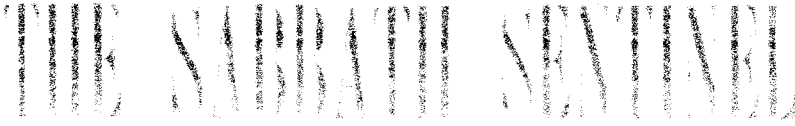


“Go, Set a Watchman, Let Him Declare What He Seeth.”

— ISAIAH 21:6 —



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“I AM THE WAY, THE TRUTH, AND THE LIFE.”

— JOHN 14:6 —



“Mine heritage is unto me as a speckled  
bird, the birds round about her are  
against her. . . ” —Jeremiah 12:9

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## SABBATH OR SUNDAY

By John Nesterenko

The Fourth Commandment says: "Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labour and do all thy work: but the seventh day is the sabbath of the Lord thy God . . ." (Exodus 20:8). In the Bible God commands over 150 times to keep it holy. God wrote the Ten Commandments Himself, gave them to Moses and commanded him to put these Commandments into the ark of the covenant (Deuteronomy 10:5). All believers carefully keep these Commandments, except the Sabbath one. On only one of the Ten Commandments does one say, "This is the law of Moses." But why is just one gone from the law, and not all ten? Moses did not write them. There was a book of the Mosaic law, which Moses himself wrote for regulation of family life of the Israelites, and this book of law was put not in the ark of covenant but outside of the ark (Deuteronomy 31:26). Therefore there is a difference between God's Ten Commandments and the law of Moses. The law by which shall no flesh be justified consisted of burnt offerings and circumcision. "For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and of goats should take away sins. . . In burnt offerings and sacrifices for sin thou hast had no pleasure. . . . He taketh away the first, that he may establish the second" (Hebrews 10:4,6,9). Christ by His own offering perfected and sanctified it. "Circumcision is nothing, and uncircumcision is nothing, but the keeping of the commandments of God" (1 Corinthians 7:19). Now we are not under this law, but

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under grace, and obliged to be in obedience to the commandments of God, and to keep holy Sabbath, the Lord's day. Otherwise we can't be under grace living in disgrace. "He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him" (1 John 2:4). "Brethren, I write no new commandment unto you, but an old commandment which ye had from the beginning" (1 John 2:7).

In addition the Sabbath had been given earlier than the Ten Commandments, before Israel come to Sinai. Therefore, God reminds us of the Sabbath more than of all the other commandments, which He has appointed for holy and spiritual purpose. The Ten Commandments are the Law of God, which it is necessary to keep in order to be justified; "For not the hearers of the law are just before God, but the doers of the law shall be justified" (Romans 2:13). We are saved not by keeping the law, but we are saved to keep the law.

Some err, saying that Christ profaned the Fourth Commandment Pharisees, whom he called hypocrites, accused him falsely. "Doth not each one of you on the sabbath loose his ox or his ass from the stall, and lead him away

to watering?" (Luke 13:15).

About wrong judgment of the Pharisees we learn from John 7:22-24: "Ye on the sabbath day circumcise a man. . . . are ye angry at me, because I have made a man every whit whole on the sabbath day?" As we see, the Pharisees judged unrighteous judgment, because to heal a man on the Sabbath is allowed; it is a merciful deed and is not equal to the usual work in field or at home. At His judgment Pilate said: "What evil hath He done?" But they cried out the more saying, "Let Him be crucified." So, they did not say He profaned the Sabbath, for He did not profane it.

The Lord did not command us to celebrate the first day of the week, upon which He showed Himself to the disciples when they were assembled behind shut doors, not to celebrate His resurrection, but for fear, because they did not believe that He would rise again (Mark 16:14). The second time Jesus showed Himself was after eight days, but the week has seven days and this was not upon first day of the week (John 20:26). Only one time did the disciples meet together on the first day of the week to break bread, because Apostle Paul was ready to depart and preached until midnight, and upon break of the day he departed (Acts 20:7). On the other hand, breaking of bread was done every day (Acts 2:46). Had our Lord had His supper with His disciples on Thursday, it would not mean that we should keep Thursday holy. The Saviour kept the Sabbath and warned his disciples to pray that their flight be not on the

Sabbath day (Matthew 24:20).

The followers of Christ prepared spices and ointment, and rested the Sabbath day according to the commandment (Luke 23:56). Christ's custom was to go to the synagogue on the Sabbath day to read (Luke 4:16). And His faithful servant Paul had the same custom to go into a house of prayer on the Sabbath day and to talk by the river side (Acts 16:13). "Paul, as his manner was, went in unto them, and three sabbath days reasoned with them out of the scriptures (Acts 17:2). If a change of the Fourth Commandment had taken place, Paul would have taught about it, that now we should keep the first day instead of seventh, but there was no command about it, because celebration of the Sabbath by all was a custom. Paul worked in Corinth and preached every Sabbath for a year and six months (Acts 18:1,11). The disciples and first Christians kept the weekly Sabbath of the moral fourth commandment of God. Also faithful children of God keep it now.

Nowhere in the Bible is the Sabbath called Jewish. Everywhere in the Scripture it is called "Holy day of the Lord," "the Sabbath of the Lord." And Christ declared Himself "the Lord of the Sabbath." He gave it for man, and not for Jews only. That Sabbath has been given for Gentiles. We read: "Also the sons of the stranger, that join themselves to the Lord, to serve him, and to love the name of the Lord, to be his servants, everyone that keepeth the Sabbath from polluting it" (Isaiah 56:6). The Gentiles came

together with Jews in the synagogue on the Sabbath (Acts 13:42-44). The Lord has joined Gentiles to the Jewish commonwealth; we read: "And if some of the branches be broken off, and thou, being a wild olive tree, wert grafted in among them, and with them partakest of the root and fatness of the olive tree; boast not against the branches. But if thou boast, thou bearest not the root, but the root thee. . . Be not high-minded but fear: For if God spared not the natural branches, take heed lest he also spare not thee (Romans 11:17-21). Hence the Gentiles are those branches which are kept by the Jewish root of salvation; therefore they should keep the Sabbath and be obedient lest they be broken off. The Sabbath, as the Fourth Commandment, will be kept by the people of God in the heavenly Kingdom in the new earth (Isaiah 66:22,23). Will those be worthy to keep it holy there who are transgressing and polluting it now? The first church kept the Sabbath; and centuries passed, when into the church started to penetrate pagan influences, traditions, customs, which brought about a change of attitude toward God's commandments. In it acted the Catholic Church and the law of the Roman emperor in 321, in which Sunday, "the day of the Sun," is called "Lord's day." The law provided that Christians should not judaize by keeping the Sabbath, but work on this day, and instead of it keep Sunday. Punishment for disobedience was by scourging or money payment. Nowhere in the Holy Scripture is it said that the Sabbath has

been changed from the seventh to the first day of the week. Nowhere is it said that Sunday is holy and necessary to keep in honor of Christ's resurrection. Nowhere is it said that the Sabbath is not now holy, and not the Lord's day, and that on this day one can work. If the Word of God doesn't say, we can't say. The Sabbath of the commandment of God starts from sunset. Sunday—ordinance and device of men—starts from midnight. Rich blessings are promised in keeping the Sabbath. Nothing is promised in keeping Sunday.

"Blessed is the man . . . that keepeth the sabbath from polluting it" (Isaiah 56:2). "If thou turn away thy foot from the sabbath, from doing thy pleasure on my holy day; and call the sabbath a delight, the holy of the Lord, honourable; and shalt honour him not doing thine own ways, nor finding thine own pleasure, nor speaking thine own words: Then shalt thou delight thyself in the Lord; and I will cause thee to ride on the high place of the earth, and feed thee with the heritage of Jacob thy father" (Isaiah 58:13-14). The contemporary generation looks on the Sabbath, not as a blessing, but as a curse. But the Bible says a curse will come for transgression. "Behold, I set before you this day . . . a blessing, if ye obey the commandments of the Lord your God, . . . and a curse, if ye will not obey the commandments of the Lord your God" (Deuteronomy 11:26-28). The breaking of the Sabbath is as much a sin as to steal, commit adultery, or kill. The Jews filled up their cup by rejecting Christ. The

Christian Gentiles are filling their cup by rejecting the Fourth Commandment.

Often one asks: "What's the difference which day I keep, Sabbath or Sunday?" Let us ask the Word of God. What difference was it for Moses, whether merely speak to the rock as God commanded or to smite it? The water came out anyway, But through disobedience he was not admitted to the promised land. Will a transgressor of the Fourth Commandment be admitted to the Kingdom of God? What difference was it for the King Saul to destroy the enemy and his property, as God commanded, or to spare something to sacrifice for God? God answered: "To obey is better than sacrifice . . . for rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry. Because thou hast rejected the word of the Lord, He has also rejected thee from being king" (1 Samuel 15:22, 23). What difference was it for Samson to keep long or short hair? Samson failed to do the will of God, and God failed to preserve him. And if you reject the Sabbath of the Lord, the Lord will reject you. "Depart from me, ye that work iniquity" (Matthew 7:23).

For transgression of the holy Sabbath God did not spare Jerusalem, His temple, and chosen people. Do you think He will spare you, doing still worse? The righteous will scarcely be saved. The Apostle Paul warns: "Now all these things happened unto them for ensamples: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come" (1 Corinthians 10:11).

God gave the Sabbath for rest and worship. If we are His, He gave it for us; if we are not His, then we can choose for ourselves any day we like, for it is not convenient to keep the seventh day while the world keeps the first. But why call ourself Christian if we do not follow Christ's steps and keep the Sabbath? And if the Sabbath is a heavy burden, can one carry a lighter cross and be worthy of Him? Can one reject himself if he has rejected the Sabbath of the Lord? "There remaineth therefore a (Sabbath—margin) rest to the people of God" (Hebrews 4:9). We cannot enter into His rest if we do not rest from our work as God did from His. "And there shall in no wise enter into it anything that defileth" (Revelation 21:27).

"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" (Revelation 22:14). "Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus" (Revelation 14:12). Amen.

This article has an interesting background. It was written originally in Ukrainian and published in tract form in that tongue. This translation was made by Brother Nesterenko for The Sabbath Sentinel. This active worker was born in the Ukraine, but is now a United States citizen. He is a Seventh Day Baptist missionary and now lives at Parma, Ohio.

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WITH THE EDITOR

“little things” (雜)

How good is your vision? Our two sons claim that their mother can spot a speck of dirt behind their ears at a distance of ump-teen feet.

But let's see how good your eyes are. Look closely at the small square between the parentheses after the title. What do you see? Perhaps you notice that the square is formed of small dots. But look more closely; those “dots” are the complete English alphabet. So far as we know, you are looking at the smallest printed alphabet in the world.

“What has this to do with the Sabbath?” some of you may ask.

Much, we think. This square—a “little thing”—contains the building blocks from which every word we use is made. Little things, but how important they are! We once wrote a letter to the girl who is now Mrs. Lincoln. In it a comma was omitted, which changed the meaning of a sentence completely—as written, it stated she had no brains! That “little thing” almost lost her!

The “little things” of life are often the important things. A “thank you”—an unsolicited “I love you, Daddy”—these are the “big” things in our life.

Often, when attempting to explain the importance of the seventh-day Sabbath, we have heard the statement: “But the day we keep isn't important—it's such a little thing.”

“Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven: but whosoever shall do and teach them, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven” (Matthew 5:19).

Let's assume, for the purpose of this discussion, that the Fourth Commandment is the “least commandment.” Can we break it without breaking the rest?

Sunday observers, knowingly or unknowingly, put the god of custom before Jehovah. They observe a counterfeit “image” of the true Sabbath. They take God's name in vain by calling themselves Christians when they are not willing to follow Christ all the way (here we must exclude those who do not know of the true Sabbath). They dishonor their Heavenly Father by not obeying His Law. Those who knowingly keep the wrong day help crucify Christ by their willful sin (Hebrews 6:4-6), thus breaking the sixth commandment; they become “spiritual adulterers” by loving a worldly law above one made by God (James 4:4); they “steal” a day of God's time for their own use; they “bear false witness” of Christ and His way; and they covet the approval of man above that of God.

