the Scriptures and Assumptions Which Most Christians Use to Do Away With the Law, the Seventh-day Sabbath, and the Annual Sabbaths

There is a Great Deal of Controversy about the Interpretation of Colossians 2

- Some Say that Colossians 2:14-16 teaches the Mosaic Law (by which they mean the “statute” part of Torah) Was Nailed to the Cross
 - *“There are some who believe, and teach, that the Ten Commandments are not in effect for Christians... But, does that mean that we are now somehow lawless, like Satan is lawless? Are we free to worship false gods... or blaspheme God’s Name, or ignore His Sabbath Day, or abuse and dishonor parents, or commit murder, or run wild in adultery, stealing, lies and coveting? (Obviously not!)... So, what law was “nailed to the cross” then? [The Mosaic Law](#).”* [www.keyway.ca/htm2002/20020306.htm](#)
- Some Assert that Colossians 2:14-17 teaches then Entire Law of God, including the 10 Commandments and Sabbath Were Nailed...
 - *“The Sabbath was abolished when nailed to the Cross: Col 2:14... (Now, a) stunning new documentary book exposes Sabbath keepers as frauds and hypocrites...”*
 - *“I was a third generation Seventh-day Adventist of over 50 years of Sabbath Keeping, but thanks to the good work of the staff, researchers, and writers at bible.ca, I am no longer a Sabbatarian! Adventists are having a much more difficult time keeping the TRUTH about the Adventist ‘truth’ from its own members and prospective converts.”* Kerry Wynne, July 31, 2009, [Sabbathgate 1888](#)

Further Common Assertions Against the Seventh-day Sabbath (and YHWH’s Law): (Note: these assertions are all quoted from the source listed below)...

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- *“Incense, priestly garments and the Sabbath, for example were abolished and replaced with prayer, (Rev 5:8) good deeds (Rev 19:8) and heaven (Hebrews 4:4-11).*

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Final Assertion – Paul (in Romans 14:5) Taught That We Can Keep Any Day or Every Day – It’s Up to the Individual to Decide Which Day He Wants to Keep – and God Honors That

- Romans 14:5 *“One man esteemeth one day above another: another esteemeth every day alike. Let every man be fully persuaded in his own mind.”*

Are These Assertions Biblical? Or is this Understanding of Colossians 2:14-16 and Romans 14 an Attack on the Sabbath?

What Does Colossians 2:14-17 Teach About What was Nailed (ended) to the Cross?

- Colossians 2:14-17 *“**Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us**, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross; And having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a show of them openly, triumphing over them in it. Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of an holyday, or of the new moon, or of the Sabbath days: Which are a shadow of things to come; but the body [is] of Christ.”*

What Did Paul Mean by “Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us”? What is this “handwriting of ordinances” which was blotted out at Calvary?

- There are two Choices for Identifying the Handwriting of Ordinances (as only two handwritten things pertain to the Law – a synonym for Ordinances):
- What handwriting is there relating to the Law?
 1. the writings of Moses (Torah)
 - But, Christ Himself said He had not come to do away with the Law of Moses - Matt 5:17-18 – so the Writings of Moses (Torah) cannot be the handwriting of ordinances that was ended at Calvary – or Yahshua would have been a liar (which He definitely WASN'T)
 2. the written record of our breaking of the Law
 - Sin is the breaking of the Law – 1 John 3:4
 - There certainly is a written record of how we’ve broken the Torah – this is the written record of our sins (Law-breaking). This handwriting is also “against us” – for if it remains unforgiven and uncleansed away, it will keep us out of YHWH’s Kingdom! But, does this interpretation rightly explain this verse when analyzed for word meaning? Consider the following Bible translations of Colossians 2:14:
 - “...Think of it! All sins forgiven, the slate wiped clean, that old arrest warrant canceled and nailed to Christ's cross...” The Message Bible
 - “He canceled the record of the charges against us and took it away by nailing it to the cross.” New Living Translation
 - “God wiped out the charges that were against us for disobeying the Law of Moses. He took them away and nailed them to the cross.” Contemporary English Version

In Colossians 2:14-17, the only thing which Paul says was Nailed to the Cross was the “handwriting of ordinances” – which we have seen is the written record of our sins. Because this record is taken out of the way at Calvary, we may have our names written in the Lamb’s Book of Life.

