

The Significance Of The Lord's Day

John received his revelation on “the Lord’s day,” an expression he used to speak of Sunday. The fact that John calls the first day of the week “the Lord’s day” is an indication of the significance Sunday came to have in the minds of early Christians. We would do well to consider the importance of the Lord’s day.

The Lord’s day is the *Lord’s* day. It belongs to the Lord. Every day is the day the Lord has made, and we should rejoice in them all, but the Lord’s day particularly. It is the weekly celebration of His resurrection. It is the birth date of His kingdom. It is day that the news of forgiveness was first broadcasted to the world. It is rightly *His* day. We ought not to treat it as common or ordinary.

The Lord’s supper is a part of the Lord’s day. It is the *Lord’s* supper. It is not *our* supper. He *does* permit us to commune with Him. But the meal is a memorial of *His* death, burial, resurrection, glorification and an anticipation of His return. What a privilege to partake at the *Lord’s* table. Let us not forget whose it is, lest we slight Him at the site His own memorial.

The Lord’s worship is a Lord’s day activity. It is the *Lord’s* worship. He is the center of attention and the object of our devotion. Men have substituted their whims, their appetites, their interests for the Lord’s commanded worship and offered it to Him as their sacrifice. Let us not make the similar mistake of offering the right sacrifices but begrudgingly or half-heartedly or with the martyr’s spirit. Let us not gather in expectation of receiving “a lift” rather than offering ourselves in worship. The man who “goes to church” to “get something out of it” always comes away disappointed. The man who goes to worship to give himself to God cannot help but be edified.

The Lord’s assembly is a Lord’s day function. It is the *Lord’s* assembly. It is comprised of the *Lord’s* people. Look around you. All that you see are the *Lord’s* things—the Lord’s servants, the Lord’s building, the Lord’s book, the Lord’s offering, the Lord’s ministers. These are not *your* things, nor any man’s to take lightly. They deserve and demand your utmost respect, because of your respect for God.

Let us honor the Lord on His day, with His supper, in His way, in His worship, in His assembly. What a privilege is ours to be participants, His invited guests! Act like a guest. You are one, you know. A guest in the assembly where God is on the throne. Let all the earth keep silent before Him.

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