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Let him declare what he seeth."
— Isaiah 21:6 —

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Why Sunday?

THELMA TARBOX

SUNDAY sales laws differ from state to state; and in spite of police raids on violators, the blue laws are as unenforceable today as they have been every century since Emperor Constantine decreed, in 321 A.D., no work except farm labor on the "venerable day of the sun."

Dr. Cyril Richardson, in his Lord's Day article in the *Interpreter's Dictionary of the Bible* says: "It is from the required rest of the imperial edict that the tendency towards sabbatarianism arose in the fourth and fifth centuries. In Ambrose (in Ps. 47) and Chrysostom (homily 10 on Genesis) we have the first theologians to defend the Sunday relaxation from work on the basis of the Fourth Commandment. Pseudo Athanasius (*DE Semente*) says in his homily: "God transferred the day of the Sabbath to the Lord's Day. The ecclesiastical legislation which reflects this growing sabbatarianism, however, is far from demanding a complete cessation of work. . . . Not until the sixth century Synod of Orleans (Canon 28) is manual labor forbidden."

During this period of "sabbatizing" Sunday, anti-semitism infested the church, resulting in a condemnation of the seventh-day Sabbath which was still observed in the fourth century—in fact the question of *how* the Sabbath should be observed, as a fast or a feast, caused bitter quarrelling between the Western and

Eastern churches. Athanasius, leading defender of orthodoxy in the great controversy over the nature of Christ, defended his Sabbath observance as "not being infested with Judaism, but because it was the day of the Lord Jesus." Nonetheless, the

'CURSE ON OUR LAND'

Is there a curse on our land? The disaster to the fall's harvest and worsening crime leads many to think so.

Although I disagree, there are those who sincerely believe that this has been brought on by the growing trend to business and pleasure on Sundays.

It would be a switch, if instead of reading about bootleggers gamblers, prostitutes, etc. being arrested, the names of some of the good solid "Sunday merchants" would feature a Monday newspaper headline for violating the so-called 'blue law.' What do you think.

—Anonymous letter in Muncie, Ind., Star

Council of Laodicea (Canon 29) late fourth century, insists that: "Christians must not Judaize by resting on the Sabbath." It then goes on to stress the honor due the Lord's day on which "if they can" Christians should rest.

So we see that for many centuries the Christian church had no Sunday blue laws and Sunday was not a rest day. Dr. Cyril Richardson, Dr. C. F. D. Moule, and other scholars teach that until Constantine's edict, Sunday was an ordinary work day, with services held either early or late in the day.

When and why Christians began holding services on Sunday is open to dispute. References to regular Sunday services prior to that of Justin, 150 A.D., were either interpolated in the fourth century or they cannot be accurately dated. By the end of the second century, however, there are numerous references to both Sabbath and Sunday services among non-Jewish Christians. The mid-fourth century Apostolic Constitution includes in books two, seven, and eight three separate commands for Sabbath and Lord's Day observance. Book seven states: "Keep the Sabbath and the Lord's Day festival because the former is the memorial of creation and the latter of the resurrection."

Writers of the New Testament warned that false doctrines would soon corrupt the church. Before the end of the first century, Gentile Christians faced the east, as did all ancient sun worshipers, while praying. It is to be expected that Christ was soon called the true "Sol Salutis" (health-giving sun), and that the custom of services on Sunday, honoring the sun god, would be retained with a Christian emphasis, as were innumerable practices adopted from the popular sun cults of Mithra, Isis, and Magna Mater that dominated the Roman world into the fifth century, even though outlawed by Emperor Gratian in 382 A.D.

The church fathers were skillful at justifying with a "Christian" reason each pagan practice that converts refused to abandon. Christians prayed facing the direction of the rising sun "because Christ would return from the east." When in the fourth century the church adopted the mid-winter festival celebrating Mithra's birth, Christian leaders claimed that December 25th was Christ's birthdate. One-hundred twenty years after the resurrection of Jesus, Justin provides two reasons for meeting on "the day of the sun." First, Justin believes it to be the day of Christ's resurrection and second, Sunday is the first day of the creation week.

Those who base their practice upon the Bible, and not upon post-Bible leaders such as Justin, a convert from paganism, will consider carefully the fact that nowhere in the Bible is there a command to observe Sunday because of a supposed Sunday resurrection. Nowhere is permission granted to abandon the seventh-day Sabbath (Saturday) which God commands to be kept holy. When interested Gentiles at Antioch in Pisidia asked Paul to preach to them the "next Sabbath day," Paul didn't tell them that Christians keep Sunday holy. Instead, we read, "The next *Sabbath day* nearly everyone in the town came to hear the word of the Lord" (Acts 13:24, Today's English Version). Converts from the sun cults would have no difficulty adopting the Sabbath rest because, as Dr. Richardson states in his Lord's day article: "In Mithra, e.g. the first day of the week was observed as the day of the sun, though the day of Saturn (Saturday) was more generally celebrated
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If Thou Canst Believe

DR. ALLEN R. BABCOCK

FOR we know in part, and we prophesy in part. But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away." But for today "the just shall live by faith."

I pray that for just a few minutes you will forget all you have been taught concerning healing and open your mind and your heart and listen to the inspired word of God. "If my people, which are called by name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land" (2 Chron. 7:14).

Do you believe it? You say, "If it is His will." Well, what do you believe His will to be? James 5:14, 15 says, "Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord: and the prayer of faith SHALL save the sick. . . ."

The prevalent attitude seems to be that after everything else has been done, then in desperation we call a preacher to say a "last prayer," and like the woman who looked out at the mountain for which she had prayed to be removed, we say, "Just as I expected—no better." It seems we regularly panic because we do not really believe that the Lord Whom we serve is really able and willing to give what we ask.

We always have an authority to whom we turn. If it is a spiritual matter in question, we turn to the preacher; if it is a question concerning education, we inquire of someone specializing in the particular field of the specific interest; if it is a health problem, we go to a specialist in this field. We don't really believe a plain "thus saith the Lord," do we?

Isaiah 53:5 says, "with His stripes we are healed." This is too old-fashioned for us today; God has given us specialists—scientists. But Psalm 103:3 says "Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases." The psalmist seems to believe that healing is as sure as salvation.

Our words and attitude as we pray "Thy will be done" seem to leave the feeling that we do not really expect a positive answer. Sometimes we seem to imply, at least by our actions, that something in addition must be done. But read Matthew 7:9-11. The eleventh verse says, "If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask him?" These are Jesus' words and He includes all who ask.

In the passage in John 14:13 we are given the most important reason that he heals all our diseases. It reads, "And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son." But we

seem reluctant to give Him the glory and usually give the credit to some individual or system.

It is preached that "he that believeth is baptized shall be saved." Now, just two verses later, in Mark 16:18 where it says "they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover," we seem to have a very difficult time really believing. In Matthew 17:19-21 Jesus tells why we fail to get results—"because of your unbelief . . . howbeit this kind goeth not out but by prayer and fasting." Again, in Mark 9:23, Jesus says, "all things are possible to him that believeth."

John 15:7: "If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will and it shall be done unto you." We say, "Yes, I believe, but—" Those who believe the old passages, turn to Exodus 15:26: "If thou wilt diligently hearken to the voice of the Lord thy God, and wilt do that which is right in his sight, and will give ear to his commandments, and keep all his statutes, I will put none of these diseases upon thee, which I have brought upon the Egyptians: for I AM THE LORD THAT HEALETH THEE."

Are you one who believes that the accounts we read of concerning healing in the New Testament are the exception? Please read of the multitude in Acts 5:16: "and they were healed EVERY ONE." We have dispensationalized the Almighty healing power, we have compartmentalized the "Healer of all our diseases," and we have turned to our gods of science; and we have been cursed with all the diseases sent upon the modern "Egyptians."

Philippians 4:19: "But my God shall supply all your need according

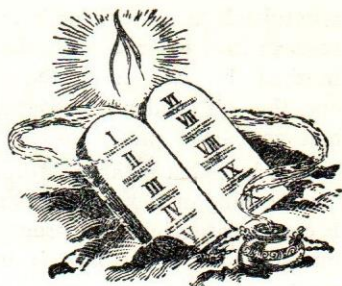
to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus." There is no doubt that the name of Jesus is our key to a successful prayer. Hebrews 13:8 says, "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day and for ever."

