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Much of the world in modern times has accepted the imaginary process which was described in "The Evolution of Species." The result can be seen in the godless and morally backward state of society in many places.

Those nations with more rigorous moral standards can also tend towards more violence and bloodshed - and so all nations are greatly in need of spiritual tutoring under the same Law which will be in effect in Israel. Of that Law the Psalmist wrote,

"The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul; The testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple; The statutes of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; The commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes" - Psalms 19:7.

A feature in the tutoring of the nations will be in the structuring and regulation of life in special days and events - "From one New Moon to another, and from one Sabbath to another, all flesh shall come to worship before Me, says the Lord" - Isaiah 66:23. Not only will the Sabbath be a day of rest -

"There are six days when you may work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath of rest, a day of sacred assembly. You are not to do any work; wherever you live, it is a Sabbath to the Lord" - Leviticus 23:3. A foremost reason for making this a day for remembering God was that it will be a weekly reminder that -

"in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day. Therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and hallowed it" - Exodus 20:11. There was a double purpose in keeping the Sabbath. From the human point of view it provided a break from everyday work, which is beneficial for both physical and mental health.

Not only "In it you shall do no work" but also "your son, nor your daughter, nor your manservant, nor your maidservant, nor your cattle, nor your stranger who is within your gates." All, not only the rich and privileged, are to have the same blessed opportunity to move their mind away from "the things which are seen (which) are temporary" but to concentrate their attention on "the things which are not seen (and) are eternal" - 2 Corinthians 4:18.

The care of God extends also to the working animals, showing what true Godly mercy is. Beyond this, the Sabbath will provide the leisure, instead of "doing your pleasure," to instead "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." The objective is to take the time and make the effort to familiarize oneself with the instructions which God has put on record in His written record of the Old Testament and New Testament - paying attention rather, to His words.

This keeping of the Sabbath will not be a pointless exercise, it was not designed to diminish one's quality of life, but to improve it in the long term. By this exercise "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..." - Isaiah 58:13-14. By this absorption of the expressed mind of God, one will in fact be preparing for an immortal and everlasting life of joy on this earth - Matthew 5:5, received when "The last enemy that will be destroyed is death" - 1 Corinthians 15:26 .