

Isaiah 58:13

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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:

Analysis

The conditional promise 'If thou turn away thy foot from the sabbath, from doing thy pleasure on my holy day' establishes that Sabbath-keeping requires intentional restraint from pursuing personal agenda. The call to make Sabbath a 'delight' rather than burden transforms duty to joy. The promise 'then shalt thou delight thyself in the LORD' shows that Sabbath properly observed deepens intimacy with God, not mere external compliance.

Historical Context

Sabbath-breaking was chronic issue for Israel (Nehemiah 13:15-22), indicating deeper heart problem - preferring personal pleasure over God's appointed rest. Jesus clarified Sabbath's purpose (Mark 2:27 - 'made for man'), showing it's gracious gift, not legalistic burden.

Related Passages

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Study Questions

1. How do you balance Sabbath rest with the reality that New Covenant Christians aren't under Old Testament ceremonial law?
2. What does it mean to 'delight in the LORD' through weekly rhythm of rest and worship?

Interlinear Text

אִם	תָּשׁוּב יְיָ	לְשַׁבָּת	בְּגִלְךָ	מֵעֲשֹׂת	חֶפְצְךָ
H518	If thou turn away	from the sabbath	thy foot	from doing	thine own pleasure
	H7725	H7676	H7272	H6213	H2656
וּמִי	קִדְשִׁי	וְקָרָאתָ	לְשַׁבָּת	עַל נֶגְדִי	לְקֹדֶשׁ
day	on my holy	and call	from the sabbath	a delight	the holy
H3117	H6944	H7121	H7676	H6027	H6918
יְהוָה	וְכִבְדֹתָ	וְכִבְדֹתָ	מֵעֲשֹׂת	דְּרָכֶיךָ	
of the LORD	and shalt honour	and shalt honour	from doing	thine own ways	
H3068	H3513	H3513	H6213	H1870	
מִמָּצָא	חֶפְצְךָ	וְדִבְרֶיךָ	דְּבָרֶיךָ		
nor finding	thine own pleasure	nor speaking	thine own words		
H4672	H2656	H1696	H1697		

Additional Cross-References

Revelation 1:10 (References Lord): I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and heard behind me a great voice, as of a trumpet,

Psalms 84:10 (Parallel theme): For a day in thy courts is better than a thousand. I had rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God, than to dwell in the tents of wickedness.

Psalms 84:2 (References Lord): My soul longeth, yea, even fainteth for the courts of the LORD: my heart and my flesh crieth out for the living God.

Psalms 42:4 (Holy): When I remember these things, I pour out my soul in me: for I had gone with the multitude, I went with them to the house of God, with the voice of joy and praise, with a multitude that kept holyday.

Psalms 122:1 (References Lord): I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the LORD.

Psalms 27:4 (References Lord): One thing have I desired of the LORD, that will I seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to enquire in his temple.

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