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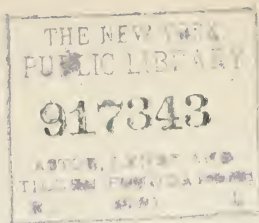
THE SABBATH AND THE LORD'S DAY

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PREFACE

BEFORE the death of the first apostles of Christ, certain law-teachers troubled the churches, and tried to impose upon them the rites of Moses' law. In a large assembly of apostles and elders at Jerusalem, it was fully decided and settled not to bind the law upon Gentile Christians. See Acts 15. In the Epistles of Paul the most powerful arguments are brought forth to teach the abrogation of the law, and the superior qualities of the gospel, the law of Christ. The apostle declares that all law-teachers "pervert the gospel of Christ," are "vain janglers," "understanding neither what they say, nor whereof they affirm."

After the death of the apostles, a number of heretical sects arose that taught the law was binding and enjoined the observance of the Jewish sabbath. Among these were the Ebionites, a sect which arose in the second century, and dissented from the general church. They were the rankest heretics of their time.

About the time of the Reformation, a sect arose in England that zealously advocated the observance of the seventh day. They had many able ministers and writers, and published many books. To-day there is nothing left of their work. It has become entirely extinct.

A small body of people known as Seventh-day

Baptists arose in 1664. They are to-day very few in number.

In 1846 Seventh-day Adventists began teaching the Jewish sabbath. They have been very zealous, compassing land and sea to make proselytes. They have poured out their means by the million and have filled the land with their literature. Probably no other people on earth have published and circulated as much literature over the world as these. Yet, comparatively, they are few in number.

No other people ever met with more disappointments during their existence, or made so many blunders. Miller, the founder of the Advent movement, finally opposed the sabbath, and warned his followers against its observance. Scores of their most prominent ministers have at different times renounced the faith as an error. Many have been led into infidelity as a result of the mistakes of Adventism.

The whole system is a yoke of bondage. Yet these law-teachers travel from hamlet to city, scattering their nefarious doctrines, by lecturing in tents and halls, and by distributing tracts, papers, and books among the people. Although but few accept the doctrine, hundreds become unsettled, and can scarcely be reached by the truth. To counteract this influence, this book has been written. It will be found to be pointed, and thorough on the subject. It is a complete treatise on all the important points relating to the sabbath and the Lord's day.

Having received a written permission from D. M. Canright, of Grand Rapids, Mich., I have made some choice quotations from his excellent work "Seventh-day Adventism Renounced." Mr. Canright was for a number of years a very prominent minister and writer of the Advent faith. At the time he renounced their doctrines, in 1887, he held a number of the highest offices in the society, and was, no doubt, one of the ablest ministers they ever had. Hear his testimony:—

"After keeping the seventh day and extensively advocating it for over a quarter of a century, I became satisfied that it was an error, and that the blessing of God did not go with the keeping of it. Like thousands of others, when I embraced the seventh-day sabbath I thought that the argument was all on one side, so plain that one hour's reading ought to settle it, so clear that no man could reject the sabbath and be honest. The only marvel to me was that everybody did not see and embrace it.

"But after keeping it twenty-eight years; after having persuaded more than a thousand others to keep it; after having read my Bible through, verse by verse, more than twenty times; after having scrutinized, to the very best of my ability, every text, line and word in the Bible having the remotest bearing upon the sabbath question; after having looked up all these, both in the original and in many translations; after having searched in lexicons, concordances, commentaries and dictionaries; after having read

armfuls of books on both sides of the question; after having read every line in all the early church Fathers upon this point; and having written several works in favor of the seventh day, which were satisfactory to my brethren; after having debated the question for more than a dozen times; after seeing the fruits of keeping it, and weighing all the evidence in the fear of God, I am fully settled in my own mind and conscience that the evidence is against the keeping of the seventh day.”— *Seventh-day Adventism Renounced*, pages 185, 186.

Such testimony is of great value and weight. In the chapters “The Sabbath on a Round Earth” and “The Law,” I quoted from his work at some length. Also, scattered throughout the book are a few quotations from Bro. D. S. Warner’s former book on “The Sabbath.” Extracts are given of some of the quotations, instead of giving them in full or verbatim. I ask the reader to give it a careful study with unbiased mind; and I believe the truth contained in its pages will be flash-lights from the throne of God to your understanding.

Yours in Christian love,

H. M. Riggle.

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THE ORIGIN OF THE SABBATH, AND WHEN IT WAS FIRST ENJOINED UPON MAN.

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THE plan of redemption was conceived in the mind of God prior to the foundation of the world. It was a mystery then hid in him alone. Long ages before that mystery was unlocked to mankind in the person of Jesus Christ, who made the world's atonement, it cast a love-betokening shadow upon earth. That shadow was the law. The law embraced the five books of Moses—Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy. In proof of this, I cite a quotation from each book.

Paul says that women “are commanded to be under obedience, as also saith the law.” 1. Cor. 14: 34. Where does the law say this? In Gen. 3: 16. I quote from the LXX: “The submission shall be to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee.” Genesis, then, is in the law. “The law had said, Thou shalt not covet.” Rom. 7: 7. Where? In Ex. 20: 17. So Exodus is in the law. Jesus makes two quotations from the law: 1. “Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart.” This is taken from Deut. 6: 5. 2. “Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.” This is from Lev. 19: 18. So both Deuteronomy and Leviticus are a part of the law. Again: “Have ye not read in the law, how that on the sabbath-days the priests in the temple profane the sabbath, and are blameless?” Mat. 12: 5. This is from Num. 28: 9. These, then, embrace all the five books of Moses as “the law.”

“The law having a shadow of good things to come.” Heb. 10: 1. The whole law system was but a shadow, containing types and figures of the plan of perfect redemption. There is nothing found in the economy of divine grace but that was foreshadowed in some part of the law. Its passover, atonements, sacrifices, offerings, tabernacle, temple, altars, blood, priests, circumcision, and sabbaths, all belonged to the law of shadows going before.

Among the promises of coming redemption was that of Shiloh—the rest-giver. Gen. 49: 10. “And his rest shall be glorious.” Isa. 11: 10. In fulfilment, Jesus came, saying, “Come unto me . . . and I will give you rest. . . . And ye shall find rest unto your souls.” Mat. 11: 28, 29. In the law of shadows there must be a type of this sweet and tranquil rest found in redeeming grace. Hence God set apart one day in seven, the seventh, as a sabbath of rest.

“Sabbath” means “rest.” It is the sole idea of the term. The law said, “Six days may work be done; but in the seventh is the sabbath of rest.” Ex. 31: 15. This is made still clearer in the Septuagint, where it is rendered, “But the seventh day is the sabbath, a holy rest to the Lord.” That sabbath, or rest, was “a shadow of things to come.” It reached its fulfilment in Christ, in whom our souls have found an everlasting rest. See Col. 2: 14-17; Heb. 4: 1-11.

The sabbath, then, was instituted by God, among the types and shadows of his great redemption. It pointed back to the creation, and forward to Christ, just as

the passover pointed back to Israel's exodus from Egyptian bondage, and forward to "Christ our pass-over, sacrificed for us." Whether, therefore, the sabbath was instituted before Moses or not, it belonged to the law of types and shadows. Circumcision began with Abraham, yet was nailed to the cross with all the ordinances of Moses.

But let us investigate, and find just when and where the sabbath was first enjoined upon man. Saturday-keepers lay no small stress upon a supposed Pre-Mosaic sabbath. In fact, it is one of the main pillars underneath their shattered structure. But it must be apparent to all enlightened minds that to go way back to Genesis to find the principal argument in favor of the seventh day is going a long way. Back there in the dim past the events of an age were covered by a few lines in the Bible. Yet 'the main reliance of Sabbatarians is upon arguments drawn from those remote times of darkness, while in the New Testament they find little to support their theories, but much to explain away.'

There is not one command in the book of Genesis to keep the seventh day as a sabbath. In the language of Canright, "There is no statement that any of the patriarchs kept the sabbath or knew anything about it. Sabbatarians say the record is so brief that it was omitted. Their proof, then, is *what was left out!*"

The first mention of the sabbath as a rest-day enjoined upon man that is recorded in the Bible is that of Ex. 16: 23-30. This was 2,500 years after the

creation. It was a new command to the Jews. On Friday Moses said to the people, "To-morrow is a solemn rest, a holy sabbath unto the Lord." Verse 23.—*Revised Version*. On Saturday, he said, "To-day is a sabbath unto the Lord." Verse 25. "So the people rested on the seventh-day." Verse 30. "And the people keep sabbath on the seventh day."—LXX. This language clearly proves that the children of Israel *there* and *then* began resting on the seventh day. The keeping of the sabbath was a new thing to them. Their deliverance from Egypt marked a new era in their history. The Lord at this time gave them a new year and a new beginning of months. See Ex. 12: 2. So, also, he for the first time gave them the sabbath. Ex. 16. Many scriptures teach this fact, a few of which are given below.

"Wherefore I caused them to go forth out of the land of Egypt, and brought them into the wilderness. Moreover also I gave them my sabbaths, to be a sign between me and them." Ezek. 20: 10, 12. This text is conclusive. It simply states that God *gave them* the sabbath when he brought them out of Egypt. "I gave them my sabbaths" implies the act of committing it to them, and proves that they did not have it before. It was a new thing to them, and only for them. The place where God gave Israel the sabbath was "the wilderness." It was given as a sign between himself and that nation. So positively teaches the above text.

"And remember that thou wast a servant in the

land of Egypt, and that the Lord thy God brought thee out thence through a mighty hand, and by a stretched out arm: therefore the Lord thy God commanded thee to keep the sabbath-day." Deut. 5: 15. God commanded Israel to keep the sabbath as a memorial of their deliverance from Egypt. Then, they never kept it until the reason existed for keeping it. Thus it was first enjoined upon them in the wilderness.

The covenant enjoining the seventh day was not made before Moses. "The Lord our God made a covenant with us in Horeb. The Lord made not this covenant with our fathers, but with us, even us, who are all of us here alive this day." Deut. 5: 2, 3. "Then follows a recital of the ten commandments, the covenant referred to. So if we are to credit the inspired statement of Moses, we must admit that the law embodying the seventh-day sabbath had never been given to the ancestors of the Jewish nation. Nay, 'The Lord made not this covenant with our fathers, but with us, even us, who are all of us here alive this day.'

"In the name of the God of the Bible, we affirm that every assumption that the sabbath had been previously given is a direct contradiction of the Word."

"Thou comest down also upon Mount Sinai, and spakest with them from heaven . . . and *makest known* unto them thy holy sabbath." Neh. 9: 13, 14. "Though the sabbath had been introduced a short time before when the manna first fell, it is but natural that

Nehemiah should speak of it with the rest of the law, as given on Sinai, by the audible voice of God, . . . and made a statute in Israel. If, then, we credit the testimony of Nehemiah, we trace the origin of that sabbath to Moses in the wilderness. There is where God came down and gave that law."

I will now quote from "The Sabbath," and also from Canright. "'Smith and Barnum's Dictionary of the Bible' says, 'In Ex. 16:23-29 we find the first incontrovertible institution of the day, as one given to, and to be kept by, the children of Israel. Shortly afterward it was re-enacted in the fourth commandment.'

"'There is no express mention of it, previous to the time of Moses.'—*Jahn's Biblical Archaeology*.

"'The celebration of the seventh day as a day consecrated to Jehovah, is first mentioned after the Exodus from Egypt, and seems to have preceded the Sinaitic legislation, which merely confirmed and invested it with the highest authority. There is no trace of its celebration in the patriarchal times.'—*Chambers' Encyclopedia*.

"'The first record of its observance by the Jews is mentioned in Ex. 16:25, when, in addition to its being observed in remembrance of the original rest-day of the creation, it was celebrated also in memento of the day of freedom of the Jews from Egyptian bondage.'—*People's Cyclopedia*."

"'Smith's Bible Dictionary' says of the argument on Gen. 2:1-3 for the institution of the sabbath in

Eden, "The whole argument is very precarious."
"There is no record of its celebration in patriarchal times."

"The early Christian writers are generally as silent on the subject of a primitive sabbath as on that of primitive sacrifices. Such examination as we have been able to institute, has disclosed no belief in its existence, while some indications are found of a notion that the sabbath began with Moses.'—*Kitto*."

"Justin Martyr, who wrote only 44 years after the death of St. John, and who was well acquainted with the doctrines of the apostles, denied that the sabbath originated at creation. Thus after naming Adam, Abel, Enoch, Lot, and Melchizedek, he says: 'Moreover, all those righteous men already mentioned, though they kept no sabbaths, were pleasing to God.'—*Dialogue with Trypho*, Chap. 19."

"'Enoch and all the rest, who neither were circumcised after the flesh, nor observed sabbaths, nor any other rites, seeing that Moses enjoined such observances.'

"'For if there was no need of circumcision before Abraham, or of the observance of the sabbaths, . . . before Moses, no more need is there of them now.'

"'As, then, circumcision began with Abraham, and the sabbath . . . with Moses, and it has been proved they were enjoined on account of the hardness of your people's hearts, so it was necessary, in accordance with the Father's will, that they should have an end in Him, who was born of a virgin, of the family of

Abraham.'—*Justin Martyr to Trypho, a Jew.*" Thus it will be seen that Justin Martyr understood that the sabbath began with Moses, and ended in Christ. This is in perfect harmony with the Scripture teaching.

"Irenæus says: 'Abraham believed God without circumcision and the sabbath.'—*Adv. Hoeres*, Lib. IV, Chap. 30.

"Tertullian, A. D. 200, said: 'Let them show me that Adam sabbatized, or that Abel in presenting his holy offerings to God pleased him by sabbath observance, or that Enoch who was translated was an observer of the sabbath.'—*Against the Jews*, Sec. IV."

Eusebius, A. D. 324, the father of church history, says: "They (the patriarchs) did not, therefore, regard circumcision, nor observe the sabbath, neither do we. . . . Such things as these do not belong to Christians." Book I, Chap. 4.

Here, then, we have the testimony from the historical records from the second and third centuries that the sabbath was not enjoined upon, nor observed by, the people of God till Moses' time, or for 2,500 years after creation. The early church did not believe that the sabbath originated at creation. I will add the testimony of eminent men.

"The transactions in the wilderness above recited were the first actual institution of the sabbath."—PALEY: *Watson's Instituted*, Vol. II, p. 515.

"The sabbath is no where mentioned, or even obscurely alluded to, either in the general history of the world before the call of Abraham, or in that of the

first three Jewish patriarchs.”—DR. PALEY: *Wakefield's Theology*.

“Whether its institution was ever made known to Adam, or whether any commandment relative to its observance was given previous to the delivery of the law on Mt. Sinai . . . can not be ascertained.”—

JOHN MILTON: *Christian Doctrine*, Vol. I, p. 299.

“That the Israelites had not so much as heard of the sabbath before this time [the wilderness], seems to be confirmed by several passages of the prophets.”—*John Milton*.

“Now as to the imposing of the seventh-day sabbath upon men from Adam to Moses, of that we find nothing in holy writ, either from precept or example.”

—JOHN BUNYAN: *Complete Works*, page 892. On page 895 of the same book Bunyan says, “The seventh-day sabbath, therefore, was not from paradise, nor from nature, nor from the fathers, but from the wilderness and from Sinai.” Bunyan was well versed in Scripture.

From all the foregoing, it is clearly seen that the united Scripture testimony, the most authentic historical records, the teachings of the most highly learned and eminent men, all point to the wilderness and Sinai for the institution of the sabbath. It is clearly traced to Moses and the law. Where, then, do Saturday-keepers base their claim for a Pre-Mosaic sabbath? They always bring forward the statement of Moses' in Gen. 2:2, 3. This is one of the main proof-texts used in favor of their idolized day. It is argued that God

rested, blessed, and sanctified the seventh day in Eden, therefore a universal obligation rests upon all to observe it.

I shall here give some reasons why this reasoning is false, and the whole argument unsound.

1. The book of Genesis, including these words, was not written at the time of creation, but 2,500 years later, by Moses himself. In fact, this statement of Moses' in Gen. 2:2,3 was not written until after the covenant enjoining the seventh-day sabbath upon the Jews had been delivered upon Sinai.

2. The language clearly proves that God did not bless and sanctify the day back at Eden when he rested, but at a later date. "And he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had made. 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." He blessed and sanctified the day "*because in it he had rested.*" He rested back in Eden. But God's rest did not make the day holy. It was not holy in itself. 2,500 years later God in the wilderness blessed and sanctified the seventh day as a holy day to the Jewish nation, and assigned as one reason that "*in it he had rested.*" After God blessed and sanctified the day in the wilderness, Moses wrote the book of Genesis; and in writing the account of creation said that God began resting on the seventh day from all his work, and that the same day on which God had rested he now sanctified and blessed. Here

again the inspired Word points to the wilderness for the institution of the sabbath.

“As this narrative, i. e., Gen. 2: 2, 3, was composed after the delivery of the law, for their special instruction, so this passage was only intended to confirm more forcibly that institution; or that it is to be understood as if Moses had said, ‘God rested on the seventh day, which he has since blessed and sanctified.’ ”—*Kitto’s Cyclopaedia of Biblical Literature*. To this we say amen. The language of Gen. 2 can not be understood in any other light, unless the text is wrested. I quote the learned and eminent Dr. Paley:—

“As the seventh day was erected into a sabbath, on account of God’s resting upon that day from the work of creation, it was but natural enough in the historian, when he had related the history of the creation, and of God’s ceasing from it on the seventh day, to add, ‘And God blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it, because that on it he had rested from all his work which God created and made’; although the blessing and sanctification, that is, the religious distinction and appropriation of that day, were not made till many ages after. The words do not assert that God then blessed and sanctified the seventh day, but that he blessed and sanctified it *for that reason*.”—*Moral and Political Philosophy*, Book IV, Chap 7.

On ‘his point, I quote the following from Canright:—

“As Moses wrote his books after he came to Sinai, after the sabbath had been given in the wilderness,

he here mentions one reason why God thus gave them the seventh day, viz.: because God himself had set the example at creation; had worked six days and rested the seventh. Such use of language is common. We say Gen. Grant was born at such a time. We do not mean that he was a general then, but we mention it by anticipation, using a title which he afterwards bore. So in Gen. 3:20, 'Adam called his wife's name Eve, because she was the mother of all living.' Here is a future fact stated as though it had already occurred. So 1 Sam. 4:1, the Jews 'pitched beside Eben-ezer.' But the place was not named Eben-ezer till years after. 1 Sam. 7:12. 'Judas Iscariot, which also was the traitor.' Luke 6:16. Here a future fact with regard to Judas is mentioned when he is first spoken of, though the act of betrayal did not take place till years later. Just so when the seventh day is first mentioned, its sanctification is referred to, though it did not occur till afterwards."

3. "Though the record from Adam to Moses covers a period of 2,500 years; though we appear to have a full account of the religious customs and worship of the patriarchs, such as Noah, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph, etc.; though we are told about circumcision, the altar, the sacrifices, the priests, the tithe, the oath, marriage, feast-days, etc.; yet never a word is said about any one keeping the sabbath."—*Canright*.

The first mention of the sabbath being kept by any one is recorded in Ex. 16. It began with Moses, and was instituted in the wilderness. To go back of Moses

for proof in favor of Saturday-keeping is going outside the Bible, into the fogs and mists of speculation and darkness.

THE SABBATH A JEWISH INSTITUTION.

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LAW-TEACHERS try every means possible to evade the fact that the sabbath was only Jewish. To admit this would explode their whole doctrine. It would prove that they are trying to revive an abolished institution which belonged wholly to a single nation in a former dispensation. But this is the whole truth set forth in the plainest terms.

Says God, "I gave *them* [the Jews] my sabbaths, to be a sign between me and them." Ezek. 20:12. Not to angels in heaven, and to Gentile nations on earth, as Adventists teach, but to the Jews, God gave the sabbath. If I gave John a dollar, was it not John's dollar? "I gave them [the Jews] my sabbath," saith the Lord. Is it not their sabbath? Notice how plain the record is that God gave the sabbath to the Jews, and to no others. "The Lord hath given *you* the sabbath." Ex. 16:29. "Speak thou also unto the *children of Israel*, saying, *Verily, my sabbaths ye shall keep.*" Ex. 31:13. "It is a sign between me and the children of Israel." Verse 17. "The *children of Israel* shall keep the sabbath . . . throughout their generations." Verse 16.

Surely this is plain. But right in the face of such

positive declarations, Sabbatarians contend that the decalogue enjoining the observance of the seventh day rules the universe of God; hence is binding upon angels in heaven, and upon all nations of earth. Therefore they argue that the angels keep the seventh-day sabbath. Let us examine.

“The Lord our God made a covenant with us in Horeb. The Lord made not this covenant with our fathers, but with us, even us, who are all of us here alive this day. The Lord talked with you face to face in the mount out of the midst of the fire, . . . saying, I am the Lord thy God, which brought thee out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage. . . . Keep the sabbath-day to sanctify it, as the Lord thy God hath commanded thee. Six days thou shalt labor, and do all thy work: but the seventh day is the sabbath of the Lord thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, nor thy man servant, nor thy maid servant, nor thine ox, nor thine ass, nor any of thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates; . . . And remember that thou wast a servant in the land of Egypt, and that the Lord thy God brought thee out thence through a mighty hand and by a stretched out arm: *therefore* the Lord thy God commanded *thee* to keep the sabbath.” “These words the Lord spake unto all your assembly. . . . And he wrote them in two tables of stone.” Deut. 5:2-15, 22.

This is the sabbath commandment as enjoined in the decalogue. Saturday-keepers contend that this

command is obligatory upon all nations, and even upon angels in heaven; but a careful reading of the above will show that it was given only to the Jews, to the children of Israel. It was but a Jewish institution. This covenant enjoining the seventh-day sabbath Moses declares was not made with their fathers (the patriarchs), nor with Gentiles, nor with angels in heaven, "but with *us, even us*, who are all of us here alive this day."

It was made with the children of Israel only. It applied only to them. "I am the Lord thy God, which brought thee out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage." Were the angels in Egyptian bondage? Would not that sound a little queer to Gabriel and the heavenly host? Were these brought out of Egypt? Were the Gentile nations there? How does this apply to us Americans? Were we in Egypt? Not many of us. We are free-born. Then, to whom are the words applicable? The answer is clear: To the Jewish nation, and to no others. Notice the language: "Keep the sabbath-day. . . . The seventh is the sabbath. . . . Remember that thou wast a servant in the land of Egypt, and that the Lord thy God brought thee out . . . *therefore* [or for that reason] the Lord thy God commanded thee to keep the sabbath-day." Language could not be framed to more clearly teach that the sabbath commandment was to the Jews only. The above is the way it read on the tables of stone, and to apply such language to Gentile nations, or to angels in heaven, is to prove

that these law-teachers "understand neither what they say, nor whereof they affirm." 1 Tim. 1:7.

