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**“As is the mother, so is her daughter . . .”**

Ezekiel 16:44

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# Are Sabbatarians Legalists?

EVERY so often someone, learning that I observe the Sabbath, says to me, "Oh, so you're a legalist." This makes me wonder.

No doubt it is possible to observe the Sabbath from a legalistic standpoint, feeling that by so doing one becomes more righteous in Yahweh's eyes. That can be done with any of the commandments—not just the Sabbath.

But, according to the words of Isaiah, "all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags" in the Lord's sight.

To me, though, Sabbath keeping is the opposite of what is called legalism. It is a sign of my belief in righteousness by (and only by) faith. As I read Hebrews 3 and 4, noting particularly 4:10 ("For he that is entered into his rest, he also hath ceased from his own works, as

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God did from his"). I find that ceasing from secular labors each Sabbath is a sign (Ezekiel 20:12, 20) that I recognize my works can never merit salvation. So I "rest" in my Savior on His Sabbath, just as I rest my case with Him after confessing Him as Lord and Savior. Only His righteousness can bring me—or anyone—salvation.

Praise His name!

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# The Example Is Love

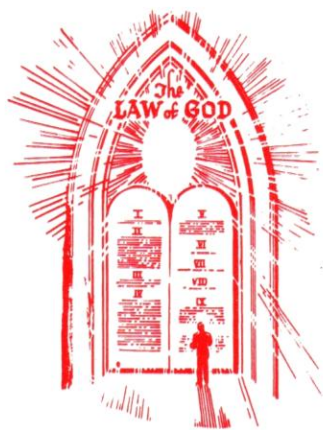
FRAN CUMMINGS

**I** AM a Sabbatarian, though I do not particularly care for that term, for truly I am a child of the King, who wishes above all else to please my Holy Father in all things. I have believed strongly in the Sabbath since my conversion, and will not be easily shaken from my strong convictions that I know to be truth. Many times people have confronted me because of my belief, and I have spent much time in prayerful study of the situation. In delving into God's Word I have come up with many answers.

When the Lord called me from out of the darkness to be saved, He also gave me the truth of His holy day to cling to. In attending a variety of Sabbath-keeping churches, I have found much to disturb me. Here were many people with the same belief and beautiful truth which I held so dear, yet something vital was missing. Many seemed to feel that because they kept God's perfect law they were in some way more holy than those who had not come into this truth.

I fear that this is a spirit that is not totally in harmony with the Spirit of God. Throughout the whole Bible I find that Sabbath keeping is not the thing of greatest importance; but what is of most importance is none else than LOVE.

Christ in His own words stated that the greatest commandment of all is to love God with all your heart, mind, and strength; and the second commandment is like the first, to love your fellowman as yourself. There are many true Christians in the Kingdom who have never even heard of the Sabbath or hardly any other truth, yet they have a love that



is so strong and deep it is unmistakably the love of God. It grieves my heart to think that there are so many people who feel they are in God's will because they keep His Sabbath, yet they leave the weightier matters of the law undone.

Before I became a born-again believer, I used to find the religious realm rather amusing, and now that I have come to know the Lord as my personal Savior I no longer find it amusing but rather very sad and rather frightening. There are more crimes committed in the name of the Lord than any other single factor. I ask myself, "Is this truly what Jesus taught?" Christ upheld love above all else, saying that anything done outside of love is utterly worthless.

Being a Sabbath keeper, I find all this even more alarming, for what other Sabbath keepers do is a direct reflection on me, and anything a born-again believer does is a direct reflection on the God we represent.

I suggest that we Sabbath

keepers take a closer look at ourselves before we start casting stones. Do we really reflect the love that Christ advocated while here on earth? Do we stand up for what we

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*"I suggest we take a closer look at ourselves."*

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know to be truth, yet allow the weightier matters to go unfinished?

Let's take the board out of your own eye first before we try to remove the splinter from our brother's eye.

Jesus did not say that our brother did not have a splinter, but we ourselves should be sure that we are doing what is right first before we try to help someone else. Being keepers of God's Word means that we should be the ones to set the example, and the example we are to set is one of LOVE!

It Could Happen Someday



You mean it's now against the Law  
to drive on Sunday?

## A Word to Ministers of Christ

JOSEPH M. MCGUIRE

"Go ye, . . . teach all nations, . . . to observe *all things* whatsoever I have commanded you" (our Lord, in Matthew 28:19, 20).

"They received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: that they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness" (2 Thessalonians 2:10-12).

"If any man obey not, . . . have no company with him, that he may be ashamed. Yet count him not as an enemy, but admonish him as a brother," (3:14, 15).

"It is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful" (1

Corinthians 4:2).

"Blessed is that servant, whom his Lord when he cometh shall find so doing" (Matthew 24:46).

The writer believes that the term "ministers of Christ" in the larger sense, refers to *all* conceived-again Christians, regardless of fields of labor (Acts 1:8, Luke 10:17, 2 Corinthians 11:23, and Revelation 1:6).

