SAYING BARUCH HAMAVDIL

Baruch HaMavdil Bein Kodesh L'Chol To Do Melacha

After it is dark, say *Baruch ha'mavdil bein kodesh l'chol* (just those words--not God's name or any of the standard words used in blessings!) if you want to end *Shabbat* and do weekday activities (*melachot*) before saying *ma'ariv's amida* or *havdala*.

REASON This fulfills the commandment of "*zachor*" for *Shabbat* and allows you to do *melacha*.

NOTE But it does not allow you to eat or drink, once you have finished *se'uda shlishit*, until you hear or say *havdala*.

Baruch HaMavdil... and Birkat HaMazon at Third Meal

SITUATION You washed your hands, said *ha'motzi*, were eating your meal (this could be se'uda shlishit or even a fourth meal) and it is now dark. You want to do *melacha*.

WHAT TO DO If you have not yet finished *se'uda shlishit*, saying Baruch ha'mavdil bein kodesh l'chol after dark on Saturday night does not affect the *Shabbat* additions you will then say in birkat ha'mazon. So, you may say Baruch ha'mavdil bein kodesh l'chol and do *melacha*, and then continue to eat your meal or say birkat ha'mazon INCLUDING the two *Shabbat* additions of retzei and ha'rachaman hu yanchileinu yom she'kulo *Shabbat* u'menucha l'chayei ha'olamim.

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