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Good evening, Everybody.

I decided to wait until now to send this short note, in the hopes that it would better prepare us for the Lord's Day by its arriving right toward the end of our Saturday.



Tomorrow is a gift from God. *Every good thing given and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights. . .* (James 1:17). We can rise in the morning, anticipate the day and its services together, and view it all as packaged up and descending down upon us from above with the bright words, *Gift from God. The Lord's Day; gift from God.*

How our children anticipate Christmas morning and its gifts. Once awake, they're up and out of bed and racing for the tree. If mom and dad are slow to get going, and it's still some time before gift opening, children get delight out of simply throwing themselves down and just *staring* at the presents. *Oh joy, oh delight!*

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,
Then you will take delight in the LORD (Isaiah 58:13c-14a).

The Lord's Day isn't strictly a sabbath, or course. But should we be any less delighted in it and in the Lord because it isn't? What a strange response that would be to New Testament liberty from legislation.

Let's tie up the week's loose ends tonight, and get ready for a really blessed Lord's Day tomorrow: *a gift from God.*

Praying for You Tonight,

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