



Doug's Reflection

05-03-26 THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

I've been meditating lately on the number 7, and how 7 holds deep significance in Sacred Scripture. 7 is a number of divine wholeness. From the very start, the 7th day marked the conclusion of God's expression of creativity. In 6 days God created His handwork, and rested on the 7th day. There are 7 things which God hates (Pro 6:16). On the Ark, Noah had 7 clean animals for sacrifice (Gen. 7:2). The priests were not to sacrifice an animal before it was 7 days old (Ex. 22:30). Naaman was instructed to dip 7 times in the river Jordan (2 Kings 5:10). 70 x 7 marks a rhetorical completion of forgiveness for grievances in one day (Mat. 8:22). 7 Churches, 7 Letters, 7 Lampstands, 7 Spirits, 7 eyes, 7 seven seals (Revelation). Going back - - - God rested on the 7th day. Our "7th day" of rest is Sunday. Will you rest in worship, or will you wind up resting from worship?