0:01

are you sure you know exactly what the

0:03

fourth commandment really means when god

0:05

says to remember to keep the sabbath day

0:07

holy how is it that us christians

0:09

believe in all ten commandments but the

0:11

fourth commandment seems to be forgotten

0:14

well we're gonna dive into the ancient

0:15

hebrew to discover exactly what this

0:17

commandment means right after this

0:27

hello everyone i'm jim staley passion

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for truth ministries and today we're

0:31

going to unpack the real meaning of the

0:34

fourth commandment the remember to keep

0:36

the sabbath day holy commandment that's

0:38

right we're going to find out exactly

0:40

what the cultural context and language

0:42

has to say as it relates to us today

0:45

before we do would you do us a favor

0:47

would you subscribe to our youtube

0:49

channel it's a great way to promote our

0:51

ministry and the message that god's

0:53

given us and turn on those notifications

0:56

also don't forget us over at instagram

0:59

where you can get these messages in

1:02

bite-sized pieces of about 90 seconds

1:05

all right let's get back to our teaching

1:06

for today we're going to dive into the

1:08

fourth commandment it's found in exodus

1:10

chapter 20 and if you could turn there

1:12

with me we're going to answer three main

1:15

questions those questions are as follows

1:17

number one we're going to find out

1:18

should we even keep this commandment

1:20

does it matter at all does the fourth

1:22

commandment have any relevance for us

1:24

today as believers in christ

1:26

number two if it does what day do we

1:29

keep it on does it matter which day so

1:32

after we discover whether we keep it and

1:34

what day it's on the next an obvious

1:36

question is how do we keep it and we're

1:38

going to discuss all of that in the

1:40

shortest amount of time possible

1:42

in this very short video so let's begin

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number one the word

1:46

sabbath is

1:48

shabbat

1:49

that hebrew word shabbat literally means

1:52

to rest it means to cease from all work

1:56

let's see how it's used in exodus

1:58

chapter 1 20 8-11 it says this remember

2:02

the sabbath day to keep it holy six days

2:05

you shall labor and do all your work but

2:07

the seventh day is the sabbath of the

2:09

lord your god in it you shall do no work

2:13

you nor your son nor your daughter nor

2:16

your male servant nor your female

2:18

servant nor your cattle nor your

2:20

stranger who's within your gates for in

2:22

six days the lord made the heavens and

2:24

the earth the sea and everything that's

2:26

in them and rested the seventh day

2:29

therefore the lord blessed the sabbath

2:31

day and hollowed it you know a couple of

2:34

the things that that just dawned on me

2:35

as we're reading this verse is first of

2:37

all the very first word is remember

2:40

that presupposes that it something

2:44

happened before that we forgot

2:46

and also the hebrew word for remember is

2:49

zakar and zakar literally means to

2:52

remember

2:53

with a purpose it means it's not just

2:56

like the greek philosophical definition

2:59

of the western world where to remember

3:01

is oh i remember something no in the

3:03

hebrew culture to remember is to do

3:06

something so we remember for a purpose

3:10

that has an action tied to it and the

3:13

action in this particular commandment is

3:15

we want to remember the sabbath to keep

3:18

it holy so let's find out exactly why he

3:21

wants us to remember it and for that we

3:23

go to the same exact set of verses but

3:26

we zero in on exodus chapter 20 verse 11

3:30

and it says this is why you're supposed

3:32

to remember to keep the sabbath it says

3:34

for in six days the lord made the

3:37

heavens and the earth the sea and all

3:39

that's in them and rested the seventh

3:42

day therefore the lord blessed the

3:44

seventh day and hollowed it that word

3:46

hallowed is holy it's kadosh it means to

3:49

be set apart it's different from

3:52

everything else it's set apart my

3:54

friends did you know that you're

3:56

different if you believe in yeshua jesus

3:59

if you are

4:00

if you are saved by his grace and his

4:03

grace alone then my friends you are set

4:05

apart

4:06

for salvation you're set apart from the

4:08

rest of the world you're not like the

4:10

rest of the clay pots you've been broken

4:13

and you have been remade in the new

4:16

creation that's what the sabbath is to

4:19

the rest of the days of the week it's

4:21

special it's set apart god looks at it

4:24

exactly the way he looks at you he

4:27

you're completely different than every

4:28

other human that has not accepted the

4:31

messiah and that is the sabbath so keep

4:35

that in mind that's how special the

4:36

sabbath really is matthew 24 20

4:41

pray that your flight may not be in the

4:43

winter or on the sabbath for then there

4:45

will be great tribulation such as not

4:47

been since the beginning of the world

4:48

until this time no nor ever shall be so

4:53

in the very end of the great tribulation

4:57

jesus yeshua is telling his disciples

4:59

pray that this this this great

5:02

tribulation will will not happen on a

