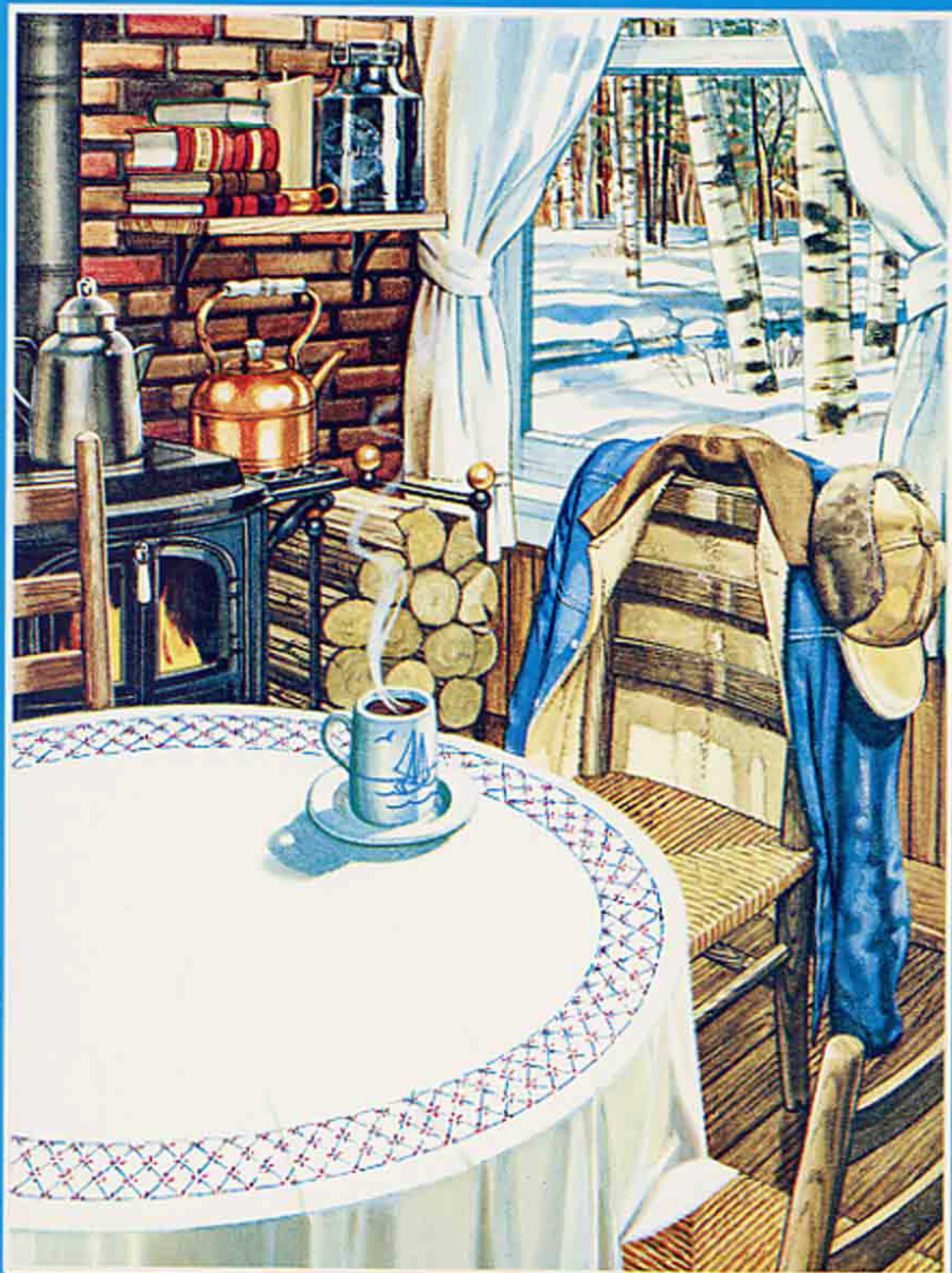


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EDITORIAL

Why Should We Let You In?



Suppose you died and found yourself at the proverbial pearly gates to heaven, and St. Peter asked you, "Why should we let you in?" What would you say? Usually, when I ask this question, the answers run something like this: Well, I tried to lead a good life; or, I went to church; or, I did my best to obey the commandments; or, I studied my Bible and kept the Sabbath.

My response: That's not good enough! Then I go on to explain what I believe is the only correct answer to St. Peter's hypothetical question, "Why should we let you in?"

I have frequently heard believers say: I hope Jesus doesn't come back now because I don't think I'm ready; or, I hope I make it into the kingdom. In my file I have statements by religious leaders along the following lines: Eternal life depends on the addition of temperance to our character. God won't accept into His kingdom anyone who is selfish in regard to tithing. We must obey all of God's commandments and come up to His standards or be vomited out of the church. If you know when Jesus is coming, you will make sure you are purifying yourself.

While statements like this may contain elements of valid principles for Christian living, they all have this in common—they view eternal life as contingent on human performance!

The Bible certainly exhorts us to become perfect as our Father in heaven is perfect, but the fact is that we all fall far short. As James put it, "We all stumble in many ways" (Jas. 3:2). Paul decried his own shortcomings and wrote that the creation was subjected by God to frustration, and that the spirit helps us in our weaknesses (Rom. 7:16-24; 8:20,26). John, addressing his readers as "dear children," wrote, "If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves. . ." (1 John 1:8); and Jesus taught us to pray for forgiveness for our sins in the same breath He taught us to ask for daily bread (Matt. 6:11-12). Did he presume that daily we would need forgiveness?

To be sure we should seek to grow in character, and obedience—but not in order to qualify for God's kingdom. We should seek to grow because we are already the beloved children of God, translated from the dominion of darkness into the kingdom of God's beloved son, seated in the heavenlies in Christ. We should seek to overcome sin in our lives, because we are already declared righteous in Christ—because our robes have been washed white in the blood of the lamb.

What is the only right answer to the question, "Why should we let you in?" It is this: I'm redeemed by Jesus Christ; I'm purchased by the blood of the Lamb!

—Richard A. Wiedenheft

Assured

The deeper meaning
of the Sabbath

By Ritchie Way



Ritchie, if you keep the Seventh-day Sabbath, you will deny your freedom in Christ and go into bondage to a beggarly element," remonstrated Barry kindly.

"Do you realize," he went on, "that if you keep this old Jewish Sabbath you won't be able to play any sports, read a newspaper, or even work in your garden on a Saturday? That's not freedom; that's bondage! Jesus came to set you free, and if He sets you free, you shall be free indeed!"

Barry's gentle broadside stunned me. He was my Christian friend, and I had come to share with him my exciting discovery of the Sabbath truth. In my heart I felt convicted that Saturday was the true

Sabbath. It seemed to me that my observance of God's holy day was a liberating experience. How could I defend this experience in the face of Barry's denunciation of the Sabbath as a despot that would enslave me?

I didn't know. I could only trust that one day God would show me the ways in which the Sabbath was a day of freedom rather than bondage.

Today, 25 years later, I rejoice in the freedom the seventh-day Sabbath has brought me. I know now that I enjoy a freedom that Barry has never known, and that he never will know until he too acknowledges Jesus as Lord also of the Sabbath.

One thing I have learned for certain since that encounter with Barry

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The seventh-day Sabbath points to the Lord of the Sabbath, who, as Creator, gave life to the world in six days and who, as Redeemer, gives eternal life. Each week it invites all mankind to accept God's gift of eternal rest.

is that keeping the fourth commandment no more enslaves me than does keeping the third or fifth commandment. In reality, the very opposite is true: I have discovered to my joy that the fourth commandment liberates me from those things that would enslave me.

The Day or the Demands?

Perhaps you have come to realize it is not our day of rest that makes us slaves, but the inordinate demands of our Western culture. In order to maintain even a modest standard of living, both partners in a marriage often must work full-time outside the home, as well as care for the house and family responsibilities. Their six days of labor are *long* days that commence with the alarm in the morning and conclude with collapsing exhausted into bed late at night.

How often we approach Friday evening with a sense of desperation because of uncompleted work. The businessperson still has a "mountain" of overdue accounts and correspondence to attend to; the student panics because of incomplete assignments with fast-approaching deadlines; the farmer races both the clock and the weather with his harvesting; at home the lawn remains uncut, the car unwashed.

But with the Sabbath comes a miracle of grace that enables work-harried believers to lay down their "tools" with a clear conscience and enjoy a day of rest.

His Command Our Salvation

This release from the tyranny of labor is a gift of love from the Creator. He requires—and no higher authority can overrule Him—that we rest every seventh day, even under great pressure to continue our work into the sacred hours (Ex. 20:8-11; 31:13-17). His command is our "salvation."

In the gift of the Sabbath God offers us a day of Edenic rest when we do not have to live by the sweat of our brow. To labor through the Sabbath hours would signify that we do not believe God can provide for our needs.

As we demonstrate our relationship to the Lord in "physical" ordinances such as baptism and the Lord's Supper, so physical rest on Sabbath signifies our resting in Jesus (Matt. 11:28,29; Heb. 4:9,10). We show our trust in Him rather than in our own works. The Edenic Sabbath (Gen. 2:1-3) He offers to us as a gift. Many choose instead the painful toil that resulted from God's curse (Gen. 3:17). Like Cain, they prefer their own way to God's, their works to His.

The Sabbath provides a special day to celebrate God's rest with other Christians. On that day we can spend time with our family in ways we cannot during the week, escaping the artificial world we made for ourselves and enjoying the beautiful world God created.

On Sabbath we can visit a lonely beach to watch the restless ocean and the sea birds riding the wind. We can walk a mountain trail, enjoying God's clean air and the scent of the tall trees. Or we can sprawl in the sweet grass of a sunny meadow, listening to the lark and the drowsy hum of honeybees. Sabbath brings a time of restoration, a time to unwind and relax.

Greater Blessings

But the day God blessed holds even greater blessings than these. Have you ever wondered why God rested when He never gets tired (Isa. 40:28)? The Creator rested on the seventh day in order to give His undivided attention to Adam and Eve. Their physical needs had been provided for by His work on the first six days of Creation. On the seventh

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God gave the Seventh-day Sabbath to mankind 2000 years before the first Israelite was born.

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Mother's Day

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Memorial Day

The Seventh-day Sabbath is the sign of God's creative power.

day He would provide for that part of their nature that set them apart from the rest of animate creation. Our Lord devoted this whole day to an intimate relationship with His two beautiful people.

The blessing God placed on this special day is not automatically experienced by everyone each seventh day. It comes only to those who spend it in close communion with their Lord.

The primary purpose of the seventh day was fellowship between people and their God. It provided a day to find joy in the Lord (Isa. 58:14). The seventh day brings no intrinsic blessing in itself; that blessing comes only from a personal relationship with the *Lord* of the Sabbath.

While it is good to play golf, read the newspaper, vacuum the house, or dig the garden, each Sabbath God calls us from these good things to something far better.

The "Marthas" should become "Marys" on the Sabbath, for of her Jesus said, "Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her" (Luke 10:42, NIV).

Most of what we do during the workweek will be taken from us one day. On the other hand, most of what we experience each Sabbath—if we spend it with Jesus—will remain with us to bless us forever.

As Marthas, we work to improve our standard of living; but as Marys, we rest at Jesus' feet to improve our standard of life—which is far better. A relationship with the Creator has infinitely greater value than a relationship with His creation (good as that may be). The Sabbath is the day He has appointed for fostering that higher relationship.

The Sabbath and Death

The Sabbath has a breadth, depth, and width greater than our wildest imaginings. It not only touches our

EDITOR'S NOTE

Part Four of *From Sabbath to Lord's Day*, a critical review, by Desmond Ford will be included in the January issue.

attitudes and the way we observe the week; it not only speaks of what was, what is, and what is to come; it has significance in death as well as in life.

Man and woman were never closer to God than on that first Sabbath in Eden. And never have we seemed farther from God than on that Sabbath beside a grave near Calvary (Luke 23:50-56).

Here is a paradox: Jesus, by spending that most significant Sabbath in the garden tomb, has brought us rest even at our greatest distance from God. From that time on it could be truly said, "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from henceforth, for they shall rest."

Just as Adam and Eve rested in the assurance that all their needs were supplied in a perfect creation, so may we—even in death—rest secure in the assurance that Christ through His atonement has provided a perfect rest for us.

By His death Jesus brought rest to us. Each Sabbath we observe testifies that, in life or in death, we rest assured in Him because He has assured our paradise rest.

Ritchie Way is a pastor in New Zealand; reprinted from the *Adventist Review*, Dec. 3, 1987.

White Christmas

Yes, we can have a white Christmas. "Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow" (Isa. 1:18).