To each such minister is given the divine charge to teach the pure, true gospel of Christ everywhere and to help purify the universal church of God that it should not have "spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish" (Ephesians 5:27).

Unfortunately, in these last

days many "will not endure sound doctrine." The pastors and people of the churches "shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables" (2 Timothy 4:3, 4). Instead of faithfully keeping and teaching all the commandments of God, they will destroy themselves and others by flagrant disobedience to God. "Ye reject the commandment of God, that ye may keep your own tradition," Jesus said (Mark 7:9). "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me: seeing that thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget they children" (Hosea 4:6).

We see from this scripture that God can—indeed does—*reject* unfaithful ministers. Ministers of Christ *must* be faithful by putting God and His will first in their ministry. Willing obedience to all the commandments of God is necessary.

"Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment" (Matthew 22:37, 38). (Please notice that this commandment is the first and greatest one of all. Love for God should be greater even than our love for our fellowman (verse 39). From this one commandment flow all other commandments—even the Ten Commandments).

"A good understanding have all they that do his commandments" (Psalm 111:10).

Ministers should teach all ten of God's Ten Commandments. The Decalogue is carefully recorded in two books of the Bible: Exodus 20:1-17 and Deuteronomy 5:6-21. Notice, please, verse 22: God Himself "wrote them in two tables of stone" and gave them to

Moses. Not even Moses was entrusted with the responsibility of writing these everlasting commandments from God to all mankind! They certainly should not be called "the laws of Moses," as some teach!

Ministers should be responsive to the Holy Spirit, who guides us into greater truth, into a progressive knowledge of all the commandments of God.

"When he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth" (John 16:13).

". . . the Holy Ghost . . . God hath given to them that obey him" (Acts 5:32).

The way to show love and devotion to God is by following all His commandments. To do less is to be a false minister and a liar.

"If ye love me, keep my commandments" (John 14:15).

"This is the love of God, that we keep his commandments" (see 1 John 5:1-3). "He that sayeth I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him" (1 John 2:4). Dear reader, there will be no liars in Paradise (Revelation 21:8).

The Christian minister recognizes and stands for all the identifying marks or signs of God's remnant people. "Ye shall know them by their fruits" (Matthew 7:16). They "keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ" (Revelation 12:17). "Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus" (Revelation 14:12). "I gave them my sabbaths, to be given a sign between me and them (Ezekiel 20:12).

O minister of Christ, are you teaching all the identifying marks of God's remnant people? Do you teach these commandments of love, life, and liberty (John 14:15,

Leviticus 18:5, James 2:12), your sacred duty and trust? Are you teaching even the fourth, the seventh-day Sabbath commandment, one special sign or identifying mark between God and His people (Exodus 20:8-11; Ezekiel 20:12; Mark 2:27, 28)?

Now, ministers, seeing the Word of God is true, why fool the people and cause them to sin by teaching that God's law, the Ten Commandments, was changed at the Cross? John wrote, "Sin is the transgression of the law" of God (1 John 3:4). Paul wrote, "The wages of sin is death" (Romans 6:23). God's Law still points out sin (James 2:10-12). Our Lord said, "He that obeyeth not the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abideth on him" (John 3:36, ASV).

Sin brought death upon the world; only faith and obedience can obtain pardon and everlasting salvation. God has laws for the conduct of His subjects, and to break any of His laws incurs the penalty of death (Ezekiel 18:4, Romans 6:23). "The way of peace they know not: . . . they have made them crooked paths: whosoever goeth therein shall not know peace" (Isaiah 59:8).

God and Christ (Co-Creator with the Father—see Genesis 1:26 and John 1:1-3) command that the seventh day (which we call "Saturday") be kept holy as "the sabbath of the Lord thy God" or the true Lord's Day of Scripture (Genesis 2:1-3, Exodus 20:8-11, Isaiah 58:13, Mark 2:28).

The only weekly Sabbath declared in the Bible to be God's Sabbath is the seventh-day Sabbath established in Eden. Yet many ministers call it "the Jewish Sabbath." G—O—D does not spell J—E—W. The Sabbath of God was established thousands of years before any Jews existed.

Why deceive the people and teach them to keep the first day ("Sunday") instead, which practice was set up by Romanism in the post-apostolic period? There is not one word of authority in Scripture to change God's holy Sabbath Law. In teaching disobedience you destroy the people (Hosea 4:6).

Jesus kept God's commandments (John 15:10). How can you break them and follow Jesus? Teach the truth; honor God by keeping all His law if you love Him as you should, worship Him as we all "must . . . in spirit and in truth" (John 4:24).

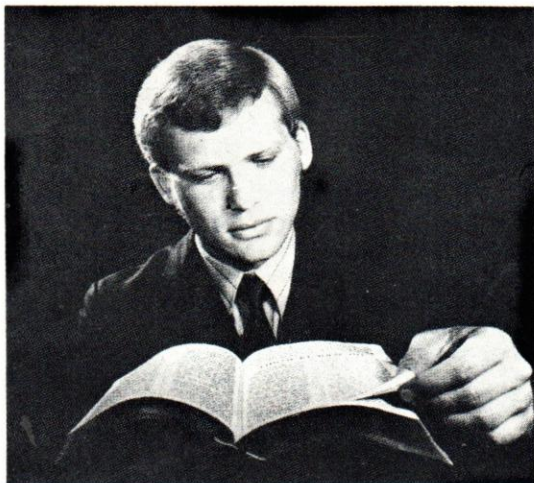
God said that His priests (ministers) have hid their eyes from His Sabbath and profaned it (Ezekiel 22:26). You can see the first day of the week as a rest day, which is an invention of Romanism hundreds of years after the Cross and which is not commanded anywhere in the Bible," but you cannot see the Sabbath God commands! Truly many have hid their eyes from God's day and fool their followers with a precept of man, which is vain worship (Mark 7:7).

Neither Jesus nor the apostles ever changed the Sabbath of God.

Ministers, do not fail to distinguish which laws were abolished at the Cross. The laws that were abolished were certain ceremonial laws of Moses (Ephesians 2:15; Colossians 2:14, 16). The Ten Commandments still stand (Matthew 5:17, 18; James 2:10-12; Psalm 111:7, 8). Let us rightly divide the word of truth (2 Timothy 2:15).

The only way to prove love to God is to keep His commandments (1 John 5:2, 3), and by such obedience you will one day have the right to the tree of life and the golden city (Revelation 22:14). In teaching disobedience you keep

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## “How I Learned of God’s Sabbath”

RUSSEL B. DUNCAN

**O**NE and only one Book in the entire world is completely and entirely self-proving and self-explaining, fulfilling all the needs of all mankind. Thus this Book proves itself to be truth, by at least 50 intelligible contained proofs visible in some form before our eyes today.

This one Book foretold the most world-shaking event of all time, revealing it at least 20 times, with 20 descriptive names and 14 different proper names, in 14 book locations, during 10 different year dates, over a time period of 1170 years. Now, this one Book is the Holy Bible (King James Version being most preferable); and the world-shaking event is the birth of Jesus Christ. Further, the Holy Bible reveals at

least 30 more clearly observable proofs of truth, foretellings of conditions today (Genesis 8:21-22; Daniel 12:4; 2 Timothy 3:1-5).

Now that the Holy Bible has assured us that it is “truth” (John 17:17), let us be reminded that the Holy Bible speaks at least 321 times concerning the very important word *belief*, together with its six relative words. To such there are 45 references in the Old Testament and 276 references in the New Testament, or 85.9 percent of the total of 321 references, according to *Strong’s Exhaustive Concordance* (pages 121, 122). Now we are assured of the great importance of personal belief (belief of heart, Romans 19:9, 10; Acts 8:37), especially so in the

New Testament; this belief eventually guides most personal action toward the soul home of that person.

Since right and dependable personal belief is of great importance, it should be prized with great thankfulness: "In every thing give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you" (I Thessalonians 5:18). Thus any and all deliverance from false beliefs should inspire great thankfulness to the Lord. I hope, with the Lord's help and guidance, to reveal my reason for such personal thankfulness.

I was born of sincere, believing United Brethren parents on February 12, 1906, of Scotch, English, and German ancestors; my early home was on a rather large farm in Harrison County, Indiana, near the little town of Crandall. Since my parents were of the United Brethren denomination, being Sunday keeping people, I joined that church, holding membership in it until around 1950. Sometime before, I had married a sincere United Brethren girl who died at an early age. Around 1950, resulting from spiritual compromise within the United Brethren church, I withdrew my membership, although attending church there for some time.

About September, 1955, non-denominational Sunday afternoon services were started in a well kept, but not used, small church building near my farm home. Such services continued, part time, for several years; these services finally being discontinued.

After my wife and both parents were dead, in the autumn of 1964 a new minister of some different belief, who had previously moved to within a few miles of the small church building, sought opportunity to preach there. Since I, an avowed Sunday keeper, had found

that this minister's doctrine was contrary to Sunday keeping, I refused to give personal sanction for the new minister to hold services in the small church.

Soon after I chanced unexpectedly to meet this new minister in a friend's home. After about two or three hours of Bible discussion, in which I mostly listened while the new minister, Elder Lonnie Houser, of New Salisbury, Indiana—a very kind and agreeable man—witnessed as a Christian gentleman that all ought to obey God the Lord as the Bible admonishes (Acts 5:29) rather than to obey men. While he admonished, I desperately sought to discover some fallacy in his new-to-me doctrine, but found none; finding only Bible support for it.

After starting home in the car by myself, after traveling a short distance, the Lord spoke to me in "a still small voice" this distinct message, as now remembered: "Now you have heard the truth; obey it!" Well before reaching my farm home this same message, only weaker, was heard the second time.

