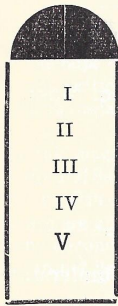


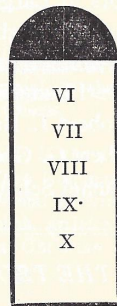
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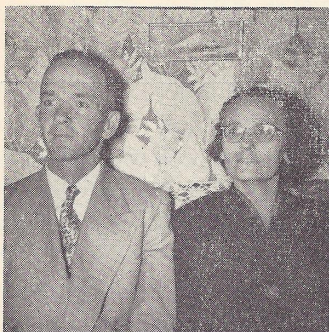
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### THIS PICTURE IS

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But abroad, from the enemies of the Creator's Sabbath, and of national decency there has been an ominous rumble all around. When you hear thunder there is bound to be rain somewhere; blessings to some, disaster to others. That is life, as we know it.

The foes are gathering all around us, so let us be diligent, and careful, that we do the Master's work, as He has laid it out for each of us. Let us, each one do his own part, for the crowning day is approaching.

When the enemy is aroused, you know he scents defeat, and is only making strenuous efforts to forstall execution. But if we acknowledge that many of them are as honest and sincere as ourselves, we have won half of the battle. Love will win. And prayers and faith will win. But without the dissemination of knowledge, these cannot prevail. Our business is the spreading of knowledge. Their's is to choose. **LET US HELP THEM.**

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## How I came to learn about and accept the Seventh Day Sabbath of God.

Miss Rachel Schaub

Nisland, South Dakota

This testimony is not given in complaint or to solicit sympathy, but is a simple relating of facts as to how I came to learn about the true seventh day Sabbath of God, and the happenings in my life that prepared me to accept it when it was presented to me.

When the family was altogether yet and we children were growing up the folks were seasonable laborers, which necessitated our moving about quite a bit. Because of this our church attendance was irregular. In spite of that all we children (eight of us) : four boys and four girls, were confirmed in the Lutheran faith.

On the great day of its accomplishment confirmation seemed a light thing to the rest of my class; to me it was a very serious matter; I trembled at the gravity of it. Sixteen was my confirmation age. Now adays children usually are younger.

In pre-confirmation classes during the study of the Ten Commandments the comment was made: "The Ten Commandments say the *seventh* day is to be remembered and kept holy, how can we keep the first day?" Our instructor gave us an explanation; he was our teacher, was older than we, and should know. Little did I know that the day would come when I would be embroiled in a raging conflict in which this point of the Sabbath would be a vital part. In this conflict there is only a *remnant* warring for God's truth: those contending for the Sabbath are in

the minority; prevailing theology has the superior number.

My "chastening" began at an early age: when I was about four there was a mishap at our house in which I was badly burned. I was burned so badly I had to learn to walk all over again. Today my age is 42; I still have scars from that burn.

Because of the misfortune that had befallen me mother sheltered me more. Her extra consideration of me was an incentive for other of the children to tease and taunt me. If not of a sensitive nature, due to this I became sensitive.

Near the age of twelve an affliction appeared on my face. It became the butt of more abuse. I became even more sensitive.

Since the affliction brought abuse the instinct was to remove it. I sought means to do so, unknown to anyone else. Advertising for products that promised to remove my affliction came into my hands. Rosy claims were made for them. I ordered and used them. It wasn't long before I found they did not accomplish what was claimed for them. Instead of my affliction being helped it became worse. With physical reverses mental reaction set in.

As time went on I turned to different products; I couldn't turn back; I had to go on.

None of the products gave lasting relief.

When attending classes preparing for confirmation I was already

in this difficulty. The situation was distressing: a young girl in the formative years of life when protection and understanding are so necessary, I had to be haunted by this awful spectre.

In ensuing years my misery increased, I prayed for death almost continually. My state of mind was pathetic. To ease the pain I took on more and more duties; we were no longer seasonal laborers now, the folks had bought a farm; with stock and crops on a farm there is always plenty to do. I worked at anything my hands came to; outside farmwork as well as housework.

