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America—Under a Curse?

Judging from what can be seen in the United States, some people sense that our nation seems to be under a curse. There's good reason for that; the nation *is* under a curse. How can I say that? Can I prove it? One does not have to be a prophet to see the curse coming. One merely needs to understand a few things. First, God is no respecter of persons (Acts 10:34). Secondly, God does not change (Mal 3:6).

What is this curse that God has pronounced on our nation? Here's the first indication: Lev 18:21 *And you shall not let any of your seed pass through the fire to Molech, neither shall you profane the name of your God. I am Jehovah.*

God made sure, after having given His commandments at Sinai, that Israel could understand what He meant by issuing His statutes. You see, one of the commandments was that they should not murder (Ex 20:13). He expounded on that by prohibiting the action of killing one's children by giving them to Molech, i.e., passing them through the fire.

He repeated the command for emphasis: Deu 18:10 *There shall not be found among you anyone who makes his son or his daughter to pass through the fire.*

But, Israel and Judah did exactly what was prohibited. They caused their children to be put into the fire on the statue of Molech. 2Ki 17:17 *And they caused their sons and their daughters to pass through the fire.* After Israel had done that great evil, Judah did exactly the same thing: Jer 32:35 *And they built the high places of Baal, in the valley of the son of Hinnom, to cause their sons and their daughters to pass through the fire to Molech; which I did not command them, nor did it come into My mind that they should do this abomination, to cause Judah to sin.*

Eze 23:36-37 *And Jehovah said to me: Son of man, will you judge Oholah and Oholibah, and declare to them their abominations, that they have committed adultery, and blood is on their hands? And they have committed adultery with their idols and have also caused their sons*

whom they bore to Me to pass through the fire to them, to devour them.

What was the result of this great evil? Eze 23:46-48 *For so says the Lord Jehovah: I will bring up a company on them, and will give them to be removed and stripped.*

And the company shall stone them with stones, and cut them down with their swords. They shall kill their sons and their daughters, and burn up their houses with fire.

So I will cause wickedness to cease out of the land, that all women may be taught, even not to go after your wickedness.

And, it came to pass as God stated. First Israel and later Judah were violently taken into captivity as the result of the protection of God being removed from them. Israel never returned and is known today as the "Lost Tribes." But, Judah was allowed to return, eventually. Why that happened is important, but not the subject of this article.

How does this affect the United States? The deliberately ignorant might say that they never sacrificed their children to Molech. They make the mistake of not understanding that Molech was just the symbol of the great evil of murdering one's children.

This country, which has been the recipient of the blessings promised to the children of Abraham, has been murdering huge numbers of its children since the evil decision of the Supreme Court in the case of Roe v. Wade.

Indeed, the website *numberofabortions.com* states that over 60 million babies have been sacrificed to the false idols of our convenience and money since the legalization of abortion.

But, it gets worse! Did you know that people in charge of getting foreign "aid" to other countries do so by holding the sword over their head of their needing to control their population growth. How do most of those nations comply with the American

demands? Yes, you guessed correctly: abortion.

The same website mentioned earlier indicates that well over 1.5 billion babies have been sacrificed to the evil of American "aid."

Recently, to compound the issue, a number of states have begun enacting laws that allow for those babies to be killed right up until the moment of birth!

Our legislators have no courage against the Planned Parenthood money for reelection. It would take only the simplest of definition changes in their criminal codes to end abortion immediately. What is it, you ask? All they would have to do is to define that life begins when doctors can detect a beating heart. But, our so-called servants have left their chains and continue to allow this great evil to create a stench in the nostrils of God.

They don't seem to care that God said in Exo 13:2 *Sanctify all the first-born to Me, whatever opens the womb among the sons of Israel, of man and of beast. It is Mine.* The first born children belong to God! How many children have we in this country stolen from God in all these years?

Therefore, yes, we are sacrificing our children to Molech figuratively. Whether we throw them onto the burning arms of the statute of Molech, or cut them, screaming in pain, from the Mother's womb, they are just as dead—just as murdered.

We should not make the mistake of thinking that God is not paying attention to what we are doing. This nation is the recipient of the great blessings promised to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, who later became named Israel. If God hated the evil that was done to children during those days, He still hates it today.

If God brought invasion and captivity on Israel for these sins back then, He will most certainly bring invasion and captivity on any nation participating in this great evil of child sacrifice now.

If He sent Judah into captivity for not learning the lesson that God did not want children sacrificed to false gods, He most certainly will send this nation into captivity for sacrificing our children to the false gods of convenience and money.

I have heard the excuses put forth by some that abortion ought to be legal for the health of the mother, and for cases of rape and incest. Without a doubt, much evil is being done in this nation because rape and incest are likewise evil in God's sight. Deu 22:25 *But if a man finds an engaged girl in the field, and the man forces her and lies with her, then only the man that lay with her shall die.*

That statute applies to all men, related or not. Further, we read in Lev 18:8-18 that incest is likewise strictly prohibited.

However, in no case does God say that the child of such illicit unions is allowed to be killed. He was very specific in His statements that children were not to be given up to a false god, even if that false god is our convenience or our inability to support another mouth. There is a better solution than murder.

We in this nation compound one sin with another, and another. We use our own reasoning to determine that what we want is good—just like we did in the Garden of Eden. But, just like then, it is God who determines what is evil and what is good. Every time we choose that evil for ourselves, we are choosing the fruit of the forbidden tree once again.

Concluding, this nation is living on borrowed time because of the promises made to Abraham and his descendants. Is there any way for this nation, at this point, to avoid the destruction that is most assuredly coming? There is always the path of heartfelt repentance. We must quit electing spineless servants who leave the chains of the constitution and drag this nation down the hellacious pit of the murder of children. It is only by a national repentance and revival that this nation can be saved from the destruction that is coming on it.

Sadly, I do not see anything that will cause the people of this nation to rise up and remove the evil men and women from leadership who are about to bring destruction on all of us.

—Ed.



BSA Fellowship Meeting 2019

Kelly McDonald

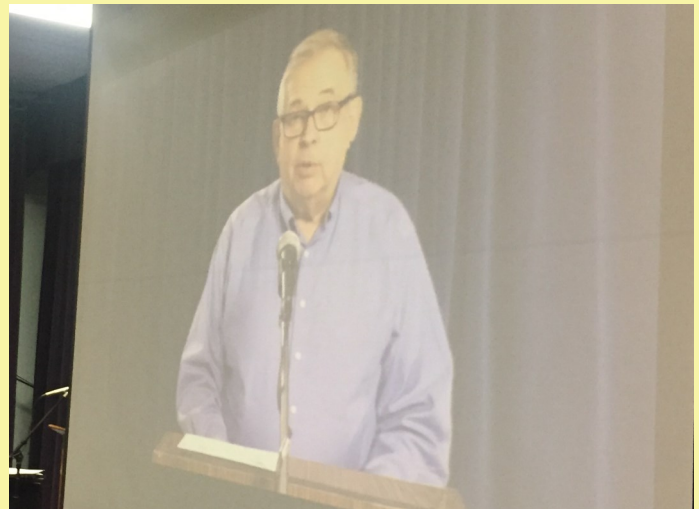
We came; we learned; we feasted!

For the last two years, the BSA board has worked hard to host a fellowship meeting for Sabbatharians. We discussed several cities and decided upon Big Sandy, Texas. The board had several reasons for this location. Among them was the fact that East Texas has among the highest concentration of Sabbatharians in the United States.

The conference took place from May 24-26, 2019, at the Church of God Big Sandy. We had a high attendance in the 80s, and the average attendance was 40-50. Over the course of the conference, people from various church backgrounds attended, includ-

ing Church of God and Hebrew Roots Sabbatharians. Over 750 people watched portions of the conference online. We had two catered meals during the conference from a local caterer, Mama Tees. They were excellent!

We had a total of 10 individual speaker sessions. In these sessions, a presenter delivered a 40-45 minute message. Afterwards, we held a question and answer session with the audience. The audience had many thoughtful questions.



As the BSA President, I served as the emcee for the event. I can attest that the attendees displayed an eagerness to learn and hunger for truth. Everyone seemed to be engaged and excited to hear the sessions. There was an incredible atmosphere of cooperation and fellowship. We learned about our differences and more importantly, our similarities.

We had a light time of fellowship Friday night. On Saturday morning, we opened the first session with Bill Watson from the Church of God International (CGI). He presented a brief overview of Sabbath his-

tory from the early Church to the present. He masterfully covered this vast epoch of time and touched on the appropriate highlights. It was the best overview of Sabbath history I have ever heard.

Bill was followed by a video from Vic Kubik of the United Church of God. In it, he expressed his support for the conference and the BSA. Next, Bryan Burrell with the Church of God Seventh-Day (CG7) and BSA Treasurer presented an overview of BSA history. I closed out the session with a review of our recent history and outreach efforts. Everyone was encouraged by the progress the BSA is making. In the next session, I discussed potential origins of the Waldenses. I mainly provided some background to their history and why they are so important for Sabbatharians to study.

Phil Arnold of the Reunion Institute expounded on some history of Sabbatarian extremism. He discussed the Branch Davidians, who were lead by David Koresh, and the Tailing rebellion. He concluded this presentation by explaining why we need to avoid extremism in our community.

We rounded out Saturday's presentations with Tim Kelley (leader of Ami Yisrael Fellowship) who explained the history of the Hebrew Roots Movement and Dr. John Merritt (BSA board member) who described the modern history of Messianic Judaism. These presentations did an excellent job of reviewing these unique groups. They were the best presentations I have heard on those two subjects.

Sunday we opened again with Bill Watson – this time He focused on CGI work in Jamaica. This was very delightful as they are making a significant impact in that country. Royce Mitchell with the Houston Church of God, a member of the BSA

board and current editor of The Sabbath Sentinel followed. He surveyed the history of TSS and reviewed its purpose. Several attendees expressed interest in writing for the magazine and even provided helpful suggestions.

I followed Royce with a second part on Waldensian Origins. I focused on historical documents that discussed the Waldenses and the Sabbatarian tendencies among their group. Phil Arnold finished the individual sessions by educating us on the origin of the "Fair Chance" doctrine that is prevalent among those with a Church of God background.



We concluded the conference with two round-table sessions. The first was entitled "the Mark of the Beast"; the presenters discussed possible meanings behind this prophetic enigma. The second was entitled "the future of the Sabbath community". Each presenter contributed different ideas as to how we go forward as a community with a special emphasis on cooperation and evangelism.

I can honestly say that it was definitely worth the effort. I thank everyone who contributed to it, including: Church of God Big Sandy, Pastor Dave Havir, Dr. John Merritt, CGI, Bill Watson, Jeff Reed, Wesley Worven, Tim Kelley, Dr. Phil Arnold, Dr. Royce Mitchell, Bryan Burrell, and the rest of the BSA board.

THE PROFITABLE SLAUGHTER OF INNOCENTS

Shawn Christopher Phillips

What if I told you that it would be possible to wipe out 52% of the black American population by the end of this year? Then, what if I told you the black American population would not put up a fight or even complain? Indeed, what if I told you that black Americans would cooperate with their demise, and do it themselves? Sound farfetched? What if I told you that it has been happening for half a century already?

As a matter of record, this black American genocide has occurred every year in the US since 1973 with the blessing of the US Supreme Court. Way back in the day, even Jesse Jackson spoke out against this black American genocide - right up and until he decided to run for President in the democrat party. The baby killers of Planned Parenthood have thrown a lot of their bloody ill-gotten gains behind democrat politics, and in short order, hordes of murdered babies just stopped mattering to the democrat party.

Responsible for the deaths of 43 million people, Soviet dictator Joseph Stalin once told an American Ambassador, "The death of one man is a tragedy, the death of millions is a statistic."

It turns out that "legalized" abortion is more effective at eliminating population than the forced sterilizations called for by noted eugenicists, Planned Parenthood founder, Margaret Sanger, and Associate Supreme Court Justice, Oliver Wendell Holmes Jr., back in the 1920's and 1930's.

Though, black Americans make up 12% of the US population, black American women account for 37% of all abortions. Currently, 52% of all black American

pregnancies end in abortion. Since 1973, legalized abortion has killed more black Americans than AIDS, cancer, diabetes, heart disease, and violent crime combined. Every week, more black Americans die in abortion clinics than were killed in the entire Vietnam War.

Let those statistics soak in. Do all black American lives matter? Well, apparently the 20+ million black American lives aborted since 1973 have not mattered, and the democrat party continues today fighting tooth and nail to continue this infanticide.

To paraphrase, it has been said, "... The most dangerous place to be for a black American baby, is in the womb of his black American mother." For Pete's sake people, there are stricter legal protections on the books protecting un-hatched sea turtle eggs than there are for human babies in the womb.

In April of 1927, in the case of *Buck v. Bell*, a majority opinion was delivered by eugenicist proponent and Associate Supreme Court Justice, Oliver Wendell Holmes Jr., stating, "We have seen more than once that the public welfare may call upon the best citizens for their lives. It would be strange if it could not call upon those who already sap the strength of the State for these lesser sacrifices, often not felt to be such by those concerned, in order to prevent our being swamped with incompetence. It is better for all the world if, instead of waiting to execute degenerate offspring for crime or to let them starve for their imbecility, society can prevent those who are manifestly unfit from continuing their kind. The principle that sustains compulsory vaccination is broad enough to cover cutting the fallopian tubes. Three generations of

imbeciles are enough.

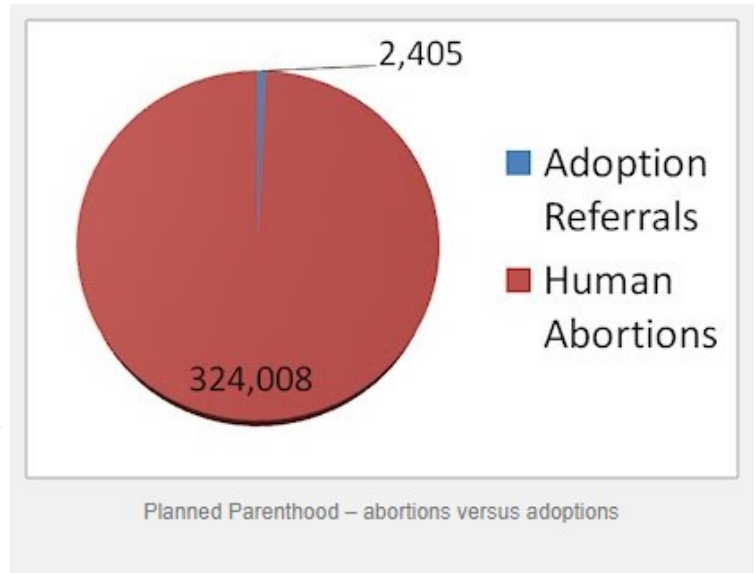
Two decades later, the end of WWII would reveal the atrocities committed by the Nazis and Imperial Japan, and magically no one wanted to publicly contemplate eugenics anymore as the subject of eugenics evaporated from the public discourse. Amazing what can happen when the harsh light of truth is shined on a subject, or so one would tend to think.

On May 16, 2019, pro-abortionist and celebrity model, Emily Ratajkowski, tweeted a nude photo of herself and espoused the following democrat party talking points, "This week, 25 old white men voted to ban abortion in Alabama even in cases of incest and rape. These men in power are imposing their wills onto the bodies of women in order to uphold the patriarchy and perpetuate the industrial prison complex by preventing women of low economic opportunity the right to choose to not reproduce. The states trying to ban abortion are the states that have the highest proportions of black women living there. This is about class and race and is a direct attack on the fundamental human rights women in the US deserve and are protected by under Roe vs. Wade. Our bodies, our choice."

"Our bodies, our choice"? Lenin would have called Emily a "useful idiot"; Ms. Ratajkowski would have made Stalin so proud.

After further condensing the democrat talking points Emily Ratajkowski tweeted, she is essentially saying black American women must be given the right to terminate a baby so that he/she won't grow up to commit crime and clog up our prison system. Obviously, Emily believes unborn black American babies are predestined for a life of crime. How sad!

Apparently, the entire democrat party has missed the good news concerning President Trump's economic boom and ever lowering unemployment rates! We are going to need every American citizen available to



fill all of the jobs coming back to America under President Trump! Oh, wait a minute; I almost forgot. The democrat party is desperate to replace an American workforce that is paid decent American wages with the cheaper imported foreign labor of illegal aliens. The real reason for opposition to President Trump's border wall is - wage suppression - and the democrat party is dependent on people who are dependent on the government. The democrat party has no real use for a prosperous and productive American middle class.

By the way, the Supreme Court is not infallible; they were wrong about Dred Scott, as well, and it took a Civil War to finally cleanse the nation of slavery. If left up to the Supreme Court, slavery would not have ended.

In case it is not clear by now, allow me to explain the insidiously nefarious relationship of the democrat party, Planned Infanticide, and the mainstream media. The democrat party fights with abandon to preserve and fund their most important moneymaker - i.e. Planned Infanticide's baby killing factories. Subsequently, Planned Infanticide uses their blood profits to support democrat candidates, so as to preserve the process of "legalized" infanticide. You should never expect the mainstream media to tell you the truth on

this matter, because the mainstream media profits in advertising revenue by promoting both the democrat party and Planned Infanticide. This is not too difficult to comprehend, but understand there is a lot of OPM (other people's money - i.e. taxpayer money) involved, and the immoral avarice is enormous.

Today's "legalized" infanticide is not a Constitutional right. Free Speech and the Right To Keep And Bear Arms are Constitutional rights, but you will not find a "right" to abortion in the Constitution. A US Supreme Court decision open to interpretation in 1973 kicked off the vicious cycle of funding democrat campaigns on the graves of murdered babies. A decision every bit as immoral as their Dred Scott decision. A decision that can change with the wind. A decision that could be reversed as soon as today. For all the hyperbole perpetuated by the democrat party surrounding abortion, one must ask: "If abortion is so sacrosanct to the democrat party, then why has the democrat party never codified the right to commit abortion into actual law instead of relying on a court

decision that can change with prevailing public sentiment?" Because the democrat party as a whole does not have the courage to back the alleged firmly held convictions of their beliefs. Passing an actual law to commit abortion would mean the democrat party would have to actually get its hands dirty instead of relying on an immoral court decision to do their bidding.

However, most important to the democrat party and Planned Infanticide, codification of abortion would likely bring an end to their money laundering scheme financed by generations of murdered babies.

The US Declaration of Independence says, " We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness." The Founding Fathers made no exceptions to this for the Supreme Court, democrat party, Planned Infanticide, mainstream media, or anyone else.

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In United States today

2,293.3

United States this Year

393,850.5

Worldwide since 1980

1,536,876,337

US since 1973: Roe vs Wade

61,335,883.5

US this Year after
16 weeks gestation

18,904.8

Worldwide this Year

17,077,681

By Planned Parenthood since 1970

8,433,552.3

US this Year due to rape
or incest

3,820.4

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5,031

By Planned Parenthood this year

145,306.8

Black babies since '73 in US

18,400,765.1

Worldwide Today

98,255

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ELDERS OF THE SCATTERED CHURCH

Part 2

Darl Arbogast

This article is continued from May 2019 edition.

THE RECOMMENDATION

This is not the way it was in early America as settlers were pushing west. The Seventh Day Baptists, largely clannish and close knit, accompanied the pioneers across America. During the 1850s and 1860s some of them began to split off and formed what became known as the Seventh Day Church of God and the Seventh Day Adventists.

Herbert W. Armstrong became a minister and evangelist in the Church of God Seventh Day. Around 1934 he began his radio program, "The World Tomorrow" and established the Radio Church of God, which was later renamed the Worldwide Church of God.

Today the Worldwide Church of God has splintered and split and divided into dozens of small groups and the main headquarters lapsed into a Sunday observing Protestant Church, and the entire church has now become extinct.

What is one to make of all this? Looking at the history of Sabbath observing Churches we can see a continuous line from the first century Church of God all the way through the Waldenses who kept the faith alive during the dark ages, then passed it off to the Seventh Day Baptists in Europe.

Stephen Munford, a Seventh Day Baptist minister brought it to America and all these many Sabbatarian church groups and organizations have spread it around and kept it alive in nearly every country of the world today.

