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## HOW I FOUND THE BIBLE SABBATH By Henry Kelley

After many years of service to a Sunday-keeping church, I was so well impressed with the popularity of Sunday as a day of rest and church activities that I overlooked Bible records showing majority thinking to be opposite to truth.

Some of my acquaintances suggested that I make a study of the Sabbath subject, which I did with the idea of being more able to show the absurdity of the "Jewish" Sabbath, in this dispensation. This type of study availed nothing, for my mind was open to Sunday doctrine only.

I am very thankful that Yahveh our Heavenly Father chose the time and place to bring this precious truth home to my heart. My best efforts on a Wyoming homestead failed to provide for my family of six, making it necessary to have other income. I secured work selling household necessities to other ranches.

In a distant part of the county I sought shelter for the night in a rather poor looking homestead shack which had walls mostly of sod. I could not help being impressed by the large amount of farm and garden crops which were piled up in much greater quantities than I had seen elsewhere.

After being served with a good well-cooked supper and selling products needed in the home, I was invited by the husband and wife to join the family in a Bible study. The study soon drifted to the Sabbath. Of course I told them that I kept Sunday, giving them the best excuse I had for so doing. Then the wife, who had been

reared a Roman Catholic, and the husband, who had been reared a Sunday-keeping Protestant, told me that in time past they had felt quite secure in this belief, but after reading a tract from a publishing house at Stanberry, Missouri, and comparing quotations with the Bible, they were forced to conclude that the Seventh-day Sabbath was the one and only Bible Sabbath.

These good people whose name was Goodwater were filled with joy for our Saviour's mercy in revealing this part of His plan to save them. At this very moment Yahveh's Spirit opened my understanding to His Holy Sabbath Day. Now I know that belief in, and observance of, the Ten Commandments will bring to anyone real and lasting happiness.

#### A METHODIST MINISTER SAID

"Yes, man needs a Sabbath. Yes, we deplore the changing pattern of contemporary life. But let us remember that the commandment is to remember the Sabbath and keep it holy; it does not say that we are to remember the Sabbath and pass laws. The thrust of the commandment is personal: YOU keep the Sabbath day holy. No one can legislate loving obedience."

—Gilbert Fell, a Methodist minister, in Atlantic City; November 25, 1959, Christian Century, quoted in The Sabbath Recorder

### IS SUNDAY-KEEPING IDOLATRY??

By I. C. Sultz

In the days of Nimrod sun worshipers worshiped the sun on the first day of the week, and their principles and customs have never been allowed to vanish from the earth, except that after Christ the practice of first day observance dwindled to some extent as sabbath keepers seemed to be on the increase as a result of Christ's ministry.

Then in 321 A.D., in order to revive a semblance of that idolatrous worship, the pagan Emperor Constantine, in collusion with prominent religionists of his day. issued his famous edict forbidding the observance of God's Sabbath and compelling people everywhere to turn to the observance of Sunday as a day of rest, and which was rigidly enforced in the seventh century at a cost of 7,000,000 souls. This they figured would forever do away with the keeping of the seventh-day sabbath which the Creator blessed and ha'lowed, observed Himself and entered into His law of Ten Commandments for all who love Him, and then as our example, He observed it every week for the 33½ years He was here on earth as our living and loving Redeemer and said, "the sabbath was made for man" . . . Therefore the Son of man is Lord of the sabbath". Mark 2:27. And then in Matthew 5:19, to impress on our minds the fact that the law must be forever kept, He says, "one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled." But in spite of all this Satan has waged constant war against the Sabbath.

Following this failure to blot out the keeping of the Sabbath of the fourth commandment another desperate attempt was made in the sixteenth century to destroy all sabbath keepers and all dissenters of the church of Rome, with the result that 50.000,000 martyrs were put to death. In the face of these satanic efforts to destroy God's law, those who love him enough to render full and willing obedience now number into the millions. Of course that is a small number compared to the large number of professed Christians. All the Bible writers remind as that there will be only a few saved. and Paul states, only "a remnant (a small part of Israel) shall be saved" Romans 9:27

Some ask why I have become so interested in disseminating the whole truth on the Sabbath which God in his law commands us to keep. The reason is obvious—God's law of Ten Commandments sets forth the great princip'es of His universal system of government of love, and the fourth commandment (Exodus 20:8-11) is the keystone of His law because it tells who God (the Creator of heaven and earth), whose law it is and Whom we worship. It requires our keeping of his Sabbath to show our loyalty and as a weekly reminder of our Creator, lest we forget. How wonderful! With this hold

reminder God has kept me and preserved me these 65 years. Obedience to His law which gives us faith in Him who is our only hope.

At creation God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, and rested on it at the end of six days' work. That made it His holy day. If we want to be like Him we will have to keep it. We cannot play safe and attempt to dodge these plain facts. Idolizing Sunday as the Sabbath in place of God's holy Sabbath can only destroy the soul. It is a transgression of God's law (SIN), and can bring only condemnation and destruction. God blessed only one day (the seventh).

God knows His true children because they obey His law. Otherwise their profession will not be worth-while. Jesus says of such: "In vain do they worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men." Matthew 15:9.

Jeremiah warned the Jews if they did not cease profaning the Sabbath God would send Nebuchadnezzar to destroy the city, but they refused and were taken into captivity seventy years (Jeremiah 17:21). And note this: in chapter 23:20 he warns US by telling us to consider these things in the later days, meaning of course as stated elsewhere that modern Israel in our time will pass through the same experience for the same sins which included their attempted worshiping of God through heathen idols they had set up in the temple because, said they, we can see them and not God. They actually thought they could see God through the idol.

And just so, Sunday keepers think they can see God in Sunday because they say Jesus was resurrected on that day, thus making it an idol through which they worship God along with many other idols. And all through the book of Hosea Christian Protestantism is represented under the name of Ephraim, and in 4:17 it states, "Ephraim is joined to idols, let him alone."

In other words, they are set, they are stuck, grounded in false deceptive doctrines. There is nothing you can do to save these churches. Let them alone. We can save only individuals. And, I warn, let no one treat this lightly; the punishment for these sins is shockingly staring us in the face as COLD WAR, but this can't last much longer, as the time for the climax and the finishing of God's work in the earth is rapidly running out. God is permitting the destroyer (Russia) to prepare himself for the destruction of modern Israel for its sins.

It is time to wake up and ask, as did the young man of Jesus, "What good thing shall I do to be saved?" And He will say as he did then, "If thou wilt enter into life, keep the commandments." "I see no way to make that statement clearer. However, if we reverse it we will get more truth. For instance, if you do not keeu the commandments you will not enter into life.

And now a little more on just who will be saved. Some are going to be greatly surprised to know that the following Scripture is in the Bible — "Every one that keepeth the sabbath from polluting it,

and taketh hold of my covenant; even him will I bring to my holy mountain" (Isaiah 56:6,7). "Oh," you say, "that sounds fantastic," but isn't it clear? Do you want Him to bring you to His holy mountain (kingdom)? I know you do, and here is your chance. Don't take a chance with anything that savors of disobedience or you will lose.

I have said enough to convince any honest soul that to be saved we must turn to God in honest obedience to all of His commandments (James 2:10). But the verdict is yours. However, with so many of such beautiful and plain Scriptures presenting themselves, I seem to find no stopping place.

Don't let your preacher or anyone else tell you that you can satisfy God's Sabbath commandment by observing Sunday or any other day not commanded. That is SIN, the transgression of the law (John 3:4) and a sinner cannot be saved. All who are saved will keep the Sabbath (not Sunday) in the new earth, for it says - "From one new moon to another and from one Sabbath to another, shall all flesh come to worship before me, saith the Lord" (Isaiah 66:23). They will keep it because the Sabbath is a delight. Would you be happy there trying to keep the Idolatrous pagan Sunday? That is something to think about. There will be no idolatry in the earth made new. Is a home in God's kingdom worth our loving obedience? Let's get serious, for we have little time left to make our final decision.

If you belong to some Sundaykeeping church as most people do,

and you have been brainwashed with false doctrine till you cannot see you are transgressing God's law, you may be counted in the class of professed Christians, spoken of in Hosea's warning—"My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee . . . seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children" Hosea 4:6.

And now I want to warn of a false theory being put out for your consumption. It is this: Sundaykeeping ministers tell you that John in Revelations 1:10 states that Sunday is the Lord's day. Let us quote and see. "I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day." Is that what it says? Notice, John says he was in the spirit on, or concerning the Lord's day (the great and terrible day of the Lord) spoken of by all the prophetsa day of destruction, a day of darkness and wrath of God, beginning at or before the coming of the Lord and constituting the seventh and last millennial day of our world's history. That is what John wrote to us about throughout the book of Revelations. He is definitely not speaking of any day of the week.

And now one more point—we will ask John who will be saved, and then we can clearly see that he was not speaking of Sunday in the above quotation. "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). Here John forever settles the

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#### Seventh Day Baptists Adopt Resolution Opposing Sunday Legislation

Whereas the Legislature of the State of New Jersey has recently adopted a statute which purports to regulate Sunday closing of business on a county-wide basis by a vote of the registered voters in the counties of the State of New Jersey;

And whereas said laws do not take into consideration the rights of those who worship on and keep Saturday as the Sabbath;

And whereas the State of New Jersey, one of the thirteen original colonies of these United States of America, was founded as a haven of religious freedom;

And whereas Seventh Day Baptists have worshiped on and kept Saturday as their Sabbath in the State of New Jersey since the early 1700's, . . .

And whereas the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference which convened in Covina, Calif., on Aug. 11-16, 1958, adopted the following resolution:

Whereas we agree with the desirability of proper Sabbath observance including cessation of labor, we feel keenly that such observance is of value only when voluntary, and therefore we are categorically opposed to its regulation or enforcement by law. Since we as a people observe the Biblical Sabbath—namely the seventh day of the week, commonly called Saturday—and since most other denominations observe another day, we would further oppose any legislation which specifies a particular day for rest and worship, as being discriminatory and therefore unconstitutional.

Inasmuch as there is an increasing effort throughout the country to renew ancient Blue Laws or to create new laws restricting business activity on Sunday, Le it resolved that we declare our opposition to such Sunday closing laws.

BE IT RESOLVED, therefore. that the American Sabbath Tract Society, a New Jersey non-profit corporation, having its principal office at 510 Watchung Ave., Plainfield, N. J., where it publishes and distributes tracts and its weekly organ, The Sabbath Recorder, and is the publishing house of the Seventh Day Baptist denomination, wishes to put itself on record as opposing any legislation which purports to close business activities on the first day of the week, commonly called Sunday, which laws do not recognize the rights of religious minorities who worship on and keep Saturday as their Sabbath; that such legislation runs counter to a basic principle of our type of government, the separation of church and state.

Adopted by the American Sabbath Tract Society, December 13, 1959.

You can rise to the greatest heighths when you are on your knees.

Nature forms us, sin deforms us; school informs us; but only Christ transforms us.

Does your public library receive the Sentinel? If not, it's because you have not sent in a subscription for it.

## THE KEY AND THE OPEN DOOR — THE HUMILITY OF SUNDAY WORSHIP

Without doubt there are many daily and weekly papers in our land which subscribe to the Keister Advertising Service, Strasburg, Virginia. This service provides promotional layouts for use on the church page of papers once a week, the day of use depending upon the paper.

This agency very often glorifies Sunday, giving to it all of the glory which is due the true Sabbath. It seeks to promote Sunday church attendance.

Earlier this year this service made a statement to the effect that humility is a key to spiritual truth. It stated that this is the reason for many giving their worship to God each week as they attend the churches on Sunday.

They claim that the truth of the Lord's House is more than a portal. It is an "Open Door" to men of humility.

Who is he who can be called "humble" or given to humility, when brazenly he flaunts the Word of God and discounts the authority of the Ten Commandments by substituting a day of his own choosing as the weekly Holy Day?

The words of the Father are clear and explicit. The seventh day is the Sabbath and is His Holy Day. Yet all around us we have "humble men" doing just as they please, when they please! Is that true humility? When man sets his own will above the Heavenly Father who has so clearly stated His will in the Ten Command-

ments by what stretch of the imagination can one say this is humility? Reason this out, friend, for by so doing you may learn just how humble you are!

May our Heavenly Father cause you to search the Word and see for yourself. Don't believe just the claims of some advertising service. Obedience to the Bible and the Ten Commandments is HUMILITY and the reward for this is life and the right to enter in through the gates into the city (Revelation 22:14).

Are you using the right key to open the gates of the city for your entrance? If Sunday humility is the KEY to His House, we fail to see it!

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The following letter accompanied a subscription order for The Sabbath Sentinel:

"I am a Sabbath keeper. I belong to the Seventh Day Church of God. I have attended many Sabbath services at the church of the Seventh Day Baptists at Jackson Center, Ohio.

"I live alone. I have a big house and would like to have one or two Sabbath-keeping people to live with me. I would like to have a man and wife or two women. I am 75 years old. . . . I live 8 miles from Lima, Ohio, on the bus line to Columbus. Would you please help me? Yours sincerely, in the name of Christ.

Mrs. Della Jacobs Route 1, Harrod, Ohio

In answer to Minnie A. L. Dickerson's reqest in the May Sentinel, Mrs. Clifford Lamson, 1070 Middleboro Ave., East Taunton, Massachusetts, writes: "I would suggest that the Bible is the most authoritative book on Sabbath and sabbath keeping that there is.

"Should she wish to have passages in the Scripture pointed out soncerning the Sabbath and its keeping, I would gladly help her to find them. My husband and I were Sunday-keeping folks so that we realize the problem in finding said Scriptures, but we are convinced that we have a firm standing in observing God's Sabbath, the seventh day."

Mrs. Lamson, a long-time B.S. A. member and former director, has sent us many clippings from the Taunton Daily Gazette regarding Sunday laws. This time she included this "Thought for the Day" from the Gazette — "'So you shall remember, and do all my commandments and be holy unto your God.' Numbers 15:40."

From Mrs. William C. Ball, 824 Phillip St., Dyersburg, Tennessee, we have this interesting experience:

"Greetings in our Lord's Name!

"I certainly want to let you know I am 100% for this unusual work of God among our Sabbath-keeping people. I also do appreciate the literature I receive. Each time I enjoy every line and must take time right now to say so. . . .

"My mother learned of God's Holy Sabbath when I was a girl about twelve. We were a family of seven. I was the oldest child at home. Very well do I recall that first Sabbath to be kept at our home! I knew it was indeed different as Mother simply read her Bible in her daily hour of devotion and found this new Sacred Truth. I was very disappointed when my schoolmates and friends were not as happy as we—for I thought surely everyone would be glad to know what we had just found in God's Word. To my surprise, friends began dropping away one by one, until my sister and I soon were openly rebuked . . . and called unkind names. It was indeed a cross, but Mother said: 'Girls, where there is no cross — no crown.'

"Then we began having Sabbath

worship in our home — only a few came, but the ministers came by out of curiosity, then tried to discourage Mother of her new step in God, but she only grew stronger and stronger, defending God's Holy Sabbath with great love and joy.

"We had never met a Sabbathkeeping person, or even heard of the real Sabbath Day! We were keeping Sunday and knew no better, but thank God over and over again for teaching my dear praying mother of His Holy Day which has been our delight ever since (some 28 years now). Mother passed away some three years ago, but before leaving, she had seen her children's children and one great grandchild in God's house on His Holy Sabbath. This was her heart's desire - that all her children would serve God and keep all ten of His Holy Commandments.

"By Mother's loving help, prayers and guidance, as I was led by God, we started Sabbath services here in Dyersburg in the year 1944. I was a very young mother with four lovely children. We met in my home over eight years, then God wonderfully blessed us with a small mission, 16 x 20 ft., to worship in (built onto our home). We now have between 30 or 40 attending and really need more room. A minister, the pastor of a church 25 miles from here, comes to preach every Sabbath. I carry on all other services, about three weekly. Keeping God's Sabbath has especially been a blessing to me, as we know only God could have let us learn about it. Since then we have met many Sabbath 10

keepers.

"Our Church is undenominational Pentecostal Seventh Day. The name over the doorway entrance: "The Prayer Room.' The address: 1302 Shaffer, at Harrall Ave., Dyersburg, Tenn.

"I would really be happy to hear from other Sabbath keepers.

Mrs. Wm. C. Ball."

## BLUE LAWS TURN ON THEIR ENFORCERS

A small and obscure news item, given little attention and relegated to a corner of a local newspaper subscribing to Associated Press News features, deserves a little more publicity than it really received. Many, perhaps, never took the time to read it. Here is the gist of the story.

Calvin D. Mayne, a businessman from Oakwood, Ohio, a suburb of Dayton, received a citation for doing business on Sunday.

In order to obtain the evidence for this claimed violation, Malcolm McDonald, a Dayton investigator, had to do his spying on Sunday to get the details. This was work.

Now Mr. Mayne is turning the tables on the Sunday-working sleuth. An attorney has been engaged and charges have been filed against the Blue Law detective. The very thing for which he was seeking evidence has turned to be evidence against Detective Malcolm.

This is ironic isn't it? But it does have a lesson for all of us. He who would condemn us for working on Sunday is most likely in the same boat with Mr. Malcolm.

## SABBATH OBSERVING GROUP OF THE MONTH

CHURCH OF GOD SEVENTH-DAY

(Salem, West Virginia)

The Church of God (Seventh Day), with world headquarters at Salem, West Virginia, is organized according to the New Testament pattern of the twelve apostles, seventy elders or prophets, and seven deacons or financial stewards.

Elder M. L. Bartholomew is chairman of the Apostolic Council, and Elder Chris W. Royer is vice-chairman. The twelve apostles are chosen from ordained ministers around the world regardless of nationality or race. The same is true of the seventy elders. A board of seven financial stewards is chosen in each nation because of the difference in money exchange.

The organization publishes the Advocate of Truth as its official publication, Sabbath-school quarterlies, numerous tracts, and several books. Elder Chris W. Royer is editor of the publications.

The Beams of Light radio program now heard in several states is the official broadcast of the denomination. Elder M. L. Bartholomew is the speaker. For time and stations write, Church of God (Seventh Day), Box 328, Salem, West Virginia.

This organization conducts work in the United States, Canada, Mexico, England, South and Central America, The British West Indies, South India, Barbados, New Zealand, Nigeria, South Africa, and many others such as the Philippines.

#### SABBATH SIDELIGHTS

In his syndicated column, Billy Graham reports finding during his recent visit to Israel that "nearly all Christian churches have their services on Saturday to conform with the Jewish Sabbath." In the same column he states that because of calendar changes "we have no idea at the present time" whether Saturday is the Sabbath "of the ancient Hebrews or some other day of the week."

According to an item in the June, 1960, issue of Christian Herald, Soviet officials are disturbed about religious activities of Baptists, Seventh-day Adventists, and Jehovah's Witnesses in the USSR.

A letter recently received by the editor from Petropavlovsk, a town of 60,000 in eastern Siberia, states that "We have not churches in our city." How shall these people be reached with the story of Christ and His holy Sabbath Day?

In Toledo, Ohio, Roman Catholic Bishop George E. Rehring warned in a pastoral letter that unnecessary business on Sunday constitutes "grave sin." We feel that this bit of spiritual "enlightenment" will be welcomed by readers who may have felt that "sin is the transgression of the law."

In Louisville, Kentucky, a Catholic-Protestant-merchant coalition formed to oppose Sunday opening of stores is using "educational" and "legal" means to further its aims.

## A BIBLE SABBATH COMMENTARY

#### WITH INFORMATIVE COMMENTS By Walter J. Fillyaw

#### Chapter 5

Having received the free gift of grace, let us merit a continuation of God's merciful and gracious benefactions by coupling our faith in Christ's redeeming power with loving obedience to every precept which the Lord wrote on the two tables of stone upon Mount Sinai.

In Eccl. 12:13,14 we read, "Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man. For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good or whether it be evil." In Psalm 112:1 it is written, "Blessed is the man that feareth the Lord, that delighteth greatly in his commandments."

Some of the basic or fundamental principles of a Christian's livelihood are the statutes, laws, judgments and testimonies of God; for in Psalm 111:10, it is written, "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom: a good understanding have all they that do his commandments."

The Sabbath precept is one of the Heavenly Father's everlasting commandments; to a void the observance of that sacred statute of God, which is intended to increase one's wisdom and understanding, is literally to invite obtuse stupidity, thereby foregoing much spiritual knowledge of the ethical standards of morality, which is afforded through the faithful observance of the holy seventh day Sabbath.

When we learn the way of God's precepts, then are we better able to qualify more adequately as teachers and counselors in the spiritual realm of divine instruction. For example, nowhere can the Word of God be properly construed to mean the first day of the week begins at midnight, a time when there is no heavenly body provided to point out the beginning of a new day. Neither is there a single passage of Scripture that refers to the first day as being the Lord's Day, or that we should observe a day to commemorate the resurrection of Christ.

God's scheduled time for beginning six days work is at sunset, the beginning point of the first day of the week. Christians should complete their secular activities before the sixth day's sun goes down; for at sunset the seventh-day Sabbath begins.

The Sunday of paganism begins and ends at midnight and its celebration is sponsored by Satan, while the Sabbath of God begins and ends at sunset and is an ordinance of the Lord who created, blessed, and sanctified it. If for a little filthy lucre we choose to work on the sanctified Sabbath day, we are thereby doing homage to Satan; for indeed such illgotten gain is a horrible stench in the nostrils of God. We should honor the Lord by observing His hallowed day which He ordained for us to keep holy.

Are you, dear Christian friend,

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truly serving God or the mammon of unrighteousness when you labor on the day that was made for physical relaxation and spiritual development—the day intended by the Lord to supply tranquil rest? If you would be a just steward and loyal ambassador in God's kingdom, then by all means align yourself with Jesus Christ and His apostles in the sacred observance of the only day that both God the Father, and Christ His Son, instituted, sanctified, and kept holy.

We are prone to believe false counsels which pervert the mind, thereby impeding spiritual growth, through the impoverishment of the soul, for lack of many spiritual requisites. Let us be alert to those demoralizing schemes of Satan to weaken, if not destroy, our moral sense of choosing between right and wrong, and open our slumbering eyes to the truth, that we may behold wondrous things out of God's law.

If we would be true laborers in the vineyard of the Lord—workmen that needeth not to be ashamed — fearing God always, and keeping ourselves unspotted from the world, let us discriminately study the Word, in order that we may be able to differentiate correctly between the sacred truths which proceeded out of the mouth of God and the spurious doctrines that proceed out of the mouths of men, also that we may be able to construe the words of truth rightly.

The facts concerning the validity for keeping the Sabbath of creation are manifold, and are to be found throughout the Scriptures. Yet many Christians fail to

see the light of truth concerning the sacredness of the divinely appointed day of rest, regarding the will of God for its holy observance by sanctified believers. When rightly applied, the Holy Word reveals the spiritual significance for observing the life promoting words of truth; and to those who have the witness of Christ's atoning grace through the cleansing power of His redeeming blood it is very imperative that they diligently observe the identical day of God's own choosing.

The accurate display of true Christianity cannot be properly exhibited without faithfully observing the commandments of Jehovah God. They include a statutory ordinance for the celebration of the seventh day of the week, with respectful attention given the sacredness of His Holy day.

The Sabbath precept, which enjoins us to faithful obedience to the Creator who made that extra day for a divine purpose, is being relentlessly attacked by the professional leaders of Sundayism, who openly defy the authority of God by proclaiming, through word and example, that the Sunday of paganism should supersede the Sabbath of the Supreme Being; esteeming the precepts and doctrines of men above the statutes and judgments of God concerning the day for sacred celebration. No wonder that a large percentage of professing Christians are flagrantly disregarding the Word of God in so many ways, when those with authoritative positions in the church teach the unholy celebration of Sunday in place of sanctifying the seventh day of the week through its hallowed observance.

The violation of God's law interrupts the peaceful way of life, destroying the hope for much happiness that God fore-ordained to them who diligently keep all ten of those sacred rules which only through their entirety completely harmonize with the divine will of the Lord God of true Christianity. They who teach that fallacious doctrine of Sundayism must suffer severe loss, for such spurious teaching is as stubble and shall not escape the fiery judgment of God but will be burned up in the consuming fire of His wrathful indignation in that great and dreadful day of the Lord that shall burn as an oven.

There are innumerable Christians walking in the counsel of the ungodly and standing in the way of sinners while celebrating Sunday, and sitting in the seat of the scornful as they listen to and join others in the disgraceful act of stigmatizing the seventh day Sabbath by calling it Jewish; although the precept which admonishes every one to keep the Sabbath day holy is no more Jewish than the other nine commandments. They all belong to the One who wrote them on stone with His own fingers after He spoke them with His mouth.

It is very dangerous indeed to speak lightly of or to stigmatize any of the fundamental principles of life. We may be quite sure that in some way we shall reap the evil consequences for slandering that which is intended by Jehovah God to be of spiritual and physical 14

benefit to us. We should learn the facts about God's holy day and never speak disparagingly about the Sabbath and its hallowed observance. The genuine Lord's day was blessed and sanctified at Eden by the Creator. At Sinai it was confirmed to be the Sabbath of the Lord God and the precept to remember that day to keep it holy was written on stone with the finger of God. At the time of Christ's sojourn in the flesh among men the Lord affirmed the fact that the Sabbath was made for man and that He is Lord of that holy day.

It is high time for Christians to heed the admonitions of the Almighty concerning the blessed realities of the hallowed seventh day Sabbath, and henceforth be found true to the One who created man in His own likeness and prepared a special day for spiritual feasting while relaxing from secular activities.

Beware, dear Christian friend, of the false doctrines of Sundayism, lest you be deceived by them and the curse for disobedience come upon you and pursue you and overtake you and you be destroyed because of failure to hearken to the voice of the Lord your God to keep the laws and statutes which He commanded you. See Deuteronomy 28:45.

The violation of any precept of God is disobedience to Him and is a sin against society. But to scorn the Holy Word through the denunciation of seventh day Sabbath observance, teaching that Sunday is the Lord's day and that we should celebrate that pagan, idolatrous institution to commemorate

the resurrection of Christ is a triple act of insidious transgression—a terrible and grievous sin by its many perpetrators who are being severely punished by a just

and righteous Judge.

Little wonder that the hospitals, sanatoriums and penal institutions are crowded with sick patients, mental cases and law violatorsreaping the harvest of woeful corruption—the fruit of sinful seed sown by Christians in many cases, who align themselves with the children of disobedience, thereby thwarting much happiness and many blessings intended by the Great Benefactor for them who obey God in the sacred observance of all the fundamental rules of expediency as proclaimed by the Lord in the ten words of His sacred admonitions.

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#### A CHAT

### WITH THE EDITOR

I was suspicious, it must be admitted, when first introduced to the Bible Sabbath Association a few years ago. A B. S. A. calendar had been given to me and curiosity prompted the inquiry to the late Brother Main, "Just what is the Bible Sabbath Association? What church is behind it? Who are the members? What does it stand for?"

Somewhere in my files I still have the letter written in answer to my questions, in which Brother Main patiently and thoroughly explained the B.S.A. and its aims also included was the invitation to become a member, I did join, and through the years have been thankful for the organization and the blessings it has brought to me.

Above all, it has taught me this: that many other sincere Christians, though they may disagree with me on other points of doctrine, are willing to work together in giving the vital message to the world—"The seventh day is the sabbath of the Lord." I have become acquainted, either personally or by correspondence, with those whose deeply spiritual lives I respect—members of the Church of God (Seventh Day), Seventh Day Baptist, United Seventh Day Brethren, Seventh Day Pentecostalists, besides my own and others. united in one warm fellowship.

It is said that Benjamin Franklin made the statement at the signing of the Declaration of Independence: "We must all hang together, or most assuredly we shall all hang separately." This statement certainly applies to membership of all Sabbath-keeping persons in the Bible Sabbath Association. In the days to come the demand for Sunday legislation will increase; there is need for an undenominational organization to fight this dangerous trend. No one denomination can protect itself without the help of all the others.

Admittedly, our organization is not a large one, compared to many religious organizations. But its potential for good is almost beyond measure. We need more members —we need more who are willing to contribute God-given talents freely to this association — we need greater finances — we need to double, triple, quadruple the Sentinel circulation.

But most of all we need brotherly love and prayers for one another. If we take care of these two latter needs, the Lord of the Sabbath will work on the hearts of the people to take care of all other needs.

May He bless and keep each one of you in His precious truth.

—THE EDITOR

## CATHOLIC PASTOR ASKS IF MOTHER IS NEEDED

In asking "Need your mother?" Joseph E. Manton, Catholic priest, refers to the importance of the Fifth Commandment, which he rightly says existed before the calendar came into existence. He goes on to say a number of things to encourage people to observe Mother's Day.

We might ask the "Reverend" 16

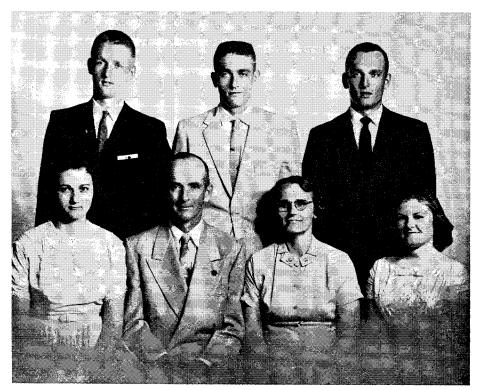
why he doesn't call for a remembrance of Father's Day, and by that, we do not mean the "Father's Day" set aside by man in honor of our earthly father once a year. We refer to the Sabbath, our Father's Holy Day, and this would mean for every week of the year. This pastor has reminded of obedience to the Commandments, for he points out we must come before the face of our Father, not so much as a Father, but as an angry Lord. What a judgment all must face one day! Let us walk humbly before our Father.

## IS SUNDAY-KEEPING IDOLATRY?—From Page 6

whole law question, and who will be saved, with such simple and beautiful language that all can understand. Those who enter in are those who keep His law. The law is our passport. We are not saved by faith alone, as many are preaching to evade the keeping of the law; for, says James, "faith without works is dead." We cannot expect to get in at the back door with our load of transgressions on our back; that is always closed. "Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my father which is in heaven." Let every honest soul join our Bible Sabbath Association and help carry this last message to the world. Everyone must decide this law question. We are now in the valley of decision (Joel 3:14). Time is running out. I. C. Sultz, who lives at Kinsley, Kansas, is author of the booklet, Chronological History of the World in a Nuishell.

#### LET'S GET ACQUAINTED

### WITH OUR SECRETARY-TREASURER AND FAMILY



Standing, left to right: Calvin, Bryan and David; seated: Mary Helen, Lawrence, Lottie, and Mrs. Bryan Burrell.

