

# **THE SEVENTH DAY...**

**(GENESIS 2:1-3)**

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1. **Read Genesis 2:1-3 (page 2).** To what aspect of creation does verse 1's second phrase draw our attention? What truth is common to verses 1 and 2? Why is that truth significant? What truth is stated twice in verse 2?

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2. What then is the message of creation according to vv1-2? How important is that message? What effect should it have on our lives?

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3. **Read Isaiah 40:28 (page 726).** Given Isaiah 40:28, did God need to rest on the seventh day? Why then did God rest on the seventh day?

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4. What does God's resting on the seventh day teach us? What does it actually require of us? Against what danger does it guard?

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5. How did the application of this go wrong in the days of Jesus, according to Mark 3:4 (page 1010)? How should we apply this seventh day teaching principle in our lives today?

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6. What, according to verse 3, will empower us to apply this teaching to our lives? What will be the penalties of ignoring this teaching? And the benefits of embracing it?

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7. How would you summarize this teaching? Why should we love it? How should we respond to it?

<sup>1</sup>Thus the heavens and the earth were finished,

and all the host of them.

"host" refers primarily to "host of heaven" = stars (Dt 4<sup>19</sup>, Neh 9<sup>6</sup>, Jer 33<sup>22</sup>) but also angels?  
(1 Ki 22<sup>19</sup>, 2 Chr 18<sup>18</sup>, Lk 2<sup>13</sup>)

<sup>2</sup>And on the seventh day God finished his work that he had done,

halt, cease, stop, bring to a standstill  
stay away from, take a break, put  
an end to

business, business trips, occupation, labours,  
employment, job.

and he rested on the seventh day from all his work that he had done

= bestowed power for  
success, prosperity,  
fertility, achievement

<sup>3</sup>So God blessed the seventh day and made it holy,

Consecrate, set apart for creation (the business of the world), withhold for ordinary use,  
treat with special care, appoint & dedicate & establish & protect, to use for purposes related  
to God, to dedicate to God. To be honoured, to be treated as sacred.

because on it God rested from all his work that he had done in creation.