"Take the sabbath commandment: 'Thy son, nor thy daughter, thy man servant, nor thy maid servant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates.' Ex. 20:10. Think of that commandment being given to angels in heaven! 'Sons,' 'daughters,' and 'thy neighbor's wife,' verse 17, when they neither marry nor are given in marriage. Again: 'Cattle,' 'ox,' 'ass,' etc. Do the angels own cattle and work oxen and asses in heaven? So 'man servants and maid servants.' This means bond-servants or slaves, such as the Hebrews owned in those days. . . . [*Their* "man servants and maid servants." Ex. 20:17.] But do the angels own slaves? Did Adam have servants in Eden? [Do Christians now have slaves?] Will the redeemed own them hereafter? What nonsense to apply this law to the angels and to Eden and to heaven! This wording was specially adapted to the social condition of the Jews as a nation in the land of Canaan, and to no others.

"Once more: 'Thy stranger that is within thy gates.' Verse 10. As everybody knows, 'the stranger' was the Gentile. 'Within thy gates' was a common expression meaning within your cities or dwelling in your land. It has no reference to living on your farm or inside the gates that enclose your farm, as Adventists always explain it. The towns were walled in and entered by gates. Here is where the judges sat and all business was done. Thus: 'All

that went in at the gate of his city.' Gen. 23:10. 'Judges and officers shalt thou make thee in all thy gates.' Deut. 16:18. To this custom of the Jews the sabbath commandment refers. All the Gentiles dwelling in their cities among them must be made to keep the sabbath. This shows it to be a national law, worded in all its parts to fit the circumstances of the Jews at that time.

"This command, then, could not apply to any but the Jews."—*Canright*.

One reason given why the Jews were to keep the sabbath was that they had been delivered out of Egypt. "The laws regulating how it should be kept show that it was a local institution adapted only to the Jewish worship and to that warm climate." "All the rigorous limitations and exactions of the sabbath-day, as under the Jewish law, could only be carried out by a small people in a limited territory where the church bore rule. A particular day, the seventh, Deut. 5:12, 13; definite hours, sunset to sunset, Lev. 23:32;" "no fires must be built on the sabbath, Ex. 35:3; they must neither bake nor boil that day, Ex. 16:23; they must not go out of the house, Ex. 16:29; they were stoned to death for picking up a stick, Num. 15:32-36; their priests must offer two lambs that day, Num. 28:9; they must compel all among them, living in their land, to keep it, Ex. 20:10. It was to be wholly a day of rest."—*Canright*.

Such was the Jewish law. We are not Jews, nor under the Jewish law. "What things soever the law

saith, it saith to them who are under the law." Rom. 3:19. But the Gentiles "have not the law," Rom. 2:14; and Christians "are not under the law, but under grace." Rom. 6:14. Amen.

That Jewish law could not be universal. In cold countries people would freeze without fires, and suffer without warm food. Adventists with all their blind zeal can not keep the day according to the law. "They go many miles on the sabbath and drive their teams; they offer no lambs; they can compel no one to keep it; nor do they stone those who break it." In this they expose their folly in trying to observe an obsolete Jewish day.

THE JEWISH SABBATH WAS CEREMONIAL IN ITS NATURE.

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"**CEREMONY.** Outward rite; external form in religion."—*Webster*. "An outward form or rite in religion; any thing or observance held sacred."—*International Encyclopaedic Dictionary*. This is exactly what the observance of the sabbath was in Jewish worship. The day in itself was not holy. One twenty-four hours of time is no better than another, unless *made so*. In the nature of days there is no difference. There is nothing in one that makes it differ from another. All nature continues the same. Then, the only way in which one day can become holy is by divine appointment.

Moral obligations are not made, or do not become so by mere appointment. They exist in their very nature. Murder, idolatry, blasphemy, stealing, adultery, etc., are morally wrong. Had God given no special command against these things, they would have been wrong in their nature. But it never would have been wrong to work on the seventh day unless God had given a commandment to keep it. The day in itself was not holy, no more than the other days. God made it holy. He "sanctified it," Gen. 2:3; he "hallowed it." Ex. 20:11. This act of the Lord made the day holy. But did it make it holy for all time and eternity? I mean this: Did God's appointment, his sanctification of that particular day, set it apart as being holy forever? If so, then every other day and thing made holy by God's appointment would remain so forever.

Other days were made just as holy as the seventh day. In Lev. 23 are the feasts of the Lord, which were all "holy convocations." These were the ceremonial seasons. The first of these feasts on the list is the weekly seventh-day sabbath. Verses 1-3. It is spoken of as a "rest, an holy convocation; ye shall do no work therein." Next comes the Lord's pass-over. Verses 5-8. "In the first day ye shall have an holy convocation: ye shall do no servile work therein." Next the feast of harvest. Verses 10-14. After this the feast of pentecost. Verses 15-21. It also was "a holy convocation," and they were forbidden to work on that day. Verse 21. In fact, a careful

reading of the entire chapter shows that all those special feast-days were holy days. They were made so by God's appointment.

The day of atonement was just as holy as the weekly sabbath. "There shall be a day of atonement: it shall be an holy convocation unto you; . . . and whatsoever soul it be that doeth any work in that same day, the same soul will I destroy from among his people. Ye shall do no manner of work: . . . It shall be unto you a sabbath of rest." Verses 27-32.

In all, there were seven of these yearly holy days. One of them, the day of atonement, was a holy sabbath-day—so holy that it was death to work on it; yet all those holy days have ceased to be so, and are now common working-days. Adventists admit that those holy days—made so by God's appointment—were ceremonial and nailed to the cross. They do not attempt to keep them. But the seventh day was exactly like these—made holy by God's appointment. Hence it was ceremonial, and was nailed to the cross. I quote from Canright:—

"So, then, holiness can be put upon a day, taken from it, or changed to another day. It is not necessarily a permanent, unchangeable affair. Let Sabbatharians meditate here awhile. More still: A day once appointed, and made a holy sabbath-day by God himself, may cease to be such and become even hateful to God. Thus: Isa. 1:13, 14, 'The new moons and sabbaths, the calling of assemblies, I can not away with; it is *iniquity*, even the solemn meeting. Your

new moons and your appointed feasts my soul hateth: they are a trouble unto me; I am weary to bear them.' All these holy days God himself had appointed, but see how he hates them now. Is it any proof, then, that a particular day is holy now because it was once holy? None whatever.

"Notice also how many other things were made holy by God's appointment. Under the *law* we read of 'the holy temple,' 'the holy hill,' 'the holy ark,' 'the holy instruments,' 'the holy vessels,' 'the holy water,' 'the holy perfume,' 'the holy altar,' 'the holy veil,' 'the holy linen coat,' 'the holy ointment,' 'the holy nation,' 'the holy sabbath,' etc. Those pertained to the worship and service of God in his *holy temple* [tabernacle], which was 'only a shadow,' 'figure' or 'type of the *true* temple'—the 'spiritual house' of Christ, 'his body, the church.' While they stood as *types* they were 'holy,' and no longer. They had no inherent holiness, but were made holy by the command of God. 'Law and Gospel,' page 43, by S. C. Adam.

'Like all these holy things, the seventh day had no holiness in itself. It had to be 'made' so. Mark 2:27. The sanctity of the day did not rest upon the nature of the day itself, but, like a hundred other hallowed things, simply upon God's appointment, which may be altered any time at his will.'

No man could murder, blaspheme, commit adultery, steal, etc., for years and be a Christian. Never. Why? Because these things are morally wrong. But the

most zealous Saturday-keepers admit that such men as Luther, Wesley, Bunyan, and thousands of others, who never kept the seventh day, but wrote against its observance, were highly eminent Christian men. Their literature says so. They readily admit that there are many Christians who do not keep Saturday. How is this? A moment's reflection here ought to convince them that the keeping of the sabbath as enjoined in the law was ceremonial in its nature.

THE SABBATH ON A ROUND EARTH.*

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IN their very nature all purely moral laws are universal and eternal in their application, are binding in heaven, in Eden, on Jews or Gentiles, saints or sinners, now or hereafter. Test the particular seventh day, Saturday, by that rule, and it fails everywhere. All the universe might keep a seventh part of time, but not the same seventh part. Not knowing this, see what a blunder Mrs. White made. She says: "I saw that the sabbath would never be done away, but the redeemed saints, *and all the angelic host*, will observe it in honor of the great Creator to all eternity."—*Spiritual Gifts*, Vol. I, p. 113. Uriah Smith, a leading Adventist, says: "We infer that the higher orders of his intelligences keep the sabbath also. . . . The sabbath of each of his creatures will be the sabbath of all the rest, so that all will observe *the same*

* This chapter is largely selected from "Seventh-day Adventism Renounced," by Canright.

period together for the same purpose.”—*Biblical Institute*, page 145.

Here you have your definite seventh-day theory. Look at the utter absurdity and impossibility of the theory. All intelligent beings in heaven and earth and on all the planets, keep “the same period together.” Adventists, like the Jews, keep sabbath from sunset to sunset. Lev. 23:32. Now I shall prove by stubborn facts that they can not all “observe the same period together.”

Everybody knows that it is Saturday in India some twelve hours sooner than it is here, and that it is Saturday here twelve hours after it has ceased to be Saturday there. In Australia the day begins eighteen hours sooner than it does in California. So the seventh day brethren in California are working nearly the whole time that their brethren in Australia are keeping sabbath! Come even nearer home than that. The sun sets about three hours later in California than it does in Maine. So when the Seventh-day Adventists in Maine begin to keep the sabbath at sunset Friday evening, their own brethren in California, where the sun is yet three hours high, will still be at work for three hours! So very few of them on this earth “observe the same period together.” While some of them are keeping sabbath on one part of the earth, others of them are at work on another part of the earth. How much less, then, do all the heavenly host keep the same period with men on earth.

Now, if, as Mrs. White and Uriah Smith say, the

angels keep our sabbath, the question is, With which party do they keep it? With those in Australia, or those in America? If the angels keep the sabbath at the same time the Sabbatarians keep it in Australia, then the Sabbatarians in America are working while the angels keep sabbath, and so, of course, the angels work while those here rest. So we see how absolutely false and absurd is the theory that all can keep the sabbath at the same time.

Adventists at Battle Creek, Mich., really suppose that when the sun sets Friday evening and they begin keeping sabbath, the Lord and the angels begin keeping it too. O what blindness! If the Lord keeps the sabbath with them at Battle Creek, then he does not keep it with their brethren on the other side of the globe, because they begin the sabbath at least twelve hours earlier than we do here. In fact, it takes just forty-eight hours, or the time of two whole days, from the time any one day begins in the extreme east till it ends at the farthest place in the west. Will the reader stop and think carefully, sharply, on this point, for it is an important one? It takes twenty-four hours for the *first end* of a day to go clear around the earth. Then, as the *last end* of the day is twenty-four hours behind the first end, it must also have twenty-four more to go clear around the earth, and that makes forty-eight hours in all that each day is on the earth somewhere. So for the Lord and the heavenly host to keep sabbath with all the Adventists on earth, they would have to keep the time of two

Advent Doctrine.—"I saw that the sabbath would never be done away, but the redeemed saints, and all the angelic host, will observe it in honor to the great Creator to all eternity."—MRS. WHITE, in *Spiritual Gifts*, Vol. I, page 113.

"We infer that the higher orders of his intelligences keep the sabbath also. . . . The sabbath of each of his creatures will be the sabbath of all the rest, so that all will observe *the same period together* for the same purpose."—*Biblical Institute*, page 145, by U. Smith, Adventist.

The above statements are preposterous as shown by the following comparisons of time on our own round earth.—H. M. R.

Difference in time between New York and San Francisco.

NEW YORK.

SAN FRANCISCO.



SUNSET FRIDAY EVENING. SUN 3 HRS. AND 15 MIN. HIGH.

Adventists in San Francisco, Cal., work 3 hrs. and 15 min., while their brethren in New York are keeping sabbath. This shows that they can not keep "the same period together."

Difference in time between San Francisco, Cal., and
Liverpool, Eng.

LIVERPOOL, ENG.

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.



SUNSET FRIDAY EVENING. 10:50 A. M. FRIDAY MORNING.

When the Adventists in Liverpool, Eng., begin to keep sabbath Friday evening, their brethren in San Francisco, Cal., have 8 hrs. and 10 min. yet to work. So the Sabbatharians in San Francisco work 8 hrs. and 10 min., while their brethren in Liverpool keep sabbath. Whom does the Lord and "the angelic host" keep sabbath with—the Adventists in Liverpool, or San Francisco? If with the Sabbatharians in Liverpool, then those in San Francisco are working 8 hrs. and 10 min., while the angelic host keep sabbath.

Difference in time between San Francisco, Cal., and
Calcutta, India.

CALCUTTA, INDIA.

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.



SUNSET FRIDAY EVENING. 4:55 A. M. FRIDAY MORNING.

A difference of 14 hrs. and 5 min. The Adventist in San Francisco, Cal., works 14 hrs. and 5 min., while his brother in the faith is keeping sabbath in Calcutta, India. If the "heavenly host" keep sabbath with those in California, then the Sabbatharians in India begin to keep it 14 hrs. before the "heavenly host," and cease to keep it 14 hrs. before the heavenly host. So they are of necessity out of line with the "angelic host" 28 hrs. and 10 min. in keeping sabbath.

Difference in time between San Francisco, Cal., and
Melbourne, Australia.

MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA.

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.



SUNSET FRIDAY EVENING. 1:10 A. M. FRIDAY MORNING.

A difference of 17 hrs. and 50 min. The Sabbatharian in Melbourne, Australia, begins keeping sabbath about 18 hrs. before his brethren in California. He also ceases keeping sabbath 18 hrs. before his brethren in California. Now, if the "angelic host" keep sabbath with Advents in California, the Advents in Australia are out of line with the angels in keeping sabbath just 35 hrs. and 40 min. Since the angels can not keep sabbath with both (unless indeed the angels keep sabbath 42 hrs.), we ask, with which party do they keep it? "All his creatures" CAN NOT keep "the same period together."

whole days each week. And in that case, those on this side of the earth would be working while the Lord was keeping the sabbath with those on the other side of the earth. Then those on the opposite side of the earth would be working while the Lord kept sabbath with those on this side. And so none of them would keep sabbath with the Lord after all! In fact, taking it all around the earth, there is not a single hour in the week when there is not some Sabbatarian at work on some part of the earth!

What, then, becomes of Mrs. White's statement that "all the angelic hosts" keep our sabbath? or Uriah Smith's hypothesis that all the universe "will observe the same period together"? Both are utterly absurd. The same definite seventh day can not be kept by all the universe; even on this earth alone it can not be kept by all at the same time. This adds another strong and unanswerable proof that the seventh-day sabbath with its rigorous limitations and exactions, as enjoined in the law, was only a Jewish institution, to be carried out by a small people, in a limited territory—the land of Canaan. Under the new dispensation, the gospel was to go to all nations, to all climates, around the earth. Hence the keeping of days is left out of the gospel system, is only secondary, while the *rest* now enjoyed by Christians is a spiritual rest of the soul, every day of the week.

Test the seventh-day theory in the frozen regions of the north. The law declared that the day must be kept from sunset to sunset. See Lev. 23:32. Adventists

say amen to this. But in the extreme north in the winter there are months when the sun is not seen there at all, so they have no sunset. And again, in summer there are months when the sun is above the horizon all the time, when there is no sunset. This difficulty confronts the Adventists of northern Sweden and Norway. Here their theory breaks down again. They have to reckon the day by artificial means. This again proves that that law was for the Jews. What endless and needless difficulties people get themselves into trying to keep a law that was designed only for the Jews in a limited locality! How contrary to the freedom and simplicity of the gospel!

I will here mention another great difficulty that stands in the way of Sabbatarianism. It is, *Where shall we begin the day?* If a man's salvation depends upon keeping the same day to the hour that God kept at creation, then it is infinitely important that we know exactly to a rod where his day began, so as to begin ours there too. But the Lord has not said a word about it, nor given the least clue as to where to begin the day. The day is now generally reckoned to begin at a certain line 180 degrees west from Greenwich, England. It runs north and south through the Pacific Ocean about 4,000 miles west of America.

Prof. E. S. Holden of Lick Observatory says: 'There is no one date when the day-line was established there; but it was during the last hundred years. It was established there for convenience. Besides Greenwich, it has been reckoned from Canary Islands

Tenereffe, Ferro, Paris, Berlin, Jerusalem, Washington, etc.' So we see: 1. It is only within the last hundred years that the day-line has been fixed where it now is. 2. This was done merely for convenience, not because there was anything in nature requiring it. 3. At different times the day-line has been counted from at least seven different places, from Jerusalem in the east to Washington in the west, about 8,000 miles difference, or one-third the way around the earth. Hence, the beginning of the seventh day has varied that much at different times. 4. In another century it may be changed again. 5. There is just as much authority for one place as the other, and no divine authority for either, as it is all man's work and done at haphazard. 6. Hence, so far as duty to God is concerned, any nation, church or society is at liberty to begin the day wherever they please. One place will be just as apt to be in harmony with God's day-line as another.

Sabbatarians in America can fix their day-line in the Atlantic instead of in the Pacific, and then our Sunday will be Saturday, and they will be all right and convert a nation in a day! Indeed, this is exactly parallel to what Seventh-day Adventists have done in the case of a colony in the Pacific Ocean. Pitcairn Island, in the Pacific, was settled one hundred years ago by persons who brought their reckoning eastward from Asia. But it happens to be on the American side of the present day-line; hence their Sunday was our Saturday, and they all kept it one hundred years

as Sunday. According to Adventists, this was an awful thing, for Sunday is the Pope's sabbath, the mark of the beast! So the Adventists went there and persuaded them all to keep Saturday. How? They simply induced them to change their reckoning of the day-line a few miles, and lo! their Sunday was Saturday! Now they are all pious sabbath-keepers, while before they were keeping Sunday, the mark of the beast! And yet they are keeping exactly the same day they always kept. If this is not hair-splitting, tell me what is. It illustrates the childishness of the whole Sabbatarian business. Now let the Adventists just shift their day-line a little farther east to include America, and they can keep Sunday with the other people. O the blindness of this poor deluded people, who are straining at a gnat, while they swallow a camel! Does the salvation of a man's soul depend upon such mathematical niceties and such uncertainties as these? If it does, we may well despair of heaven.

The law said keep the seventh day from sunset to sunset. Ex. 20:8-11; Lev. 23:32. Now, let two Adventists start from Chicago, one going east, the other west, around the earth. Each keeps carefully the seventh day as the sunsets. When they meet again at Chicago they will be two days apart! One will be keeping Sunday and the other Friday. How will they now manage it? Each gives up his seventh day, and both take that of the world. So they have only a worldly day after all.

Look, also, at the difficulty in crossing this supposed day-line in the Pacific Ocean. Going west, a day is dropped, going east it is added, and this is done at *noon* of the day which finds them nearest the supposed line. On the vessel, a man going west sits down to dinner 11:50 A. M. Friday. While he is eating the time is changed, and he rises from dinner Saturday noon! Then he has only six hours of sabbath till sunset. But coming east, he sits down to dinner Saturday noon and rises from dinner Friday noon! He has kept eighteen hours sabbath; then it is gone in a second at high noon, and he has six hours to work till sunset. Now he must begin sabbath once more and keep it over again—twenty-four hours! In one case he keeps only six hours sabbath, and in the other case he keeps forty-two hours!

These stubborn facts demonstrate the utter absurdity of the Sabbatarian view. It proves that the strict keeping of days was confined to the Jews in Palestine. Adventists are constantly devising new methods to dodge these great difficulties. Their latest discovery is that adopted by the Seventh-day Adventist ministers of the New York conference. It is that the earth is absolutely *flat* and *stationary*, with sun, moon and stars much smaller than the earth and revolving around it. "The sun, he *do* move," the old darkey said, and the Adventists say, "Amen."

THE FIRST OR OLD COVENANT FROM SINAI INCLUDED THE TEN COMMANDMENTS, AND ENJOINED THE OBSERVANCE OF THE SEVENTH-DAY SABBATH.

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WE now come to the sabbath as instituted in the ten-commandment law given on Sinai. With this law the sabbath either stands or falls.

A covenant was made with the children of Israel "from Sinai, which gendereth to bondage." Gal. 4: 24. Paul terms it the "first covenant," Heb. 8:7; the "old" covenant. Verse 13. The question, then, to be settled is, What constituted the *old* or *first* covenant which came from Sinai? The Bible answer is clear.

"And Moses rose up early in the morning, and went up unto Mount Sinai, as the Lord had commanded him, and took in his hand the two tables of stone." "And he was there with the Lord forty days and forty nights; he did neither eat bread, nor drink water. And he wrote upon the tables the words of the covenant, the ten commandments." Ex. 34:4, 28.

"The Lord our God made a covenant with us in Horeb. The Lord made not this covenant with our fathers, but with us. . . . The Lord talked with you face to face in the mount out of the midst of the fire, . . . saying, . . . [1] Thou shalt have no other gods before me. [2] Thou shalt not make thee

any graven image: . . . thou shalt not bow down thyself unto them, nor serve them. . . . [3] Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain. . . . [4] Keep the sabbath-day. . . . The seventh day is the sabbath. . . . [5] Honor thy father and thy mother. . . . [6] Thou shalt not kill. [7] Neither shalt thou commit adultery. [8] Neither shalt thou steal. [9] Neither shalt thou bear false witness. . . . [10] Neither shalt thou covet. . . . These words spake the Lord unto all your assembly in the mount: . . . *and he added no more.* And he wrote them in two tables of stone, and delivered them unto me." Deut. 5:2-22.

"And he declared unto you his covenant, which he commanded you to perform, even ten commandments; and he wrote them upon two tables of stone." Deut. 4:13.

"When I was gone up into the mount to receive the tables of stone, even the tables of the covenant which the Lord made with you." Deut. 9:9. "The Lord gave me the two tables of stone, even the tables of the covenant." Verse 11.

