

*"Go, set a watchman,  
Let him declare what he seeth."  
— Isaiah 21:6 —*

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# God's Answers to Man's Excuses For Not Keeping His Sabbath

**Excuse 1:** It is inconvenient to keep the seventh day.

**Answer:**

"If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me"—Matthew 16:24. (chapter 10:38; Mark 8:34; Luke 9:23; 14:27).

**Excuse 2:** I have a family to support; it will interfere with my business.

**Answer:**

"For whosoever will save his life shall lose it; and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it. For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?"—Matthew 16:25, 26 (chapter 6:24, 31-33; Luke 12:15-37; I Timothy 4:8; Psalm 37:3; Isaiah 63:13, 14).

**Excuse 3:** Everybody keeps the first day.

**Answer:**

"Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat; because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it."—Matthew 7:13, 14; Proverbs 11:21; 16:5; Exodus 23:2).

**Excuse 4:** Many learned men teach that keeping Sunday is right.

**Answer:**

"Ye have plowed wickedness, ye have reaped iniquity; ye have eaten the fruit of lies; because thou didst trust in thy way, in the multitude of thy mighty men."—Hosea 19:13; (I Corinthians 12:25-27; Revelation 18:23)

**Excuse 5:** We are unlearned, and must look to them for instruction.

**Answer:**

"Cease, my son, to hear the instruction that causeth to err from the words of knowledge."—Proverbs 19:27 (2 Timothy 3:1-7).

**Excuse 6:** The laws of the country enforce it.

**Answer:**

"Whether it be right in the sight of God to hearken unto you more than unto God, judge ye."—Acts 4:19; (chapter 5:29; Daniel 3:16-18; 6:10).

**Excuse 7:** It causes trouble and division.

**Answer:**

"Suppose ye that I am come to give peace on earth? I tell you, Nay; but rather division; for from henceforth there shall be five in one house divided, three against two, and two against three."—Luke 7:51, 52; (verse 49; Matthew 10:34-37; John 15:19; 17:14; I Kings 18:17, 18).

"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.

“Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city.”—Revelation 22:14.

“The word of the Lord endureth forever.”—1 Peter 1:25.

**Excuse 8:** I shall lose my influence and bring reproach.

**Answer:**

“Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake. Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you.”—Matthew 5:11, 12; (Luke 6:22, 23, 26; 1 John 4:5).

**Excuse 9:** It makes no difference what day I keep if I keep it right.

**Answer:**

“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.”—Exodus 20:9, 10 (Matthew 15:3, 9). To keep any day right is to keep it as God’s law directs, otherwise, His law is not right. To keep EVERY DAY RIGHT is to work on the first six and rest on the seventh.

**Excuse 10:** I am afraid of new doctrines.

**Answer:**

“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 20:11 (Genesis 2:2, 3). The doctrine of the seventh-day Sabbath is as old as creation.

**Excuse 11:** I do not think these old laws are binding.

**Answer:**

“Thus saith the Lord, Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls.”—Jeremiah 6:16 (chapter 2:11-13; 18:15).

**Excuse 12:** The apostle teaches that old things are passed away.

**Answer:**

“Therefore, if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.”—2 Corinthians 5:17. The “old” man of sin must pass away. Then the man becomes new—not the law.

“All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.” 2 Timothy 3:16, 17.

“Every word of God is sure: he is a shield unto them that put their trust in him. Add thou not unto his words, lest he reprove thee, and thou be found a liar.”—Proverbs 30:5, 6.

**Remember . . .**

The Bible Sabbath Association  
in your will.

*We are responsible not only for what we know but for what we could have known if we had taken the time to find out.*

## The Sabbath Is More Than Just a Day

GILBERT SANFORD

ABOUT six thousands years ago God created this world and placed Adam and Eve in a beautiful garden. Here they had the only perfect diet that this world has known. They were to obey God and never die.

There were two trees of importance in this garden. The tree of life gave them perfect healing so they never got old and death would not come to them. Revelation 22:2 tells us of the healing quality of this tree. Then there was the tree of knowledge of good and evil. Just why this tree was not good for them and how it changed their nature is not told in the Bible. But the main thing was that they were to obey God and do what He told them to do. God told them not to eat of this tree, and if they ate of this tree they would die. It was the devil through the serpent who said, "Ye shall not surely die." This sad story (and what a sad story it is) is told in the first few chapters of the book of Genesis.

The world soon became wicked as people refused to obey God. Cain and Abel were instructed how to prepare an offering, but Cain did not obey God, and as a result the death of the first human being took place.

Noah obeyed God and built an ark, even though most of the people

made fun of him, and he was rewarded for being obedient to the commands of God.

God said of Abraham, "Because that Abraham obeyed my voice, and kept my charge, my commandments, my statutes, and my laws" (Genesis 26:5). Anyone today should be very proud if God could say that of them.

Joseph was one of the few people mentioned in the Bible who had no sin recorded against him. Yes, Joseph obeyed God in his life and conduct, and God rewarded him greatly for his obedience.

In Romans 13:9 Paul says, "For this, thou shalt not commit adultery, thou shalt not kill, thou shalt not steal, thou shalt not bear false witness, thou shalt not covet; and if there be any other commandment, it is briefly comprehended in this saying, namely, thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself." Some may teach that the Ten Commandments are no longer binding, but Paul did not teach any such thing. Here Paul quoted from the Ten Commandments as found in Exodus 20:1-17. Also, James quoted from the Ten Commandments and tells us that to break one of these commandments is to break all of them (James 2:10, 11).

In the Sermon on the Mount Jesus

said He did not come to destroy the law or the prophets, but that he came to fulfill. Some take this to mean that to fulfill means to do away with, but any dictionary will not give this meaning of the word. *Fulfill* means "to carry out" or "to accomplish." It is a Bible fact that in coming to this earth and laying down His life for you and me, Jesus fulfilled over three hundred prophecies given in the Old Testament. Plainly, Jesus came to fulfill His promise that He would come and save those who obeyed Him from the second death and give them eternal life. Then in this sermon Jesus went on to magnify the law that He gave on Mount Sinai. This sermon is recorded in Matthew 5 through 7. It is very good to read and study it often. Jesus said also, "Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven; but whosoever shall do and teach them, shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven" (Matthew 5:19). I do not know which commandment could be called the least, but surely it is not the Sabbath commandment, for more words are used to express it than any of the others.

All through the Bible there are records of men and women who have tried in vain to find a substitute for obedience to the command of God. First was Cain, who, contrary to the command of God, substituted fruit for meat in his offering. I could give many other examples. Today many people have substituted Sunday for the Sabbath of the Lord their God. It will not work any better than it did with Cain. Man has forgotten the only day God told us to remember; and what a price we have paid! The

Sabbath was given as a memorial of creation, that man would always remember his Creator; and now we have largely forgotten this great memorial of creation. Evolution is being taught in the schools, and whether we want to or not, we must pay for this teaching by paying taxes.

Revelation 14:6-12 speaks of three angels having a message for these last days. Verse 7 tells us to worship Him who made heaven and earth. This is part of the first angel's message. Can you think of a better way than to teach the Sabbath Commandment as a memorial of that creation which is contrary to the teaching of evolution?

Yes, the Sabbath is a memorial of creation, but it is far more than that. It is a test of obedience whether we will obey God and worship on His holy Sabbath day He who created all things or worship the devil on the day that he substituted for God's Sabbath day—Sunday, the pagan day of the sun, and no other than the devil's substitute for God's Sabbath. God created man and has given him a choice. We serve Him and worship Him on His holy Sabbath or worship the devil on his day. Yes, it is a matter of choice, and we must choose this day whom we will serve. The reward is sure—eternal death or eternal life.

John (1 John 2:4) says, "He that saith, I know him and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar and the truth is not in him." Search the Scriptures and you will not find even one command to keep Sunday or the first day of the week in any way, but you will find many commands to keep the Sabbath of the Lord... God. Some refer to it as the Jewish Sab-

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*You should have seen me take them out*

## The Tracts in the Drawer

F. F. JOHNSON

*The story of Rev. F. F. Johnson's conversion to the Sabbath was a part of his autobiography at the turn of the century.*

ABOUT THE YEAR 1870 I became a Seventh Day Baptist. It came about in this way: Elder M. B. Kelly of Villa Ridge, a prominent Baptist minister of Southern Illinois, had embraced the Sabbath . . . He organized the Stonefort Church, and while preaching there he sent me a package of tracts bearing on the subject. I had heard what he had done, and was so prejudiced against him that I paid no attention to the tracts and hid them away in an old stand drawer.

After organizing the Stonefort Church Elder Kelly came to Harrisburg to preach. I had met him once before while we were Sunday-keepers, . . . and as he was coming into Harrisburg I met him again. He was leading his horse, his buggy having broken down in the swamp on the corduroy road.

I hailed him when he was about thirty yards from me and said: "What are you coming here for, Brother Kelly, to break up our church as you did the church at Old Stonefort?"

When we met, he made no answer, but passed on . . . The place where I met him was only about one hundred yards from where I lived, and before

I got home I resolved never to accost another brother in so rough a way until I had examined the subject of difference.

Before I reached home another circumstance came to mind, of which I had not thought for many years. When a boy about sixteen years old I had been reading the Bible and found that the seventh-day Sabbath was blessed and sanctified, and not the first day, the day I was keeping.

My Uncle John Johnson was a preacher, and when I came across something I could not understand I would call on him or my mother to explain it. It happened that I called on him this time and said: "Uncle John, why is it that we are keeping Sunday instead of the seventh day of the week as the Sabbath?"

"Oh," said he, "read the sixteenth chapter of Mark and you will find where it was changed."

I turned to Mark and read it over and over but could not find any change mentioned, so I gave up with the conclusion that it was there but I could not see it. I just took it for granted.

I had not thought of this for twenty years, and before I got home I thought of what my uncle had said to me.

The first thing I did upon reaching  
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# Sabbath Reform

REV. JAMES STACY

FEWER PASSAGES, perhaps, are more frequently misinterpreted and misapplied, than the saying of our Lord: "The sabbath was made for man." In the minds of many it means that the day has been relieved of all its sacredness, and put on a level with the others, so that a man may now do as he pleases on that day.

Even a learned theological professor in one of our Southern institutions, as reported to me, teaches that whatever rests the body, is proper to be done on the Sabbath. "If reading a secular paper affords the rest, then read the paper. If riding out refreshes the body, then go riding."

But why stop with riding? Why not also baseball, hunting and fishing, and even lounging in bed all day, as well?

The argument assumes that the day was made only for man, whereas God made it also for Himself; it is "the Lord's day" as well as man's day; He blessed and sanctified it, because it is His. When reduced to a level with the other days, what becomes of His claims? What of the sanctifications and blessings?

The day was truly made for man, but is the man all body? Has the soul no claim to the day? Has it no need of rest? And where else can it find rest but in communion with its God? And how enter into that community, when the body is giving itself to

worldly pleasures and enjoyments? This interpretation not only robs God of His claims, but also cheats the soul of its rest, and perverts the command to "keep the day holy," by removing out of it the very element of holiness.

Can anyone, for a single moment, believe that God, after sanctifying and blessing the day, and making it His own, as a day of special communion with His creatures, a memorial of His resting, and a type of the heavenly rest, would suddenly change the purpose; and amid thunderings and lightnings, and awful displays of His majesty on Mount Sinai, would charge the people not to forget it, but ever remember that the day was given only for bodily rest? That His claims and the claims of the soul might be ignored, and they might do anything they please and indulge in anything that would give rest and enjoyment to the body?

We cannot but regard such teachings as a complete perversion, if not an entire misapprehension of the Lord's meaning! Without changing the sabbatic law in the least, or robbing God or the soul of their claims, He taught simply that works of necessity and mercy (for He was talking about no other) were entirely compatible with the holy character of the day, and the purpose for which it was given. This is all He meant and no more.



# Should a Christian Keep the Sabbath?

ELDER V. HARRIS PIERSON

(Continued from past month)

PAUL WAS NOT the only one who taught the keeping of the law; James also, who was an apostle, taught it in James 1:22-25: "But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves. For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass; for he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was. But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty [the Ten Commandments in the ark], and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed."

Let us say again that SIN is the transgression of the LAW (I John 3:4), and Paul said in Romans 6:1, "Shall we continue in SIN...? God forbid."

The book of Revelation is from God Himself which He gave to His Son Jesus Christ, Who in turn gave it to God's servant, the apostle John (who was the apostle of love), and John recorded God's word to His servants in the book of Revelation (Revelation 1:1, 2).

God said in Revelation 12:17 that the "dragon was wroth with the wom-

an [church of God, Acts 20:28] and went to make war with the remnant of her seed which keep the commandments of God [the same Ten Commandments] and have the testimony of Jesus Christ."

*Webster's New World Dictionary of the American Language* (College Edition) defines the word "remnant" thus "1. What is left over; remainder; residue. 2. a small remaining part, quantity, or number; fragment left over. 3. a trace; last remaining indication of what has been." That's what God's true church will be and will be doing and keeping just prior to the second advent of Christ.

Take note of what Revelation 14:12 says: "Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that KEEP THE COMMANDMENTS OF GOD, and the faith of Jesus." Who will it be that will have right to the tree of life and may enter into the holy city? Revelation 22:14: "Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city." These texts from Revelation are from the Father Himself and ought to be pondered with the utmost care.

To be servants of God we must be hard core Christians. Jesus said in Matthew 10:34-38: "Think not that

I am come to send peace on earth: I came not to send peace, but a sword. For I am come to set a man at variance against his father, and the daughter against her mother, and the daughter in law against her mother in law. And a man's foes shall be they of his own household. He that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy of me: and he that loveth son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. And he that taketh not his cross, and followeth after me, is not worthy of me."

Paul said in Romans 6:16, "Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey, whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?"

Whether you serve God or Satan, the choice is yours.

—Adapted from *The Advocate of Truth*

## Who's Who in the Sabbath World

Born January 3, 1911, in Brooklyn, Iowa, Robert Howard Pierson, who has been president of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists

since 1966, has led an active and useful life.

His years of service to his denomination since he was ordained in 1936 at Poona, India, have included periods as pastor and lay ac-



tivities secretary of Georgia-Cumberland Conference, Decatur, Ga.; director of lay activities and conference and union president in India; and president of British West Indies and Caribbean conferences, Southern Asia division, Kentucky-Tennessee Conference, Texas Conference, and Trans-Africa Division of Seventh-day Adventists.

While in Africa in 1961, he was caught between cross fire of the UN and Katangese armies for nearly a week before rescue by a United States Air Force plane.

Elder Pierson married Dollie Mae Smith in 1931. The Piersons have two sons, John Duane, M.D., and Robert George.

He attended Southern Missionary College and in 1966 received an honorary D.D. degree from Andrews University.

Besides writing fifteen books and numerous tracts and articles, he has been active in promoting evangelism. Even now, with his heavy administrative schedule, he conducts at least one major evangelistic effort each year. Recent ones were held in Kingston, Jamaica; Wilmington, Del.; and Boise, Idaho. His duties make it necessary for him to fly about 36,000 miles each year.

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Nothing else makes sense.

# Saved by Grace to Keep the Law

DR. JOHN C. SPROWLES

THERE HAVE often been unfounded charges lodged against us who teach obedience on the part of a Christian to God's law. We've been accused of teaching a "salvation by works," and no matter how often we make our position clear, that we are not teaching such a thing, the charges still are made. The truth is for him who will see it, but it doesn't stop being the truth because some won't see it or acknowledge it.

Jesus died on Calvary to pay the full price of the sins of the elect, and this is all a one hundred per cent gift (John 3:16, 17). All our efforts earn us is death, and when we are saved we are saved by grace and grace alone (Ephesians 2:8).

But there are conditions for salvation, just as there are conditions for our entering God's Kingdom, and it's these clearly stated conditions that many won't acknowledge. They sing, "Just as I am," and "believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shall be saved." But will God accept anyone just as they are? God cannot even look on sin, yet we are told that He will accept us in our sinful state.

And "believe only" sounds good, but what does it mean? Does it mean that you just believe that your sin is paid for and go on doing it, claiming the blood of Christ to cover it? But that would not only be license;

it would make God your partner in sin. You were a thief before and it was wrong, but since you accept the blood of Jesus, you can still be a thief and it's right now? Doesn't that sound a bit foolish to you?

Not many will acknowledge this is what they mean, but that is what it really says, in fact—and to live in the physical world without law would be chaos.

It is chaos also in the spiritual world without law, and professed Christians hate this very law much more than they hate sin itself. They call Sabbath keeping a "curse," after God commands all men, not just Jews, to keep the Sabbath. They're going the wrong way on a one-way street, then they wonder why they are confused.

If all mankind hadn't disobeyed God and hadn't broken His laws, Christ's sacrifice wouldn't have been necessary. Yet all men—every man, woman, and child now on the earth, and who ever was on the earth—has broken the law of God in some respect. And this is what made the death of Jesus Christ necessary.

Yet some say that there is no sin, for they claim there is no law, and the only definition of sin given in the Bible is that "sin is the transgression of the law" (1 John 3:4).

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# THE SEVENTH'S FOR ME

RUTH WILKS · WORDS & MUSIC



1. DEAR HEAVENLY SIR, IF YOU HAVE THE TIME, I'D LIKE TO MENTION A GOOD FRIEND OF MINE.



HE TOLD ME THIS EV'N'ING THAT YOU CHANGED YOUR MIND: THE SEVENTH DAY'S NOT YOUR DAY - YOU GAVE A



DIFFERENT TIME. BUT FATHER, COULD THAT BE TRUE? IT'S HARD TO BELIEVE; 'CAUSE YOU HOLLOWED THE



SABBATH FOR ALL ETERNITY. WHEN YOU FINISHED CREATION - THE HEAVENS, THE SEAS - YOU SAID, "SIX DAYS



SHALL WORK BE DONE; THE SEVENTH'S FOR ME, THE SEVENTH'S FOR ME."

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2. YOU TOLD US THE SAME THINGS MUCH LATER, I KNOW ON THE MOUNTAIN IN THE DESERT MANY AGES A-  
3 THEN YOU WROTE THOSE WORDS ON TWO TABLES OF STONE; MOSES BROKE THOSE SO YOU TOLD HIM, "PUT TWO OF YOUR  
4. SO, GOD, IF YOU CHANGED IT, DID YOU LET US KNOW? WHO HEARD YOU? WHO WROTE IT? TO WHOM CAN WE



GO. THE GROUND SHOOK AND TREMBLED, THE MOUNT FILLED WITH SMOKE; A WHOLE, ENTIRE NATION  
OWN. BUT YOUR HAND ENGRAVED THEM - THE WORDS WERE YOUR OWN: "LOVE THE LORD WITH ALL THY HEART, THY  
GO? THE PERFECT ONE - YOUR ONLY SON - WHO MAKES WHITE AS SNOW? BUT HE KEPT THE SABBATH DAY, DEAR



HEARD WHAT YOU SPoke.  
MIND AND THY SOUL." SO FATHER, WAS IT CHANGED? IT'S HARD TO BELIEVE; 'CAUSE YOU HALLOWED  
GOD, AS YOU KNOW! AND FATHER, IT SEEMS KIND OF HARD TO BELIEVE THAT YOUR SON



THE SABBATH FOR ALL ETERNITY. WHEN YOU FINISHED CREATION - THE HEAVENS AND SEAS, YOU SAID,  
WOULDN'T KNOW WHAT DAY HE SHOULD KEEP! HE'S THE GENTLE SHEPHERD, HE KNOWS WHERE TO LEAD, AND IF



"SIX DAYS SHALL WORK BE DONE; THE SEVENTH'S FOR ME,  
HE KEPT THE SABBATH DAY, THAT'S ALL WE SHOULD NEED, THE SEVENTH'S FOR ME," ALL WE NEED.

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-Ruth Wilks

## SAVED BY GRACE

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But if there is no law, then how can anyone sin? And if no one sins, who needs the sacrifice of Christ? These are the conclusions one must reach if he follows the "reasoning" of many popular evangelists.

We are saved from the curse of the law by the blood of Jesus Christ, but the curse of the law comes from the breaking of the law, not its keeping. And after we are saved, we will grow in Christ, change to His image, forsake the sins of the past, and keep the Law of God from there on.

Nothing else makes sense, and this is the Bible formula for the true Christian.

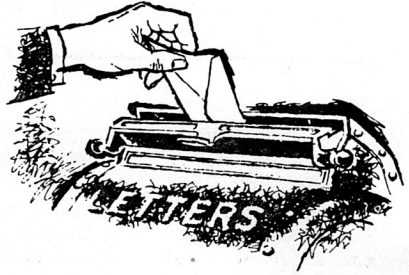
God is love. The law is love, for it shows the outgoing concern for others, which is love. Love creates, such as children in marriage, and is concerned with the welfare of the one loved—and all this is taught in the law.

Everyone who tries to live without this is not really saved, certainly not justified. God is no easy mark. No one ever fools Him; yet many try to do just that.

I once knew a woman who claimed belief in Jesus but not in God—as if there were a difference between the two. Jesus is God, and He Himself said He only did the will of the Father.

So if one is saved from the curse of the law, he is saved by the blood of Jesus Christ, He quits sinning, he acknowledges his guilt in the past. But if he is really saved, he is saved to keep the law from there on.

Nothing else makes sense.



*Conducted by Ruth Thomas*

Thanks for the latest SABBATH SENTINEL. They are getting better all along, particularly your section, "News from Sabbath-keeping Groups." I find these invaluable in keeping up with what the various groups are doing and changes many are making in their doctrinal stands as they advance in the search for truth.

Recently it has become clear in the religious world that the Sabbath is more and more a subject of conversation — and no doubt a contributing factor to this development has been efforts of organizations which specialize in Sabbath promotion, among which the Bible Sabbath Association stands tall.

—C. S. Chaffin, Florida

I found an old calendar published by you and dated 1972, so realized that you are Sabbath-keeping people. I had known nothing of you before.

Sabbath keeping is nothing new to me, as I have been a very strict Sabbath keeper for the last 40 years. I was raised a Baptist and did not believe in anything else until I had been married a long while. Then one day I really received a shock; my dear husband had truly received the Sabbath light which he had pondered about for years. So of course he soon

proved to me by the Scriptures that we are required to keep it. So its been a blessing ever since.

I certainly would like to learn more about you people and what you believe and teach.

—Mrs. L.E.W., Oklahoma

I am enclosing \$— for renewal of my membership in the BSA; also please send me the new *Directory of Sabbath-Observing Groups*.

I want to assure you of my high esteem of President Littrell and his work in the BSA.

—Elder Archie B. Craig  
Church of God (7th Day)  
Tulsa, Okla.

May God continue to bless the efforts of the BSA and its many accomplishments, for the 30 years that it has been in existence.

The BSA is, as I see it, the unity and oneness of God's people.

—Elder John T. Wallace,  
Missouri.

We appreciate the work of the Bible Sabbath Association and are pleased to be a member.

Thank you for the write-up about our work.

—Elder L. D. Snow  
Tulsa, Okla.

I would like to see our denomination, since it is the largest Christian Sabbatarian body in the world, set aside one Sabbath a year for raising an offering for your work. They could call it "Bible Sabbath Association Day."

—Member of the Seventh-day  
Adventist Church,  
Florida

I can say truthfully, I look forward to receiving this great magazine and can hardly lay it down until each page has been read. The magazine is really interesting. I wish to renew my subscription and also order one dozen *Questions for Seventh Dayists*, which I think is most correct. Mr. Littrell did an excellent job with answers to these questions.

—Mrs. G. G.,  
Alabama

As I was searching through Garry's *The Standard Periodical Directory*, I came upon four periodicals put out by you. . . . Needless to say, these titles excited me very much, as my wife and I do try to keep God's Sabbath from "even unto even" and realize that God's church must also keep it. . . . Please rush me the following information: (1) the subscription price of each of the above; (2) the dates of issuance of the annuals and whether or not they are currently available; (3) any other information which you think will be helpful to the described cause.

—Mr. and Mrs. D. L.,  
Ogden, Utah

Praise God and thanks to His mercy. Just recently I learned God's whole truth! In reading the tract pamphlet published by you, I found a short statement made by Alexander Campbell in 1821. I came out of the Church of Christ; thus I work with them often, and I think this complete speech, written by Campbell might help me. Please help me find the source of securing a copy.

—J.C.T., Texas

I think you are doing a good work. Could you please send me \$5 worth

of the little yellow tracts, *Let's Get Back to the Sabbath?*

—Mrs. H., Oregon

Please send me a membership card. Enclosed is a check for \$13.50—\$10.00 for membership card and \$3.50 for a *Directory*. I learned of the Bible Sabbath Association from Evangelist Erma Jones at Mobile, Ala.

—Elder Robert L. Smith,  
Louisiana

I enclose \$10 for my membership contribution for one year. My father-in-law, George Main, and I discussed the possibilities of the Bible Sabbath Association before it was organized over 30 years ago.

—Rev. Alton L. Wheeler,  
New Jersey

I came to know about the Bible Sabbath Association through its president, Terril D. Littrell. Please accept my contribution for membership. Keep carrying on the good work.

—Pastor James Wilson, Indiana

I wish to thank you for the *Directory*. I have suggested to others that they write in for this book.

I am a former minister of the Worldwide Church of God...

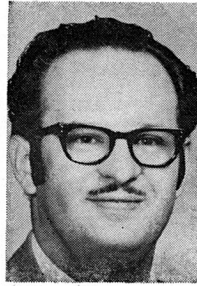
—Milo Wilcox,  
Colorado

Please find enclosed a check for \$10 for membership and subscription to THE SABBATH SENTINEL.

—Elder Noah Brooks, Ohio

I know Brother Bradshaw quite well. He has bolstered my flagging interest in the Bible Sabbath Association.

—Reginald Ross,  
North Carolina



## THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

### Photophobia!

IN THAT fantastic little story of H. G. Wells, entitled, "The Kingdom of the Blind," he fancies a man possessed of sight stumbling over a steep precipice. In the valley beneath, he finds himself living in the midst of men, women, and young people—all of whom are blind, none of whom have ever seen.

The man with sight endeavors to describe for them the matchless beauty and wonder of the world in which God has placed us. Do you know what they finally do to him?

They put out his eyes that he might become as they! Wells knew all too well what men do to others who have vision that they do not share!

Recently one of my colleagues and I were talking. The conversation led to a discussion about how people in America have changed. My colleague mentioned that when he was a boy, it was considered a sin to work on Sunday.

I said, "If I told you that Sunday is not a holy day, what would you say?"

He replied, "I would say that you are perfectly entitled to your opinion. Some people believe the earth is flat. Some believe the world is going to end in A.D. 2000. Some believe that



it all began less than 7000 years ago. I don't think it makes any difference which day a person believes is the Sabbath day; besides, our days have probably gotten confused and we don't actually know when the seventh day is." He then made a half-salute with his hand and went off humming to himself; impervious and secure.

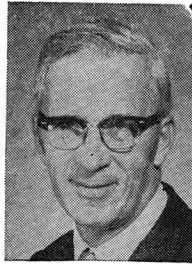
The world in general is like that—going on its humming way, brisk and uncaring. It is an odd thing when you tell someone the true facts of a mythical tale they are not indignant with the teller, but with you. They don't want to have their ideas upset. It arouses some vague uneasiness in them, and they resent it. They reject it and refuse to think about it—hoping that "haunting" feeling will flee. If they were merely indifferent, it would be understandable. But it is much stronger than that, much more positive. They are annoyed!

Very odd, isn't it? You would think that most people would want to know the truth, but they don't—especially when that truth cuts across time-honored traditions. "Surely the majority can't be wrong."

My friend and many just like him are suffering from a case of photophobia—the abnormal intolerance of light.

The Savior had those in His day who suffered from this eye defect. He said, "And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil" (John 3:19). "Having eyes, see ye not?" (Mark 8:18).

*Perri D. Littrell*



A Note  
From  
the Editor

## How Not to Present the Sabbath Message

I READ a few days ago of an experience that shocked me and also disappointed me. It was related by a Sunday-observing Christian and it told of an encounter he had had with a Sabbath keeper.

During the course of the conversation, in which the Sabbath keeper had evidently expressed his disapproval of Sunday observance in no uncertain terms, the one who told the story had asked him, "Then you feel there is no hope for me because I worship on Sunday?"

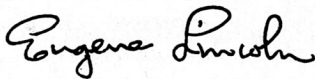
The Sabbath keeper replied, "I'm afraid not," and walked away.

I do not doubt the sincerity or good intentions of the Sabbath keeper, but I do question his methods. Evidently he had tried the approach of "I'm all right, you're all wrong, and I'm gonna show you a few things!" *His belief*, not *God's truth*, was what he was defending.

Let me explain. Of course I believe that the Word of God stands behind Sabbath observance. I feel it is unlikely that anyone could prove, using the Scriptures only, that the first day of the week is the correct day; but when I deal with those who

disagree on this point, my emphasis should not be that I want to prove to everyone how much I know about the Bible and how good I am to be keeping the right day. Nor do I feel that the Lord has appointed me to judge whether anyone — Sabbath keeper, Sunday observer, or whatever — is going to be lost or saved. My main concern is to “work out . . . [my] own salvation with fear and trembling.” And it is not for me to judge if anyone is beyond hope.

The Lord wants us to present the Sabbath message along with other important aspects of the gospel (the most important one being that men should forsake their sins and accept the Messiah as their Savior). But He wants us to do it in love. Our aim is not to win an argumentative point, but to win a person to the Savior and to His day.



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## MORE THAN JUST A DAY

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bath, but the Bible never refers to it this way. God refers to it as “my holy day” (Isaiah 58:13).

Jesus taught His disciples how to keep the Sabbath, not as the Jewish leaders taught, but as His Father would have them keep it. Then just before Jesus left this earth to go back to his Father in heaven, He said, “Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever

I have commanded you; and lo I am with you always, even unto the end of the world” (Matthew 28:19, 20). I am sure most of the apostles obeyed this command, so they taught the people to keep the Sabbath as Jesus taught them. Judas did not obey this command because he had killed himself before this command was given. As disciples of Jesus the Messiah we must obey this command and teach the Sabbath commandment.

