

Welcome to Hope Sabbath School—an in-depth interactive study of the Word of God. We are continuing a series of studies on The Cosmic Conflict. Today’s topic: THE FOUNDATION OF GOD’S GOVERNMENT.

Key verse: Revelation 12:17

1. Justice and mercy

- a) Revelation 11:15,19, Exodus 25:9,16-22, 31:18 What is the significance of the Ten Commandments being placed in the Ark of the Testimony in the Most Holy Place of the Sanctuary, covered by the Mercy Seat?
- b) According to the psalmists, what are the foundation of God’s throne? Psalm 97:1-2, Psalm 89:14
- c) What messages from the LORD about justice and mercy are recorded in the Scriptures? Exodus 34:5-7, Jeremiah 9:23-24, Micah 6:8, etc.
- d) Why is justice important to God as well as mercy?

2. God’s law will not be altered or abolished

- a) Some Christians teach that God’s Ten Commandment Law has been done away with, nailed to the cross. (citing Colossians 2:13-14) What do the Scripture teach about the immutability and perpetuity of God’s Law? Will God’s Law be altered or abolished? Psalm 111:7-8, 119:142, Matthew 5:17-18, etc.
- b) How would you respond to someone who says, “We don’t need to keep the Ten Commandments anymore because we are no longer under the law but under grace” (Romans 6:14)?

3. The Sabbath Commandment

- a) Exodus 20:8-11 – the commandment
- b) Genesis 2:1-3 – the origin of the Sabbath
- c) Luke 4:16 – the example of Jesus
- d) Isaiah 66:22-23 – Sabbath in the new earth
- e) How would you respond to someone who says, “Keeping the Sabbath is legalistic”?

4. Attempts to change the Sabbath

- a) Revelation 12:17 Why is keeping the commandments of God an identifying characteristic of the “saints” described in the Book of Revelation?
- b) Why does Satan hate the Sabbath, want people to forget it, and make war against those who remember the Sabbath to keep it holy?
- c) What “times and laws” did the Little Horn power of Daniel 7:25 seek to change?
- d) Revelation 14:6-7 – Where do you see an urgent call to remember the Sabbath to keep it holy in the message of the First Angel of Revelation 14?
- e) What are the identifying characteristics of those who refuse to worship the Beast power described in the book of Revelation? Revelation 14:12
- f) When did you come to appreciate the Sabbath as a gift from your Creator and Redeemer?

