

SERIES: GENESIS
GOD'S PROVISION

1. God's provision of **utopia**

Isaiah 65:17-25; Revelation 21:1-10; Daniel 2:34-35

Genesis 1

29 And God said, "See, I have given you every herb that yields seed which is on the face of all the earth, and every tree whose fruit yields seed; to you it shall be for food.

30 Also, to every beast of the earth, to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, in which there is life, I have given every green herb for food"; and it was so.

31 Then God saw everything that He had made, and indeed it was very good. So the evening and the morning were the sixth day.

Isaiah 65: 17

"For behold, I create new heavens and a new earth; and the former shall not be remembered or come to mind. **Revelation 21:1**

18 But be glad and rejoice forever in what I create; for behold, I create Jerusalem as a rejoicing, **Revelation 21:10**
 And her people a joy.

19 I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and joy in My people; the voice of weeping shall no longer be heard in her, nor the voice of crying.

Revelation 21:2-4

2. God's provision for closure rather than constant **striving**

Exodus 31:13-17; Exodus 20:8-11; Deuteronomy 5:12-15

Genesis 2

1 Thus the heavens and the earth, and all the host of them, were finished. **2** And on the seventh day God ended His work which He had done, and He rested on the seventh day from all His work which He had done. **3** Then God blessed the seventh day and sanctified it, because in it He rested from all His work which God had created and made.

a. For the Jew the sabbath is a **sign and covenant -**

Exodus 20:8-11; Deuteronomy 5:12-15

Exodus 31:13 - "Speak also to the children of Israel, saying: 'Surely My Sabbaths you shall keep, for it is a sign between Me and you throughout your generations, that you may know that I am the Lord who sanctifies you.'"

Exodus 31:16 - "'Therefore the children of Israel shall keep the Sabbath, to observe the Sabbath throughout their generations as a perpetual covenant. **17** It is a sign between Me and the children of Israel forever; for in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth, and on the seventh day He rested and was refreshed.'"

b. For the Christian the Sabbath is **fulfilled in Christ; we can enjoy Sabbath rest 24/7 and it was not a requirement in the early church for Gentiles who became Christians**

Colossians 2:16-17; Hebrews 4:9-11; Acts 15:28-29

What about the **first day of the week for Christians?**

Acts 20:7; 1 Corinthians 16:2; Romans 14:5-6