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Let him declare what he seeth."  
— Isaiah 21:6 —*

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# Keeping the Sabbath Day Holy

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**I**N the Ten Commandments, we read, "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."

Why? "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" (Ex. 20:8-11).

The seventh day of the week is God's holy rest day, or Sabbath day, blessed and sanctified as the memorial of creation (Gen. 2:1-3; Isa. 58:13). Jesus said, "The sabbath was made for man . . ." (Mark 2:27, 28). The holy women, who followed Him faithfully, "kept the sabbath, according to the commandment" (Luke 23:56). It is the only "Lord's Day" found in the entire New Testament record, and was kept by Jesus and the New Testament Church (Matt. 12:8; Luke 6:5; Rev. 1:10; Luke 4:16; John 8:12; 1 John 2:6; Acts 17:2; 18:1-11). Jesus and the early Christians kept the Sabbath holy according to the commandment. Surely there are divine rules so that all who love God and His law can know how to keep the Sabbath in our times holy.

## Keeping the Sabbath Holy

The Fourth Commandment says, "Remember the sabbath day, to keep

it holy" (Ex. 20:8-11). The word *Sabbath* means rest; so the sabbath is a holy day of rest. Holy because God blessed and sanctified that particular day for man, and He gave the rules for its observance. In the first place we must recognize the Sabbath as God's holy day. Isaiah 58:13: "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."

These are some basic rules that God gave about keeping the Sabbath holy. The Sabbath should be a delight, a blessing, since it was made for man. A holy day of communion with God, while resting from the regular toils of life, to refresh the spiritual and physical man—not a day of worldly pleasures.

God gives us six days to labor and "do all thy work." What is "thy work" as referred to here and elsewhere as related to Sabbath keeping? Let God answer in His Word. First go back to Genesis 3:17-23. Read carefully the account. God sent Adam



forth to till the ground from whence he was taken, and to eat bread by the sweat of his face. This has been man's lot from Eden until now. We must labor for our food, but while doing that, we are commanded to cease that regular "servile" work on the sabbath day.

This point is brought to our attention in dealing with one of the temporary annual sabbaths that Israel was to keep in Numbers 29:35. Farmers were under the same rule . . . "Six days thou shalt work, but on the seventh day thou shalt rest: in earing time and in harvest thou shalt rest" (Ex. 34:21). This point was emphasized in the wilderness journey for 40 years. Read Exodus 16 carefully. God rained bread (manna) from heaven for Israel six days per week, but on the seventh day no manna came from heaven. Israel was to cook twice as much on the sixth day in preparation for the Sabbath, and God performed a miracle every Sabbath in that the cooked manna did not spoil as it did at other times if kept over till the next day (verses 18-27). The key lesson for them and us is found in verses 28-29, "See, for the Lord hath given you the sabbath, therefore he giveth you on the sixth day the bread of two days; abide ye every man in his place, let no man go out of his place on the sabbath day."

God gave man the sabbath day and it is never needful to violate the Sabbath command to make a living. If we are faithful to Him, He will provide "the bread of two days" on the sixth day." "Abide ye every man in his place" meant for Israel that they were not to go out to gather manna, or wood to cook it with, because all

that had been taken care of on the sixth day.

Working mothers; what is lawful for them on the Sabbath day?

First, the Bible teaches that the primary responsibility of the mother is her home and her children (Titus 2: 3-5; 1 Tim. 5:14; 2:15). However, we know that some mothers work of necessity, and not just to help husband keep up with the Joneses and to have all the modern conveniences. For those who work of necessity a few words about Sabbathkeeping and the same rules will apply also to other housewives.

First, we find the holy women buying and preparing the spices with which to anoint the body of Jesus before the Sabbath, not on the Sabbath day (Luke 23:56). Such things were not permissible in keeping the Sabbath according to the commandment. This same principle was brought out when the true worship was being restored in Judea in Nehemiah 13:15-18. They were strictly forbidden to shop for "victuals" and other items on the Sabbath day. They were not to desecrate the Sabbath in so doing.

Preparation should be made before for the Sabbath's supply of food. Where there is a family, some preparation of the food is usually needful so that children can have nourishing meals, but these should be arranged with as little work as possible for the mother so that she too can enjoy the holy rest unto the Lord. Some preparation ahead can help in this matter. Nourishing food does not mean a great feast. God knew that some such preparation must be made at times and mentions it in Exodus 12:16. This is concerning two annual sabbaths, but the same principle holds



true when keeping the seventh day. "No manner of work shall be done in them, save that which every man must eat that only may be done of you."

Jesus upheld this same rule when He upheld the disciples as "guiltless" when they plucked some grain and ate it on the Sabbath day to satisfy their hunger. Read carefully Matthew 12:1-12. It was lawful to lift a sheep out of a pit on the Sabbath day and a man is better than a sheep. It was also lawful to lead the ox or other animals to water on the sabbath day, to heal or care for the sick, or any other emergency that had to do with human sufferings or immediate needs (Luke 13:10-17). This does not mean that a working mother can do her housecleaning, ironing, washing, etc., for her family on the Sabbath. Even though that working mother may be crowded for time to do all these things needful for her family, she is not justified in using God's holy day for such chores.

The Sabbath is also a "holy convocation," or day of assembly and worship (Lev. 23:3). Jesus used it as such, and we are to follow His example (Luke 4:16, 1 John 2:6, John 8:12). We are not to forsake such assembly (Heb. 10:24, 25). The Sabbath is the time that those children should be taken to church services if such is available. Ancient Israel was commanded to teach the children the commandment of God faithfully (Deut. 6:4-9).

It is the solemn duty of the Christian parent, or parents, to teach those children to love God and to obey His will. What better time is there for the family to have some real fellowship around the Word of God, with prayer and thanksgiving, but on

the Sabbath day in addition to attending church services? The Sabbath is God's holy day and it can be a blessing to the working mother and father to have this period of fellowship in an informal way with the family around God's Word after attending services. This family fellowship is needed badly in our times.

### **All God's Children Must Keep the Sabbath Holy.**

The commandment of Exodus 20:8-11 includes all the family, and the "stranger within thy gates." Yes, the hired servants and the work oxen or other work animals. Regardless of vocation, the Sabbath command is always binding. The Sabbath was made for every man and woman.

Jesus is the Lord of the Sabbath (Mark 2:28). He taught us how to keep the Sabbath and set aside Jewish traditions that made the Sabbath a burden, but not once did He teach or infer that the Sabbath was not to be kept. Matthew 12:1-12 is an example of such teachings.

He was criticized by His enemies and accused of breaking the Sabbath. His disciples were accused of violating the Sabbath command, but Jesus said they were "guiltless." He also cited the fact that the priests in the temple offered the regular sacrifices ordained by the law of Moses to be offered upon the Sabbath and yet they were blameless. This was lawful work, an act of worship under Moses' ministration (Num. 28:9, 10). Also circumcision was required by this same law of ordinances when the child was eight days old (Lev. 12:3). If this day came on the Sabbath, they did it that day and that did not desecrate the Sabbath (John 7:22, 23).



And yet Jesus was criticized for healing sick people on the Sabbath day. Not once did Jesus or His disciples do any unlawful work. We have already shown that buying and selling, business transactions of that nature, were forbidden (Neh. 13:15-18).

Those who cease from regular business on the Sabbath, but are anxious for the Sabbath to end so to be back in gainful selling are condemned as sinners (Amos 8:5, 6). The same is true about fishing, hunting and other sports. If the Sabbath is used to discuss and plan for such sports, then we are not keeping the day holy to God. Isaiah 58:13 must be our rule here.

The farmer must rest in earing and in harvest (Ex. 34:21). God gives the harvest and is able to care for it over the Sabbath day regardless of conditions. To desecrate the Sabbath would only bring a curse, not a blessing. Where there are cattle and other animals to care for, there are some needful chores so that the animals will not suffer for water or feed, but only those needful should be done, and the godly farmer will try to arrange ahead so that it can be done with the least work on that day. Milking, etc., also come in as needful chores, as some do keep dairy cows. However, we should endeavor to avoid a vocation that will make the Sabbath largely a work day, whether it be in the type of farming, or in other vocations.

#### **"The Ox in the Ditch"**

"Which of you shall have an ass or an ox fallen into a pit, and will not straightway pull him out on the sabbath day?" (Luke 14:3-6). The

lesson is clear in this statement of the Lord Jesus if read in context. Emergency sufferings, or needs of man or animal are to be taken care of on the Sabbath day. Sick people need care seven days per week, especially serious cases. There are other ways in which the ox may fall into the pit on the Sabbath day; but never will the true Christian push the ox in that he may be justified in working on the Sabbath day. God will help each of us to know what is lawful on the Sabbath day if we want to do His will.

There are some vocations that Sabbathkeepers should avoid in our modern times. Let God have His way in this choice, too. The doctor and the nurse should consider seriously and prayerfully that the Sabbath is an holy day for them, too, and plan accordingly, and do only truly emergency work on the Sabbath, and that not for wages.

Satan is crafty and he can arrange "emergencies" often if we show signs of weakness, and thus by repeated "emergency" Sabbath work weaken your regard for God's holy day... cause it to lose its sacredness to you. This could be true of other vocations in certain instances, but we must be steadfast in saying "no" to those who insist that we must be on the job on Sabbath days.

To many the job is more important than keeping any holy day. This cannot be true of those who keep God's holy day. God will provide the bread on the sixth day for two days. It is never needful to work on the Sabbath to make a living. Put God first (Matt. 6:33).

—From *The Acts*



*"The truth is still the truth."*

# The Kingdom of God

DR. JOHN C. SPROWLES

**W**HAT is a kingdom? In the Scriptures we are told that God will not save anyone He can't rule, who won't obey Him and His laws; and that is the Kingdom of God, the government by God and His laws.

In time, God will set up His literal kingdom on earth. His physical kingdom; ruled by Him through Jesus Christ; but the Kingdom of God should now rule all who claim Him as Saviour, in this life, now on this earth.

A kingdom is a government, and the Kingdom of God is the government by God. A literal government both physical and spiritual. The spiritual Kingdom of God now rules all who claim Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour, if they obey His law as given in what we call the Ten Commandments; and only those who obey God's laws in this life as well as in the world to come are the chosen people of God in Jesus Christ. They are spiritual Jews, not called after the flesh, no matter what their physical race or color.

When Jesus Christ returns to earth at the last day, He will set up a literal kingdom on earth, but the spiritual Kingdom of God rules all true children of God now in this life. All who are true Christians, and only those who are true Christians can claim membership in the Kingdom of God now or in the future.

It doesn't matter what church or denomination one may choose, for the Kingdom of God is neither church nor denomination, but a living active

force in our lives.

We live in a world which hates law and order; everyone wants to be like the child who does what he wants when he wants to, without caring much if it be right or wrong. We can see this on all sides today, and in all countries, and if people hate civil law so much, how much more they hate divine law. But it is only through our keeping of God's laws that we can ever be happy. And it is only as man obeys the laws of God, once understood, as recorded in the Bible that he will find true success and happiness—in this life, and in the world to come.

Jesus Christ is very God, the One who created all things by His power—everything that exists—and it was this Person who later became Jesus Christ, who gave the law on the mount to Moses, a law that already existed.

He gave it for man's good and for his happiness, but people would rather obey the wrong side of human nature than to keep the Law of God. This they do quite well; witness the sick state of all countries on the earth.

This is Satan's world today, a world that hates law and order; and



it isn't just the "hippies" who are guilty of this, for we all are guilty of choosing the wrong sides in these issues.

People would rather suffer than face truth. People would rather die than face truth, but it is only this truth that will bring what man wants so badly, and it is not unpleasant truth, though Satan would have the world think so.

It is the world of the "hippies" and "pot heads" only because we all have allowed that to happen. We may look down on such people, but are we any better really than they, when we look at the lives of all people today?

We condemn sin, while living in it to the fullest. People condemn adultery when they are too old to take part in it any longer. We see parents punishing their children for stealing who don't think even twice about cheating on their income taxes, and it just doesn't work that way.

"By their fruits you shall know them," says God, and look at the fruit produced by these pious sounding people, who wait till they are too old to sin any more, to condemn it. It just doesn't work, for certainly God is not fooled by such people. "Pot" is bad. Of course it is, but why weren't these "pot heads" taught the Laws of God before they turned to pot? Certainly God holds us responsible for what we produce.

There are plenty of fruits to show what modern man has produced, what he believes, and what he was taught by the generation now so shocked by his actions.

Certainly, God is not mocked. The world is now reaping what it has sowed. And the judgment of God is on this evil world.

It's easy to say something when you are involved in the decision. But this is not true of the situation today, for we are all involved in it, like it or not, admit it or not, and the more some deny this, the more guilty they are.

It is a strange part of human nature that the more guilty one is of a sin, the more he will condemn it in others. But we are all guilty of the sins which have produced our modern world; there are no exceptions. We must return, not to the "old time religion," for that was just as evil, but we must return to sanity, and a sound mind is the gift of God to those who will keep His law.