The Sermon Builder

LAW

ON THE LEGAL FRONT

The following cases are adapted from the Spring '89 issue of *Court Report*, published by the SDA General Conference.

In **Clark v. Review Board**, Carl Clark, a Jehovah's Witness, was initially denied unemployment compensation because he did not quit his job until two or three weeks after he found that the work he was doing violated his religious beliefs. After joining Firestone Tire and Rubber Co., Clark discovered he was helping to make tank tracks, a violation

of his church's pacifist teachings. Still in his probationary period, he decided to wait a few days, hoping that his soon-coming permanent status would give him more bargaining power for a job change. Then he requested, but was not able to get, a reassignment. He told his supervisors he would continue his present job. After about a week of consultation with his wife and church, he quit, citing religious conviction. The state of Indiana denied him benefits, claiming that by continuing to work, Clark had compromised his convictions. On 2/21/89 the Indiana Court of Appeals, 4th District, overturned the ruling, citing **Thomas v. Review Board**. In that case the US Supreme Court ruled that a person does not lose his rights in a dispute involving religious belief simply because he continues to work while wrestling with his conscience.

This column notes that it is best to act as quickly as is wise if your employment violates your beliefs. A court could construe too long a delay as proof of the lack of conviction. Courts act on appearances, not inner truths. Find out your spiritual—and legal—position as quickly as is reasonable, then act.

In **Public Health Trust of Dade County v. Wons**, the Florida Supreme Court ruled that a competent adult has the right to refuse a blood transfusion, even if such refusal may kill her. It noted so many exceptions, however, that the case set little precedent. Norma Wons is a Jehovah's Witness.

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As Jesus offers us spiritual rest through the forgiveness of our sins, so His Sabbath offers us weekly rest for the body and mind—a day when we are free to be refreshed physically, mentally, and spiritually.

Is Your Church Advertising?

Local newspapers may provide the means for advertising your Sabbath fellowship at very little or no cost. Frequently, newspapers publish church notices free of charge every week; and, while such an item won't arouse any interest in the vast majority of readers, it may be a wonderful blessing to a few. In some areas there are a surprising number of unchurched, seventh-day Christians. Perhaps they can find warm fellowship and spiritual nourishment with your congregation—if you let them know you are there!

Joseph McGuire, former BSA board member from Birmingham, Alabama, submitted an organizational meeting notice which was published on the church page of *The Birmingham News*.

If your local congregation or fellowship has never had any publicity in local newspapers, you might consider giving them a try. Even if free notices are not available, paid ads might be worth running for at least a few times every year or so—just to remind the community that you are there.

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Throughout the centuries, dedicated followers of Jesus, redeemed by His precious blood, have shown their love for Him by observing the day made holy at Creation—the seventh-day Sabbath.

NEWS

FROM THE SEVENTH DAY COMMUNITY

Religious Rights Convention

The International Religious Liberty Association, headed by Bert B. Beach, also director of the Public Affairs and Religious Liberty Department of the SDA General Conference, sponsored along with other groups the Third World Congress on Religious Liberty, July 23 through 25. Held in the Queen Elizabeth II Conference Center in London, the congress included Christians, Hindus, Humanists, Muslims and other religious groups in lively, sometimes fiery presentations and discussions. The meeting covered many topics, a few of which involve 7th-dayers.

Konstantin Karchev, former chairman of the USSR's Council on Religious Affairs was honored. While Adventist attendees spoke highly of Karchev, who was dismissed allegedly for being too liberal toward believers, Keston College delegates noted that little relaxation of persecution occurred during his tenure until his Communist Party superiors gave the word. Keston College is a highly respected institution founded to study religious persecution in the Russian empire. Nonetheless Karchev said that "the moral climate toward believers... has changed during perestroika." Some, but not all, Adventist prisoners of conscience have been released. Some churches have had their land and buildings returned. "The new law," which Karchev was unable to get passed before being fired, but which he expects to pass, "will permit churches to have legal status. The draft would permit religious education of chil-

dren, a striking change. Alternative service may be an option for conscientious objectors. . . ." Karchev was annoyed and gave an evasive answer to a question about recognition of the long-oppressed Ukrainian Catholic church.

