

# Treasure Hunt

- What does it mean to “speak words” on the Sabbath?
- Which comes first: obedience to the Lord, or delight in him?
- Of what covenant is the Sabbath a sign?
- What does the Sabbath teach us for today?

# Overview of Isaiah 58-66

False vs. True Worship	58:1-14	66:1-24
Indictment & Confession	59:1-15a	63:7-65:25
The Redeemer	59:15b-21	63:1-7
Zion's Glory (2fs)	60:1-22	62:1-12
The Redeemer	61:1-11	

# How Many Conditions and Promises?

## Conditions

## Promises

God

6 loose the wicked bands  
7 feed the hungry

Isaiah

9b **If** ... take away the yoke  
10a feed the hungry

God

13 **If** keep the Sabbath

8 **Then** ... thy light  
9a The Lord shall answer ...

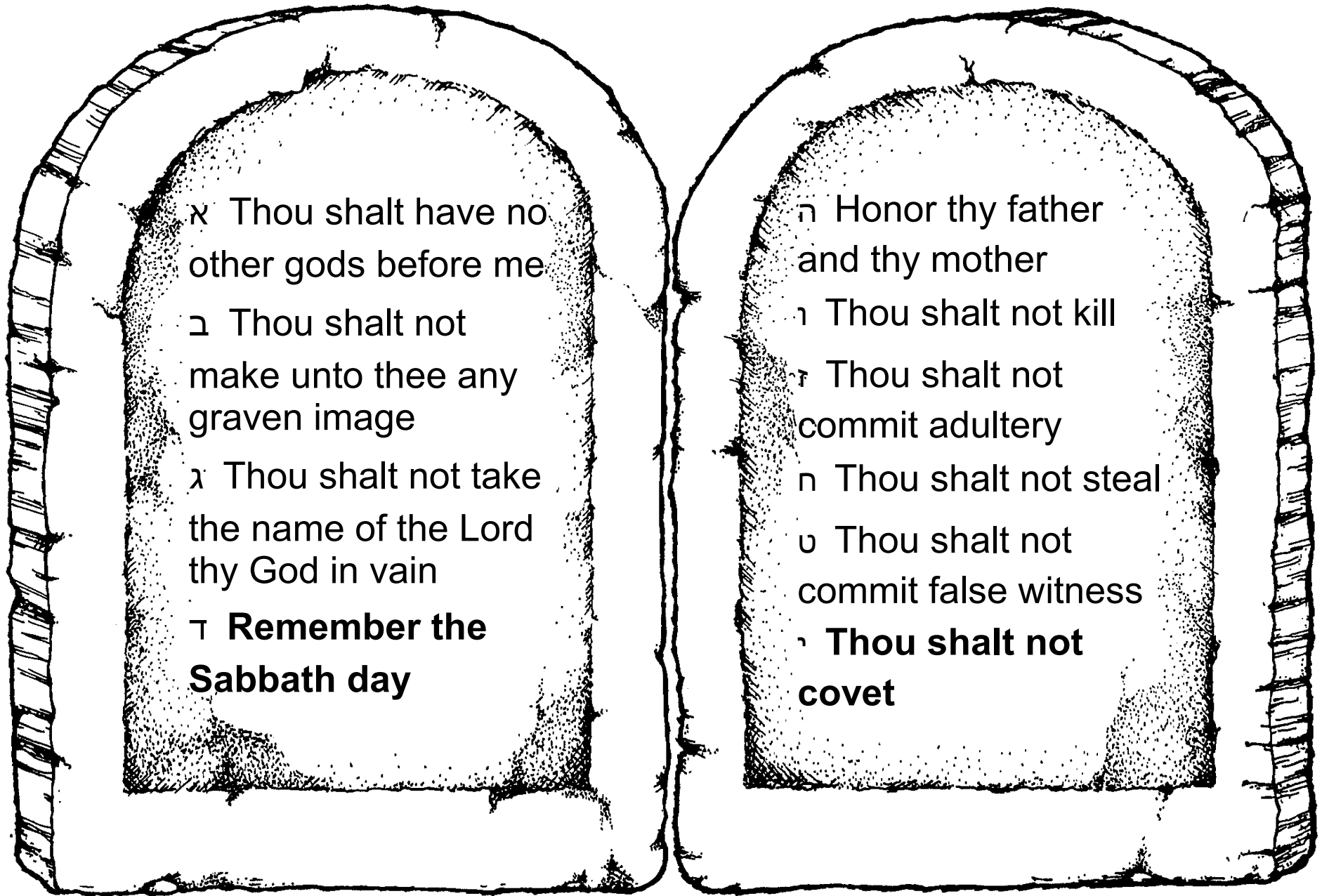
10b (Then) ... thy light  
11 The Lord shall guide ...

