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

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"Down With the Law"

TERRIL D. LITRELL

I WAS watching the news on television that evening, and it was positively bad! Cameras were playing across scenes of rioting, burning, looting, gang fights, revolutionaries, and police—all in desperate action. In a quick flash the camera picked up a particularly militant young man who seemed bent on destroying everything around him. Just at that moment he lifted a clinched fist and shouted among his obscenities, "DOWN WITH THE LAW!"

Down with what law? I asked myself.

Down with the law of gravity? Was he saying that one could break the law of gravity by jumping off a dormitory roof without injury?

Down with the law of sowing and reaping? Was he saying that one could break the law of sowing and reaping by planting corn and harvesting wheat?

Down with the laws of health? Was he saying that he could blow his mind on drugs, or fill his lungs with cigarette-induced cancer, or eat away three-fourths of his stomach with alcoholic beverages or debauch his health with social diseases and live a happy, healthful, useful old age?

Down with the laws of traffic? Was he saying that one could ignore the traffic signals and walk boldly into

the rapid stream of heavy traffic without accident?

Down with the Ten Commandments? Was he saying that one could violate them and still live God's "good life"?

The Creator is not a God of chaos. He is a God of law and order. The laws of nature tell us that it is so. We expect the sun to rise on time—and have not been disappointed yet. The scientists who shoot for the moon or for a planet shoot ahead for their target, with complete confidence that their target will be at the right place at the right time. The seasons are dependable. The tides are predictable.

The world is created of law and order. The Creator has given mankind certain laws to live by on this orderly planet. Only when man observes them and keeps them does he find true freedom, happiness, and security. When he ignores, violates, and transgresses them, he finds heartache, tragedy, and eternal death.

Law and order are necessary parts of the structure of a workable society. Man does not break these laws. He may violate them—but when he does he is the one who is broken.

"Down with the law"; how foolish! That is like asking for fish to exist without water or birds to exist

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Mississippi Legislature Enacts Saturday Law

ELDER W. H. GROTHEER

NONSENSE? Fantastic? Impossible? Granted. But come now, just suppose tomorrow's newspapers did carry such headlines as these. What then?

If legislation regulating conduct on a day recognized as a day of worship is legal and proper, would not Saturday laws be far more Biblical than Sunday laws? Consider the Fourth Commandment of the Decalogue. It states: "The seventh day is the sabbath of the Lord thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work" (Ex. 20:10).

Saturday, not Sunday, is the seventh day of the week. The religious world that seeks the protection of Sunday blue laws carefully celebrates the resurrection of our Lord on Easter Sunday of every year. On the previous day, the followers of Jesus, not knowing of any change in the Law of God, rested on "the sabbath day according to the commandment" (Luke 23:56).

Well did Cardinal Gibbons of the Roman Catholic Church write, "You may search the Bible from Genesis to Revelation, and you will not find a single line authorizing the sanctification of Sunday. The Scriptures enforce the religious observance of Sat-

urday, a day which we never sanctify" (p. 89, *The Faith of Our Fathers*, 88th edition). So then Biblically, a Saturday law wouldn't be so bad after all!

But who wants a Saturday law? Not those who do observe the seventh day of the week for the Sabbath. For the most part these followers of the Lord Jesus believe that, under the New Covenant, the Law of God is to be written on the hearts and minds of men, and not on the statute books of the State.

They believe that the witness of the Holy Spirit is powerful enough to produce in the lives of men what the Lord has promised. He declared "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." (Heb. 10:16).

Believing this, they recognize however, that the State has jurisdiction to legislate in areas that regulate man's relationship to his fellow men; in other words, laws that conform to the last six of God's Ten Commandments. Yet in the areas which concern man's relationship to his God—the first four commandments—these Bible-believing Christians believe that

the State exceeds its authority and power when it seeks to enact such legislation.

True, there are those who point out that the morals of society need to be improved. No one will deny this. But legal enactments do not bring men and women to the foot of the cross. It is still through the

foolishness of preaching that men are saved (I Cor. 1:21).

If these religious leaders who desire to spend time appearing before legislative committees to encourage the passage of religious legislation would spend more time preaching a plain, "Thus saith the Lord" instead

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A short Bible study outline

Truth Makes a Difference

I. Example of Jesus.

- (1) Luke 4:16: "As His custom was, he went into the synagogue on the sabbath day."
- (2) Jesus kept the Sabbath.
- (3) Jesus followed the commandments.

II. Today we find two groups of Christians, one keeping the seventh day, the other keeping the first day.

- (1) Very few kept the Sabbath during the Dark Ages.
- (2) God has a day.
 - (a) Rev. 1:10: "I was in the Spirit on the Lord's Day."
 - (b) Matt. 12:8: "For the Son of man is Lord even of the sabbath day."
 - (c) Ex. 20:10: "The seventh day is the sabbath of the Lord."
 - (d) Therefore, God has a day—the Sabbath, the seventh day of the week.

(3) Why do men keep Sunday?

- (a) Some say in honor of the resurrection, but there is no commandment in Scripture for this.
- (b) Constantine, a Roman ruler, decreed the first Sunday law in 321 A.D.
- (c) The church saw the temporal advantage in this and followed its lead.
- (d) God predicted this would happen (Dan. 7:25).

III. God is calling out a people.

- (1) Rev. 14:12: "Here are they that keep the commandments of God."
- (2) "Lord, what wilt Thou have me to do?"
- (3) Jesus answers: "If ye love me, keep my commandments" (John 14:15).

What I Believe and Why

JESSIE SWARTS

THE reason I love and honor this commandment-keeping church is because its doctrine is so entirely reasonable. It is Judaism fulfilled, not overturned.

God gave us His law. That law is the backbone of the Bible. How ridiculous it is to believe that the coming of the very Saviour (whom the Father promised to send us to reconcile us to Himself) could accomplish this by overturning His plainly stated will!

Can any reasonable person believe that the same God, Who gave us such perfect rules of conduct, would accept the abrogation of those same rules?

Can any reasonable person believe that murder is now permissible, or theft, or adultery, or blasphemy? Why accept so patently false a tenet which infers that the very day which the Father hallowed for His own honor and glory may now be so foully desecrated? It is simply unbelievable!

If it is true that "If the law could redeem us, then Jesus died in vain," His sacrifice was to deliver us from our sins, not to pamper us within them. He will even plead our case for us if we sin inadvertently, but not deliberately! What folly to so blatantly distort the Father's beneficial intention! We are even plainly told that such twisting of the Word

would lead to our own destruction.

The New Covenant was never meant to introduce a new religion. It was the clear fulfillment of the prophecies of the Old Covenant, the Covenant which was the first revelation of God's love and will for His people.

The substitution of the heathen Sun-god's day for the holy Sabbath was a deliberate piece of impudence and many a devout Christian in those days was severely punished for observing the true day of the Lord. However, in the course of time, the Romans accomplished their purpose, and forced their people to accede to their wishes.

But any earnest seeker for the truth has the opportunity to investigate the matter for himself by searching in his own Bible for the facts. There is not a single passage which authorizes any change regarding God's sanctified Sabbath day.

"**THY WILL BE DONE!**"

—*Facts of Our Faith*, February, 1973

TRUST GOD

Trust God where you cannot trace Him. Do not try to penetrate the cloud He brings over you; rather, look to the bow that is on it. The mystery is God's; the promise is yours.

—J. R. Macduff

Local B.S.A. Chapter Protests

Maryland Blue Laws

OFFICERS of the Washington, D. C., local chapter of the Bible Sabbath Association sent letters to the governor and legislators of Maryland protesting the state's Sunday laws. The letters, signed by President Leo Floyd, First Vice President W. H. Olson, Second Vice President Harold Masters, Treasurer Fred Harter, and Secretary Lois Parish, said in part:

"We believe that these laws are in direct violation of the First Amendment to the United States Constitution in that they favor those who believe in Sunday as a holy day and restrict the activities of those who hold other days as sacred. As seventh-day Sabbath keepers, we believe that we should have the same right as Sunday keepers to open our places of business, or shop on days that we do not consider sacred. . . . We believe that all faiths, including Sunday keepers and those who have no religious beliefs at all, should have the same rights under the law. The only way this can be done is by a direct repeal of the Sunday blue laws."

Several replies have been received from members of the House of Delegates and two from the state Senate.

C. A. Porton Hopkins, minority leader of the House of Delegates, stated, "It is my intention to support

any legislation dealing with the repeal of blue laws."

Another member of the House of Delegates, J. Hugh Nichols, replied: "My present inclination is to support the repeal, although my reasons are perhaps more broader based than the ones you have given." He thanked them for giving the reasons for their position and added, "So many people and organizations simply write and ask for support without explaining why. Your letter was a welcome exception."

State Senator Verda F. Welcome said, "I am against Blue Laws of any type, and will voice my opposition to them whenever it is deemed necessary."

A letter from Delegate Charles Joseph Sullivan, Jr., written on March 1, noted that the bill which would have repealed some of the discriminatory provisions of Sunday laws had been tabled the day before. "This means," he explained, "that for all intents and purposes, the bill is dead for this session. The major problem has been concern on the part of some of the Delegates that employees might be coerced into working on Sundays against their wishes." He expressed the hope that "perhaps solutions can be found so that in next year's legislative session repeal of the Blue Laws can be successfully enacted."

Forming Branch Chapters

We ask that a branch chapter of the Bible Sabbath Association consist of not less than 10 members and that no branch chapter has meetings on the Sabbath.

A branch chapter of the Bible Sabbath Association is *not* a church; it is in no way to be confused in the community as a church. A branch chapter is not to be in competition with any already existing Sabbath-keeping church or denomination in the community. A branch chapter is organized only to promote unity and good will among all Sabbath-keepers. All Sabbath-keeping people are invited into the membership of the Bible Sabbath Association.

Great care must be exercised in organizing a Bible Sabbath Association chapter. We must safeguard the honor of the holy Sabbath in the community, protect the individual church, and protect the reputation of the Bible Sabbath Association with the Sabbath-keeping denominations.

All branch chapter presidents and other officers are therefore instructed that intentional violation of the above guidelines and recommendations for organized branch chapters would be an offense to the parent body of the Bible Sabbath Association and, therefore, would be subject, at the discretion of the Board of Directors, to dismissal from the parent body as a recognized branch chapter.

It is our hope that no chapter will

become another splinter group of some denominations. Let us always keep in mind that "His banner over us is love."

—Terril D. Littrell,
president

What the Sabbath Means to Me

The Sabbath of God means to me, first of all, in thought, in spirit, and action, to be transferred from this darkened and paganized Sunday-worshipping world into a heavenly and holy atmosphere.

And this actually happened to me on my first Sabbath day when I went to a service in the minister's home where the meeting was being held. After I left the meeting, I felt so happy and so elated that it seemed to me I was floating in the air, in view of such a new blessed light on the true Sabbath day. I had already been born again five years before and had accepted Christ Jesus as my personal Savior. And from that day I began to keep Sunday in the spirit of the Sabbath as holy as the Sabbath Commandment calls for. I used to measure or note everybody's spiritual life and depth by his spiritual conduct on Sundays.

Five years after, when a Sabbatarian minister came to town, from my first visit to hear him, I never missed

one day as he was preaching every evening. At the same time I began reading my Bible from the beginning, as I always was a Bible reader from the day of my conversion. This time I had focused my attention on the Sabbath issue and listed 66 questions to ask the minister, after which I invited him home for a friendly dinner and then pulled out the list and began asking him with a sincere intention to learn the truth about the true Sabbath.