These Seventh Day Churches first took the gospel to all nations in the first century and again in the 20th century. So the continuous line of the church of God itself can be clearly seen throughout history,

but none of these church groups corporate or otherwise can lay claim to being the "one and only" true church of God.

Jesus Christ said He would build His church and the gates of Hades would not prevail against it! So where is the true church of God today? The answer is so obvious that people stumble over it without even seeing it! It is hidden in plain sight. The Church of God today consists of converted Sabbath observing Christians, who practice the 14th Passover, have repented, practice water baptism and laying on of hands to receive God's Holy Spirit!

No one can tell you how many people there are on this earth today who have God's Holy Spirit abiding in them, but they are the spiritual continuous line of the true Church of God which was started in the first century by Jesus Christ and the Apostles. Read Acts 2.

There exists however, no priesthood or continuous line of the ministry that has survived that arduous journey from hand to hand these 2,000 plus years, nor does there need to be! God gives His Holy Spirit to whom so ever He will, those who are called and chosen by Him are His anointed. It does not have to be passed from person to person in every case.

As an example there is no mention of Ananias being anything other than a disciple or, learner, or a student. Yet he was called on by Jesus Christ Himself to go and lay hands on Saul who is called Paul. There was no established corporate church at Damascus, no system of elders and deacons and so on.

Now, here arises another question. Can someone such as Ananias anoint the sick, lay hands on them, and pray for their healing? Would this be a presumptuous act by someone who has God's Holy Spirit abiding in them? Or shouldn't this be consid-

ered an act of love, of mercy, and obedience to Christ's own instructions?

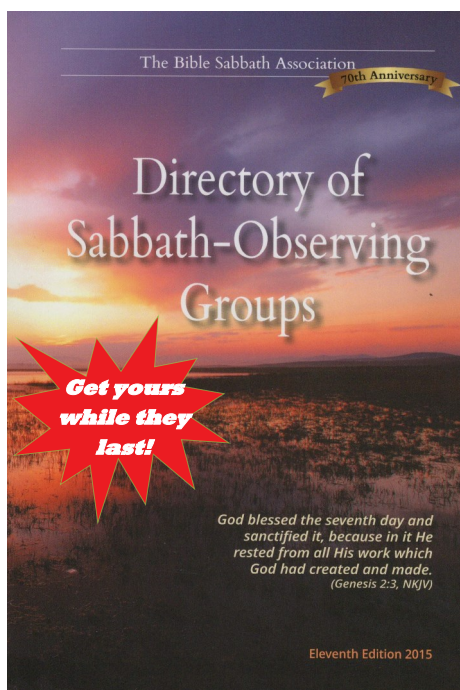
Could it be haughtiness, is it arrogance, or is it fear that would cause many of today's corporate Sabbath observing church leaders to cast their vote against it? Could this be because it does tend to take control away from corporate church leaders, and could it also possibly be because the vast majority of them have been trained in a hierarchical institution, and they just can't seem to get that out of their system? Thanks be to God, some of them have! Far too many however, seem to still be stuck back there in the antiquated belief of "Apostolic Succession."

Many believe they must be in control and call the shots on everything, rather than just relaxing and giving their mind to study, and teaching and preaching the true gospel. Certainly they should be available to recommend, give advice and encourage the local congregations but let the local congregations grow and develop in spiritual maturity. Sure, they will make some mistakes, but they will repent and continue on. This is the only way we are likely to see a full manifestation of the gifts of I Corinthians 12, and the full exercising of the love of 1 Corinthians 13 and the weightier matters of the law written in Matthew 23:23.

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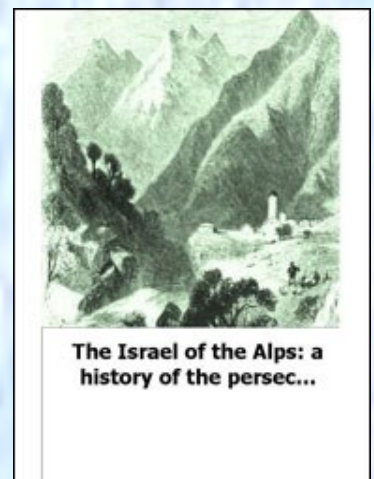
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How to Spend More Time With ...

The Man From Galilee

Aimee Zahora

For most of my life, I would bounce out of bed a millisecond after my alarm buzzed through the silence and rush around in the fast lane to get stuff done. Over the past few months, a more gentle approach debuted in my conscience, making those initial waking moments soft and serene.

Meditation through music helps me connect with God. Focusing on Him and being still -- listening for His inspiration -- changes the course of my day. My awareness of what truly matters and my perception of simple beauty -- birds, flowers, sunshine, etc. -- intensifies.

Two of my favorite musical selections that resonate with me include [Give Me Jesus](#) by Danny Gokey and [Psalm 34](#) by Shane and Shane.



Tune in to Powerful Sermons All Day

Whether you are exercising, taking a mental break over lunch, or winding down at the end of the day, be intentional about tuning into powerful sermons throughout the day. Below are three series-style sermons that have increased my spiritual prosperity.

- David Holladay's seven-part series on spiritual mastery provides practical insight on how to

align the inner and outer self

- Gary Petty's five-part sanctification series goes deep into the rarely discussed doctrine of being set apart

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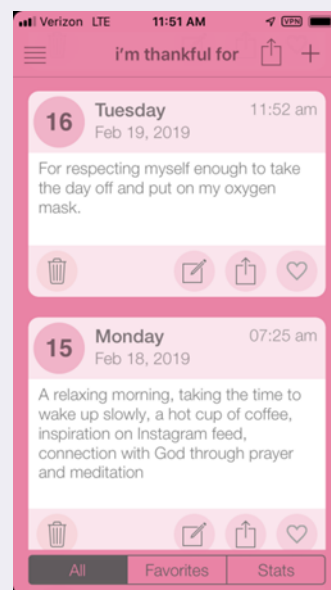
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Write Down the Good Things That Happened to You Today

A friend recently introduced me to the [Thankful](#) app. It provides a convenient method for electronically capturing a few concepts that express gratitude on a daily basis. The practice of gratitude is a simple game-changer to transform one's mental trajectory.

Pictured here are a couple of my recent entries. I find it refreshing to look back at my entries every couple days or weeks. Not only am I amazed at how much I would have forgotten had I not documented it, but also my spirit renews through the review pro-



cess.

Pray for an Open, Loving Heart and God’s Will

Spending time with the man from Galilee in prayer



and meditation changes the course of life. Whether praying for specifics or big picture items, the intimacy of prayer enables soul restoration and divine guidance.

Personally, I am in the midst of a unique time of life. I have chosen to radically alter the course of my life to follow God more passionately. That choice includes ordering my day in ways that energize rather than deplete. Besides making a cross-state physical move from the north to the south, I am embarking on a new career.

