

# Look Forward To The Lord's Day

When you think about it, it really is a long way from one Sunday to the next. As busy as we are, a week seems to go by rather quickly — but spiritually there are so many temptations and difficulties and discouragements in a week's time, we ought to be glad there are not any more than six days between Lord's Days. And considering the toll that each week takes on us spiritually, we should to look forward to the Lord's Day. Sunday is a true "oasis" in the often dry desert of our weekly routine. What we do on this day are much more than duties and responsibilities. They are blessings.

A part of what we ought to look forward to is the "mutual" aspect of what happens on the first day of the week. When Paul wrote to his brethren in Rome, expecting to visit them soon, he said, "For I long to see you, that I may impart unto you some spiritual gift, to the end ye may be established; That is, that I may be comforted together with you by the mutual faith both of you and me" (Romans 1:11-12). As an apostle, Paul obviously had some encouragement he could give the church in Rome. But he also looked forward to being encouraged by them. It was a mutual and so it should be with us. This encouragement is not limited to Sunday, of course, but when we are together on the Lord's Day, we should encourage our brethren and be encouraged by them. Mutual encouragement on the first day of the week is not only very important, it is something we should look forward to very much.

Sunday should not be the only day when Christians meet together (Acts 2:46). Nevertheless, God did intend the first day to have a meaning that no other day possesses. It is, among other aspects, the one day each week when we observe the Lord's Supper (Acts 20:7). In a sense, our attitude about the Lord's Day — along with the feeling we have when we anticipate it — says a great deal about the state of our spiritual health. If we do not find ourselves looking forward to the best day of the week, then it is time for a spiritual checkup. Each day this week, consider the following thoughts:

- Monday: look forward to observing the Lord's Supper (Acts 20:6-12).
- Tuesday: look forward to giving of our means (1 Corinthians 16:1-4).
- Wednesday: look forward to singing, praying, and studying (Acts 2:41-47).
- Thursday: look forward to being with Christians (1 Thessalonians 2:17-20).
- Friday: look forward to worshiping with His people (Psalm 122:1-9).

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