All my questions were answered satisfactorily, at which time it was already midnight. We departed with a mutual prayer. But after he left, I could not go to sleep. So I began to read my Bible before going to bed as usual. But still I failed to get my sure answer. Then I knelt and started praying for more light.

Right then and there a light hit my mind, making clear that I had the Sabbath spirit but the wrong day and that all I would be losing was the wrong day. I prayed again, thanking God for this wonderful new light on the true Sabbath day.

Since then, for 63 years now, I still feel myself transferred to heaven on every Sabbath day by following what Revelation 1:3 says.

—Elder Mihran N. Ask

I thoroughly believe in a university education for both men and women; but . . . knowledge of the Bible without a college education is more valuable than a college education without the Bible. Everyone who has a thorough knowledge of the Bible may truly be called educated, and no other learning . . . no matter how extensive . . . can form a proper substitution.

—William Lyon Phelps

The Sabbath, A Blessed Retreat

We read in 1 Corinthians 10:3 of a "spiritual Rock that went with them [margin]: and that Rock was Christ." Also in Isaiah 32:2 we read of "the shadow of a great rock in a weary land." Again we read, "The Sabbath days: which are [present tense] a shadow of things to come: but the body is of Christ (Col. 2: 16, 17). The "Sabbath days" have not passed away, but are (present tense) "a shadow" of a Great Rock (which is Christ in a weary land).

As we travel in this desert and "weary land," we often long for a "shadow" in which to rest our weary bodies. We are in a world of sin, trouble, and uncertainties, because the "inhabitants" have "transgressed the laws" of God (Isa. 24:5). What a blessed retreat we have, of having this "shadow of a great Rock," yes this "Sabbath," a day of "delight" where we can lay aside our "own ways," "our pleasures," and our "own words," both at home and in "holy convocation," where we can "honour" the "Lord of the Sabbath" in seeking His ways, His words, and finding His pleasure, on His "holy day."

"To provoke unto love and to good works" in "exhorting one another," we do not forsake the "assembling of ourselves together" (Lev. 23:3; Isa. 58:13, 14; Heb. 10:24, 25). We cannot cherish Christ, yet despise His shadow, that Sabbath of the Great Rock in a weary land, showing us "things to come," as the "body" of Christ when "all flesh" shall come to worship Him "from one Sabbath to another" (Isa. 66:23).

—Fred Willhelm

A Voice in Washington

The Bible Sabbath Association



HEADQUARTERS: - FAIRVIEW, OKLAHOMA

"Remember the Sabbath
Day to Keep it Holy" Ex. 20:8-11

"The Seventh Day is the
Sabbath of the Lord thy God"

THE SABBATH OF THE MESSIAH MUST BE RESTORED

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FROM THE OFFICE OF
THE PRESIDENT

November 14, 1972

The Honorable Mark Hatfield
475 Cottage Street, N.E.
Salem Oregon 97310

Dear Senator Hatfield:

I believe that you would be interested in learning of our Association, therefore I am taking the liberty of sending you the necessary information on the "whys" of our organization.

Your name has been added to our mailing list and you will be receiving a complementary copy of our magazine THE SABBATH SENTINEL each month.

I rejoice also to learn that you have an interest in the FULL GOSPEL BUSINESS MEN'S FELLOWSHIP. I have been a member of this fine organization for the past 10 years. You may be interested to learn the THE BIBLE SABBATH ASSOCIATION is set up with the same basic format as the FULL GOSPEL BUSINESS MEN'S FELLOWSHIP.

The Bible Sabbath Association has a branch chapter which meets once a month in the Washington, D.C. area. Should you care to attend, the meeting place is at the Adelphi Presbyterian Church, 4901 Riggs Road, Adelphi, Maryland. The chapter president is Mr. Leo E. Floyd, Jr., 6636 24th Place, Hyattsville, Md. Phone (301) 422-8291.