Perhaps there are few times in life where we have the opportunity to be radical. Or, maybe opportunities present themselves many times, but we have to be in tune with God’s Will to perceive those opportunities. In any case, when the awareness comes, it’s time to act. Whatever stage of life you find yourself in, I encourage you to pray fervently for an open, loving heart -- one that aligns with God Will. My experience has shown it to be fulfilling beyond measure.

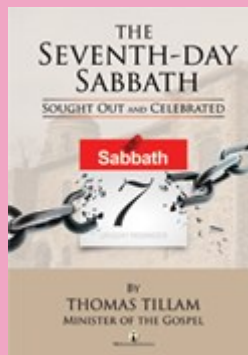
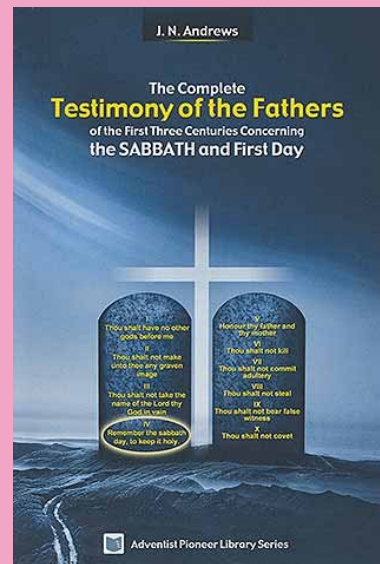
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Testimony of the Fathers

By J.N. Andrews

In this book, originally published in 1873, J. N. Andrews presents unanswerable evidence that clearly shows that the change from the seventh day to the first day as Sabbath was not authorized by the Apostles, and much less by God Himself. It was done by men, little by little, until the whole world followed after this man-made commandment.

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The Seventh-Day Sabbath Sought Out and Celebrated

By Thomas Tillam

Originally published in 1657, “The Seventh-day Sabbath Sought Out and Celebrated” has been out of print for more than 350 years. Wilderness Publications has reprinted this important historical work for the benefit of all Christians.

Thomas Tillam explains that the final great controversy in these very last days will be between the Saints and the Man of Sin over the Seventh-day Sabbath.

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The Pursuit of Happiness

Logan Moorer

In the Declaration of Independence, our founders wrote that God had given mankind unalienable rights, including “life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness”. One must keep in mind that any one of these three items are not exclusive from each other. Said another way, one’s pursuit of happiness should not hinder the liberty or life of another.

Unfortunately, the direction of the nation has taken a drastic turn for the worst. Some seem to think that their ‘pursuit of happiness’ means the liberty to take the life of another. Recently, the state of New York has just passed a that will allow for the termination of any fetus, even up to the point of birth.

I watched an entire room of people not just vote to pass this bill, but applaud their self-proclaimed “progressive” agenda. Our country is at the point, and has been for quite some time, where we have the audacity to praise immortality and savagery. These types of behaviors remind us of Jesus words “Because of the increase of lawlessness, the love of many will grow cold” (Matthew 24:12). This perversion of the phrase ‘pursuit of happiness’ has brought us to this place. The phrase is pleasant but taken out of context has led to terrible behavior.

Human happiness is a conditional emotion determined by our circumstance. While it is not evil in and of itself, it does have the potential to lead us straight to death. Therefore the other two inalienable rights, “Life and Liberty” are necessary. Now that those are being jettisoned for the illusion of human happiness, evil is being revealed.

The Apostle John worded it this way: “For all that is in the world—the desires of the flesh and the desires

of the eyes and pride of life—is not from the Father but is from the world. And the world is passing away along with its desires, but whoever does the will of God abides forever” (1 John 2:16-17). When we choose to chase after something that’s fleeting, like the sinful desires of our flesh, to attain happiness, we fail to realize that such feelings are temporary. What then are we to pursue if not human happiness?

Jesus said, “But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you. ‘Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble’” (Matthew 6:33-34). The pursuit of human happiness in and of itself without restraint leads to a path of ease.

If you choose the path of least resistance then you are sure to face fewer trials, but fewer trials means less growth. Isn’t growth the point of life though? Especially for those of us who have committed our lives to the path of righteousness! “Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing” (James 1:2-4). That joy James speaks of is an entirely different subject!

Joy is not conditional like happiness because joy is not an emotion. It is a mindset that is focused on not self, but something beyond ourselves – the will and plan of God and his purpose for our lives. While human happiness without restraint leads us away from the storms of life, the joy of the Lord leads us through them. The joy of the Lord has the power to lead us through the storm because it is the mindset of thankfulness. After all the verb form of the word joy is to rejoice!

Paul wrote, “For I tell you that Christ became a servant to the circumcised to show God’s truthfulness, in order to

confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, 'Therefore I will praise you among the Gentiles, and sing to your name.' And again it is said, 'Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people.' And again, 'Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples extol him.' And again Isaiah says, 'The root of Jesse will come, even he who arises to rule the Gentiles; in him will the Gentiles hope.' May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope" (Romans 15:8-13). That is the message of our faith!

The fleeting and fickle happiness of our flesh will never stand against the trials of this life, but the joy and hope given to us by the sacrifice and promise of our Lord Yeshua will last for the eternity that he promised. "Why do you call me 'Lord, Lord,' and not do what I tell you? Everyone who comes to me and hears my words and does them, I will show you what he is like: he is like a man building a house, who dug deep and laid the foundation on the rock. And when a flood arose, the stream broke against that house and could not shake it, because it had been well built. But the one who hears and does not do them is like a man who built a house on the ground without a foundation. When the stream broke against it, immediately it fell, and the ruin of that house was great" (Luke 6:46-49). As children of God and brethren to one another, let's build the house of the Lord, not our own! Let us walk in Godly joy and not the unrestrained passions of the flesh. Let us strive for joy and not be content with human happiness.

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“THE SEVENTH DAY MEN”

PART 3

Leon J Lyell

The Seventh Day Men under King Charles II

Many modern Sabbath-keepers know little of the first formulation of the Sabbath doctrine in the modern era. It has come directly from the seventeenth century where a handful of Englishmen and their congregations ‘discovered’ and observed it.

These Sabbath-keepers did not consider themselves to be forming a new denomination; indeed, they did not form a unified group. Rather, they saw themselves as only one step ahead of their brethren.

This outline aims to give the main features of this time of rediscovery. The story is of real people, from diverse backgrounds, many of whom displayed the same human failings as modern Sabbath-keepers. It is a heritage that all Sabbath-keepers share.

Part one of this series, published in *The Sabbath Sentinel* May-June 2017, described Sabbath keepers under King James I and his son Charles I. Part 2 covered Cromwell’s time and appeared in *Sabbath Sentinel* [check date]. Part 3 concludes the series.

Persecution Renewed

In 1658 Oliver Cromwell died. Soon the experimental Commonwealth lacked stable government and by 1661 the exiled son of Charles I was asked to return as King Charles II.

