

10 *Days Of Prayer*

DAY 7 - THE THREE ANGELS' MESSAGES, THE SABBATH, AND PRAYER



"Even to them I will give in My house and within My walls a place and a name better than that of sons and daughters; I will give them an everlasting name that shall not be cut off. Also the sons of the foreigner who join themselves to the Lord, to serve Him, and to love the name of the Lord, to be His servants-everyone who keeps from defiling the Sabbath, and holds fast My covenant - even them I will bring to My holy mountain, and make them joyful in My house of prayer. Their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on My altar; for My house shall be called a house of prayer for all nations" - Isaiah 56:5-7

What is God's Call to Us?

- The three angels' messages are a call to worship our Creator. We did not evolve. We did not come by accident. God created us and life is a precious gift that comes from Jesus.
- In a world of suffering, sickness, and disease, the God of Creation promises to "never leave you nor forsake you" (Hebrews 13:5)
- God calls us to remember the Sabbath to keep it holy. As we rest on Sabbath, we rest in Christ's finished work in our behalf (Hebrews 4:9,10).
- The Sabbath also reminds us to rejoice in His love, rest in His care, and glory in the Christ who paid such a high price for our salvation.
- The Sabbath is a call to prayer, a call to praise, a call to proclaim His goodness.
- The Sabbath points us back to Creation, but it also points us forward to the new heaven and the new earth where we can live with God forever.
- The Sabbath is a day of thanksgiving. We are thankful God created us and has plans for our lives.

Prayer Suggestions

"Praying God's Word" - use Isaiah 56:6-7 as a starter to your prayer.

"Even to Them" - We adore and worship God for He created all of us and desire eternal fellowship with us. God longs to save everyone, and the weekly Sabbath reminds us of this reality.

"Everyone Who Keeps from Defiling the Sabbath" - Ask Jesus to forgive us for we often break the Sabbath by not keeping it holy. Ask Him to help us guard the Sabbath hours and uplift Him during the Sabbath. May we celebrate and testify of God's faithfulness throughout the week on the Sabbath.

"And Hold Fast My Covenant" - We thank Jesus for the Sabbath which is not only a sign and opportunity to remember Him as our Creator, but also a sign of salvation. We can rest in Jesus for He holds fast His covenant promises.

Song Suggestions

- This is My Father's World (CH #92)
- Marching to Zion (CH #422)
- O Day of Rest and Gladness (CH #383)
- Don't Forget the Sabbath (CH #388)
- Whisper a Prayer (*He is Our Song* #101)
- He's Able (*He is Our Song* #100)

Prayer Activity:

Prayer Tree



Supplies:

- *Pick a dried tree branch that has several twigs. Anchored it firmly in a pot and place it in front of the room. Label it the Prayer Tree.
- *Colored patterns of hands with punched holes on one end.
- *Ballpens or pencils

Ask each child to write on the hand pattern two things about the Sabbath they would like to thank Jesus for. Have children tie a string through the holes on their hand patterns and then hang them on the Prayer Tree.

Gather the children around the Prayer Tree and have a few volunteers to offer prayers to thanks to Jesus for giving us the Sabbath.