Next, in Colossians 2:14-17, Paul refers to things we aren't to let worldly people judge us for doing. These things are not nailed – this is adding words/meaning to Paul's writings that simply isn't there. Paul mentions that no man is to judge us regarding meat, drink, holy days, new moons, or Sabbaths. Here Paul isn't making up new terms, He is quoting from well-known Old Testament Terms Discussing Ways to Worship YHWH.

- To show this sequence of terms in the Old Testament prophets and writers, consider this:
 - Ezekiel 45:17 "...Give burnt offerings, and meat offerings, and drink offerings, in the feasts, and in the new moons, and in the Sabbaths, in all solemnities of the house of Israel: he shall prepare the sin offering, and the meat offering, and the burnt offering, and the peace offerings, to make reconciliation for the house of Israel."

Comparison of Terms Between Colossians 2:16 and Ezekiel 45:17:

COLOSSIAN 2:16	EZEKIEL 45:17
meat, or in drink,	meat offerings, and drink offerings,
of an holyday, (Strong's - feast, holyday)	in the feasts,
or of the new moon	and in the new moons,
or of the Sabbath days	and in the Sabbaths

- Some tend to think that a reference to "meat" and "drink" offerings is proof that these days of worship were nailed to the Cross. After all, offering the oblations (which followed the daily offering of the lamb each morning and evening) certainly ended, at least in a physical sense.
 - But the meat and drink offerings, like circumcision, were always symbols which pointed to a deeper spiritual meaning, even in Old Testament times. (To see that circumcision was predominantly spiritual, see - Deuteronomy 10:16, Deuteronomy 30:6. This spiritual form of circumcision continues after the cross – Romans 2:29). Meat and drink offerings were symbols of OUR thankful response to the Saviour's Blood sacrifice (symbolized in the lamb). This is why the meat, or meal, offering and drink offerings were given twice daily immediately following the lamb offering. To be a living meat and drink offering is to be "an acceptable living sacrifice," Romans 12:1. These spiritual sacrifices continue, after the Cross.
- Now how can we be certain that Paul meant the Seventh-day Sabbath when he referred to "Sabbath Days" in Colossians 2:16? Certainly there is a strong circumstantial case to show that Paul was using the same terms and meaning as Ezekiel, but to PROVE that Paul was listing the weekly, monthly, and yearly appointments with YHWH? We can be certain by looking up every reference in the New Testament to "Sabbath Days"
- This term "Sabbath Days" appears a total of 8 times in the New Testament. In every case "Sabbath Days" refers to the Seventh day.
 1. "Or have ye not read in the law, how that on the Sabbath days the priests in the temple profane the Sabbath, and are blameless?" Matt. 12:5
 2. "And, behold, there was a man which had his hand withered. And they asked him, saying, Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath days? that they might accuse him." Matt. 12:10
 3. "How much then is a man better than a sheep? Wherefore it is lawful to do well on the Sabbath days." Matt. 12:12
 4. "And he saith unto them, Is it lawful to do good on the Sabbath days, or to do evil? to save life, or to kill? But they held their peace." Mark 3:4
 5. "And came down to Capernaum, a city of Galilee, and taught them on the Sabbath days." Luke 4:31
 6. "And certain of the Pharisees said unto them, Why do ye that which is not lawful to do on the Sabbath days?" Luke 6:2
 7. "Then said Yahshua unto them, I will ask you one thing: Is it lawful on the Sabbath days to do good, or to do evil? to save life, or to destroy it?" Luke 6:9
 8. "And Paul, as his manner was, went in unto them, and three Sabbath days reasoned with them out of the scriptures." Acts 17:2