Eager to avenge his father’s execution and with a taste for the high-life, he willingly accepted, promising religious toleration.

In fact, persecution was renewed.

All who would not support the Church of England, as previously constituted, were to be imprisoned or otherwise punished under the Act of Uniformity made law in 1662. The Fifth Monarchy Movement was banned, and those who supported it were regarded as rebels.

John James was at this time a preacher to a ‘seventh day’

baptist church in Bullstake Alley, London. Like Edward Stennet, James was not a Fifth Monarchist, but he did expect Christ to literally return to earth displacing earthly government to establish the Millennium.

On Saturday 19 October 1661, after a vigorous sermon on this subject, James was arrested with thirty of his congregation. The charges were plotting treason and being a Fifth Monarchist. The authorities apparently decided to make an example of James and ordered him executed. His decapitated head was placed on a stake outside the Bullstake Alley meeting house as a warning to others.

Sabbath-keeping Spreads West

No wonder that in such times many sought the relative freedom of America. One member of Stennet’s congregation, Stephen Mumford, decided to escape and arrived in Rhode Island in 1664. There he found initial fellowship with the local Sunday keeping congregation. With Mumford, the Sabbath idea came to America, and in a few years, with the help and encouragement of Stennet and Dr Peter Chamberlen, he established America’s first Sabbath-keeping church.

Back in London, the dozen or so Sabbath-keeping congregations faced new times with tenacity and resourcefulness. Talented men would yet add their voices to the Sabbath chorus; with each a new harmony.

The aristocrat Francis Bampfield, also fully conversant with Greek and Hebrew was but one and is worth a separate article as are a number of those mentioned. In September 1662, he was arrested at home and imprisoned for nearly nine years. There he preached almost daily and formed a Sabbath-keeping church within the prison walls.

On his release in 1675, he travelled through several counties of England preaching finally settling in London. He gathered a congregation of Sabbatarian Baptists at Pinners’ Hall, Broad Street. Whilst conducting service there, he was arrested and returned to prison where he died on 16 February 1683.

Large crowds of sympathisers attended his funeral at the Anabaptists' burial-ground in Aldersgate Street.

Bampfield defended the Sabbath in 1677, in his book *The Seventh Day Sabbath - The Desirable Day*, 'The LORD Jesus Christ, who is Redeemer, was Creator.... Jehovah Christ as Mediator did himself at Mount Sinai proclaim the law of Ten Words.

His argument was simply that it was Jesus Christ Himself who wrote the Ten Commandments at Mount Sinai. Why then would this same Christ seek to do away with one of them?

The 'Ten Words' was Bampfield's more accurate translation of the Hebrew for 'ten commandments'. His interesting life and original thinking are worthy of more extensive examination.

The legacy

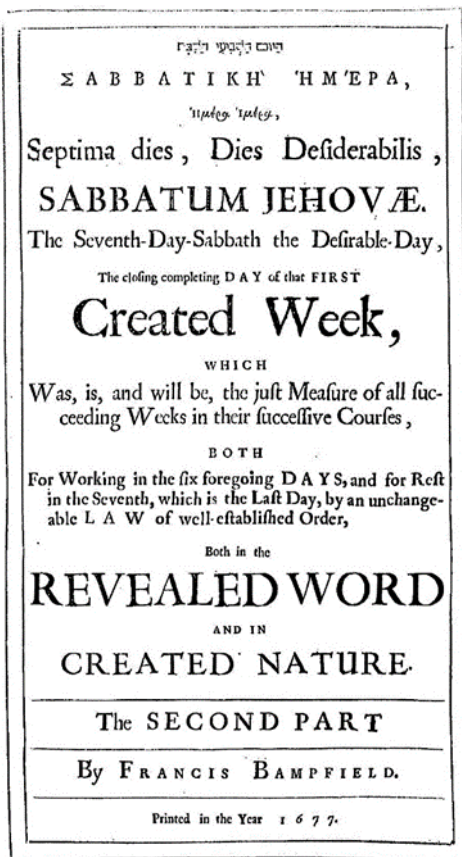
What had been achieved by the end of the seventeenth century was not merely the rediscovery of an old idea, but the formulation of a particular way of defending it. This defence would be repeated by succeeding generations of Sabbath-keepers who, in time, would lose all knowledge of the people and times to whom they owed so much.

The same can be said of many new ideas which developed at this time.

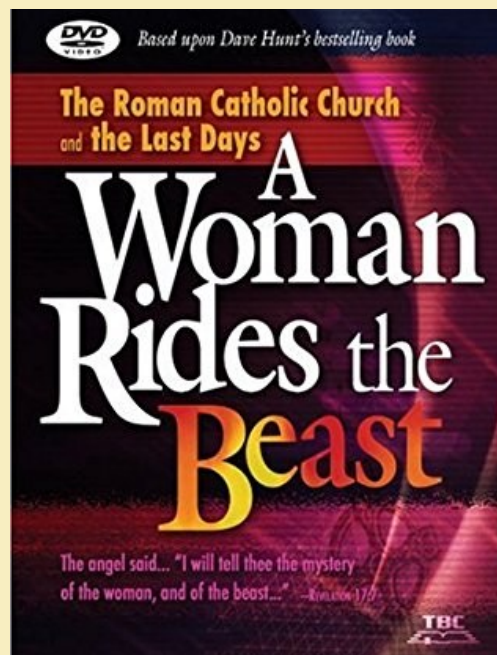
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The truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth!

(according to the Scriptures)

DJ Wellington

There have been so many people the last few years speaking of truth. Many articles written on truth, both within the more religious publications as well as in secular publications. Many of these are written by people who do not practice even what they write, albeit blindly in many cases! Let's take a rather concise look at real truth, according to the one that matters most in my personal life, our Heavenly Father and His Son.

First, exactly what IS truth? The sum of Your word is truth, And every one of Your righteous ordinances is everlasting. (Psalm 119:160). This is indicated many times throughout the scriptures, and is even mentioned in some articles by and for a faithbased community – even communities who do not live according to His words! What is the opposite of truth? Truth is actually quite simple....

We will look at just a few specifics.

1. YHWH (commonly known as the (Tetragrammaton")) are the letters representing our Heavenly Father's Name which was taken OUT of His words almost 7,000 times! On top of that, it was replaced with a title, "LORD"! You shall not add to the word which I am commanding you, nor take away from it, that you may keep the commandments of YHWH your Elohim which I command you. (Deuteronomy 4:2). See also Revelation 22:18-19. Anyone can easily verify this by simply reading the forward in most study Bibles!

There are lots of verses on what YHWH (hereafter "YAHWEH") thinks of His Name and using it, even

all the way back in Exodus, But, indeed, for this reason I have allowed you to remain, in order to show you My power and in order to proclaim My name through all the earth. (Exodus 9:16). It would be good for the reader to look up "proclaim." Two of the most important verses in scripture regarding His Name are "Therefore My people shall know My name; therefore in that day I am the one who is speaking, Here I am." (Isaiah 52:6).

The second is "It will come about in that day," declares YAHWEH, "That you will call Me Ishi [untranslated, translation would be "my husband"] And will no longer call Me Baali [untranslated, translation would be "my LORD/master"]". (Hosea 2:16). So, this is not difficult – If someone has a name, why would you resist using it? Worse yet, call "Billy" by "Jimmy"?

2. YAHWEH'S Messiah, His Son – born of the tribe of Judah, yet most call Him by a Greek-Latinized Name? Just let that sink in. If Billy goes to a foreign land, do they call him Jimmy there? Again, think about that. His Messiah, our sooncoming King, would have a "Jewish" Name and He never, ever, ever heard Himself called "Iesous" or "Jesus"! It is truly as simple as that. I might add that He had the same name as Joshua son of Nun which is easily seen by comparing a King James version with most any other version the following two verses: Hebrews 4:8 and Acts 7:45. Of course, there was no "J" back then so the sound would be a "Y." Again, this is simple truth.

3. Trinity – the concept of a 3-in-1 deity – does not appear anywhere in Scriptures! The only verse

which has been used to support this concept is 1John 5:7-8, For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one. And there are three that bear witness in earth, the Spirit, and the water, and the blood: and these three agree in one. (KJV) It has been proven that the underlined portions are NOT in ANY early manuscripts—i.e., they were added! We read the verse about adding to Scriptures. Again, IT IS NOT IN THE SCRIPTURES! Yet, people still teach and believe in this concept which is only truly found in paganism!

4. "Holy" Days. Again, this is to look at simple truths and the simple truth is the so-called "holy-days" honored by the world are NOT in scripture or not in a positive light! We will only look at three:

A. "Christmas" - Not only does this NOT appear in scripture but any educated minister, priest, historian will acknowledge the Messiah absolutely, positively was NOT born in the middle of winter! Some will actually say that doesn't matter! On top of that, we are no where instructed to honor ANY birthday, much less the most important man's who was ever on earth! A simple truth!

B. "New Years Day" – Though not a "holy" day in and of itself, it is connected to the season. Think about this: "September" comes from the word for 7; "October" comes from the word for 8 (such as "octagon"); November comes from the word for 9; December comes from the word for 10 (which month is it?). On top of that, every four years an extra day is added to February to correct the secular calendar—wouldn't it make sense to do that at the end of a year? So, if December was the tenth month, January would be 11 and February the 12th—and the extra day would have been added. Again, simple truths. This does prove that once upon a time the secular calendar was closer to our Heavenly Father's calendar which begins in the spring with new growth.

C. "Easter" – Sadly, this does appear in the King James Bible in Act 12:4, And when he had apprehended him, he put him in prison, and delivered him to four quaternions of soldiers to keep him; in-

tending after Easter to bring him forth to the people. However, and this is extremely important, if you look at the word "Easter," you will see it should have been translated "Passover" which many versions have corrected. Even the name itself comes from the pagan diety "Ishtar" or "Astarte!"

5. Books called the "New Testament" – When YAHWEH's Son and His disciples walked the earth, there not only were no so-called "New Testament" books (primarily the letters), they WOULD NOT BE WRITTEN FOR OVER 10 YEARS!

They all walked, talked and taught from what most folks call the "Old Testament" (hereinafter the "Tanakh"). So when the scriptures say things such as, ...*the one who says he abides in Him ought himself to walk in the same manner as He walked.* (1 John 2:6), one MUST consider "how was He walking"? What day did He rest on? What other days did He observe as special? What foods was He eating or not eating? Simple truths.

Instead, people teach the laws were done away with, changing the Sabbath day to Sunday (again, changing the Almighty's words). On top of that, they teach these "changes" as being in the letters that were not published for years after Messiah's death!! Simple truths.

People truly need to stop talking about truth and start reading about truth, and then living the truth. The truth is found in Genesis through Malachi and reinforced in Matthew through Revelation. If our soon-coming King lived the Tanakh, shouldn't we know what it says? Remember our Father commanded man not to change His words and His Son did not come to do away with any of it as He states in Matthew 5:17, *Do not think that I came to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I did not come to abolish but to fulfill.*

(NOTE: When you "fulfill" your job requirements, do you stop doing them?)

If this article encourages just one individual to pick up their Scriptures, start in Genesis and read in its entirety, HalleluYAH!

U.S.A. Blessings to My Family

John Lemley

July 4 of this year marks the 243rd year since the signing of the Declaration of Independence in 1776. The issues, which began as grievances of thirteen colonies against one nation, started a wave of hope which grew to include oppressed people in nations throughout the world. Individuals caught the vision that life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness were blessings God intended for everyone. Those caught in slavery, religious persecution and oppressive laws realized that escape to a better life was possible.

My own family history provides many striking examples. My ancestors were among the millions who made the decision to leave the people and places that had been familiar for generations so their descendants could have opportunities to live according to their God-given rights and reach their God-given potential.

Five surnames in my family tree joined the Quaker movement in England in the 1600s. They held the conviction that all Christians, not only state-approved church leaders, could hear from God. Jesus indwelt every Christian. The leaders in the established churches felt threatened by the growing movement. The British Parliament got involved. Soon marginalization, persecution and imprisonment of the Quakers resulted. My Quaker ancestors escaped to the New World. They were not welcome in Massachusetts. Persecution pushed them to Rhode Island. By the 1670s they were living in New Jersey. When William Penn established his colony in 1681 they joined him. Freedom to worship according to one's own conscience has remained a strong conviction

in my family up to today.

Four surnames on my mother's side of the family were slaves in Mecklenburg, Germany. The hard work could be endured. But, being owned by another who, at any time, could take one of the children to serve in some other part of his kingdom filled them with continual fear. Oftentimes the child was never seen again. In 1820 the slaves were emancipated. But, the promised advantages soon evaporated. Oppressive laws were passed. Those freed from slavery were forbidden to live in certain areas, their educational and employment opportunities were very limited and they were treated as third-class citizens. The harshness of life did not change. Discrimination and ill-treatment remained their lot. They did not have a slave-master who could take their children. But, laws made it impossible to advance. My family went through much hardship trying to save enough money to emigrate to the U.S. The stories of their struggles, losses and being swindled by con-artists would bring tears to your eyes. Finally, in 1866 my 2-greats grandfather was able to get on a ship coming to the U.S. His wife followed in another ship four months later. They settled in West Bend, Wisconsin. A few years later they moved south to Council Bluffs, Iowa where many cousins still live today.

Another branch of my family lived in Prussia in 1817. The king, Frederick Wilhelm III, gave a decree honoring the 300th year anniversary of the Protestant Revolution. To commemorate that historic event he created a national church uniting the two major branches of Protestantism – Reformed and Lutheran. The liturgy, doctrine and organizational structure of each

church was blended. All across Prussia, families and friends who had been separated by theology came together. People flocked to be in the new church.

