

**"Go, set a watchman,
Let him declare what he seeth."**

— Isaiah 21:6 —

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*November's here. Before we know,
The brisk December winds will blow.
Spread on the ground will soon be found
The solid whiteness of the snow.*

*O that Thy Spirit would begin
To blow out every trace of sin
That's in my heart, and then impart
Thy snow-white cleanliness within.*

—EUGENE LINCOLN

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Why I Keep the Seventh Day as the Sabbath

C. C. MORLAN

"In the beginning God." If we begin with God, and follow God and His Son Jesus Christ in all their teachings and "doing," we cannot go wrong.

My first reason for keeping the seventh day of the week as the Sabbath is because "in the beginning," at the end of the creation week, God, with His co-Creator, Jesus Christ, established the seventh day of the week as the Sabbath. (We believe it will be necessary to cite only one reference to show that Christ was with the Father in all His creative work—"All things were made by him: and without him was not anything made that was made" (John 1:3. Read also Eph. 3:9, Col. 1:16, and Heb. 1:1, 2).

How and When

In Genesis 2:1, 2 we are told how and when the Sabbath was made. "Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. And on the seventh day God ended his work which he had made; And he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had made." Yes, God rested on the seventh day, but that alone would not make it a holy day. Now let us read verse 3: "And God blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it: because that in it he had rested from all his work which God created and made."

By these three acts God made the

Sabbath: He rested on it; He blessed it; He sanctified it. What more could God have done to the seventh day to set it apart as holy time? David tells us in 1 Chronicles 17:27 that what God blesses, "it shall be blessed forever." The Sabbath stands today as a memorial of God's creative power, and it was set apart as holy time for the benefit of all mankind. This is my first reason for keeping the Sabbath.

Conclusive Evidence

I am reminded of an experience related by a fellow minister some years ago. While traveling on a train he fell into a conversation with a judge of the court. Upon learning that my friend was a Sabbathkeeper, the judge said to him: "Will you please tell me why you keep the seventh day of the week when most Christians keep the first day?" My friend assured him that he would be pleased to give his reasons directly from the Bible. He turned to Genesis 2:1-3 and read the verses quoted above. Then he added: "Now this is my first reason for keeping the seventh day as the Sabbath, and now I will read from Exodus, chapter 20."

But at this point the judge interrupted him and assured him that a second reason was not necessary for the first reason he had given was conclusive and sufficient.

Then the judge said, "You remind me of an attorney whose star witness had failed to show up in court according to schedule, and he telephoned to the residence of the witness to inquire why he was not at the court house. A maid answered the telephone, and in reply to his inquiry she said, "Well, your honor, in the first place he cannot be there because he died last night, and in the second place—" and then the attorney said: "Well, if he is dead that is sufficient reason for his absence."

"Now, to make the application," said the judge, "your first reason for keeping the seventh day of the week as the Sabbath is convincing enough; why bother to give additional reasons?"

Yes, the first reason should be sufficient to convince anyone with an open mind, but additional reasons that may be cited from the Bible are almost unlimited.

However, before giving additional reasons for observing the seventh-day Sabbath, it will be in order to quote one brief paragraph from Lange's Commentary, Vol. 1, page 197, which contains a brief comment on Genesis 2:1-3: "If we had no other passage than this of Genesis 2:3 there would be no difficulty in deducing from it a precept for the universal observance of a Sabbath, or seventh day, to be devoted to God as holy time by all of that race for whom the earth and its nature were specially prepared. The first men must have known it. The words, 'He hallowed it' (to use the expression in Exodus 20:11) can have no meaning otherwise. They would be a blank unless in reference to some who were required to 'keep it holy.'"

Second Reason . . .

My second reason for keeping the Sabbath as designated by God at the end of creation week is given in the Fourth Commandment of the Decalogue as recorded in Exodus 20:8-11. This commandment, though not new to mankind in general or to God's people in particular, was given anew some 2500 years after creation, since during their period of slavery in Egypt the Hebrew people had well nigh lost sight of the Sabbath. That God began to supply the people with manna before the Law was given on Mount Sinai, by giving them the manna the first six days of the week, but providing none on the seventh day. As that was the Sabbath, none were to go out to gather it on the seventh day, but were to gather a double portion on the sixth day and preserve half of it for consumption on the Sabbath.

For emphasis, let us state again that this program was put into operation *before* God gave to Moses the Ten Commandments on two tables of stone on Mt. Sinai, which shows that the people were acquainted with the Sabbath commandment before the Law was given.

