

Ten Commandments (Part 25)
(The Fourth Commandment – Part 1)

Exodus 20:8; Deuteronomy 5:12

I. Particular Challenges Associated With the 4th Commandment

A. Challenges Associated With the Unchanging Essence of the Sabbath Principle

-The essence of the Sabbath Principle is one-day-in-seven consecration.

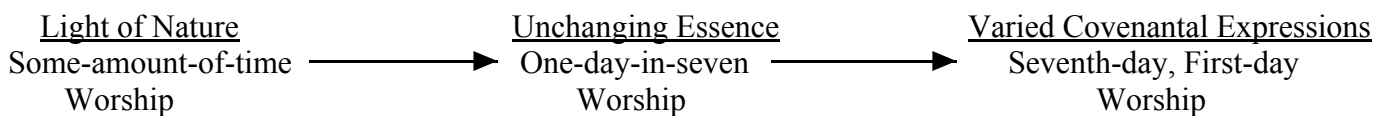
LCF 22:7: *“It is the law of nature that in general a portion of time specified by God should be set apart for the worship of God. So by his Word, in a positive moral and perpetual commandment that obligates everyone in every age, He has specifically appointed one day in seven for a sabbath to be kept holy to Him.”*

-Instituted at creation (Genesis 2:3; Mark 2:27, 28); included in the Decalogue (Exodus 20:8-11; Deuteronomy 5:12-15); continued in the Lord’s Day (Revelation 1:10)

B. Challenges Associated With the Varied Covenantal Expressions of the Sabbath Principle

-Certain civil and ceremonial elements are present in Sabbath observance under the Mosaic Covenant (Exodus 35:3; Numbers 28:9, 10).

-The day is changed under the New Covenant.



C. Challenges Associated With the Relative Obscurity of the Sabbath Principle in the NT

-Sabbath infrequently mentioned in the New Testament

-no explicit commands; some examples; theological arguments (good and necessary consequence)

D. Challenges Associated With Increasing Global Secularization