

Valley Bible Church
Sermon Notes for December 18, 2011

**“Is One Particular Day of the Week More
Sacred Than Any Other Day?”**

Is one particular day of the week more sacred than any other day?

The Sabbath rest as commanded by God did not exist prior to the Law of Moses.

Though there was a Sabbath rest prior to the giving of the law, nowhere in Genesis and certainly not in Genesis 2 do we find God commanding people to rest on the Sabbath as He had done after His six-day creation.

The Sabbath rest command was given to Israel by God when God gave Israel the Mosaic Law (Exodus 20:8-10).

The rest was to serve as a sign or in other words as a reminder of the Mosaic covenant that Israel entered into with God just prior to entering into the Promised Land (Exodus 31:12-17).

Unfortunately, because of Israel’s consistent pattern of disobedience in matters pertaining to the Law, the Sabbath rest served only to remind them of their failures and of God’s judgments.

God gave Israel the Mosaic Law, the Mosaic Covenant, and the sign of the covenant in order to prepare them for the coming of Christ (Galatians 3:24).

The Sabbath rest command given to Israel by God in the Mosaic Law which focused on the Old Covenant is rendered meaningless when people put their faith in the gospel of Christ and enter into the blessings of the New Covenant (Hebrews 4:8-10).

Those who have placed their faith in Christ and have entered into the blessings of the New Covenant should not consider any day more sacred than any other day (Romans 14:5-9; Galatians 4:8-11; Colossians 2:16-17).

May we, by the grace of God, be able to see Valley Bible’s Christmas worship schedule as a tangible expression of our having entered into the blessings of the New Covenant through faith in Christ.