- In every case, the words “Sabbath Days” are translated from the same Greek word.
 - Strong’s #4521 – sabbaton – Hebrew 7676, “The Sabbath, or day of weekly repose from secular avocation.”
- Thus, beyond all question, we find that the weekly, monthly, and yearly appointments with YHWH all STAND or FALL together in Colossians 2:14-17.
- But, is Paul telling us these holy days ended at the Cross? No! He says we are not to keep them to impress man – for man is not the judge of how we keep them.
 - Vs 16. Let no man therefore judge you in meat or in drink, or in respect of an holyday, or of the new moon, or of the Sabbath *days*:
 - Vs 17. Which are a shadow of things to come; but the body (*is*) of Christ.

What About these Days Being a Shadow of things to Come?

- Many suggest that since these holy days were listed as prophetic shadows, that shadow met substance at Calvary. Post-Calvary, these shadows are no longer to continue. But, again, we must look carefully at Paul’s wording. Remember, Paul, wrote these words AFTER the Cross – and he doesn’t say the days WERE a shadow (meaning past tense), he says these days ARE a shadow (future tense). So, after Calvary, these days ARE STILL SHADOWS POINTING TO SOMETHING YET COMING:
 - “Let no man therefore judge you in **meat or in drink**, or in respect of an **Holy Day**, or of the **New Moon**, or of the **Sabbath Days**, which are (not were) a shadow of things to come; but the body is of Christ.”

What are these days shadows of that is yet future?

- **Seventh-day Sabbath** – Shadow of Jubilee – the great eternal rest
- **Passover** – Shadow of Christ’s Death and the Marriage Supper of the Lamb – Luke 22:15-16
- **Unleavened Bread** – Shadow of the process God’s people must go through to completely sever from the Old Man of Sin (stop sinning) – 1 Corinthians 5:7-8
- **First Fruits** – Shadow of the 144,000 who will perfectly reflect the Saviour’s character on earth – Revelation 14:3-5
- **Pentecost** - the future outpouring of the Holy Spirit – Joel 2:28-31
- **Feast of Trumpets** – the plagues which will precede the seven-last plagues, and are a final call to mankind to repent (like the plagues of Egypt, in which the Egyptians could change sides) – Leviticus 26:14-18
- **Day of Atonement** – the final judgment day on which everyone’s eternal destiny is forever and irrevocably fixed – Revelation 22:11, Daniel 9:24
- **Feast of Tabernacles** – the day of the Saviour will return to get His Bride, take her to the Father’s House, and she will taste of the Water of Life for the first time – Exodus 25:8 (“tabernacle” is dwell among us) Psalm 68:18

Now let’s deal with the rest of the Common Christian Assertions which they use to do away with Sabbath and the Law...

Sabbath Started at Sinai

Assertion #1: It Started at Sinai

- *“The Sabbath did not exist until Moses - the word “Sabbath” is never found in the book of Genesis. The first case of Sabbath keeping was in Exodus 16 at Mt. Sinai.”*
- Is Sabbath in Genesis?
- It is true that the first time the word “Sabbath” appears in the KJV is Exodus 16:23
 - “And he said unto them, This is that which the LORD hath said, To morrow is the rest of the holy Sabbath unto the LORD: bake that which ye will bake to day, and seethe that ye will seethe; and that which remaineth over lay up for you to be kept until the morning.”
- In the Original Hebrew Words
 - The word “Sabbath” in Exodus 16:23 is translated from the Hebrew, as is shown in the Strong’s Concordance:
 - H7676 שַׁבָּת *Shabbâth* “Intensive from H7673; intermission, that is, (specifically) the Sabbath...”It is FROM the ROOT H7673... *Shabath meaning “rest” or time in which to “desist from labor.”*

But, while the word SHABBATH does not itself appear in Genesis, the ROOT of this word DOES appear at the beginning. Considering the Root

- While it is true that *Shabbath* (Strong's number 7676) did not appear in the Bible until Exodus 16:23, the root of this word *Shabath* (Strong's number 7673) DID appear in Genesis at the Creation story – In Genesis 2:2...
- **Genesis 2:2-3** “And on the seventh day God ended His work which He had made; and He rested (*Shabath* - 7673) on the seventh And God blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it: because that in it He had rested from all His work which God created and made.”