Although being aware of having heard true Bible doctrine as witnessed by Elder Houser, but because of rebelling by trying to forget it, I began to lose belief, to lose faith, and to lose fear of the Lord, thus to backslide. Soon thereafter the devil began to take advantage by causing me to determine to kill myself. Following this evil determination much time was spent toward finding a way to do it. In the same autumn of 1964 one method to commit suicide was tried, but failed. About the latter part of the following January, 1965, a second method to commit suicide—trying to shoot myself with a Remington rim fire .22-caliber rifle—failed when the shells failed several times to fire. Yet suicide was determined, and about the first part of the following February, 1965, I tried the third



method to commit suicide, eating quite a quantity of a commercial compound containing strychnine. This resulted in my becoming paralyzed all over my body except for speech, while suffering intense pain and agony. After a time a kind man found me in that paralyzed condition and kindly treated me for relief. However, he reported my condition to a doctor and to others, resulting in action to send me to the Madison State Hospital, Madison, Ind., where I was treated for about 61 days, but not for mental deficiency.

After being released from the Madison Hospital and after having moved to my present location, the Bickel Trailer Court, near Corydon, Indiana, on May 1, 1965, but yet resisting the doctrine that had been witnessed to me about nine months before, severe depression fell on me. As a result, I resorted to Bible reading, as in younger life, but secured no relief, since all Bible reading condemned me beyond endurance. So I discontinued it.

After being in my new home about six weeks, rather early one morning about mid-June, 1965, without any previous warning whatsoever, a very strange felling quickly began to creep over me, affecting me on the inside to the point of my losing self control. Without hearing any sound whatsoever, without seeing any unusual thing, without feeling any touch on my skin, some strange hideous shocking inner power began to hound, to drive, to compel, to impel, to force me by an invisible irresistible force to try any way to burn my small trailer home. After trying desperately for some time to muster all my personal strength to resist such a terrible, criminal, and disgraceful thing, yet not appealing to the Lord for help because of my unwillingness to listen to Him or to His Word, I was gradually losing

ground, nearing exhaustion, nearly being overcome, nearing defeat, which would have meant lifelong disgrace and suffering. Finally, in much desperation, as a matter of last resort—just after receiving the silent message in my mind, "Return unto me, and I will return unto you"—I quickly decided to give God a try, a try for relief from that horror, by dropping on both knees, while asking the Lord to forgive my opposition to His Word and promising Him to keep the weekly seventh day of rest, the holy Sabbath, just as I remembered that Elder Lonnie Houser had admonished me to do, if He, the Lord, would relieve me from that horrible invisible power which was continually overwhelming me. Very soon, without hearing a sound, I was relieved from that excruciating, agonizing power, that anguish of mind and body, that devil power; and I was rescued from the worldwide fallacy of Sunday observance.

Now, without any hesitation I most sincerely thank the good Lord for rescuing me, for His giving me a lifelong divorce from this doctrinal error. Thank the Lord for 12 years of happy, satisfied, undenominational seventh-day Sabbath keeping.

Thank the Lord for it all!

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Camp Meeting of Association of 7th Day Pentecostal Assemblies will be held 5 miles south of Salem, Oregon, to Turner turnoff, 3 miles east to Turner. Campgrounds are on the southeast edge of Turner. Date: Monday, July 31 through Sabbath, August 5. Dormitories, cabins, and trailer spaces are available. Bring pillows, blankets, and sheets if possible. Two meals served daily. Expenses, meals, and lodging will be provided by the Association of 7th Day Pentecostal Assemblies and free will offerings. For further information, write to Billy Watts, 214 "D" St., Springfield, OR 97477.

## “The Sabbath of the Lord thy God”

MRS. AVA MCCOY

EXODUS 20:10 reads, “The seventh day is the sabbath of the Lord thy God.” GENESIS 2:2 reads, “He rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had made.” As the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God, then it was already His Sabbath, and this was not the only time God recognized His Sabbath. ISAIAH 56:4 reads “My sabbath,” and ISAIAH 58:13 speaks of “my holy day.” When God sent manna to Israel, He didn’t send it on the seventh day, for that was His Sabbath. In LEVITICUS 19:30 He commanded them to “keep my sabbaths: . . . I am the Lord.” LEVITICUS 26:2 repeats this. In EXODUS 20:1-17 God spoke His commandments, and the fourth one is “Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy.” DEUTERONOMY 5:29 admonishes “keep *all* my commandments [this includes the fourth] that it might be well with them.” DEUTERONOMY 4:9, 10 stresses “teach them [the commandments] to thy sons and thy sons’ sons.” EXODUS 31:18 tells of God’s writing the commandments on two tables of stone, and in EXODUS 25:10 He gives instructions for an ark of His testament in His temple in heaven (REVELATION 11:19). PSALM 119:89 assures us, “Forever, O Lord, thy word is settled in heaven.” PSALM 111:7-10 tells us that “all his commandments are sure. They stand fast for ever and ever, and . . . he hath commanded his covenant.” Read ROMANS 7:12 also. PSALM 103:17-22 speaks of His mercy enduring forever to those who “keep his covenant, and . . . remember his



commandments to do them.” From His throne in the heavens “his kingdom ruleth over all,” including all his hosts in all places of his dominion (all other worlds - HEBREWS 1:2) that do his pleasure. Even the angels do His commandments (PSALM 103:20). REVELATION 22:14 promises those who “do his commandments” that “they may enter . . . into the city.” In MATTHEW 5:19 Jesus teaches us to do all the commandments and to teach others so to be in the kingdom of heaven. REVELATION 14:12 reads “Here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus.” All will observe His Sabbath in the new earth.

*Mrs. Ava McCoy, the writer of this article, is 93 years young.*

# Joy is . . . Sabbath Blessing!

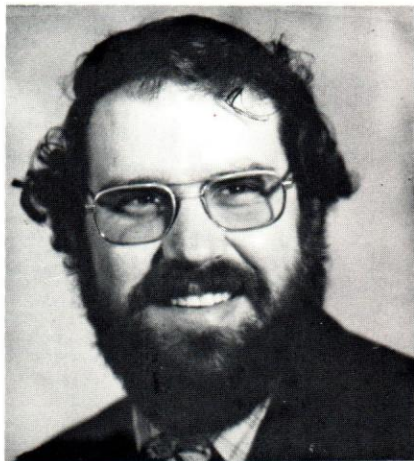
REV. HERBERT E. SAUNDERS

**I**F YOU keep the Sabbath holy, not having your own fun and business on that day, but enjoying the Sabbath and speaking of it with delight as the Lord's holy day, and honoring the Lord in what you do, not following your own desires and pleasure, nor talking idly—then the Lord will be your delight, and I will see to it that you ride high, and get your full share of the blessings I promised to Jacob, your father. The Lord has spoken" (Isaiah 58:13, 14 The Living Bible).

What is a blessing but an experience of true joy felt as a result of God's favor? We are constantly seeking to find that joy—to find that unique experience of peace with our Father. And yet, God's promise for each of us is outlined in the book of Isaiah where it says "enjoy the Sabbath." There is something in our relationship to God's holy Sabbath day that brings a wellspring of joy and peace to our hearts amid the tumult of everyday living. There seems to be a moment of hesitation as the world becomes not quite so hard on us and we are refreshed and renewed. God gave us the holy Sabbath day—the seventh day of the week—for reflection and recreation. He built within it the experience of joy and wonder. He made it holy. As we recall Jesus' saying: "The sabbath was made for man, and not man for the sabbath" (Mark 2:27). It was given to each of us as a gift—a wonderful gift with the specific purpose, to give us time to be renewed, to be changed, to find peace, to remember God.

What does the Sabbath mean to you today? Is there that quality of life that transcends the barriers of your hectic world and brings newness and freshness to your experience? Does the Sabbath offer you the blessing of joy? God made it for that purpose and promises that if we take delight in it, we will "ride upon the heights of the earth." God's promises never fail—His word is good. Accept God's Sabbath, rejoice in it, and know the wonder of His joy.

—*The Sabbath Recorder*



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March 21, 1978

Dr. T.D. Littrell, President  
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Dear Dr. Littrell:

The Equal Employment Opportunity Commission announced on March 3, 1978 that it will hold a series of public hearings concerning the religious needs of employees as they relate to the scheduling of work. The Commission is deeply concerned about protecting the rights of religious observers in view of the recent Supreme Court decision in T.W.A. v. Hardison, which involved a conflict between the normal operation of a seniority system and the weekly religious needs of an employee.

We are seeking testimony from members of religious groups, and the business and labor communities, and other interested persons about their ideas and experiences in this area. The Commission is interested in learning about the broadest range of alternatives that have been developed by business and labor for accommodating employee religious needs related to work scheduling. The Commission seeks information about the religious needs of members of your denomination(s) which conflict with work scheduling and would want to know whether those religious needs have been accommodated by employers. Although the hearings will be limited to issues related to work scheduling, the Commission will accept written statements regarding other aspects of religious accommodations in the workplace. The Commission seeks this information in order to develop policy regarding the accommodation of religious needs in the workplace as they relate to Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended.

The hearings are scheduled to be in New York on April 6, Los Angeles on April 18, and May 1 at a location to be announced.

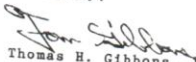
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If you wish to participate in the hearings by testifying or providing a statement for the record about your interest or experience in this area, please send your request to the Executive Secretariat, EEOC, 2401 E Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20506 or call me at (202) 634-6915.

For your information, I have enclosed a copy of the Federal Register Notice concerning the hearings.

Sincerely,

  
Thomas H. Gibbons, Jr.  
Office of Policy Implementation

Enclosure

## A WORD . . .

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people (and yourself) out of eternal life and the New Jerusalem and send them on a wild, fruitless joy ride down the devil's broad way to brimstone lake via Route 666!