I know there are many people who worship on Sunday and honestly believe that they are doing the will of God. God will be their judge, and we do not know exactly how He will deal with them. God will hold us responsible not only for what we know but also what we could have known if we had taken the time to find out.

The apostle Paul admonished Timothy to “Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth” (2 Timothy 2:15). If we follow this advice, there will be no doubt as to which is the Sabbath and how we must observe it and receive the blessing of God and eternal life.

Yes, the Sabbath is much more than just another day. As the tree of knowledge of good and evil stood out in the Garden of Eden to test whether man would obey God or not, so the Sabbath command stands out today. The big question is, will we obey God or not on this very important matter?

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“I” trouble dims many Christians’ spiritual vision.

# News From Sabbath-keeping Groups

Conducted by R. D. Bradshaw

## Church of God (7th Day) of Denver, Colo.

*The Harvest Field Messenger* of January-February 1975 advertised our new BSA *Directory of Sabbath-Observing Groups*. We appreciate this support from our Denver brethren.

## Davidian Seventh-day Adventist Association

Elder M. J. Bingham of the Davidian Seventh-day Adventist Association at Bashan Hill gives some information about his group:

"The Davidian Seventh-day Adventist Association is successor to the General Association of Davidian Seventh-day Adventists which was located at Mt. Carmel Center, Waco, Texas, for twenty-five years.

"Bashan Hill occupies 160 acres of beautiful Ozark wildwoods some eight miles southwest of Exeter, Mo.

"The Association was established in 1970.

"To date, three areas have been developed: the administrative complex comprising Bashan House, an adjoining four-room apartment and garage, and a storage shed.

"The entire lower floor of Bashan House (of some 2800 sq. ft.) is about equally divided in housing the office and the print shop. The second and third floors of the 35-room building provide living quarters for workers,

and a classroom. A remodeled utility room is now a well-equipped bakery and experimental kitchen.

"The farm-ranch-dairy development surrounds a large multi-purpose barn which includes horse and goat stalls, a milk room, two storage areas, and a large hayloft.

"The organic garden, orchard, and vineyard cover some three acres.

"In addition to these developments, land clearing, road construction, landscaping, and beautifying have made substantial contributions to the overall establishment.

For more information about this group, contact the Davidian Seventh-day Adventist Association, Bashan Hill, Exeter, Mo. 65647.

## Seventh-day Adventists

The constituents of the Battle Creek Sanitarium Hospital recently voted to become the 394th medical facility owned and operated by the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

The first Battle Creek Sanitarium facility, the Western Health Reform Institute, opened during 1866 in an eight-room cottage. The SDA Church never owned the institution, although it was instrumental in its opening.

Many years ago at the hospital, Dr. Kellogg began his experiments with grains that made it possible for his brother, Will Kellogg, to become a cereal magnate.

## Seventh Day Baptists

A new Seventh Day Baptist fellowship has been formed in New Jersey. The North Jersey S.D.B. Fellowship is meeting each Sabbath at 2:00 p.m. in the chapel of the Somerset Hills Lutheran church on Lake Road in Basking Ridge, N.J. Sabbath School follows the worship service. Some thirty brethren are participating. For more information, write North Jersey S.D.B. Fellowship, P. O. Box 204, Mountain Lakes, N.J.

BSA expresses best wishes to this new group of brethren in New Jersey.

## Worldwide Church of God

Recently the Worldwide Church of God has organized a new affiliated organization in the United States called the Ambassador International Cultural Foundation. Soon thereafter, the WCG organized a similar foundation in Japan. A similar foundation may later be organized in India.

The foundation will soon start publishing a new magazine, *Human Potential*, which will be distributed to members of the foundation, subscribers, and selected other people. The magazine will carry articles of international understanding; human concern, knowledge, and culture; and the study of the future and nature of man. A Japanese edition of the magazine is also planned.

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## THE TRACTS IN THE DRAWER

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home was to read carefully this passage, and to my great surprise I found nothing which referred to any change ever having been made; and I don't believe I was ever so non-

plussed in my life. . . . Here we have two days mentioned. The first one was called Sabbath and the other the first day of the week. What could be plainer? No change was hinted at. So I came to the conclusion that it must be somewhere else.

In my examination, to my surprise, I could not find a single passage of the Word of God to sustain the first day of the week as Sabbath. I found that God placed great store on the seventh-day Sabbath. . . . He blessed and sanctified it and did not bless and sanctify any other day.

In the Fourth Commandment He said, "Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy." . . . I found also that He withheld the manna on that day for forty years while Israel was in the wilderness; and I also found that the children of Israel were in captivity seventy years for desecrating the Sabbath day. . . . I found no Sunday keeping in the Old Testament, nor any prophecy of Sunday keeping; and after close examination I found none in the New Testament.

I found this, though, that Christ said He was Lord of the Sabbath and that the Sabbath was made for man.

We, as Protestants, do not believe the church, or any other authority but God, has any right to change His laws. So I was bound to keep His holy day and I did so. I was nearly three months examining the question.

