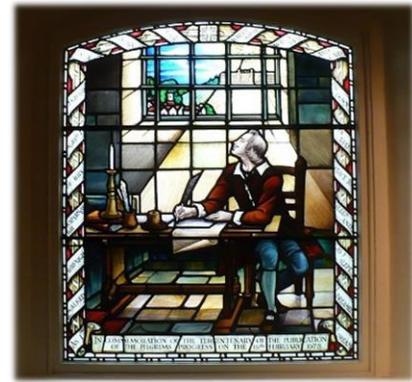


Good morning, Everyone.

This is the last day of an unusual week. Praise the Lord, for bringing our church family through it with many evidences of His lovingkindness.



Tomorrow will be the first day of a new week. How wonderful that the Lord has called it after Himself, *the Lord's day* (Rev. 1:10).

As we prepare for it, I just want to remind us of something that we've reflected upon at church many times. The word translated, *Lord's*, is not the normal possessive. It is a word for something *belonging to the Lord emphatically*. Something consecrated for His use exclusively.

This is the sense in which the Holy Spirit employs it in its only other use in the New Testament; I Cor. 11:20, *the Lord's Supper*.

Whenever we eat or drink, we should do so to the glory of God. But the Lord's Supper demands this of us in a heightened sense. It is not our normal eating and drinking. It is an eating and drinking of something that is, to an emphatically sacred degree, *the Lord's!*

So it is with *the Lord's Day*. Every day is His, of course. But He chose to call the day of Christ's resurrection His own in a peculiar sense. The Lord's Supper, recalling His death, is

emphatically His. The Lord's Day, recalling His resurrection, is emphatically His.

So let's be sure to consecrate tomorrow to Him to a happily heightened degree. Most certainly, if what He promised that Israel would experience if she kept the Sabbath **delightedly**, we will experience even more so if we keep the Lord's Day **delightedly**.

¹³ "If because of the sabbath, you turn your foot from doing your *own* pleasure on My holy day, And call the sabbath a delight, the holy *day* of the LORD honorable, and honor it, desisting from your *own* ways, from seeking your *own* pleasure and speaking *your own* word,

¹⁴ Then you will take delight in the LORD, and I will make you ride on the heights of the earth; And I will feed you *with* the heritage of Jacob your father, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken" (Isa. 58:13-14 NAU).

Moms and dads, find creative ways to make the day a great day for your children. Not a dreary day. A delightful day. But delightful for its once-a-week, spiritual blessings. Even small children can come to enjoy it because it's special!

Praying for You Today,

Pastor Minnick