Ministers who continue setting aside God's law are responsible for evil in the land. Disobedience can never bring peace nor salvation now or later (John 3:36 ASV; Hebrews 10:26, 27; Revelation 21:8).

Scripture says that he who turns his ear from hearing the law, "even his prayer shall be abomination" (Proverbs 28:9).

God's great and perfect law, the Ten Commandments, obeyed in the Holy Spirit, is the only way of peace and justice open to a sin-cursed world.

Is not the real reason many

ministers assert that the Ten Commandments are abolished at the Cross a way to get rid of God's Sabbath, stated by the Fourth Commandment? We must remember death comes because of sin, and "sin is the transgression of the law."

Dear reader, the second coming of Christ and the Judgment Day are at hand. Will you continue in sin and its fearful consequences or will you turn to God through faith in and obedience to Christ? Sin means eternal death; faith and obedience means everlasting life!

The apostle Paul could say before his death, "I have fought a good fight, . . . I have kept the faith; henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness; . . . and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing" (2 Timothy 4:7, 8).

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# Answers to Question Box

The same Lord admonished, "Obey my voice" (Jeremiah 7:23; 11:1-4, 7), and also, "If ye love me, keep my commandments" (John 14:15). "Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you" (15:14) . . . Man's duty to keep the seventh-day Sabbath of rest is commanded.

—Russell B. Duncan,  
Corydon, Indiana

In Acts 13:42 Gentiles, not just Jews, wished to hear Paul the next Sabbath and when it arrived the whole city—not just Jews—came to hear . . . Mr. Robinson might also have read Revelation 14:12: "Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus."

—Harriet Adams, Wolfe City, Texas

It says in Exodus 20:6 that He shows mercy to them who love Him and keep His commandments. This is mentioned again in Deuteronomy 7:9. "To a thousand generations" will He show mercy to them who love Him and keep His commandments. [It has not been a thousand generations since the writing of the fourth commandment].

—M. B. Devor, Salina, Kansas

In Exodus 31:18 we find that God gave to Moses two tables of testimony, tables of stone, written with His very finger. This included the Fourth Commandment, and the very fact that God has all power makes me know that no man has ever written with a finger in stone!

—Sarah Craig, Muncie, Indiana

A common misconception is that the Mosaic law includes the Ten Commandments. Actually the

Ten Commandments are the law of God Himself . . . the Mosaic law was written by Moses in a book and placed beside the ark, whereas the Ten Commandments were written on tables of stone and placed inside the ark, which represented the presence of God (Deuteronomy 31:24-26).

—James Griffith, Allen, Kentucky

Mr. Robinson referred to Hosea 2:11 as the end of Sabbath keeping. Hosea was not speaking of the seventh-day Sabbath, but rather of the annual sabbaths with their ordinances given by the law (see Colossians 2:14-17). Men are in trouble when they do not rightly divide the truth.

—Sam E. Officer,  
Cleveland, Tennessee

I was appalled at the answer to that question concerning eating in a restaurant on Sabbath coming from a Sabbath-keeping minister. The dictionary definition of sentinel is to keep watch or guard against surprises—well, that is surely a surprise!

Now I want to give my answer, and I hope it doesn't take up too much room.

A number of scriptures come to my mind; the first is Isaiah 58:13, which says "not finding thine own pleasure" "on my holy day." Eating out, mowing the lawn, going to an auction, working in the garden, going fishing, going to a movie or to a ball game, all come under the heading of recreation, pleasure, and WORK! Is this right? . . . IT is not! At a restaurant you are buying the services of the

management, and they are selling you theirs. In the book of Nehemiah 13:15-21 the people of Jerusalem were reprimanded for buying and selling all kinds of food on the Sabbath. God was not pleased. Would He be now? I think NOT! . . .

As to being legalistic (or not being) about the whole thing, this is exactly what the Sunday keepers throw back at Sabbath people on keeping the whole Law of God! I notice when an excuse for not keeping something the way God intended it to be kept is given, it comes under the heading "Let's not be legalistic, now!" Let's show charity, and charity is love and love is keeping God's laws the way He says to keep them. I think if Christ were here in person today, He would be stepping on a lot of Sabbath keepers' toes, legalistic or not!

Harold E. Wells

Genesis 2:2 says that Yahweh "rested [sabbathed] on the seventh day." Israel was told to "remember." Need more be said?

—Earl W. Boyd, Delphos, Kansas

Does it make sense that only one of these ten laws would be abolished? Why would the Father create the Sabbath (Genesis 2:2), the Son abolish it, and the Father reinstate it later (Isaiah 66:22, 23)? . . . Jesus never changes (Hebrews 13:8).

—Mrs. Phyllis Henderson,  
Cabot, Arkansas

Such teaching tears my heart out. Jesus never changed a single Word of God's. Jesus magnified God's Law by living by God's Law perfectly! Jesus made God's law honorable by lifting it out of the mire that the Gentile and Jew had

added traditions of their own to it. Yes, Jesus is sweet, kind, and full of grace toward us—so is His Father, our Creator God! There is no scripture that teaches us to worship God on Sabbath by setting an ungodly example before waitresses, etc. How could they "see Jesus in us"? "By every word of God," so said Jesus. I am willing to accept God's Word for what it says!