But some, including my ancestors, would not compromise. They did not agree with what the king had created. Some of their cherished and distinct teachings were no longer in the new government approved church. Suddenly, loyal citizens became enemies of the state. Pastors were jailed. Employment and education were denied. Fines were levied. Properties were confiscated. Worshipers met in secret locations in the forests. Horrific suffering and difficulties intensified as the years went by. Escape plans were made and failed. Hopes were raised and dashed. Finally, in 1838, when all human attempts to escape to freedom were exhausted, God intervened. Miraculously some were allowed on a ship setting sail to a land of religious freedom – Australia. My family was among those who were not able to escape then. But God remembered them. When the next

ship was available it was sailing to another land of religious freedom – the United States.

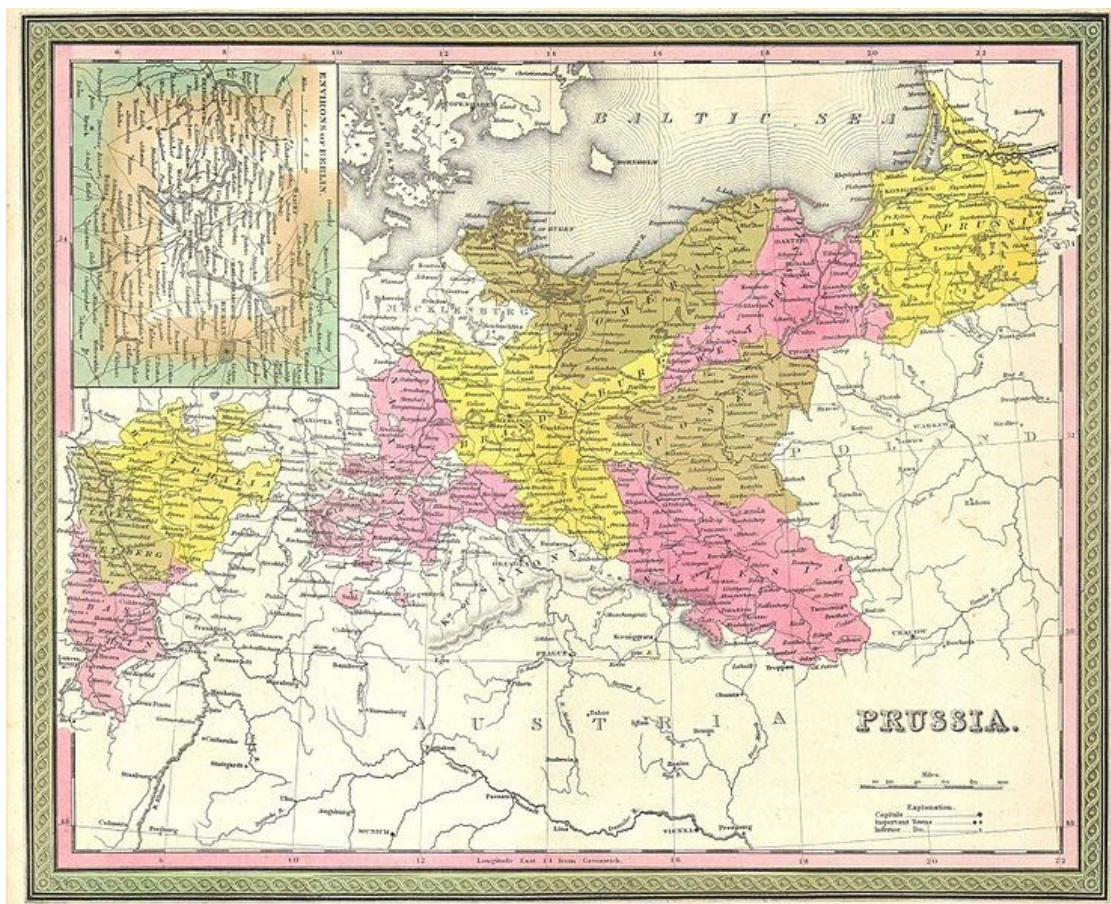
This family came first to Cedar Rapids, Iowa. My great grandfather crossed the state and met and married a daughter from the family in the previous story.

The values of my ancestors in these three stories continue to be strong convictions in my family. Like the Quakers, we believe that every individual can have a personal, intimate relationship with almighty God. We can hear from Him directly. We do not need a person with church-sanctioned ordination to have a close rela-

tionship with God. Jesus is the only mediator we need. The priesthood of all believers is a cherished truth.

Like my Prussian ancestors, truth is important! Growth in understanding and practicing Bible truth is a passion that we continually pray for and search for. We resist today's growing “truth is relative” movement.

Like my ancestors who escaped the rigors of slavery, my family praises God for sending Jesus to deliver us from being enslaved to the sin nature. One of my father's most cherished scriptures was Romans 1:16, “For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believes...” God is faithful to rescue those taken captive by Satan. He desires closeness to each of his people on an individual basis. He sends His Holy Spirit to teach us all things. All of the glory, praise and thanks go to Him!



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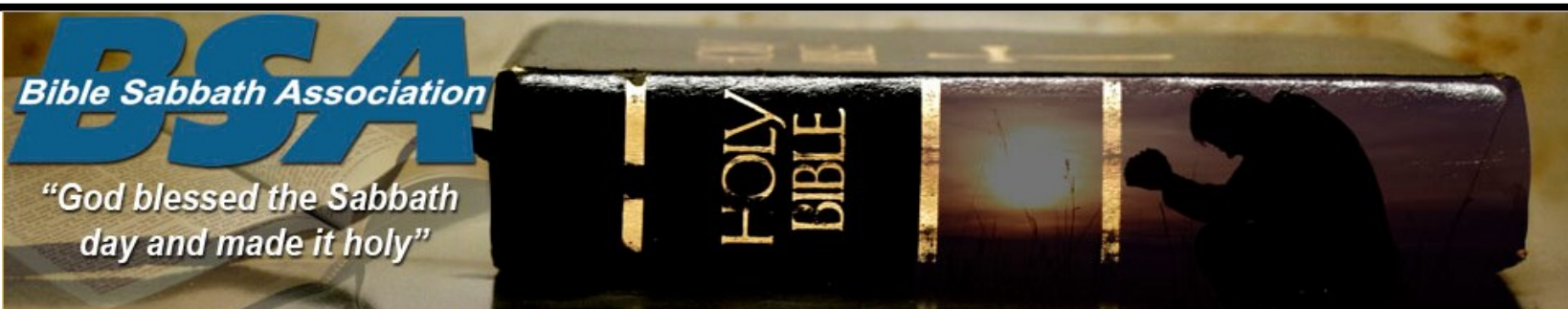
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