14 **Then** ... I ... will feed thee

Fasting

Sabbath

# Fasting and the Sabbath



א Thou shalt have no other gods before me

ב Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image

ג Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain

ד **Remember the Sabbath day**

ה Honor thy father and thy mother

ו Thou shalt not kill

ז Thou shalt not commit adultery

ח Thou shalt not steal

ט Thou shalt not commit false witness

י **Thou shalt not covet**

# 58:13 Condition: A Chiasm

<p>If thou <b>turn away thy</b> <b>foot</b> from the sabbath,  <i>from</i> doing <b>thy pleasure</b> on my holy day;</p>	<p>not doing <b>thine</b> own <b>ways</b>,  nor finding <b>thine own</b> <b>pleasure</b>,  nor <b>speaking</b> <del>thine</del> <del>own</del> words:</p>
<p>and call</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• the sabbath a delight,</li><li>• the holy of the LORD, honourable;</li></ul> <p>and shalt honour <del>him</del> it,</p>	

# “Speaking Words” דבר דברים on the Sabbath

Eliezer in Haran:

Gen 24:33 And there was set *meat* before him to eat: but he said, I will not eat, until I have **told mine errand** דברתי דברי.

Isaiah on coalitions:

Isa 8:10 Take counsel together, and it shall come to nought; **speak the word** דברו דבר, and it shall not stand: for God *is* with us.

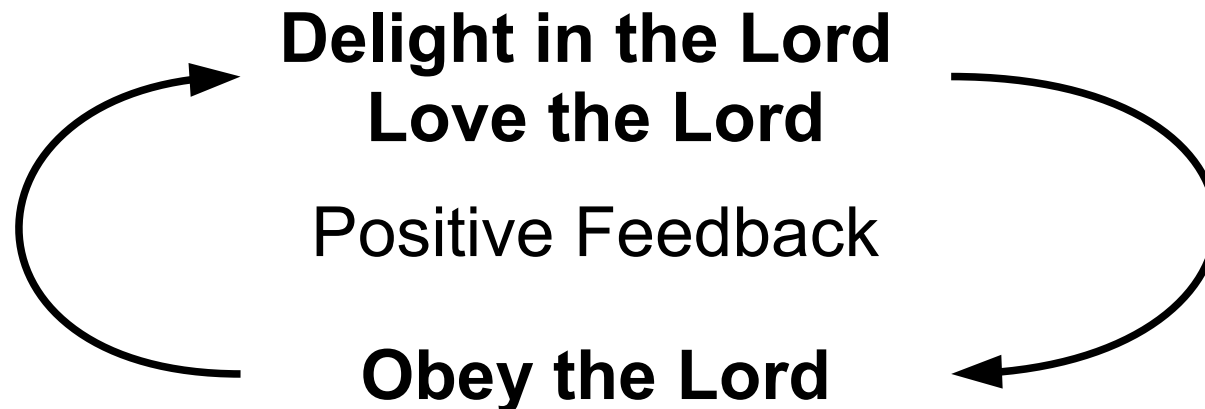
Hosea (Isaiah’s contemporary) on covenants:

Hos 10:4 They have **spoken words** דברו דברים, swearing falsely in making a covenant: thus judgment springeth up as hemlock in the furrows of the field.

→ “Speaking words” = business transactions

# Which comes first?

<b>Obedience → Delight</b>	<b>Delight/Love → Obedience</b>
13 If thou turn away thy foot from the sabbath, ... 14 Then shalt thou delight thyself in the LORD	Joh 14:15 If ye love me, keep my commandments.
Joh 15:10 If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love.	



# Riding on the High Places of the Earth

Deu 32:13 He made him **ride on the high places of the earth**, that he might eat the increase of the fields; and he made him to suck honey out of the rock, and oil out of the flinty rock;

Deu 33:29-1 Happy *art* thou, O Israel: who *is* like unto thee, O people saved by the LORD, the shield of thy help, and who *is* the sword of thy excellency! and thine enemies shall be found liars unto thee; and **thou shalt tread upon their high places.**



# The Sabbath Puzzle

Prominent in Isaiah's promises:

Isa 56:2, 6-7 Blessed *is* the man *that* doeth this, and the son of man *that* layeth hold on it; that **keepeth the sabbath** from polluting it, and keepeth his hand from doing any evil. ... 6 Also the sons of the stranger, that join themselves to the LORD, to serve him, and to love the name of the LORD, to be his servants, every one that **keepeth the sabbath** from polluting it, and taketh hold of my covenant;

Isa 66:23 And it shall come to pass, *that* from one new moon to another, and **from one sabbath to another**, shall all flesh come to worship before me, saith the LORD.

Not required in the NT:

Col 2:16-17 Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of an holyday, or of the new moon, or of the **sabbath days**: 17 Which are a shadow of things to come; but the body *is* of Christ.

# 1. The Sabbath is Israel's Sign

## Covenantal signs or seals

*Noah:* Gen 9:12-13 And God said, This *is* the **token אֵיט** of the covenant which I make between me and you...13 I do set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be for a token **token אֵיט** of a covenant between me and the earth.

*Abraham:* Gen 17:11 ye shall circumcise the flesh of your foreskin; and it shall be a **token אֵיט** of the covenant betwixt me and you.

*New Covenant:* Eph 1:13 in whom also after that ye believed, ye were **sealed** with that holy Spirit of promise,

## The Sabbath and Sinai

Exo 31:12-17 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, 13 Speak thou also unto the children of Israel, saying, Verily my **sabbaths** ye shall keep: for **it is a sign אֵיט** between me and you throughout your generations; that ye may know that I *am* the LORD that doth sanctify you. 14 Ye shall keep the **sabbath** therefore; for it *is* holy unto you: ... 17 **It is a sign אֵיט** between me and the children of Israel for ever: ...

# 2. The Sabbath is a Civil Ordinance

#	Israelite	Babylonian
1	Abib	Nisan
2	Ziv	Iyyar
3		Sivan
4		Tammuz
5		Ab
6		Elul
7	Ethanim	Tishri
8	Bul	Marchesyan
9		Chislev
10		Tebeth
11		Shebat
12		Adar

Setting the calendar is a civil function (compare month names in the OT).

Israel is a civil as well as a spiritual entity.

The church is not to be a civil power:

Joh 18:36 Jesus answered, My kingdom is not of this world: if my kingdom were of this world, then would my servants fight, that I should not be delivered to the Jews: but now is my kingdom not from hence.

When Israel's civil rule is restored in the Millennium, her calendar (Sabbath, feasts) will return as well.

# 3. The Sabbath is relevant today

2Ti 3:16-17 All scripture *is* given by inspiration of God, and *is* profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: 17 That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.

Mar 2:27 And he said unto them, The sabbath was made for man, and not man for the sabbath:

Heb 4:9-11 There remaineth therefore a [sabbath-]rest to the people of God. 10 For he that is entered into his rest, he also hath ceased from his own works, as God *did* from his. 11 Let us labour therefore to enter into that rest, lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief.