

INTRODUCTION TO
CHAPTER THIRTY-ONE

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The previous chapters in this book have told a very remarkable story about the Creation of all Heaven and Earth. Yet this book does not even begin to do justice to what actually took place. The failing words of we humans cannot do anything approaching justice to the immense and powerful works of Almighty God.

In just six short days, God the Father (by His beloved Son, Jesus Christ) created the Heavens and the Earth. During these six incredible days, God performed countless, incredibly mighty works. That is why the Word of God calls it “His mighty works of old.” But when all this important work was finished, God rested.

This vital chapter examines Day Seven, or the last day of the Creation week. It notes the unique nature of this very special day of the week, and the true meaning of it. Friend, the true seventh day of the Creation week became the Sabbath of rest, chosen by God Himself. This one particular day of the week was blessed by God, and it was sanctified by God.

As the writer has thoroughly examined the Holy Scriptures, from cover to cover, he finds that there is no other day of the week like the seventh-day Sabbath of God. No other day of the week has been blessed and sanctified by God, and ordained by Him as the approved day of rest for His people. This particular day was declared by God to be holy.

The seventh-day Sabbath of God was set aside, specifically and completely, for no other purpose but the full worship of God. It is one whole day of the week, set aside for unhindered fellowship with God the Father, and His beloved Son, our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. It is a day for being in perfect communion with our Creator: to thank Him for all of those many things which He has done.

Friend, the seventh-day Sabbath is a very special day indeed, because God the Father is the One who has appointed it. It is special to Him, therefore, shouldn't it be special to us? Out of love and respect to God, shouldn't we desire to please Him in every way possible? Friend, it truly is a pleasure to honor God, even in that manner, and on that particular day, which He has ordained.

With this short introduction, let us turn to examine the Sabbath which was ordained of God.

Chapter 31: HALLOWED BY GOD

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LAST DAY OF CREATION

Concerning the end of the Creation week, the Word of God states: *“Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. And on the seventh day God ended his work which he had made; and he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had made.*

“And God blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it: because that in it he had rested from all his work which God created and made.”¹

SANCTIFIED DAY

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On the seventh day, God rested from all of His mighty works of Creation. As God rested, He considered all of His creations and was well pleased. He took great delight in the many things which He had made.² God was also pleased with this special time of rest. He likewise considered the labor of mankind, whom He had created in His own image. Out of His love and mercy for all Creation, God went further in His acts toward the seventh day.

The Lord God Almighty gave to this one particular day of the week a very unique and special blessing. The Word of God makes extremely clear that this seventh day is like no other day of the week. This special day is actually sanctified by God the Father. It is holy unto the Father of all Creation. God Himself has appointed it as His chosen and ordained Sabbath day of rest.³

ANOTHER DAY

Since ancient times, the heathen have worshiped their primary god, the sun, on the first day of the week.⁴ This first day of the week is the one which we currently call Sun-day.⁵ When spoken of in the Word of God, the most common name for the pagan sun-god is Baal. History shows that the ancient Egyptians knew Baal by the name of Amon-Ra.⁶ It is interesting to find that Baal was somewhat like a chameleon. He was known by many different names, depending on the culture.

In defiance of the Lord God Almighty, the pagan worshipers of the sun proclaimed Baal to be the lord of the whole universe. They put Baal in place of the true Lord God Almighty. In a common scenario forged by the pagan sun worshipers, it is claimed that Baal was killed by some form of monsters. They further claim that, after a period of time, Baal was then restored back to life.⁷ It appears that the pagans were, as always, doing their best to counterfeit the things of the Lord Jesus Christ.⁸

REST AND WORSHIP



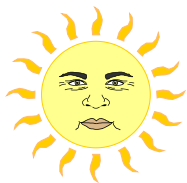
There came a time when God took out of the pagan Gentiles a people upon which to place His name.^{9, 10, and 11} These were to be the very people of God. They were instructed to be obedient to the Lord their God.¹² They were to keep His commandments, and walk in His true ways, above all else.

To the people of God, it was instructed: *“Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work: but the seventh day is the sabbath of the LORD thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates: for in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it.”*¹³

SPECIAL NOTE

Examine closely the above command of God to His people. When He made His command to them concerning the seventh-day Sabbath of God, He instructed them to **remember** it, and to keep it holy. Look again: they were to **remember** it! Yes, remember it, because it was not a new commandment. The legitimate Sabbath of God was honored by His true worshipers since the Creation.¹⁴

Israel (to whom the passage above was initially addressed) had just left an environment of pagan sun worship. They were intimately familiar with all of the practices associated with sun worship. They were fully surrounded by these pagan practices during their bondage in Egypt. The Egyptians were completely and openly given to all of the perverted trappings of this sun worship.



The Egyptians worshiped their pagan sun-god on the day of the sun. The children of Israel had spent many years under these heathen sun worshipers and their particular day of sun worship. When God brought the children of Israel out of Egypt, the Israelites needed to be reminded anew of God’s true way, and that true day which He has chosen and set aside for His worship.

FURTHER DEFINITION

Friend, let us examine this matter further through the Word of God. In the following passage of Scripture, God the Father is giving instruction for His own people. In this passage, further definition is given toward the true Sabbath of God.

It is written: *“And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, ‘Speak thou also unto the children of Israel, saying, Verily my sabbaths ye shall keep: for it is a sign between me and you throughout your generations; that ye may know that I am the LORD that doth sanctify you.”*

“Ye shall keep the sabbath therefore; for it is holy unto you: every one that defileth it shall surely be put to death: for whosoever doeth any work therein, that soul shall be cut off from among his people. Six days may work be done; but in the seventh is the sabbath of rest, holy to the LORD: whosoever doeth any work in the sabbath day, he shall surely be put to death.

“Wherefore the children of Israel shall keep the sabbath, to observe the sabbath throughout their generations, for a perpetual covenant. It is a sign between me and the children of Israel for ever: for in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, and on the seventh day he rested, and was refreshed.”¹⁵

BASIC EXAMINATION



The preceding passage of Holy Scripture points the individual all the way back to the very time of Creation. It points back to that time of total rest which God took at the end of Creation. That rest took place on the seventh day of the Creation week.

The above Scripture shows that the seventh day of the week is chosen by God Himself as the Sabbath of rest from all carnal endeavors. This seventh day is also unique because it is holy unto the Lord. It is of note that this seventh-day Sabbath of God was given to His true people as a perpetual covenant. This means that it was given forever.

SPECIAL SIGNIFICANCE

Examine once again the passage of Scripture shown above. Notice another special significance in keeping the true seventh-day Sabbath of God (that day which is now commonly called Saturday). By keeping the true Sabbath, we are openly acknowledging that it is the Lord God who sanctifies us. According to the Word of God, by keeping God's Sabbath, we are acknowledging our sanctification by the works of God rather than by our own carnal "righteous" works.¹⁶

The way of God was made very clear to His people from the beginning. There was no question about what God has wanted from those who are called His people. Nevertheless, what have the great majority of these people done with the truth? Were they obedient to the true way of God?

THE PROCLAMATION

The LORD God (by the mouth of His prophet) proclaims of Israel: *“And I gave them my statutes, and showed them my judgments, which if a man do, he shall even live in them. Moreover also I gave them my sabbaths, to be a sign between me and them, that they might know that I am the LORD that sanctify them.*

“But the house of Israel rebelled against me in the wilderness: they walked not in my statutes, and they despised my judgments, which if a man do, he shall even live in them; and my sabbaths they greatly polluted: then I said, I would pour out my fury upon them in the wilderness, to consume them. But I wrought for my name's sake, that it should not be polluted before the heathen, in whose sight I brought them out.

“Yet also I lifted up my hand unto them in the wilderness, that I would not bring them into the land which I had given them, flowing with milk and honey, which is the glory of all lands; because they despised my judgments, and walked not in my statutes, but polluted my sabbaths: for their heart went after their idols.

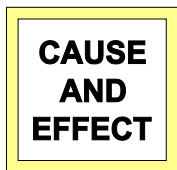
“Nevertheless mine eye spared them from destroying them, neither did I make an end of them in the wilderness. But I said unto their children in the wilderness, ‘Walk ye not in the statutes of your fathers, neither observe their judgments, nor defile yourselves with their idols: I am the LORD your God; walk in my statutes, and keep my judgments, and do them; and hallow my sabbaths; and they shall be a sign between me and you, that ye may know that I am the LORD your God.’”¹⁷

FURTHER COMMANDMENT

The Lord God was (and still is) searching for individuals who diligently obey Him in all things. God the Father commanded Israel not to walk in the statutes or traditions of their disobedient fathers. The children of Israel were not to blindly follow in the footsteps of their parents, nor honor their rebellious ways. These children were given the commandment to walk only in the true way of God.

The fathers of these people were clearly instructed in the true way of God. Nevertheless, they rejected God’s way. They went awhoring after another way of their own choosing.¹⁸ They rejected their Creator, the very Creator of all Heaven and Earth. On top of all this, they also desecrated the true seventh-day Sabbath of God the Father. They fully rejected the God-given sign (given as a perpetual sign between God and His people) that it is the Lord alone who sanctifies them.

SPECIAL EFFECTS



God the Father speaks to all of His people throughout His Word. He very plainly shows them the true manner in which He desires to be worshiped. He also shows them that, if they act in a particular manner, then God will likewise respond in a particular manner. Today, we commonly call this phenomenon “cause and effect.”

The passage of Scripture shown on the next page is a perfect example of cause and effect. This passage is included amongst a number of other very important factors. This passage shows that which God the Father truly desires of His people concerning the Sabbath that He has given. Furthermore, it shows the way that the worshipers of God are to view the Sabbath. It shows a particular mind-set, or spirit, toward the seventh-day Sabbath of God.

By the Word of God, we know that it is truly the power of Christ which keeps us in the way of God, and doing those things which are pleasing to the Father. The passage below is especially important to those with a true heart toward God. In it (for all mankind to see) God shows the special blessing that He has promised to those who will diligently walk in that way which He has commanded.

The Word of God clearly proclaims: *“If thou turn away thy foot from the sabbath, from doing thy pleasure on my holy day; and call the sabbath a delight, the holy of the LORD, honourable; and shalt honour him, not doing thine own ways, nor finding thine own pleasure, nor speaking thine own words: then shalt thou delight thyself in the LORD; and I will cause thee to ride upon the high places of the earth, and feed thee with the heritage of Jacob thy father: for the mouth of the LORD hath spoken it.”*¹⁹

TRUE TITLE

Look closely again at the above passage of Scripture. Notice that the Lord God did not call the Sabbath (which is the seventh day of the week) “your holy day.” God made it very clear whose holy day it is! He clearly states that the Sabbath of God is “*my holy day.*” God is the one who gave the seventh-day Sabbath; not man. Therefore, God is the one who decides how it is to be kept; not man.

TRUE NATURE

Friend, out of love and respect toward God, His people consider the seventh-day Sabbath of God as a delight. It truly is an honorable day. It is unique above all other days, for it is holy to God. The seventh-day Sabbath has truly been sanctified by Him. It is a day in which the people of God set aside all carnal pursuits. It is a special day for fellowship with God and His people. It is a day for searching deeply into those many truths to be found of God, both in His Word and in those things which He has created.²⁰ Yes, the true Sabbath of God is meant for the benefit of all God’s people.

THE TRUE SPIRIT



The true seventh-day Sabbath should never be thought of as a burden. Rather, it should be a day of true joy in the Lord. It is the true day of worship to God the Father for all the many wonderful works which He has done for mankind.

God has done so many things for mankind, from Creation, onward. Even after mankind fell, the loving Father prepared the true way in which man could be completely reconciled to Him. Yes, the Sabbath of God is only a part of our honor to Him. This seventh-day Sabbath, indeed, is not a burden at all!

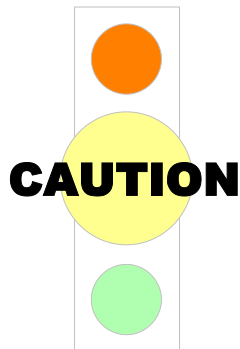
LOVE OF GOD

In the New Testament portion of the Holy Bible, it is written: “*For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous.*”²¹ Look again at this Scripture! It indicates the only acceptable way by which we can show our love toward God! Friend, obedience to the commandments of God, through the power of Christ, is the only true manner in which to show our love to God! No other method of worship is even recognized by God.^{22, 23, 24, and 25}

Please note that the Sabbath commandment is included as part of our unblemished service of love toward God, because God ordained it! Truly, it is not grievous to keep the commandments of God. Only those who desire to be accepted by the world find it grievous to be obedient to God!

APOSTLE’S WARNING

We find, throughout the Holy Scriptures, those many horrible things which happened to the children of Israel. There are clear lessons to be learned from all things which happened to them. There are many principles and precepts that we also must understand. If we do not fully learn the lessons from the Word of God, then we, too, will fall into the same basic errors which Israel of old fell into!



Of the children of Israel, the apostle Paul writes: “*Now all these things happened unto them for ensamples: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come. Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall.*”²⁶

May we take special heed to this clear warning. May we honor God by obeying His commands, that we do not lose those things which God has promised to His true people. If we keep nine of the commandments of God, but break a remaining one, we have truly broken the whole law of God. In such a state, we lose power with God.²⁷

VOICE OF THE MASTER

The Lord Jesus Christ spoke a particular principle, in which there is much food for thought. He proclaimed: “*Ye hypocrites, well did Esaias prophesy of you, saying, ‘This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honoureth me with their lips; but their heart is far from me. But in vain they do worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men.’*”²⁸

Another passage completes the above statement by the Lord Jesus Christ, with the following principle: “*For laying aside the commandment of God, ye hold the tradition of men...*”²⁹ These people were blindly following the traditions which had been passed down to them by their fathers. It appears that no one had bothered to check if they were following the true way of God the Father!

THE CHALLENGE

Friend, let us not fall into the same error of blind ignorance that Israel of old fell into. We do not want to find out (especially in the ultimate day of judgment) that all of our religious devotion has been in vain! We want to guarantee that we are fully walking in that true way which is pleasing to God the Father. In relation to this, the following challenge is given.

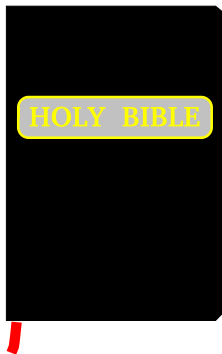
You are challenged to find anyplace in the whole Word of God where the first day of the week (or the day which is currently called Sun-day) is instituted and hallowed by God the Father Himself as the new day of rest and honor to Him. You are challenged to find any Scripture in which God the Father explicitly gives any other day of worship (rather than the Sabbath, on the day which is commonly call Saturday) as a sign of acknowledgment that He is the One who sanctifies us.

COMMON QUESTION



The question is often asked: “Does it really matter which day of the week a person sets aside for rest and worship, as long as it is one in seven, on a seven-day cycle?” Friend, only one question must needs be asked in return. Does it really matter if we honor the Creator of all things, the very God who is clearly shown in the Holy Bible? If so, what day has He explicitly declared as the day to set aside for rest and worship of Him?

COMMANDS OF GOD



Again, from the beginning of time, God the Father has ordained the seventh day of the week (the one that is currently called Saturday) to be His hallowed day for all persons to rest and worship Him. Nowhere in all the Holy Bible has God the Father directed that another day should be kept holy in place of His seventh-day Sabbath.

It should be further noted that, when the Lord Jesus Christ was speaking to the people of Israel concerning events in the future (those events which would take place after His death and resurrection) He proclaimed: “*But pray ye that your flight be not in the winter, neither on the Sabbath day.*”³⁰

Why would Jesus Christ have specially noted the Sabbath day, if it would not matter any more (as many individuals claim³¹) whether anyone kept the seventh-day Sabbath of God holy? The truth is, the special position of the Sabbath of God was still to be honored by God’s people, even after the death and resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. The requirement for full obedience to God the Father has never changed, nor will it ever change!^{32 and 33}

ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

The New Testament records that the apostle Paul traveled to the city of Antioch with a company of people. This happened after the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Once in this city, they went into the synagogue of the Jews and spoke to them concerning the Lord Jesus Christ.³⁴

The Word of God continues: *“And when the Jews were gone out of the synagogue, the Gentiles besought that these words might be preached to them the next sabbath.*

“Now when the congregation was broken up, many of the Jews and religious proselytes followed Paul and Barnabas: who, speaking to them, persuaded them to continue in the grace of God.

“And the next sabbath day came almost the whole city together to hear the word of God. But when the Jews saw the multitudes, they were filled with envy, and spake against those things which were spoken by Paul, contradicting and blaspheming.

“Then Paul and Barnabas waxed bold, and said, ‘It was necessary that the word of God should first have been spoken to you: but seeing ye put it from you, and judge yourselves unworthy of everlasting life, lo, we turn to the Gentiles.’”³⁵

SIMPLE OBSERVATION

In the preceding passage from the Holy Scriptures, it should be noted that the Gentiles, also, wanted to hear the clear truth of the Lord Jesus Christ. Furthermore, it should be noted that the Gentiles wanted this preaching to occur on a specific day. This day was to be the next true Sabbath day of God the Father. Note that these true-hearted Gentiles did not ask Paul or Barnabas to preach to them of the Lord Jesus Christ on the next day. (Please note that it was commonly understood from old times that Sun-day was the pagan day for blasphemous sun worship.) Neither did the Gentiles ask for this preaching to occur on some other day of the week.

These Gentiles were not ignorant people. Their actions clearly indicate something! They knew which was the only chosen day, fully set aside by God Himself, for the unhindered worship of Him. These Gentiles made it very clear by their actions that they would be preached to on the true Sabbath of God. This was the day especially set aside by God the Father for rest and worship of Him. It is beautiful to observe the diligence of these Gentiles in their desire to follow only God’s true way!

CONTINUING THOUGHT



In the preceding passage of Scripture, Paul and Barnabas persuaded the Jews and proselytes to continue in the grace of God. They were encouraging them to continue in the only true way ordained by God the Father. It is very interesting to note that Paul and Barnabas did not indicate to these people that there had ever been any change in the weekly day of worship, after the resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ.

As noted in the passage of Scripture above, on the next true Sabbath day of God, almost the whole city came to hear the preaching of the Word of God. We must note that there were Jews present at this meeting. They were present, because it was the true Sabbath of God. It should further be noted that the true-hearted Gentiles willingly worshiped on this seventh-day Sabbath also.

There is no clear, or even an inferred indication by Paul or Barnabas, that the true Sabbath day of God the Father was to be set aside in favor of any other day of worship. The seventh-day Sabbath was not to be set aside or desecrated for any reason, even after the death and resurrection of Christ!

THE MASTER SPEAKS



The Lord Jesus Christ clearly proclaims: *“Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil. For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled.*

“Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven: but whosoever shall do and teach them, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.”³⁶

ANOTHER SIMPLE OBSERVATION

In the above passage of Holy Scripture, the Lord Jesus Christ speaks of the kingdom of Heaven. This kingdom of Heaven is currently in existence. It is that kingdom which all true people of God are a part of. In this kingdom of Heaven, the commandments given by God the Father are still held in high honor!^{37, 38, 39, and 40} Jesus never sanctioned a disregard for the commandments of His Father!

PORT OF ENTRY



The Lord Jesus Christ proclaims: *“Not every one that saith unto me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.”⁴¹*

These words of the Lord Jesus Christ are very clear in their meaning! Only those who are doing the true will of God the Father shall ever enter into the kingdom of Heaven. Only those who are showing their love to God by walking in obedience to His commandments, shall ever enter the gates of Heaven!⁴² In the true kingdom of Heaven, the children of God hold the law of God in reverence. They believe in obedience to all ten of His commandments. They believe in the true, Biblical meaning of these commandments. They also honor the sign of the Biblical Sabbath: this sign which was given by God the Father.

SAINTS OF GOD

The Word of God proclaims: *“Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus.”*⁴³

The saints of God are the true believers in God. They are those faithful few⁴⁴ who are currently living upon this Earth. They keep both the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus (not just one or the other). The saints have faith in the power of the Lord Jesus Christ. They find that, by the very power of Christ, their carnal nature can be crucified on the cross of Christ.^{45 and 46}

WAY OF OBEDIENCE

Once an individual’s carnal nature is crucified upon the cross of Christ, then Christ is able to live in and through them.⁴⁷ Only then are they able to receive the righteousness of Christ which keeps them in the true way of God the Father. Only then will they ever be able to walk in obedience to God, and willingly keep His commandments. These truths apply to each one of us.

The apostle Peter writes: *“Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord, according as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue: whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.”*⁴⁸ Friend, the way is prepared! We can now become partakers of the divine nature: that very nature of Christ!

POWER OF CHRIST

After his resurrection, the Lord Jesus Christ proclaimed: *“All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.”*⁴⁹ It is further written: *“But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord.”*⁵⁰ Jude so clearly writes: *“Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy, to the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and for ever. Amen.”*⁵¹ Yes, He is able to keep you from falling. He is able to keep you from falling into sin and disobedience against God’s way!

A CLEAR COMMAND

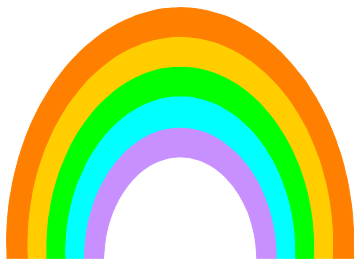
It is written: *“I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.”*⁵²

We are instructed by the apostle of Jesus Christ to present our bodies (and truly, our complete lives) as a living sacrifice to God the Father and His ways. We are called to crucify the flesh, and its carnal desires to be accepted by mankind.⁵³ Our sole desire is to be accepted by God!⁵⁴ We are hereby instructed not to be conformed to the traditions of this world, but only to the true will of God the Father. Concerning the Sabbath: what does God want, and what has He ordained?

THE RAINBOW

While we are examining what God Almighty has ordained, let us look at another example, to learn its lesson. After the great flood in the days of Noah, the Lord God made a special covenant with mankind. This covenant was also perpetual in nature. Furthermore, it was not made with mankind only, but it was also made with all the animals upon the face of the Earth. According to the ancient covenant between God and all flesh, whenever the Father brings the clouds for rain upon the Earth, He sees the perpetual token of the rainbow in the cloud. This perpetual token reminds God of that perpetual covenant which He has given to all generations. Upon being reminded of the covenant, God Almighty does not allow the rains to completely destroy the Earth.⁵⁵

This very special covenant, along with its beautiful token, was only declared in the Old Testament. Interestingly enough, we do not find a repeat of this covenant and token anywhere in the New Testament. Is this covenant of the rainbow therefore null and void in our day?



Because the covenant of the rainbow was a perpetual covenant, God did not have to renew it anywhere in the New Testament. This perpetual covenant cannot change. It is still as effective today as it was in the day that it was first made! Friend, the perpetual token of the covenant is still seen in our skies today, even though the covenant (and its token) was not completely repeated in the New Testament. So it is with all of the perpetual covenants found in the Word of God!⁵⁶

ANOTHER TOKEN

Truly, another perpetual covenant was given by God the Father to His people.⁵⁷ This perpetual covenant proclaims that it is the Lord God who sanctifies us. As shown in this discussion, the token for this covenant is the true seventh-day Sabbath of God (on that day paganly called Saturday). Like the rainbow, this perpetual token did not need to be repeated in the New Testament writings. Nevertheless, this seventh-day Sabbath is still honored by the obedient people of God today.⁵⁸

As God the Father rests on His Sabbath day, He again looks upon all of His creation. What does He see? Does He see the token of those who still love and honor Him in the manner in which He has chosen? Are there many who are willing to be obedient to their Creator? How must His heart feel?

SO SHALL IT BE

How long shall the true Sabbath of God be in effect? Will there come a day when it will no longer be honored by the worshippers of God? To come to a true understanding on these matters, let us again return to the Word of God.

The Lord God told His people: *“For as the new heavens and the new earth, which I will make, shall remain before me, saith the LORD, so shall your seed and your name remain. And it shall come to pass, that from one new moon to another, and from one sabbath to another, shall all flesh come to worship before me, saith the LORD.*

“And they shall go forth, and look upon the carcasses of the men that have transgressed against me: for their worm shall not die, neither shall their fire be quenched; and they shall be an abhorring unto all flesh.”⁵⁹

The above prophecy from the Word of God speaks very clearly. There does not appear to be any question on its true meaning. In the new Heavens and the new Earth (that which shall come after this disobedient world is destroyed) all of the worshippers of God the Father and His Son, Jesus Christ, shall still honor the true Sabbath of God! This shall be true because the seventh-day Sabbath (on the day which is currently called Saturday) is a perpetual covenant.

FINAL RESULTS

In the new Heavens and the new Earth, all people will worship before the Lord God. They will worship God the Father in the manner which He has ordained. After the people have completed their worship before the Lord, they will go out and look upon the carcasses of those that have transgressed against God! In what manner have these perished-ones transgressed against God? In all essence, they just transgressed the simple and direct commands of God the Father. They did not want to walk in obedience to that particular way which God has ordained.

In the Word of God, the Lord Jesus Christ spoke in parables to show the truth of the kingdom of God and its principles. In one parable, He indicates what will occur at His return. The Lord Jesus Christ proclaims: *“But those mine enemies, which would not that I should reign over them, bring hither, and slay them before me.”⁶⁰* At the return of the Lord Jesus Christ, those who have not walked in the true way of Christ, in obedience to God the Father, shall utterly be destroyed!^{61 and 62}

LOOKING BACK

In Chapter 24, a very important passage from the Word of God was introduced. This passage speaks of that which is truly going to happen to this Earth. Furthermore, it declares why these things are going to happen upon this Earth. Friend, let us once again examine this passage of Scripture to see if we now have a much clearer understanding of it.

It is written: *“The earth mourneth and fadeth away, the world languisheth and fadeth away, the haughty people of the earth do languish. The earth also is defiled under the inhabitants thereof; because they have transgressed the laws, changed the ordinance, broken the everlasting covenant. Therefore hath the curse devoured the earth, and they that dwell therein are desolate: therefore the inhabitants of the earth are burned, and few men left.”*⁶³

Once again, what and Whose laws have been transgressed by the inhabitants of the Earth? Whose ordinance has been arrogantly changed and disregarded by mankind? What everlasting covenant has been broken? Friend, for all of these wicked acts, for all of the arrogant disobedience to God, the curse shall most surely devour the Earth! May we not be swept away in the error of the wicked.

TO KNOW CHRIST

The apostle John writes: *“And hereby we do know that we know him [Christ], if we keep his commandments. He that saith, ‘I know him,’ and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him. But whoso keepeth his word, in him verily is the love of God perfected: hereby know we that we are in him. He that saith he abideth in him [Christ] ought himself also so to walk, even as he [Jesus] walked.”*⁶⁴

The Lord Jesus Christ has proclaimed: *“If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love.”*⁶⁵

Friend, please note that Jesus Christ willingly kept the commandments of God the Father. Let us also note the above words, so clearly recorded by the apostle John: *“He that saith he abideth in him [Christ] ought himself also so to walk, even as he [Jesus] walked.”* Friend, can we ignore such plain and simple instructions from the Word of God?

TRUE LOVE OF GOD

TRUE
SIGN
OF
LOVE

There are many who are deeply programmed in the ways of this world, and in the traditions of carnal man. For them, the truth of God is often very hard to see. Therefore, for the sake of these individuals, let us once again turn our eyes to a very important passage of Holy Scripture. It is clearly written: *“For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous.”*⁶⁶ Friend, what are the implications of this passage of Holy Scripture?

The Word of God infers that if we do not (by the very power of Christ) keep the commandments of God the Father, then, by this act, we indicate that we do not truly love God. In all essence, in such a situation, we are despising the true God of all Creation, and that which He has ordained.

APOSTLE'S WARNING

The apostle Peter writes: *“But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction. And many shall follow their pernicious ways; by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of.”*⁶⁷ Friend, is it not a damnable heresy to walk in willful disobedience to the clear Word of God? Is it not a damnable heresy to speak evil of the way of truth which God the Father has ordained?

The apostle Paul warns *“That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive...”*⁶⁸ Friend, the apostle warns that there are cunning, crafty individuals who actually lie in wait to deceive people. Many are ignorantly deceived by these wicked individuals. There are many more who have been raised in false doctrines which have been instigated by the enemies of God. Many walk in willful disobedience to the direct commandments of God, all the time believing that they are doing God service.

THE CHRISTIAN SABBATH



The apostle Paul gives this warning to all children of God: *“But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived.”*⁶⁹ Friend, let us now have ears to hear. Let us examine one of the great deceptions propagated by evil persons, and those servants of Satan who work to seduce as many individuals as possible away from the fullness of that true way which, alone, leads to eternal life.

There are those who claim that Sun-day, the first day of the week, is now “the Christian Sabbath,” and the chosen day of rest which now is to be kept holy. They claim that this change was made in honor of the resurrection of Jesus. But we must ask some simple questions. Was this change made by the direct command of God, or is it a deviation from, and a rejection of, the truth of God? If we are thinking to honor Jesus, but are walking contrary to an explicit command of God the Father, are we actually doing God or Jesus service? If we are not doing God service, can we, in such a state, ever truly enter the kingdom of heaven?

Friend, let us remember the words of the Lord Jesus Christ: *“Not every one that saith unto me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.”*⁷⁰ Friend, please note that Jesus Christ did not walk in disobedience to the Father. If we are truly abiding in Christ, then we also will be doing the will of God the Father. The will of the Father (and the love of God) does include our obedience to His ten commandments. And truly, we can fulfill the commandments of God through the very power of Christ. Friend, our obedience to God the Father does include observing the ordained holy day which He has instituted.

AN OBSERVATION

The apostle Peter speaks of the epistles of Paul, *“in which are some things hard to be understood, which they that are unlearned and unstable wrest, as they do also the other scriptures, unto their own destruction.”*⁷¹ The Lord Jesus Christ warns: *“If therefore the light that is in thee be darkness, how great is that darkness!”*⁷²

Friend, if we willfully walk in disobedience to the explicit commands of God, then (according to the Word of God) we are on the road to destruction. With this fundamental thought in mind, let us now examine a couple of passages from the epistles of Paul, which certain individuals use in an attempt to justify (in the eyes of man) their willful rebellion against God. These individuals then misconstrue these passages to others, as they apparently work to seduce them into disobedience to God.

The apostle Paul wrote: *“Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of an holyday, or of the new moon, or of the sabbath days...”*⁷³ And again, Paul writes: *“One man esteemeth one day above another: another esteemeth every day alike. Let every man be fully persuaded in his own mind. He that regardeth the day, regardeth it unto the Lord; and he that regardeth not the day, to the Lord he doth not regard it.”*⁷⁴

HISTORICAL FACTS

The Jewish people had many holy days and many sabbath days (plural). These numerous holy days and sabbath days could actually fall on any one of the seven days of the week. But these particular days were different from the chosen seventh-day Sabbath of God. They are different from that day which God calls *“my holy day.”*⁷⁵ They are different from that day which God ordained, and of which He has declared: *“It is a sign between me and the children of Israel for ever: for in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, and on the seventh day he rested, and was refreshed.”*⁷⁶

Many claim to be spiritual seed of Abraham. They claim to be the new Israel of God. They claim to be spiritual Jews. But do they walk in obedience to the clear commands of God the Father, as did Abraham?⁷⁷ Friend, if we do not walk in obedience to God the Father, then who is our true master? If we do not walk in obedience to God the Father, then are we true disciples of Christ? (We are speaking here of that Jesus Christ which did walk in obedience to the Father.)

THE NEW COVENANT

There are some misguided individuals who are seducing others to believe that the law of God (His ten commandments) was done away with at the wooden cross upon which Jesus Christ died. But is this true according to the whole, rightly divided Word of God? These people speak of the New Covenant, with which God has replaced the Old Covenant. What is this New Covenant? What is the complete definition of the word “new?”

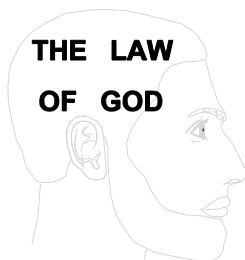
AN EXAMINATION

Friend, the term “new covenant” is first mentioned in the Old Testament in Jeremiah 31:31. Let us examine more closely the meaning of this term: “new covenant.” Let us look to *The Exhaustive Concordance of the Bible*, by James Strong, for a clearer understanding of the word “new.” We are referred to definition number 2319 in the Hebrew and Chaldee Dictionary, where it is indicated that the true meaning for 2319 is derived “from [definition number] 2318,” and is something “*new*: — fresh, new thing.” But to obtain an accurate picture of this new and fresh, new thing, we must take into consideration definition number 2318. Number 2318 is “a primary root;” meaning “to be *new*; causatively *to rebuild*: — renew, repair.”

With the full picture in mind, we find that the effect of the New Covenant is to rebuild, renew, and repair what God had originally intended for all of His true people. That is why, in the New Testament, it is called the restitution of all things.⁷⁸ Please note that in the wilderness, the children of Israel did not want God to speak to them, but rather, they wanted Moses to speak to them.⁷⁹ Moses even had to put a veil over his face after he had been in the presence of God, so that the people would not be afraid because of the brightness of his face.⁸⁰

The Scriptures indicate that the mixed multitude of Israel did not want to be led directly by the Spirit of God. Instead, they wanted to be led by a physical man. Therefore, it was necessary that these people be given the law of God on tables of stone. These tables of stone were the ones which were done away with. They were replaced with the “*fleshy tables of the heart*.”⁸¹ Friend, if this is so, then what is the actual effect of the New Covenant? What is written on the fleshy tables of the heart?

It is written (in Jeremiah 31:33): “*But this shall be the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; After those days, saith the LORD, I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their God, and they shall be my people.*”⁸² The apostle Paul also writes the following on this matter: “*Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah: not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day when I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt; because they continued not in my covenant, and I regarded them not, saith the Lord. For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, saith the Lord; I will put my laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts: and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a people: and they shall not teach every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, ‘Know the Lord:’ for all shall know me, from the least to the greatest.*”⁸³



Friend, this is the true meaning of the New Covenant. Do not be misled by the error of the wicked who desire to bring you down a different path than that which the Word of God has clearly ordained. The New Covenant is that condition of being born again, where the laws of God are now written in our minds and in our hearts. Why must they be written here? It is for one reason: that we will readily obey them, by the very power of Christ!

THE SITUATION TODAY

It is interesting to note that many of the churches of Christendom teach that the people of God are not to be murdering people, or stealing from them. Many of them teach that we are not to commit adultery with our neighbor's spouse. They may teach against bearing false witness against our neighbor. And some may even teach against coveting the possessions of our neighbor. They may teach that Christians should not have any other gods before the true God. Some may even have teachings against graven images and taking the name of God in vain. But this is where they stop and 'dig their heels in.'

For the most part, the churches of today seem to be satisfied with paying lip service to just nine of God's commandments. They appear to feel that obedience to nine of them should be good enough for God. Friend, God requires obedience to all ten of His commandments, not just nine. God made the commandment concerning His Sabbath for a very good reason, and He expects us to obey it also. Yes Friend, the fullness of the Sabbath commandment is important. If we are breaking one commandment, we are breaking them all.⁸⁴ We should not take this matter lightly, for willful or arrogant disobedience against the commandments of God will effect our eternal destiny.⁸⁵

ESTRANGED FROM THE WOMB

Let us now begin to examine a few passages of Holy Scripture, to see how they may relate to the Sabbath issue. Firstly, it is written: *"Do ye indeed speak righteousness, O congregation? Do ye judge uprightly, O ye sons of men? Yea, in heart ye work wickedness; ye weigh the violence of your hands in the earth. The wicked are estranged from the womb: they go astray as soon as they be born, speaking lies. Their poison is like the poison of a serpent: they are like the deaf adder that stoppeth her ear; which will not hearken to the voice of charmers, charming never so wisely."*⁸⁶

The Word of God declares that the wicked are estranged from the womb. But what are they estranged from? Truly, they are estranged from God, and their duty of full love toward God. From the time of their birth, they are speaking lies. They do not have a love for the pure truth of God, with its original intent. And when the evidence of the Scriptures is shown to them (even in the case of the Sabbath of God), they are like the deaf adder which closes its ear and will not hear.

No matter how much evidence from the Word of God can be shown to the wicked, and no matter how patiently it is presented to them, they will still not hear: they refuse to hear, and mock what they do hear. They will do as they please, even if their actions are completely in defiance of the Word of God. And so it is with honoring the Sabbath of God.

Many individuals pollute the Sabbath of God with their carnal endeavors, and refuse to keep it as their day of rest and worship, in honor of all that God has done. Instead, they keep Baal-day, the first day of the week, as their day of rest and worship. Friend, if they are not being obedient to God in what He has commanded, then who are they truly worshipping on Sun-day?

THE DECEIVERS

The apostle Paul warns: *“But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived.”*⁸⁷ How may this statement apply to the Sabbath issue which we are examining?

The writer has heard a number of deceptive statements which certain individuals produce in order to turn other people away from walking in obedience to God. One of their deceptions is: “We cannot truly know which is the seventh day of the week, so therefore we cannot truly know which day to honor.” Therefore, they turn and honor Sun-day, and reject the Sabbath of God.



Friend, isn't it amazing how these same people can declare that Christ rose from the dead on the first day of the week. Therefore they believe that the first day of the week (Sun-day) is to be kept holy, as the day of rest and worship (in full defiance of a direct command of God). It is utterly amazing how these misguided individuals can be so sure which is the first day of the week, yet state that it cannot truly be known which is the seventh day of the week.

Friend, do not become bewitched by the workers of iniquity. Satan is using these “vessels” to put your mind into confusion against the Sabbath of God. Satan's ministers desire to prevent you from walking in full obedience to God. Furthermore, they want to destroy your chance of obtaining eternal life. This state of affairs brings to mind a passage of Holy Scripture.

The Lord Jesus Christ declared: *“But woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For ye shut up the kingdom of heaven against men: for ye neither go in yourselves, neither suffer ye them that are entering to go in.”*⁸⁸ Friend, the spirit of the Pharisees is still with us today. The workers of iniquity are refusing to enter into the true way of God, and they are doing their best to turn other people away from walking in full obedience to God. This even includes the issue of honoring the true Sabbath which God the Father ordained.

IN CLOSING

Friend, if you have never heard the truth of God's seventh-day Sabbath presented, you have before you much food for thought. You have now been completely introduced to this truth. Indeed, you are no longer in ignorance of this fundamental truth from God the Father, and His beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Now it is up to you to decide how you are going to respond to this truth.

It is the prayer of the writer that you will choose to do that which is right in the eyes of God the Father. May you choose His way, no matter what those around you are doing. May you choose the Father's way, no matter how many people mock and attempt to dissuade you. May you honor God's way (by the very power and strength of Christ) above all of the arrogant ways and traditions of mankind. May you be of those who will not be ashamed in the ultimate day of judgment.

THE ANGEL'S MESSAGE

It is written: *“And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people, saying with a loud voice, ‘Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come: and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters.’”*⁸⁹

Friend, let us truly worship God the Father!⁹⁰ Let us truly worship Him in the only manner which He finds acceptable: that is by full, willing obedience to His chosen way in all things. Let us worship God in that particular manner which He has ordained. Let us truly be the sons and daughters of God. Friend, may God bless you in His true way.

Friend, so ends another Chapter in this FIRST EDITION of
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1. *The Holy Bible*, Book of Genesis, chapter 2, verses 1-3.
2. See: *The Holy Bible*, Book of Genesis, chapter 1, verses 4, 10, 12, 18, 21, 25, and 31.
3. Friend, it should be noted that there are individuals and organizations which are working hard to pervert the true way ordained by God. They are starting to place Sun-day as the seventh day of the week on many of the new calendars. (They state that this is done for the convenience of business people, whose work week begins with Monday. Yes, Satan is very subtle in his deceptions. His deceits often are made to sound so reasonable and logical.) It appears that this abomination is already in place in a number of European countries. Using this perversion, the enemies of God can state that they are worshiping on the seventh day of the week, when in fact it will not be the true God-given seventh day of the week. This change in the organization of the calendar days is truly an unacceptable abomination in the sight of God. God will not honor any other day which man attempts to put in place of the true seventh-day Sabbath which was ordained by God. This seventh-day Sabbath of God is on the day which the pagans have, unfortunately, named Saturday (in the English language). In many other languages, the name for the true seventh day of the week is the equivalent of the word "Sabbath" in English.
4. The sun, to the pagans, represents Baal.
5. The pagan Romans called this first day of the week the "venerable day of the sun." These pagans considered the sun as a deity. The Roman Catholic creators of our current calendar chose to honor pagan sun worship by naming the first day of the week in honor of the sun.
6. *The 1998 Grolier Multimedia Encyclopedia*, "Amon-Re."
7. *The 1998 Grolier Multimedia Encyclopedia*, "Baal."
8. One fact should be noted at this point. The pagan proclaim that Baal will killed, and was then restored back to life again; but that is as far as things go. They consider Baal as being powerful, therefore they worship Baal. But let us now consider Christ.
The Lord Jesus Christ did not just come and die, and then was restored to life again. The Lord Jesus Christ paid the price for the sins of every individual on this Earth. He paid that horrendous price, that we could be set free from the bondage of sin. He paid that price, so that we failing humans could once again be reconciled to God: who is the Creator of all Heaven and Earth. What is Baal in comparison to this?
9. See: *The Holy Bible*, Book of Acts, chapter 15, verses 13-17.
10. See: *The Holy Bible*, Book of Numbers, chapter 6, verse 27. God, indeed, placed His very name upon His people: that is why they are called Jews.
11. See: *The Holy Bible*, Book of Deuteronomy, chapter 28, verses 9-10. Friend, this passage of Holy Scripture is so important that the full text must be include here. The prophet Moses spoke these words from the very mouth of God, to His people: "*The LORD shall establish thee an holy people unto himself, as he hath sworn unto thee, if thou shalt keep the commandments of the LORD thy God, and walk in his ways. And all people of the earth shall see that thou art called by the name of the LORD; and they shall be afraid of thee.*"
Friend, it would not be proper for the writer to stop here on this important matter, without telling the rest of the story. Please bear with me, for this truly is important: for it is a truth from the Word of God.
Psalm 68:1-4 proclaims: "*Let God arise, let his enemies be scattered: let them also that hate him flee before him. As smoke is driven away, so drive them away: as wax melteth before the fire, so let the wicked perish at the presence of God. But let the righteous be glad; let them rejoice before God: yea, let them exceedingly rejoice. Sing unto God, sing praises to his name: extol him that rideth upon the heavens by his name JAH, and rejoice before him.*" Friend, the translators did the best that they could with the name, but we will soon see the precise truth of the matter.

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Nevertheless, turning to Strong's Exhaustive Concordance of the Bible: The name, translated JAH, is proclaimed to be "the sacred name" and "the Lord, most vehement." God placed His most sacred name upon His people. That is why the Scripture records that God took out of the Gentiles a people for His name.

Please note what is said in one very important prayer by Daniel: "*Now therefore, O our God, hear the prayer of thy servant, and his supplications, and cause thy face to shine upon thy sanctuary that is desolate, for the Lord's sake. O my God, incline thine ear, and hear; open thine eyes, and behold our desolations, and the city which is called by thy name: for we do not present our supplications before thee for our righteousnesses, but for thy great mercies. O Lord, hear; O Lord, forgive; O Lord, hearken and do; defer not, for thine own sake, O my God: for thy city and thy people are called by thy name.*" (Daniel 9:17-19) The name "Jerusalem" includes the name of God within it, and the people of God were called by the name of God: that is why they are called "Jews."

The time and space fails me here to tell the whole story, therefore I must abbreviate it as much as possible, without losing the intent of the Word of God. Please note that Jesus Christ was called "*king of the Jews.*" (See: Matthew 2:1-2 and John 19:19-22) Jesus Christ is indeed king of those who are true Jews. He is king of the true people of God: those who are willfully walking in that way which God has ordained. But the Jewish people had stumbled out of the true way of God. They were called by the name of God, but they were not living up to that name. That is why the apostle Paul wrote to them: "*For the name of God is blasphemed among the Gentiles through you...*" (Romans 2:24)

The apostle Paul continues on to make very clear what a true Jew is. Please note these words very carefully. It is written: "*For he is not a Jew, which is one outwardly; neither is that circumcision, which is outward in the flesh: but he is a Jew, which is one inwardly; and circumcision is that of the heart, in the spirit, and not in the letter; whose praise is not of men, but of God.*" (Romans 2:28-29) A true Jew (one whom God calls His own) is circumcised in the heart and in the spirit. They are a true follower of the ways of God. Being called by the name of God is not a matter to take lightly. It is a very serious thing, and has very serious consequences if taken upon ourselves wrongly. In relation to this point, please note carefully the following from the Word of God. The Lord Jesus Christ proclaimed, in the heavenly vision: "...I know the blasphemy of them which say they are Jews, and are not, but are the synagogue of Satan." (Revelation 2:9) And again, Christ clearly proclaims: "*Behold, I will make them of the synagogue of Satan, which say they are Jews, and are not, but do lie...*" (Revelation 3:9) Friend, let us not take the name of God in vain.

The commandment was given by God: "*Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD thy God in vain; for the LORD will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.*" (Exodus 20:7) The psalmist has written: "*Surely thou wilt slay the wicked, O God: depart from me therefore, ye bloody men. For they speak against thee wickedly, and thine enemies take thy name in vain.*" (Psalm 139:19-20)

Friend, the writer has not even begun to do justice to this subject. Nevertheless, the groundwork has been laid. Indeed, there is much more which could be written on this matter, to present it with full clarity. A whole book could be written about this important truth: possibly some day, as God allows.

12. *The Holy Bible*, Book of Deuteronomy, chapter 27, verses 9-10.

13. *The Holy Bible*, Book of Exodus, chapter 20, verses 8-11.

14. The true people of God were honoring God's commandments long before Moses led the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt. In the *Holy Bible*, the Book of Genesis, chapter 26, verse 5, the Lord proclaims "*that Abraham obeyed my voice, and kept my charge, my commandments, my statutes, and my laws.*" Friend, Abraham walked in obedience to God, and kept all that God required of him. Should not those who consider themselves the spiritual seed of Abraham, and the heirs according to the promise, do the same?

15. *The Holy Bible*, Book of Exodus, chapter 31, verses 12-17.

16. As concerning our own "righteous" works, the Word of God (in the Book of Isaiah, chapter 64, verses 6-7) declares: "*But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away. And there is none that calleth upon thy name, that stirreth up himself to take hold of thee: for thou hast hid thy face from us, and hast consumed us, because of our iniquities.*" The true believer is sanctified, as they are led by the Spirit of God into true obedience to God.

17. *The Holy Bible*, Book of Ezekiel, chapter 20, verses 11-20.

18. At a later date, when the children of Israel dwelt in the promised land, they again went awhoring after a false god. In the *Holy Bible*, the book of I Kings, chapter 18, verses 17-21, it is recorded: “*And it came to pass, when [king] Ahab saw Elijah [the prophet], that Ahab said unto him, ‘Art thou he that troubleth Israel?’ And he [Elijah] answered, ‘I have not troubled Israel; but thou, and thy father’s house, in that ye have forsaken the commandments of the LORD, and thou hast followed Baalim. Now therefore send, and gather to me all Israel unto mount Carmel, and the prophets of Baal four hundred and fifty, and the prophets of the groves four hundred, which eat at Jezebel’s table.’*”
 “*So Ahab sent unto all the children of Israel, and gathered the prophets together unto mount Carmel. And Elijah came unto all the people, and said, ‘How long halt ye between two opinions? If the LORD be God, follow him: but if Baal, then follow him.’ And the people answered him not a word.*”
 Elijah makes clear to us that the people were halting between two opinions. These people were hesitating. They were not sure who was the true God. The pagans also called Baal “lord,” therefore these people were in great confusion as to the truth of God. Is it any different today? Do the people of this day and age truly know the God of the Bible? Could they, even today, unknowingly be worshipping Baal (rather than God) in their disjointed forms of worship?
19. *The Holy Bible*, Book of Isaiah, chapter 58, verses 13-14.
20. See: *The Holy Bible*, Book of I Samuel, chapter 3, verse 21; and Book of Romans, chapter 1, verses 19-21.
21. *The Holy Bible*, Book of I John, chapter 5, verse 3.
22. See the principle set forth in: *The Holy Bible*, Book of Mark, chapter 7, verses 6-9, with all of its implications.
23. See: *The Holy Bible*, Book of I John, chapter 3, verse 4.
24. See: *The Holy Bible*, Book of John, chapter 9, verse 31.
25. See the principle set forth in: *The Holy Bible*, Book of I Samuel, chapter 15, verses 22-23.
26. *The Holy Bible*, Book of I Corinthians, chapter 10, verses 11-12.
27. As concerning the Commandments given by the Lord God, they are as follows:
 1) Thou shalt have no other gods before me.
 2) Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth: thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me; and showing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments.
 3) Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD thy God in vain; for the LORD will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.
 4) Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work: but the seventh day is the sabbath of the LORD thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates: for in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it.
 5) Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee.
 6) Thou shalt not kill.
 7) Thou shalt not commit adultery.
 8) Thou shalt not steal.
 9) Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour.
 10) Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour’s house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbour’s wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that is thy neighbour’s.

There is something which never ceases to amaze the writer. There are so many ‘Christians’ who agree that we should not have other gods before God, that we should not make graven images to bow down to, that we should not

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take the name of the Lord in vain (or at least in the manner which they understand this commandment). These people will agree that our parents should be honored, that we should not kill or commit adultery or steal, that we should not bear false witness nor covet out neighbor's possessions. But that is as far as things go. For some very strange reason, they will vehemently turn and reject the Fourth Commandment of God. They will uphold tradition and those things which everyone else around them is doing, rather than upholding a direct command from God, the Father of all Creation.

Friend, there is something which the writer would like you to consider. Satan knows that if he can get you to continually break just one of the commandments of God, then you have broken the whole law of God. In the process, you have lost the power with which God could benefit you. The workers of Satan know that as long as they can keep you breaking one of God's commandments, then you will not have the true power of God with which to overcome the workers of Satan. This is what Satan has accomplished within the religious world.

Friend, if you desire that closeness with God, and that same power which He gave to His prophets, apostles, and His dear Son, Jesus Christ, then it behooves you to turn and walk in obedience to all ten of God's commandments, by the very power of Jesus Christ. Indeed, Christ has that power to keep you in the true way of God, and doing those things which are pleasing in the eyes of God the Father.

28. *The Holy Bible*, Book of Matthew, chapter 15, verses 7-9.
29. *The Holy Bible*, Book of Mark, chapter 7, verse 8.
30. *The Holy Bible*, Book of Matthew, chapter 24, verse 20.
31. Please see: *The Holy Bible*, Book of II Peter, chapter 2, verses 1-2; and Book of Matthew, chapter 7, verses 13-14.
32. In regards to this point, the Lord Jesus Christ proclaimed (in the *Holy Bible*, Book of Matthew, chapter 7, verses 21-23): "*Not every one that saith unto me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. Many will say to me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? And in thy name have cast out devils? And in thy name done many wonderful works?' And then will I profess unto them, 'I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.'*" We must obey what God the Father commands!
33. God and His Word never change. What God decreed shall stand forever. In the *Holy Bible*, Book of Malachi, chapter 3, verse 6, it is declared: "*For I am the LORD, I change not...*" The Book of Psalms, chapter 111, verses 1-10, proclaims: "*Praise ye the LORD. I will praise the LORD with my whole heart, in the assembly of the upright, and in the congregation. The works of the LORD are great, sought out of all them that have pleasure therein. His work is honourable and glorious: and his righteousness endureth for ever. He hath made his wonderful works to be remembered: the LORD is gracious and full of compassion. He hath given meat unto them that fear him: he will ever be mindful of his covenant. He hath showed his people the power of his works, that he may give them the heritage of the heathen.*"
"*The works of his hands are verity and judgment; all his commandments are sure. They stand fast for ever and ever, and are done in truth and uprightness. He sent redemption unto his people: he hath commanded his covenant for ever: holy and reverend is his name. The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom: a good understanding have all they that do his commandments: his praise endureth for ever.*" Yes, friend, "*a good understanding have all they that do his [God's] commandments.*"
34. See: *The Holy Bible*, Book of Acts, chapter 13, verses 13-41.
35. *The Holy Bible*, Book of Acts, chapter 13, verses 42-46.
36. *The Holy Bible*, Book of Matthew, chapter 5, verses 17-19.
37. See: *The Holy Bible*, Book of I Corinthians, chapter 7, verse 19.
38. See: *The Holy Bible*, Book of I John, chapter 2, verses 3-5.
39. See: *The Holy Bible*, Book of Revelation, chapter 14, verse 12.

40. See: *The Holy Bible*, Book of Revelation, chapter 22, verses 14-15.
41. *The Holy Bible*, Book of Matthew, chapter 7, verse 21.
42. The Word of God (in the Book of Revelation, chapter 22, verses 14-15) proclaims very clearly: *“Blessed are they that do his [God the Father’s] commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city. For without are dogs, and sorcerers, and whoremongers, and murderers, and idolaters, and whosoever loveth and maketh a lie.”* If we are not following God’s true way, we are then following a lie!
43. *The Holy Bible*, Book of Revelation, chapter 14, verse 12.
44. See: *The Holy Bible*, Book of Matthew, chapter 7, verses 13-14; and Book of I Peter, chapter 3, verses 18-22.
45. See: *The Holy Bible*, Book of Galatians, chapter 5, verse 24.
46. See: *The Holy Bible*, Book of Galatians, chapter 6, verse 14.
47. See: *The Holy Bible*, Book of Galatians, chapter 2, verse 20.
48. *The Holy Bible*, Book of II Peter, chapter 1, verses 2-4.
49. *The Holy Bible*, Book of Matthew, chapter 28, verse 18.
50. *The Holy Bible*, Book of II Corinthians, chapter 3, verse 18.
51. *The Holy Bible*, Book of Jude, verses 24-25.
52. *The Holy Bible*, Book of Romans, chapter 12, verses 1-2.
53. See: *The Holy Bible*, Book of John, chapter 5, verse 44.
54. See: *The Holy Bible*, Book of Ephesians, chapter 5, verses 1-17.
55. See: *The Holy Bible*, Book of Genesis, chapter 9, verses 8-17. Friend, let us consider further this principle of God seeing a token to remind Him of His covenant. As God begins to look upon this Earth, in the day of judgment, He will see if there are those, who by the manifest life and power of Christ, are actually being obedient to all ten of the basic commandments of God. As God sees these obedient ones, in their sign of acknowledgment that God is the true One which sanctifies them, God will spare them from the great judgment and destruction which will swiftly come upon the Earth. God does use tokens of remembrance upon this Earth, to remind Him of His covenants with mankind. As a further example, please note that when the children of Israel were preparing to depart from Egyptian bondage, there was the Passover. In this Passover, the angel of death would see the token of blood upon the doorposts of the Israelites, and would then pass over, without doing them any harm.
- Let us look further in this use of signs and tokens of remembrance which God uses, and the lack of such sign or token of remembrance directly leading to the death of the individual. Aaron was the first high priest which was appointed, by God, to officiate in the tabernacle in the wilderness. But Aaron had to wear on his person a special reminder, when he came before God, or Aaron would die. It is written (in Exodus 28:33-35), concerning the robe which Aaron was required by God to wear: *“And beneath upon the hem of it thou shalt make pomegranates of blue, and of purple, and of scarlet, round about the hem thereof; and bells of gold between them round about: a golden bell and a pomegranate, a golden bell and a pomegranate, upon the hem of the robe round about. And it shall be upon Aaron to minister: and his sound shall be heard when he goeth in unto the holy place before the LORD, and when he cometh out, that he die not.”*
- The prophet Ezekiel (in Ezekiel 9:1-11) declares this truth: *“He [the Lord GOD] cried also in mine ears with a loud voice, saying, Cause them that have charge over the city to draw near, even every man with his destroying*

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weapon in his hand. And, behold, six men came from the way of the higher gate, which lieth toward the north, and every man a slaughter weapon in his hand; and one man among them was clothed with linen, with a writer's inkhorn by his side: and they went in, and stood beside the brazen altar. ● And the glory of the God of Israel was gone up from the cherub, whereupon he was, to the threshold of the house. And he called to the man clothed with linen, which had the writer's inkhorn by his side; And the LORD said unto him, Go through the midst of the city, through the midst of Jerusalem, and set a mark upon the foreheads of the men that sigh and that cry for all the abominations that be done in the midst thereof. ● And to the others he said in mine hearing, Go ye after him through the city, and smite: let not your eye spare, neither have ye pity: Slay utterly old and young, both maids, and little children, and women: but come not near any man upon whom is the mark; and begin at my sanctuary. Then they began at the ancient men which were before the house. And he said unto them, Defile the house, and fill the courts with the slain: go ye forth. And they went forth, and slew in the city. ● And it came to pass, while they were slaying them, and I was left, that I fell upon my face, and cried, and said, Ah Lord GOD! Wilt thou destroy all the residue of Israel in thy pouring out of thy fury upon Jerusalem? ● Then said he unto me, The iniquity of the house of Israel and Judah is exceeding great, and the land is full of blood, and the city full of perverseness: for they say, The LORD hath forsaken the earth, and the LORD seeth not. And as for me also, mine eye shall not spare, neither will I have pity, but I will recompense their way upon their head. ● And, behold, the man clothed with linen, which had the inkhorn by his side, reported the matter, saying, I have done as thou hast commanded me.” Friend, please observe, in the above example, that those who were lacking the special sign, which God had ordained, died. And so shall it be during the judgment of this world. Those who are not walking in obedience to all ten of God’s fundamental commandments (by the very power of Christ), shall perish forever. God is no respecter of persons!