"The ark, wherein is the covenant of the Lord, which he made with our fathers, when he brought them out of the land of Egypt." 1 Kings 8:21. "There was nothing in the ark save the two tables of stone," 1 Kings 8:9, "the tables of the covenant." Heb. 9:4.

Comments could not make these texts prove more clearly that the ten commandments were the covenant

from Sinai. Eight clear texts declare that "covenant" was "the ten commandments."

I shall next prove that the breaking of any of the ten commandments was called breaking the covenant.

"They have forsaken the covenant of the Lord God of their fathers, which he made with them when he brought them forth out of the land of Egypt: for they went and served other gods, and worshiped them." Deut. 29:25, 26.

"This people will rise up, and go a whoring after the gods of strangers . . . and will forsake me, and break my covenant which I have made with them." Deut. 31:16.

"And it came to pass, when the judge was dead, that they returned, and corrupted themselves more than their fathers, in following other gods to serve them, and to bow down unto them; . . . this people hath transgressed my covenant." Judges 2:19, 20.

"Ye have transgressed the covenant of the Lord your God, . . . and have gone and served other gods, and bowed yourselves to them." Josh. 23:16. Also read 1 Kings 11:9-11; Jer. 11:10; 22:9.

Here we have seven texts which declare that by the children of Israel's breaking the first commandments of the decalogue, they "broke," "forsook," and "transgressed" God's covenant. This proves beyond question that the decalogue was the first covenant; for "the Lord had made a covenant, and charged them, saying, Ye shall not fear other gods, nor bow yourselves to them, nor serve them." 2 Kings 17:35.

Again, in 2 Kings 17: 15, 16 we read that they made "molten images" and worshiped them, and by so doing rejected "his covenant that he made with their fathers." So by breaking the second commandment of the decalogue, they rejected his covenant. "Lest ye forget the covenant of the Lord . . . and make you a graven image, or the likeness of anything." Deut. 4: 23.

On account of Israel's stealing and coveting, thus breaking the eighth and tenth commandments of the decalogue, God said, "Israel hath sinned, and they have also transgressed my covenant." Josh. 7: 10-12, 21. By breaking the sixth commandment Israel forsook the covenant. 1 Kings 19: 9, 10.

Surely the twenty foregoing texts are sufficient to prove that the "ten commandments" were the first covenant, the one from Sinai. It must be a desperate case of will-worship that will cause people to reject these plain statements of the Bible, and look elsewhere for that covenant.

"Therefore it is fixed and settled by all the above quotations, and the concurrence of all other scriptures, that the Sinai covenant embraced the 'ten words' of the stone tables. Now, the law for the seventh-day sabbath is found in this covenant, written on stone. Therefore every time the word of God declares that the covenant delivered on Sinai is abolished it asserts the abrogation of the seventh-day sabbath. And because of the strong array of New Testament scriptures which positively assert the abrogation of that

ten-commandment covenant made on Sinai, the Adventists have diligently sought out some new device to deny that the decalogue is the covenant which God made with Israel at that time, and to find something else to which they can apply the covenant. This unscrupulous refuge of lies they set up right in the face of God and the twenty declarations of his Word we have cited, which positively declare that the ten commandments written in stone constitute the Sinaitic covenant. .

“But let us examine their new invention. Avoiding the definition that God gives us no less than twenty times, of the covenant that he made on Sinai, they appeal to the dictionary and find this definition: ‘*Covenant*. A mutual agreement of two or more persons or parties, in writing and under seal,’ etc. Then confining the covenant made on Sinai within this single definition, they look for something that answers thereto, or rather they search for something else besides the ten commandments to which they may apply those scriptures that declare the abrogation of the old covenant. So in their literature and preaching they light upon Ex. 19:5-8. ‘Here,’ say they, ‘is an agreement between God and the people; and this promise on the part of Israel to do all that God had spoken, is the covenant made on Sinai.’

“An argument is drawn from the fifth verse, which reads thus: ‘Now therefore, if ye will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people.’ The

word 'covenant' occurring in the context of the people's promise to obey all that God had spoken, is ingeniously used to prove that that agreement alone constituted the covenant. U. Smith asserts in a little work that this agreement, and nothing else, was the old covenant, and that nothing else was abolished by the bringing in of the new order under Christ Jesus. In the name of Jesus we now proceed to abolish this subterfuge of falsehood.

"1. The Word does not assert that the promise of the people to obey God, alone constitutes the covenant made on Sinai. But it is repeatedly declared that the ten words written in the stone tables were included in the covenant made with Israel at that time and place.

"2. If the response on the part of Israel to obey what God had spoken, only was the covenant; and if nothing else, as U. Smith affirms, was abolished in Christ, then the ceremonial laws, and the penalty of death for the violation of the sabbath, and the other judgments written in the book of the law, are all yet in force. Such are the ridiculous pitfalls that men get into when trying to wrest the Scriptures for the sake of their idolized creed.

"3. If that agreement on the part of the people of God to obey him was the covenant, and nothing else, and if that only was done away in Christ, then it follows that in Christ Jesus we cease to be under covenant obligations to obey God."

"The word 'covenant' in Exodus and Deuteronomy

referring to the law of God given on Sinai is from *berith* in the Hebrew, and the same thing in the New Testament is from the Greek word *diatheke*. It is translated 'testament' thirteen times. And in the following instances, where rendered 'covenant,' in the margin it is more correctly translated 'testament': Rom. 9:4; Gal. 3:15; 4:24; Heb. 8:6; 12:24; 13:20. It is seen that in Heb. 9:16 the word is used in the sense of a will, such as men make for the disposition of their property, etc. . . . In Heb. 9:15 the same word is used with reference to both the old and the new testament. If, therefore, *diatheke* simply means a mutual agreement, then the twenty-seven books we have been in the habit of calling the New Testament are not the 'new testament.' "

"But let us look at their position again. A covenant is a mutual agreement between two or more parties; therefore the ten commandments are not the covenant made on Sinai, because they are not such an agreement. Again, say they, 'The new covenant written in the heart are the ten commandments formerly written in stone.' But the same word, *diatheke*, occurs in Heb. 9:15 in speaking of both the old testament and the new. Therefore, if the 'old *diatheke*' can not be the ten commandments because the word means a 'mutual contract,' then, for the same reason, the 'new *diatheke*' can not be the ten commandments. Thus their scheme to overthrow the fact that the old covenant includes the ten stone-written words overthrows their own position that the

decatalogue is the new covenant. So all who fight against God and his Word dig a pit and fall into it

“Let us now see what the real Scriptural meaning of the word ‘covenant’ or ‘testament’ is. *‘Testament.* 1. A solemn, authentic instrument in writing, by which a person declares his will as to the disposal of his estate and effects after death. 2. One of the two general divisions of the canonical books of the sacred Scriptures; as, the Old Testament; the New Testament.’ These are the only definitions given in Webster’s ‘Unabridged Dictionary.’

“*‘Diatheke*, any disposition, arrangement, institution, or dispensation: hence a testament, will. Heb. 9:15.’—*Greenfield*.

“*‘Diatheke*, a disposition, arrangement. A testament, a will. The Abrahamic covenant. The Mosaic covenant, entered into at Mount Sinai, with sacrifices and the blood of victims; see Ex. 24:3-12; Deut. 5:2. The new covenant, the Gospel Dispensation.’—*Robinson’s Lexicon*.

“‘Thus the covenant of Sinai was conditioned by the observance of the ten commandments (Ex. 34:27, 28; Lev. 26:15), which are therefore called “Jehovah’s covenant” (Deut. 4:13), a name which was extended to all the books of Moses, if not to the whole body of Jewish canonical Scriptures. (2 Cor. 3:13, 14.) This last mentioned covenant, which was renewed at different periods, is one of the two principal covenants between God and man. They are dis-

tinguished as old and new (Jer. 31:31-34; Heb. 8:8-13; 10:16).’—*Smith and Barnum’s Dictionary*.

“Thus we see by Scriptural use and standard authorities that the word rendered ‘covenant’ signifies a ‘will,’ a ‘dispensation,’ etc., and the ten-commandment covenant is cited as an example. The word is properly used to designate the two general divisions of the Bible. The decalogue, properly speaking, is the old covenant, but as the last authority has truthfully observed, the old testament is also used in an extended sense, as including all the books of Moses, or the entire body of the Sinaitic law.

‘We have now exposed the late shift of Adventism, and proved that the very word “covenant” in its Scriptural meaning is in perfect accord with the statements of the Almighty when “he declared unto you his covenant, which he commanded you to perform, even the ten commandments; and he wrote them on two tables of stone.” Deut. 4:13. But once more, the Adventist teachers will cry, “A covenant is an agreement with some one, but such is not the decalogue.” Here is God’s answer by Moses: “When I was gone up into the mount to receive the tables of stone, even the tables of the *covenant which the Lord made with you.*” Deut. 9:9.’—*The Sabbath*.

Every effort to exclude the decalogue from the Sinaic covenant is squarely against the Bible. But let us examine closer. The decalogue did enter into, and became a part of, an agreement between the Lord and Israel. The decalogue was the basis of the whole

arrangement at Sinai. Therefore, by way of eminence, it alone was frequently called "the covenant."

We open at Ex. 19 and read: "In the third month, when the children of Israel were gone forth out of the land of Egypt, the same day came they into the wilderness of Sinai." Verse 1. Moses was mediator between the Lord and the children of Israel. See verse 3. Moses came down and delivered to Israel God's terms. "Now therefore, if ye will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people." Verses 5, 7. The people answered, "All that the Lord hath spoken we will do." Verse 8. Here was an agreement between God and Israel. They agreed to obey his covenant, and he agreed to bless them.

Next they prepare to hear his voice, to hear the covenant. Verses 9-25. Then chapter 20 begins with God speaking aloud to Israel, and the very first thing heard is the ten commandments, extending to verse 17. He then follows the ten commandments with various precepts through Moses, to the end of chapter 23. "Moses came and told the people *all the words* of the Lord." "And all the people answered with one voice, and said, All the words which the Lord hath said will we do." Chap. 24:3. Then "Moses wrote all the words of the Lord" in a book, verse 4, and that book was called "the book of the covenant." Verse 7.

"And he took the book of the covenant, and read in the audience of the people: and they said, All that the

Lord hath said will we do, and be obedient. And Moses took the blood, and sprinkled it on the people, and said, Behold the blood of the covenant which the Lord hath made with you concerning all these words." Ex. 24:7, 8.

That closed the covenant. It embraced all included in the record from Ex. 19:1 to Ex. 24:8, for this is the covenant in detail written out. It was a testament, disposition, arrangement; and an agreement between God and the Israelites. But is the decalogue included in it? Adventists might as well deny that the sun shines. It is written out in full in the covenant, Ex. 20:1-17; and the seventh-day sabbath is in its very heart. Verses 8-11. We are sure that this was the first, or old, covenant. Paul quotes Ex. 24:7, 8, and says it was "the first covenant." See Heb. 9:18-20. That settles it.

The decalogue was such a prominent part of the covenant that the stones on which it was written were called "the tables of the covenant," Deut. 9:9; the book in which it was written was called "the book of the covenant," Ex. 24:7; and the ark in which it was deposited was called "the ark of the covenant." Deut. 31:26.

All Saturday-keepers rest their claims for the observance of that day upon the decalogue. But the decalogue was a prominent part of the "old" or Sinaitic covenant. With that covenant the seventh-day sabbath stands or falls; for there is no possible chance for the law-teachers to take their idolized

THE TWO COVENANTS Gal. 4 21-31.

