

Common Sins – The Sabbath:

- The Sabbath roots us in our fundamental purpose: worship
- The importance of worship to God
 - Israel is brought from Egypt primarily to worship – Ex 3:16-18, Deut 5:12-15
 - Eli's family condemned because of flagrant worship violations – 1 Sam 2:27-31
 - Solomon's wives lead him astray in other worship – 1 Kings 11:3-4
 - Heart of the rebuilding of Jerusalem is the temple – Haggai 1:1-11
- Worship is a delight to the Christian
 - Deliverance from the wicked is for praising of God – Ps 35: 26-28
 - Repentance from sin to return to worship – Ps 51:11-19
 - Christ shows centrality of worship in his ministry – Luke 2:48-49,
- Worship is good for man – Mark 2:27-28
 - The Sabbath points us to eternity – John 17:20-26, Rev 4:8-11
 - Points us to the needs of the church – Acts 2:42-47, 1 Cor 16:1-3
- Sabbath is particular target of the Devil:
 - Cain's crime of murder originated in rejection in worship – Gen 4:3-5
 - Christians throughout all of history have consistently needed to be reminded of truths regarding the Sabbath
 - Violations of the Sabbath are very easy to fall into and are created by ourselves and our culture
- Standards for us to ask ourselves:
 - What is my goal in the action? Does it relate to worship or service?
 - Does this aid the body of Christ?
 - Does this serve clear kingdom purposes?
 - Is a disallowed activity necessary (in an emergent sense not due to neglect)?
 - Does this create work for another?
 - Do I know of someone who will be led astray by this (1 Cor 8)?