7673 and 7676 ARE Legitimately Connected in the Scripture and Refer to the 7th Day!

- **Exodus 31:16-17** Wherefore the children ^{H1121} of Israel ^{H3478} shall keep ^{H8104 (H853)} the Sabbath, ^{H7676} to observe ^{H6213 (H853)} the Sabbath ^{H7676} throughout their generations, ^{H1755} for a perpetual ^{H5769} covenant. ^{H1285} It ^{H1931} is a sign ^{H226} between ^{H996} Me and the children ^{H1121} of Israel ^{H3478} for ever: ^{H5769} for ^{H3588} in six ^{H8337} days ^{H3117} the LORD ^{H3068} made ^{H6213 (H853)} heaven ^{H8064} and earth, ^{H776} and on the seventh ^{H7637} day ^{H3117} He rested, ^{H7673} and was refreshed. ^{H5314}

The Second Witness: Exodus 20:11 Connects Sabbath to Creation

- **Exodus 20:11** “For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day, and hallowed it.”

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Colossians 2 doesn't nail the Sabbaths to the Cross – as we've already studied.

- And the Sabbath is YHWH's – not “Jewish”
 - **Leviticus 23:2** “Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, Concerning the feasts of the LORD, which ye shall proclaim to be holy convocations, even these are My feasts. Six days shall work be done: but the seventh day is the Sabbath of rest... it is the Sabbath of the LORD in all your dwellings.”

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- **Assertion #3:** The Only Sabbath Christians Keep is Heaven's Rest
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 - Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of an holyday, or of the new moon, or of the Sabbath days: Which are a shadow of things to come...”
 - But it also is a 24-hour period which YAH has set apart, as it says in Hebrews 4:4-11 and Isaiah 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.”

- Shabbat Shalom (Means Peace Now and Eternally)
 - Hebrews 4:4-11 *“For He spake in a certain place of the seventh day on this wise, And God did rest the SEVENTH DAY (G2250, meaning “24 hour period”) from all His works... For if Yahshua had given them rest, then would he not afterward have spoken of another DAY (G2250). There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God. For he that is entered into His rest, he also hath ceased from his own works, as God did from His. Let us labour therefore to enter into that rest...”*
 - Hebrews 4 refers to a literal 24 hour period of time, in reference to the Seventh-day Sabbath. It also tells us to rest for this literal 24 hour period of time JUST AS GOD DID FROM HIS labor of creation.
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- Is This License to Say the Saviour Broke Sabbath? Did He Break the Sabbath? Let’s look more closely at the story in Mark 2:24-28.
 - Mark 2:24 & 27-28 *“And the Pharisees said unto him, Behold, why do they on the Sabbath day that which is not lawful? And He said unto them, The Sabbath was made for man, and not man for the Sabbath: Therefore the Son of man is Lord also of the Sabbath.”*
 - Many Christians read that the Sabbath was made for man and not man for the Sabbath and interpret that to mean *“the Sabbath was made for man’s enjoyment – thus, I, as a ‘man’ can do with it – or not do with it – as I please.”* But, this isn’t what was meant at all in this verse. Yahshua was telling the religious leaders that they, AS MEN, had no right to place their rules and intents on a Day which GOD had made. Since God had made the Sabbath, God was the only One with the right to determine how it should be kept. Then, Yahshua acknowledged that HE had this right (*“the Son of Man is Lord also of the Sabbath”*).
- Who Makes the Rules? In Aramaic
 - Mark 2:27 – *“...For the Shabbat was created (made by Someone Else) for man; and not man made for the Shabbat (man did not generate the Shabbat) – Thus, the Son of Man is also the Master of the Shabbat.” (because He made it...)*
- What Had the Disciples Done that Was “Unlawful” on the Sabbath? And Whose Law did they Break – YHWH’s Law (Torah) or the Pharisee’s Law (Talmud)?
 - Mark 2:23 *“And it came to pass, that he went through the corn fields on the Sabbath day; and His disciples began, as they went, to pluck the ears of corn.”*
- Never does the Torah teach that you cannot pluck ears of grain on the Sabbath day! The Torah DOES teach that it’s perfectly all right to pluck the grain if you’re hungry when you pass through someone’s field – just enough to eat – not harvest it, of course... And this is what the Saviour and disciples had done – which the Pharisees called “unlawful” :
 - Deuteronomy 23:25 *“When thou comest into the standing corn of thy neighbour, then thou mayest pluck the ears with thine hand; but thou shalt not move a sickle unto thy neighbour’s standing corn.”*
- So, if they didn’t break Torah, by plucking the grain to eat on Sabbath, whose law did the disciples break? THE PHARISEES LAW - TALMUD
 - [Vincent's Word Studies](#)
 - *“On any ordinary day this would have been lawful; but on the Sabbath it involved, according to the Rabbinic statutes, at least two sins, viz., plucking the ears, which was reaping, and rubbing them in their hands (Luke 6:1), which was sifting, grinding, or fanning. The Talmud says: In case a woman rolls wheat to remove the husks, it is considered as sifting; if she rubs the heads of wheat,*