THE "FIRST OR" "OLD" COVENANT, Heb. 8: 6-13

COVENANT MADE IN FULL: Ex. 19: 5, 20: 12, 24: 7, 24: 1-8 CHAPTERS

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Ex. 24: 4, 28
Deut. 6: 2-22
Deut. 4: 18
Deut. 9: 9
Leviticus 8: 1
Leviticus 9: 9

SHADOW
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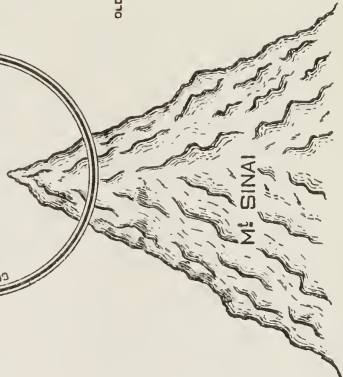
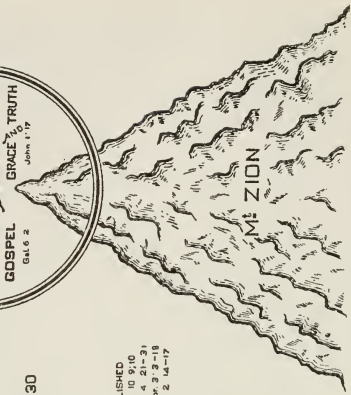
THE "SECOND OR" "NEW" COVENANT, Heb. 8: 6-13.

NEW TESTAMENT
Heb. 9: 15; 8: 6; 7: 22

GOSPEL
Gal. 2

GRACE & TRUTH
John 1: 17

OLD COVENANT ABOLISHED
Heb. 10: 9, 10
Heb. 8: 13, 21
II Cor. 3: 2-18
Col. 2: 14-17



sabbath out of the first covenant, made on Sinai. The enjoining of the observance of that day lies in the very heart of that covenant. If that code is in force, the seventh day is in force, for that is the day specified in it; but if that enactment of Jehovah's was superseded by the new testament, in this dispensation, then the seventh day is abolished.

Uriah Smith (leading Adventist) says in his book entitled "Two Covenants," page 5, "If the ten commandments constituted the old covenant, then they are forever gone." The Bible declares in so many words that "the words of the covenant, the ten commandments," is the very covenant God made with Israel "when he brought them out of the land of Egypt." Ex. 34:28; 1 Kings 8:9, 21. Then, the ten commandments constituted, or were included in, the old covenant, and, in the language of Smith, "are forever gone."

THE COVENANT FROM SINAI IS ABOLISHED.

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"TELL me, ye that desire to be under the law, do ye not hear the law? For it is written, that Abraham had two sons, the one by a bondmaid, and the other by a freewoman. But he who was of the bondwoman was born after the flesh; but he of the freewoman was by promise. Which things are an allegory: for these are the two covenants; the one from the Mount Sinai, which gendereth to bondage, which is Agar.

. . . But Jerusalem which is above is free, which is the mother of us all. . . . Now we, brethren, as Isaac was, are the children of promise. But as then he that was born after the flesh persecuted him that was born of the Spirit, even so it is now. Nevertheless what saith the scripture? Cast out the bondwoman and her son: for the son of the bondwoman shall not be heir with the son of the freewoman. So then, brethren, we are not children of the bondwoman, but of the free." Gal. 4: 21-31.

Some of the Galatian brethren, like modern folks, had become "bewitched" (3:1) through false teaching, and believed it necessary to be circumcised and to "keep the law of Moses." They, like their modern brethren, "observed days" (4:10), and became "entangled with the yoke of bondage." This entire Epistle is directed to them in solemn warnings, and powerful arguments against the law system being in force in this dispensation. Because they gave heed to some law-teachers, who "perverted the gospel of Christ" (1:7), and in obedience to their teaching observed law "days," etc., the apostle addressed them, "O foolish Galatians, . . . are ye so foolish?"

In the foregoing scripture the apostle uses a powerful argument to show the abrogation of the law system. This he does by an allegory. The four principal characters in this allegory are Hagar, Ishmael, Sarah, and Isaac. These two women, Hagar and Sarah, represent "*two covenants*." Hagar represents the covenant made or given on "Mount Sinai, which

gendereth to bondage." Sarah represents the covenant from Jerusalem—"the truth which came by Jesus Christ," which makes men free. The two sons of one father (Abraham) represent the children of the two covenants: Ishmael, the Jews; and Isaac, the Christians—both Jews and Gentiles.

"Ye that desire to be under the law." This applies to all Saturday-keepers. "Do ye not hear the law?" What law? Answer: The "covenant, the one from Mount Sinai, which gendereth to bondage, which is Hagar." The Sinaitic covenant was "bondage," and the apostle warned them to "be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage." Chap. 5:1. All modern sabbath-keepers are "children of the bondwoman"—Ishmaelites. Mark this fact, that the covenant from Sinai is denominated a "*bondwoman*," and all who cling to that covenant are her "children." "What saith the scriptures? *Cast out the bondwoman and her son.*" Language could not be framed to more clearly teach the abrogation of the old covenant. "So then, brethren, we are not children of the bondwoman, but of the free." Not under the Sinaitic covenant, but under the new covenant of grace in Christ Jesus. "These two covenants do not mix or blend together in the same heart, nor in the same dispensation. Therefore to accept Christ, is to cast out Hagar and her sabbath; and to hold to her sabbath, is to reject Christ."

"But now hath he obtained a more excellent ministry, by how much also he is the mediator of a better

covenant, which was established upon better promises. For if that first covenant had been faultless, then should no place have been sought for the second. For finding fault with them, he saith, Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah: not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day when I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt; because they continued not in my covenant, and I regarded them not, saith the Lord. For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, saith the Lord; I will put my laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts: and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a people: and they shall not teach every man his neighbor, and every man his brother, saying, Know the Lord: for all shall know me, from the least to the greatest. For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their iniquities will I remember no more. In that he saith, A new covenant, he hath made the first old. Now that which decayeth and waxeth old is ready to vanish away." Heb. 8: 6-13.

Here the two covenants are clearly contrasted. The one from Sinai is termed "the first covenant," "old covenant," "faulty" covenant, which "decayeth," "waxeth old," and "is ready to vanish away." That ends the old covenant, the one from Sinai, the ten commandments, as we have proved. But the new testament is termed the "second covenant," "new

covenant," "better covenant," "not according to" the first, "written in our minds and hearts." There is no way to evade this plain testimony.

Paul says that God made the first with Israel—"in the day when I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt." "Now, what covenant did God make with Israel after their exodus? Here is a perfect answer: 'And I have set there a place for the ark, *wherein is the covenant of the Lord, which he made with our fathers, when he brought them out of the land of Egypt.*' 1 Kings 8:21. It was that which Moses deposited in the ark; i. e., 'the tables of the covenant.' Heb. 9:4. And turning back to 1 Kings 8, we read in verse 9, 'There was nothing in the ark save the two tables of stone, which Moses put there at Horeb, when the Lord made a covenant with the children of Israel, when they came out of the land of Egypt.'

"So, then, Jeremiah tells us that the former covenant was that which God made with Israel when he took them by the hand to lead them out of Egypt, and that was the covenant which he wrote on tables of stone and put in the ark. There is no possible evading the truth here.

"After quoting the very scriptures above cited, U. Smith, in his tract on 'The Two Covenants,' says, 'They ask us, "What can be plainer? There was nothing in the ark but the two tables of stone, containing the ten commandments: yet Solomon says that in the ark was the covenant which the Lord made

with the fathers of his people, when he brought them out of the land of Egypt. Therefore those commandments were the covenant." And having established this point, they have but only to quote Paul's testimony, that the old covenant has waxed old, and vanished away, to reach the conclusion so long and anxiously sought, that the ten commandments have been abolished, carrying with them the obnoxious seventh-day sabbath into their eternal tomb.'

'Yes, we do humbly ask in the name of all reason, What can be plainer than the positive, unequivocal statements of the Bible, especially where it is emphatically and repeatedly declared that the tables of stone were included in the covenant made with the Israelites at Sinai when they came out of Egypt? Indeed, were we to disbelieve all these scriptures, how could we credit the Bible at all? Accepting the inspired record, it is settled forever that the first covenant included the decalogue, which "is ready to vanish away." "Is nigh disappearing."—*Young's Translation*. "Abolished."—*Thomson*.

"Therefore all the perverse disputers of the gospel of Christ, and vain janglers for the law of Moses, are hugging an old decayed system that in God's order vanished away nearly nineteen hundred years ago. And all these modern Pharisees are as zealous as their ancient brethren—compassing land and sea, not to convert men to Christ, but to put upon them the yoke of the law, which they themselves can not bear. Surely this is *Nehushtan—a piece of brass*.

“God directed Moses to make a brazen serpent in the wilderness. It was all right for its object. But 765 years after that we find idolatrous Israel worshipping that serpent. But King Hezekiah, we are told, ‘removed the high places, and brake the images, and cut down the groves, and brake in pieces the brazen serpent that Moses had made: for unto those days the children of Israel did burn incense to it: and he called it Nehushtan.’ 2 Kings 18:4.

‘What is the difference between the worship of that serpent, and the worship of the modern zealots, who, in many cases actually make a god out of that sabbath, which, though it was appointed of God for a certain purpose and time, as the brazen serpent also had its use, has passed away, in the order of his will?’

“Doubtless, those ancient idolators reasoned just as the modern ones do: ‘God is immutable, unchangeable, therefore his laws are unchangeable. But “we know that God spake to Moses,” commanding the children of Israel to look up to this serpent; therefore we will continue to look to it forever.’ ”

“ ‘Then said he, Lo, I come to do thy will, O God. *He taketh away the first, that he may establish the second.* By the which will [testament] we are sanctified, through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.’ Heb. 10:9, 10. Praise God! The Spirit gives us these words as a present testimony. *We are sanctified.*

“Two covenants are set in comparison all the way through this Epistle, called the ‘first covenant,’ and

the 'second.' The former is very commonly called 'the law.' And here we reach the same end of the first covenant to which we have been brought time and again in the inspired Epistles. Christ himself and not Constantine, nor the Pope of Rome, 'took away the first' covenant, and established the second, his own perfect law. And with this change ends the Mosaic sabbath.

"There are two bogs upon which the 'teachers of the law' usually hop back and forward, in order to dodge the word of God; namely, one time they admit that the law, the old covenant, is abolished, but it means only the ceremonial part; and when driven from that, they shift their position, and say, 'We are only delivered from the law by obeying it through grace; that is, "from the curse of the law."' But the word of God emphatically declares the passing away of the whole legal economy. The word 'testament' is defined as a 'complete arrangement, or dispensation.' So when Christ 'took away the first, that he might establish the second,' there was a complete dispensational change of the law, the setting up of an entirely new divine order and government. Christ is the 'Mediator of the new testament,' which has superseded the entire old economy, which was given to the Israelites on Mount Sinai.