The Islamic view of religious freedom came from Khan Bahadur Khan, Religion and Minority Affairs minister for Pakistan. "Rights in Islam are not man-made, nor are they the expression of a nation's will. . . . They are from Allah the exalted and therefore not subject to change. They are applied equally to all regardless of strength or weakness, caste, creed, language or religion. In Islam there is no concept of church and state, and if they are separated, then the political system subscribes to barbarism. . . . Islam does grant freedom of conscience with certain limitations. It welcomes constructive criticism, but whenever the freedom of conscience touches the boundary

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of lampoon. . . . [or] slander. . . it is considered to be blasphemy, which should not go unpunished." While the US media picture Muslims as savages, they are, on the whole, cultured people whose view of life and faith does not always agree with Christians' practices. That may give scant comfort to Sabbathkeepers who are persecuted in some Muslim areas. The Western press ignores Muslims who are not fanatics or terrorists.

Among 5 other religious groups suffering persecution—including Krishnas and Bahais—the Worldwide Church of God gave a presentation through Ralph K. Helge, its general counsel. While not generally oppressed, members of WGC do have employment, education, and armed service difficulties because of their Sabbath observance and conscientious objection to carnal warfare. Some nations do not recognize the church.

Former First Lady Rosalynn Carter is the honorary president of the International Religious Liberty Association, and sent a message of encouragement.

Cameroon SDB's Now Free to Worship

The Native Baptist Church, an organization accredited by the government of Cameroon, is now sponsoring Rev. John Mpacko and the SDBs he pastors. After ten years of prayer, the Baptist group is at last able to meet and witness openly in this nation in West Central Africa on the Gulf of Guinea. Cameroon is part Islamic, part Christian, and is served by the Central Africa Conference of SDBs. Also, in Europe, the

SDB church in Rakvere, Estonia, and its branch in the capital city, Tallinn, are now registered with the Soviet Union.

SDB General Conference

The 1989 Seventh Day Baptist General Conference (GC) was held at the University of Portland in Oregon, August 6 to 12. Joe A. Samuels, a pastor from Plainfield, New Jersey, will be president for 1990, replacing Luan Ellis, the 1989 president; elected president for 1991 is Althea Rood of Dodge Center, Minn.; Dale Thorngate, executive secretary, announced he would retire at the end of his third term in July 1990; he will have held the post for 9 years. Resolutions passed recommending that Baptists boycott the Clorox and Mennen companies for their sponsorship of offensive TV programs and Holiday Inns for showing offensive in-room movies. Another resolution asked members to protest sweepstakes, drawings, lotteries, etc., regardless of their goals. About 400 people were registered by the end of the conference, including 238 delegates.

New Baptist Meetings

From July 1988 to July 1989, five new SDB groups began meeting in the United States in Connecticut, Kansas, Texas, and Washington. The Beth-El Seventh Day Baptist Church of Houston, Texas, also joined the General Conference. The SDB World Federation recognized its 17th member, the Malankara SDB Church in Kerala, India, composed of three churches and two groups with 170 members.

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When Jesus died on Calvary, the handwriting that was against us, the record of our sins, was blotted out by His shed blood.

REPORT ON HURRICANE HUGO

by John Garr

When Hurricane Hugo struck the Charleston, S.C., area and proceeded northward into North Carolina, thousands of people were left homeless and without jobs. Countless church and civic groups have been moved to respond with humanitarian aid to those who were in the path of the hurricane.

The Church of God (Jerusalem Acres) has been one of the Sabbatarian churches that have worked to meet personal needs in the area. All of the local churches in the United States raised special offerings to purchase materials and food and have them transported to Charleston.

John D. Garr, Bishop of the Mid-South Territory, of which South Carolina is a part, and Leon Mohammed, pastor of the South Street Church of God in Charleston, have worked together to coordinate both supplies and manpower to assist church members and their families who suffered losses of property, jobs, and income.

The South Hills Church of God, pastored by Bishop John A. Looper, supplied thousands of dollars worth of food, along with chain saws and generators, which have helped considerably in the task of cleanup and coping with week-long interruptions in electrical service.

Roman Ealy, associate pastor of South Hills church, accompanied Bishop Garr on two trips to Charleston with supplies and equipment and spent time helping to build morale by laboring physically to help in the cleanup.

The Churches of God in Charles-



ton banded together to help distribute food to the needy, including an effort to provide hot meals to many people in the area immediately surrounding the local church in North Carolina. Blanche and Brenda Mohammed spearheaded this effort.