I determined several years ago when living in Idaho that if you ever ran for President of the United States that you would have my vote, and I am sure that I can speak for thousands across the U.S. who feel the same as I do.

May you continue to have favor with God and man.

Sincerely yours,

Terril D. Littrell,
President

Senator Mark Hatfield of Oregon thanks President Littrell for providing him information concerning the Bible Sabbath Association.

MARK O. HATFIELD
OREGON

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

January 22, 1973

Dear Reverend Littrell:

Thank you for writing as you did. Only Senate responsibilities, a heavy deluge of mail, and the convening of Congress has prevented me from responding to your good letter as soon as I would have liked.

I appreciate your kindness in providing me with the complimentary subscription of your magazine and adding my name to the Association mailing list. I will keep in mind your monthly meetings should my schedule allow me to attend. Certainly, I am grateful for the confidence you expressed as well.

Many thanks and every good wish for the new year.

Sincerely,



Reverend Terril D. Littrell
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Nevada, Missouri 64772



KEEPING POSTED

Blue Laws Are Argued In Birmingham

On February 8, pros and cons of Sunday closing laws were argued at a public hearing in Birmingham, Ala. With the exception of several Seventh-day Adventists and one Seventh Day Baptist, ministers were in favor of the laws. Rev. Hugh Agricola, rector of the Episcopal Church of the Advent, said the ministerial association had voted unanimously to urge enforcement of present blue laws and to "put out of business those who operate on Sunday."

One citizen, Mrs. Frank Smith, who teaches arts and crafts on Sundays to retarded children, asked, "Where would it stop, this making of laws telling us what to do or not do on Sunday?"

Virgil Sandefur, an attorney representing a discount store, stated that "the law is so full of exemptions it is no longer effective. Drug stores—which are exempt from closing—sell everything in the world while people selling the same items elsewhere are arrested."

When Irondale Mayor Jim Lee said, "We're not going to enforce the law," there was loud applause from many of those attending the hearing.

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In a letter to the editor, published in the Birmingham, Ala., *News*, Monday, February 5, Bible Sabbath Association member John M. McGuire wrote:

"Thomas Jefferson once said, 'Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty.' One wonders if this great American champion of liberty had religious liberty in mind.

"Just recently, for reasons not clearly understood by many, Sheriff Mel Bailey and his department have been cracking down on store owners who do not choose to close their stores on Sundays.

"May I ask a few questions concerning these so-called blue laws? Are not these Sunday-closing laws actually working against our cherished concept of religious liberty for all our citizens? Why, for example, should a citizen who observes Saturday as the Sabbath not be allowed to open his store on Sunday, thus losing two days' opening time—and profits—while his neighbor, who keeps Sunday as the Sabbath, loses only one day's opening time and the profits of only one day? Does this seem just and right?

"Is not the marking and enforcement of blue laws a throwback to the Dark Ages of the history of man, an age of intolerance of any views

against accepted ways of living? Are not blue laws based on, originally, misinterpretation of Holy Scripture, many believing that Scripture teaches Sunday to be a holy day, or Sabbath, when actually, according to the belief of many other Christians, the seventh day (our Saturday) is the Sabbath of the Lord (see Mark 2:27, 28)?

"Should the state in a democracy actually make and enforce such a law based on a religious belief? I personally do not believe the state should enforce any of the first four of the Ten Commandments, as these deal directly with a man's relationship with his God, not with his fellow man as the last six Commandments do.

"I believe that our civil governments, local or state, should not make nor enforce any laws which force a person to close his business on any certain day of the week. This should be a matter between a person and his God or his conscience.

"If the state must have such a law, why not make it a 'one-day-in-seven' law, a law which, in respect for the welfare or convictions of all its citizens, does not specify which certain day businesses must close or employes be given a day off—just that, for the benefit of everyone, each worker be given at least one day a week off?

