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Sermon Scriptures for 5/14/23

Exodus 16:23 (CSB) He told them, "This is what the Lord has said: 'Tomorrow is a day of complete rest, a holy Sabbath to the Lord. Bake what you want to bake, and boil what you want to boil, and set aside everything left over to be kept until morning."

The closer we get to God the more aware we are of our failings when compared to His perfection.

John 8:39 - 47 (NKJV) ³⁹They answered and said to Him, "Abraham is our father." Jesus said to them, "If you were Abraham's children, you would do the works of Abraham. ⁴⁰But now you seek to kill Me, a Man who has told you the truth which I heard from God. Abraham did not do this. ⁴¹You do the deeds of your father." Then they said to Him, "We were not born of fornication; we have one Father—God." ⁴²Jesus said to them, "If God were your Father, you would love Me, for I proceeded forth and came from God; nor have I come of Myself, but He sent Me. ⁴³Why do you not understand My speech? **Because** you are not able to listen to My word. ⁴⁴You are of *your* father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do.

John 8:44 (CSB) You are of your father the devil, and you want to carry out your father's desires. He was a murderer from the beginning and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he tells a lie, he speaks from his own **nature**, because he is a liar and the father of lies.

It is the devil's nature to lie, It is the devil's nature to steal, It is the devil's nature to destroy, It is the devil's nature to murder.

It is God's nature to speak the truth. It is God's nature to not steal but to redeem. It is God's nature to restore. It is God's nature to give life. 2 of 2

2 Corinthians 5:17 (NKJV) Therefore, if anyone *is* in Christ, *he is* a **new** creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.

2 Peter 1:1 - 4 (NKJV) ¹Simon Peter, a bondservant and apostle of Jesus Christ, To those who have obtained like precious faith with us by the righteousness of our God and Savior Jesus Christ: ²Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord, ³as His divine power has given to us all things that *pertain* to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue, ⁴by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption *that is* in the world through lust.