it is regarded as threshing; if she cleans off the side-adherencies, it is sifting out fruit; if she bruises the ears, it is grinding; if she throws them up in her hand, it is winnowing'" (Edersheim, "Life and Times of Jesus").

- Yahshua Kept Torah Always! Never did He break the Sabbath, or any part of Torah. Had He done so, He would have been a SINNER, before Heaven. And as a sinner, He could not have been the spotless Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world. So suggesting that Yahshua broke the Sabbath of Torah is suggesting that HE WASN'T THE SINLESS LAMB OF GOD! This is blasphemous!!!
 - 1 John 3:4 "Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the Law: for sin is the transgression of the Law."
 - John 15:10 "If ye keep My Commandments, ye shall abide in My love; even as I have kept My Father's Commandments, and abide in His love."

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First of all, this statement suggests that The ANIMAL Blood Was an ETERNAL SIGN – But Animal Blood Wasn't Eternal! So right out of the "gate" this reasoning is fallacious!

- If animal blood was "eternal," we'd have had no need for the Saviour's Blood. It was because the animal blood wasn't the actual powerful substance that could remit sins that we needed the real LAMB to come and die. It is HIS Blood that is ETERNAL – for His Blood takes sinners and gives them access to the Eternal Covenant
 - Hebrews 9:13-14 "For if the blood of bulls and of goats, and the ashes of an heifer sprinkling the unclean, sanctifieth to the purifying of the flesh: How much more shall the Blood of Christ, Who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?"
 - Hebrews 13:20 "Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the Blood of the everlasting covenant."

Next, these other listed things haven't come to an end at all in the firm sense meant by this assertion... They have future significance

- Sabbath – continues in eternity – Isaiah 66:23
- The Levitical priesthood – was instigated for a short time – but the Melchizedek priesthood pre-dated it – and continues beyond it. The concept of serving God as priests and kings continues in eternity – Revelation 5:9-10
- Ark of the Covenant – this is God's Earthly Throne – it remains secreted away in the Earth. It will be brought out in the last days... and then kept for all eternity as a witness and testimony – 1 John 5:8 (the blood and water from the Saviour's riven side fell on the Ark of the Covenant at the Crucifixion – this was the purpose of the earthquake... The rocks were torn opened so that the Blood could anoint the Most Holy – another name for the Mercy Seat – Daniel 9:24-26 - see the DVD Revealing God's Treasure, by Ron Wyatt on the subject).
- The Annual Holy Days – we've already discussed this. They weren't nailed to the cross either.