"I urge all citizens who would help safeguard our precious liberties to write members of our Alabama State Legislature when they meet and request them to repeal the blue laws at the state level; also to write our city council members and other officials for this same purpose at the local levels."

Merchants Contest Blue Laws

Merchants in Woodstock, N. Y., insisting that blue laws hurt resort towns, said they plan to fight the state's "silly" and "ridiculous" statutes against doing business on Sundays.

Ten store owners in this Catskill Mountain town were charged January 21 with violation of the laws against Sunday sales and 15 others were warned about it. They appeared before a town justice.

Kenneth Jamison, co-owner of one of the stores cited, said merchants have agreed "to fight it all the way, as far as we can take it." He called Woodstock "the symbol of the summertime and resort towns" across the state, adding that the blue law issue "has to be settled because it's going to keep coming up. It's costing everyone a lot of trouble and a lot of money."

Ned Houst, owner of a department-hardware store that was also cited, said businessmen recently formed the New Woodstock Merchants Association, partly to contest the blue laws. "We just decided not to take this lying down and let these stores be picked off one by one. We formed a united front," he said.

Mrs. Nina Kincaid said she was selling candy—which is legal to sell on Sundays—at her import and craft shop when the town constable charged her with a blue law violation. "He said I was offering my clothing for sale. I said, 'It's not for sale.'" Mrs. Kincaid said the money she took in Sunday "paid a plumbing bill. The property taxes are due, payment on my car is due. And these are very lean months this time of year... I think there should be some change in the law. After all, it won't affect

just us; it would affect every resort in New York State."

Warre Hutton, owner of an import shop, said he remained open Sunday but was not charged because he refused to sell anything to his customers. "I can't keep this up," he said. "That's very obvious. If I can't sell on Sunday I can't keep my store open."

If his store is forced to close Sundays, he said, "I'll close every... art gallery in town. I'll make complaints, too. I'll close up these individual craftsmen's shops..." he said. "Nothing personally against them—I love them. But in this situation they're either my friends or enemies."

The Sunday selling law, which has been on New York books for more than a century, was updated in 1967. It is officially known as the Sabbath Law and is incorporated into the state's General Business Law.

MISSISSIPPI LEGISLATURE ENACTS SATURDAY LAW

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of "Thus saith tradition," they would not have to worry about the family and the home. A pulpit on fire for God will have results! Truth implanted in human hearts is the best remedy for the ills of society—not regulatory religious legislation!

Our Constitution was written to preserve and safeguard the rights of all, minority as well as the majority. The founding fathers were well aware of the results of religious legislation in the history of the colonies. The flight of Roger Williams

from Massachusetts to find protection among the Indians of what became Rhode Island was not ancient history to those who wrote the Constitution.

Included in this document was the Bill of Rights, the first of which reads—"Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion." Thus no citizen of the United States would be denied equal protection under the law in matters of religious conviction, for no regulating laws were to be enacted.

This same protection is enjoined on the States in the 14th Amendment, which reads that no State shall "deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws."

If a Saturday Law were enacted to protect the interest of those who worship God on the seventh day of the week and all Sunday laws were to be repealed, this would render unequal protection to those who worship on Sunday the first day of the week.

Just so, the present Sunday legislation on the statute books of the State of Mississippi denies equal protection to those who observe a different day of the week, be they Moslem who worship on Friday, or conservative Hebrew, Seventh-day Adventist, or the Seventh Day Baptist who worship on Saturday.

Let us, therefore, erase from the laws of Mississippi all religious legislation and let us leave to the pulpit and the home the matter of one's relationship to his God.

(For further information, write to Elder W. H. Grotheer, P. O. Box 237, Florence, Miss. 39073).