The Sabbath—is it a “a little thing”?

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How did you learn the Sabbath truth? Your experience may help another reader. Write it up in 250 words or less and send it off to us!



# A BIBLE SABBATH COMMENTARY

## WITH INFORMATIVE COMMENTS

By Walter J. Filljaw

Approximately 1500 B.C., the Lord introduced two distinct sets of rules to His holy people, the Israelites. One of them is known as the decalogue, meaning ten words. They comprise the Ten Commandment system of moral ethics. The other was recognized as ceremonial laws that comprised numerous precepts and statutes in its ceremonial code.

The fundamental rules for the spiritual development of the soul, and the physical well-being of the body are found in the Ten Commandments. These wonderful rules of life were not only spoken by the mouth of God upon Mount Sinai; but were written with His finger upon two tables of stone; and by them we are either condemned or judged to be innocent.

The ceremonial laws were written by Moses on material of less durability than stone, since they were imposed upon the Israelites until the fulfillment of their special office was accomplished. They became null and void at the Cross of Calvary, when the Prince of Peace gave His life for the salvation of mankind. Therefore Christians are not under obligation to keep those ceremonial laws.

Now concerning the observance of the Ten Commandments, Paul said "Wherefore the law is holy, and the commandment holy, and just, and good" (Romans 7:12). "So then with the mind I myself serve the law of God; . . ." (Romans 7:25). Therefore the com-

mandment to keep the seventh-day Sabbath is not one of the laws that Paul spoke of as being against us: but it is just and good for the Christian to remember that sanctified day, and keep it holy.

The Sabbath precept is one of the ten infallible laws of God; and Christians have the obligation to keep His Sabbath Day holy, for it remains a sacred time for sanctified believers to keep the hallowed way as the Creator of Heaven and earth ordained that it should be kept.

The Sabbath is a memorial of the completion of universal creation, when the Lord rested upon the last day of the week from His six days of creative work, blessing and sanctifying that sacred unit of hallowed time.

Can you not hear the clarion call for true Sabbath observance, as a mighty challenge to every Sunday-keeping Christian to turn from first-day celebration to the sacred observance of the sanctified day of the Lord — from the pagan venerable day of the sun to the hallowed seventh day of the week?

When God sanctified the seventh day, He set it apart for the supreme purpose of having a standard unit of holy time for physical relaxation in a spiritual attitude of divine worship. Therefore we should avail ourselves of that wonderful opportunity to study and teach the sacred admonitions of Jehovah God, while observing the divinely appointed time which He

blessed, hallowed, and sanctified.

The seventh day was elevated above the six units of secular time when it was exalted for a divine purpose to be observed in a specially designated way. The Lord conferred the blessed characteristics of divine favor upon His sanctified day, imputing a peculiar sense of sacred veneration for its supreme sanctification. When properly kept, the blessed Sabbath enhances an indispensable atmosphere of tranquil happiness.

By placing a person, day, or institution in a special category of distinction is to sanctify, or set apart the designated object. The seventh day of the week is a sanctified institution; therefore, Christians should set that holy time apart for their weekly day of celebration. It is the only unit of holy time that was consecrated by the Lord for sacred veneration.

The seventh day is divinely associated with the holiness of its Creator. It was made to be a time of hallowed sacredness when God exalted it to a state of supreme holiness, as He identified the Sabbath "the holy of the Lord" (Isaiah 58:13). Therefore, the Lord's day (not Sunday) should be sacredly employed in the holy exaltation of divine justice.

Those beautiful contributions of sacredness that were so wondrously bestowed upon the seventh day by the Lord, show how highly He regards His holy time, esteeming the Sabbath to be the most sacred time for exalting the words of life above the spurious doctrines of men.

Those sacred contributions of holiness have never been conferred

upon Sunday by the Almighty. Neither did the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, sanction the celebration of the day of the sun; but always honored His Father's Word through the holy observance of all ten of His basic and vital rules of life, one of which enjoins us to "Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work: but the seventh day is the sabbath of the Lord thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, . . . For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it" (Exodus 20:8-11).

As Creator of that holy time, Jehovah had the divine right to appoint the seventh day to be a sacred time for perpetuating sabbath observance: and being its Lord, He had the supreme responsibility for the authorization of its sanctification, thereby setting apart that unit of sacred time for the purpose for which it was designed.

While rotating in its weekly cycle, the holy seventh day re-enters its hallowed sabbath position at the going down of the sixth day's sun. It is a time when one's mind should be restfully diverted from the stress and strain of business obligations and other daily interests to the far more important observation of the spiritual issues of eternal life.

The Lord's sanctified day is a time of hallowed sacredness that God provided for the well-being of His holy people, who are brought into sweet communion and happy

fellowship through the righteous observance of His seventh-day Sabbath. It is a most sacred time when the children of God's holy covenant can worship the Lord in spirit and in truth.

Let us study the Word diligently, that we may know the will of the Heavenly Father. Christ said, "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" (Matthew 7:21). "And hereby we do know that we know him, if we keep his commandments." (1 John 2:3). Now listen to what the fourth verse says: "He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him."

Do you truly believe keeping Sunday is one of the numerous signs that show you know the Lord, or that celebrating the first day of the week in place of keeping God's Commandment to observe the seventh day is doing the will of the Father which is in heaven? If so it is time for you to learn the meaning of His holy Word as recorded in Exodus 20:8-11.

To be classified as being the least in the kingdom of heaven is a deplorable consequence of breaking and teaching others to break one of the least Commandments: but to be guilty of saying that you know Jesus Christ, the Author and Lord of the seventh-day Sabbath that He said was made for man, and then fail to observe the Commandment to keep that day holy, places one in a precarious state of infidelity to the Creator of heaven and earth, who rested on the sev-

enth day from six days of creative work and prescribed that holy time which He sanctified for us.

There is no commandment in God's Holy Word authorizing the celebration of the first day of the week: but many are so blinded by the doctrines of men that they fail to see the brilliant rays of divine truth.

In the blessed name of Jesus Christ open your slumbering eyes to the sacred truth concerning the Sabbath of God and keep the day He sanctified for sabbath observance. Be classified as great in the kingdom of heaven because you keep, and teach the validity of, all ten life-promoting laws of spiritual and physical security.

(To be continued.)

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#### **B. S. A. MEMBER LOSES COMPANION**

Effie Mae, wife of Elder Norman L. Chase, was born March 25, 1906, at Ashburn, Georgia, and departed this life June 25, 1960, at her home on Daisy Mountain, Route 1, Daisy, Tennessee, at the age of 54 years and 3 months.

Left to mourn her loss are the loving husband; two sons, James W. Chase, Route 1, Daisy, and Earnest T. Chase, Norwalk, California; and one daughter, Virginia Dare Chase, Route 1, Daisy.

Funeral services were conducted at the Mowbray Church of God, Daisy, of which she was a member and an ordained minister, by Elder Thomas W. Millsaps, Church of God minister, and the Rev. Tommie Hardin, minister of the Church of the Living God.

"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord . . . ."

FROM THE—

## MAILBAG

### NOTES FROM THE TALK GIVEN BY MRS. MABEL MAIN AT SHILOH, N. J. (continued)

Mrs. Main had with her copies of *The Sabbath Sentinel*, handbooks, calendars, and B. S. A. tracts, which she explained and distributed. Of the Sabbath calendars she said: "Just think for a minute—can you imagine what might happen if every Sabbath-minded home, everywhere, prayerfully displayed, prominently (where all who entered could see and maybe comment), such calendars, emphasizing the Sabbaths rather than the Sundays of each week?"

She listed other B. S. A. Sabbath promotion activities as follows: "Heavy office and other general work; radio publicity; prolific magazine and newspaper publicity at home and abroad, especially by our New Zealand branch, which has been fully self supporting from the first, thanks to the Sabbath-minded and generous leaders, Mr. and Mrs. Mason (J. and M.), of Auckland. They and their helpers are live wires—for Christ, for the Sabbath, and for religious freedom."

Of the reasons which led her husband, George A. Main, to organize the Bible Sabbath Association, she said:

"There were at least two factors that influenced him to be intensely interested in promoting the Sabbath of the Decalogue, undenom-

inationally.

"His father, Dean Arthur E. Main, was studying to be a first-day minister, but being deeply impressed with Bible evidence of the unchangeable sacredness of the seventh-day Sabbath—made for all mankind—he became a Seventh Day Baptist minister instead, and George was reared in that atmosphere.

"As a young man he was sent as a delegate to a YMCA convention. There he saw and heard leaders who were not Sabbath-keepers. He wrote in his diary, 'Can it be possible that these great and good men are mistaken in keeping Sunday? FIND OUT!' So, while his 'gift differing' was not that of winning souls to Christ, he seldom missed a chance the rest of his life to talk and write about the fact that since the Sabbath was made for mankind, it must be of universal value.

"Mr. Main served as secretary-treasurer of the new organization for several years until failing health and eyesight compelled him to find a successor.

"He passed away about sunset on the Sabbath of January 31, 1959, in his eighty-first year, soon after receiving copies of his last booklet contribution to the work of the Bible Sabbath Association, entitled **Sabbath Truths and Their Propagation.**"

Mrs. Main continued: "When it became necessary in 1955 to find a successor to Mr. Main as secretary-treasurer, a study of B. S. A. files led to the choice of Lawrence Burrell, of Fairview, Oklahoma, and time has proven that we were so led by our Heavenly Father. His

wife, Lottie, has supplemented his services very capably as his assistant, and their five devoted young people, ranging in ages from 16 to 22, have cooperated with willingness and efficiency." Then Mrs. Main quoted from the article in the July **Sabbath Sentinel**, "Let's Get Acquainted With Our Secretary-Treasurer and Family," closing the quotation with the prayer, "May our Heavenly Father use each and every one of us in His service, according to our several talents, and may we all meet in His Kingdom where all people will then recognize, and gladly observe, His holy Sabbath. This is our earnest prayer."

Mrs. Main concluded her talk: ". . . I can truthfully say that the other officers and directors, and heads of committees are all of the dependable, spiritual quality, who believe that those who join in the association activities become better workers and supporters also in their respective religious affiliations. May our Heavenly Father bless us all, by using us, at home and abroad, for His name's sake."

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New Jersey

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"I surely do enjoy my Sentinel, and wish it came every week. I, for one, like the change in the cover very much. The Scripture on it is the very best, it seems to me. I am still confined to my chair and to

the bed. [She has a broken hip.] I am improving. It seems as if I may never walk again, but I am so thankful that Jesus is very, very real in my heart and life at all times. Please pray for me and my husband. . . . Any reading material you can send me will be greatly appreciated.

Yours in Him,  
Myrtle A. Bass,  
Earlton, Kansas

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A letter to the editor from C. C. Morlan of Arlington, California, expresses pleasure in the new format of **The Sentinel**. He closed his letter with "May God bless you in your work as Sentinel editor."

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Another letter to Secretary Burrell from Mrs. Katharine Simpson, of Inverness, Florida, says: "The last **Sentinel** was the best yet. Thank you for sending it. God's richest blessings on your efforts is my sincere prayer."

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It is to all who have responsibility, members and officers, alike, a great source of strength and help to know of the prayers of others. Early in the history of the Bible Sabbath Association a plan for united prayer was presented to the members. Since newer members may not know of this, and some of us older ones may have become careless, I quote from the B. S. A. Bulletin of October, 1946: "By a recent vote, the directors approved a suggestion of Mrs. Cora L. Green, of Stone Fort, Illinois, that the members unite in prayer for the restoration of the Bible Sabbath to all mankind. The

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## BEST LETTER

Chosen as the best letter of comment on the Sabbath Sentinel was that written by W. S. Mead of Roanoke, Virginia. We wish to thank a'l who wrote to us offering comments and suggestions on **The Sentinel**. Don't stop writing. Your letters are always welcome, whether you want to compliment us or to tell us where we've made mistakes or how we could make this magazine better.

The letter follows:

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August 11, 1960

Dear Brother:

In the August issue of **The Sabbath Sentinel** just to hand you really open the door in your Chat With the Editor. And now I shall ask just one consideration,—that you do not think I am merely finding fault. Please give me credit for desiring to offer constructive criticism, that may help to make the Sentinel more effective.

First, to your questions. Yes, in these 20 pages of small size it seems that three poems are about two too much.

Your front cover is an improvement, and you will improve it still more, I am sure.

More experiences of believers; most certainly, for human beings and their experiences with the Bible Sabbath are of fundamental importance and interest. But make them short, short. A great deal can be told in half a column if words are used wisely and sparingly.

Bible studies, certainly, but again, half a column, to the point.

Sabbath articles, ah, certainly, for that is the very life of the paper, but again, they must be to

the point, and brief enough to be interesting to the end. "Complete agreement," why, one might say there is no such thing; and some disagreement causes us to think and study further. "Let there be light."

Now I launch forth on what may be criticism, but it is sincere, and given in all humility. You are free to use or discard as seems best to you, and I will not quarrel. You are the editor.

We have a wealth of Bible Sabbath literature, and our Sentinel (this issue) says not a word about it or how it can be obtained, or used. We do advertise books and pamphlets of People's Christian Bulletin (for advertising revenue, no doubt, as is permissible) but what about our own?

For a paper of this size I would say that no article should occupy more than four columns. Let people (or the editor) practice some diligence in getting things said in few words. [Amen! Ed.] (I mean the editor with his blue pencil cutting out repetitious phrases or words). . . .

In **The Sabbath Sentinel** surely there should be found some information as to the aims and activities of the Bible Sabbath Association and its members. There might be an appeal for memberships or for names of those who might be gotten as members.

Further, our Sentinel might notice that there are other Sabbath-observing groups in the world. We could very well note that the Seventh Day Baptists are holding a convention, or the Seventh-day Adventists are opening a new project, or the Seventh Day

Brethren are meeting in a conference or publishing a new book—or something of news regarding other Sabbath keepers. That would show that the Bible Sabbath Ass'n is not a mere lone voice crying in the wilderness.

And, as the Sentinel is now the means of communication among the Ass'n members, surely we should look for some news **OF** the members. Of course it is a task to gather it.

Oh, I do see on p. 16 our ad for the stamps. Well, at least we got in something.

As all true Sabbath observers are Christians it would seem appropriate to have a short article occasionally on salvation as it is found in Christ. Surely the Bible Sabbath Ass'n is evangelical primarily, rather than merely legalistic.

Your front cover is so very much improved that I dislike to suggest for it, but am sure you will go on to improve it more.

I was sorry that the August issue failed to give a big boost for the Sabbath calendar.

Enough; and perhaps you will say the same. But please believe that I am interested only in seeing the truth presented in the most appealing way possible. May God's wisdom and guiding hand be with you in getting out the Sentinel.

Sincerely  
W. S. Mead

“Keeping” the Sabbath does not mean to “keep” this truth to yourself; share it with a friend by sending him a **Sentinel** subscription.

### A STOPPED CLOCK

A little clock in a jeweler's window stopped one morning at twenty minutes after eight. It remained silent and inactive for half an hour.

School children, looking at the clock, stopped to play; people hurrying to the train began to walk more slowly; professional men paused to chat with each other.

All were late because one small clock stopped. Never had these people known how much they depended upon that clock until it led them astray.

Many are thus unconsciously depending upon the influence of Christians. You may think you have no influence; but if you are a Christian you cannot go wrong in one little act without leading others astray. “None of us liveth to himself.”

— Selected

### DID YOU WONDER . . .

what Albert Gearhart, Bible Sabbath Association president, is pointing to in his picture on page 8 of the September issue? Look closely. He's calling attention to the BSA sticker on his windshield. Incidentally, there is a story behind the motorcycle, which he calls “716” (which is his Illinois license number). It was on this machine that he was badly injured in 1954. This machine provides cheap transportation and also relaxation after spending all day in an office.

“If you would thoroughly know anything, teach it to others.”—  
Tyron Edwards

## ONE HOLY DAY

By Pearl W. Lamson

"Do ye indeed speak righteousness, O congregation? do ye judge uprightly, O ye sons of men?" (Psalm 58:1).

"Shall the throne of iniquity have fellowship with thee, which frameth mischief by a law?" (Psalm 94:20).

Why, then, is it that so many are accepting the first day of the week, Sunday, as a holy day? There is only one holy day; for the Creator of heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, after working six days looked about Him, found everything that He had made very good, and rested the seventh day, whereupon He blessed and sanctified the seventh day and commanded His people also to rest on the seventh day. He said, "The seventh day is the sabbath of the Lord thy God" (Exodus 20:10).

"Thou blessest, O Lord, and it shall be blessed for ever" (1 Chronicles 17:27).

Jesus, the sinless Son of God, did not abrogate this command; for He said, "My doctrine is not mine, but his that sent me" (John 7:16), and He ever taught that man should keep the commandments, saying, "If thou wilt enter into life, keep the commandments" (Matthew 19:17). He also declared, "the word which ye hear is not mine, but the Father's which sent me" (John 14:24).

Can man repudiate a command of His Creator and be guiltless? Who among sinful man can make a day holy? He can only hope to keep from desecrating that which

his Maker has made holy.

"Hallow my sabbaths," says the Lord, "and they shall be a sign between me and you, that you may know that I am the Lord your God" (Ezekiel 20:20).

Sunday keepers have not this assurance.

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### A Sabbath Keeper's Testimony

It was my good fortune to grow up in a home where God's Word was revered and where the Bible Sabbath was honored. However, I came to the time when it had to be my own choice whether to serve God or not — whether to remember the Sabbath and be out of step with most of the world. I had to choose between the broader and easier way, or the narrower way. By God's grace I chose the latter, and He has filled my life with gladness and riches of His love. Oh, if only men could come to know the joy and richness of experience in the Bible Sabbath they would rejoice evermore.

— W. S. Mead

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### YOUR VOTE COUNTS

Of course we advise everyone to vote in the coming Presidential election, but that's not what we mean here. Bible Sabbath Association tracts are chosen from **Sentinel** articles; so if you feel any article in this magazine should be made available in tract form, write to the president or secretary-treasurer of the BSA, stating your wish. Unless you write, they won't know. So don't put it off; do it now.



**FROM THE MAILBAG**  
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time agreed upon was at the beginning of each weekly Sabbath, sunset on the sixth day of the week. **LET US ALL UNITE IN THIS SERVICE.**"

"Again I say unto you, That if two of you shall agree on earth as touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in Heaven" (Matthew 18:19).

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"Keimer wore his beard at full length . . . He likewise kept the seventh-day Sabbath; and these two points were essentials with him. I disliked both but agreed to admit them upon condition of his adopting the doctrine of using no animal food. . . . He agreed to try the practice if I would keep him company. I did so, and we held it for three months."—Autobiography

**GOT A TALENT?**

If you have an artistic talent and wish to put it to work in the Sabbath cause, write to Brother Gearhart or to the editor. You are especially needed if you have had experience in magazine or advertising layout. If you qualify and are willing to donate a few hours each month, let us know; you're just the one we're looking for.

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## Jewish Groups Call Sunday Laws Unconstitutional

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unreasonably permit some activities and forbid others, thus in effect depriving individuals of liberty and property without due process of law, and denying equal protection of the laws." The question of the constitutionality of the Sunday laws is before the Supreme Court in two cases on appeal from Federal district courts. In both cases, Orthodox Jews who observe Saturday as their Sabbath had asked the injunctions to prevent the measures from being enforced against them.

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### EVERYDAY RELIGION

I goes to church on Sabbath an' listens to de text;  
It sho'ly helps my feelin's when my mind is gettin' vexed.  
De Sabbath Day religion puts a calmness in de heart—  
But everyday religion needs a chance to do its part.  
Dere's de Sunday religion, when you's got to go to work,  
And de Monday religion, when you mustn't stop to shirk.  
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday as well  
Needs de weekday religion 'thout no ringin' of de bell.  
One day learnin' 'bout de goodness an' de light;  
De other six a-showin' dat you got de lesson right.  
Sabbath brings us comfort wif de beauty an' de rest,  
But de everyday religion is what puts you to de test.  
— Author Unknown (adapted)

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