5:05

sabbath pray that the flight from

5:09

jerusalem won't happen on a sabbath day

5:11

when you're resting

5:13

if the sabbath is not relevant for

5:15

believers

5:17

then why is jesus talking about the very

5:20

end days during the great tribulation

5:22

telling his disciples pray

5:25

that your flight doesn't happen on the

5:27

sabbath

5:28

so

5:29

did you know that even the gentiles

5:32

are expected to keep the sabbath in the

5:34

new testament check this out in acts 15

5:37

21 it says for moses had throughout many

5:39

generations those who preach him in

5:41

every city being read in the synagogues

5:43

every sabbath

5:46

that james the president of the

5:48

jerusalem council is making a ruling and

5:50

saying hey i want you to do these four

5:52

things because they'll learn the rest

5:55

in

5:56

church

5:56

every saturday every shabbat every

6:00

sabbath they will be in the synagogue

6:02

and they will learn the rest of what

6:04

they're supposed to learn in the

6:05

meantime

6:06

they need to only practice these four

6:08

things

6:09

james's expectation is the gentiles

6:12

would be meeting in the sabbath every

6:14

single week and we see that because the

6:16

gentiles even say that they can't wait

6:19

for paul to come back the next sabbath

6:21

so they can hear him preach

6:23

so we're learning this as we learn this

6:26

let's dive into these three questions

6:29

beginning with the first one which is

6:31

should we even keep it does it matter

6:34

should we keep any of the ten

6:36

commandments

6:37

i think asking the question should we

6:39

keep the sabbath today is quite frankly

6:42

an absurd question that's like saying

6:44

should we only serve one god should we

6:47

honor our parents today should we commit

6:50

adultery or not commit adultery ladies

6:52

and gentlemen can i just submit to you

6:53

that we don't have to do anything

6:56

there's no commandment that says you

6:58

have to keep the commandments

7:00

he just says i set before you blessings

7:03

and curses

7:04

blessings if you keep my commandments

7:06

curses if you don't that's in

7:08

deuteronomy 11

7:09

26-27 it's our choice god gives us free

7:13

will he gives us the opportunity to

7:16

choose whether we're going to serve him

7:18

or not serve him and our reward and

7:20

blessing and fulfillment in life is in

7:23

direct proportion to our obedience

7:26

that's why he says he'd rather have

7:28

obedience then sacrifice

7:30

because obedience is the only way that

7:33

we can prove that we love him that comes

7:35

from 1st john chapter 5 verse 3 here is

7:38

the love of god those who keep his

7:41

commandments and his commandments are

7:42

not burdensome we're going to talk about

7:44

how to do this in just a moment so just

7:46

hold on

7:48

you know one of the things i like to say

7:49

a lot is this

7:51

if the commandment if keeping this

7:53

shabbat the sabbath

7:55

brings a blessing

7:57

then not keeping it brings a curse but

8:00

wait a minute sometimes the greatest

8:03

curse

8:04

is not what you can see

8:06

it's the blessing that you didn't even

8:08

know you missed

8:10

i don't know about you but i've got six

8:11

daughters

8:12

and my i have more than one that were a

8:15

surprise

8:16

and i can tell you that if if they

8:18

weren't here if the ones that were

8:20

surprises

8:21

weren't here

8:23

i wouldn't even know the absolute

8:26

incredible blessings

8:28

that i would have missed

8:30

but because they are here i do know the

8:33

blessing that they are

8:35

in the same way when we choose to keep

8:37

the sabbath when we try to remember it

8:39

and do our best to honor god and set it

8:42

apart because quite frankly it was made

8:43

for us the blessings right there

8:46

when we start to receive the blessing

8:48

that has been locked up

8:50

from the very moment that we were born

8:53

you'll never know

8:55

what you ever did without it

8:58

my friends the next question as we know

9:00

you can keep it or not keep it but we

9:02

should

9:03

because god said so it should be good

9:05

enough for us

9:06

is what day is it on i'm going to submit

9:09

to you the answer is right here in the

9:10

verse let's go back to it exodus 20

9:13

verse 8 says remember the sabbath day to

9:14

keep it holy

9:16

six days you shall labor and do all your

9:18

work but watch this on the seventh day

9:21

is the sabbath of the lord your god now

9:23

god says the sabbath is on the seventh

9:25

day

9:26

who are we to say

9:28

we can do it whenever we want who are we

9:31

to tell god that we can keep the sabbath

9:34

on the first day or the fourth day or

9:36

the seventh day seventh eighth day it

9:38

doesn't matter what day you want to

9:39

choose god said

9:41

the sabbath is on the seventh day

9:43

we can't question that no more than why

9:45

why can we only have one wife

9:48

right god says it's good for man to not

9:51

be alone and to have a wife he doesn't

9:55

say that you you should have 10 wives

9:58

god said it we believe it and that's it

10:01

if you are a true believer in the word

10:03

of god so why don't most christians keep

10:05

the sabbath and if they do they keep it

10:08

on the first day of the week sunday why