The time came when I felt I had to confide in someone and seek outside help. I went to a beauty operator. No help there. I needed help so and no one could give me any. Could one's being at a loss be more complete? I was miserable, hopeless, helpless.

In this state, at home alone one winter evening, ( the folks had gone visiting; they had asked me to accompany them but I had declined: I was ashamed of my appearance and didn't want people to see me ) the awfulness of my situation swept over me: I couldn't go on this way, I had to have help. I knew of the existence of God: I had been praying to Him it seemed for years to take me in death to deliver me from my misery.

Unable to deliver myself out of my dilemma or get help from man, I now cast myself on God's mercy and cried to him for aid. I don't remember how I prayed, but I do remember I covenanted with Him that if He would help me in my awful misery now, I would strive to live

obedient to Him henceforth. Tears flowed freely.

That night was the turningpoint of my life. When the petition for aid was over with, my affliction was still with me but the awful hopeless, helpless misery that had been bur-

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dening me for so long was gone. In place of the turmoil, strife and despair in heart there was quiet peace and HOPE.

In time aid for my affliction was found; thousands of miles from home. My healing was not instantaneous; it took a number of years. These years served to establish me more firmly in my heavenly Father.

Upon being delivered from my misery there came a hunger for the Word of God. I read the Bible thru completely, and listened to all the preaching on the radio that I could.

Though I read the Bible through there was much in it that I couldn't

understand. I wanted to understand. In radio preaching I heard about a Bible correspondence course being offered, and enrolled. The first lessons were easy for me, because they dealt with things that had happened in my own life.

fliction were expensive; I had to earn the money that paid for them, so I had to work and couldn't come and go at will, so my church attendance wasn't very regular, but when I was able to be out church was my destination.

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While I worked and studied my affliction improved steadily. The time came when I could go out to be among people without shame. I was grateful to the Father for my deliverance so the place I went when I could be out was to church; I wanted to be among His people.

Treatments to clear up my af-

The Bible course was well on, when the subject of the Sabbath came up. In instruction at home we had been taught that Sunday was the Lord's day and was the day to be kept holy. The course said the 7th day: Saturday was the Sabbath and was the day that should be kept. This made conflict.

I made inquiries. Explanations concerning the true Sabbath were furnished. The Bible bore them out.

My folks were Sunday-keepers. While I earned money to pay for my treatments I worked seven days a week and thought nothing of it: there was no special sacredness in my heart for Sunday. The time came, though, that this changed. My affliction was being helped. Out of gratitude to God, I began rearranging my life to regard Sunday as a holy day ( this was before the lesson on the Sabbath was reached ). Our catechisms said, "Remember the Lord's day, and keep it holy". We were taught that Sunday was the Lord's day. Out of love, springing from gratitude, as well as keeping the covenant I had made, I wanted to be obedient to the Father, so I adjusted my life to bring it in accordance with what I thought was His will.

When I was shown that the seventh day, Saturday, was the Sabbath God's holy day, and was the day to keep I transferred my regard from

the first day: Sunday to the seventh day: Saturday. No more is Saturday a scrub and cleaning day of the week, but is a holy day kept in reverence to the Mighty Creator. The Sabbath is a sign that God is the Creator. Ex 31:17. It is also a sign that it is God that sanctifys us. Ex.31:13; Ez.20:12

There has been much strife because of my accepting and keeping the Sabbath — I told all my family about it; not one accepted it. They did not accept any of the other Bible truth I presented to them either; for along with the Sabbath truth I learned other Bible truths. The hand of the heavenly Father must have been in this. In my affliction I was *forced* away from home and family. While away I learned these truths. When they were learned I was *forced* back among my people again.

Though none of my people, and others, accepted any of the truths I presented my duty was done when I made them known, the rest now remains with They who dwell on high.

