

## “The Creator’s Rest”

Genesis 2:1–3

### Introduction: Freed Slaves Who Wouldn’t Rest

- I. This Foundational Text on the Creator’s Rest
  - A. God’s Finished Work
  - B. God’s Sabbath Rest
  - C. God’s Sanctifying Blessing
- II. The Old Covenant Significance of the Creator’s Rest
  - A. A Convocation for the Creator’s Redeemed Image Bearers  
Exodus 20:8–11; Nehemiah 9:13–14; Exodus 31:12–17; Leviticus 23:1–3;  
Numbers 28:9–10
  - B. A Reminder of Redemption from Slavish Toil  
Exodus 23:12; Deuteronomy 5:12–15
  - C. A Coordinate Sign with the Promised Land of Rest  
Joshua 1:12–15
  - D. A Sign of Better Rest in the Creator’s Better Paradise  
Psalm 95:3–11, further interpreted in Hebrews 3:14–4:8
- III. The New Covenant Significance of the Creator’s Rest
  - A. A Continuing Pattern for Redeemed Image Bearers  
Mark 2:23–3:6
  - B. A New Day in Light of a New Creation  
Matthew 28:1; 1 Corinthians 15:20–23; 2 Corinthians 5:14–17; Galatians 6:15  
John 20:19, 26; Acts 2:1–4; 20:5–7; 1 Corinthians 16:1–2; Revelation 1:9–11
  - C. A Simpler Ordinance without Old Covenant Types  
Romans 14:1–6; Colossians 2:16–17; Galatians 4:9–11

**The Key Question: Is Paul rejecting a creational institution reflected in the Ten Commandments, or is he simply teaching that the ceremonial practices of Old Covenant Israel are obsolete under Christ’s New Covenant?**

Book Recommendation: *The Lord's Day: Its Presuppositions, Proofs, Precedents, and Practice* by Sam Waldron

D. A Remaining Token of the Last Adam's Glorious Rest

Hebrews 4:9–11 [NASB]

Book Recommendations: *Getting the Garden Right: Adam's Work and God's Rest in Light of Christ* by Richard Barcellos

*Anticipating God's Rest: The Theology and Celebration of the Lord's Day* by Michael Seewald

Concluding Applications of This Text

- 1) We must sanctify the day of rest which our Creator has sanctified.
- 2) We must embrace the gospel promises signified by our Creator's rest.

John 6:27–29; Matthew 11:28–30