Have you learned to live by faith? Can you just now give up your preconceived and prejudiced ideas and follow Him? Following Pentecost, Peter and John were not able to give a donation of money to the beggar at the temple gate because they had left all and followed Jesus. After they had left all and waited, they received power to meet all their needs. The man who had been carried about for over 40 years received immediate healing. Peter did not pray a long prayer but merely claimed the promise: "In the name of Jesus . . . rise up and walk" (Acts 3:6). They were simply claiming what was promised and they knew the source of their power. Also they were courageous enough and compassionate enough to use this power for the glory of God through Christ Jesus.

In conclusion, there are two more considerations needed in attaining this power. They received more than just a touch of the Holy Spirit. They waited at Jerusalem until they were endued with power from on high according to the command of Christ in Luke 24:49. Those who accomplish big things in prayer are accustomed to much time in prayer. This includes those in Bible times as well as modern times. Do you spend two or three hours each day in prayer? The promise is given in Isaiah 40:31: But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles"—powerfully—over temptation.

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New Tables for God's Law



TERRIL D. LITRELL

ONE automobile company advertises its car by suggesting that the person get *inside* the car; then the car will get *inside* the person. We all know someone who seemingly has a car inside him because that is all he seems to think and talk about.

The Holy Scripture tells us "out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh" (Matt. 12:34). The person who is filled with a car is going to talk about it. The Christian should be filled with the Holy Spirit. If he is filled with the Holy Spirit, he will be led into obeying the TRUTH! He will talk about the truth—because the truth will really be IN HIM!

John says, "He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not His commandments, is a liar, and the TRUTH IS NOT IN HIM" (I John 2:4). If the truth is really IN a person he will keep God's commandments. It does not matter how long he may have known the truth, if he is not keeping God's commandments, then the truth is not IN him. John continues: "This is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous" (I John 5:3).

Love is the key to keeping God's commandments, for if we have enough

love, keeping His commandments will come automatically. This is why James called it the "royal law" (James 2:8). Our Savior explained that on the first two commandments regarding love for the Creator and love for our neighbor hang all the law and the prophets. It is only when we lack love that keeping them seems hard.

When Yahweh gave the Ten Commandments, He wrote them with His own finger on tables of stone. It was them that the children of Israel referred to as the "burden of the Lord." God replied to them "What burden?... Because you say this word, The burden of the Lord, and I have sent unto you saying, Ye shall not say, The burden of the Lord; therefore, behold I, even I, will utterly forget you, and will forsake you" (Jer. 23:33).

We have all experienced the difference love makes in doing what might otherwise be a burdensome task. A young man may complain bitterly about doing his mother's dishes, but finds it a joy to do if asked by the girl he loves. Even the love of money can change a dreary job to one that gives pleasure and satisfaction. Give a young person a dis-

tasteful job to do with no promise of reward; then tell him that when he is finished he can have ten dollars; and the job suddenly becomes easier and gets done much faster.

It is love that makes the difference! The keeping of God's commandments becomes easier in direct proportion to our love for Him. This is why we want not only to know the truth but to have the truth IN us. When this happens, keeping God's commandments is actually what we want to do.

Our Savior so loved His Heavenly Father that He said, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me, and to accomplish his work." (John 4:34 RSV). So great was His love that it strengthened and sustained

Him even as natural food does the natural man. When we eat food, we take it INSIDE us. When our love for God increases to the point that it is our food to do His will, it will not be a burden, it will not be grievous, but a joy and a pleasure. It will be with us as with the Psalmist David: "Oh how love I thy law. It is my meditation all the day" (Psa. 119:97).

The tables of law under the old covenant were of stone; they were temporary and passed away. The commandments that were written thereon have been handed down by writing and printing, but the tables are gone.

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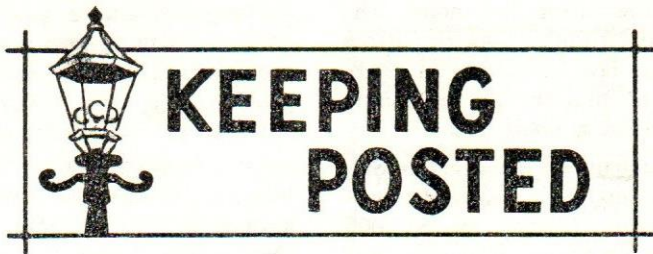
WORDS FOR TODAY FROM LINCOLN

We have grown in numbers, wealth, and power as no other nation has ever grown; but we have forgotten God. We have forgotten the gracious hand which preserved us in peace, and multiplied and enriched and strengthened us; and we have vainly imagined in the deceitfulness of our hearts that all these blessings were produced by some superior wisdom and virtue of our own. Intoxicated with unbroken success, we have become too self-sufficient to feel the necessity of redeeming and preserving grace, too proud to pray to the God who made us. It behooves us, then, to humble ourselves before the offended Power, to confess our national sins, and to pray for clemency and forgiveness. . . ."



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—National Fast Day Proclamation, March 30, 1863



"Why Should It Be Different?"

New York State's Sunday "Blue laws," prescribing most retail sales on Sunday, ought to be abolished by the Legislature, Saratoga County District Attorney Loren Brown said last December 2.

"My first choice would be complete repeal, and the authorization of Sunday transactions. My second choice would be to make the violations civil violations, with civil remedies," Brown declared.

Periodically the blue laws make news in Albany County, where merchants recently resorted to semantic subterfuge to justify sales of hardware as sales of so-called souvenirs.

Brown said his office has never instituted a complaint, nor has had one filed, over violations of the blue laws. "If someone files a complaint, I will prosecute. Even though I disagree with the law, I will prosecute," he added.

"It's impossible for me to consider that the small businessman who may stay open the day before Christmas is a criminal," Brown said.

He asked, "Why should the man who stayed open on Sunday be subjected to the same criminal penalties as the man who stole \$240 worth of merchandise?"

"Why should it be any different for the manufacturer than it is for

the merchants?" he asked, noting that manufacturers are allowed to operate on Sunday.

If blue law violations were made civil rather than criminal matters, Brown explained, anyone unhappy with a store open Sunday would be able to bring court actions to enjoin the retailer from further sales. A merchant who disobeyed such a court order should be in contempt of court, and liable to fines or imprisonment.

"I've never had a complaint filed relative to Sunday openings. If a complaint is filed, I would prosecute, because the law does exist and I will honor it," said Brown.

He added "I disagree with many laws, but I do my utmost to honor them."

Letter to the Editor

Writing to the editor of the Glens Falls, N.Y., *Post-Star and Times*, Bible Sabbath Association member James Lee Williams said:

"In reply to the recent Blue Law controversy I would like to state that the Blue Law is both unconstitutional and unbiblical, being only a persecutive law sent over here by England before the Constitution was drawn up and should be stricken from the records.

"At the present time most states have persecutive Blue Laws, but the

federal government has none. The Constitution forbids Congress from making any law 'respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof...'

"The Sabbath of the Bible is Saturday, as any religious leader will readily admit. I know of \$10,000 in a bank for anyone who can show a scripture from either the Old or New Testament that Sunday is the Sabbath.

"Several million people in this country observe Saturday, which means they work six days including Sunday and rest 'the Seventh Day' according to the Commandment. These people include Jews, Seventh-day Adventists, Seventh Day Baptists, and over 40 other New Testament denominations. The Pilgrim fathers also observed Saturday as the Sabbath. Are we to deny these people religious freedom by keeping persecutive Blue Laws on the books?"

Stores Steer Clear Of 'Blue Law' Controversy

In New York State discount and department stores were steering clear of the "blue laws" controversy.

Managers of several area stores said they would remain closed on Sundays as long as their competitors do. The majority said they favored the state's business law, which permits only the sale of food, medicine, "souvenirs" and a few other items on Sunday.

Christmas season Sunday openings in the state's larger cities, such as Troy and Schenectady, were met with customer complaints and police summonses.

"We have found that the stores

are very cooperative and understanding. I don't think there has been any problem and I don't anticipate any problem," Warren County District Attorney R. Case Prime stated.

Describing the law as "a little ambiguous" and something which "leaves a lot to be desired," Prime continued, "My feeling is that the law has got to be reviewed by the State Legislature. They have to do some redefining to make it a little more definite."

He suggested that the blue laws should probably have social and economic, rather than criminal, sanctions. He urged the public to make its feelings known to legislators.

A notable exception to the general observance of the blue laws was Jamesway, a large department store in Saratoga Springs, which has been open on Sundays for about three years. "We've not had any trouble," Lee Champagne, its manager, said.

Saratoga County District Attorney Loren N. Brown, who is personally opposed to the blue laws, said, "I think many area stores are openly operating in defiance of them." He said that since his job is law enforcement, he will prosecute if complaints are filed.

"I think the Legislature should take a serious look (at the blue laws) with a mind toward repealing them," Brown added. "People who don't want to shop on Sunday don't have to. It's a personal thing." He feels it is inconsistent that the Legislature, which considers the question of abortion a personal matter, does not feel the same about Sunday shopping.

"We haven't had any problem in our county," said Washington County District Attorney Philip A. Berke. "I haven't had to get involved." He

added, "I think this is going to be all academic. I think it is going to be brought to the Legislature, and I think certain changes are going to be made."

"They're lousy," Henry LaPoint, manager of Zayre department store in Glens Falls, N. Y., said of the blue laws. "My personal feelings are that they are old-fashioned, and someone should make a definite commitment to abolish or abide by them." His store is presently remaining closed on Sundays.

Mission 73 Planned

With the largest evangelistic effort ever undertaken by the Seventh-day Adventist church last year, the denomination has made bigger plans for an even larger crusade in 1973.

Called Mission 73, the worldwide program is entirely people oriented, with church members being assigned their own personal mission in the community. Church members have been studying ways of better witnessing for Christ in preparation for the event.

Again this year, in preparing for the effort, Adventists held a week of prayer in November in churches around the world. A gift Bible program has also been initiated whereby the church gives free Bibles to anyone who wishes to participate in Bible study classes.

As a community service, many local churches have conducted the Five-Day Plan to Stop Smoking during the past year, with more than 75 per cent reporting success in kicking the habit.

With a world membership of two million, Seventh-day Adventists operate more than 16,000 churches.

TO VOTE NO ON SUNDAY CLOSING
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NO SUNDAY CLOSING

TO VOTE YES IS TO VOTE FOR EQUAL OPPORTUNITY FOR EVERYONE TO ATTEND CHURCH ON SUNDAY.

TO VOTE "YES" IS A SCRIPTURAL VOTE..

Six Days Shalt Thou Labor, And Do All Thy Work. EXODUS 20:9

TO VOTE "YES" MEANS CLOSED ON SUNDAY

Paid For By Harrison County Concerned Citizens, Jack Gwine, Chrm.

Ad and a Letter

After seeing the above ad in the Clarksburg, W. Va., *Telegram*, B.S.A. member Bond Tennant wrote the following letter to the editor:

"There appeared an advertisement in the Tuesday, Nov. 7, issue of the *Telegram* supporting the Sunday closing law in Harrison County. I would like to have you consider some points that were brought out in this advertisement.

"This advertisement states that the law gives equal opportunity for everyone to attend church. What about those people who work at places that the law says can be open on Sunday, such as restaurants and grocery stores? They may want to go to church also, and it might be a new experience for some of them! We might take into consideration that this law is poorly enforced. There are a few stores that remain open on Sunday for special occasions that come once a year. Take for example a sports store that is open on the Sunday before deer season. Do the

law enforcement officials make exceptions for any of the other laws?

"This advertisement also quotes some scripture to boost this Sunday law. The writer of this advertisement quotes Exodus 20:19. Since he is only quoting one verse of the fourth of the Ten Commandments, let us look at all of the commandments, '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, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger within thy gates: 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).

"This is all of the Fourth Commandment. Notice it says that 'the seventh day is the sabbath of the Lord thy God.' The seventh day as we know it is what we call Saturday—not Sunday! There are those, such as my wife and I, who observe the day Saturday as Sabbath. This law could press a hardship on such people.

"Also, the commandment says that we are to labor six days. If one observes the seventh day as Sabbath, and the county law states that his business is also to be closed on the first day of the week, the man-made law is causing the business owner to break God's commandment.

The Fourth Commandment also states that the stranger within our gates is to do no work. My wife works as a cashier at a restaurant and as the people pay their bills, they say to her, 'It is a shame that you have to work on Sunday.' Of course

she explains to them that she has Saturday off! If they would just think what they were doing! They are making my wife and the cooks work on Sunday by eating there!

"It would not be so bad if the people were sincere in their reason for closing on Sunday. Some organizations back the law because they say it is a religious obligation. To me it seems as though the real motive for closing on Sunday is pleasure. I hope I am wrong! People maybe go to church, but they come back home and do their washing or go to some kind of sports activity. If this commandment were observed as it should be, there would be done no work at all on the Sabbath day except for emergencies. Our food would be in our house the day before the Sabbath started. All the day would be devoted to God and the study of His Word.

"As citizens of Harrison County, we should think again on the legality and real motives for our Sunday closing law."

Blue Law Repeal In Buckeye State?

An effort will be made in Ohio's 110th General Assembly to repeal state laws prohibiting unnecessary business activities on Sunday. Rep. John A. Galbraith of Maumee introduced a bill to erase "blue laws" from Ohio statutes.

Galbraith, who took part in an attempt three years ago to repeal Sunday closing laws, said he will renew the effort because "they are unenforceable, and are being totally ignored all around the state, particularly around Christmas time when all the stores remain open."

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William Gwyn from Schell City, Mo., saying that the Lord spoke to him in an audible voice, "Keep My Sabbath day," meant a lot to me, and I felt that it was very important.

—Jane L. Hill,
California

Conducted by Terril D. Littrell

Enclosed is — for the 1973 subscription to THE SABBATH SENTINEL. The — is for the past blessings THE SENTINEL has been to us, especially the editorials.

—Paul Whitlow,
Indiana

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Most preachers over the radio call Sunday "the Lord's Day." In this they are not telling the truth, because the Bible never called the first day of the week the Lord's Day. . . .

A radio pastor cut me off his "Question Line" radio program once when I telephoned regarding the Sabbath. I gave some good points, but was cut off in the middle of a sentence.

We need "Echoes From Eden" radio ministry in our area.

—Mary Cecil,
Indiana

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I guess by now you have heard about "KEY '73"? My prayer is that it may reach many. I pray that we Sabbathkeepers will concentrate more on reaching those who don't have as much truth as we do. . . .

—Bessie E. Behrendt,
Kansas

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I am very much interested in THE SABBATH SENTINEL. The article by

During Thanksgiving some of our group went down to Florida from Alabama. We visited with the Jesus People and others in and around Melbourne, Cape Canaveral, and Fort Lauderdale.

While in Melbourne I was introduced to Jamie Buckingham. I was really impressed with his openness to truth. He didn't seem opposed to the Sabbath and when I briefly mentioned The Bible Sabbath Association, he expressed a slight interest, so I am asking prayer for him.

—Luke Boyd,
Alabama

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Enclosed please find — for another 12 months' subscription to THE SABBATH SENTINEL. I pass my copy on to others to read. They are always amazed to know of so many different Sabbathkeeping people and churches in the world. Just how many would you say there are?

The "Health Hints" by Dr. Allen Babcock are always good. His article about the deficiency of Vitamin A in our diet was true. I have improved my eyesight so much by it.

—R. Wehlack, Australia

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Please send me the 1973 calendar. I have the opportunity to witness to others concerning the Sabbath truth. It is very well received, I think, con-

sidering that it is not a popular idea. There is considerable interest in your tract, *The Resurrection When*. I give these pamphlets out to different parties and pray that the Lord will bless them.

Mr. Lincoln, in his editorial in the September issue, said that Sabbathkeeping without a spirit-filled life to back it up is of little value. I say AMEN to that!

I am thankful for you people of the Bible Sabbath Association for the truth that you have shown me through the years.

Please find enclosed — for the support of your work. It can go to publish more tracts. This offering is a token of fellowship for your great work.

—W. Pilkington, Canada

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Please send me eight calendars and a subscription to my mother for THE SABBATH SENTINEL. I continue to pray for those who are associated with your organization.

—T. C. Peters, Washington

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We want you to know how much we appreciate THE SABBATH SENTINEL. May God continue to bless your fine work as you proclaim the "GOOD NEWS" of Christ and of His Holy Sabbath.

—Ellsworth D. Knavel, Penn.

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Would you kindly send me a copy of *The Sabbath Handbook and Directory of Sabbath-Observing Organizations*. I enclose a check.

I notice your organization was formed "for a closer cooperation be-

tween various Sabbathkeepers." What part do Seventh-day Adventists have? Certainly there should be a strong bond of unity between all Sabbath believers.

—Seventh-day Adventist minister,
Wisconsin

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You have been sending THE SABBATH SENTINEL to my mother, who passed away. However, I have been enjoying your magazine and would like to have the subscription sent in my name. I enjoy it better than any religious periodical that we receive.

—Mrs. Wayne R., Colorado

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Recently I received some literature through the mail from a friend of mine. Some booklets from your association were included.

I am interested in purchasing several hundred of these booklets, please. I want to evangelize others by using your good literature just as my friend did to me.

—I. C., Texas

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We took a 6000-mile trip this past fall and put out hundreds of good Sabbath tracts and literature all along the way and had a wonderful time. I am looking forward to the day when I can meet with the Association brethren.

—Ted Stentzel, Washington

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I heard your radio broadcast over KOAM, Pittsburg, Kan. Is there a group or denomination in this area that holds services on Saturday that I might attend their services?

—Mrs. W. N., Missouri

Enclosed is — for general fund of your association. You and your staff do a fine job. . . .

—Elder W. Ziegler, Pennsylvania

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I heard your broadcast on station KXEN, St. Louis, Mo., and would like more information regarding the observance of Saturday as the Sabbath. . . .

—L. S., Missouri

KEEPING POSTED

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Numerous attempts have been made to repeal and modify the laws which seek to spell out what types of sales are legal on Sunday. The words "charity and necessity" describe exceptions to the ban, but officials have been unable or unwilling to define these clearly.

There also have been efforts to enforce the statutes but convictions have been difficult to obtain and make stick.

Northwest Territory statutes enacted in 1788 prohibited "servile labor" on Sunday. In 1805, after Ohio became a state, "servile" was changed to "common" and the ban extended to "sporting, gaming, rioting, quarreling, hunting, horse racing, shooting, and the disturbance of worship."

The 1959 legislature made the last major changes when it repealed the ban against sporting, quarreling and fishing.

An old proverb says *time is people*. That's the value Jesus put on time. He invested His time in people —urging them to rethink their lives, their priorities . . .urging them to come to Him.



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A Note
from
the Editor

Long Year

IF 1972 seemed like a long year to you, you were right. It was the longest year since the Christian calendar began, and even earlier than that. Besides its being a leap year, one second was added to the year at midnight, December 31, to account for the slowing of the earth in its rotation. Several seconds have been added since 1958. In a hundred years we shall have added more than a minute, we are told.

A second every year or so didn't used to make a difference; but now, with time being measured by atomic clocks, such a discrepancy can cause chaos in time keeping. Even your Accutron watch must shamefully cover its face with its hands when its accuracy is compared with such exact measurements.

It is a strange mixup when a second is added to a year to make things add up, and—at the same time—most of Christianity is forgetting 24 hours out of every recurring 168 hours. Talk about “straining out a gnat and swallowing a camel” (Matt. 23:24, RSV)! Those people of Jesus' time had nothing at all on us in this respect; we choke on a second and swallow a

day in one gulp—without a bit of hesitation!

Man today is very time conscious. His whole life is governed by clocks and calendars. Often he has no time to slow down and contemplate why he is here, who put him here, and where he is going. We need a day each week to do this, and the Creator has provided it for us. He has blessed and sanctified this day, giving it properties no other day possesses.

Colonel Sanders boasts that his Kentucky Fried Chicken is “finger-lickin' good” because he puts special ingredients in it, and thousands of customers each day evidently believe his claim, preferring it over other brands. Wouldn't it be good if we would tell others about the special blessing that has been added to the seventh day? It is there to be “tasted” by all who wish.

No other day of the week can begin to compare with the Sabbath; no other day can be substituted for the Sabbath. The blessing given to this day cannot be transferred to another day by man.

There's definitely something special about the last 24 hours of each 168-hour period that makes it worth-while to remember this time and to spend it in worship of Him who made all time, all material things, and Who is “the way, the truth, and the life” (John 14:6).

If an occasional second lost can put the world out of kilter, think what the loss of a weekly holy day is doing to the religious world. The people need to know about the Creator's holy day. What are we doing to let them know?

Eugene Lincoln



B.S.A. President Terril D. Littrell visited the editor on the Sabbath afternoon following Thanksgiving last November. They are shown (President Littrell at right) in the editor's study.

NEW TABLES FOR GOD'S LAW

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When God made His new covenant, He used new tables—not stone but of flesh—of mind and of heart—of conscience and emotion—of desire and will. God says: "I will put my laws INTO their mind, and write them IN their hearts" (Hebrews 8:10).

Our Savior did not destroy the law, but fulfilled it. He did not bypass the law, He made it personal. He did not wink at the law, but made it a matter of conscience. He did not excuse the lawbreaker, but made him responsible.

When God transferred His writing material from stone slabs to human minds, He made it individual and direct so that man would not have to be reminded to keep His law. Man would be "haunted" by the divine "ought" WITHIN him.

When this happens, the truth will be IN us and it will be noticeable to everyone who knows us. Paul tells us that the love of God will transform us by the renewing of our minds. If we fill our minds with things

as cars, then it will be a car that will be inside us just as the commercial suggests, but if we fill our minds with the things of God, then He will be IN us.

The Master tells us at that day, you shall know that I am IN my Father, and you IN me, and I IN you. "He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love Him, and will manifest myself to him" (John 14:21).

IF THOU CANST BELIEVE

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Jesus said that the different ones "goeth not out but by prayer and fasting" (Matt. 17:21). How many blessings we miss, how much we lack in power because we fail to discipline ourselves with the fasting prayer. Read the accounts of the fasting of Daniel, Moses, Elijah, and Jesus. Nineveh was saved because the people repented and humbled themselves and fasted and prayed. Here the fasting prayer saved the largest city on the earth at the time.

"Faith cometh by hearing, and hear-

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ing by the word of God" (Rom. 10: 17). Peter walked on the water when Jesus bade him, but he had to step out on faith. Now you make your move—step out on faith, but keep your eyes on Jesus. For "with his stripes we are healed" (Isa. 53:5).

WHY SUNDAY?

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with rest and banqueting."

Obviously, since Sabbath as well as Sunday observance was widespread in the fourth century, the only logical conclusion is that from the first, the Sabbath was the Christian day, with Sunday services gradually entering the church, until beginning with Constantine, the Emperor-dominated state church turned against the Sabbath, calling it "Jewish."

The Dec. 2, 1972, "Public Letter Box" in the Muncie, Ind., *Star* asks if Sunday business is causing a curse on the land. In so far as Sunday desecration signifies a general thumbing of the nose at God, the answer surely is YES! Our land is cursed with crime, family breakdown, the selfish acquisition of possessions at the expense of the less fortunate and the environment. These sins are inevitable when people care nothing for God!

There is, however, no Biblical au-

thority for granting sacredness to First Day. The Fourth Commandment is: "Remember the sabbath day. . . the SEVENTH DAY is the sabbath." Jesus provides an example of correct observance, a day of public worship, a day of doing well and performing necessities, and a day needed for moral, spiritual and physical health. As Christians become aware of the historical facts concerning Sabbath and Sunday, especially in the first four centuries A.D., many more will accept God's holy day and will know the special happiness of following Christ all the way.

Only the Sabbathkeeper is consistent when he says: "Christ makes it possible for the righteousness of the law to be fulfilled in me, because Jesus' living Spirit of love helps me keep the Commandments as He taught and lived them while on earth."

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Want to Help Write a Book?

The editor is writing a book which will attempt to present the Sabbath from a new angle. If you will write in one or two paragraphs what the Sabbath means to you personally, perhaps it can be used in this book. Please do not approach it from a doctrinal standpoint, trying to prove something; this will be done elsewhere in the book. What is needed is personal-experience testimonies written simply and sincerely.

Because of lack of time and secretarial help, we cannot acknowledge them, but we plan to use the best ones; and credit will be given to the writers, so please give your name and address and denominational affiliation, if any. Send them to the editor within a week after you receive this, for they are needed immediately.

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