

CHAPTER 13

## Understanding the Original Sabbath Helps Us Understand the Original Tithe

**K**eeping the Sabbath was one of the most important religious laws in ancient Israel. Its inclusion in the Ten Commandments proves this:

Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord your God. In it you shall do no work: you, nor your son, nor your daughter, nor your male servant, nor your female servant, nor your cattle, nor your stranger who is within your gates. For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day. Therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and hallowed it.”

Exodus 20:8-11

The Sabbath was so important that anyone who violated it was executed: “Work shall be done for six days, but the seventh is the Sabbath of rest, holy to the Lord. Whoever does any work on the Sabbath day, he shall surely be put to death” (Exodus 31:15).

Unfortunately, some guy didn’t take this law to heart and paid the consequences for breaking the Sabbath: