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"THY WORD IS A LAMP UNTO MY FEET, AND A LIGHT UNTO MY PATH."

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ISRAEL'S COMING

Eph 5: 14; sa. 60: 1; ohn 5: 25, 29.

Awake! Thou that sleepest, arise from the dead—
Israel is coming, with Christ as her HEAD.

Chorus—

Awake! Awake! Why art thou sleeping?
 Awake! Awake! And cease your weeping.
 Israel is coming with Christ as her HEAD.
 Israel is coming with Christ as her LIGHT.
 Israel is coming with Christ as her King.

Awake! Thou that sleepest, Come out of thy night—
Israel is coming with Christ as her LIGHT.

Awake! Thou that sleepest, rejoice now and sing—
Israel is coming, with Christ as her KING.
—Selected.

True Representatives of The "Church of God"

OUR GREAT COMMON BURDEN

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"Bear ye one another's burdens," is the command that comes to us today from Christ, the great Burden Bearer, Who bore the burden of the world upon His heart until He gave up His life for it, and Who still bears upon His heart each individual burden. He looks down into the millions of burdened hearts each day.

Therefore if we are followers of Christ the true Pattern and Example we must heed the command and bear each others burdens.

The one great common burden of every professed child of God today should be, that we may be true representatives of the Church of God and that each individual life as we profess membership in that

tative of the name we profess, an above all else, be accounted by God as a member of His church, that we might therefore have (in your community and in my community) a united body of people forming a church true to its name, "The Church of God" and a worthy representative of the last remnant church which must stand before the world a peculiar people without spot or wrinkle fully representing the character of Christ in the individual lives of its members, for the character of the body is only represented by the character of its individual members. So also is the general organization only represented by the individual churches which form it.

The members of the Church of God will be united in Christ and have "love one for another" for by this only shall all men know that ye are My disciples." If indeed we are true to our name, "The Church of God", and to our trust, the pure and unadulterated truths of God's word, which we profess to believe and teach in a purer sense than any other. He can and is making of us a body of people, who will stand before the world as a light, and can lift the standard of truth and cunning deceptions in the world, that all may discern the true from the false even in these last days when sin and error are clothed in a cloak of righteousness, in which we see Satan working as an angel of light to deceive if possible the very elect. The words of the apostle Peter are truly applicable to the Church of God today. "Ye therefore, beloved, seeing ye know these things beware lest ye also being led away with the error of the wicked fall from your own steadfastness." 2 Peter 3: 17. If we heed this admonition we need not fear for the glory of God as a pillar of fire by night and a pillar of cloud by day shall overshadow His truth and His people as of old, and the glory of God shall fill His tabernacle, thus confirming His approval, His blessings and His presence.

But we must have on "the whole armor of God" "that we may be able to withstand in the evil day.



For if we cannot give proof that we have all the characteristics of the last remnant church and that we are of one accord in presenting to the world the truth of God as He reveals it in His word, we indeed have no excuse for being, for many another church through the ages has laid claim to being the true Church of God, but most of these, as well as the world, know they did not reach the standard. They failed in one way or another to present the whole truth or else they failed to represent it in their lives, thus proving they had only the letter of the law and not the law and the truth written in their hearts.

But the true Church of God has reached in the past and will reach this standard and this ideal which God Himself has set for His church. Whether or not you or I will reach it depends on us individually.

The same admonition and choice that Joshua presented to the children of Israel remains ever the same to the Church of God today. "Now therefore, fear the Lord and serve Him in sincerity and in truth And if it seemeth evil unto you to serve the Lord choose ye this day whom ye will serve." Joshua 24: 14, 15. With this choice before us let us each say with Joshua as of old, "But as for me and my house we will serve the Lord.

We can give proof of our claim as true members of the remnant Church of God, "looking for and hastening unto the coming of the day of God," only by purifying ourselves even as He is pure," for every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself even as he is pure." 1 John 3: 3. "Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of Him in peace without spot or blameless." 2 Peter 3: 14. The apostle Peter tells us how this may be done. "Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ. As obedient children, not fashioning yourselves according to your former lusts in your ignorance. But as He which hath called you is holy so be ye holy in all manner of conversation. Because it is written, Be ye holy for I am holy." 1 Peter 1: 13, 16. So let us each one strive thus to be and to do, both in the teaching of the word and all truth, and in all manner of daily living, that, "according as He hath chosen us in Him we should be holy and without blame before Him in love." Eph. 1: 4.

For God is purifying unto Himself today a peculiar people zealous of good works. "Looking for that blessed hope and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Lord Jesus Christ." Titus 2: 13.

Whether or not you and I will be among this peo-

lives and our teaching to God's standard of truth and purity.
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The Two Sabbaths

WHOSE SERVANT ARE YOU?

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Rom. 6: 16, Know ye not that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey?

In the christian world of earth today, there are two Sabbaths being observed. Saturday, the seventh day of the week, and Sunday, the first day. Between the two companies that keep these days there is much dispute as to which day should be kept; and is most acceptable to God, the King of the universe, Creator of this earth.

There is no question but what there are two sabbaths, but the point is, who is the author of each Sabbath. When this is found out then the choice can be made, whose servant you will be.

Exodus 20: 10, The seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God. Who is the Lord? Ex. 20: 11 Gen. 1: 1, God created heaven and earth, and all that in them is in six days. When did God make the seventh day to be the Sabbath? Gen. 2: 1-3 When in six days the work of God was done, the seventh day He rested, blessed the day, set it apart from the six days of the week, made it holy, as memorial of His work of creation.

Thus far we have found that the seventh day, Saturday, is the Sabbath of God, King of the universe, that it was made the first week of this earth's life, was set apart then and made holy. The days were made for man's benefit, six days to work in then the seventh day to rest and keep holy: there are only seven days in a week, and the Sabbath marks the end of the week.

The command of God to man is, Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy, the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God. Ex. 20: 8-11.

We have found out about one Sabbath, the seventh day; that it is God's Sabbath. Now we want to know whose Sabbath Sunday is.

There are two powers in the earth; one God, the King of the universe; the other Satan, prince of the powers of evil, or disobedience. His seat is on the earth.

Matt. 4: 1-8, Then was Jesus led up of the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil. Again, the devil taketh him up into an exceeding high place, and sheweth him all the kingdoms of the world, and saith unto him, All these will I give thee, if thou wilt bow down and worship me.