

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE CLASS
September 17, 2025
Exodus 31:12-18

Introduction:

1. From Exodus 31.1-11, we learn a few things about God.
 - a) Personal: God knows each one of us by name. (Ex. 30.1,2,6; cf. John 10.3)
 - b) Providential: God gives us skills and abilities. (Ex. 30.3,6; cf. Rom. 12.6-8)
2. In our text, the laws concerning the Sabbath day are revisited. Why?
3. When was the Sabbath Day first instituted? (Ex. 16.4,5,22-25,28; 20.8-11)

I. A DAY IN REVIEW

- A. The prescription to keep the Sabbath.
 1. **Exodus 31.12,13:** *"Surely, My Sabbaths you shall keep."*
 2. **Exodus 31.14:** *"You shall keep My Sabbaths therefore..."*
 3. **Exodus 31.16:** *"to observe them throughout their generations"*
- B. The purpose of keeping the Sabbath.
 1. Significance: **Exodus 31.13:** *"for it is a sign between Me and you"*
 - a) What is a sign? (Gen. 9.12; 17.11; Ex. 4.8,9; Acts 2.22)
 - b) What did the Sabbath signify? (Ex. 31.12)
 2. Special: **Exodus 31.14:** *"for it is holy to you."* Not just holy to God.
 3. Sabbath: **Exodus 31.17:** *"on the seventh day He rested and was refreshed."*
- C. The penalty for failing to keep the Sabbath.
 1. The violation.
 - a) **Exodus 31.14:** *"Everyone who profanes it"* Lit., to desecrate it.
 - b) **Exodus 31.14:** *"whoever does any work on it."* What constituted work?
 2. The punishment.
 - a) **Exodus 31.14:** *"shall surely be put to death."*
 - b) **Exodus 31.14:** *"shall be cut off from among his people"* (Num. 15.32,36)

II. THE TESTIMONY

- A. God finished speaking to Moses.
 1. **Exodus 31.18:** *"And when He had made an end of speaking with him"*
 2. Why did Moses go up on the mountain? (Ex. 24.12)
 3. Who was with him on the mountain? (Ex. 24.13-15)
 4. How long was Moses on the mountain? (Ex. 24.18)
- B. God gave Moses two tablets.
 1. **Exodus 31.18:** *"He gave Moses two tablets of the Testimony, tablets of stone, written with the finger of God."*
 2. What was written on these two tablets? (Ex. 34.1,27,28; Deut. 4.13; 10.4,5)
 3. This was different from the laws and statutes of God. (Ex. 24.3,4)