Mae Alexander Thomas

I too would like to challenge all Sabbath keepers on this issue. I would be very interested in your response.

—Charles d. Jameyson,  
Lubbock, Texas

*[Editor's Note: You have it here.]*



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## EEOC Holds Hearings on Religious Need

*Editor's Note: We are sorry that we could not publish this in the April issue, but since some items (such as deadline for written statements) still apply, we are publishing it in this issue.*

### EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION

#### DISCRIMINATION BECAUSE OF RELIGION: WORK SCHEDULING AND EMPLOYEE RELIGIOUS NEEDS

##### Informational Hearing

Notice is hereby given that the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission has scheduled public hearings to gather information concerning the religious needs of employees as they relate to scheduling of work. The Commission seeks this information in order to develop policy regarding the accommodation of religious needs in the workplace as they relate to Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended.

The hearings are scheduled as follows:

April 6, 1978, New York, New

York.

April 18, 1978, Los Angeles, California.

May 1, 1978, Location to be announced.

Information is sought from interested persons who have experience in this area. Specifically, the Commission is soliciting information from members and/or representatives of religious groups who have had experience with the conflict of work schedules and religious needs. For example, Saturday Sabbath observances, religious holidays, religious assemblies et cetera.

Further the Commission desires information from the business and labor communities regarding their experiences in this matter. The Commission is interested in learning about the broadest range of alternatives that have been developed by business and labor for accommodating employee religious needs related to work scheduling as it relates to the effective operation of business. The Commission also is interested in learning about the difficulties experienced by employers in this

regard.

Persons wishing to testify before the Commission should submit a request to the Executive Secretariat, at the address shown below.

The request should include a written summary of the testimony to be offered and should specify the hearing at which the person wishes to testify. Individuals who wish to testify on April 6 should submit a request no later than March 17. Individuals who wish to testify in Los Angeles should submit a request no later than March 27.

Because of time limitations not all interested persons may be allowed to testify. The Commission will inform persons who have requested an opportunity to testify whether they are scheduled to testify not later than one week prior to the scheduled hearing date. Individuals not able to testify because of time limitations will be given the opportunity to submit a written statement. Individuals wishing to provide information to the Commission but not wishing to testify are encouraged to submit a written statement to the Commission. Such statement must be submitted no later than May 15, 1978, to the Executive Secretariat at the address shown below.

Any information provided the Commission, either by oral testimony or in writing shall be used only for informational purposes by the Commission.

All statements received by the Commission in connection with these public hearings may be reviewed by members of the public in the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission Reading Room between 9:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, Library, Room 2303, Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, 2401 E. Street NW.,

Washington, D.C. 20506.

All hearings will be open to the public. Specific locations will be announced in the *Federal Register* prior to each hearing.

For further information contact: Peter C. Robertson, (Acting) Director, Office of Policy Implementation, Room 4002, 2401 E. Street NW., Washington, D.C. 20506, telephone: 202-634-7060 or 202-254-7489 between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Eastern Standard Time.

Requests to testify and written statements should be addressed to: Executive Secretariat, Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, 2401 E Street NW., Washington, D.C. 20506.

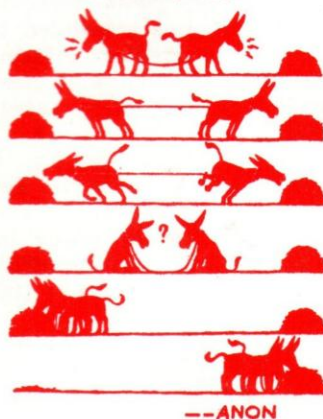
All correspondence submitted in connection with this announcement should be marked "Religious Discrimination Hearings" at the lower left hand corner of the envelope. Signed this 28th day of February 1978.

For the Commission.

ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON,  
*Chair, Equal Employment  
Opportunity Commission.*

(FR Doc. 78-5718 Filed 3-2-78; 8:45 a.m.)

## COOPERATION





## Make the Sabbath A “Mother’s Day”

Make dinner a glad, unhurried time for everyone. Help mother put the dinner on the table—and put her out of the kitchen when dinner is over. Use paper plates to eat out of, and this will eliminate so many dirty dishes to wash. Leave what few dishes are dirty until after sundown; this is just once a week. Dad and the children can do them after the Sabbath is past.

Do something constructive as a family. The Old Testament puts great stress on the solidarity of the home. “And these words, which I

command thee this day, shall be in thine heart: and thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up” (Deuteronomy 6:6, 7).

In these days so full of activity for all the family, the Sabbath provides the best (and often the only) opportunity to have all the family together. These occasions need not, and should not, be occasions of dreary discipline, but occasions of happiness.