"And one small phrase, in the midst of this inspired treatise on the abrogation of the old covenant, and the establishing of the new by Christ, is sufficient to prove that the apostle meant by the first covenant,

of which he so frequently speaks, just what it was called when first given; namely, these words: 'and the tables of the covenant.' Heb. 9:4. Here the sabbath of the Jews, and the heresy of the Ebionites and the Adventists, must die, being thrust through with the 'Sword of the Spirit.' The old covenant, which was 'ready to vanish away,' 8:13, is familiarly spoken of in connection with the tables of the covenant. Paul was well-posted in the Old Testament, and knew very well that God 'wrote upon the tables the words of the covenant, the ten commandments,' Ex. 34:28, and had given to Moses 'the two tables of stone, even the tables of the covenant.' Deut. 9:11. And he surely must have known that after speaking of the old covenant vanishing away, and then of 'the tables of the covenant,' in the same connection, all would naturally understand him as teaching that the covenant written on stones was abolished."—*The Sabbath*.

Again, the two covenants are contrasted in Heb. 12:18-29, as follows:

1. "Ye are not come unto the mount that might be touched, and that burned with fire, nor unto blackness, and darkness, and tempest, and the sound of a trumpet, and the voice of words," etc.; namely, when God came down on Mount Sinai and delivered the law. "That which was commanded," "that which was spoken on earth," that which is "*shaken*" and "*removed*."

2. "Ye are come unto Mount Zion . . . The

heavenly Jerusalem . . . to the general assembly and church of the first-born" (the law which came out of Zion, the New Testament), "new covenant," "which speaketh better things," which was spoken "from heaven" (see Heb. 1:1, 2), which "*can not be shaken*" and "*remains*."

I quote from Canright:—

"Adventists are always dwelling upon the terrible scenes at Sinai at the giving of the law, and pointing others there; but Paul says, No, do not go there; but to Mount Zion, to Jesus and ~~the~~ the new covenant.

"So Jeremiah predicted the rejection of the covenant in the ark, and that instead of it, men would seek to the name of the Lord at Jerusalem where the gospel went forth. 'In those days, saith the Lord, they shall say no more, The ark of the covenant of the Lord: neither shall it come to mind: neither shall they remember it; neither shall they visit it; neither shall that be done any more. At that time they shall call Jerusalem the throne of the Lord; and all nations shall be gathered unto it, to the name of the Lord.' Jer. 3:16, 17."

'Adventists are trying to revive the very thing the Lord said should be forgotten, "the ark of the covenant." All their study and worship is centered around that just as of old with the Jews. But their effort is vain. God has said it. Since the cross, Jesus and Jerusalem (the church) are where all eyes are turned, while the ark and old covenant are forgotten.'

“Forasmuch as ye are manifestly declared to be the epistle of Christ ministered by us, written not with ink, but with the Spirit of the living God; not in tables of stone, but in fleshly tables of the heart. And such trust have we through Christ to God-ward: not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think any thing as of ourselves; but our sufficiency is of God; who also hath made us able ministers of the new testament; not of the letter, but of the spirit: for the letter killeth, but the spirit giveth life. But if the ministration of death, written and engraven in stones, was glorious, so that the children of Israel could not steadfastly behold the face of Moses for the glory of his countenance; which glory was to be done away: how shall not the ministration of the spirit be rather glorious? For if the ministration of condemnation be glory, much more doth the ministration of righteousness exceed in glory. For even that which was made glorious had no glory in this respect, by reason of the glory that excelleth. For if that which is done away was glorious, much more that which remaineth is glorious.

“Seeing then that we have such hope, we use great plainness of speech: and not as Moses, which put a vail over his face, that the children of Israel could not steadfastly look to the end of that which is abolished: but their minds were blinded: for until this day remaineth the same vail untaken away in the reading of the old testament; which vail is done away in Christ.” 2 Cor. 3:3-14.

Here we have the two covenants contrasted in unmistakable language. The first is defined as "the old testament"; "the ministration of death," which "was glorious"; the "letter," which "killeth"; "the ministration of condemnation"; that which "was written and engraven in stones," which is "*done away*" and "*abolished*." The second he terms "the new testament"; "the spirit," which "giveth life" (for comments, see Rom. 8:2; John 6:63); the "ministration of the Spirit"; the "ministration of righteousness"; the "glory that excelleth"; that which is "written in the fleshly tables of the heart," and "remaineth."

"No old testament law-teacher is sent of God. In the present dispensation, He only makes men 'ministers of the new testament.' It is called the 'ministration of the Spirit'; therefore no one can receive or teach it without the gift of the Holy Spirit, excepting in the letter, which 'killeth.'

"In verse 7 the ten words are called, 'The ministration of death, written and engraven in stones.' And though it was declared 'glorious,' it was 'done away.' 'For if that which is *done away was glorious* [the law written on stones, see verse 7], much more that which remaineth is glorious.' Verse 11. 'That which remaineth' is the new testament, of which God made Paul an 'able minister.' 'And not as Moses, which put a vail over his face, that the children of Israel could not look steadfastly to the end of that which is '*abolished*.' The abolished law, we are told, was

given through Moses, who at the time had his face veiled. Now turn to Ex. 34:28-33, and you will see that it was when he came down from the mount with the tables of the covenant in his hands that his face shone, and was veiled.

“In verse 14 the abolished law is plainly declared to be the ‘old testament.’ The old testament and the old covenant are the same thing. And though we have seen that it is strictly defined as the ten commandments, yet these being the statute basis of the entire old book, the whole volume is sometimes called the old *diatheke*—testament.

“On verse 13 we observe, If it were possible for any one to have always performed all moral duty, that person would stand in the highest glory of the law—justified. To this summit of legal glory we are raised by the first work of gospel grace. And then with ‘open face’—having left reading Moses—beholding the glory of the Lord in the glass of his Word, ‘we are changed into the same image [the complete image of Christ], from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord.’ We are changed from the glory of justification, the highest point of legal glory, to the glory of perfect holiness, which is the summit of gospel grace. ‘By the which will we are sanctified.’ Thus the second will places us far beyond where the first will could, even if we had kept it. And it is also the perfect and only law by which to live in this mount of new testament holiness.

“We can scarcely conceive how it were possible to

employ words that more explicitly assert the abolition of that covenant which was written in the tables of stone. If we were to admit the division of the law into two laws, as the Adventists contend, and were held to prove that one of those laws was abolished, we certainly should find more abundant proof to dispose of that written on stone than of the ceremonial part. The reason is obvious. The former constituting the real covenant, the statutes of that nation, to which the latter were appended, it was only necessary to remove the statute basis, and, of course, all the rest goes with it. . . . And how very specific and unmistakable this language in 2 Cor. 3. All Bible readers know that nothing but the ten commandments were written in the stone tables, and it is affirmed that the very thing that had been 'written and engraven in stones' is abolished, and done away. Compare verses 7 and 11.

"With this and similar scriptures the law-teachers have no little trouble. They find themselves even in open hostility to the truth. What can they do? One says to us, 'It was not the law, but "the ministration of death"; i. e., the annexed penalty of death for its violation.' But the inspired testimony is that it was that which was written and engraven in stone, which was only the ten prohibitory laws, and not the penalties of death for their violation. So Mr. Adventist is bound by the word of God; and the Scriptures can not be broken. But let us look at that theory. Two things are set in contrast in this

lesson. The first is called, 'the ministration of death,' 'the ministration of condemnation,' 'the old testament.' Verses 7, 9, 14. The second is called, the 'ministration of the Spirit,' 'the ministration of righteousness,' 'the new testament.' Verses 8, 9, 5. The former was written in stones; the latter is received by the Spirit, which is shed abroad in our hearts. The former is 'abolished,' 'is done away.' Verses 13, 11. The latter is 'that which remaineth.' Verse 11. So the old testament is done away, and the new testament, of which Christ is mediator, remains in force.

"But the old had a degree of glory notwithstanding it was 'the ministration of death.' . . . The stone laws were glorious, 'so that the children of Israel could not steadfastly behold the face of Moses for the glory of his countenance.' Verse 7. This was when he came down with the tables of the law in his hands. And it is also the 'ministration of death,' because death followed its violation. To minister, is to give; ministration, the act of giving. In Gal. 3:21 we are told the law could not 'have given life.' But, on the contrary, it could give death. Therefore in it was both glory and the ministration of death. But its glory was 'done away,' and also the thing itself that was glorious 'is abolished.' "—*The Sabbath*.

With the abolition of the Sinaitic covenant, the seventh-day sabbath was taken away; for it lay in the heart of the very covenant that Paul declares is abolished.

SMITH'S TWO COVENANTS. *

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“THE very first transaction we find taking place between God and the Israelites after they left Egypt which answers to the definition of the word ‘covenant,’ must be the first covenant, unless some good reason can be shown why it is not.”

So saying he lights upon Ex. 19:7, 8, and calls the promise of the people there to obey God’s voice the covenant, and nothing more. Now we propose to give five very good reasons why that covenant comprehended more than the simple agreement.

First, Mr. Smith does not bring forward one single passage of Scripture in which that agreement alone is pointed out as the “first covenant” or the old covenant.

Our second very good reason for believing that Smith’s new discovery in Ex. 19:7, 8 alone is not the covenant that God made with Israel when he brought them out of Egypt, is this: The Scriptures positively declare that the covenant then made was the ten commandments that were written in stone.

1st proof-text Ex. 34:28.

2d “ “ Deut. 5:3-22.

3d “ “ “ 4:13.

4th “ “ “ 9:9.

5th “ “ “ 9:11.

6th “ “ “ 9:15.

7th “ “ 1 Kings 8:21.

8th “ “ Heb. 9:4.

* From “The Sabbath.”

These eight direct and positive statements of the Bible, besides many indirect proofs, are, we hope, a sufficient apology for not believing Mr. Smith's contrary theory.

Our third reason is based upon the fact that Mr. Smith himself says, page 8, "That the ten commandments are called a covenant we admit." With this concession, and the fact that it was made at the very time Jeremiah says that the old covenant was made, which Paul said has vanished away, I should think myself very foolish to accept his opposite theory unsupported by one direct proof-text.

Our fourth reason is this: A hundred things in the Bible might be picked on for which just as plausible a line of reasoning and arguments could be fabricated as that produced by Mr. Smith for his device. But let every mouth be silent before the Bible, yea, "let God be true and every man a liar."

An argument against God's description of the covenant is taken from Ex. 24: 6-8, 12 and Heb. 8: 17-20, and thus summed up: "Before Moses was called up to receive this law of ten commandments, which God had written, the first covenant had been made, closed up, finished and ratified by the shedding of blood. These facts throw a fortification around this point which it is not possible either to break or scale. The first covenant was dedicated with blood. But when that dedication took place, the ten commandments, in visible form, had not been put into the possession of the people; they had no copy of them;

hence they were not dedicated with blood. Therefore, the ten commandments were not the old covenant." Page 14.

In the name of Jesus we have only to attend to the word of God to prove this boasted fortress but a refuge of lies, which the hail of truth shall sweep away. Reader, open now your Bible and read in Ex. 19:16-19, and you find that God had already come down upon Sinai in awful majesty,—“thunders and lightnings, thick cloud, and the voice of a trumpet exceeding loud,” etc.