Today, after some eight years of keeping the Sabbath, conflict still arises about it. In keeping it I am alone here, seemingly accomplishing nothing — there are times when I *work so hard*, — and I may not keep the Sabbath perfectly, but I do put aside common labor, feed on the Word, and endeavor to think Godly thoughts; while “looking for that blessed hope and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us, that He might redeem us from all iniquity and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.” Titus 2:13.

## “LISTEN”

O, come and listen, Christians dear,  
Our Lord's return is very near.  
Will we be doing what He demands?  
Will we be teaching His commands?

If so, His promise, “I will be  
With you always”, and with me,  
We can claim, though the heavens fall  
When suddenly we hear His call.

O, “search the Scriptures”, you have read  
“They testify of Me”, He said.  
He there commands us that we give  
One tenth and on nine tenths to live.

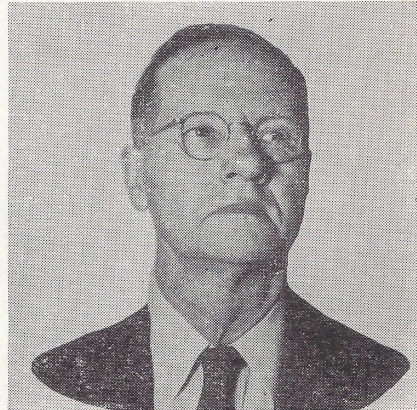
So give His tenth lest He will find  
Bazaars or suppers on your mind.  
He drove the money changers out  
From all the temple courts in rout.

His resurrection time and birth  
Are known to no one on the earth.  
His Sabbath is the only day  
That He commands we keep away.

M.E.J.A.

Matt. 28:20

John 5:39



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## A Plea for Obedience.

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"Why do ye call me Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?" Luke 6:46.

"In six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day; ( Ex. 20:11 ) and God saw everything that He had made, and behold, it was very good." Gen. 1:31

But there came a time when he repented that he had made man, because of their wickedness; they even polluted his sabbaths. He said, "I gave them *my* sabbaths, to be a *sign* between *me* and *them*, that they might *know* that I am the Lord that sanctify them." Ez. 20:12 But they "rebelled against me .... and my sabbaths they greatly polluted: then I said I would pour out my fury upon them..."Eze. 20:13.

In 2 Pet. 2:21 it is said "It had been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than, after they have known it, to turn from the holy commandment delivered unto them." "For not the hearers of the law are just before God, but the *doers* of the law are justified." Rom. 2:13

When once the master of the house is risen up and hath shut the door and ye begin to stand without, and to knock at the door, saying, Lord, Lord, open unto us; and he shall answer and say unto you, I know not whence ye are," then what will you do? Luke 13:25

In the gathering of the manna in the wilderness the Israelites were told to do their gathering in the six working days of the week but that

on the *seventh day which is the sabbath*, there would be none. But some disobeyed and went out on the seventh day, whereupon the Lord said unto Moses, "How long will ye refuse to keep my commandments and my laws? See, for that the Lord hath given you the sabbath, therefore he giveth you on the sixth day the bread of two days .... So the people rested on the seventh day. Ex. 16:25-30.

Are we any better than the Israelites? Can you not imagine that today, as He looks about, and sees so many who choose to follow the traditions of men in their Sunday keeping, rather than the observing of *His* holy *sabbath*, that He might well be tempted to cry out, "How long refuse ye to keep MY commandments and MY laws?"

Why call ye me Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?

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## Sunday Desecration ? Deeply Deplored by a Few of its Advocates.

Uncle Elbert

Although it is impossible to "desecrate" a day that is in no sense sacred, it is interesting to note the present day laxity in the observance of Sunday by those who profess to keep that day, and especially enlightening to read the continual and repeated expressions of regret in the Sunday-advocating periodicals that so little regard is paid the day by nominal Sunday-keepers.