Please note that prior to the beginning of this Earth’s judgment, the true servants of God are sealed in their foreheads (see Revelation 7:2-3). Those people upon this Earth, which have not the seal of God in their foreheads, shall be terribly tormented during this period of judgment, so much so that they will wish to die, but death will flee from them (see Revelation 9:3-6). What is this seal which God will place in the foreheads of His true people? What is this seal of the new covenant that God has with His people? Concerning this new covenant, the Lord (in Hebrews 8:10-11) saith: “*I will put my laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts...*” Friend, these laws are those commandments of God; all ten of them, including number Four: “*Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work: but the seventh day is the sabbath of the LORD thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates: for in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it.*” Friend, those with the seal of God in their foreheads, those who are included in the new covenant, shall be keeping the very Sabbath of God.

In the day of this Earth’s incredible judgment, Christ shall come with the holy angels. The angels shall be taking part in the utter destruction of this Earth’s wicked inhabitants (see Book of Revelation, plus Matthew 13:39-42 & 49-50; Matthew 25:31-32; Mark 8:38; Luke 9:26; II Thessalonians 1:7-10). Therefore, it appears that the special tokens of remembrance will act as reminders to the destroying angels, that they do not, under any circumstances, inadvertently annihilate even the least of the righteous and faithful children of God.

56. See: *The Holy Bible*, Book of Isaiah, chapter 40, verse 8.

57. See: *The Holy Bible*, Book of Exodus, chapter 31, verse 16.

58. Friend, let us make one point very clear. Just because an individual or group of people worships on the true Sabbath of God, does not automatically indicate that they are in full obedience to the true way of God. There are many “flavors” of Sabbath-keeping churches today, and there are many highly deceptive snares which Satan has placed upon this Earth in which to capture the unwary. As an example, there is one large Sabbath-keeping organization which has openly supported the Great Whore of Rome (that great enemy of the true way of God) by giving the pope a gold medal and commending him for his supposed service to God. Truly, which god is this Sabbath-keeping organization following?

There are also many varieties of independent Sabbath-keeping groups. It appears that the Sabbath issue has truly become just a gimmick to snare people into these groups. It is as if they feel that the Sabbath alone is what saves them. When the lives of these people are examined, we find that they are blatantly walking in disobedience to God in a number of extremely important areas. Friend, the people must be walking in obedience to what God has ordained,

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even in their due order in the family. Otherwise, their Sabbath-keeping will just become an abomination in the eyes of God.

As many of the other Sabbath-keeping organizations of today are examined by the Word of God, we find that numerous false doctrines are adhered to, and many of the traditions of the Great Whore are still practiced within them. Therefore, it is not in the best spiritual interest for any individual to run out and join these groups, which indeed are daughters of the Whore (as indicated in the Book of Revelation, chapter 17), and are spiritually called Babylon (as indicated in the Book of Revelation, chapter 18). Each individual must prayerfully search the Word of God, that they may see the true way of God in its fulness. Only then can they discern which groups are truly of God, and only after thorough examination by the full Word of God should they ever consider joining any particular group. Friend, any error in this area can ultimately lead to eternal destruction.

59. *The Holy Bible*, Book of Isaiah, chapter 66, verses 22-24.
60. *The Holy Bible*, Book of Luke, chapter 19, verse 27.
61. See: *The Holy Bible*, Book of II Thessalonians, chapter 1, verses 7-10.
62. Of this day, the Word of God (in the Book of Jeremiah, chapter 25, verses 31-33) proclaims: *“A noise shall come even to the ends of the earth; for the LORD hath a controversy with the nations, he will plead with all flesh; he will give them that are wicked to the sword, saith the LORD. Thus saith the LORD of hosts, Behold, evil shall go forth from nation to nation, and a great whirlwind shall be raised up from the coasts of the earth. And the slain of the LORD shall be at that day from one end of the earth even unto the other end of the earth: they shall not be lamented, neither gathered, nor buried; they shall be dung upon the ground.”*
63. *The Holy Bible*, Book of Isaiah, chapter 24, verses 4-6.
64. *The Holy Bible*, Book of I John, chapter 2, verses 3-6.
65. *The Holy Bible*, Book of John, chapter 15, verse 10.
66. *The Holy Bible*, Book of I John, chapter 5, verse 3.
67. *The Holy Bible*, Book of II Peter, chapter 2, verses 1-2.
68. *The Holy Bible*, Book of Ephesians, chapter 4, verse 14.
69. *The Holy Bible*, Book of II Timothy, chapter 3, verse 13.
70. *The Holy Bible*, Book of Matthew, chapter 7, verse 21.
71. *The Holy Bible*, Book of II Peter, chapter 3, verse 16.
72. *The Holy Bible*, Book of Matthew, chapter 6, verse 23.
73. *The Holy Bible*, Book of Colossians, chapter 2, verse 16.
74. *The Holy Bible*, Book of Romans, chapter 14, verses 5-6.
75. See: *The Holy Bible*, Book of Isaiah, chapter 58, verse 13.
76. *The Holy Bible*, Book of Exodus, chapter 31, verse 17.

77. Abraham lived long before Moses gave the law on stone to the children of Israel. Nevertheless, the Lord confirmed His promises to the seed of Abraham “*because that Abraham obeyed my voice, and kept my charge, my commandments, my statutes, and my laws.*” (*The Holy Bible*, Book of Genesis, chapter 26, verse 5.) Are we to do differently, and in this presumptuous state, believe that we will obtain that which was promised to Abraham?
78. *The Holy Bible*, in the Book of Acts, chapter 3, verses 19-21, proclaims: “*Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord; and he shall send Jesus Christ, which before was preached unto you: whom the heaven must receive until the times of restitution of all things, which God hath spoken by the mouth of all his holy prophets since the world began.*”
 When Jesus Christ physically returns, then will come the full restitution of all things. Then all the rebellious ones, who would not obey during this time of grace, shall be utterly destroyed. Please note the words of the Lord Jesus Christ: “*But those mine enemies, which would not that I should reign over them, bring hither, and slay them before me.*” (Luke 19:27) Once all the rebellious one who walk in their error are destroyed, all things will be restored to that which God intended in the first place.
79. See: *The Holy Bible*, Book of Exodus, chapter 20, verse 19.
80. See: *The Holy Bible*, Book of Exodus, chapter 34, verses 29-35.
81. See: *The Holy Bible*, Book of II Corinthians, chapter 3, verse 3. (Note: The verses which follow verse 3, and all the way through II Corinthians chapter 4, should be read together. Only in this manner can a clear understanding be obtained of those truths which Paul is expressing.)
82. *The Holy Bible*, Book of Jeremiah, chapter 31, verse 33.
83. *The Holy Bible*, Book of Hebrews, chapter 8, verses 8-11.
84. *The Holy Bible*, Book of James, chapter 2, verses 10-12 declares: “*For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all. For he that said, ‘Do not commit adultery,’ said also, ‘Do not kill.’ Now if thou commit no adultery, yet if thou kill, thou art become a transgressor of the law. So speak ye, and so do, as they that shall be judged by the law of liberty.*”
85. If we are breaking one of the commandments, we are breaking the wholeness of the law of God. If we are breaking the law of God, then we are living in sin; “*for sin is the transgression of the law.*” (See I John 3:4) Are we to continue on in sin? What does the Word of God proclaim?
 The Word of God clearly warns: “*For if we sin willfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for [our] sins, but a certain fearful looking for of judgment and fiery indignation, which shall devour the adversaries [of God]. He that despised Moses’ law died without mercy under two or three witnesses: of how much sorer punishment, suppose ye, shall he be thought worthy, who hath trodden under foot the Son of God, and hath counted the blood of the covenant, wherewith he was sanctified, an unholy thing, and hath done despite unto the Spirit of grace? For we know him that hath said, ‘Vengeance belongeth unto me, I will recompense’ saith the Lord. And again, ‘The Lord shall judge his people.’ It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.*” (Hebrews 10:26-31)
 Friend, do we want to willfully continue on in sin, to be devoured and utterly destroyed by God Himself? Do we want to partake of this predicament, with no hope at all for eternal life with God? Wouldn’t it be much easier to walk in full obedience to all ten of God’s commandments, by the very power of Christ?
86. *The Holy Bible*, Book of Psalms, chapter 58, verses 1-5.
87. *The Holy Bible*, Book of II Timothy, chapter 3, verse 13.
88. *The Holy Bible*, Book of Matthew, chapter 23, verse 13.
89. *The Holy Bible*, Book of Revelation, chapter 14, verses 6-7.
90. Please see: *The Holy Bible*, Book of Matthew, chapter 7, verse 21.