

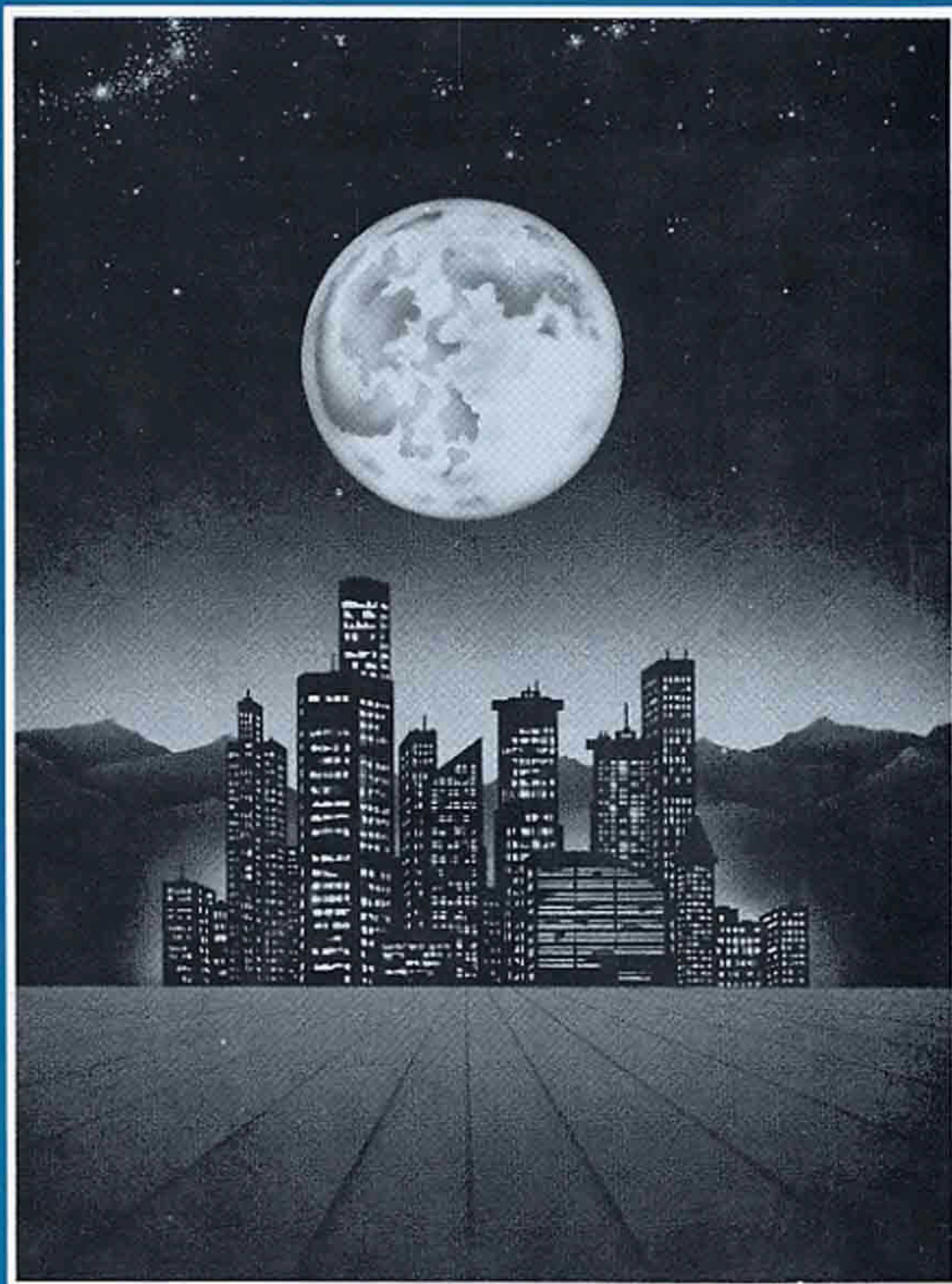
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## EDITORIAL

### Oh! For Some Humility!

*We human beings know a lot and our knowledge increases at astronomical rates. We know enough about the atom to smash it and extract its energy; we can operate on babies before they are born; we send probes out to distant planets and study the secrets of the universe. But many scientists and researchers confess that the more they learn about life and about the universe, the more they realize they don't know. They can only stand in awe of the incredible intricacies and vastness of the creation.*

*But when it comes to people interacting on the personal level and to drawing conclusions in the religious realm, it seems that humility is in short supply. We read a few dozen or a few hundred pages on a topic and conclude that we know the truth on that subject—not remembering that we have not read thousands perhaps hundreds of thousands of other pages that have also been written on that subject.*

*We study a Bible topic for a few hours or a few hundred hours and conclude that we know the truth on that topic—not keeping in mind the fact that hundreds, perhaps thousands of others, who have studied with just as much prayer and sincerity as we, have come to other conclusions.*

*We read one book and think we are experts—ignoring the fact that there may be hundreds of other books on the same topic, which we have not read.*

*We study a few dozen or a few hundred Bible passages about the nature of the Godhead and conclude that we know exactly what the Creator is—notwithstanding the fact that He is infinitely greater than His Word, which is infinitely greater than our puny attempts to understand it.*

*We spend a few hours, perhaps a few hundred hours, with someone and presume that we understand them, that we can evaluate their motives, pass judgment on their views, and advise them on how they should live their lives—not realizing that they have lived thousands of days, experienced tens of thousands of events, felt millions of feelings of which we know nothing.*

*Sure, we should try to understand the nature of the universe; we should seek the true doctrines of the Word; we should try to understand the nature of God and attempt to help and understand our friends and fellow Christians. But let us do so with the utmost in humility—deeply aware of how much we don't know and how miniscule we are before a Creator who is infinitely greater than His creation, which is infinitely greater than the human race, which includes many more generations than ours, which includes many more nations than ours, which includes millions of people of whom we are just one.*

*Do not be quick with your mouth, do not be hasty in your heart to utter anything before God. God is in heaven and you are on earth, so let your words be few (Eccl. 5:2). Oh! For some humility!*

—Richard A. Wiedenheft

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And now abide  
**FAITH,**  
**HOPE, LOVE,**  
these three, but the  
greatest of these is  
**LOVE.**

# On The Road With The Editor

by Richard A. Wiedenheft

During most of July, the executive director was travelling on behalf of the association - to the Chattanooga, Tenn., area, to Atlanta, Indianapolis, and Cleveland. The following is a personal account of his journey and the various meetings and conferences attended along the way.

Sunday, July 1, I spent about five hours on I-81 heading south to Hagerstown, Maryland, where I spent one night at the home of BSA President and Mrs. Lincoln in Hagerstown, Md. We discussed various association matters, especially tentative plans for a BSA board meeting for next April or May.

July 2, I enjoyed twelve hours of beautiful Appalachian Mountain scenery (and a half dozen cassettes) motoring south to Chattanooga, where I indulged in the warm hospitality of past BSA president, Dr. Terrill D. Littrell, and his

wife Chloe.

The next day began with a visit to the offices of Church Publishing Company at the Church of God, Jerusalem Acres in Cleveland, Tenn., where TSS is published and mailed under the direction of John Garr. He and I discussed ways to improve communication between editor and publisher and laid plans to get TSS in the mail one week earlier each month.

Following lunch with Brother Garr, Dr. Littrell and I drove to Atlanta for a meeting with Dr. Wesberry of the Lord's Day Alliance. My purpose for the meeting was to learn more about LDA and to determine whether or not its organizational objectives are in direct opposition to those of BSA. Dr. Littrell and I found Dr. Wesberry to be a gracious gentleman of 84, who expects to turn his work over to someone younger within a year or two.



On the campus of Southern College of Seventh-day Adventists in Collegedale, Tn., the editor (r) poses with Dale Lawson (l), coordinator of the southeastern district of the Church of God (Seventh Day), and K. C. Walker (c), still active in the ministry in his ninth decade.



**Dr. James Wesberry, executive director of the Lord's Day Alliance, is flanked by the editor (l) and Dr. Terril Littrell (r), past president of The Bible Sabbath Association; following their meeting in Atlanta.**

He assured us that LDA, while promoting Sunday as the Lord's day, defends the right of all Christians to worship on the day of their choice and that LDA does not intend to support any legislation that restricts Sunday activities. Excerpts of my interview with Dr. Wesberry may appear in a future issue.

July 4-5, I attended two days of the southeastern district conference of the Church of God (Seventh Day) on the campus of Southern College of Seventh-day Adventists in Collegedale, Tenn. Dale Lawson, district coordinator, graciously invited me to give a workshop on personal evangelism at the conference. BSA literature put out for the conferees was also picked up by some of the SDAs—including a student who spotted one of our bumper stickers and just had to have one. After determining that the college library had only the 1974 edition of BSA's *Directory of Sabbath-observing Groups*, I presented them with our current edition and supplement.

July 6, was another travelling day—about eight hours across Tennessee and Kentucky and on to Indianapolis, where I was privileged to stay at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Foland, who were away in Jamaica visiting relatives.

Sabbath, July 7, we had a BSA-sponsored meeting arranged by Mike Galimore, Brad Pate, and Burt Heiman. Almost 40 people from a number of different Sabbath-keeping groups, and several without regular fellowship, came all the way from near Louisville, KY, in the south to Gary, IN, in the north, to eastern Illinois in the west. I opened the meeting by giving attendees the opportunity to introduce themselves and tell a little about the groups they fellowship with. I talked about the work of BSA and the challenges we face in dealing with so many different groups. Following a short break there was special music by Laura, Bryan, and Cindy Strand and a message entitled "The Magnitude of God's Commitment to Us." Afterwards we had more discussion

and I encouraged the brethren to take advantage of BSA literature made available.

The consensus was to make the Indianapolis meeting an annual event—except later in the afternoon so as not to interfere with regular worship services.

Saturday evening I went to the Hoosier Dome in downtown Indianapolis to get a taste of the worldwide SDA convention and to begin to acclimate myself for the next three days.

July 8-10, I attended the SDA General Conference, where I had the opportunity to converse with people I've known through correspondence and to meet many new friends. So few of the people I talked to had ever heard of BSA. One family I met at lunch bought a directory on the spot.

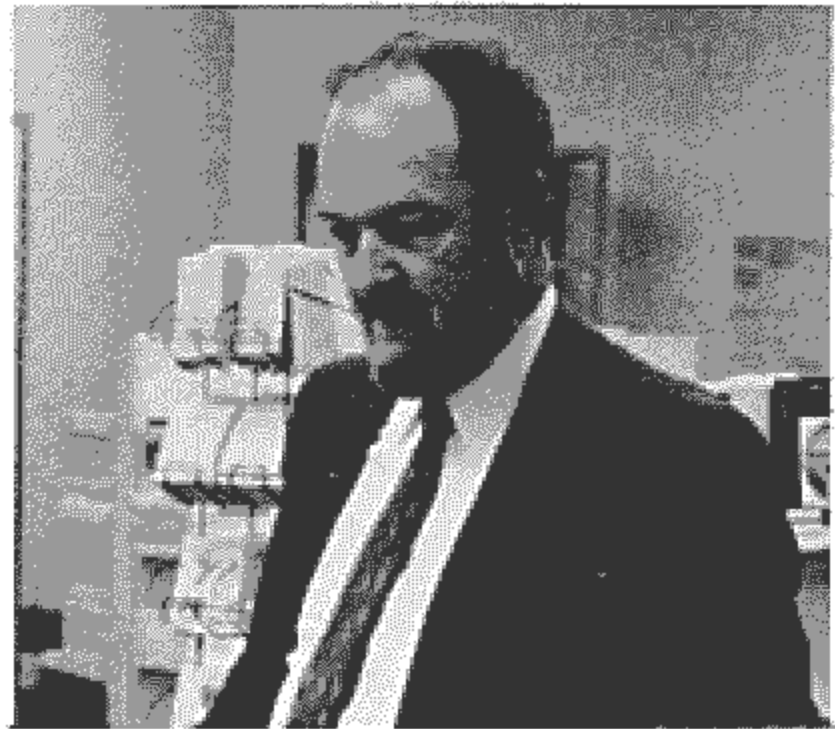
July 10, I met Eugene Lincoln and his wife, along with their friends and hosts, Mr. and Mrs. Ken Graham. Eugene and I spent much of the day together taking in the conference sessions and planning our report on the event. He would remain for two more days, covering the proceedings for BSA.

While our association was denied to have a booth at the SDA General Conference Dr. Bert Beach, director of the Department of Public Affairs and Religious Liberty and a BSA lifetime member, graciously provided Eugene Lincoln and me with official status as guests of the SDA General Conference. We appreciate his helpfulness.

July 11, was another travelling day—eastbound on I-70 and I-80 about 13 hours of rain; but dozens of cassette tapes made the trip go quickly.

July 19-21, I was off again, this time with my son and daughter. We attended the northeastern district conference of the Church of God (Seventh Day) held near Cleveland, Ohio. There I was able to display BSA literature and to conduct a workshop on prophecy. The conference also afforded me the first opportunity to meet my new boss, Clark Caswell, who is the director of Spring Vale Academy.

July 21, my son and I took turns driving through the night to arrive home about 3 a.m.—for a little rest and then



**John Garr, the man who directs the layout, printing, and mailing of *The Sabbath Sentinel* each month, in the offices of Church Publishing Company, Church of God, Jerusalem Acres, Cleveland, Tennessee.**

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three hectic weeks preparing for the move to Michigan.

—Richard A. Wiedenheft

**THE SABBATH SENTINEL**

# No Sabbath Commandment In The New Testament

by Burt L. Emrich

Have you ever wondered why the commandment, which enjoins us to keep the seventh day Sabbath, is not found anywhere in the New Testament? Certainly the New Testament gives us numerous examples of Christ and the disciples observing the Sabbath, and much is said about the Sabbath, but nowhere in the entire New Testament do we find a Sabbath commandment explicitly stated as it is in the Old Testament. That fact has concerned many sincere Christians, and opponents of the Sabbath have used that fact in an effort to discredit the whole idea of Sabbath keeping by Christians today.

But it need not concern us in the least if we take a sincere and unbiased look at what both the Old and New Testament do teach us about the Sabbath and about Sabbath keeping. In actuality, the very fact that the Sabbath commandment isn't repeated in the New Testament may even strengthen our contention that the Sabbath must still be observed by Christians. The reason for saying that should become clear as we further examine this subject.

Yet there are sincere Christians who ask why Jesus didn't plainly and say something very specific to his disciples, such as, "My followers must continue to faithfully observe the Sabbath forever." After all, wouldn't that have completely resolved any questions the disciples have had about whether or not the Sabbath should be observed by Christians?

The clear and simple answer to that question is that there was absolutely **NO** need and **NO** reason for Christ to make any such statement! Why? Because no disciple of Jesus nor any other religious Jew of that generation needed to be told

that the Sabbath ought to be observed. They all knew that Sabbath observance was commanded by God as part of His **ETERNAL LAW**. No one ever questioned that! And no one ever had any reason to question that fact. The truth is that the Sabbath commandment was undoubtedly the most strictly observed of all the commandments of God during the lifetime of Jesus. Religious Jews kept the Sabbath rigidly and scrupulously, even to the point of making Sabbath observance into some burdensome task, replete with numerous rules not found anywhere in the scriptures!

All the various sects of the Jews fully agreed that the Sabbath must be faithfully observed. Jesus therefore spent His efforts not in telling the Jews to do what they were already doing to the extreme, but rather He spent His valuable time helping them and His disciples better understand **HOW** the Sabbath ought to be observed properly. Jesus taught them that the Sabbath day of rest should be kept in a spirit of love, of mercy and with good works as its chief elements; and that it should not merely be kept with harsh or petty, rabbinical regulations.

It is interesting that while the New Testament mentions Jews who broke various other commandments against stealing, committing adultery, coveting, dishonoring parents, etc, there is no record of even one Jew or Christian who did not keep the Sabbath during New Testament times! So, there just was no need to teach anyone which day was God's Sabbath or that the Sabbath must be observed by God's people. Expounding upon the obvious would have served no purpose whatsoever.

No New Testament writer, nor anyone

who was spoken of in the New Testament, ever raised the question of whether the Sabbath should still be observed; and no one ever questioned which day of the week was the true Sabbath. And no one needed to be reminded by Christ nor by any other New Testament author to keep the Sabbath. Keeping the Sabbath during the time of Christ and of His disciples was as much a routine part of life for both Christians and Jews as was breathing or the wearing of clothing. In those days no one needed to be reminded to keep the Sabbath any more than we would need to be reminded to put on our clothes before we go to the bank.

Likewise, Christians today need no special reminder or new commandment from Christ in order to convince us to keep the Sabbath. We already have both the Old and the New Testaments as our teachers. We could not hope for more excellent teachers than these! Their pages continually remind us in one way or another to "Remember the Sabbath..."

Some people today seem to be under the impression that the Sabbath commandment is the only one of the Ten Commandments that is not quoted by Christ in the New Testament. And that idea seems to lead some to the conclusion that the Sabbath is the only one of the Ten Commandments that is no longer relevant. But is that actually the case?

The fact is that the Sabbath commandment is *not* the only one of the Ten that Christ did not quote. As a matter of fact

He did not actually quote any of the first four commandments! Yet what Christian of any denomination do you know who has concluded that any or all of the first three commandments may now be broken at will with God's blessing? No, the first three commandments were not done away with, and neither was the fourth one! These commandments were already well known, and there was simply no need to repeat to the people what was already very familiar to them.

After the death of Christ, we find that even among the Gentiles of the Roman Empire, Paul did not need to emphasize Sabbathkeeping. The Gentiles of the first century A.D. were fully aware of the fact that all religious Jews meticulously observed the Sabbath. And Paul, after all, was viewed by them as being a very religious, Jewish rabbi, one who continually preached about a "Jewish Messiah."

Therefore, Paul did not need to convince Gentile converts to keep the Sabbath. Sabbathkeeping was merely an integral part of what one did when one became a follower of the "Jewish" Messiah, who was, in fact, the Lord of the Sabbath (Mark 2:28). And as followers of that very same Messiah we also ought to follow the example of the Lord of the Sabbath (Luke 4:16) by faithfully observing His holy day each and every week.

The author lives in the Chicago area where he attends The Church of God International.

## Sabbath at Sommerhase

by Lettie Lippincott Siddens

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# *A Different Drummer*

by *George E. Vandeman*

Desmond Doss is a man who heard a different Drummer. A medical corpsman in World War II, he is a shy, almost frail-appearing man that you would not suspect of great courage. But he wears the Congressional Medal of Honor.

This is how it happened. It was a Saturday morning on Okinawa. Desmond Doss, because it was the Sabbath, was off duty. But the Army was about to make another attempt to take Hill 167, and no other medical corpsman was available. Would he go with them?

He replied that of course he was willing to save life, even on the Sabbath. Quickly he gathered his equipment. But then he asked them to wait. "We dare not go up that hill without prayer," he said.

And so the United States Army waited, while Desmond Doss prayed aloud. But they were willing to wait. They had confidence in this man, and in his prayers. Somehow they felt a little safer.

They made their way up the steep escarpment, but were soon beaten back by the enemy. And when the roll was called, Desmond Doss was among the missing. But suddenly they were attracted by someone waving from the top of the cliff. There he was, beckoning them to help.

Immediately he was ordered to come down. But orders meant nothing to him when lives were at stake. When they saw that he meant business, they went to his aid. They tossed hand grenades over the cliff to cover him, and he began to work. Single-handed, under enemy fire, one by one he lowered seventy-five men to safety!

Seventy-five men lived-all because of one man who heard a different Drummer-who dared to be different!

Some time ago I flew over the Plain of Dura in old Mesopotamia. It was there,

you recall, that Nebuchadnezzar set up a great image of gold in an attempt to convince himself and others that his kingdom was to last forever. And every man was to bow down-under threat of fire.

The music sounded. The crowd bowed down. But three men did not. They heard a different Drummer. For them the drums were beating. "Thou shalt have no other gods before Me."

And you know the story. They were cast into a furnace of fire. But the Son of God walked with them in the flames, and they emerged without even the smell of smoke.

If I read the Book right, the experience of the three Hebrews parallels events to come in this generation. For I read that a time will come when no man can buy or sell unless he conforms to popular opinion. I read of a decree of death. And once again the issue will be the law of the living God. Then it was the first commandment at stake. In our generation it will be the fourth.

When that day comes, when the music sounds, when you hear the hypnotic beat of popular drums, when majorities press to substitute a man-made Sabbath for God's own-will you bow down? Or will you listen to the beat of a different Drummer, reminding you, "The seventh day is the Sabbath"?

Yes, the bands will play. The crowds will shout, "Bow down, bow down, bow down!" And it will take a strong man or woman to tear away from the hypnotic tyranny of the drums and stand alone!

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## *Enter the Joy of the Sabbath*

by **Herbert E. Saunders**

The prophet Isaiah, reflecting on the wonder of God and the experiences of life that bring his children closer to him, wrote down these marvelous words, attributed to God himself: "If you keep your feet from breaking the Sabbath and from doing as you please on my holy day, if you call the Sabbath a delight and the Lord's holy day honorable, and if you honor it by not going your own way and not doing as you please or speaking idle words, then you will find your joy in the Lord, and I will cause you

to ride on the heights of the land and to feast on the inheritance of your father Jacob." *Joy* comes from an ever deepening personal relationship to the *God of joy*. And that relationship is inspired and strengthened by worship and praise, by obedience and faith, and by the gracious acceptance of God's own formula for renewal—the faithful observance of his Sabbath.

Like salvation in Jesus Christ, the Sabbath is a gracious gift of a loving God. It becomes a means by which we express our gratitude for his love

in creating us to be images of himself, and in recreating us through the precious gift of Christ, through his death and resurrection. We observe it, not because we have to—we are free to ignore it if we choose—but because we want to; the love of Christ constraining us to be obedient to his eternal commands. This is God who has expressed his will for us. This is God in Christ who has affirmed it when he said, “If you love me you will do what I command!” This is God the Spirit who reminds us week by week of our oneness with him. We find in our Sabbath and opportunity to meet the *God of joy* and take pleasure in him—delight in him.

But a gift is not merely a neatly wrapped package—nice to look at and lovely to behold. The gift is what is underneath all that glorious wrapping—what is inside that is usable and functional and designed for our benefit. The Sabbath comes to us as a uniquely wrapped, gloriously attractive gift package. But we will never know that joy of its celebration until we gently unwrap it and appropriate for our own use what God has designed it to give us. The Sabbath is God’s way of saying that he cares for us—that he desires for us to benefit by rest and renewal. It is a 24-hour period of time which we can take and experience in a variety of ways without feeling the guilt that something else is not being done or our work is laying idle. If God gave it to us, which the Scriptures constantly affirm, then our acceptance of its promises and blessings do him honor and express our thanks. The Sabbath is God’s, but his love and mercy he chose to give it to us, and we are blessed. What we choose to do with it expresses our love for him and our desire to be faithful to him.

Jesus told the disciples that the “Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath.” It was created for our benefit. It meets our physical, and emotional and spiritual needs. Sabbath hours spent in God’s presence cannot help but change our attitudes about life, about loving, about faith, and about trust. The closer we are to God, the more aware we are of our own failings, and we grow as we change. The Sabbath brings us close to God—places us within his gracious loving care and gives him permission to change us. We need God, and the Sabbath gives us that need and asks God to minister to us.

“This is the day which the Lord has made.” He created it just like he did everything else he created for our benefit. The *joy* is that we can “rejoice and be glad in it.” The Sabbath brings us God’s love—and there is nothing more enjoyable and pleasurable. All God asks is that we observe it faithfully and with the desire to grow in our love for him. It is his gift shared with us as a foretaste of what it will be like to be with him forever. Let us “Enter the Joy” of Sabbath observance and celebration.

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# Expanding the Church Family

by Rodney Henry

Most people who come to our churches are searching for a church home. But they do not come to us out of a vacuum. Many of them have experienced separation and hurt. Some have experienced separation and hurt by leaving another church. Perhaps they left for doctrinal reasons or personality conflict, but chances are, they are experiencing separation and hurt. In evangelism, the Lord brings people from the sinful world into his body, the church. New Christians go through separation from the world and often times loss of friends and family relationship.

Though these new people to our church desire intimacy on one level, they fear intimacy on another level. They fear intimacy because they are

not sure they are willing to invest their emotions in a situation that could cause them future hurt.

When they visit our churches they are often overcome by the intimacy of the small church. They admire the closeness of the church and comment on the friendliness and love exhibited. But many are simply not able to handle that kind of closeness and intimacy all at once.

Besides adjusting to the attitudes of the new people, we have to prepare for changes in the existing relationships in the church. New people change existing relationships in the church. Often times, church people unknowingly feel threatened by new people. The wife of a pastor expressed this feeling to me when she said, "I feel terrible, but there are many times when I am happy that a visitor has *not* come to church. I don't have to make excuses for our lack of programs—which they may have had in their former church. I don't have to make conversation with strangers. It's just more comfortable to have the same people every week. Isn't that terrible?"

Besides attitude preparation and relationship preparation, the church must also deal with providing proper spiritual nutrition for people who come to us with great many spiritual, emotional and physical needs. To deal with this, the church must develop worship and Sabbath School that meets the needs of these new people, while at the same time, meet-

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ing the needs of the present church family members.

The bottom line is that assimilating new people and adopting children requires radical preparation and change in the family. Many churches are simply not willing or able to deal with that degree of change. Others are willing and simply do not know how.

Perhaps a key to assimilating new people into the church might come through an experiment in small groups. If small groups were the 'entry point' for assimilation into the church family, then only those in the small group would need to prepare for ministry to the new and needy visitors. The whole church need not be radically changed to prepare for this ministry.

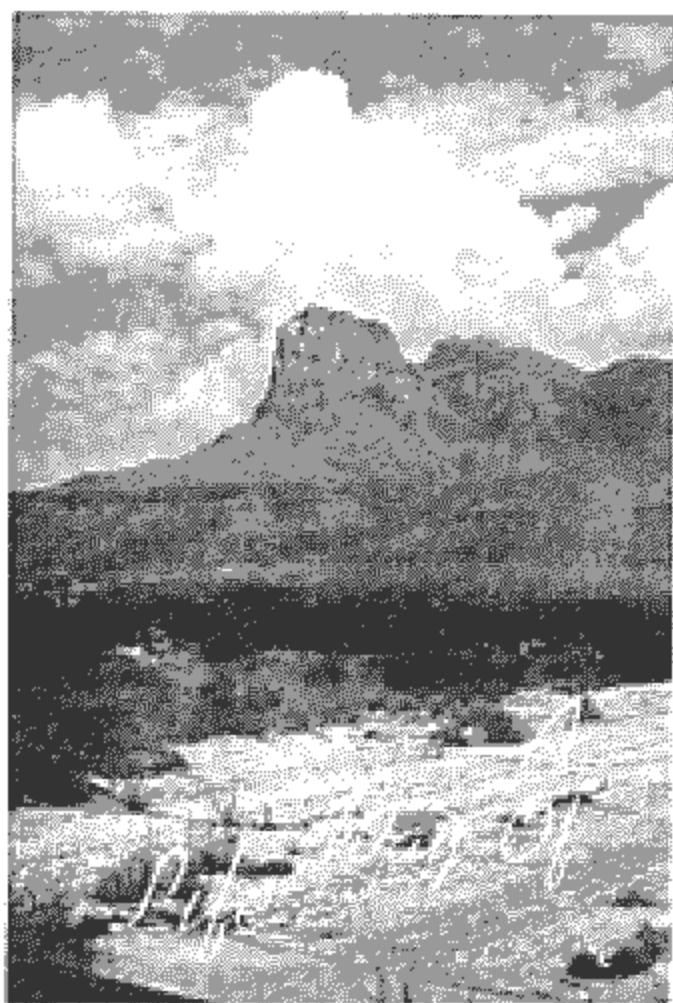
The small group of the church

which was trained and committed to a ministry of assimilation, could be prepared to deal with the issue of bonding at a pace that is acceptable to the new person. This group could be prepared to deal with attitudes, relationships, nourishment and facilities that will meet the needs of these new people.

Indeed we are a people greatly blessed by the Lord. We have rich fellowship with God and with each other. However, we need to discover ways to open our church family to include a world that desperately needs fellowship with God.

Condensed from *The Sabbath Recorder*.

The author is Seventh Day Baptist Director of Extension. From 1979 to 1985 he and his wife, Camille, served as missionaries to the Philippines.



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### Racist Quote Deplored

In your publication dated July 1990 you have a page headed, TO REPEAT. The first statement in that column is perhaps the most irresponsible devilish lie that I could expect anywhere. It is only ill informed and racist minded people who could believe that the Author of the True Sabbath would be so narrow-minded as to pick them. I am ashamed that such thinking can be connected with Sabbath-keeping.

Consider the following: "Adam", the so-called name given to man, is indeed the same Hebrew word as "man," Gesenius (Tregelles, *Hebrew-Chaldee Lexicon of the O. T.*, page 13, as well as others). Its root Hebrew words means "to be red, ruddy," (Davison's *Analytical Hebrew and Chaldee Lexicon*, page 7, and others.) Following the line of reasoning of these racists, the American Indian would better fit the description.

The Israelites that came out of Egypt brought with them a "Mixed Multitude." YHWH gave specific instructions concerning their assimilation into the nation (Ex. 12:48-49). Strangers who wanted to embrace The Faith were first to be circumcised (embrace the covenant). One law and One people! What YHWH condemned was mixing the Truth with Idolatry. There would seem to be little doubt that Mose's wife, an Ethiopian, had embraced The Faith.

Can we question that salvation was extended to the Ethiopian Eunuch, whom YHWH's Spirit sent Philip to? The Israelites are of Semitic stock, a more ruddy complected people than most "Aryan" races, more similar to the Arabs, Jews and Armenians. We know that our Savior was of the tribe of Judah, a Jew, and thus had the same complexion.

Your publication of that short, irresponsible remark has undoubtedly done irreparable damage to many. I wait to see

how you hope to remove this disgraceful "egg" from your face, and to see if you will dare to remove those responsible for such even being considered worthy of repeating. Perhaps you should change your comment on the front cover to "Serving the special-interest Christian Community." Shame.

Eugene, Oregon

I just received the July 1990 issue of *The Sabbath Sentinel* and was appalled to find the preposterous statement by Dan Gayman in your TO REPEAT section. I find nothing "significant" about this prejudiced, divisive, and bigoted statement. Despite the disclaimer at the bottom of the page, there must be some sympathy among the editorial staff of TSS for this derogatory statement to be included. This totally false statement does nothing to help us learn about one another in a positive way but seeks to divide and conquer.

The meaning of "Adam" in no way identifies him with the Caucasian race. Adam literally means "the blood of God" and has absolutely nothing to do with race. Since Christianity has only been around since the mid-First Century, there is no way it could have always been the religion of the Caucasian race.

I believe a retraction and apology is in order to all those who have been denigrated by the inclusion of this divisive statement in an otherwise fine magazine.

Henryetta, Oklahoma

What has this to do with the Sabbath? This smacks with racism. It is fuel for hatred between races, cruelty, for KKK and British Israel. Shame on you.

Cleveland, Ohio

In the February 1990 issue, you stated in an answer to one of your readers, "TSS will not knowingly publish a classified ad for racist or hate material." I certainly do not doubt you when you say this, but please note that in your July 1990 issue on page 19, you printed an extremely racist quote by Pastor Dan Gayman of the Church of Israel. Now I understand a quote is a quote and an ad is an ad, but on p. 22 (same issue) you published an ad for tapes from the Church of Israel. It's true that the tapes were on the Sabbath, but they feel the Sabbath is only for those they deem Caucasian.

That quote was only the tip of the iceberg; the booklet from which the quote was taken is enough to make one physically ill. To teach this to gullible people, young people, etc. is criminal. I hope you won't give any more space to this group. I feel that the two inclusions of the Church of Israel in the July issue were due perhaps to one individual working in the ads department and another on TO REPEAT.

A thought just occurred re: the name Church of Israel. No mention is made of God; Christ, Yahweh, etc. Sounds like they're worshipping their Israel identity rather their Creator.

Illinois

#### Editor's Note:

Our Department Editor, Howard M. Mesick, puts together some sections of TSS, including TO REPEAT and, starting this month, MAILBOX. He considers any concept of racial salvation to be at best terribly misguided. He includes the Dan Gayman quote to let 7th-dayers know that the belief exists among Sabbatharians. Indeed, it's growing.

Our TO REPEAT disclaimer, "Quotes don't necessarily reflect the views of The Bible Sabbath Association," means exactly what it says. This column is intended to include significant statements by or about Sabbathkeepers. Statements can be significant because they are good or bad, poignant or absurd, brilliant or diabolical. Confident in the power of the Holy Spirit and in the intelligence of our readers, we leave it to them to discern which are which.

What is the alternative? To publish only that with which we agree? There are many periodicals that do that, but TSS, as a nonsectarian news magazine, is dedicated to informing. We're committed to letting our readers know what is being said and done and taught among Sabbathkeepers, whether we like it or not.

*Letters have been condensed and edited slightly for clarity.*

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# BSA

## NEWS FROM THE BSA

### Editor Now In Michigan

August 13 your editor, his wife, and daughter spent most of the day driving west on I-80 through Pennsylvania and Ohio to Michigan, where they are now living on the campus of Spring Vale Academy in Owosso. Their new address is the same as that of SVA: 4150 S. M-52, Owosso, MI 48865. Home phone is (517) 725-9128. Daytime phone at the school is 725-2391. Please direct all editorially-related correspondence to this new address.

The editor's new part time duties at SVA include serving as business manager, director of development, and teaching journalism classes two hours each day. Hmmm. I wonder if journalism students could help him with work on TSS?

### Deadlines Moved Up

In an effort to get TSS in the mail well before the first of the month, closing deadlines have been moved up a week. The editor will be finalizing the copy around the 20th of each month for the second subsequent month: e.g. October 20 for the December issue; November 20 for the January issue. The closing deadline for classified and display ads will remain the 15th of the month, but there will no longer be a "grace period" for late ads.

### Literature Inventory

The Burrells report that our booklet "Why the Seventh-Day Sabbath?" is in short supply; we anticipate a third printing of at least 10,000 copies this fall. The first of our new series of Sabbath literature, this booklet has had two printings of 10,000 copies each. That represents a

great deal of Sabbath truth distributed across this continent and around the world.

### Association Bylaws Being Revised

A three-member committee is currently studying the BSA bylaws and considering revisions. John Conrod, John Kiesz, and Howard Mesick would welcome suggestions from any BSA members. If you need a copy of the current bylaws, write to the office in Fairview. You can also send suggestions to them c/o the Fairview office.

### Reminder about the Discount

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Ten rules for getting rid of the blues: Go out and do something for someone else—and repeat it nine times.



# NEWS

## FROM THE SEVENTH DAY COMMUNITY

**Australian 7th-dayers** no longer have to vote on Sabbaths. While election day is still Saturday, an amendment to the Commonwealth Electoral Act allows those with religious objections to apply for a "pre-poll vote." This scribe assumes that such a law allows people to vote early at a polling place; and is not the absentee ballot system used here.

**Bibles must be taxed** if other religious literature is taxed according to the 4th US Circuit Court of Appeals. In *Finlator v. Powers*, the court struck down a 1939 North Carolina law exempting only the Bible from state sales tax. The unanimous decision said that the law "forces the state to discriminate on the basis of the contents of a book...which is intolerable under the First Amendment."

**Minneapolis bans churches** in storefronts. The city council voted a one-year moratorium on new storefront churches to allow time to "study the effects of relocation of religious institutions into buildings...which historically have provided goods...(to) serve...neighborhoods." One council member intimated that the appearance of storefront churches signals the decline of a neighborhood.

**Coerced abortion** has been the policy of the New York City prison department, according to a suit filed January 1990 by current and former employees. Livinia Forts and Aletha Hutchinson alleged that Leon Silverberg, director of health management, threatened to fire them if they didn't terminate their babies. Other women who had refused abortions reported harassment and intimidation. Silverberg was made to resign; and others have been

demoted and fined. Unfortunately, forcing a woman to have an abortion is not considered a serious crime in this society. If the unborn have no value, why should the women who carry them?

**The press ignores faith** in its reporting, according to Inquiry Editor, Barbara Reynolds, in the March 16 *USA Today*. "Eastern European activists have a lot to tell us about how God rescues people from the depths of personal and political hell," said the journalist, "but, somehow, much of the press has decided the public has no right to know this." Ms. Reynolds called *The Washington Post*, *The New York Times*, and *Newsweek* "sinful censors" for omitting Christian references in their coverage of Czech president Vaclav Havel's New Year's Day address. Editors for *The New York Times* were, according to a spokesman, "amazed that anyone would question what we include in excerpts, since we publish more excerpts than any other paper." Peggy Say, sister of Lebanon hostage Terry Anderson, tells reporters that her Christianity has motivated her campaign to free her brother. "I have almost given up on seeing it in print," she said. "They just don't want to hear anything about faith."

### **Muslim Nation Opens Up**

Rev. Gershon A. Harrison recently wrote *The Sabbath Recorder* to report the success of SDB work in Nigeria. This is the part of his letter that was published: "Our work in Nigeria is progressing very well with many Muslims being converted to Christianity. This is the first time in my life a Christian is permitted to preach in a Muslim mosque and allowed to argue with the Muslim teaching. I have been

granted a permit to preach in any Muslim area or in the field without any challenge or trouble, because I speak the Arabic language like an Arab and because I attended Arabic high school when I was a youth. It is surprising that some Muslims have never heard about Jesus Christ and many have not seen the Holy Bible, only the Koran. They discovered that there is no salvation in Mohammed and the Koran is no Bible. So, many Muslims are now being converted to the Christian faith." Some other Christian groups are affiliating with the SDBs in Nigeria.

#### **Missionaries Flee Liberia**

Due to the revolution in Liberia, several Adventist missionaries have had to leave. Soldiers have occupied SDA mission headquarters and gutted the church there. SDA schools are closed; and the state of many members is not known. Also, in Nicaragua, communists attacked an Adventist service, killing three church members and ransacking the house in which the meeting was held.

#### **Mass Soviet Baptism**

On May 26, during the Harvest 90 Victory baptism, the Russian Union Conference inducted 1869 people into the SDA church. In the past five years, over 10,000 have been baptized in the USSR.

#### **Oldest Sabbath Magazine?**

The Sabbath Recorder, the major publication of the Seventh Day Baptist church in America, is now in its 146th year of publication. Along with periodicals of the Church of God (Seventh Day) and the Seventh Day Adventists, it is one of the oldest magazines in America. It may be the longest-running publication of any US 7th-day church.

#### **Church of God Youth in National Solar Car Race**

David Babbitt, a 20-year old student at Crowder College in Neosho, Missouri, has attended the Church of God (7th day) all his life. Recently he gained national attention as one of the drivers of Star II, the two-year community college's solar-powered entry in Sunrayce USA, a 1625-mile Florida to Detroit race sponsored by General Motors. Babbitt was one of the two drivers who guided Star II around the Indianapolis Motor Speedway, the final leg of the course for the 8th day of the race. Although it was beaten to the finish line on July 19 by vehicles from Univ. of Michigan, Western Washington Univ., Univ. of Maryland, and California State Univ.—Los Angeles, Star II was named Sunrayce's most innovative entry. Even though their car didn't qualify for GM sponsorship to the world competition in Australia, the Crowder team members plan to raise money so they can go "down under" on their own.

#### **Temple Movement Leader to visit U.S.**

Gershon Salomon, chairman of the Temple Mount Faithful Movement in Israel will visit this country during late October and early November. His organization, which is dedicated to preserving the Temple Mount in Jerusalem and to building a third temple there, hopes to find support from American Jewry and the American people in general. During his stay in this country, Salomon will be available for speaking engagements. More information can be obtained from by writing to Jacob Hawkins or Samuel Saldana, Jr., at P.O. Box 4938, Odessa, TX 79760 or phoning (915) 337-4267 or 332-1517.

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Editorial by Joseph W. Tkach, *The Plain Truth*, Apr. '90

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"Who Are God's Apostles" by Robert Sumner, *The Church Communicator* Spring '90, Church of the Eternal God, Harrisburg, PA

Absentee parents can't seem to understand it when their children behave as if they had no parents.

"Childbearing Revisited" by Brian W. Knowles, *ACD Newsletter*, Apr. '88

We can become so trapped in the blackness of our sin. We scrub and scrub our hands to scour away our transgression and futilely try to work ourselves up to the righteousness of the law. We miss the power of Christ's death and resurrection that sets us free from transgression and empowers us by the Spirit of life in Christ to become the righteousness of the law. The man who strives with earnest determination and resolve to keep the law will never see righteousness. The man who strives with earnest determination and resolve to follow hard after Christ will not only see righteousness, but will become righteous, for he walks in the One who was our righteousness.

Editorial by Mike Ahlborn, *ACTS*, Sept. '89, Church of God (7th Day)

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"Twelve Nights" by Kit Watts, *Adventist Review*, Dec. 21, '89

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# The Storm is Coming. . .

## *Are You Prepared?*

by Adam J. Windholz

It was a beautiful sunny summer day without a cloud in sight. As I was riding my bicycle at my father's farm near Victoria, Kansas, I noticed many people were hastily running to and fro taking things into the house. I didn't ask them what was going on because I was too busy having fun. After a few minutes, my father said to me, "Son, put the bike away and get ready. The storm is coming." I remember looking for the clouds but only saw the sunshine. Therefore, I thought he was crazy for saying a storm was coming when I didn't see any sign of bad weather. After another minute or so, I was warned again in the same fashion but in a louder and more concerned voice. Once again, I refused to hearken. However, I did notice that everyone was in the house except for a few.

I finally decided I had better obey even though I didn't want to listen. Therefore, I grudgingly threw my bike into the shed. As I turned around to go back out of the shed, I was surprised to see the change in weather. The sky, which was so bright just a few minutes before, was now very dark with the clouds; and the whole sky twisting and rolling, lightning flashing, thunder clapping, and extreme winds. I stood a minute in awe as I watched the thick, black clouds moving so quickly across the sky. I suddenly realized my only place of safety was in the house, which now seemed miles away. I tried with all my strength to make it across the yard, but there were so many things trying to keep me away. The wind was so strong, and I was completely exhausted and scared to death. As I got closer to the house, I

noticed the same people, who were not preparing earlier, were sitting outside of the house crying. As I finally made it to the sidewalk, I looked up in the eastern sky and saw a bright light in the form of a man. I instantly realized that this was my Lord coming to meet His people. I also realized that I was not ready for his coming. I cried out to my Lord, "Please forgive me! I'm sorry! Have mercy on me!" However, I knew it was too late for me and those sitting on the steps of the house since we were not prepared.

The above incident was a dream which I had early one Sabbath morning. I remember awaking in tears. I began thanking and praising the Lord that it was only a dream. As I became completely awake, many verses from the Bible came into my mind. One of those, was from II Peter 3:3-4, "knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts, and saying, where is the promise of his coming?" I realized that when I was told the storm was coming in my dream, I was scoffing and walking after my own lusts. As we look around today, we may see the thought of Jesus' Second Coming is the farthest thought from most people's minds. Many will actually quote these same verses, ignorant that they are written in the Bible. I believe God is giving out the warning to prepare ourselves for His Son's imminent return. In reality, will we be ready? Or will we be as those in my dream who could only cry hopelessly?

—reprinted from *The Advocate of Truth*, Oct. '88; The author lives in Hiawatha, Kansas with his wife and two children.

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