The amazing thing is that anyone should consider Sunday a holy day and that anyone should bemoan its imaginary desecration—so utterly devoid is the Bible of any reasons for considering Sunday as holy, and so completely lacking is any evidence that the day was ever observed during the Biblical era. Students of Scriptures are by no means in agreement that the Resurrection occurred on the first day of the week, and there are many who believe the definite statement of Matthew that Christ had already risen prior to the end of the Seventh-day Sabbath. Rarely indeed do students of the Bible appeal to it, these days, for grounds for denial of the true Seventh-day Sabbath, or for defense of observance of the first day of the week. Occasionally, however, someone comes forth with an attempt at defense of Sunday-keeping purportedly based on the Scriptures, carefully choosing the very few passages which by distorted misinterpretation can be made to appear to support Sundayism, and stooping to such un-

christian tactics as they would never use except for the purpose of destroying the influence of the Biblical passages which firmly establish the Seventh day of the week as the only true Sabbath of the Scriptures.

Such an article is now before me. Its title is, "Why it is *right* to keep *Sunday* and *wrong* to keep *Saturday*." The article of course ignores the Law of God, with its unmistakable affirmation that the Seventh day is the Sabbath of Jehovah, which Law is exalted throughout both the Old and the New Testaments probably above all other subjects, as perfect, pure, righteous, unchangeable, etc. Likewise the article leaves the teachings and customs of Christ entirely out, for they would be quite out of place along with distorted apostolic teachings, since the entire life and teachings of the Founder of Christianity were an unbroken defense of the Law of God and its Seventh-day Sabbath.

The author of the misleading article appeals only to the writings of the Apostle Paul, who wrote about one third of the entire New Testament, but makes use only of those extremely few passages which, when skillfully misinterpreted, seem to indicate that the Great Apostle taught Sunday observance. It does not seem to trouble the author that such misinterpretations of a few of Paul's writings would, if true, prove the Apostle to be the gigantic hypocrite of the ages and unworthy of any-

one's trust — for from the time of Paul's conversion till the day he was truthfully accused of being a leader of the Sabbath-observing sect of the Nazarenes ( a ringleader to his enemies ), Paul was a loyal Sabbath-observing follower of the Sabbath-keeping Christ.

Sunday observing can advance only as the laws of MAN are held to take precedence over the Law of God and over the teachings and custom of Christ and His Apostles. Great stress, for example, is laid by those who deny the authority of the Bible, on the fact that the President of the United States is relieved ( by a provision of the Constitution ) of the requirements of office duties on Sunday — pretending that thereby the few Sunday-keeping framers of our Constitution had overruled the en-

tire Word of God, and not only established Sunday as the *President's* Rest Day but, by *implication* had established the pagan-born sun-day as the proper rest day for all citizens.

Is it any wonder, as long as so-called Christians deny not only the plain Word of God but the teachings and example of both Christ and the Apostles and demand the acceptance by law of the pagan-born sun-day, that America has no true Sabbath at all? A great responsibility rests on the defenders of the Bible and its Seventh-day Sabbath to spread the world over, the truths concerning the Seventh-day Sabbath of Jehovah and to expose the untruths now being increasingly publicized in support of the observance of the first day of the week.

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## The Sin of Mankind.

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In the last issue of this magazine I stressed the point that true Christianity is not just a religion among the religions of the world, but the only true way of life. Now, I want to point out that there is only one sin, and that is DISOBEDIENCE.

When the Creator made the first man, and put him into the Garden, it was to try or test him out. So He not only made him to be the overlord of this earth, with complete dominion over all things; He also gave him the power of choice and therefore of moral responsibility; which has never been taken away from him, and in fact, is the real cause behind all the devious ways in which the Creator has dealt with us.

After giving him the law of life, He gave man just one don't; just one simple command, He was not to eat of the fruit of the tree of life. In simple, common everyday English, this man was told to do nothing contrary to his Creator's will, for by so doing he would suffer the penalty of disobedience. What was the penalty - he would know good and evil, for he would experience them. To do so meant both spiritual and physical death. Read Gen. 1-3 chapters.

Today, the same as in the Garden, the tempter comes along and says, "Ye shall not surely die, but your eyes shall be opened, and you shall be as God, knowing good and evil"

Nowhere does the Bible, speaking for God, say that man is immortal, or that he has an immortal soul,

but does say that in the day that he *knows good and evil*, he will surely die. This is the basis for a Redeemer.

So, as you see, the original sin was simply disobedience; disobeying one simple command of Jehovah. So no matter how complicated a system we may make up, and how diversified we may make the catalog of wrong-doing, it is simply one sin, DISOBEDIENCE.

Ever since that first memorable day, when Adam made that first choice contrary to the known will of his Father, and passed the results of disobedience upon the future generations, man has continually and persistently disobeyed Jehovah, and has tried in devious ways to circumvent the penalty of his first sin.

All through the generations from Adam to yourself, man has tried to work upon the sympathy of his Creator, and tried to console himself with the idea that He is merciful, and has tried to twist the Word of God, so he can excuse himself, and make out that he is right. He has made up a wonderful set of religious systems in order to console himself in vain. He spends billions of dollars every year, in order to blind himself to the truth. He will do everything under the sun, but he will not obey just one simple command of his Creator.

Note the millions spent in this country alone in colleges and seminaries in order to educate the young in their own idea of religion, many of them ignoring the plain Scriptures,

and teaching what Paul has called "damnable heresies", teaching anything but the plain Bible truths. They spend millions in hunting up some out of the way verses, often not related to the subject whatever, in order to prove their point, but will spend no time in searching for the truth. Anything to lull the spiritual faculties into ease and blindness.

It seems that he expects to get by with this awful conglomeration of untruths and false delusions, and no matter how much he has disobeyed the plain teachings of his own professed Bible, he expects to be rewarded with good for his misdeeds and DISOBEDIENCE.

However, the same book says, speaking for the Father himself, "The wages of sin (disobedience) is death". "In the day that thou eateth thereof, thou shalt surely die"

The Father made a covenant with man, and gave him the Seventh-day Sabbath, as a memorial of this covenant, and commanded him to rest on and keep holy His Sabbath. Does man do so? No! Ever since Jehovah made this covenant man has striven to break it, and has fought the idea of keeping it. He is willing to keep *any day*, but he don't want to keep His Sabbath day.

*Depart from me you workers of iniquity, for I NEVER KNEW YOU*" Immanuel said in Sermon on the Mount. Matt. 7:23. How sad!

The whole history of mankind, and especially that of the chosen people, the Hebrews, the one besetting sin mentioned by the prophets was of the breaking of the Sabbath day. In modern times they have reverted to the pagan first day of the week, and hate the Sabbath. Altho

many of the leaders of their own group admit that the SEVENTH day is the only Scriptural Sabbath given to man, they have not the nerve to give the truth to their own group, but let them still follow in the footsteps of their pagan forefathers. Blind leaders of the blind, and they both shall be condemned.

Just as men "reap as they sow" so is man now reaping the harvest of his disobedience to the one command, "Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy," the only one with remember attached; the one day given that we may rest and commune specially with the Creator, and be recreated.

"Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and ye shall find rest for your souls: for my yoke is easy, and my burden is light." Immanuel Matt. 11:29

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## GOOD NEWS!

I have been sending to each renewal subscription to the Sentinel a free copy of a little booklet "The Truant" which so many have liked so well, that I have decided to offer it again while they last. Also to those who would like several copies for presents or Sabbath School Awards I will sell them at 20c each, which is less than duplicating cost.

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## Angels of Light ?

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"To the law and to the testimony, if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them." Isa. 8:20

Here is the criterion of the inspired word of God by which we may decide whether a speaker or preacher is a minister of God or a minister of Satan. If he speaks not according to the law and the testimony there is no light in him; and, being in darkness he is blind and has become an instrument of Satan deceiving other blind, unsuspecting persons. "If the blind lead the blind, both shall fall into the ditch".

What is the law and the testimony spoken of here? In Exodus 31:18 and 34:29 we are told that the testimony consisted of two tables of stone, written with the finger of God. In Deut. 5:1-22 we are told that this writing of God upon the two tables of stone consisted of the TEN COMMANDMENTS of the decalogue and NOTHING MORE. This then, is the testimony.

