WHO DO WE CELEBRATE?

Birthday parties typically honor the person born on that day. Yet, on the day of their birth, it was their mother who had to endure labor to bring them into the world. An argument could be made for the birthday celebration to honor the mother who birthed on that day.

At the end of the creation week, God instituted the Sabbath. It serves as a memorial of His creation. As the fourth commandment states, on the Sabbath we remember that God completed His work of creation in six days (Exod. 20:11). Just as with birthday celebrations, we may find ourselves so focused on God's work that we miss the God who did the work.

Because God is infinitely greater than we are, there are many things we cannot fully comprehend about His nature. Yet, as far greater as He is than us, God condescends to be known by us. And it is through His works that we come to know Him.

This week we turn our focus to the Creator God. In speaking of who He is, we cannot but speak of what He does, but we will try to peer deeper than the surface. Going beyond His actions, what can the Sabbath teach us about God Himself? How can the Sabbath serve as a reminder of His character?
Write out Exodus 20:8–11 from the translation of your choice. You may also rewrite the passage in your own words, or outline or mind-map the chapter.
Go back to your scribed text and study the passage.

**Circle** repeated words/phrases/ideas

**Underline** words/phrases that are important and have meaning to you

Draw **Arrows** to connect words/phrases to other associated or related words/phrases

What special insights do your marks seem overall to point to?

Memorize your favorite verse in Exodus 20:8–11. Write it out multiple times to help memorization.

How does your belief concerning God’s goodness impact your day-to-day life?

Aside from His goodness, what does the creation account reveal about God’s character?

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After looking at your scribed and annotated text, what special insights do your marks overall seem to point to?

What questions emerge after reading Exodus 20:8–11? What parts are difficult?

What other principles and conclusions do you find?

If all true knowledge centers in the Creator, how do you reconcile the fact that there are people with advanced educational degrees who do not believe in God?

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What relationship do the following verses have with the themes of Hebrews?

Psalm 19:1–6
Genesis 1
Psalm 111:10
Colossians 1:15–20
Psalm 27:13
Psalm 107

What other verses/promises come to mind in connection with the fourth commandment?

Review your memorized verse from Exodus 20:8–11.
Meditate on Exodus 20:8–11 again and look for where Jesus is.

What is He saying to you through the texts of the week?

How do you see Jesus differently or see Him again?

How is acknowledging God as Creator foundational to His role in your life?

Prayer Response:

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Review the memory verse. How does it apply to your life this week?

After this week’s study of the chapter, what personal applications are you convicted of in your life?

What are practical applications you must make in your Sabbath observance, family activities, and church fellowship?

Read more inSight from the Spirit of Prophecy at www.inversebible.org/sab02-7
Share insights from this week’s memory verse and Bible study as well as any discoveries, observations, and questions with your Sabbath School class (or Bible study group). Consider these discussion questions with the rest of the group.

In what ways is the goodness of God challenged?

Some religions believe in a creator god that is not good. What are the ramifications of an evil creator god?

How can Sabbath-keeping deepen the goodness of God in the mind and heart?

Where are areas in your life that need more “diligence, honesty, thrift, temperance, and purity”?

How have you experienced “spiritual creation” and “spiritual maintenance” in your life?

How can the focus of God be kept throughout Sabbath?

What are factors that cause us to lose the focus of God on Sabbath?

How else are salvational concepts linked with creation and Sabbath?