

and lives. Moral law deals with great principles, the infraction of which produces harm, and the carrying out of which produces good. Ceremonial law is the presentation of principles to the mind and heart of those involved. The important thing is not carrying out the details of the ~~xxx~~ ceremony but it is having the principles driven home to the heart. During the time before the coming of Christ ceremonial law was much more involved and detailed than subsequently. The reason for this is that so much of it looks forward to the death of Christ which was not fully explained as yet. People saw then through a glass darkly certain things which we can look back upon and see clearly now. In looking forward it was necessary to have a great amount of ceremony to suggest important aspects in one way and another. Now on some of these matters we can look back to and see the actual facts and understand them, and therefore the amount of ~~xxx~~ ceremony needed is far less. Thus the sabbath, coming at the end of the week, showed the progression in the activity of God. It showed that all His activity headed up toward a great purpose. It looks forward to what God was going to accomplish ^{as} at the completion and culmination of His work, and this day, ~~xxx~~ set apart for rest and for worship ^{of} God reminded the hearers constantly of the regularity and progression in ~~God's~~ God's work as He prepared things for His great accomplishment s that He was going to do when He completed His work by destroying the work of the Devil, and paying the ransom for sin, and eventually establishing complete peace and joy and freedom from sin throughout the world. Thus the sabbath rest looks forward both to the accomplishment of Christ on the Cross, and also to the era of millennial rest and joy which is to come at the very end of the age.

~~xx~~ There was a change in this ceremony, as in so many others, when Christ came. He was raised from the dead on the first day of the week, and thus the completion of His work became the very beginning of the life and work