The law of God is spiritual. It belongs to the moral, spiritual realm. The Apostle Paul wrote in Romans 7:14, "For we know that the law is spiritual". But since man also moves and acts in the material realm God has chosen to make His great spiritual verities known to us by way of material, visible statutes or commandments contained in the decalogue as a testimony to man's physical senses that these spiritual rules actually exist. The law is spiritual; the testimony is the visible, tangible witness of its existence.

The prophet Isaiah is telling us

in the words of the opening text that if ministers speak not according to this law and testimony it is because there is no light in them. Now it is hard to believe that there could be such a thing as a preacher or minister who professes to be a servant of God, an angel of light, yet who is actually a minister of satan. "Reverend So-and-So is such a saintly man, no one could ever tell me he is not a minister of God", we hear on every hand. But what does he say about the law and the testimony? The Apostle Paul tells us expressly that there are "False apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ and no marvel, for satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works", 2 Cor. 11:13-15. Satan is the father of lies and deception, therefore his ministers do not appear with the expected horns and hooves and forked tails. Rather they appear in cleric robes and titles as ministers of righteousness. Some of them lull the people to sleep saying "Where is the promise of His coming" and trying to cause the status to remain quo, while others are professing to prophesy, and to cast out demons, and do many mighty works such as healing the sick and afflicted in the name of Jesus.

The Apostle Peter warned us of this first class of deceivers in his 2nd epistle 3:3-4, "There shall come

in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts, and saying, Where is the promise of his coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation". They appear to be heroes trying to preserve a waning civilization; but the inspired Peter tells us they are "Scoffers".

Jesus said of the other class "Not every one that sayeth unto me Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven. Many shall say unto me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you; depart from me, ye that work iniquity", Matt. 7:21-23. There are a great number of ministers today professing to prophesy, and to cast out demons and do many mighty works such as healing the sick and afflicted in the name of Jesus. The publicity many of them receive over the radio and over television, not to mention the printed page, is quite convincing to the public mind that they are doing a mighty work. How shall we determine whether their ministry is genuine or whether it is a deceptive agency of Satan? "To the law and the testimony, if they speak not according to this word it is because there is no light in them". What is their attitude toward the great spiritual verities written in the TEN COMMANDMENTS? Do not judge them by the acclaim given them by the press, either religious or secular. Jesus said, "Woe unto you when all men shall speak well of you; for so

did their fathers of the false prophets". Luke 6:26 Do not judge them by the sound of their voice or the appeal they make over the radio or the way they appear on the latest masterpiece of satan, the television, by which all the scum from Hollywood to Hell has been diverted directly into the home. Neither can you judge them by the stir they make as they prophesy and shout with great gusto over the multitudes of sick and troubled seekers much as the prophets of Baal did in the day of Elijah. Although many judge by these means, the man of God must follow the word of God "To the law and to the testimony". What do they say of God's holy commandments?

Almost invariably these great workers of miracles as well as the scoffers will tell us God's law as written in the ten commandments, and especially the fourth command, was nailed to the cross and abolished and is no longer in effect. They tell us that since we are no longer under law but under grace we must no longer remember the sabbath to keep it separate or holy, but we should follow the popular custom of observing Sunday in honor of the resurrection of Jesus. Thus they speak not according to the word of the law and the testimony and brand themselves as angels of darkness, blind guides, leading blind followers to the ditch.

Oh, they tell us that LOVE has superseded the reign of LAW. But the word says, "This is the love of God that we keep His commandments", 1 John 5:3. They remind us that Jesus summed up the law as love toward God and love toward

man; but John further tells us, "By this we know that we love the children of God when we love God and KEEP HIS COMMANDMENTS". Actions speak louder than words. "He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not His commandments is a liar, and the truth is not in him. But whosoever keepeth His word, in him verily is the LOVE OF GOD perfected; hereby know we that we are in Him", 1 John 2:4-5. Here again in the New Testament is shown the criterion of Isaiah, "To the law and to the testimony, if they speak not according to this word it is because there is no light in them".

The Apostle Paul encourages to "Covet earnestly the best gifts" of the spirit, but he advises the "more excellent way" of Divine Love. Since Divine Love is obedience to Divine Law, though a minister might speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and prophesy, and remove mountains and yet deny the Divine precept of only ONE COMMAND of the law, the love of God is not in him and he brands himself as a minister of darkness, a blind guide leading the blind toward the ditch of destruction. To the law and to the testimony, if they speak not according to this word it is because there is no light in them".

But they tell us Isaiah is out of date; he was under the old covenant while we are under the new. But the Scriptures tell under the new covenant God will put His "LAWS INTO THEIR MINDS, AND WRITE THEM IN THEIR HEARTS", Heb. 8:10. If a minister is living and teaching disobedience to the law of God his actions proclaim more loudly than words that the law is not

written in his heart and therefore he is not living under the new covenant. He is not under ANY COVENANT; but under the curse. He may profess to prophesy and preach and do many mighty works in the name of Jesus but if he speaks not according to the law as contained in the testimony of the decalogue he labels himself as a false apostle, deceitful worker whose end shall be to hear the Lord's decree, "Depart from me ye workers of iniquity, I never knew you".

My Brethren, it is time for the children of God to begin to discern between the true ministers of righteousness and the workers of iniquity. Wicked men and seducers abound on every hand. They appear as angels of light. We cannot judge by appearance. We must "Try the SPIRITS", whether they be of God or of Satan. The spirit and the word MUST AGREE. "To the law and to the testimony, if they speak not according to this WORD" no matter how "Spiritual" they appear, it is the wrong spirit.

God has promised to pour out HIS SPIRIT on all flesh and cause men to prophesy and do mighty works in these last days. We must look for and expect this manifestation of His Spirit. But the word declares that THE HOLY SPIRIT is given "To them that OBEY HIM" Acts 5:32. The mighty works of God will be done by men of mighty obedience, and not by those who minimize God's law. Let not the glamour of mighty works publicized over pulpit, air and press deceive us. The prophets of Baal made a mighty ado in the days of Elijah, but that didn't make them right, nor save them



from the wrath of God. Nor did it prevent the embarrassment of their followers at the triumph of Elijah. Neither on the other hand let the soft voice of the scoffer lull us into conformity with the status quo of the religious world. Let us not blindly follow the blind into the muck and mire of the ditch, but let us be obedient to the law of God and "Ride upon the high places of the earth".

"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, honorable; thou shalt honor him, not doing thine own ways, nor finding thine own pleasure, not speaking thine own words: Then shalt thou delight thyself in the Lord; and I will cause thee to ride upon the high places of the earth, and feed thee with the heritage of Jacob thy father: for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it", Isaiah 58:13-14.

## Sight, Which Way?

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Keen discernment is needed to visualize profound Biblical truths; so much so that, even by earnest prayer and alertness to the Spirit's promptings, we must be content to 'see as thru a glass darkly;' until, in the glorified body, we 'see Him face to face'. We are imprisoned in the fleshly body for a purpose known only to God; and are limited in a three-dimensional world in both time and space. Since limitation necessitates the expense of energy for our transportation from place to place; and prohibits our presence in more than one place at a time. Time limitation places definite beginning and end to our life, our day's work, and our night's rest, our six day's work each week; our Sabbath rest and worship is limited between sunset of the sixth day unto sunset the seventh; every accomplishment requires expense of time and is limited by the amount of it available for each task.

Scripture offers glimpses of domains of glory beyond our comprehension; leaving little wonder that

those, who have attained heavenly citizenship thru Christ, should 'rather be absent from the body to be present with the Lord'. These glimpses are of heavenly mansions and there are as many degrees of glory as there are mansions; because when lead by the indwelling Spirit attuned with God, we dwell in ever ascending stages of glory which are termed mansions or dwelling places, 2 Cor. 3:19: together they constitute the heavenly city which Abraham saw, and which John saw descending from heaven, Rev. 21. In principle now we live in the various heavenly mansions of the city, which we inhabit in perfection later.

