

“God’s Party (1): MySpace”
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- ☐ God’s Party: Now that we know the _____, let’s explore the _____.

- ☐ Exodus 31:17
 - ◆ Hebrews 8:8
 - ◆ The same people God makes the new covenant with he gives the Sabbath to—“Israel” represents _____ his people forever.

- ☐ Dynamic verb #1—_____
 - ◆ The Hebrew word is *naphash*— “to take a _____.”
 - ◆ New Jerusalem Bible: “. . . but on the seventh day he rested and drew breath.”
 - ◆ Its Hebrew twin is *nephesh*—“a _____ being.”
 - Genesis 2:7—the Creator breathed the breath of life into us and we became _____ [KJV—“a living soul”]!
 - So the word *naphash* which is a twin to *nephesh* carries with it the nuanced meaning of “coming _____ to life”—being “re-freshed” or “re-souled.”
 - ◆ To be re-freshed is to be _____ .
 - Q: What is the purpose of a recharger?
A: To restore the _____ and _____ of that which has become run down.
 - Be it a battery . . . or a life.
 - Exodus 23:12
 - ◆ James Richard Wibberding: “Energy is more precious than time I can’t use my time without energy. Perceptive people transform our energy needs into dollars, selling everything from energy bars to energy drinks to sugar highs. And, what party thrives without ‘refreshments’? We humans have to recharge or refuel often. This energy deficit can be traced to human banishment from the tree of life (Genesis 3:22-23) but all is not lost. There is something of _____ still within reach.” (*Sabbath Reflections: A Weekly Devotional* 87, 88)
 - ◆ What would happen if we shifted the Sabbath paradigm from obligatory observance to recharging _____ ?

- ☐ Dynamic verb #2—_____
 - ◆ The Hebrew word here is *shabath* from whence comes our word “Sabbath”—“to _____ or desist.”
 - ◆ When God rested on the Sabbath, he simply _____ doing what he’d been doing all week long.
 - ◆ The Fourth Commandment: “Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord your God. In it you shall do no _____ .” (Exodus 20:8-11)

- ◆ Why cease?
 - ◆ Because it's the secret of every lasting friendship—you remove the _____ so that you can focus on the relationship.
 - ◆ Exodus 31:17—"The Sabbath is a sign between Me and you forever—the sign of our forever _____."
- In the Bible God calls the Sabbath "_____" (Isaiah 58:13)—today he would surely call it "_____".
- ◆ "Six days I give to you to do your work and grow your networks and utilize your technologies and expand your connectivities—but the seventh day is the _____ Sabbath day of the Lord your God."
 - ◆ "And in the MySpace of My Sabbaths, you shalt unplug your _____ that you might plug into your _____."
 - "Be _____ and know that I am God"—Psalm 46:10.
 - *Desire of Ages*: "When every other voice is hushed, and in quietness we wait before Him, the silence of the soul [read, with the gadgets turned off] makes more distinct the voice of God." (363)
 - ◆ A counterintuitive teaching for our hi-techy minds: In order to be _____ in ("refreshed and recharged"), we must first become _____ ("cease and desist"). (Exodus 31:17)

The Gladdest Day of All

Day, way, all, "Refreshed", breath, breathing, alive, back, re-charged, power, energy, refreshment, refreshment, Rested, cease, ceased, work, distractions, friendship, MyDay, MySpace, MySpace, gadgets, God, still, plugged, unplugged