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Assertion: Which Day You Keep Holy is a Matter of Personal choice

- Final Assertion – Paul Taught That We Can Keep Any Day or Every Day – It's Up to the Individual
- Romans 14:5 "One man esteemeth one day above another: another esteemeth every day alike. Let every man be fully persuaded in his own mind."
- The Book of Romans, and almost all of Paul's writings are greatly misunderstood by the Church. The reason behind this is that all of Paul's writings are written from a Hebrew perspective based completely on expert Torah understanding.

Romans 14 Is Not About...

- Vegetarianism... vs. Meat Eating
 - *Torah* doesn't teach vegetarianism – clean meats without blood were part of the Torah diet.
 - Abstaining from eating meat doesn't make you "weaker" – see Daniel – but the Bible says the "weaker brother" eats herbs... Daniel wasn't weaker by eating "pulse"!
 - Romans 14 is a chapter on FASTING – and choosing a special day (aside from the ones God has already given) for FASTING... as we will soon see. But, for now, the reason the one eating herbs is the weaker one in Romans 14, is that a person with a weaker constitution cannot completely fast from all foods. He needs to eat something. And fasting from eating heavy foods, eating only fruits and veggies may be the only fasting his/her body can handle. YHWH knows the individual's needs – and honors this kind of fast just as much as a complete fast, performed by a stronger person... This is what Paul is talking about... we'll show this shortly...
- The Seventh-day Sabbath... vs Sunday
 - Torah DOES tell us which day(s) YAH has esteemed!
 - Man can never undo what YAH has done!

Romans 14 Is About Eating/Fasting Not Sabbath! This is seen from the Context of this chapter...

- Romans 14:19-21 "Let us therefore follow after the things which make for peace, and things wherewith one may edify another. For meat destroy not the work of God. All things indeed are pure; but it is evil for that man who eateth with offence. It is good neither to eat flesh, nor to drink wine (fruit of the Grape – which is not allowed during a voluntary Nazarite Vow), nor any thing whereby thy brother stumbleth, or is offended, or is made weak."

Clues from Romans 14

- Verse 2 For one believeth that he may eat all things (he isn't fasting at all): another, who is weak, eateth herbs (constitution cannot handle a full fast, so he fasts a bit by eating veggies only).
- Verse 3 Let not him that eateth despise him that eateth not; and let not him which eateth not judge him that eateth: for God hath received him.
- 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."

But whether we choose to "esteem" additional days to the ones God has given or not, we must note that there ARE days which GOD HIMSELF as ESTEEMED. Assuming that Paul means we can "unesteem" a day which God has esteemed is a pretty serious assumption. Especially considering that God used the strongest words (most permanent) to give us the Sabbath. He said, "For the mouth of the LORD hath spoken it." This term was an expression which every Israelite knew meant IT COULD NEVER BE CHANGED (as it says in Psalm 89:34).

- Isaiah 58:13-14 "If thou turn away thy foot from the Sabbath, from doing thy pleasure on My Holy day; and call the Sabbath a delight, the holy of the LORD, honourable; and shalt honour Him, not doing thine own ways, nor finding thine own pleasure, nor speaking thine own words: Then shalt thou delight thyself in the LORD; and I will cause thee to ride upon the high places of the earth, and feed thee with the heritage of Jacob thy father: for the Mouth of the LORD hath spoken it."
- Psalm 89:34 "My covenant will I not break, nor alter the thing that is gone out of My lips."

Are there any Scriptural Examples of Man Choosing (of his own free will) to Esteem a Day in Addition to God's Already Esteemed Days? - YES! Consider the Nazarite Vow in Numbers 6:1-27

- The vow of the Nazarite was voluntarily made by those who desired to separate themselves unto the LORD (v.2) for a determined season. All the days of his separation he is holy unto the LORD (v.8). During the time of his separation, the Nazarite was bound by *three absolute restrictions*:
 - *First*, he could eat nothing that is made of the vine tree, from the kernels even to the husk (v.4).
 - *Second*, there shall not razor come upon his head: until the days be fulfilled (v.5).
 - *Third*, during the days of his separation, he shall come at no dead body (v.6).
- No one was forced to take a Nazarite vow. This was a matter of personal choice. Paul, himself, took the Nazarite vow and knew first-hand about abstaining from "wine" (the fruit of the grape).