After I had become satisfied, you should have seen me go to that little table drawer and take out those little tracts Elder Kelly had sent me while he was preaching in Old Stonefort. I was greatly disgusted with them when I put them there, but now they were like angels' visits to me—a great consolation to my soul.

# “Keep Sunday Sunday”

THIS SLOGAN appears in a newspaper clipping sent me from another state. In connection with the slogan an appeal is made to close businesses on Sunday, with few exceptions, that all may have “Sunday off.” The appeal says in part that Sunday “is a day for going to church, a day of rest, a day of recreation, for relaxation with your family and friends—a day of FREEDOM!”

This is saying a lot for Sunday and no doubt was written by a conscientious man. But let us study Sunday a little that we may know for ourselves what Sunday really is, so we can know how to “keep Sunday Sunday,” to keep it as it is, and as God made it.

*Sunday* is defined by Webster’s Dictionary to be “the first day of the week.” And Schaff’s Dictionary of the Bible, 5th edition, says *Sunday* “does not occur in the Bible, but is now in common use for the first day of the week.”—Art. “Sunday.”

A “*working day*.” The Bible week is a seven-day week, the Sabbath and “the six working days,” (Ezekiel 46: 1). Then God says “the seventh day” is His holy Sabbath in which “thou shalt not do any work” (Exodus 20: 8-11). This makes Sunday the first of “the six working days.” And God Himself worked on the first day of the week (see Genesis 1:1-5).

Then to “keep Sunday Sunday” is to keep it as God made it, a “work-

ing day,” and not make Sunday laws forcing a man to close his business on a day God gave him to work on. This would deny him his religious liberty and rob him of his God-given right to work on a day God gave him to work on and make an honest living for himself and family (Ezekiel 16:1).

“*The sabbath was past*.” The New Testament says that when “the first day of the week” has come, the Sabbath has “past” (Mark 16:1, 2; Luke 23:56; Exodus 20:8-11). So the first day of the week is not the Sabbath in the New Testament, but the day *after* the Sabbath.

A *business day*. The apostle Paul instructed the Corinthian church that each member go over his *business* “upon the first day of the week” to see how much God had “prospered him” the preceding week, and to “lay by him in store” (“at his home,” —Weymouth’s translation and others) a “collection” or an offering for the poor famine stricken “saints” in Judea, and to have this offering ready when he came by to take it to them (see 1 Corinthians 16:1, 2; Acts 11: 27-30; Romans 15:25, 26).

*Unchanged forever*. The holy law of God commonly called the “Ten Commandments” is the work of His own hands. He wrote this holy law upon stone and it will never be changed (Exodus 24:12; 31:18).

“The works of his hands are verity

and judgment; all his commandments are sure. They stand fast for ever and ever, and are done in truth and uprightness" (Psalm 111:7, 8). And we will be judged by this holy law (read Ecclesiastes 12:13, 14; James 2:12).

From all these Biblical facts it is plain that God's holy Sabbath will always be binding upon us, and that Sunday has no sacredness but is only a "working day." Then to "keep Sunday Sunday" is to keep it like God made it, a plain "working day" like Monday or Tuesday. May God help us to be loyal and faithful to Him is my humble prayer.

*This article is available in tract form from the Baptist Gospel Tabernacle, 2558 Homestead Road, Youngstown, Ohio 44505.*



Drawing by Robert Hubbard

*"The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the word of our God shall stand for ever."*

— Isaiah 40:8

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**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 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.**

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I would appreciate receiving accounts of how individuals have related to circumstances involving non-believers in Sabbath observance. If a man rents your house, are you supposed to tell him he cannot mow his lawn on Sabbath because it is your building "within your gates," where he is dwelling, or is renting the property removing it from within your gates?

If you hire a man to work for you, he definitely is working within your gates, but what about letting a contract — how far do your

### ATTENTION

Former BSA President Albert Gearhart's eyes are failing him. He is a man of great faith and trust in his Creator. Cards and letters from old friends would greatly encourage Brother Gearhart in this time of testing. Send them to 115 N.E. Sixth Ave., Galva, IL 61434.

—Terril D. Littrell

gates extend? If you leave your car at a garage and it is there over a weekend, must you prohibit the garage from working on your car on the Sabbath? There are many interpersonal relations in which decisions must be made concerning the responsibility of Sabbath observance "between thy gates."

If I can collect a number of experiences along this line, I would try to compile material for a book on this subject. I believe some guidelines here would be appreciated by people often perplexed as to how to keep the law and still not become "over righteous" or unreasonable with non-believers. Cecil C. Shrock, Box 278, Leslie, Ark. 72645.

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MAGAZINES WANTED—I want to buy a copy of each of the following old *Sabbath Sentinels*: April and July, 1961; December, 1963; Au-

gust, 1964; January and June, 1965; November, 1966; August, 1970. R. D. Bradshaw, Box 951, Stillwell, Okla. 74960.

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Those interested in the Holy Name Translation of the Bible, using the sacred names of *Yahweh* and *Yahshua* instead of *Lord, God*, and *Jesus* may place your order with the Scripture Research Association, Box 177, Mesilla Park, N.M. 88047, Att.: Mrs. Ida M. Traina

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