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I think the very phrase, "to sanctify it and hallow it" involves special recognition of God and worship of God, but whether it is a formal worship I am not sure -- we certainly don't in the pentateuch, that I recall, have any specific regulation for that. Mr .--- (Student) Yes. Well, there are two features about the Sabbath. There is the one feature that God has made us such that it is necessary for us to preserve this rythm, and He prescribed, in fact, in the Old Testament, for the land -- that six years the land should be used and it should lie fallow the seventh year. The land has its Sabbath. There is a rythm in the creation, of the six days of activity and then the cessation from the activity. That is one feature of it. The other feature is the ceremonial feature, that the recurrence of the Sabbath was in itself a reminder to the people of God's creative work, a reminder of the orderliness of it and of the fact that it looks toward a goal and a looking forward to the great goal of His creative will, which is in Christ, and of course we remember the goal as the Hebrews had it and also in addition by putting it on the first day we look back to the foundation of everything in / resurrection of Christ. Mr.---? (Student) What do you mean by ? Oh, you mean that it isn't the seventh day but it is a particular day which happened to be the seventh day. Well, the only thing important about the day is that it comes in a certain rythm, that it is the seventh in order. There is nothing about the day different from any other day except that it occupies this position mathematically. (Student) Well, of course, that is a matter of interpretation. The New Testament nowhere states that we are to make a change from the seventh day to the first day. It nowhere makes such a statement, but it has been the custom of the Christian church from the very early periods to, and we find evidence in the New Testament of the people coming together to worship God on the first day. that date , but we have no commandment We, therefore, in the New Testament. We interpret the Old Testament prediction as a rythm rather than the precise day and this rythm as being fulfilled in the New Testament