Now, let us examine the Fourth Commandment briefly. God commanded them to "Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy." The reason given for keeping holy the seventh day of the week reverts to the time the Sabbath was instituted. "For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it." Yes, the seventh day was "hallowed," "sanctified," and set apart as holy time, and, though some

6,000 years have passed into history, that same seventh day is still "holy" time—God's Sabbath day—for He never changes (Mal. 3:6). God made the Sabbath, and who other than God could change it? No one. When God blesses anything it is "blessed forever" (1 Chron. 17:27).

While there are several other references to Sabbathkeeping in the Old Testament, space will not permit our referring to them in this article.

Third Reason . . .

My third reason for keeping the Sabbath of God's own making is the fact that Christ, who was His co-Creator of the Sabbath, kept it when He came to live among men, as recorded in the New Testament. "And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up; and as his custom was, he went into the synagogue on the sabbath day and stood up for to read" (Luke 4:16). Please note that this was His *custom*.

That Christ intended that His followers should continue to keep the Sabbath after His crucifixion is evident by His admonition to the disciples when, in predicting the destruction of Jerusalem, He said, "But pray ye that your flight be not in the winter, neither on the sabbath day" (Matt. 24:20). This event did not take place until A.D. 70—more than 30 years after His crucifixion. And they were still observing the Sabbath when Jerusalem was destroyed, and continued to do so for several centuries.

Early in His public ministry Christ made it plain that He did not intend to set aside the Ten Commandments. In the Sermon on the Mount He made it very clear that He did not come

to change the Law. "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" (Matt. 5:17, 18). And in verse 19 it is very clear that He has reference to the Ten Commandments.

Yes, Jesus Christ kept the Sabbath, and admonished His followers to do so. Will you follow the teachings of Christ, or the traditions of man?

Fourth . . .

My fourth reason for keeping the Sabbath of the Decalogue is the fact that not only Christ's most intimate disciples, but the Christians in general, continued to keep the Sabbath after His ascension, as indicated in the New Testament, as well as church history. Of Paul and Barnabas it is recorded: "They came to Antioch in Pisidia and went into the synagogue on the sabbath day" (Acts 13:14). Evidence that the Gentiles respected Paul's seventh-day Sabbathkeeping is shown in verses 42 and 44: "And when the Jews were gone out of the synagogue the Gentiles besought that these words might be preached to them the next sabbath. And the next sabbath day came almost the whole city together to hear the word of God." And again we read in Acts 16:13, "And on the sabbath we went out of the city by a river side, where prayer was wont to be made: and we sat down, and spake unto the women which resorted thither." And again in Acts 18:4 we read concerning Paul's ministry at Corinth: "And he reasoned in the synagogue every

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"Faith Without Works is Dead"

THE author of the book of James had no confidence in faith that was without works. Faith is not something potential like the power in a storage battery, neither is it a reserve force stored within man. Faith can be likened to electricity. Whenever it is evident, it is operating. Electrical energy is never dormant nor inert; it is energy, or power only when it is actually working.

The use of electrical energy as man's servant is completely modern. The electric power has been available to mankind for thousands of years, but only in this past century has man learned to use it. Faith, likewise, has been available as man's helper since the beginning of time, but comparatively few men have ventured into the sphere of its possibilities.

Down through the ages there have always been a few saints who have dared to tread the path of great faith: the faith that "moves mountains." It is men such as these who have yielded themselves to that unseen, mysterious force which has often accomplished what we term "the impossible." And also, through the ages, there have been the mystics, the soothsayers, the necromancers, the astrologers, and the spiritualists, who have exercised their particular brand of faith and have also accomplished what has appeared to be "the impossible."

To us, this thing called faith is a peculiar element. The Scriptures tell us that it is the gift of God; and

strange as it may seem, it is a gift which He gives freely, in many different forms, to all mankind. Like the rain which He causes to fall upon the just and the unjust, so also is this force dispensed to all. Again and again it has been demonstrated that both the righteous and the wicked have access to God's storehouse. Blasphemers lost at sea, aimlessly drifting for days on a raft, have suddenly become men of faith. In their desperate extremities they have grasped at the invisible straws, and as they cried out to the Lord they appropriated their mystical substance called FAITH; and "as their faith was" so it was unto them. Out of the recent wars have come many accounts of those who were miraculously delivered in such ways.

It is well to note that such acts of operative faith are not necessarily evidence that these people were obedient servants of the Lord. As a matter of fact, the evidence is that many of them were extremely ungodly.

God has answered the prayers of many an ungodly man in his hour of desperate need. God was justified in answering, not because of the man's righteousness, but because the man's faith challenged heaven to intervene in his behalf. Bear in mind that it was not the man's PRAYER that moved the hand of Providence; it was the man's FAITH. His prayer was but the visible manifestation of his inward faith, and his faith was the product of his desperate situation.

Much like a rat driven into a corner, man often finds himself squeezed by circumstances that cause him to exercise the dormant powers that often lie deep below the veneered surface of civilized humanity. The possibility of exercising faith lies within the power of all of us: God created us so.