These are fortastes of glory; measured by our evaluation of the heavenly pearl, and by our fondling the heavenly Guest: they are characteristic of sanctification resulting from glorification lending its touch to justification. In these mansions the dweller is not imprisoned by the limitations of time and space; but lives in four or more dimensions;

eternal life removes the time factor so that 'a thousand years is as a day': while the ability to be anywhere at will proves the absence of the space factor. Closed doors or solid walls didn't stop the risen Christ.

In some heavenly mansion or at some stage of glory' not only can the dweller be transported from place to place at will; but he can be in several places or even everywhere at once—omnipresent. This superb acquirement is a heavenly characteristic of high order, inferring a degree of omnipotence and omniscience which only God has in full. Since God is not visible to man in the flesh, He appears thru the medium of angels to make direct contact with man; and while He uses these visible forms in myriads, His multiple appearances can't be denied as actual: His omnipresence is in each of them and can't be denied, even tho angel forms are not employed for our visualization.

At the fall of Adam, the way to eternal life was barred against the sinner by the angel with the flaming sword; figuring the forbidding hand of God against the transgressor of His law henceforth. These first transgressions of man were incited by Satan thru the medium of the serpent; indicating that Satan imitates God in using a visible form to present his invisible self. While he is the 'father of lies' and of fakirs, his invisible form cannot be denied: neither can we deny the fact of his omnipresence as proof of his sojourn in the highest mansions of the Father's house.

These manifest facts are fully supported by Scripture, Isa. 14 and Ezekiel 28 show that Satan was one

of the two covering cherubs over the mercy seat of God's mercy seat in heaven; and that he had trodden among the 'stones of fire, or heavenly bodies; and that in vanity from his grandeur he coveted to make himself God, thus directly breaking the first, second, and tenth commandments of God's eternal law. Rev. 12 shows the war in heaven resulting from this conspiracy; and Christ with his loyal angels winning the conflict to cast Satan and his rebellious angels down to earth from heaven. Christ testifies that He saw him fall, ( Luke 10:18 ) to appear before men as Lucifer the angel bearer of light which he no longer was or is, 2 Cor. 11:14.

This false light he first bore to Eve; that she should indulge her flesh as forbidden by 'thou shalt nots' of God's law, just as he did in heaven. The result was the same in both cases: the path to heaven was closed against Adam and Eve as sinners; while Satan was ejected from the heaven he had attained. There is no heavenly mansion for the denier of God's law now, in the immeasurable past; or in the future. It is truly the 'tree of the knowledge of good and evil'. In like manner Satan has ever since borne his false light on the 4th commandment everywhere: he quote Scripture Gen. 1 to show that the light of which he is bearer (Lucifer) was created on the week's first day, now known as Sunday: to be children of Light, remember the first day of the week to keep it holy, and work the last six days of the week; Christ arose the first day.

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While the heavenly mansions can be seen only 'thru a glass darkly' when in ecstatic mood for the varying degrees of glory; all degrees of sin from outer darkness is on all sides apparent. Sin is of the earth, earthy, and is definitely within our three dimension conception; while the master of sin and his wicked angels employ powers with which we can cope only by divine empowerment. 'For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers' against the rulers of the darkness of this world; against spiritual wickedness in high places," Eph. 6:12

Outer darkness is the earthly realm permeating all with evil to hide the Gospel: "If our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: in whom the god of this world has blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them," 2 Cor. 4:3-4. "For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil," 1 John 3:8. Only thus can we 'put on the whole armor of God,' against the higher powers of evil. Just as sanctification is the reflection of glory from the heavenly mansions,

outer darkness is the reflection of perdition; and to it all transgressors are reserved: the unfaithful servant, the indifferent, the wicked angels, and Satan himself; consumed with the brightness of His coming,' Matt. 8:12; 22:13; 2 Peter 2:17; Jude 6.

We have choice, divinely appointed? To which realm shall we focus our sight?

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