While millions of dollars of aid have poured into the areas of coastal South Carolina, much more is needed. Thousands of people are still out of work, with no income to support their families. These people need food and donations of money to help them until businesses reopen. Still others are completely homeless, needing virtually everything that a household normally offers. Those who would like to assist The Church of God's relief effort can do so by contacting General Offices, Box 1207, Cleveland, Tennessee 37364; phone (615) 472-1597.

—The author directs Church Publishing Co., which handles the layout, printing, and mailing of *The Sabbath Sentinel*.

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Sometimes we feel that rest and relaxation are almost akin to sin. But our Creator gave us the seventh day at the end of each week specifically for rest.—Eugene Lincoln

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CALENDAR COMPARISON AND BIBLICAL FESTIVALS

Biblical Months	Corresponding Gregorian Months	Annual Holy Days and Festivals
1st Abib (Nisan)	March—April	Passover, Abib (Nisan) 14 Days of Unleavened Bread, Abib (Nisan) 15-21 (Numbers 28:16-25; Matthew 26:29)
2nd Ziv (Iyar)	April—May	Second Passover, Ziv 14 (Numbers 9:10,11; 2 Chronicles 30:2)
3rd Sivan	May—June	Pentecost (Leviticus 23:15,16; Acts 2:1)
4th Tammuz	June—July	
5th Ab	July—August	
6th Elul	August—September	
7th Ethanim (Tishri)	September—October	Feast of Trumpets, Ethanim (Tishri) 1 Day of Atonement, Ethanim (Tishri) 10 Feast of Tabernacles, Ethanim (Tishri) 15-21 Last Great Day, Ethanim (Tishri) 22 (Leviticus 23:23-26, 36, 39; Zechariah 14:16)
8th Bul (Chesvan)	October—November	
9th Chislev	November—December	Hanukkah, Feast of Dedication, Chislev 25-Tebet 3 (John 10:22)
10th Tebet	December—January	
11th Sebat	January—February	
12th Adar	February—March	Purim, Adar 14 (Esther 9:21)

NOTE: The Bible Sabbath Association takes no position concerning the observance of annual festivals. The above information is provided as a Bible study aid and as a service to those who observe these occasions.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR 1990

National and Traditional Holidays

New Year's Day	Mon., Jan. 1
Lincoln's Birthday	Mon., Feb. 12
Washington's Birthday (observed)	Mon., Feb. 19
Palm Sunday	Sun., Apr. 8
Good Friday	Fri., Apr. 13
Easter Sunday	Sun., Apr. 15
Mother's Day	Sun., May 13
Victoria Day (Canada)	Mon., May 21
Memorial Day (observed)	Mon., May 28
Flag Day	Thurs., June 14
Father's Day	Sun., June 17
Canada Day	Sun., July 1
Independence Day	Wed., July 4
Labor Day	Mon., Sept. 3
Columbus Day (observed)	Mon., Oct. 8
Thanksgiving Day (Canada)	Mon., Oct. 8
Election Day	Tues., Nov. 6
Veteran's Day	Sun., Nov. 11
Thanksgiving Day	Thurs., Nov. 22
Christmas Day	Tues., Dec. 25

Biblical Holy Days and Festivals

Purim	Sun., Mar. 11
Abib 1	Tues., Mar. 27
Passover (Abib 14)	Mon., Apr. 9
Days of Unleavened Bread	Apr. 10-Apr. 16
Pentecost	Wed., May 30, Sun., June 3 or Mon., June 4
Feast of Trumpets (Tishri 1)	Thurs., Sept. 20
Day of Atonement (Tishri 10)	Sat., Sept. 29
Feast of Tabernacles	Thurs., Oct. 4 to Wed., Oct. 10
Last Great Day	Thurs., Oct. 11
Hanukkah	Wed., Dec. 12 to Wed., Dec. 19

NOTE: The dates given above are based on the traditional Jewish calendar. Some groups use a calendar based on the observed new moons and other factors. The Bible Sabbath Association takes no official position regarding the calendar. However, if you are interested in further study on this subject, we would be happy to put you in touch with several sources of information.

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NOTE: Dates given for moon phases and seasons on the individual calendar pages are based on Eastern Standard Time; for this reason they may be, in some cases, one day earlier than dates given on calendars which use Universal Time (UT).

The following symbols are used to denote moon phases:



