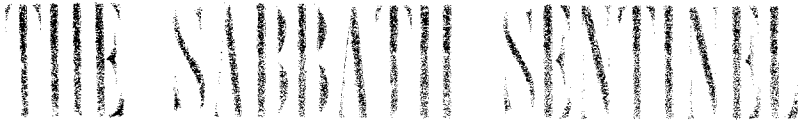


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— ISAIAH 21:6



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— JOHN 14:6



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will give thee thanks forever: We will shew forth
thy praise to all generations.” — Psalm 79:13**

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HOW CAN I KNOW THAT I AM SAVED?

By Elder William H. Grotheer

In the Old Testament we read: “Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man. For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil” (Ecclesiastes 12:13, 14). In the New Testament the same teaching is found, and the same conclusions drawn. “And this is life eternal, that they might know thee, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent” (John 17:3). As if commenting on this prayer of Jesus, John in his epistle writes: “And hereby we do know that we know him, if we keep his commandments” (I John 2:3).

A knowledge of God is life eternal. To obtain this, we enter into fellowship with Him by keeping His commandments. Many are making a profession of Christianity, but do not demonstrate in their lives that they know Him. To know God — which is life eternal — is to keep His commandments. This is the final mark of our love to Him, who so loved us that He gave His only Son to die for us.

The inventions of men to get around the keeping of the commandments of God are legion and as old as the world. Many try to give their way into heaven. Others believe in the good neighbor policy: just do good to your fellow men. Others quiet their consciences with the hope that maybe the law is no longer in force, and that will excuse them from keeping the commandments of God.

There is NO substitute for obe-

dience. This is the whole duty of man — “Fear God and keep his commandments.” “Hereby we do know that we know him, if we keep his commandments.” To follow the guidance of the Word of God, as marked out for man to do by Jesus Christ, is to **know** that I am saved!

Many are laboring under the delusion that before the Cross men were saved by works, and after men are saved by grace. It has almost come to the place that many actually believe that they could have eaten of the forbidden tree in the Garden of Eden, just because they live on this side of the Cross. Do not forget that Jesus Christ is “the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world (Revelation 13:8). Paul tells us that the holy calling of the gospel was given us in “Christ Jesus before the world began” (II Timothy 1:9). Yes, before Adam the plan was formulated, in case sin should enter the universe of God. There was to be no other way than faith in the free gift of God in the sacrifice of Jesus. Man before the Cross confessed that faith in bringing a lamb, which pointed forward to the Lamb of God which taketh away the sin of the world. After the Cross, we look back upon that great provision as we partake

of the blood of the everlasting covenant, in symbol, at the communion service.

"Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law" (I John 3:4).

"What shall we say then? Is the law sin? God forbid. Nay, I had not known sin, but by the law: for I had not known lust, except the law had said, Thou shalt not covet" (Romans 7:7).

"Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that ALL have sinned" (Romans 5:12).

"For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23).

All have sinned; all have died; all have broken the commandments of God; all have come short of the glory of God. Does that mean that Abraham and David who lived before the Cross sinned? Yes! Could these possibly be saved by a law that they transgressed in sinning? Absolutely not. They could no more be saved by works before the cross than we can be saved by works now.

Let us again note a verse of Scripture. "For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men" (Titus 2:11). Unto how many has the grace of God come? ALL MEN. Does that mean that grace came to Abraham and David like it has come to us? Yes, grace is as universal as sin. Paul tells us: "Therefore as by the offence of one judgment came upon all men to condemnation; even so by the righteousness of one the free gift came upon all

men unto justification of life" (Romans 5:18). Peter spoke forth boldly on this subject, when he declared (speaking of Jesus' name): "Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved" (Acts 4:12). The only means that has ever been provided for man's redemption is the blood of Jesus Christ. It was a free gift.

The Scriptures plainly tell that both Abraham and David were saved by faith (Romans 4:1-3, 6-8). If any man, or group of people were saved through their own works, they could boast of their own goodness through eternity. Yet many people, in order to justify a life out of harmony with God's Holy Law now, seek to teach that before the Cross men were saved in keeping the Law without Christ, but now it is different.

Are we under the law or under grace? Paul speaks in Romans 6:14, 15: "For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace. What then? shall we sin, because we are not under the law, but under grace? God forbid."

"Ah, there it is," many exclaim. "We don't have to keep the law—we are under grace." Is that what that verse says? Paul says "Sin shall not have dominion over you." "Shall we sin, because we are under grace?" No, Paul says. "Sin is the transgression of the law." Just because the grace of God is extended in mercy, it is not extended to cover a life of continued sin. The grace of God forgives us of the sins we have committed, but then asks us not to continue in

sin — in breaking the Commandments. It is the gift of Christ that provided the free grace. Then He sent forth the Holy Spirit to bring our lives into harmony once more with God. To this the Holy Scriptures attest in describing the work of the New Covenant. "Ye are manifestly declared to be the epistle of Christ ministered by us, written not with ink, but with the Spirit of the living God; not in tables of stone, but in fleshly tables of the heart (II Corinthians 3:3).

Then again Paul describes the operation of the new covenant of grace in Hebrews 10:15-16: "Whereof the Holy Ghost also is a witness to us: for after that he said before, This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, saith the Lord, I will put my laws into their hearts, and in their minds will I write them."

Instead of on tables of stone, when we come under grace, the Holy Spirit writes the same law on our hearts. We are then no longer under condemnation, for sin no longer holds dominion over our souls. As a sinner, the law condemns me. Say for example that I am a thief, and as I look at the law it says: "Thou shalt not steal." It cannot save me. I am doomed by that law to die. But someone tells me of Jesus mighty to save, and so I yield to Him my heart. Through the Spirit he writes, "Thou shalt not steal" in my heart. I go forth a new man in Christ Jesus to steal no more. I look at the law — it still says "Thou shalt not steal." So also my heart. Will the law condemn itself? No, I am in harmony with it,

through the grace of Christ.

Paul emphatically states: "Do we make void the law through faith? God forbid: yea we establish the law" (Romans 3:31). Instead of the grace of Christ freeing a man from keeping the law, it brings him under greater obligation to it than ever before. Let us illustrate. A man commits a crime. He is sentenced to the penitentiary. However, after several years, he receives a pardon. This unmerited favor — grace if you please — is given to him. As he leaves his cell a free man, is he freed to go forth and commit crimes all over again, just because he has been pardoned? No, he is under double obligation to live by the laws of the State. Just so, we as sinners have been pardoned our violations of the Law by Jesus Christ. Are we then free to continue to break the law of God, just because Jesus gave us grace? Absolutely not. To illustrate again. A man is brought before a judge for murder, and is sentenced to die for his crime against society. But at that moment the judge's son comes, and says, "I will take the penalty myself." So the son dies for the criminal. After the son dies, the judge declares the law against murder is no more. If that were the case, the son died in vain, for the judge could have so declared before the death of the son. No, Jesus did not die to free men from the Law of God. His death only verified the law, and left it eternally binding on all mankind. Jesus freed us from the penalty of the law, not the law.

Some individuals declare that God had pardoned them from their

sins, and they were now the servants of the risen Lord. They declare that they were saved now and forever. I asked them if they kept the Commandments of God. That is the way the Lord has given us to check on professed experience, for the Bible says: Hereby we do know that we know him, if we keep his commandments" (I John 2:3). The individual's response was "Yes, yes, I'm saved." So I began to read to him the Ten Commandments. I found that he kept them all right, except for one glaring exception—the commandment that outlined the Holy Sabbath day. James writes: "For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all" (James 2:10). In verse 8 of the same chapter, James refers to the Law of God as "the royal law." Men had better pause and consider when casting insults and slander upon the royal law of heaven.

But someone says—"Are all the commandments really necessary? Isn't love enough?" We shall let John answer in I John 2:4, 5: "He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him. But whoso keepeth his word, in him verily is the love of God perfected: hereby know we that we are in him."

I would not call any man a liar, but the Spirit of God doesn't hesitate to state plainly that anyone making a profession of the name of Christ, but either teaching or living contrary to God's holy law is a liar and the truth is not in him. We are also plainly told in I John 1:5 that the love of God is made

perfect in the lives of those who keep His commandments. Love does not cover sin. Love to God is manifest in keeping the commandments. Jesus declared: "If ye love me, keep my commandments" (John 14:15).

In Romans 7:12 we read: "Wherefore the law is holy, and the commandment holy, and just, and good." This verse makes one pause. Each one will face it in the judgment, and yet many are refusing to keep this law. Let us examine it to see if it is as Paul declares it to be. Turn to Exodus 20:3-17 and read each of the Commandments. As you read, ask yourself, "Is this a good commandment?" Then after reading them all, pause and consider. Today most everyone will admit that nine of these are good, but that fourth one—the one which tells about the Sabbath—isn't so good. Can it truly be that God would give to man nine good commandments, and then put a bad one in for good measure? Is God a giver of bad gifts? Shouldn't man first look at his own soul, before thus judging God? God is good, and everything that comes from God is good. "The law of the Lord is perfect" (Psalm 19:7).

I can almost hear someone say, "I will pray about that fourth commandment, and if God tells me to keep it, then I will do it." This reminds me of the pickpocket who attended church and decided to be a Christian. He was told that he would have to stop picking pockets, and keep the commandment that says "Thou shalt not steal." But he was perplexed, for that was his

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THE SABBATH IN ISRAEL

By the Editor

The setting up of the independent nation of Israel in 1948 was watched with keen interest by all nations of the world; but the birth and progress of this nation has been the object of special attention by Christians and Jews. Since it is officially a Sabbath-observing nation, many Sabbath-keeping Christians feel they have more reason than the others to keep a keen eye on Israel's religious life.

Not long ago we wrote to the Embassy of Israel in Washington, D. C., asking for information about Sabbath observance in Israel; Mr. Gideon Tadmor, Second Secretary, kindly sent us a book and several pamphlets of information, along with an informative letter, which resulted in this article. The books used are listed at the end for those who desire to read more about Israel.

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Religious freedom is guaranteed in Israel. The "Days of Rest Ordinance" provides that "The Sabbath and the Jewish festivals . . . shall be the prescribed days of rest in the State of Israel. Non-Jews shall have the right to observe their own Sabbath and festivals as rest days."

However, as would be expected, the "Shabbat" (Sabbath) is the day around which the rest of the week revolves in this nation; and this is especially true in Jerusalem, which tends more toward orthodoxy.

Generally speaking, Israeli citi-

zens do not enjoy what is known as "the week end"; there is one day of rest and one only for most of them.

On Friday afternoons everyone seeks to finish the week's necessary business and get home in a hectic last-minute rush. A car goes through the streets of the city with a man in it blowing a "shophar" (ram's horn) proclaiming the time of "the reception of the Sabbath and lighting of the candles."

Shortly before sunset, things quiet down. Stores and shops close; buses and most taxis stop running. Sabbath music comes from the radios. At the homes the food for the following day has been prepared. Worshipers begin to make their way to the synagogues.

Again on Sabbath morning there are services in the synagogues. During the afternoon, it seems that everyone goes out strolling dressed in his Sabbath best.

The sun goes down and soon the first three stars appear in the sky, signifying the ending of the quiet and peace of the "Shabbat." Buses start running again, shops open, and life returns to its normal pace for another six days

The following books and pamphlets were consulted in the preparation of this article and are recommended for those who wish to read further on this interesting subject, which is given only in briefest form in the foregoing article.
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LET'S GET ACQUAINTED WITH THE B. S. A. PRESIDENT



Perhaps many of you have wondered a little, what your president looks like. Others, as we have already come to learn, do not want to see any pictures at all. Only a personal meeting would be satisfactory to them. In fact, there are those who oppose pictures as being a created likeness and hence an abomination and distinct violation of the Second Commandment. This is largely a matter of opinion. These fine folks are entitled to this opinion, but might be asked a question: What about writing and words themselves; aren't they picture images? Are not pictures painted by words? Did not many words have their origin in pictures? Remember the pictures and inscriptions on old stone tablets and old parchment rolls? How about much of the Indian sign language?

We understand the provision of the Second Commandment to mean that we are to worship none of these things. They are simply a means of communication, nothing more. My picture should be nothing more to you, friends, than a communication, answering your question of what I would look like if I were to come to any of you personally and visit with you. Unfortunately, I am not able to do that. So, if you want to meet me, this is the way I can most conveniently get my description to you. We do stand for all the Commandments, including the Second, and we offer no pictures of any sort for the purpose of worship and idolization.

Now, a little further information about myself: I am 44 years of age, married to Edna, going on our silver anniversary. This will be next year August 30. We have a daughter, Mary, who is married and living in Spring Valley, California. She is nearly 23. John, our eldest boy, is now 17 and at home. David, about 16, is at home also.

My entire life has been spent within a radius of 50 miles of Galva, Illinois. Our hopes and aspirations are to move to San Diego, California, and get the family a little closer together.

Personally, I have long felt the need and the call to do something for the Saviour, and when I learned of the Bible Sabbath Association and its work of reform, an active interest was taken which ultimately resulted in my name

being placed in nomination for the Association Presidency in 1947, taking office in 1948, and then serving successive terms through 1953. I have also served in the offices of Director until the 1959 election, at which time I again received the call to serve the Association as its president.

In early childhood and definitely in high school days I felt the need for taking a stand for the Lord. For several years I attended various churches and studied the Word with a mind searching for the Truth.

It was impossible for me to reconcile the majority teaching, favoring Sunday, with the Word of the Creator who has given a specific day of rest and worship. Often I pondered the question: why do people read into the Fourth Commandment the first day of the week rather than the seventh day as the Bible so plainly records and instructs? Somehow it didn't seem to make sense.

My attention was directed to a better and more complete understanding of His Will for us, especially concerning the Sabbath Commandment, through the reading of Carlyle B. Haynes' book entitled **The Return of Jesus**. There I was introduced to the evidence against Rome, the harlot, and her daughters who claimed to change the Sabbath and who are now promoting it with much fervor. My conviction came to make the switch from Sunday to observance of the Sabbath by a radio correspondence Bible course. Since then I have read much literature from the different Sabbath groups and denominations. We concur

that this is a fight to the finish, and by His grace, we shall fight the good fight to the end of our earthly stay. This is my determination and my work which underlies every other activity in this life.

Let us all pray for one another, that we each and all will basically, no matter how we have to earn a living, be devoted to the great cause of Truth and reformation in regard to the keeping of the Commandments, with special emphasis being placed upon the Sabbath Commandment which is hated and repudiated, rejected and disobeyed wholesale in these closing days of time.

Rather than seeing me, friends, I would much prefer that you give me the briefest attention and then devote your entire service to our Saviour, looking to Him the Author and Finisher of our Faith. Truly, may my life be hid away with Him in the Creator.

May our Father bless all who serve Him and keep His Day. Having said this, dear friends, I go on my way.

Sincerely,
Albert G. Gearhart,
Your B.S.A. President

A Jew and an Englishman were having an argument about the ways of their respective races. "You people," said the Jew, "have been taking things from us for thousands of years. The Ten Commandments, for instance." "Well, yes," said the other. "We took them from you all right, but you can't say we've kept them."

— The Faith, May, 1960

FROM THE—

MAILBAG

"O how blessed it is to be a child of God and a Sabbath keeper. It will mean more than people think. I am sending out the tract **Why I Keep the 7th Day**. I think it is a wonderful tract. Will send for some more soon."

—Maria M. Olson
Kalamazoo, Michigan

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With an order for more of the tract, **Why I Keep the 7th Day of the Week as the Sabbath**, by C. C. Morlan, Pearl B. Harsh of El Dorado, Kansas, writes: "These leaflets should be scattered everywhere. I wish I had the money to get thousands. What a pity I did not learn about the true Sabbath until I was on almost the end of the trail. I am 80 now, and many people who are 60 or 65, say to me 'How do you do it?' and 'I could no more do that than anything.' I have a feeling that my great energy has been wasted. A friend of mine always takes one dozen of these leaflets . . ."

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Sending in a subscription for **The Sabbath Sentinel** for a county library, Mrs. Frank Murphy of Plato, Missouri, writes "I enjoy reading the Sentinel. The articles on Sabbath keeping are fine. Since we are isolated Sabbath keepers, the accounts of personal lives of the members are interesting and make us feel we are not alone in sharing the struggles and blessings of Sabbath keeping."

Lee F. Chartrand, 1040 N. Dawes, Kennewick, Washington, writes: "I like the improvement in the Sentinel.

"Would like to contact other members of the B. S. A. in the North Pacific district and a meeting, possibly, before the Fall elections.

"May our Precious Lord richly bless and guide you."

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From Naomi Holcomb, Ozark, Missouri: "I look forward each month to this paper, so full of God's Holy truth, and pray that He will continue to bless you, in His work."

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A differing opinion from John Hanczak, San Jose, California: "Can you tell me on which day God finished His creation? No, you can't! But I know that to Him it makes no difference on which day you speak to Him. Do this as often as you can, and be a real Christian, not a sectarian of some interests.

"Do you know where you come from, where you will go, and for what purpose you are here? If you are not able to get these answers, come, I will tell you the truth. With earth-bond interests you cannot solve the purpose for which you are here."

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From E. C. Collier, Easton, Maryland: "I am persuaded that the Sabbath laws and Commandments have their place under Grace."

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A letter from Mrs. G. E. Pierce, Warwick, Rhode Island, contains a greeting, which will, I think, be comforting to all, and especially to

those who are, as Mrs. Murphy mentioned "isolated Sabbath keepers." She feels we are related, quoting Paul's letter to the Galatians: "Ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus" (Galatians 3:26), and "being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth forever" (1 Peter 1:23).

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This last item may possibly be "Mailbag" in reverse, but I am sure all members will be interested to hear from Mrs. George A. Main, who was her husband's efficient assistant as long as his health permitted him to carry the B. S. A. secretarial load.

Mrs. Main has visited her daughter in New Jersey this summer, and while there was asked to tell about the Bible Sabbath Association in two Sabbath-keeping churches.

Learning of this through a news clipping, I wrote, asking her to save the outline of her talk so that we might all share it. The report follows:

**A TALK GIVEN
AT A SABBATH EVE MEETING
AT SHILOH, NEW JERSEY**

**By Mabel D. Main
(Shiloh was Mrs. Main's
Girlhood home.)**

It is with deep humility that I give you some facts about the Bible Sabbath Association, of which Mr. Main was the founder.

The record of Sabbath holiness begins in Genesis and runs like a silver cord through the entire Bible to Revelation.

The B. S. A. was organized in

1945, with headquarters in the home of the Mains near Pomona Park, Florida. Mr. and Mrs. Main became the first secretary-treasurer and assistant.

In 1955, ten years later, headquarters was moved to its present location, in the home of Lawrence and Lottie Burrell of Fairview, Oklahoma, they being the successors of the Mains, as secretary-treasurer and assistant.

The association is not a church, but like the Y. W. C. A., W. C. T. U., etc., it is undenominational, specializing on the important purpose of helping to restore universal belief in, and observance of the Biblical seventh-day Sabbath, with respect for the Ten Commandments as a whole; and to promote religious freedom for all.

Secretary Burrell adds that another mission of the association, although not stated in the Constitution and Bylaws, is the promotion of good will and all possible co-operation among the various Sabbath-keeping groups. We feel that this is important and that progress is being made.

The B. S. A. welcomes into its membership all who believe in its objects. Consequently the present membership represents nearly every known Sabbath-keeping organization, and nearly every state and some foreign countries. Included on our board of directors at the present time are members of several Sabbath-keeping denominations and independent groups. They all co-operate in the agreed task before them, though of different opinions otherwise.

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A BIBLE SABBATH COMMENTARY

WITH INFORMATIVE COMMENTS

By Walter J. Fillyaw

The basic outline of Jehovah's will for mankind is found in words which were spoken upon Mount Sinai. They were written on two tables of stone with the finger of God.

Deuteronomy 8 and Matthew 4, state that the life of man is sustained not by bread only, "but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God."

We must accept all that is contained in the will of our Heavenly Father for us if we would be well pleasing to Him and His Son Jesus Christ. Therefore, the Lord promised to send the Comforter to guide us into all truth. It is working mightily during these troublous times, through His saints, in declaring the vital issues of life.

Disobedience to the divine will of our Heavenly Father reacts in numerous ways. For example, the pricking of the conscience is one of the first signs that indicates there is a condition that needs to be amended. A very common sign which follows disobedience is vividly portrayed in the afflicted mind and bodily ailments. The failure to observe the laws of God, which are the fundamental rules for a long, prosperous, and happy life, may lead to a partial or total collapse of the vital powers of discernment. Nonconformity to those sacred admonitions is sure to backfire, and frustrate one's spiritual happiness.

The Holy Word admonishes us that doing anything contrary to

the Commandments as recorded in the Decalogue falls under the wrathful indignation of the Author of those ten spiritual and moral precepts. Therefore, those who conform to the doctrine of Sunday observance, which is founded upon paganism, will be reckoned with.

The sun, an object which affords light and heat, was used by Satan in his wily scheme to alienate man from the love of God, through a state of mental derangement. By perverting the mind of man with his Sunday strategy, millions of people were beguiled to do homage to him through sun worship which gradually came into prominence.

Being pre-eminent in heathen worship, the sun was idolatrously exalted to a god by those estranged people deifying it. Thus they venerated the first day of the week by calling it the venerable day of the sun, which begins and ends at midnight.

Christians also do homage to Satan when bowing to him in observance of a time adverse to the divinely appointed seventh-day Sabbath, which according to the Bible, begins and ends at sunset; and by calling Sunday the Lord's Day, which is contrary to the Word of God.

Ignoring the pricking sensation of one's conscience inevitably leads to moral depravity, and many a wayward child of God is being doomed to a life of mental and physical tragedy because he

wouldn't listen to the Word of God. Sunday-observing Christians are precariously risking their spiritual development through lack of conformity to God's Holy Word.

To combat the moral decadence of man who had drifted into a state of paganistic idolatry, the Lord raised up a people in whom He could implant the seeds of righteousness, and who would eventually bear the fruits of love, truth, and justice — the essence of eternal life.

A perfect code of rules for disciplinary purposes was established by Jehovah God with His people to instruct them in righteousness, that they might be just stewards and royal ambassadors in the realm of His kingdom; while opposing the evil one in his scheme to alienate man from his Creator.

The life sustaining rules of God point out the shortcomings of man, with their sad consequences, and the woeful aftermath experienced because of disobedience. They also point out the Supreme will of God for His sanctified people, and the blessed consequences to be derived by keeping those wonderful words of life.

Through the moral and spiritual application of these heavenly rules the children of light are brought into pleasant fellowship and sweet communion with the Heavenly Father and His Son through the happy medium of the Holy Spirit.

Let us remember the most potent factors in our relationship with the Godhead are the acts engendered through love, belief, trust, and obedience. For "God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit

and in truth" (John 4:24).

The acceptance of the Heavenly Father's Son as Redeemer brings the newborn children of His kingdom into the first stage of restoration to His wonderful likeness and blessed fellowship that was experienced before the mind of man was perverted by Satan in the Garden of Eden.

The only way to harmonious fellowship with the highest order of spiritual intellect is through faithfully following the guidance of the Holy Spirit — whether through the valley of the shadow of death or upon the mountaintop of spiritual sublimity.

We must avail ourselves of the illuminating light that brightly shines through the fear of God in the keeping of His ten words of life, so beautifully portrayed in the life and teachings of Jesus Christ, if we would understand the leading of the Holy Spirit.

Therefore, let us search out and assimilate the eternal verities of God concerning faith in His Son—the Messiah—and grow more like Him day by day, through doing His divine will for us upon earth as it is being done in heaven.

The proper observance of the precept which admonishes us to "remember the sabbath day to keep it holy," along with the other nine spiritual and moral admonitions, is the supreme way of living a life of conformity to the will of our Redeemer and Lord.

Christians who keep and teach Satan's sabbath substitute are heaping the wrath of God's fiery indignation upon themselves, and they shall suffer righteous judgment during this present life; they

are sowing those talents to the wind and shall reap the whirlwind of the fleshy corruption. Many are now living in that stage because they have failed to heed the admonitions of God's Holy Word. Some are living in a state of physical or mental torment, the result of evil seeds that were sown by not heeding the pricking of the conscience, and now their sins have overtaken them.

It is most essential for the Christian to know the true facts regarding the validity for the righteous observance of the only day for Sabbath celebration that has the seal of divine approval indelibly placed upon it by the Creator.

Many Christians are terribly confused over which day of the week God would have them celebrate because their spiritual intellect has failed to absorb the facts about God's holy time.

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IT'S HARD TO BELIEVE, BUT IT IS THAT TIME!

The 1961 Bible Sabbath Association calendars, with Sabbaths in red, are now being printed and will probably be available for distribution early in October.

One of these calendars in a prominent place in your home is an almost effortless but very worth-while missionary endeavor. It will invite comment and questions from visitors who see it, giving the opportunity to tell of God's true Sabbath. Passing them out to your friends will also help spread the Sabbath truth. Even non-Sabbath-keepers will appre-

ciate these attractive calendars.

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THE WORLD'S GREATEST FAMINE

By Devella Morrison

Do you love the truth? If you do, this is for you.

John 8:32: "And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." Proverbs 23:23: "Buy the truth, and sell it not; also wisdom, and instruction, and understanding."

A famine in the land — how can that be, you ask, when we have so much of everything? We are in the midst of the greatest famine this world has ever known and we are unaware of it!

That is strange. Who says there is a famine in the land? The Word of God says so! Read Amos 8:11, 12, "Behold, the days come, saith the Lord God, that I will send a famine in the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the Lord. And they shall wander from sea to sea, and from the north even to the east, they shall run to and fro to seek the word of the Lord, and shall not find it."

We know it is here now or soon will be, because we can see the fruit of it all over the world. How many people today ever read the Word of God themselves or to their children? Many people do not know what the Bible teaches.

Someone reads a few verses in the Bible and thinks he knows it all, so he starts a new doctrine and soon has a great following. Why? Because the people of today have no knowledge of the Word of God to protect them from false doctrine.

We are told to "search the scrip-

tures". How many people are doing that? It takes too much of their time. Let the other fellow search it for them. But we are told to search the scriptures! That means all of us.

"Buy the truth, and sell it not" (Proverbs 23:23). And keep a firm grip on it when you find it. Do not sell it at any price. "Therefore we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard, lest at any time we should let them slip" (Hebrews 2:1). "How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation?" (verse 3).

Why have the people of today failed so miserably in serving the Lord? They get religion, but not salvation. The preachers started taking them into the church on a handshake instead of getting them to repent. Why do they do this? Because it is so easy to take them in on a handshake.

And what has happened? The church members go right on sinning; hence, this great famine.

The preachers have done away with God's Holy Law and try to keep their people together by healing meetings. Some preachers get the people saved and "filled with the Holy Spirit" and do not feed them on the Bread of Life (God's Word), and they fall away, as they have very little truth to hold them.

Who will be responsible if they are not warned? "When I say unto the wicked, O wicked man, thou shalt surely die; if thou dost not speak to warn the wicked from his

way, that wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at thine hand. Nevertheless, if thou warn the wicked of his way to turn from it; if he do not turn from his way, he shall die in his iniquity; but thou hast delivered thy soul" (Ezekiel 33:8, 9).

I do not believe the majority of the people who go to church, with or without a Bible, know what God's Word really does teach. Why do we have so many church members who live such worldly lives?

What would we do without the Word of God to guide us? One organization has one belief and another one another belief, and so on, when the Bible teaches that we should all be one.

Do not most people claim to be God's children? Is not the land, here in America, full of Bibles? We are called a Christian nation, so why should we have this terrible famine for the reading of God's Word?

Let us see if we can find the answer. Matthew 5:14-16 says "Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid. Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in heaven."

Are we all shining lights for Jesus? "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth" (2 Timothy 2:15).

Many people seem to think that their parents used to be too strict

with them, so they decided to do better than that; they gave their children more freedom and let them do about as they pleased most of the time.

In this present day we can see the first fruit of it. Now, when parents try to correct their children, some turn on their parents and even kill them, or disgrace them.

They are not taught God's Holy Law so they make their own laws and do as they please, regardless of the results. Who do you think is to blame for so much juvenile delinquency? That is easy to see. "Train up a child in the way he should go" (Proverbs 23:6).

I beg you, do not turn away from anything that is brought to you from God's Word until you have made a complete study of the subject.

If you love the truth and have a teachable spirit, God will open up the truth to you. But be sure you want the truth. If you have to spend a little time searching for it, that is the price you pay.

"Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man. For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil" (Ecclesiastes 12:13, 14).

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"SUNDAY IS MY SABBATH"

By W. S. Mead

When the matter of Sabbath observance is mentioned, some folks are quick to answer, "But Sunday is my sabbath. We keep it in honor of the resurrection of Christ on the first day of the week."

Well, that is doubtless a logical reason, and no Christian could object to commemorating such a supremely important event. Jesus' birth is celebrated by most Christians once a year at Christmas, and his passion on Good Friday. They celebrate the resurrection once a year at Easter; and an additional celebration once a week may be open to question.

The first question is, Where in the Scripture is there any instruction or even precedent for observing a weekly memorial of the resurrection? The next question is, Does the substitution of a day of our choosing establish a valid reason for disregarding the day Jehovah blessed and sanctified for a rest day, and which he calls 'my holy day.'?

Further, when Jesus Himself said he was Lord of the Sabbath day, did he mean only for the time he was here on earth? Or did he mean he would be Lord of any day we would wish to choose as a sabbath after his departure?

Also, if our God is One who changes not, how is it that we can disregard with impunity the day He himself, as Jehovah, sanctified and "made for man"? When did He abrogate his own word spoken on Sinai, "Remember the sabbath day to keep it holy. . . . the seventh day is the sabbath, . . .

Wherefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day and hallowed it"?

Man has always been ingenious in devising ways of his own to avoid doing God's way. Possibly Sunday is indeed "my sabbath," but it is not God's.

If we are Bible Christians, following the teaching set forth plainly in Scripture, let us be careful to study to show ourselves "approved unto God, rightly dividing (or handling) the word of truth." Jesus said, "In vain do they worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men."

TWO MEMBERS RECENTLY CLAIMED BY DEATH

As we go to press word has been received of the passing of another of our faithful members in the person of Hira A. Ring of Jacksonville, Florida. Brother Ring was nearing his ninetieth year.

Another member, Rodney J. Hart, 29 years of age, Parnell, Mo., lost his life in a farm accident recently. Our sympathy is extended to his wife, Carol Jean, also a member of B. S. A.

"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them." Revelation 14:13.

"I have no hope for the situation at all, unless in the heart and soul of every American when he is young we can inculcate the Ten Commandments and the Sermon on the Mount."—J. Edgar Hoover.

SABBATH OBSERVING GROUP OF THE MONTH

Sabbath-keeping laymen of Pendleton, Oregon, are featuring a unique 15-minute radio program each Sunday morning over one of the local stations. A scripture to be studied by one of the Bible schools on that particular morning is used and taught as if it were being given to a Sabbath-keeping group. Almost the whole time is devoted to teaching the lesson, though an occasional song is included.

The program is sponsored by several laymen each giving a dollar a month.

These brethren are hoping to expand the area covered by this program. Should any **Sentinel** reader like a program of this kind in his area, he is asked to contact this group, "Your Bible School Lesson," Mr. Earl R. Shepherd, 722 S. W. 15th, Pendleton, Oregon. He will receive a sample script of the program. Then if he or his group wish to sponsor it, the tapes will be sent for their use. The sponsor is responsible for the return of the tape.

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membership are: first—belief in the seventh-day Sabbath of Scriptures (the manner of observance varies with one's concept of Christ's interpretation); and second—annual support to the extent of at least three dollars, which includes the twelve monthly copies of **The Sabbath Sentinel**, the official organ of the B. S. A."

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living. So he decided to pray about it, and see if God wanted him to keep that commandment. If he got a negative reply — that it was all right to break the commandment, I would be afraid of who answered his prayer, wouldn't you? So would I be afraid of who answered the prayer that it would be all right to break the Fourth Commandment. And if some preacher told you that you didn't have to keep the Sabbath, I would be afraid that he was preaching for the wrong master.

But someone declares, "It is so hard to do all that God wants me to do." Paul answers your heart's longing in these words: "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me" (Philippians 4:13).

AN ALMANAC WON'T DO!

If you try to compute the time of the beginning and end of the Sabbath from an almanac, you may end up several minutes wrong.

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“Very much of what we call the progress of today consists in getting rid of false ideas, false conceptions of things, and in taking a point of view that enables us to see the principles, ideas, and things in right relation to each other.” — W. D. Hoard.

Only one commandment that our Lord foresaw there would be constant danger of man's forgetting, and that was the fourth.

If we live in glass houses, I doubt if we should be throwing any stones.

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