

Ten Commandments (Part 41)
(The Fourth Commandment – Part 8)

The Proper Biblical Framework of the 4th Commandment: Creation Ordinances

-Definition: “commandments (mandates, institutions) that God gave to the human race before the fall”

I. The Creation Ordinance of the Sabbath (Genesis 2:2, 3)

II. The Creation Ordinance of Labor

A. Implied in the Creation Ordinance of Sabbath (Gen. 2:2, 3; Ex. 20:8, 9)

B. Further revealed in Gen. 1:26, 27; 2:15

C. Continued after the Fall (Gen.3:17-19; 4:2, 20-22; 9:20-28; the Patriarchs *passim*)

D. Confirmed in the NT (1 Thess. 4:11; 2 Thess. 3:6, 10-12; 1 Tim. 5:8)

Practical Observations / Lessons

- 1) We need to be able to articulate a biblical and theological basis for treating the first day of the week differently from the others.
- 2) We need to be able to articulate a biblical and theological basis for work and labor.
- 3) Aim to get a sense of the culpability arising from disregard for the institution of work and labor.
- 4) Aim to get a sense of calling and vocation in your life.
- 5) Strive for excellence in everything you do.
- 6) Be content with the calling God has given you.
- 7) Your work says a lot about your relationship to God.