10:09

is it that

10:11

if anybody keeps the sabbath quite

10:12

frankly in traditional christianity we

10:15

keep it on sunday where did that come

10:17

from let's turn into

10:19

3 21 a.d we got to go all the way back

10:21

on the timeline to emperor constantine

10:24

of rome

10:25

he made an incredibly bold move to

10:27

change the sabbath from the existing

10:31

biblical day on the seventh day

10:33

to the first day of the week called

10:35

sun's day it was the sun god's day

10:38

because most of pagan rome was used to

10:41

celebrating and taking their sabbath on

10:43

the first day of the week and he wanted

10:45

to make it easier for the roman citizens

10:47

to convert to christianity so he

10:49

compromised and said let's change it

10:51

from the what he considered the jewish

10:54

day to the new christian day and

10:56

therefore the pagan gentiles of rome who

11:00

already didn't like the jewish people

11:02

and were already predisposed to not

11:05

doing anything that looked like them

11:07

they basically created took the current

11:10

messianic jewish

11:12

christian religion that christ founded

11:14

in the first century and then just

11:16

romanized it to make it easier and more

11:18

palatable for romans to come to christ

11:22

you may think that's a good thing but

11:23

compromise is never a good thing

11:25

especially when god lays down an

11:27

instruction and we break it in order to

11:30

try to lead somebody to christ that's

11:32

like

11:33

holding up a centerfold and trying to

11:36

get all the guys around you so you can

11:38

give them the gospel that is not exactly

11:41

how we're supposed to share the word of

11:43

god compromise always leads to a watered

11:46

down faith and a watered down faith

11:48

leads to a powerless religion

11:52

eusebius which was one of constantine's

11:54

court bishops in 338 a.d had this to say

11:58

far more pointed all things whatsoever

12:01

that was the duty to do on the sabbath

12:04

we

12:05

have transferred to the lord's day as

12:08

more appropriately belonging to it

12:11

my friends did you hear that eusebius is

12:13

saying a court bishop of constantine

12:16

is making it clear that we are going to

12:18

transfer all of the commandments and

12:21

instructions for the sabbath from the

12:22

biblical sabbath to what they considered

12:25

the lord's day and unfortunately there

12:28

is no such terminology in all of the

12:30

bible where god calls sunday the lord's

12:33

day there's only one scripture in the

12:35

entire bible that mentions that and

12:36

that's in revelation 3 10. and the

12:38

aramaic makes that clear that the lord's

12:41

day was talking about judgment day it's

12:43

not talking about sunday at all

12:46

so it seems that god meant what he said

12:49

that we're supposed to keep it but the

12:50

next question is is

12:53

how what does that look like for today

12:55

there's a lot of different people that

12:56

have a lot of different ideas of what

12:58

does it mean to keep the sabbath i think

13:00

quite frankly

13:01

the sabbath is very easy to keep i've

13:03

been keeping it for many years the

13:05

instructions are simple don't work

13:07

don't have your son or daughter work and

13:09

don't have anybody work for you

13:11

that means i can't go out to dinner i

13:13

might want to do that on the saturday

13:14

afternoon but i can't because to do so

13:17

would be causing someone else to break

13:19

the sabbath and support them now you

13:21

might say well they're going to do it

13:22

anyway well

13:24

a lot of people are going to do a lot of

13:25

stuff anyway that doesn't mean i support

13:27

it or endorse it i have to set myself

13:30

apart because this day is set apart and

13:33

i live in a set apart system called the

13:36

kingdom of god so what does it mean

13:38

some say that you can't do your own

13:40

pleasure on the sabbath and they quote

13:42

isaiah 58 13 which says this

13:45

if you turn away your foot from the

13:47

sabbath from doing your own pleasure and

13:49

on my holy day and it goes on to say

13:52

then i'll bless you so they say that

13:55

we can't do our own pleasure but what

13:57

they don't know is the word pleasure

13:59

there in the hebrew and in the context

14:02

is defined in the very same

14:05

chapter as actually work it says this in

14:09

isaiah 58 3

14:10

why have we fasted they say and you have

14:12

not seen why have we afflicted our souls

14:15

and you take no notice in fact in the

14:17

day of your fast you find pleasure

14:19

here's how he defines it

14:21

and

14:22

exploit all your laborers that word

14:25

exploit there means to press hard or to

14:28

make your workers work your employees

14:31

work in other words it was the pleasure

14:34

of the employer to take a day off while

14:36

making his people work

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in the context it's very simple is that

14:42

the word pleasure there is work men like

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to work it's that simple the chapter is

14:50

consistent with the commandment itself

14:53

which is revolving around what

14:55

ceasing

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from work it's not talking about you