## Our Readers Respond

We would be happy to have President Littrell to visit us here at General Conference headquarters anytime that he is in Washington, D.C., and having the pleasure of meeting him in person.

—Orley M. Berg,  
executive editor,  
*Ministry Magazine*

You stupid people need to realize that you are not being persecuted by "blue laws." You are eaten up with a persecution complex over Saturday. When blue laws were written, Saturday keeping was not even thought of.

—D.P., Florida

*Editor's Note: Please explain this to someone who has lost his job because of his Sabbath keeping.*

I especially enjoy the historical articles in THE SABBATH SENTINEL. I am convinced that your ecumenical efforts are commendable.

—P.T., California

We continue to thank God for his blessings upon the BSA as its influence becomes more prominent among God's people. The program of our association seems to have a healing effect, drawing God's people together as one in the Spirit.

—L.L.F., Texas

I fear that there is a dangerous, subtle leaven in the so-called diplomatic relations of Terril D. Littrell and Eugene Lincoln with certain Sunday keeping groups. If we are not careful, we will be gradually led back to Rome by the good intentions of the liberal leaders of the BSA.

—J.B., Arkansas

The BSA is on the wrong track becoming involved in politics and ecumenism. Jesus said, "My kingdom is not of this world." True Christianity is the power of God unto salvation.

—M.P., Minnesota

I believe that you are doing right by getting involved in social issues. It is time for Sabbath keepers to stand up and speak out for their rights.

—G.G., Alabama

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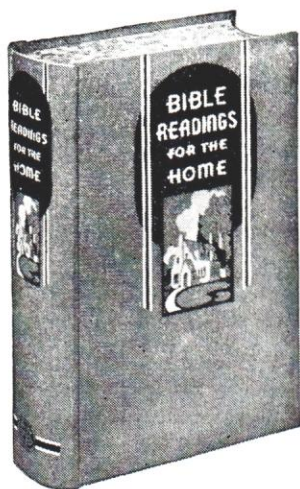
## A Tribute to Grandmother

*"When I call to remembrance the unfeigned faith that is in thee, which dwelt first in thy grandmother" (2 Timothy 1:5).*

The calling to motherhood is indeed divine and holy. Total commitment is its inspiration, the driving force of love its energy. Its reward is well worth waiting for. The effect that a mature Christian lady can have upon her children is tremendous. Her influence as a mother, yes, and as a grandmother, will never be adequately measured until the Lord opens His books on the judgment day. Her reward will be great!

I had gone to church early on that Sabbath morning in February, 1977, and my wife and children were preparing to come later, when a telephone call arrived from one of my nephews in Kentucky, telling my wife, Chloe, that my darling grandmother Littrell had passed away in her sleep in the early morning hours. Later we learned that she had a heart attack. Chloe came to church where I was kneeling in prayer and politely interrupted me, asking me to come outside that she had some news to break to me. Tears came to my eyes as I heard of her departure. Yet the truth of knowing that she was with the Lord whom she loved and talked to me so much about was my instant sustaining power.

I felt close to my grandmother Littrell. She had taken me into her home when I was orphaned at the age of nine and had reared me to manhood. It was during my teenage years that she purchased a copy of *Bible Readings For The Home* from a Seventh-day Adventist colporteur. This book contained a study of the true Sabbath that influenced my decision to become a Sabbatarian at age 22.



1950 Copy of Bible Readings  
for the Home

As we sat at her funeral many good thoughts came to my mind: She gave me her love and understanding. She ever instilled within me to be "somebody" when I became an adult. She stressed the need for me to get a good education and excel in leadership; to always be faithful in my church attendance, tithing, and Sabbath keeping (although Sunday was our day of rest). She always tried to set a good example before me.

The many sweet things my grandmother Littrell did for me would fill volumes. Above all, I shall always cherish our talks concerning the Lord and the prayers we shared together. She greatly encouraged me to give my life completely to the Lord at age 10, when I received the conversion experience. She came to listen to me preach in my early ministry. She wrote me letters of encouragement through the years when I faced hardships and struggle. She watched me develop from an impoverished, barefoot, ragged orphan boy to a doctor of divinity and ecumenical leader. I



### Grandmother Littrell

was always assured that she was praying for me.

On this month as we celebrate Mother's Day, I say "Thank you, O Lord, for my grandmother Littrell." "Her children arise up, and call her blessed" (Proverbs 31:28). I



# Louisiana Law Is Not Lenient

## PART V. SUNDAY LAWS

### Cross References

Bakeries and butcher shops, cities over 25,000, see R.S. 33:4783.  
Legal holiday, see R.S. 1:55.  
Horse racing, see R.S. 4:151.  
Law library of Louisiana, See R.S. 25:68.  
Minors and newsboys, see R.S. 23:168, 23:216.  
Search warrants, execution, see R.S. 15:45.

### Library References

Sunday Key 5.  
C.J.S. Sunday §§ 6, 7, 10, 13 et seq.

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