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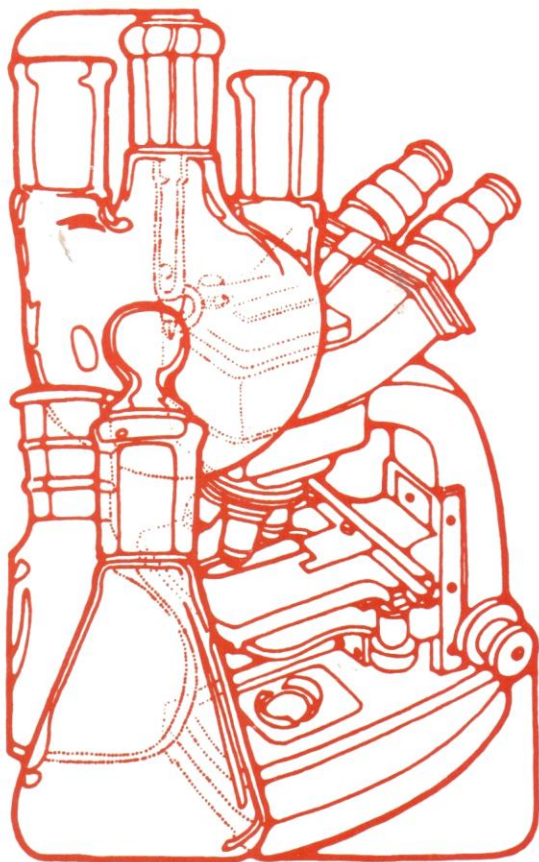
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How the Lord Rewarded Me For Remembering the Sabbath

By Erl A. Dart



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THE YEAR 1946 was a time of readjustment for the whole nation. America had fought a war on two fronts, which had depleted her resources. Many items of a mechanical and scientific nature were in very short supply.

My training and experience was in the field of medical laboratory technology. So I made application for the position of head medical laboratory technician at the new veterans hospital that was to be opened close to the city.

In making application, I stipulated that I would not be able to do routine work on Saturday. I explained that I was a Seventh-day Adventist and went to church on Saturday, and I was granted that privilege. So on that basis I went to work, as they requested that I report immediately in order to get the laboratory ready for operation.

Within a week Dr. Thompson*, pathologist and director of the laboratory, came on duty. He turned out to be a brilliant man but swore profusely and often—very unpleasant. Within a short time the hospital was opened and began admitting patients. Then the laboratory work began in earnest, and was going quite well, I thought. But one day the doctor called me in and told me plainly that I would have to work Saturdays or else he would cut my rating down to the lowest grade possible. That was a blow to me because I knew that I could not support my family, my wife and two small children, on that scale.

When the doctor told me I would have to work on Sabbath, I felt as though the bottom had

dropped out from under me. I went home that evening with the bad news. My wife and I talked it over and prayed that God's will would be done and that He would lead and direct in our response to this sudden development.

When I told the doctor the next day that I could not work Saturdays and was resigning that night, he looked just a bit puzzled but made no comment other than, "All right!"

For a long time I had been keeping in the back of my mind the thought of owning and operating my own private clinical laboratory. So why not now? But how could I? When hospitals and the VA hospital were having a hard time getting necessary supplies and equipment on a high priority rating, what could I do with no priorities? But the thought insisted on attention. We talked about it and prayed for divine guidance, for we had no idea how we

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could get the necessary floor space, finance, and equipment with which to get started.

For beginners, we needed floor space (which was at a premium), and without a microscope, centrifuge, and colorimeter—all of which were unattainable—we might just as well forget about the whole idea. Needless

to say, we kept praying for divine guidance. Without funds, equipment, and floor space, it seemed only a daydream. But stark reality forced the issue. So we started out strictly on faith that the Lord would open the way if we were to be successful in opening our own private medical laboratory. Again we prayed for help and guidance.

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premium, and many professional men returning from military service were having a hard time finding even single rooms for office space. So, if we were going to open a laboratory we'd need one room at a very minimum. So I went to downtown Englewood, a Denver suburb, and sure enough a room over a drugstore had been vacated just the day before. I rented it without a single piece of equipment to put in it. The next day I went downtown in Denver to a supply house known far and wide as Denver Fire Clay. Maybe they just might have some laboratory equipment, especially a microscope. But I didn't get to DFC, for just as I came to Tremont Street I got the sudden urge to turn left and see what a supply house called George Burbert & Sons might have.

I walked in and up to the counter to a waiting clerk and said, "I am looking for a microscope. Do you have any?"

He looked rather startled. "Why no, we have none."

I said, "Not even an old brass-lined one?"

"No, we haven't had a microscope in here for two or three years. War effort, you know!"

But my request had been overheard by a fellow salesman, who came over and said, "Yes, we had a couple of new ones that came in just this morning."

"May I see them?" I quickly asked.

We went upstairs to a supply room, and he opened a large cardboard shipping box. And lo, there was a beautiful binocular microscope—with two eyepieces so you could observe with both eyes—a vast improvement over the old single-eyepiece scopes.

I took one look at it and said, "I'll take it. How much is it?"

"Well, now, I'll have to check with the office, because it might be that it was ordered by someone with a high priority."

Lo, there was a beautiful binocular microscope. I took one look at it and said, "I'll take it. How much is it?"

"Can't we find out right now?" I asked.

But he put me off because the one he would have to ask had not come in yet.

"When will you know? By noon, maybe?"

"Yes, that will be fine. Call me at noon."

I went right home and sat down by the telephone. When I called to see

if it was mine or someone else's with a high priority, I was stunned when he said, "Yes, it is yours if you want it."

Did I want it! "I'll be right down for it. Please hold it for me."

I jumped into my car and raced downtown to pick up this precious microscope. I wrote out a check for \$405 of borrowed money. I just could not believe my good fortune. Then I knew that a divine hand had interceded for me.

The next day I went downtown to the company called Denver Fire Clay (where I had intended to go the day before). This time I was looking for a centrifuge, a small one suitable for my needs. As I was asking about it of one of the clerks, again my request was overheard by a fellow salesman. He came over to us and said that the blood bank at the university had just returned one because it was too small for their use, and could I use it?

Could I! Yes, it was exactly what I hoped to find. The colorimeter that I needed came through an army surplus sale. So now I had floor space plus the three major items needed to

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start a laboratory service.

Surely God's blessing was on the effort, and my wife and I offered praise and thanks over and over. The laboratory opened June 1, 1947.

About six months after the laboratory opened, the door opened, and in walked a detail man from George Burbert & Sons, where I had bought the microscope. I had met

him while still at the veterans hospital. After greetings, he said, "Mr. Dart, I'll never understand how you got that microscope sitting there."

"Why I paid cash for it," I said. I was afraid he was going to try to get it back for one reason or another. "Why do you say that?" I asked.

"Well, that microscope was ordered on a very high priority by Dr. Thompson, the pathologist out at the VA Hospital [where I had worked and been told that I would have to work "Saturdays"]."

I have pondered many times the way I was arriving at the right place on the right day, the right hour, and

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even the right minute—not once but three times on three different days at three different places.

For thirty-three and one-half years (one third of a century) that microscope was in almost daily use. Finally it was sent to a doctor in Africa, where he made very good use of it on field trips testing skin biopsies for the organism that causes river blindness among the natives. It was the only one among several scopes that could utilize the direct sunlight for a source of light.

Editor's Note: The author still operates the Dart Medical Laboratory, located at 3485 S. Broadway, Englewood, Colo. 80110.

*Thompson is a pseudonym.

How Serious Is Not Keeping the Sabbath?

WHEN one puts anything ahead of God or what God says, that thing becomes a god. When one shuns God's Sabbath and obeys what man has substituted, one has replaced God. "Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey" (Romans 6:16). He breaks Commandment 1.

When one acknowledges the substitute day (Sunday) instead of the Sabbath, he has bowed in obedience to the false-idea god. He breaks Commandment 2.

When one claims to be a Christian (taking upon himself the name of Christ) and is disobedient, it makes his claim vain. It makes him guilty of taking the name of Christ in vain. He breaks Commandment 3.

When one does not keep the Sabbath but observes another day, he breaks Commandment 4.

When one disobeys God, who says, "Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy," and keeps another day, he dishonors God by this disobedience. (God is our Father). Therefore, he breaks Commandment 5.

Sin is the transgression of God's law, and the wages of sin is death. To teach that this law (especially the Sabbath Commandment) has been abolished causes one to sin, thereby causing one's death. This breaks Commandment 6.

One commits fornication (adultery) by using that which is not sanctified by the Lord, counting it to be sacred. The Sabbath, not Sunday, is holy. He breaks Commandment 7.

Taking away God's Sabbath from its rightful place is stealing something out of God's Law. It breaks Commandment 8.

Telling someone that keeping the Sabbath is not for Christians today because it has been abolished is stating something false. It breaks Commandment 9.

Many special events are held on the Sabbath. When one desires this time for his own use and amusement, he covets this time that really belongs to God for Himself. He thus breaks Commandment 10.

These transgressions all occur when one does not keep the Sabbath day as God commanded. He breaks all ten commandments!

To sum this all up:

"For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all" (James 2:10).

"And the person who keeps every law of God, but makes one little slip, is just as guilty as the person who has broken *every law* there is" (*The Living Bible*).*

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The “Rest-less” Ones



MANY formerly strong Sabbatharians are turning their backs on this facet of their faith, accusing us who feel that the seventh-day Sabbath is important of being legalistic and of not comprehending the rest that our Savior gives us. This rest, some of them say, supplants the outdated Sabbath. A recent issue of **Evangelica** was filled with articles that downgraded the importance of the Sabbath.

But what do we gain when we drop this commandment? Do we become better Christians if we choose not to follow the example of our Model?

Can we achieve the rest promised in Matthew 11:28-30 if we are not willing to experience the preview of it that the Sabbath provides?

Admittedly one can keep the Sabbath from legalistic motives. But he or she can also recognize that in resting from his work on Sabbath he has rested, too, from the work of trying to save himself; he is willing to let his Creator and Redeemer do that.

I choose not to cast my lot among the “rest-less” ones.

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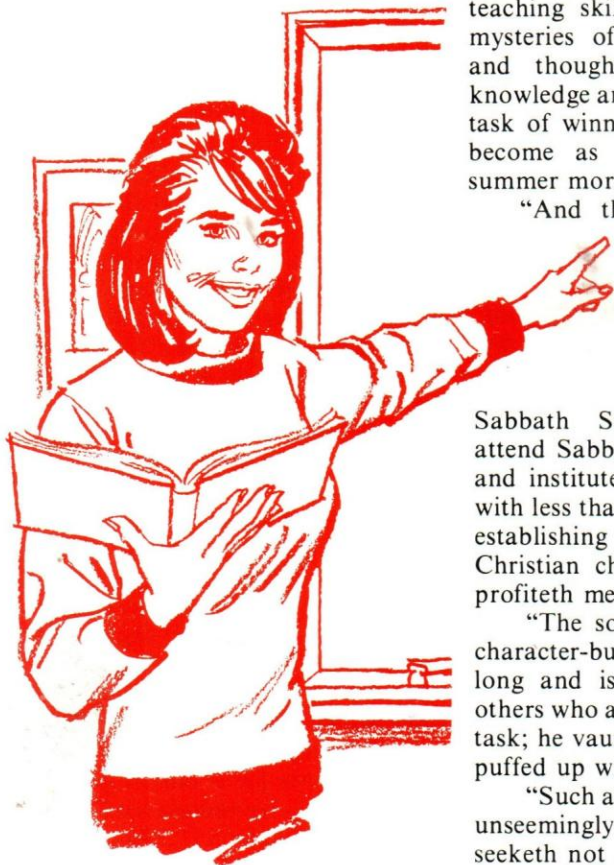
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1 Corinthians 13

For Sabbath School Teachers



cloud of mist in an open sea, as the moan of the wind in the Syrian desert.

“And though I have the best teaching skills and understand all mysteries of religious psychology, and though I have all Biblical knowledge and lose not myself in the task of winning others to Christ, I become as a vapor on a warm summer morning.

“And though I read all the

Sabbath School literature, and attend Sabbath School conventions and institutes, and yet am satisfied with less than winning to Christ and establishing those in my class in Christian character and service, it profiteth me nothing.

“The soul-winning teacher, the character-building teacher, suffereth long and is kind; he envieth not others who are free from the teaching task; he vaunteth not himself, is not puffed up with intellectual pride.

“Such a teacher doth not behave unseemingly between Sabbaths, seeketh not his own comfort, is not easily provoked.

“Beareth all things, believeth all things, endureth all things.

“And now abideth knowledge, methods, and soul winning, these three but the greatest of these is soul winning.”

“Though I speak with the tongues of scholarship, and though I use approved methods of teaching and fail to win my fellow class members to Christ, I become as a

—Adapted from
Riverside Evangelist

Imposters

By Jack Meertens

DID God at any time give word to the Israelites to safeguard them against false prophets? Indeed He did!

“When a prophet speaketh in the name of the Lord, if the thing follow not, nor come to pass, that is the thing which the Lord hath not spoken, but the prophet hath spoken it presumptuously: thou shalt not be afraid of him” (Deuteronomy 18:22).

“To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them” (Isaiah 8:20).

These verses unmask false prophets every time. But what about Christ? Were they able to unmask Him as a false prophet? We know how perfectly He answered their questions. “And no man was able to answer him a word, neither durst any man from that day forth ask him any more questions” (Matthew 22:46).

Why, then, didn't the majority of Jews recognize Him as the promised Messiah? The answer is quite simple; they were looking for a king, one who would throw off the Roman yoke and restore peace to Israel. Even the apostles harbored these ideas.

“They asked of him, saying, Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel?” (Acts 1:6).

The Jews were also in serious doubt as to His identity. “And Jesus walked in the temple in Solomon's porch. Then came the Jews round about him, and said unto him, How long dost thou make us to doubt? If thou be the Christ, tell us plainly” (John 10:23,24).

Nicodemus recognized Jesus as a teacher sent from God. “Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God” (John 3:2). But do you think He would have been accepted at all if He had come teaching contrary to the Scriptures?

“The Lord is well pleased for his righteousness' sake; he will magnify the law, and make it honourable” (Isaiah 42:21).

Christ made the statement, “Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfill. For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law till all be fulfilled” (Matthew 5:17,18).

Have heaven and earth passed away yet? Do you think perhaps if Christ had spoken out against the Sabbath that He would have posed such a serious threat to the leaders of His time? Surely that one point would have clearly labeled Him as an imposter!

What about you? Do you think Sabbathkeeping is Jewish? Jesus said

to the Gentile woman at the well in Samaria, "Ye worship ye know not what: we know what we worship: for salvation is of the Jews" (John 4:22).

Zechariah 12:10 prophesies a great day of repentance and recognition by the Jewish people for their beloved Messiah.

And yet Christ Himself warned us: "Take heed that no man deceive you. For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many" (Matthew 24:4,5).

"For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect." (Verse 24).

He also told us, "My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me" (John 10:27).

"And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold, and one shepherd" (verse 16).

When it comes to that great day of repentance and recognition for the Jewish people, what is the one great thing that gathers us all into the one sheepfold?

"To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them" (Isaiah 8:20).

Will you listen to the voice of the Shepherd, or will you follow an imposter, one who appears as an angel of light, but who the Scriptures reveal "has no light in him"?



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2. One text where the first day of the week is *ever* called a holy day?
3. One text where we are told to keep the first day of the week?
4. One text that says that *Jesus ever kept* the first day?
5. One text where the first day is ever given any *sacred title*?
6. One text that tells us to keep the first day in honor of the *resurrection of Christ*?
7. One text that affirms that *any of the apostles* ever kept the first day as the (a) Sabbath?
8. One text from any apostolic writings that authorizes *Sunday* observance as the Sabbath of God?
9. One text where it says it was *customary* for the church to observe, or to meet on, the first day of the week?
10. One text where we are *told not to work* on the first day of the week?
11. One text where any blessings are promised for keeping Sunday?
12. One text where any punishment is threatened for working on Sunday?

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13. One text that says the seventh day *is not now* God's Sabbath day?
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15. One text that says the seventh-day Sabbath *is abolished?*
16. One text where the first day *is ever called the Lord's day?*
17. One text where the first day was ever *appointed* to be kept as the Lord's day?
18. One text that says that the *Father or the Son* rested on the first day of the week?
19. One text that says that the first day of the week was *ever sanctified and hallowed as a day of rest?*
20. One text that says that *Jesus, Paul, or any of the apostles* taught *anyone* to observe the first day of the week as the Sabbath?
21. One text that *calls* the seventh day the *Jewish Sabbath?*
22. One text that calls Sunday the *Christian Sabbath?*
23. One text authorizing *anyone* to set aside *God's Sabbath* and observe any other day?

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Speed Limit 55 Miles Per Hour

By Gilbert Sanford

NO DOUBT you have seen such signs along the highway many times. They are there as a result of a law that was made when cars had only two-wheel brakes and were not built as well. Back then the cars were built high and would tip over very easily. The roads were not good either, as most of them were gravel. Nowadays with our modern, highspeed cars, which have lots of power, four-wheel brakes, stronger and better tires, and many other improvements, we can travel on improved highways at speeds of over ninety miles an hour in perfect safety. The signs are still along the highways, but the police never enforce them. These laws have been done away now, and you see all cars going much faster than that. The other day I had a load on top of my car, and the wind resistance was so great that I could not go over 55 miles an hour. Five trucks and many cars passed me, one after the other. I never passed anyone.

Now, if you believe all of the above paragraph you most likely will also believe that the command to keep the Sabbath is done away with and we should now observe Sunday. The same line of reasoning is used in both cases. It is true that many people do drive over 55 miles per

hour, but it is true also that many people have been arrested and had to pay heavy fines. There is one difference though. In some cases one must pay a fine a few hours after being stopped. But you will have a



day of judgment before God in the future. If a police officer does not see you speeding, you will get by without paying a fine. But with God there is no such thing as getting away with it. God keeps a record of all of our deeds, be they good or bad.

I wonder how many people could be fooled with the reasoning in the first paragraph. I suppose if a person were a new arrival in the United States and did not know the law, this would seem reasonable to him. In the same way, to a person who never read the Bible and did not know much about it, the argument that the law of God written on the tables of stone was done away with would sound reasonable.

Some time ago a friend of mine told me that she was saved and would never be judged. But Hebrews 9:27 says, "And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment."

And Peter believed that he would be judged; in I Peter 4:17 he included himself in the judgment: "For the time is come that judgment must begin at the house of God: and if it first begin at us, what shall the

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end be of them that obey not the gospel of God?" We can then see from this that a judgment is certain. It seems to me that we should be certain what laws we are expected to obey so that we will not be found guilty. Romans 6:23 tells us, "For the wages of sin is death," so we are all facing a death sentence. There are

only two ways to avoid the death penalty. One is to obey the laws of God. The other is to have our sins forgiven by Jesus. Our sins will be forgiven if we repent and ask Him to forgive us. Are we truly sorry, though, if we disregard His laws and willfully go contrary to them? Paul admonishes Timothy: "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a

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workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth" (2 Timothy 2:15).

Newspapers last year reported that the ark of the covenant was discovered about October 28, 1981. This is the ark that was placed in the Most Holy Place of the Temple during Bible times. It contained the two tables of stone on which the finger of God had written the Ten Commandments. According to James 2:12 this is the very law by which every man and woman will be judged.

I wonder if God has a special reason for having the ark of the covenant discovered after being hidden in a Mount Nebo cave for about 2500 years. Only time will tell. The Sabbath truth is being made more widely known just before Jesus returns. The finding of the ark of the covenant will no doubt play a large part in making the Sabbath better known during these last days.

Editor's Note: We thank Janyce Royalty, who was copy editor for this article.

Orchids and Onions

I appreciate the Bible Sabbath Association and the good work it is doing among Sabbathkeepers, also in furthering the knowledge of God's true Sabbath. We pray for your good work. Please send me a dozen Sabbath pens. May God bless your good work, and I trust that when Jesus comes again we will all meet together in His kingdom.

—W. H. McCann
Dundee, Mich.



The Sabbath Sentinel is "must" reading for me. I find Janyce Royalty's articles "breezily" interesting, with many helpful insights. As for Kay Cullins—the lady who mails out 20 pounds of Sabbath tracts monthly—I've included a writeup of her on our Prayer Concerns Calendar—as also mention of the Bible Sabbath Association occasionally. I do wish more Sabbathkeepers were involved in the BSA.

—Thelma Tarbox,
Rhode Island

The Lord is especially good to me, and one of His special blessings is *The*

Sabbath Sentinel. I read every word of it and rejoice that there is such a publication! After all these years I still do not know who had one sent to me. May God continue to bless you greatly.

—Ada-Ray Valleau,
The Woodlands, Texas

Why is it supposed to be legalistic to stand up for the Sabbath, God's holy day? Some people who believe in it will hardly mention it.

—Betty
(No other identification)



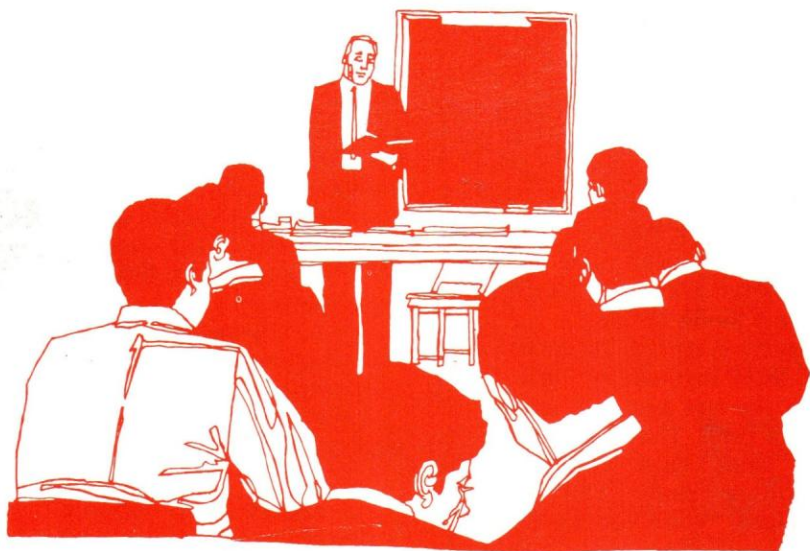
How I Learned About the Sabbath

By Earl W. Boyd

WHEN I was a boy in school, teacher one day was burning some old Prairie Home Sunday school Bibles, and I asked her if I might have one.

My mother's father, of Welsh descent, was born in Nashua, Iowa. He was related to the writer of "The Little Brown Church in the Vale."

But his wife, my grandmother, was an unbeliever. My mother died at 86 years of age, an unbeliever, as was her mother, but she was one of the most merciful, considerate, and kind persons I have known. Dad, not as kind as Mother, was zealous about religion and did not allow us to work much on Sunday.



Consequently I attended church and Sunday school very little, and because I had to help in the fields and was very tired at night, I did not have much time to read the Bible that the teacher had given me.

One Sunday when Dad's sister was visiting us, I asked him, "Why do we not work on Sunday, since the Bible says, 'the seventh day is the Sabbath'?"

He said he did not know, but if I would ask Aunt Birdie, she would explain it to me. She told me that the calendar was wrong, that Sunday was really the seventh day. Of course I believed them, since they were my elders.

Later I had a long siege of tuberculosis of the bone. The doctors told my parents that they could not do anything for me, as I would not live long anyway. Now I am 72 years old, and the doctors are all dead. I was healed through prayer.

After going to Idaho, where I worked for a minister through whose prayers I was healed, I married, and we had two daughters.

I had been baptized by immersion while attending a Sunday school held in a schoolhouse.

While attending church in Canby, Oregon, I heard the minister tell of six boys who came to a home where seven pears hung on a tree. As the boys stood looking at the juicy, ripe pears in the tree, the homeowner told them that one of them could climb the tree and pick a pear for each of them. That night one of the boys came back and stole the remaining pear. The minister continued: "When you don't come to church on Sunday, you are guilty of stealing the Sabbath."

But the next Sunday the minister had a different story. He then explained that Saturday, not

Sunday, is the Sabbath. He said, "We do not worship on Sunday because it is the Sabbath, but because the Messiah was raised from the dead on Sunday."

As we drove our Model A Ford back to our little farm, with the two girls in the back seat, I asked Ursel, my wife, "How can we honor the Son by disobeying the Father?"

So we began to keep the Sabbath.

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Looks At Books

Conducted by Kristian Kristiansen

The Sacred Scriptures (Bethel Edition). Premier Publication, 1981. 981 pp. \$14.00, bound.

It is a great pleasure indeed to draw your attention to a recently released new translation of the Bible, published by our Sabbatarian brethren of the Assemblies of Yahweh and available from them at the address: Bethel, PA, 19507.

In his preface to this version, Jacob O. Meyer, editor, states that the problems a Bible translator may encounter are manifold. Simultaneously, he must preserve the literal message of the Inspired Scriptures as nearly as possible, while also transmitting the idiomatic sense of the material." The Bethel Edition tries to strike the perfect balance between these two methods.

It is based upon the translation work of the American Standard Version that appeared in 1901. This is looked upon by the Assemblies as probably the most accurate translation that was available at that time.

To further quote the editor, the text of this volume "was maintained in strict majesty of expression as befits the Word of our Heavenly Father and His Son Yahshua the Messiah. We have not resorted to the

modern corrupt slang common in American English. While striving to make the text of the Bible more understandable for the modern reader, the majesty with which the Bible should be comprehended was not sacrificed; therefore this text emphasized our need to think of our Heavenly Father and Messiah on a higher level" (pp. iii, vi).

But do we really need a new translation? The answer is in the affirmative. Recently, a minister in a Sabbatarian church admitted that many of the Bible questions asked by the members were merely problems in understanding the language of the King James Version (its many virtues unnamed in this connection). Especially younger people may find the 1611 language of the KJV somewhat *too* archaic, so that they do not care to delve any further into it.

No translation of the Bible, of course, is inspired. All are made by fallible men, none of whom has—as of yet—a complete understanding. The Assemblies of Yahweh believe that the New Testament was originally inspired in Hebrew and Aramaic. They have therefore endeavored to restore the original

Hebrew names and titles for our heavenly Father and His Son. Not everybody may agree on this, but I don't think that it should necessarily refrain them from obtaining a copy of this translation. Overall, I feel it has merit, though I could point out several places where I am in disagreement, I shall instead note that the last book of the Bible has here been correctly called the Apocalyptic Book of Yahshua the Messiah. Maybe this is a small point, but it is an important one nevertheless, as most translations erroneously call it the Revelation of John (and in so doing completely disregard the information in chapter 1:1).

An excellent translation is given of Colossians 2:16: "Let no man judge you therefore in . . . respect of a feast day . . . but the body of the Messiah." Rendered this way, the meaning comes out clear and loud.

One final note: I must definitely

take exception to the statement that the Bethel Edition is the only one that has fully restored the true names of the Father and His Son to as well the Old as the New Testament. This is simply not the case.

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As far as is known, these are the only Bible versions translated by Sabbatarians. If you know of any others—or maybe just translations of portions of the Bible—please let me know price and availability. You may write me at this address: Kristian Kristiansen, Box 705, DK-5230 Odense M, Denmark.

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