14:59

can't take a bike ride with your with

15:01

your son or your daughter you can't go

15:02

to the park or

15:04

or whatever but you can't work and you

15:06

can't cause someone else to work

15:09

god is causing this created the sabbath

15:11

so that you could draw closer to your

15:14

family to creation and to him he's

15:17

trying to unify those three components

15:20

and line them up the creator the

15:22

creation

15:24

and the created the family

15:26

some people that do keep the sabbath

15:28

keep it so legalistic they it chokes out

15:31

the life of the family because it's all

15:33

about this rule and that rule

15:35

when the rule is very simple just don't

15:37

work and don't cause someone else to

15:39

work those two categories that's it

15:42

everything else is on the table god

15:44

wants to bring life and breathe life

15:47

back into your life and the shabbat was

15:50

designed for just that imagine sitting

15:52

around a table on a friday night because

15:55

the days start and sundown to sundown in

15:58

the bible so they begin at sundown and

15:59

they end it sundown so friday night at

16:02

sundown starts the shabbat

16:04

sitting around the table with all of

16:05

your family everyone is looking forward

16:08

to it all week long because they know

16:10

that they're going to have dad's

16:11

attention they're going to have mom's

16:12

attention they're going to play family

16:14

games maybe watch a documentary or a

16:16

movie or or they just spend time

16:18

together maybe they have a little bible

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study on shabbat we know at our at our

16:22

family at three o'clock it's family

16:24

church we're going to get around we're

16:26

going to read the bible we're going to

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study it for about an hour hour and a

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half we're going to do some worship the

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frequency changes

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and nobody has any plans it's family

16:34

time sometimes we go to a park maybe we

16:37

uh we go and just walk around down with

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a riverfront whatever we want to do

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that doesn't revolve around work

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buying things or causing somebody else

16:46

to work is on the table and i will tell

16:48

you it has transformed

16:51

our lives without a doubt

16:54

in short let me just say this it's like

16:56

celebrating life

16:58

before the fall

17:01

when man didn't have to work by the

17:03

sweat of his brow and the only thing

17:05

that he did

17:06

was walk in the cool with god

17:10

that's what the sabbath is all about

17:11

it's like turning back the time clock

17:14

going back to the very beginning of time

17:16

where man

17:18

didn't have to work super hard there was

17:21

no thorns and we just walked in the cool

17:24

with the lord on that day

17:26

i can tell you it not only has

17:27

transformed my family it's transformed

17:29

me as a person because now guess what i

17:32

have to do is the priest in my home

17:33

we're having family church i got to

17:35

prepare i can't just take my kids to

17:37

church on a sunday morning and just

17:39

expect the pastor to teach him the bible

17:42

tells me that i'm the pastor of my home

17:45

i can still take them to church i can

17:46

still have them going to youth group but

17:48

at the end of the day i'm the preacher

17:51

i'm the pastor i'm the priest and

17:53

protector of my home it is my

17:56

responsibility to teach them and to

17:58

teach them well and shabbat is a

18:01

fantastic way to do that

18:03

in conclusion i think it's incredibly

18:05

ironic that we as believers have

18:09

forgotten the only commandment in the

18:11

bible that we are specifically told to

18:14

remember

18:15

you know if god sits sets apart one

18:18

whole day out of creation week and calls

18:21

it holy set apart and calls it the

18:23

sabbath and we're supposed to remember

18:26

what he did as an example so that we can

18:28

do it moving forward if it was good

18:30

enough for all the patriarchs for jesus

18:32

yeshua himself all the disciples and

18:35

keeping it in the millennium if it's

18:37

good from genesis to revelation why is

18:39

it not good enough for today

18:41

why is it that we're always trying to

18:43

find a way out of doing what god says to

18:46

do even when it's in our best interest

18:49

he made this commandment for us there

18:53

are blessings that are locked up and

18:56

attached prophetically to this

18:58

commandment and all he is asking is hey

19:01

look when you're faithful to your wife i

19:03

unlock blessings when you only serve the

19:06

one true god i unlock blessings when you

19:08

honor your parents i unlock and you

19:11

qualify for these blessings the sabbath

19:13

has got massive blessings attached to it

19:16

that are related to the connectivity and

19:19

the restoration and the incredible power

19:22

of intimacy for your family and we don't

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qualify for them until we actually

19:29

remember

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and we do

19:33

so i encourage you to keep the sabbath

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to look into it ask the father how you

19:38

can begin to incorporate this into your

19:40

life even if it's just a little bit

19:42

maybe it's just a meal on friday night

19:44

maybe just a couple hours on saturday

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until you begin to see that god meant

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what he said when he said you honor me

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and i'll honor you

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if this video blessed you i encourage

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you to watch this video and this video

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as well and make sure you subscribe to

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our youtube channel and turn on those

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