Most people are so sensual that they are dead to faith. Glutted with material things, and living only to please their carnal natures, they have no understanding of the finer things of life. Even as the moles that crawl in the dust of the earth, most people know only the satisfying of the appetites of the physical body. Such people are of the earth. As a rule, in the day of calamity or disaster they go to pieces in abject despair and usually perish like dumb brutes. However, there are a few who will "look up," and then a miracle of deliverance occurs.

"Without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him" (Heb. 11:6).

Not everyone who exercises faith pleases the Lord, for there are many who have taken hold of the forces of the supernatural, and have made havoc of the work of God. We are told that the day of Pentecost was the "day of miracles," the time of great display of miraculous power. But according to Peter, and to the prophet Joel, "the last days" are to be the days of the greatest outpouring of the powers of supernatural things. Only a blind materialist would now deny the miraculous. "Miracle-workers" have multiplied themselves in the last few decades. Spiritualists, snake handlers, and so-called Christian healers

have made big business out of the exercising of FAITH.

When any man works a miracle it is evident that he must have faith; but that man's faith is not PROOF that he is a child of God.

Possibly the most hated man of the Old Testament was Balaam, the son of Bosor. He had faith and was a worker of miracles. He knew how to manipulate the forces of the supernatural BY HIS FAITH, but he was an enemy of God; and as such his final destination could have been none other than the fire of hell.

The false prophets of this latter day are doing "many wonderful works" in the name of the Lord. They "cast out devils," and they "prophesy in His name," yet in the day of judgment Jesus will say to them, "I never knew you" (Matt. 7:21-23).

Brother James asks: "Can faith save?" (2:14).

The worst enemies of Christ are those of His own household: those who profess that they know Him; those who take hold of His power and exploit every thing of God that can be turned to their own personal advantage. To say that they do not have faith, and that they do not believe, is to talk nonsense. **THEY HAVE FAITH. THEY DO BELIEVE.** But they are **LAWLESS:** rebels who "by violence take the kingdom of God" for selfish ends.

The modern carnal man does not DENY the reality of the things of the Spirit of God; he BELIEVES in them and USES them for his own selfish purposes. God, heaven, the Holy Spirit, are to many people a source of supply of power and energy. These people consider it their right to appropriate and use this power whenever and however they see fit. To such

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people the Spirit is not a PERSON whose will in the matter should be consulted. They brazenly force their demands in the spirit, wresting IT from the Spirit, that they might use IT for their own ends.

Working of faith is no evidence that the operator is a child of God. Spiritualists, practitioners of mental science, advocates of Yoga, "Christian Scientists," all operate supernatural powers BY FAITH, yet their lives and their works deny Christ.

Most of the so-called "Holiness" and Pentecostal healers who run to and fro across the country from one big campaign to another also have great faith in the Spirit's power: they work miracles; but their lives are devoted to self. They refuse the way of their cross and walk in the flesh. "These are spots in your feasts of charity, when they feast with you, feeding themselves without fear: clouds they are without water, carried about of winds; trees whose fruit withereth, without fruit twice dead, plucked up by the roots; Raging waves of the sea, foaming out their own shame; wandering stars, to whom is reserved the blackness of darkness for ever" (Jude 12, 13).

The number of miracle workers and faith healers in the world today is becoming legion. So popular is the "healing" evangelist that almost all others are considered to be mere "duds." The practitioners of the so-called Christian healing campaigns have stolen the show from all of the others. Literally thousands of these miracle workers have been turned loose upon the sheep of our nation. And it is quite evident that "the people love to have it so." The millions of dollars that are being poured into this kind of religious entertain-

ment is proof that the masses are pleased with what they are getting.

Faith is paying off for the faith healer. So great is the prosperity of many of these healers that because of the vigilance of the United States Treasury Department they are often compelled to build "greater barns."

The caption on the front page of one faith healer's magazine was this: "My pledge to God—to touch neither the gold nor the glory."

Isn't it odd that none of the apostles ever found it necessary to make such a pledge? It is also strange that none of the holy prophets of old ever encountered such temptation that a pledge was needed.

It seems so strange that the man of God in this latter day would find that a ministry of faith would bring him into a struggle with temptation that none of the men of faith encountered in ages gone by. In the eleventh chapter of Hebrews we read: "By faith Moses, . . . choosing rather to *suffer* affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasure of sin for a season; esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt . . . by faith he forsook Egypt. . . . David also, and Samuel and . . . the prophets: who through faith subdued kingdoms, wrought righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, waxed valiant in fight, turned to flight the armies of the aliens. Women received their dead raised to life again: and others were tortured, not accepting deliverance; that they might obtain a better resurrection: And others had trial of cruel mockings and scourgings, yea, more-

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Christ Our Teacher

EDGAR LIPPINCOTT

God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son... Heb. 1:1, 2.

BEFORE the time Christ came into this world as a babe, God led His people through prophets and judges. God dealt with His people, Israel, as a nation. He revealed His will to the people, for the most part, by speaking to the leaders. But now, Paul says, God has spoken unto us by His Son, Jesus Christ. The question is: Will we be as stubborn as the people were back in the days of the prophets? I fear that we are MORE stubborn than they, and just as disobedient. God deals with us as individuals now, but when we accept Christ and obey God, we become members of the Israelite family.

Some today believe and teach that inasmuch as Christ is our Teacher, we need NOT study the old scriptures, but let's listen to the admonition given in Rom. 15:4: "Whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope." When we read how God dealt with His people in olden times, it gives us faith to know that God fulfilled every promise He made. It should also make us realize that we MUST obey all God has asked of us, IF we expect to receive the blessing.

Some today even presume that Christ has spoken a different gospel

from that of olden time. They tell us that inasmuch as we are living in the dispensation of GRACE, we need not obey God's commands. Yet Christ Himself taught that He did NOT come to destroy the law or the prophets, but came to do the will of the Father in Heaven. Do you believe Him?

"God... hath in these last days spoken to us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds, who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high" (Heb. 1:1-3). Christ was with God in the beginning, for it was He who created the world. Christ was also the WORD. "The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us" (John 1:14).

Christ was conceived in the womb of the virgin Mary, was born into the world as a babe. He lived the Word of God out in the flesh, was tempted in all points as we, yet without sin; therefore was able to take upon Himself the sins of the world. His life was an example for us to follow; yet there are those who say it is impossible for us to keep all the commandments of God.

Christ kept EVERY ONE of them, or He would not have been without sin, as that is the only scriptural definition of sin.

The angel spoke to Mary and told her that she was with child by the Holy Spirit of God, saying, "Ye shall call his name Jesus, for he shall save his poeple from their sins." He can save us from our sins ONLY when we are willing to follow His example.

His obeying the Father's commands and being an overcomer from all sin made Him worthy to be called the Son of God. He was born into the family of God by His resurrection. The only way you can become a son or daughter of God is to be BORN into His kingdom through the resurrection from the dead. Yes, when we accept Christ, repent of sin and are baptized we become begotten sons and daughters, but cannot be born of God, or put on immortality UNTIL the resurrection.

"As many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name" (John 1:12). Yes, if you receive Him into your life in the person of the Spirit, you have the power to become a son or daughter of God, but you are only a son by adoption, or are begotten. At the resurrection you will be born into the family of God.

After Christ had proved that He was able to withstand sin and had sacrificed His life for our sins, He ascended to the right hand of the Father on high. There He is our Advocate.

In summary: God first outlined the plan of salvation, by giving us rules by which to pattern our lives. When man failed to obey and brought death

upon all mankind, God sent His Son into the world. Christ sinned not, gave His life for us, then ascended to the Father, asking us to not sin. But if we do sin, we can ask forgiveness in Christ's name and the sin is **forgotten**.

We should remember that we MUST keep in contact with God through prayer, in order to live overcoming lives. If we are overcomers, we shall reign with Christ in His Kingdom established on this earth made new. —From *Good Tidings*

SEQUEL

After the article "My Congregation and I Switched to the Seventh-day Sabbath" appeared in the September issue, the author, Professor Taylor, received a letter from Pastor Day, dated August 13. "I am writing to ask that you have prayer for our church and me. As we were worshipping last evening [Wednesday evening prayer meeting], two groups congregated on either side of the church and made as much disturbance as possible. Someone shot a pellet or something (we did not find whatever it was) through the window. We called the police, and an officer came, investigated the matter, and left. Shortly thereafter someone shot another hole in a second window.

"I am very weary in body and spirit, as this trouble has been going on for about three years. Please pray that God will deliver us from these enemies and also cause the guilty persons to become known."

The editor is certain that the readers of THE SABBATH SENTINEL will want to make earnest supplication to heaven in behalf of this Sabbath-keeping church and its courageous pastor.



KEEPING POSTED

THINK WE HAVE STRICT BLUE LAWS?

Jim McCansland, a syndicate news writer, recently gave the following report from Tonga:

That "Never on Sunday" girl would have found the South Pacific island kingdom of Tonga to her liking.

Not only does the name of this capital city mean "Abode of Love," but about the only activities not banned on Sundays are walking, eating, sleeping and praying. The ban is incorporated in the Order in Public Places Act which prohibits "engaging in any trade, buying or selling, gardening, swimming or any other kind of recreation or sport" on Sunday. Persons infringing the act are liable to a fine of \$11.20 or imprisonment for up to three months with hard labor in default.

Some services are classified as essential and employees permitted to operate them. These include public transport, hospitals, electrical repair work and, of course, law enforcement. After all, without police patrols, how could offenders against the Sunday laws be caught?

Applications for a permit for a specific activity can be made—and are considered by no less a body than the Cabinet. According to reports, applications from the country's carefree

80,000 people are rare—and permits even rarer.

Though tourism is becoming an increasingly important source of income to this coconut and copra country, the government of the benignly feudal King Taufa'ahau Tupou IV maintains that six-days-a-week tourist trade is sufficient.

Some traders and drivers of Nuku'alofa's *ve'etolu* (three wheel motorcycle taxis) don't agree. A number of them started ignoring the law—and the warnings against breaking it which were broadcast over the local radio station. The 100-man police force acted swiftly.

Tongans and tourists drinking in the country's main hotel, The International Dateline, were warned not to try to hire taxis after midnight on Saturday. Sailors returning to two Canadian navy ships on a visit were emptied out of *ve'etolu* onto the dusty, bumpy roads and the drivers ordered home.

Though the drivers' names were taken, Police Ministre 'Akau'ola said the campaign was a final warning and no charges were pressed.

Backward bakers also came under police surveillance. This resulted in comment that while people were not permitted to buy bread on Sundays, a loophole in the law allowed them to buy liquor at the hotel. The loop-

hole was closed almost immediately with bona fide hotel guests being the only people allowed to buy drinks there.

Tonga's rigid Sunday observance laws reflect the strong religious influence of the seven Christian denominations which operate there and which boast 350 churches. However, some easing-up has been forecast. A number of churchmen are in favor of less restrictive legislation on ve'etolu drivers . . . so that members of their congregations can taxi to church.

'BOOTLEG' SUNDAY BOOK SALES ARE CITED

In Lexington, Ky., 23 employees of a bookstore that opens one Sun-

day a year for convenience of University of Kentucky students were served citations on charges of violating the state's 169-year-old Sunday closing law.

Police say an anonymous phone complaint caused the action at the bookstore adjacent to the university. The store has opened each year on the Sunday before classes to begin to allow late-arriving students to buy books and supplies.

We urge you to send any items of particular interest to Sabbath-keepers that you find. Clip them, write the name of the publication and date with your name, and send them—preferably by airmail—to the editorial office.

"Echoes from Eden" Radio Log

KLYR (1350 kc), Clarksville, Ark., 9:00 a.m., Mon.-Fri.
KASA (1540 kc), Phoenix, Ariz., 12:15 p.m., Mon.-Fri.
WNLA (1380 kc), Indianola, Miss., 1:15 p.m., M.-F. (7:30 a.m. Sun.)
KUDY (1280 kc), Spokane, Wash., 8:00-8:30 a.m. Sabbath.
KDMI (97.3 FM), Des Moines, Iowa, 1:00-1:30 p.m. Sabbath.
KQXI (1550 kc), Denver, Colo., 8:30 a.m. Sab., 10:45 a.m. Sun.
KOAM (860 kc), Pittsburg, Kansas, 9:30 a.m., Sunday.

Thank you, dear friends who are helping make this enlarged outreach possible, along with the portion allocated to radio work from the reserve fund.

Please continue to send regular offerings that we may continue and enlarge the outreach further. More co-workers are needed if this is to be true. Ask God what YOU should do about this work.

If you or your local church would like to sponsor a radio program in some given area, please write the director, Frank M. Walker, Box 575, Meridian, Idaho 83642.

KDMI, Des Moines, is being supported by local brethren. Others can do the same.

Please pray each day for this radio ministry of the Bible Sabbath Association.

Echoes From Eden News

We have GOOD NEWS for all our Bible Sabbath Association friends, and especially for those of you who are praying and helping with the finances to enlarge the "Echoes From Eden" radio ministry. Thank you, dear friends, for your prayers and finances, those who pledged and those who help without pledging. May "my God supply ALL your need..." (Phil. 4:19).

Now for the good news. Look at the "Echoes From Eden" Radio Log in THE SABBATH SENTINEL last month, and then look at the one you now have—seven stations instead of two. One of these is being supported locally, but otherwise most of the support must come from our radio funds, and as the record now stands, MOST of it from the reserve fund, which should be used ONLY to fill in when you fail to send enough, now and then.

Let me talk to you from the heart, as I do have a great burden for God's work in these last days. The needs are so great and so many seem to be indifferent, and only a few really get in and show that they care, and want to share the God-given material blessings in reaching out for the lost souls as we rush toward the end of the age.

A few respond to our call for regular support of this radio ministry. God bless that few. Regular monthly offerings, small and large, are badly needed, brethren, to KEEP this enlarged radio outreach going. It all counts for God. It is an investment in eternity in souls. Maybe you do

not feel like pledging; that is OK. Send yours without a pledge. Let God have His way. If you cannot send an offering, you can pray. If the B.S.A. is to be used of God, then we must work together with a vision to glorify God. May God bless you all.

Enlarged Radio and Literature Outreach

Let me give you more details as to coverage of the enlarged radio outreach of "Echoes from Eden," the B.S.A. radio ministry, with its friends.

KASA, Phoenix, Ariz. We have been on this station for months and have a good time, and an established listening audience. Special effort is being made by the station, without cost to us, to enlarge that audience. This is a 10,000-watt station covering a large area with many people.

KLYR, Clarksville, Ark., is a smaller, inexpensive station covering a section in the Ozarks. We are on five days per week and although there is much prejudice, we have friends there who are with us and want to see us continue.

WNLA, Indianola, Miss., is a small station, but it has good coverage in a large section of that state, reaching into Arkansas. Brother Brady Thompson has supported a Sunday broadcast there for months, and will continue, while we direct the five days per week programs. Like KLYR, this is an inexpensive station, but reaches many. Pray for this effort. The needs are great.

KUDY, Spokane, Wash., is a 5,000-watt station with a large coverage in Western Washington and northern Idaho. We dropped this station once for lack of finances before, but we feel that this is a needy field.

KDMI, 97.3, FM, Des Moines, Iowa, reaches a radius of about 100 miles. It is an all-religious station, and brethren in that area are supporting this program. This is a needy field. Please pray God to give a harvest of souls.

KQXI, Denver, Colo., is an all-religious station, 10,000 watts power, reaching a large populous area. They gave us good rates and we have a good rate offer for five days per week which is much better, but we need help to do that. Maybe some friend would like to help in this by \$35 per week for the next six months. Pray over this need.

KOAM, Pittsburg, Kan., is a 10,000-watt station that reaches much territory in four states—in Kansas, out to Wichita and Topeka; in Missouri, to Kansas City and Springfield; in Oklahoma, Tulsa and Muskogee; and a corner of Arkansas.

This is a much larger coverage than we have had on the radio for months. We would like to enlarge more than this, but will await your response. We need more co-workers to keep the budget balanced with these first. Will and can you help? Let God have His way. Pray with us about this matter.

If you are already helping all you can in other phases of God's work, do not rob them by a transfer of your funds. Just pray with us that God will move upon those who can to help in this part of His work. Thank you, one and all, for your prayers and help.

Send tithe or offerings to Radio Fund, The Bible Sabbath Association, Fairview, Okla. 73737.

—Frank M. Walker, Radio Director

Your Conscience Can Be Wrong

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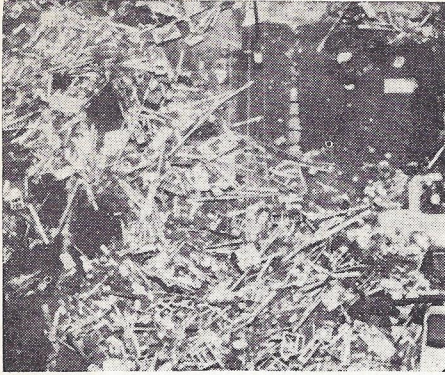
One cannot always trust even his conscience. It may be so trained by long-continued error that it is not reliable. I discovered that many years ago when I first discovered the Sabbath and worked on the following day, which until then had been a rest day for me.

The result? For the first few weeks my conscience hurt me, in fact, I was quite miserable—especially the first Sunday on which I worked. But I knew I was doing the right thing, for the Bible clearly tells me that “the seventh day is the sabbath of the Lord”; and soon the twinges of conscience died down.

Since then I have freely admitted this experience to my Sunday-observing friends. At times they have replied, “Ah, you should have known you were doing the wrong thing if your conscience hurt you for making the change from the Lord's Day to Saturday!”

But if that were so, alcoholics and smokers would have no problem quitting their habits. Those who have quit either, however, have told me that the first few weeks were almost a hell on earth. But they knew they were on the right path and persevered.

So it is faith in God's Word and not feeling that should be one's guide.



Not just air and water

Are You Guilty of Pollution?

CLARENCE T. WHITE

THERE is much talk about pollution this year and what man can do to solve it. I just read a sign on an auto bumper reading "Save Our Lake," referring to Lake Michigan. The worry is about polluting this body of fresh water. A Chicago radio station announced for several months that citizens should take pictures of factories and smoke stacks giving off smoke and polluting the air.

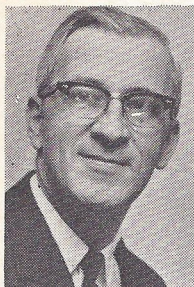
As I look at the Christian world today, I see another type of pollution. Yes, the Bible talks very plainly about pollution, especially polluting the Sabbath day. God, speaking through Isaiah in verse 2 of chapter 56, says "Blessed is the man . . . that keepeth the sabbath from polluting it. . . ."

What is "polluting" the Sabbath? According to Isaiah 58:13, "thou . . . shalt honour him, not doing thine own ways, nor finding thine own pleasure, nor speaking thine own words." Yes, the activities we participate in show if we are guilty of pollution. Even the kind of conversation we get engaged in about business could be polluting the Sabbath.

We can make the Sabbath a delight and keep from polluting it.

Jesus, our great Example, walked this earth many years ago and showed us how to make the Sabbath a delight. Luke says it was His custom to worship each Sabbath day. He healed many and did good to others. Honoring the seventh day instead of the first day of the week shows each one who his Lord is. "Moreover also I gave them my sabbaths, to be a sign between me and them, that they might know that I am the Lord that sanctify them. But the house of Israel rebelled against me in the wilderness: they walked not in my statutes, and they despised my judgments, which if a man do, he shall even live in them; and my sabbaths they greatly polluted: then I said, I would pour out my fury upon them in the wilderness to consume them. But I wrought for my name's sake, that it should not be polluted before the heathen, in whose sight I brought them out. Yet also I lifted up my hand unto them in the wilderness, that I would not bring them into the land which I had given them, flowing with milk and honey, which is the glory of all lands. Because they despised my judgments, and walked not in my

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A Note
from
the Editor

The First Thanksgiving

WHEN the first Thanksgiving is mentioned, most persons mentally picture a group of Pilgrims and Indians at Plymouth sitting before tables laden with turkey and other good things to eat. The idea of Thanksgiving, many people think, does not extend beyond that.

For the Sabbathkeeper, however, Thanksgiving Day is not just an annual occurrence, nor does its observance stretch back only 350 years; each seventh day of the week becomes a day to praise and thank his Creator for blessings enjoyed during the past six days, and his weekly "Thanksgiving Day" predates the American custom by several millenniums.

We are told that when the world was formed by the word of the Creator, "the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy" (Job 38:7). No doubt there was great cause for thanksgiving, for the Lord had pronounced the newly-created world "good."

Now, in what I believe to be the closing days of this sin-cursed dispen-

sation, what does the Christian have for which to be thankful? As he looks at the hate, impurity, and greed about him, he might feel at first that there is little in this world for which he can praise the Lord.

Yet, if he will think for a few moments, he will find much. First, there is the salvation that makes it possible to escape from the sin of this world and to look for a new world in which disagreeable things will be gone forever. Then he may be grateful for a day given by the Lord for him to forget the world and to think on divine things—to recharge his spiritual batteries. And going from these two things, the list of blessings can be extended indefinitely.

The "Sabbath Psalm" (92) begins with the declaration, "It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord. . . ." and ends with the comforting assurance that "the Lord is upright: he is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in him" (v. 15).

A Sabbath without thanksgiving and praise is like a flower without perfume or a tree without leaves—it just is not complete. Let us never forget each Sabbath day (as well as the other six days of the week) to show appreciation for our blessings. If we do this, the Sabbath will take on a deeper significance to us.

"Why just one day to offer praise
And thanks to God? Shall other days
In which the Lord doth richly bless
Be filled with utter thanklessness?
Lord, help us render thanks to Thee
No matter what the day may be.
For this and other blessings, then,
We'll offer everlasting praise. Amen."

Eugene Lincoln

WHY I KEEP THE SEVENTH DAY AS THE SABBATH

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sabbath, and persuaded the Jews and the Greeks." This shows that both the Jews and the Greeks kept the Sabbath, the only Sabbath known to Christians at that time, which was at least 18 years after the ascension of Christ.

John the Revelator, on the lonely Isle of Patmos, was given a vision on the Sabbath day of which he speaks in Revelation 1:10: "I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day." Now, the Lord's day is not Sunday, popular opinion to the contrary.

Who is Lord of the Sabbath? "The Son of man is Lord also of the Sabbath" (Mark 2:28). Whose day does the Lord call the Sabbath day? "If thou turn away thy foot from the sabbath, from doing thy pleasure on my holy day . . ." (Isa. 58:13). These two references, one in the New Testament and one in the Old Testament, make it crystal clear what day John had in mind when he said, "I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day," and no wresting of the Scriptures can make it mean Sunday. John wrote this more than 60 years after Christ's crucifixion, and had there been any hint of suggestion that the day of rest would be changed to the first day of the week, John would have written, "I was in the Spirit on the first day of the week." Many people would get a great deal of satisfaction out of it if they could find a translation of the Bible that would translate it thus.

In over one hundred of the world's leading languages, both ancient and modern, the seventh day means Sab-

bath or rest day, and the idea must have been planted in the minds of the ancients by the Creator Himself. The words *Sabbath*, *Sabbaths*, and *Sabbath* days, are found in the New Testament sixty times, and in every instance except one, refer to the seventh day. The one exception is in Col. 2:16, 17, where mention is made of annual sabbaths and feasts days which were kept by the Jews before the crucifixion of Christ. These were yearly holy days and had no reference to the weekly Sabbath.

Heart Attack Is Fatal to B.S.A. Recording Sec'y

Word has just been received of the death of Mrs. Nathan (Emerald Mae) Monroe, recording secretary of the Bible Sabbath Association, on Monday, October 19.

She had had an earlier attack several weeks ago. A heart pacer was used, but it failed to restore her heart to its normal condition; and the attack on the nineteenth proved instantly fatal.

Funeral services were held at the Fouke, Ark., Seventh Day Baptist Church, on Thursday, October 22.

Born in southwestern Kansas, she received a B.A. in music and mathematics from Salem College and later attended Union College.

She was active in church affairs having served as clerk, pianist, choir member and director, and Sabbath School superintendent and teacher.

Her death causes a loss to her family, friends, church, and to the Bible Sabbath Association.

And Fifth...

In conclusion I give as my fifth reason for keeping the "Lord's day," the seventh day of the week, as the Sabbath, the fact that the Sabbath will be kept in the earth made new; and by the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ I expect to live in that better land where "all flesh" will keep the Sabbath, which the prophet describes: "And it shall come to pass, that from one new moon to another, and from one sabbath to another, shall all flesh come to worship before me, saith the Lord" (Isaiah 66:23). I want to feel at home in the kingdom of God, and I know that if I keep the Sabbath here, I will know how to keep it there.

In the last chapter of the New Testament, verse 14, we find these beautiful words: "Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city."

By the grace of God I hope to enter therein, but if I am condemned at last at the judgment bar of God for keeping the Sabbath instead of the first day of the week, then I shall bring a charge against the writers of the New Testament for not having made the change clearly known to mankind.

But I know that the Word of God is true and God changeth not, and with God's help, I intend to obey His will in the Fourth Commandment as I do in the other nine.

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"FAITH WITHOUT WORKS IS DEAD"

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over of bonds and imprisonment: they were stoned, they were sawn asunder, were tempted, were slain with the sword: they wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins: being destitute, afflicted, tormented; (of whom the world was not worthy:) they wandered in deserts, and in mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth. And these all, having obtained a good report through faith...."

The disciples of Christ were never popular in the eyes of men. Paul said they "were of no reputation," and were often considered "the offscouring of the earth." Such men of faith were mocked, abused, persecuted, and finally killed. They had no need to worry about the glory; there were too many "thorns in the flesh" for these servants of Christ.

The apostle Paul had no need to pledge to the Lord that he would never touch the gold. He said, concerning his ministry, "In weariness and painfulness, in watchings often, ... in cold and nakedness" (2 Cor. 11:27). Paul also said, concerning the glory: "If I must needs glory, I will glory of the things which concern mine infirmities" (verse 30).

History tells us that Paul was beheaded in Rome; Peter was crucified upside down; James was slain by the sword; and John the Beloved was banished to a lonely island. None of these men ever had a thought of worldly gold or glory. For them, in the earth there was no gold or glory.

Jesus stated in His sermon on the mount: "Blessed are ye, when men shall hate you, and when they shall separate you from their company,

and shall reproach you, and cast out your name as evil, for the Son of man's sake. Rejoice ye in that day, and leap for joy: for behold, your reward is great in heaven: for in the like manner did their fathers unto the prophets. But woe unto you that are rich! for ye have received your consolation. Woe unto you that are full; for ye shall hunger. Woe unto you that laugh now! for ye shall mourn and weep. Woe unto you, when all men shall speak well of you! for so did their fathers to the false prophets" (Luke 6:22-26).

—From *The Marturion*

ARE YOU GUILTY OF POLLUTION?

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statutes, but *polluted* my sabbaths: for their heart went after their idols. Nevertheless mine eye spared them from destroying them, neither did I make an end of them in the wilderness. But I said unto their children in the wilderness, Walk ye not in the statutes of your fathers, neither observe their judgments, nor defile yourselves with their idols: I am the Lord your God; walk in my statutes, and keep

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my judgments, and do them; and hallow my sabbaths; and they shall be a sign between me and you, that ye may know that I am the Lord your God" (Ezek. 20:12-20).

Let us all join together and make an anti-pollution pledge for His holy Sabbath, so we can witness to all the world.

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