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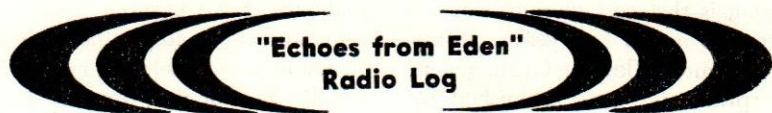
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Mrs. Lottie Burrell,
assistant secretary-treasurer



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A Note
from
the Editor

A New Life

ABOUT the time this issue is published, many readers will be planting gardens, mowing lawns, and reveling in the beauty of new leaves with their fresh greenery and the songs of birds that have returned from their winter quarters. Of course those in the southern hemisphere will have six months to wait for this, for their autumn is well started by now.

Spring is the most glorious time of the year to me. A few years ago my son Mike and I flew to Oklahoma in early spring and were astonished by the difference in weather from that of Michigan, where we lived at that time. When we left Benton Harbor, we could see ice on Lake Michigan for over a mile out from the shore, but in Oklahoma it was shirt-sleeve weather and we opened the car windows as we drove.

Spring often has been compared to the new life which the Lord imparts to one who accepts Him as Savior. The believer who was once "dead in trespasses and sins" (Eph. 2:1) is now a "new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness" (Eph. 4:24). The renewing of life every spring is a promise to

the believer and also a demonstration of the power of One who is able to bring life to seemingly dead things.

There is another reminder of the creative power of the Lord which comes oftener than once a year; it is the weekly Sabbath, which is a memorial of creation (Ex. 20:11), but—more than that—is a symbol of the no-less miraculous re-creation which He performs in the heart of the repentant sinner (Ezek. 20:12).

Seventh Day Baptist author Herbert E. Saunders points this out in his thought-provoking book, *The Sabbath: Symbol of Creation and Re-Creation*.^{*} Men who have been re-created will dwell in unity and peace. He says, on page 79, "God's design is the unification of all men under Jesus Christ, and the Sabbath offers us the opportunity for finding a spiritual relationship to God that will join us together."

We can experience the joys of spring in our spiritual lives each Sabbath if we observe it in its fullness and use it to let the Holy Spirit work in us to mold us in the image of the Creator and draw us together in Christian fellowship.

Eugene Lincoln

^{*}Plainfield, N. J.: The American Sabbath Tract Society, 1970, 111 pages. Price \$2.50.

TRIALS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Great trials are often a necessary preparation for great responsibilities. From the trials we learn a sense of values and the adequacy of God. And from these emanate nobility of character and true greatness which characterize many men and women.

A Testimony

I am 88 years old and my people before me held the promises of God that if they kept His commandments and His holy Sabbath day, they would live long and His angel would keep them in the way and bring them into the place He had prepared for them.

My mother's mother came with her parents from Scotland at William Penn's invitation to have a home and free worship in America. Their people before them had kept the Sabbath for hundreds of years. Grandmother would not use the names of the days of the week; she said they were of Rome and she would not allow the children to call the Sabbath day "Saturday" for it was dishonoring the

holy Sabbath of God. She said "the first day after the Sabbath" and so on.

My father's father was descended from the Hopkins who came on the *Mayflower*. They had kept the Sabbath back for generations and were much interested in helping America hold the Sabbath. Stephen Hopkins signed the Declaration of Independence and helped build churches and schools. My father and grandfather, both named George Hopkins, were Seventh Day Baptist preachers and teachers. So my people on both sides have kept the Sabbath for many years. They came from the Eastern states to Missouri and then to Arkansas.

—Mrs. Ava (Hopkins) McCoy



Who Gets It?

Men, what becomes of your estate if you die without a will and you have no living children or grandchildren?

Your wife? Guess again.

Depending on the state in which you live—and the laws of descent and distribution—your wife may get less than half of your estate. It's best to check with your attorney and make a **LEGAL WILL**.

And when you do, remember that the Bible Sabbath Association headquarters appreciates bequests and puts them to careful use.

REMEMBER, the greatest benefits from this service come with thorough planning long before illness or death is imminent.

If we can help you with your plans for a will let us know.

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Young Musician Will Make Record

Robert Foss, organist and guitarist for the Blessed Hope Singers (see page 9, July, 1972, issue), has recently made a new record of organ selections.