You won't make people happy by keeping God's Law, by doing what is right, but you'll make yourself happy, and make God happy as well. Truth is not popular because truth is not generally understood, but truth is still the truth, and who can name one liar or cheat who is really happy?

God asks us to reason with Him, not give up the "good life," but to claim the good life, a life that is really happy and secure. There is no other way.

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## NECESSARY FOOD

"One generation responsible to the next. Not to instruct children in the Scriptures is to withhold from them the food on which the growth of their souls depends." *Christianity Today*—Oct. 23, 1964—pp. 26.

"Neither have I gone back from the commandment of his lips; I have esteemed the words of his mouth more than my necessary food." (Job 23:12).



# Why Christ Kept the Sabbath

RALPH HAYS

Jesus Christ, the messenger of the New Covenant, came with the power of the Holy Ghost, power which all of us may share. By that power Jesus kept the Sabbath as it was intended to be kept!

By keeping the Sabbath, Jesus also became our living flesh and blood example to show us *how* to keep it.

Yes, Jesus Christ kept the Sabbath (Saturday), and so did all those who followed Him. Their examples are recorded in the Bible for us to follow today!

1. Let's begin to understand by reviewing a few things. Was Christ the Word, with God from the beginning (John 1:1)?

2. And wasn't it Christ who actually created all things (John 1:3 and Col. 1:16)? Then who created the Sabbath (Gen. 2:2-3)?

3. Isn't this the reason why Christ referred to Himself as "Lord of the Sabbath" (Mark 2:28; Luke 6:5; Matt. 12:8)?

For this reason Jesus has authority over the Sabbath. As the Lord—one with authority, the Master, the ruler—Christ was and is the only one to determine when and how the Sabbath should be kept.

4. Did Jesus set His Church the example of how the whole Christian way of life is to be lived (1 John 2:6)? Does Jesus, the "Lord" of the Sabbath—the true "Lord's Day" therefore teach us, when and how to keep the Sabbath?

5. Did Jesus show the disciples, the

future leaders of His Church, exactly how He, as Lord of the Sabbath, intended that the Sabbath Day should be used (Matt. 12:1-13)?

6. Was the Sabbath to be a blessing or a curse (Mark 2:27; Heb. 4:9)?

7. Was it the custom of Christ to attend church services on the Sabbath (Luke 4:16-31)?

8. Are we to follow Christ's perfect example of obedience to God, which includes Sabbathkeeping (1 Pet. 2:21; 1 Cor. 11:1)?

9. How did Jesus say it would be possible to worship in vain (Matt. 15:9)?

10. Did you know Paul preached to Gentiles on the Sabbath (Acts 13:44; 18:4-11)?

11. How many Sabbath days can you count in Acts 13:14-27, 42-44; Acts 16:13; Acts 17:2; Acts 18:4-11)?

12. What are we to fulfill, and how (Romans 8:4)?

Why not Honor Christ by following the example He gave us and keep the Sabbath?

—From *The Sabbath Recorder*

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## MARRIAGE AND THE SABBATH

Physical marriage is a type of our relation with Christ, and yet it remains as a holy thing, not to be desecrated. Likewise, the Sabbath is a type of our rest in Christ, but it too remains as a holy thing, not to be desecrated.

—W. A. Bond in *The Vision*



"I could no longer be unsettled. . . ."

## Why I Believe in Keeping the True Sabbath

*This Sabbath testimony by Rickford English,  
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edited and submitted by Missionary Leroy C. Bass.*

I WAS born into a Sabbathkeeping home, but as I grew up I saw that more people were going to church on Sunday than on Saturday. This caused me to wonder if perchance Sunday was the true Sabbath after all, and for a while I believed it really was. I began to study my Bible, and ask questions from both sides; from Sabbath believers and Sunday believers. Before long I noticed that I got satisfactory answers only from the Sabbath believers. Different ones urged me to go and study my Bible prayerfully, and God would show me what to do. With greater intensity I studied harder, and while doing so, I came to learn about the necessity of making another decision, that of accepting the salvation of the Lord Jesus Christ and of preparing for baptism. Along with this decision I knew that I must decide for either Sunday or Sabbath.

I studied about Creation in Genesis and observed that after everything else was created, God created man last of all, in His own image and likeness. After this, creation was complete, so on the seventh day God rested and blessed the day and made it a Sabbath for man also to rest upon. This means that the first thing man did

after his creation was to learn from God to rest on the holy Sabbath.

Studying further, I came to the place where I read about God leading the children of Israel through the wilderness and the special preparations made for the Sabbath day every week. I read also where Moses received the Ten Commandments from God, and of His admonition to "Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy," and to "Hallow my sabbaths: and they shall be a sign between me and you, that ye may know that I am the Lord your God."

All these things threw light on my study, and then someone told me that the Old Testament was of no use for us today. I did not at first know whether this was true until I came to that part of the New Testament which told of Jesus, who is our Leader and Guide, as being "The way, the truth, and the life," and that He worshiped in the synagogue every Sabbath day.

When I read in Mark 2:27 that "the sabbath was made for man," I thought that if man refuses to keep the Sabbath, who will keep it? Jesus says: "If ye love me, keep my commandments" (John 14:15). When I came to James 2:10, I was really stag-

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"Six chugs and one plunk"

# The Mechanics of the Sabbath

EDWARD A. ELSTONE

THAT which we can see depends entirely upon our viewpoint. A person standing at the bottom of a well hole has a different view from the person on the top of the roof. Many good articles are written giving data from the theological heights on the subject of the Sabbath. As a lowly mechanic, I see another aspect of the Sabbath. A practical application of theory often comes in handy and is a useful tool.

Most contrivances of the inventive mind of man are for the generation and utilization of energy from the sun originally, and stored on the earth. The magazine which you are reading is possible to us only because of a multiplicity of machines, from this electric typewriter with its little motor to the printing presses with their large ones and all the vehicles that transported the magazine to you, which have a source of power whether by road, rail, sea lanes, or air lines. If power were still supplied by the muscle and sinew of man and beast, it is not likely that we could afford this magazine each month.

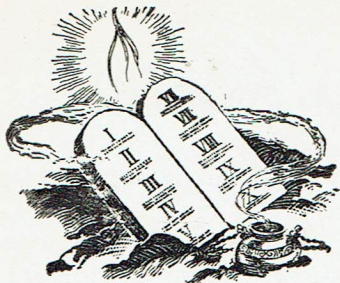
The most common sources of power today are engines of steam, internal combustion, and electricity. These motors have been developed to extract their energy from fuels and transfer it to the useable energy of motion. If you have never thought of fuel as power, try pushing your car for twenty odd miles as a gallon of gasoline does.

All these machines in time wear and must be repaired or discarded. They cannot run indefinitely, but must be shut down and restored periodically. They cannot repair themselves as the living bodies of people are able to do and make up the wear and tear of life. In other respects we are like motors, for our bodies transfer the energy of food into motion and the controlling apparatus of the brain also uses and diffuses energy. The Psalmist long ago sang, "I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made." The largest computers are not as complex as we are. Man has been designed by a Creator, of whom he knows little more than the computer understands the man that built it. The computer reacts to the will of man and is an extension of his mind, even as the automobile is an extension of his leg and the mightiest drop forge is an extension of his arm.

Looking at man as an engine, the mechanic will need to know the maintenance procedure for his optimum efficiency. The designer also prepared an operating manual known as the Bible. In it are ten concise rules. One of those regulations is being largely disregarded today. Rule four says six days of operation and one day of rest or the warranty is void. This reminds me of the old single cylinder gas engines that were used as power for pumps, etc., and are still in ex-

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# God's Unchanging Absolutes

WILLMER DURHAM

**I**T IS high time that men everywhere take another look at those unchanging absolutes, the Ten Commandments. When the order of the day is change and uncertainty, and people are casting about for an anchor for their souls, it is most comforting to know there is something positive and enduring—the Ten Commandments. “Heaven and earth shall pass away” (Matt. 24:35). “The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the word of our God shall stand for ever” (Isa. 40:8).

When God thundered forth the Ten Commandments from fiery Mt. Sinai, it was with the intent that their final resting place was to be, not on tables of stone, but in the fleshly tables of the heart of man, written there by the Spirit of the living God. This is one of the promises of the New Covenant. “. . . 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” (Jer. 31:33; see also Heb. 8:10).

This is the New Covenant which was confirmed by the death of Jesus Christ, the Messenger of the Covenant, and it has become the charter of the church. Nothing in this law was changed, since “the law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul . . .” (Psa. 19:7). God said He would not alter the thing that is gone out

of His lips (Psa. 89:34). First, God spake the Ten Commandments, then confirmed them in writing with His own finger upon two tables of stone, and later promised to write them in the heart by His Spirit (Ex. 20:1; 31:18; Jer. 31:33).

These unchanging absolutes are the eternal principles of righteousness by which the sleeping sinner is awakened to the true nature and final conclusion of sin. By these he is encouraged to flee to Jesus for refuge, from whose hand he receives grace. The heart of stone is changed to a heart of flesh. The natural man sees these unchanging absolutes on tables of stone. The spiritual man receives them in his heart of flesh.

One of the commandments is the Sabbath.

“. . . Wherefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it” (Ex. 20:11). Only the spiritual man can understand the great significance of these words. Can man hallow a day? Many men have tried. Have you ever thought about this—the Sabbath, the seventh day of the week, is the only day that God ever blessed?

Let us recognize the sovereignty of God's Word. Every transgression and disobedience shall receive a just recompense of reward. The wages of sin is death (Rom. 6:23). The Bible tells us that Jesus condemned sin in



the flesh (Rom. 8:3). What is sin? Sin is an act of disobedience to God, either in thought or deed. If we fail to believe what God has said, it is sin. If we fail to practice what God has said, it is sin. The Bible says in Romans 3:20, "... for by the law is the knowledge of sin."

The director of a home for wayward and neglected boys told how new boys were required to learn the Ten Commandments to teach them right from wrong. How can one know what sin is, apart from the law of God? If disobedience is sin, obedience must be righteousness.

We may violate God's Unchanging Absolutes, the Ten Commandments, but we can never destroy them. Many are those who have attacked the law of God, in one way or another, with various explanations, trying to prove that it is unnecessary to obey the law of God and the Sabbath in particular. But the Commandments still stand to judge the actions of men.

The only escape from the condemnation of the law is to turn to the Lord Jesus Christ for mercy and pardon. How do you stand before God? If the law of God condemns you, it is because you are disobedient. If you are tired of being a slave to sin, why not give God a chance? Turn to Him in obedience, repent of your sins and ask for His mercy.

Have your fruit unto holiness and everlasting life, "that the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit" (Rom. 8:4). God's unchanging absolutes, the Ten Commandments, are the bedrock of our moral structure; they are basic and they still stand, all ten of them.

—From *Bible Advocate*

## WHY I BELIEVE IN KEEPING THE TRUE SABBATH

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gered: "Whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all," and this means that in refusing the Sabbath there is an offense in one point. So if I refuse this holy Sabbath of God I will be guilty of all.

I could no longer be unsettled about whether the true Sabbath was on Saturday or Sunday, or which I would accept. So today I am keeping the Sabbath, not in order to be saved, but because Jesus has saved me and I want to obey the Word of God. I intend to be among those people that John spoke of, "Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city" (Rev. 22:14).

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## Harry Miller Dies

We have just received word of the death of Harry Miller on January 22. He was founder and leader of the People of the Living God, a Sabbathkeeping communal group with headquarters in New Orleans, La.

David T. Scullin, a member of the group, states that "the work to which he gave his life is continuing, and so long as Christ our Lord shall continue to give His sufficiency, that work shall remain."

Editor's Note: We were privileged to meet Brother Miller last year and found him to be not only a Bible scholar but a devout man with a sparkling personality. We feel it was good to have known him.



# *Seventh Day Baptist Center for Ministerial Education*

The Seventh Day Baptist Center for Ministerial Education was established by the authority of the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference and is under the direction of its Council on Ministerial Education. The Center is established to co-ordinate and supplement the theological training of candidates for the Seventh Day Baptist ministry.

The Center provides instruction in Seventh Day Baptist history, polity, beliefs, and Sabbath philosophy. It provides opportunity for students to discuss the problems of theology, the ministry and other related subjects and provides activities designed to promote the close fellowship that is so necessary to a vital and continuing ministry in the churches.

The Center, located in the Seventh Day Baptist Building in Plainfield, New Jersey, provides a theological library, study areas, seminar rooms, a chapel, and access to the library and materials of the Seventh Day Baptist Historical Society. The building also houses the offices of the board of trustees of the Seventh Day Baptist Memorial Fund, the American Sabbath Tract Society, the General Secretary of the General Conference, and the executive secretary of the Seventh Day Baptist World Federation. All these offices will serve to acquaint the student with denominational structure and work.

## **Enrolled Theological Students**

A college graduate who wishes to become a Seventh Day Baptist minister may enroll as a student at the Center. He will then enroll in an accredited seminary of his choice near enough to Plainfield for him to participate fully in the supplemental programs provided by the Center staff. At the seminary, the student will pursue a degree program under the guidance of the academic officers of the seminary and with the advice of the Dean of the Center. He will attend the weekend conferences and the summer institutes at the Center and will plan his summer field work with the guidance and assistance of the Dean. Upon the satisfactory completion of the Center's program of studies, he will have fulfilled the academic requirements of the General Conference for accreditation as a Seventh Day Baptist minister.

## **Summer Institutes**

Licensed pastors of Seventh Day Baptist churches, students enrolled in theological school but not enrolled in the Center, and ordained ministers not yet accredited by General Conference may participate in the summer institutes in order to fulfill the qualifications for General Conference accreditation.



## Accredited Ministers and Others

Accredited ministers and other church members may participate in some of the activities at the Center. Participation may be arranged with the permission of the dean.

## Summer Institutes

Each summer, following the academic year, the Center will conduct an Institute designed to give training in areas of specific import to Seventh Day Baptists. These will follow a three-year cycle.

Seventh Day Baptist polity is a study of the organization and government of Seventh Day Baptist Churches and denomination with a definitive comparison with other form of polity.

Sabbath philosophy is a study of attitudes toward and beliefs in the Sabbath and Sabbathkeeping with emphasis on the origin and development of Sabbath and Sunday observances.

Seventh Day Baptist history covers the origin and history of Seventh Day Baptist churches with their tenets and their denominational and inter-denominational relationships.

These courses may be taken by correspondence for \$10.00 each.

## Admission

All applications for enrollment in the Center or in specific activities at the Center should be addressed to The Seventh Day Baptist Center for Ministerial Education, Rex E. Zwiebel, Dean, 510 Watchung Avenue, P. O. Box 868, Plainfield, N. J. 07061.

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## TIME AND SPACE

The meaning of the Sabbath is to celebrate time rather than space. Six days a week we live under the tyranny of things of space; on the Sabbath we try to become attuned to "holiness in time." It is a day on which we are called upon to share in what is eternal in time, to turn from the results of creation to the mystery of creation; from the world of creation to the creation of the world.

—*Abraham Joshua Heschel*  
(Quoted in the book by Herbert Saunders, *The Sabbath: Symbol of Creation and Recreation.*)

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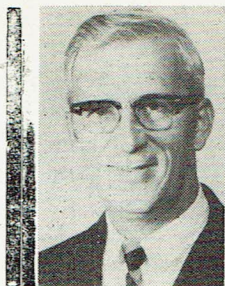
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A Note  
from  
the Editor



## Built-in Protection

IT was a hot afternoon early last month, and we were headed toward Coffeyville, Kan., on U. S. 169. Just about ten miles north of town, a loud metallic grinding told us that the car was in trouble. My son Mike, who was driving, stopped. I walked about a half mile down a side road to phone for help from the nearest house. An elderly man and wife reluctantly invited me in.

Just as I got my number, the man looked at me suspiciously and remarked, "There's a state patrolman—is he looking for you?"

"Not that I know of," I replied.

A few moments later, while I was still on the phone, I could see the patrol car returning and coming up the driveway. The man went out the door and I could hear the two talking.

Now I was beginning to feel uneasy. What had we done? Parked too close to the highway? Gone too fast? Completing the call, I went out, wondering if our out-of-state license plates had caused a trooper to "get us" for some minor infraction of the law.

The trooper greeted me with a smile. "I saw you were having trouble," he explained, "and was told

you were up this way." He invited me to ride back to the highway with him. There, he told us to try driving to town. "I'll follow you," he said, "to be there if you have any trouble."

When it proved inadvisable to drive that distance, he radioed for a tow truck, then invited the rest of us to go to Coffeyville in his car while Mike waited behind for the tow truck.

The two younger children, Angie and Jonathan, were thrilled to ride in "a real police car." To them, evidently, a policeman was the one who "got you" when you did something wrong. I explained that the law and its enforcers are here to help good people when they need it.

Later, I pondered over the thought that "the law seeks to protect the good person as well as to punish the bad." Thinking of the Law of God, which many persons consider a burden, I thought of the many ways in which the righteous are protected by its wise provisions. For just one example, the Fourth Commandment protects us from overwork, from an over-emphasis on material things, and from forgetting the Creator, who can create a new person as well as a new universe by His Word.

Perhaps in the days just ahead we shall see the truth of the promise: "A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand; but it shall not come nigh thee. . . . Because thou hast made the Lord, which is thy refuge, even the Most High, thy habitation; there shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling" (Psa. 91:7-10).

*Eugene Lindholm*



## THE STUCK BAROMETER

A few years ago, a man realized a life-long ambition when he purchased a very fine barometer. But when the instrument was delivered he found, to his great disappointment, that it seemed to be defective. The needle was stuck. It pointed to *hurricane* and couldn't be moved. After trying, again and again, to shake the needle loose, the man sat down and wrote a scorching letter to the store from which he had purchased it. The next morning, on the way to his office in New York, he mailed the letter. That evening he returned to his Long Island home to find both the barom-

eter and his house missing!

The barometer's needle had been right. The hurricane it had tried to warn its owner about had come.

How many people regard the Bible in the same way. When its warning needle points to the sure destruction of the impenitent sinner, the unbelieving reader judges the Bible to be wrong and tries to shake the accusing needle into a less condemning position. But sooner or later, he discovers, to his sorrow, that the Bible's warnings are reliable and he must pay the awful penalty for his lack of faith.

—*The Log of the Good Ship Grace*

### "Echoes from Eden" Radio Log

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If you or your local church would like to sponsor a radio program in some given area, please write the Bible Sabbath Association, Fairview, Oklahoma 73737.

KDMI, Des Moines, and KGAY, Salem, are sponsored by local brethren. Others may wish to sponsor the program in their area.

Speaker on this program is Bob Rogers. Elder and Sister Harvey Otto are doing follow-up work in Phoenix, Ariz. Please pray each day for this ministry.



## THE MECHANICS OF THE SABBATH

(Continued from page 11)

istence today. You may recall seeing one of these sitting by a river or pond, pumping water for irrigation. They have an unusual sound, something like this: *chuga chug chug chug plunk chuga chug chug chug plunk*. This cadance is the result of a governor that interrupts the magneto spark over a certain speed. This keeps the engine under control; otherwise it would speed up and be damaged or fly apart. The no-power stroke when the spark is arrested keeps it working for years and years at great economy.

Mankind has been designed in similar fashion and given a governor of a seven-day week, with seven cycles and six power strokes. Therefore, he should give six chugs and one plunk, six chugs and one plunk, continually. If someone tampers with the governor the engine will not run as designated. Unnecessary adjustment by unskilled persons will only cause loss of power on one hand or speed up the engine and the result will be to shorten the life of the machine and also reduce its efficiency. *For best results, operate only according to in-*

*structions.* That is the way this mechanic sees it from down here in the well hole where the water of life is springing and the old engine is working smoothly with its six days *chug* and its seventh day *plunk*.

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I've never seen God  
but I know how I feel.  
It's people like you  
who make *Him so real*.  
My God is no stranger,  
He is friendly and gay,  
And He doesn't ask me  
To weep when I pray.

It seems that I pass Him  
So often each day  
In the faces of people  
I meet on my way.  
He's the stars in the heaven,  
a smile on some face,  
A leaf on a tree,  
or a rose in a vase.

He's winter and autumn  
and summer and spring.  
In short, God is every  
real, wonderful thing.  
I wish I might meet *Him*  
much more than I do;  
I would, if there were  
*more people like you.*

—Helen Steiner Rice

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## COURT UPHOLDS SUNDAY LAW

A new form of "blue law," one permitting a store to stay open Saturday or Sunday, but not both, has been declared constitutional by the U. S. Supreme Court.

Challenged in a test case was a 1961 Texas law forbidding retailers to sell 46 categories of goods to remain open both Saturday and Sunday.

Pointing to the Supreme Court's ruling in 1961 upholding Sunday "blue laws," a group of San Antonio and Abilene discount stores contended that the law should not be allowed to stand.

The earlier court ruling on a Maryland case stated that states were within their right to require stores to close Sunday as a "uniform day of rest for all workers."

The Saturday-or-Sunday law idea to cover merchants who observe Saturday as the Sabbath is being tried elsewhere, the Texas store owner told the justices in their appeal. They claimed the law was obviously aimed at discount stores, which operate seven days a week.

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