Romans 14 Is About Eating Not Sabbath!

- The word "EAT" appears 15 times in this chapter. The word Sabbath does not.

Can Eating Relate to Esteeming a Day?

- A Day of Fasting is a Day Set Apart
- ⁵ Is it a fast that I have chosen,
A day for a man to afflict his soul?
*Is it to bow down his head like a bulrush,
And to spread out sackcloth and ashes?
Would you call this a fast,
And an acceptable day to the LORD?* (Isaiah 58:5)
- ¹² I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I possess.' (Luke 18:12)
- ¹⁴ Then the disciples of John came to Him, saying, "Why do we and the Pharisees fast often, but Your disciples do not fast?" (Matt 9:14)

Esteemeth in Strong's Concordance

- G2919 κρίνω *kree'-no*
- "Properly to *distinguish...determine, esteem, judge... ordain...*"
 - Matthew 19:6 "...What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder."
 - Acts 10:15 "And the voice spake unto him again the second time, What God hath cleansed, that call not thou common."

There Were Days Men Esteemed and Set Apart for Fasting, Outside of the Nazarite Vow:

- Zechariah 7:5-6 "Speak unto all the people of the land, and to the priests, saying, When ye fasted and mourned in the fifth (there is no Holy Day given by God for fasting in the fifth month) and seventh month, even those seventy years, did ye at all fast unto Me, even to Me? And when ye did eat, and when ye did drink, did not ye eat for yourselves, and drink for yourselves?"

Man-Esteemed Fast Days – Listed in Zechariah 7

- The fast day in the 4th month of the Jewish calendar was in remembrance of the destruction of the Wall of Yerusalem.
- The fast day in the 5th month was in remembrance of the burning of the Great Temple in Yerusalem.
- The fast day in the 7th month was in remembrance of the killing of Gedaliah which brought about their ancestors' exile into the nations. (This fast was separate from the Day of Atonement fast, which God had given).
- The fast day in the 10th month was in remembrance of the siege of Yerusalem.

These man-made Fasts are to be Kept as you are persuaded in your own mind.

- Our Ability to Esteem Days and “Be Convinced in Our Own Minds” About What Days to Esteem Didn’t Include YAH’s Days!
 - Leviticus 23:27-30 “Also on the tenth day of this seventh month there shall be a day of atonement: it shall be an holy convocation unto you; and ye shall afflict your souls... For whatsoever soul it be that shall not be afflicted in that same day, he shall be cut off from among his people. And whatsoever soul it be that doeth any work in that same day, the same soul will I destroy from among his people.”

Can Man “Unesteem” What YAH Has Deemed “Holy?” NO!

- Acts 10:15 “...What God hath cleansed, that call not thou common.”
- Galatians 1:8 “But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed.”
- Matthew 19:6 “...What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder.”

“...You who have had so great light, such an abundance of evidence of Bible truth, go not onward and upward with those who will triumph with the truth at last. You now take the side of the first great rebel, to make void the Law of God; and he will lead others in the same path of transgression of God's holy Law, to ridicule our faith. When the judgment shall sit, and everyone shall be judged out of those things written in the books, how will your case then appear? You will look on this one and that one who would have walked in the way of God's commandments if you had not surrounded them with the atmosphere of unbelief, if you had not perverted the Scriptures by misinterpreting their meaning, and led them away from strict obedience to God's holy law... You will hear the voice of the great Judge saying: "Who hath required this at your hand?" 5T p 627

In Conclusion - The Law is for the End – Ultimately those on the side of the enemy will, like he did, do away with the Law of God and His Holy Times. Those on the side of Heaven will honor the Law, in its entirety. How we handle the Law determines the side we’re on in the end! (Isaiah 42:21, Isaiah 8:16)

- Malachi 4:4-6 “Remember ye the Law of Moses My servant, which I commanded unto him in Horeb for all Israel, with the statutes and judgments. Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD...”