

“God’s Party (5): Yahoo!”
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- For a generation with _____ “sickness,” the Sabbath is God’s _____ Day.
 - ◆ Job 38:7 NRSV—“[At creation] the morning stars sang together and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy.”

- **Isaiah 58:13-14**
 - ◆ “I have given you the Sabbath to be a _____—My holy day—My Yahoo! Day.”
 - The Hebrew word Isaiah chooses for “delight” describes a very _____-focused joy (Isaiah 58:14/66:11).
 - That’s why Job can exclaim: “Then you will have your delight in the _____” (Job 22:26).
 - ◆ Isaiah 58:13 NRSV—“If you refrain from _____ the sabbath . . .”
 - ◆ Isaiah’s point is inescapable: To trample on the flag of the Sabbath is paramount to insulting the _____ the Day represents.
 - ◆ Isaiah 58:13 NRSV—“If you refrain from trampling the sabbath, from pursuing your own interests on my _____ day; if you call the sabbath a delight and the _____ day of the LORD honorable; if you honor it, not going your own ways, serving your own interests, or pursuing your own affairs . . .”
 - When God declares something “holy” (burning bush, seventh-day Sabbath), it is because he has infused it with his _____.
 - Yahoo!—because the joy of the Sabbath is the _____ of God.

- Five simple strategies to keep God’s presence alive with joy in your Sabbath:
 - ◆ #1—G_____ the doors.
 - Leviticus 23:32—“From _____ to _____ you shall celebrate your Sabbath.”
 - The doors to the Sabbath are the _____ on Friday evening and Saturday evening.
 - That’s the way _____ celebrated the Sabbath (Mark 1:32).
 - Because that’s the way God began time-keeping “in the beginning”—he began with darkness and created light—and evermore each _____ was marked by “evening and morning” (see Genesis 1).
 - Be at the door to welcome God into your Sabbath: play your favorite religious music; gather your family or join with some friends to read Matthew 11:28; pick a psalm or passage to memorize; share a prayer of welcome to the Lord of the Sabbath into your heart/home.
 - ◆ #2—G_____ your rest.
 - A Chinese sage’s three-word biography of the West: _____, _____, _____.

- Get your Sabbath rest in the _____ part of the Sabbath.
- ◆ #3—G_____ to church.
 - Download our “YouTube” study.
- ◆ #4—G_____ of yourself.
 - Isaiah 58:7, 10.
 - The Sabbath is God’s Day for _____ others.
 - Jesus’ Sabbath admonition: “It is right to do _____ on the Sabbath” (Matthew 12:10 NLT).
 - “According to the fourth commandment the Sabbath was dedicated to rest and religious worship. All secular employment was to be suspended, but works of mercy and benevolence were in accordance with the purpose of the Lord. They were not to be limited to time or place. To relieve the afflicted, to comfort the sorrowing, is a labor of love that does _____ to God’s holy day.” (*Welfare Ministry* 77)
- ◆ #5—G_____ in your God.
 - Slow down . . . calm down . . . quiet down . . . with Me.
 - Calvin Miller: “All _____ must be checked at the gates of the throne room. . . . To run in and out of the presence of royalty or to try to set the limits on our conversation is to forget who we are and to whom we are talking. God is the King. We must lay down all our appointment books—they are not significant in His presence.” (*Into the Depths of God*)
 - Or better yet, mark every seventh day in your PDA or appointment book or laptop calendar—circle every Sabbath day with these words—“_____ appointment with God.”

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