The Blessed Hope Singers, a group of Seventh-day Adventist laymen from Marion, Ind., are now entering their third year. During this time they have traveled over 50,000 miles, making about 250 appearances. Their leader, Stephen M. Price, says that they "travel on a free-will offering basis and a lot of faith."

Those interested in knowing about the price and release date of the album may contact the Blessed Hope Singers, P. O. Box 141, Sweetser, Ind. 46987.

BSA Directors Will Meet April 22 In Indiana

Directors of the Bible Sabbath Association will hold a closed business session on Sunday, April 22, at the Seventh-day Adventist Church, corner of Lexington and Webster, in Fort Wayne, Indiana. Several important matters will be acted upon during this session.

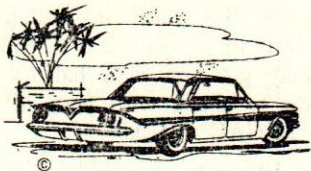
"DOWN WITH THE LAW"

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without air. It is only when mankind says, "Up with the law" that he can continue to exist.

Our first parents, Adam and Eve, were placed in the beautiful setting

What About the Fellow Following You?



Look in your rear view mirror occasionally. What about the fellow behind you—does he know of your belief concerning the Sabbath?

We can help you to help him. Sabbath bumper stickers, which proclaim that "The Seventh Day (Sat.) is the Sabbath of the Lord," are only 25 cents each.

Buy several of these attractive, attention-getting stickers and pass the extra ones out to your Sabbathkeeping friends.

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of the Garden of Eden and were told that there were certain laws to be kept. They were free to keep the laws of the Creator or to violate them. They chose to violate them and brought corruption upon all the human race yet unborn. The laws that were given in Eden STILL STAND; it was man that was put down.

A New Face In The Sentinel

Did you see the new face in this magazine last month? We are not speaking of pictures, but perhaps you noticed the change in type face for the articles from Times Roman to Caledonia type.

Caledonia is a modern, easily-read type face designed in 1940 by W. A. Dwiggins. Since then it has become one of the most widely used type faces in magazines and books.

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Copy must be brief. No charge will be made, but offerings to defray cost will be appreciated. The right is reserved to reject any proposed copy.

Send all copy to Bible Sabbath Association, Fairview, Okla. 73737. Information as to dates and places of Sabbath services, camp meetings, radio programs, desire for employment by Sabbathkeeping people or vice versa, prayer requests, requests for information leading to Sabbath fellowship for isolated people, etc., will be included.

This feature, offered solely as a service for Sabbathkeepers, is probably not obtainable elsewhere and is for the purpose of fostering increased good will, love, and harmony among ALL Sabbath-observing people (John 13:35).

Solicitors wanted to solicit funds for handicapped and orphaned children. No door-to-door work, good pay. Men and women wanted. We are holy name Latter-day Saints who believe in the Sabbath. Yah-sua's Army, Inc., c/o General David L. Roberts, 3937 Randell Road, Columbus, Ohio 43228.

I would like to hear from active men or women, born-again Sabbathkeepers interested in missionary work that deals with their health and the health of others, to be working partners. Should have desirable personality to work with the public. Hazel Richards, 155 Belgrade Ave., Roslindale Square, Mass. 02131.

I have literature, none of which was written by me, but I offer this free to anyone who will request it. All I ask is postage. I offer single copies only of literature on Easter, Christmas, spiritism, etc. Those ordering this literature should ask for it by subject and enclose third class postage for mailing. Dr. John C. Sprowles, 1366 E. Gillingham St., Philadelphia, Pa. 19124.

SABBATH PENS

Ball-point pens bearing the message "The Seventh Day is the Sabbath of the Lord" make excellent gifts which testify of your belief. These quality pens made by the BIC Company are only 25 cents each.

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- a gift that is effective but inexpensive.

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- a friend who is a conscientious Christian.
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