SETTING: A 680-acre farm three miles west of Fairview, just at the edge of a low range of hills. Fairview, Major County, Oklahoma, is nestled in the center of a scenic, fertile valley and about seven miles south of the Cimarron River and 15 miles northeast of the North Canadian River and the Canton Dam, which backs up a body of water of several thousand acres for the purposes of flood control and recreation. It is about 100 miles northwest of Oklahoma City

Major County is classed (along

with several other counties in this general area) as being in the heart of the wheat producing section of Oklahoma. Alfalfa and some grain sorghums are also raised and our county is the home of many thousands of dairy and beef cattle. Turkeys and watermelons are produced extensively and some of the countryside is generously dotted with oil wells. Our own farm is a general purpose one, about one half the total acreage being cultivated and the remainder is native grass.

A BIT OF HISTORY: Both the

Burrell and Davison (Mrs. Burrell's parents) families originally lived in the state of Iowa but migrated to Oklahoma previous to statehood in the very earliest years of the present century. The writer was born on a farm just two miles from his present place of residence (1909) and has spent his whole life in this community. Mrs. Burrell was born in the state of Washington (1911) but moved to this community with her parents at the age of two years and has called it home since that time. Our parents all being affiliated with the Church of God, we have naturally had practically a lifelong acquaintance but it was not until the year 1934 that we came to think of each other as more than just good friends. The fatal vows were taken May 17, 1935 in the city of Norwood, Colorado.

THE FAMILY IN 1960: Today, twenty-five short years and plenty of hard work and sweat and, yes, tears, later, we are able to record to our and the Heavenly Father's credit four healthy young people (I beg your pardon, there are five including Mary Sue, the wife of our eldest son, Bryan) ranging in ages from sixteen for Mary Helen to twenty-two for Bryan — David and Calvin being nineteen and seventeen respectively.

Bryan and David are in college and Calvin will be in the fall, having finished high school this spring. Mary Helen will take her junior year in high school next winter.

OUR TRAINING AND WORK: Being born and reared on a farm and also being of a rather quiet nature, having little or none of the 18 roving spirit, yours truly was content to just "stay down on the farm." High school was the extent of our formal education. Mrs. Burrell has two years of college and eight years of experience in school teaching to her credit.

Less than ten years ago, in addition to our farming enterprise and church work, etc., we became vitally interested in the subject of nutrition and health, and since that time have studied at length as well as applying in daily living and teaching others the knowledge we have thus come by. In our efforts to show others the way to health we have established a sideline mail order business of gradually increasing proportions.

In 1955 it was our happy privilege to greatly enlarge our scope of service by being elected secretary-treasurer of your Association, a work that is increasingly dear to our hearts.

Although our "book" education may have been somewhat lacking in some respects to fit us for this very important work, we feel that our family and religious background as least partially make up for that lack. The Davison family have to a great extent been Sabbath-observers and deep students of the Bible for generations. My Mother's family, the Sheffields, can also lay claim to such a background.

A TYPICAL DAY WITH THE FAMILY: The months of May and June are quite busy ones on an Oklahoma wheat farm, May being the time when most farmers repair their machinery for the harvest in June. The summer (Continued On Page 20)

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months, with their long hours of daylight, are quite well taken up with preparation of the land for fall planting in September and October. The winter and early spring months give us the most free time for the work of The Bible Sabbath Association and other side line activity. The average winter day finds us arising at about 5:30 a.m. and in addition to the usual morning farm and household chores, we usually complete the filling of orders and answering of letters received the day before. The out-going mail must be ready for the carrier around eleven a.m. The noon hour is usually spent going through the daily incoming mail. As a rule our afternoons are spent in farm work or transacting business in Fairview. The long winter evenings are devoted mainly to processing the day's mail or to other office work connected with B.S.A. or our nutrition and health interests. Our day's activities come to an end usually between the hours of 10 and 11 p.m.

In addition to the hundreds of contacts each month by mail, hardly a day passes without one or more telephone conversations relative to health foods we distribute or problems in which we may be of some service.

Yes, it seems a rather full life but we would most certaily not wish it otherwise. When our late Brother George A. Main, in 1955, encouraged us to volunteer our services to the Association we accepted it as a challenge and a wonderful opportunity for Christian service, but we little realized how abundantly it would enrich our lives by providing the spiritual uplift that it has and also by infinitely broadening our horizon and making for us a veritable multitude of new and very dear friends.

May our Heavenly Father use each and every one in His service according to our several talents, and may we all meet in His Kingdom, where all people will recognize and gladly observe His Holy Sabbaths, is our earnest prayer.

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