

Everyone in the House Sunday II

(Just when you thought it was safe to go back)

Psalm 122:1 I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go into the house of the Lord."

New King James Version

I felt controlled and manipulated when they said to me, "Let us go into the house of the Lord"
Heresy Version

I was ticked off, offended, and quit when they said to me, "Let us go into the house of the Lord"
Revised Slandered Version

I told them I don't believe in organized religion, could serve God at home, in nature, or at Safeway when they said to me, "Let us go into the house of the Lord"
Expanded Backsliders Version

The Real Reasons Why People Leave Churches:

- 10% leave to go to be with the Lord
- 12% prefer another church
- 12% job relocation
- 66% offended

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I. Understand the power of agreement:

Matthew 18:19-20 "Again I say to you that if two of you agree on earth concerning anything that they ask, it will be done for them by My Father in heaven. ²⁰ For where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there in the midst of them."

II. Understand the power of commitment:

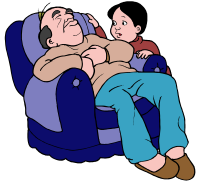
Acts 2:42-43 They continued steadfastly in ... Fellowship ... many signs and wonders were done through the apostles
Acts 2:46-47 So continuing daily with one accord in the temple ... Praising God and having favor with the people, and the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved.

III. Understand the power of the Sabbath:

I get Happy feet on the Sabbath



Please Daddy, you haven't let me go to children's church for three months. I don't want you to go to hell.



The "Sabbath" was designed by God to be a day for turning aside from routine work to rest and be spiritually refreshed (Isa. 58:13). It was to be a day to "delight" in the Lord.



Isaiah 58:13-14 "If you turn away your foot from the Sabbath, From doing your pleasure on My holy day, And call the Sabbath a delight, The holy day of the Lord honorable, And shall honor Him, not doing your own ways, Nor finding your own pleasure, Nor speaking your own words, 14 Then you shall delight yourself in the Lord; And I will cause you to ride on the high hills of the earth, And feed you with the heritage of Jacob your father. The mouth of the Lord has spoken."

Isaiah 58:13 (AMP) If you turn away your foot from [traveling unduly on] the Sabbath, from doing your own pleasure on My holy day, and call the Sabbath a [spiritual] delight, the holy day of the Lord honorable, and honor Him *and* it, not going your own way or seeking *or* finding your own pleasure or speaking with your own [idle] words,



The Responsibility: (vs. 13)

- Call the Sabbath a delight
- Honor Him (priority)
- Doing His pleasure
- Speaking His words (word of God)

The Promise: (vs. 14)

- "Delight" Joy
- Prosperity

He made him ride on the high places of the earth, and he ate the produce of the field; and he made him suck honey out of the rock, and oil out of the flinty rock. curds from the herd, and milk from the flock....

(Deuteronomy 32:13-14)

1. Honoring the Sabbath (vs. 13)

- Principle of rest (Exodus 35:1-2) – this is how much it meant to God. The seventh day rest was given during creation, before the law. It was practiced by believers after the law.
- Sabbath breakers in Northern California – Modern day gold Rush. They honor sports, even their families above God. *They come to church when it is convenient.* It will never be convenient for you to go to church or fast.
- Exodus 20:1-17. In OT you had to observe the law to be saved. Even then it was impossible for man in his flesh to do it. In the NT He puts His law in our heart. In OT you had to do it. In NT you want to do it. Despite your struggles He gives us the power to live the Christian walk. Not a burden, but a delight. NT believers want to go to church.

What? Me go to church. I'm having pillow meditations with Pastor Sheets. Now where was I ...

The new treasury of scripture knowledge:

Vs. 13. turn from doing thy pleasure. Here is the main difficulty: so long as sensual repose, instead of spiritual; intellectual effort, instead of devotional; the pleasure of the mere appetites, instead of the pleasure of the soul of God, is the governing principle in our religion, the sabbath will never be kept aright (Daniel Wilson, *The Lord's Day*, p. 155). As these prophecies evidently relate, or extend, to the times of the Christian dispensation; a cogent argument may be deduced from them, for hallowing the Lord's Day. The rule here given implies, that men must not profane that day by doing their ordinary work, or seeking their secular interest; or by spending it in worldly pleasures and recreations, or sloth and animal indulgence; or by vain and trifling conversation: but that they should delight in the Sabbath, as a holy day especially consecrated to the Lord, to be spent in the public and private duties of religion; honor it above all other days, and honor God on it and for it. In proportion as we are spiritually minded, we shall hallow, honor, and delight in the Sabbaths of God; and, laying aside all employments, pleasures, or discourse which can interrupt our sacred rest in him, we shall seek communion with him in his public and private ordinances: without any other remission, than what is really necessary, or what is a work of love to the souls and bodies of our neighbors and fellow Christians (Scott). If the Divine command was actually delivered at the creation, it was addressed, no doubt, to the whole human species alike, and continues, unless repealed by some subsequent revelation, binding upon all who come to the knowledge of it.