But the Lord sent Moses down to charge the people to keep outside the prescribed bounds of the mount, lest they should perish. Verse 21. Then chapter 20 begins with the voice of God speaking aloud to all the camp of Israel, and the very first things heard are the ten commandments, extending to verse 17. “And all the people saw the thunderings, and the lightnings, and the noise of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking,” and requested that God would not speak to them, lest they should die; but that Moses would be their mediator. Verses 18, 19. Then the Lord instructed Moses concerning an altar and sacrifices, to the close of the chapter. Chapter 21 begins a long line of laws called “judgments,” extending to chapter 23:13. Then follows national feasts, and promises, etc. And in chapter 24:4 we read, “*And Moses wrote all the words of the Lord, and rose up early in the morning, and builded an altar.*” “And he took the *book of the covenant*, and read it

in the audience of the people: and they said, All that the Lord hath said will we do, and be obedient. And Moses took the blood, and sprinkled it on the people, and said, Behold the blood of the covenant, which the Lord hath made with you concerning all these words." Verses 7, 8.

Now, if Moses "wrote all the words of the Lord," he wrote the ten commandments also, for it can not be denied that the Lord had already spoken them. You see, dear reader, Mr. Smith's theory would require some parenthesis foisted into the text, making the scriptures read as follows: "And Moses wrote all the words of the Lord—excepting the ten commandments"; "All that the Lord hath said will we do—excepting the ten commandments"; for Smith says they were not included in the book of the covenant.

It is a strange thing indeed that Moses would pass by the most solemn and awful words that God had spoken, and not write them. But he did write them. There is no supposition in the case. Happily, that "book of the covenant," which Moses dedicated with blood, is still extant. Nor is it hid away as a sacred relic in some foreign museum; but, thank God, a copy of it lies open before our eyes. And in it we read the ten commandments recorded for the very first thing in Ex. 20, after which follow other laws, which Mr. Smith calls the covenant, leaving out the very part that God specially calls the covenant. Indeed, it would appear that that writer had forgot-

ten that people generally are blessed with the Bible and can read it. He says that at the time of dedication of the book of the covenant, Ex. 24:7, 8, "the ten commandments, in visible form, had not been put into the possession of the people; they had no copy of them." But turning back to chapter 20, we find that one of the first things in that book of laws given on Sinai is a copy of the ten commandments. God had spoken them; and before the dedication of the volume, "Moses wrote all the words of the Lord." Ex. 24:4.

And as Paul words it, "When Moses had spoken every precept to all the people, according to the law, he took the blood of calves, . . . saying, this is the blood of the testament [the same as covenant] which God hath enjoined on you." Heb. 9:19, 20.

The fact that the ten commandments constitute the covenant, and being the first part, and foundation of the whole book of the law, is just what denominated it "the book of the covenant." "Every precept according to the law," includes the ten precepts. Paul says that Moses spoke them. But turning back to Ex. 24:7, we see that he read them out of the book which he had written.

So after the whole book of the law had been given, Moses was called up again on the mountain, and God gave him tables of stone in which was a copy of the ten commandments, Ex. 24:12, following which he gave him directions concerning the tabernacle and all its appurtenances, priestly robes, sacrifices, the altar.

laver, etc., extending to chapter 32. There Moses was informed of the idolatry of the people, and told to go down to them. The two tables were cast down and broken. Chap. 32:19. Moses hewed two tables like the first, and went up into the presence of God on the mount. Chap. 34:4. "And the Lord said unto Moses, Write thou these words: for after the tenor of these words I have made a covenant with thee and with Israel. And he was there with the Lord forty days and forty nights; he did neither eat bread, nor drink water. And he wrote upon the tables the words of the covenant, the ten commandments." Ex. 34:27, 28. What can be more conclusive? He declared the contents of the first tables the covenant. And in repeating the same, he says, "After the tenor of these contents of the first tables the covenant. And in Israel." What utter folly to deny the word of God! So the props fall, one after another, from the Advent structure, as the hammer of truth strikes them, and light exposes their fallacy.

Speaking of the ten precepts of the covenant, Smith says, "They are never called *the* covenant, referring to the first or old covenant." They are called "*the* covenant," in Ex. 34:28; Deut. 9:9, 11; 1 Kings 8:21; Heb. 9:4. Here he contradicts the Word again.

There are many things shamefully crooked and false in the tract under notice we can not take space to expose. The "darkness" of Sinai hangs over all their writing. Two more points, directly bearing on

this covenant question, we will notice. Alluding to the death of the old, and the introduction of the new covenant, in Jer. 31:31, 32 and Heb. 8, "I will put my laws into their minds, and write them in their hearts." This he says was the "law of God in the days of Jeremiah." If it does not mean this, then it should read, "I will put a *new* law into their minds, and write it in their hearts." Shame on such perverse disputings! Does it say, "I will write the old law in their hearts"? No, but it does say, "I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel." "This shall be the covenant I will make: I will put my laws in their inward parts." The law contained in the new covenant, of course. For we are told there was "*a change of the law.*" When the new covenant was confirmed in Christ, 'He took away the first that he might establish the second.' Heb. 10:9. He took away the old, which was written in "tables of stone," that the might write the new in "fleshly tables of the heart." See 2 Cor. 3:3.

THE LAW.

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SABBATARIANS are continually preaching, talking, writing, and arguing about "the law." Yet in all the New Testament, while we have "preach the gospel" fifty times, "preach Christ" twenty-three times, "preach the word" seventeen times, "preach the kingdom" eight times, not once is it said, "Preach the

law"; but Paul boldly declares that all those who desire to be teachers of the law understand "neither what they say, nor whereof they affirm." 1 Tim. 1: 7. This is really the truth. A clear comprehension of the law will convince all intelligent minds that modern sabbath worshipers have not a peg in Scripture upon which to hang their doctrine. We will consider the subjects under several propositions. I quote from Canright:—

PROPOSITION 1. "*The law*" embraces the whole Mosaic law, moral, civil and ceremonial.

The term, "the law," when used with the definite article and without qualifying words, refers "in nine cases out of ten, to the Mosaic law, or to the Pentateuch."—*Smith's Bible Dictionary*, Art. Law. Invariably the Adventists use the term "the law," for the ten commandments only. They hang up a chart of the decalogue and constantly point to it as "the law," Mat. 5: 17; "the law of the Lord," Psa. 19: 7; "the law of God." Rom. 7: 22. This is their fundamental error on the law. I affirm that "the law" included the whole system of law given to the Israelites at Sinai, embracing all those requirements, whether moral, civil, or ceremonial, decalogue and all. Look at the term "law," in a concordance, or in any Bible lexicon, dictionary, or cyclopedia. "The law" commonly included the whole of the five books of Moses. Even Butler (Adventist) is compelled to make this confession: "The term, 'the law,' among the Jews generally included the five books of Moses,

thus including the whole system, moral, ritual, typical, and civil.”—*Law in Galatians*, page 70. That is the truth exactly.

Now, bear in mind this one simple fact wherever you find the term “the law,” and you will have no trouble with Sabbatarian arguments on “the law.”

Take a few examples of the use of the term “the law.” 1 Cor. 14:34. Women “are commanded to be under obedience, as also saith *the law*.” Where does the law say this? Gen. 3:16. So Genesis is in the law. Again: “The law had said, Thou shalt not covet.” Rom. 7:7. Where? Ex. 20:17. So Exodus is in the law. Once more: “Master, which is the great commandment in the law?” Mat. 22:36. Jesus then makes two quotations from the law: First, “Thou shalt love the Lord with all thy heart.” This is taken from Deut. 6:5. So Deuteronomy is in the law. Second, “Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.” This is from Lev. 19:18. So Leviticus is a part of the law. And this: “Have ye not read in the law, how that on the sabbath-days the priests in the temple profane the sabbath and are blameless?” Mat. 12:5. It is from Num. 28:9. These, then, embrace all the five books of Moses as “*the law*.” Observe a little where the law is spoken of and you will soon see that it refers indiscriminately to each and all the books of Moses as “the law.” Of course, any verse in any of these books is quoted as “the law,” because it is a part of the law. So the ten commandments

are quoted as the law because they are a part of the law.

Again, "the law" embraces all parts of the law, moral, civil, or ceremonial. Thus the ceremonial precepts: "The parents brought in the child Jesus to do with him after the custom of the law." Luke 2:27. That is, to offer a sacrifice. Verse 24. Moral precepts: "The law is not made for a righteous man, but for the lawless and disobedient, for the ungodly and for sinners, for unholy and profane, for murderers." 1 Tim. 1:9. This is the decalogue. Civil precepts: "Commandest me to be smitten contrary to the law?" Acts 23:3. Notice that every time it is simply "the law." "Gamaliel, a doctor of the law." Acts 5:34. Of what law? Every intelligent man knows that the law of which he was doctor or teacher, was the whole Pentateuch, decalogue included. The law, then, is the whole Jewish law, in all its parts. This one point, clearly settled, destroys nine-tenths of all the Seventh-day Adventist argument for the Jewish sabbath.

PROPOSITION 2. *There was no such thing as two separate laws given to the Jews.*

To sustain their doctrine, Sabbatarians have invented a theory of two laws given at Sinai; one the moral law, the other the ceremonial.

Adventists attach the utmost importance to their theory of two laws, as well they may; for if this is wrong their cause is lost. U. Smith says: "No question, therefore, more vital to the interest of sabbath-keepers can be proposed."—*Synopsis of Present*

Truth, page 258. But that they are wrong on this vital question is very easily shown.

"*Moral law*," "*ceremonial law*." Adventists use these two terms as freely as though the Bible were full of them; yet, strange to say, the Scriptures make no such distinctions, and never once do we read of "moral" law and "ceremonial" law in the Bible. The place to find these terms is in Advent literature. In the Bible the Old Testament is simply called "the law." Had the primitive Christians stood on the Adventist platform, when Paul and Christ were preaching concerning "the law," they would have been frequently interrupted with "What law?" "What law?" "The ceremonial or the moral?" But such questions were never asked, for all knew of but one law—the Pentateuch. Adventists severely criticise those who happen to use an unscriptural word or phrase; yet they themselves do that thing commonly, as in this case. It would be amusing to hear one of them try to preach on the "two laws" and confine himself to Bible language. He could not possibly do it. If there were two distinct laws given to Israel, so different in their nature, it is strange that there is no record of it, no reference to it in the Bible. If one was abolished and the other was not, strange that Paul should not make the distinction when he has so much to say about the law. Why did he not say, "we establish the moral law"? or "the ceremonial law was our schoolmaster"? No, he just says "the law," and leaves it there. He seems not to have been

quite as clear on that point as Adventists are! "Neither Christ nor the apostles ever distinguished between the moral, the ceremonial, and the civil law, when they speak of its establishment or its abolition." *Kitto's Cyclopedia of Biblical Literature*, Art. Law.

Adventists have drawn up a long list of things which they claim are true of what they call the "moral law" and an opposite list which they apply to their "ceremonial law." These two they contrast and make out two laws. Thus U. Smith: "Moral law":—"Was spoken from Sinai by the voice of God and twice written upon tables of stone by his own finger. Was deposited in the golden ark. Related only to moral duties."—*Synopsis of Present Truth*, page 266. Of course, this was just the ten commandments, nothing more, nothing less. So here we have their "moral law." Now here is the other one: "The ceremonial law":—"Was communicated to Moses privately and was by Moses written with a pen in a book. Deut. 31:9." "Was put into a receptacle by the side of the ark. Deut. 31:26." "Was wholly ceremonial." Same page.

Hence everything not found in the decalogue belongs to the ceremonial law, and everything Moses himself wrote in the book of the law placed in the side of the ark is "wholly ceremonial." Deut. 31:26 reads: "Take this book of the law and put it in the side of the ark." We enquire, then, how much "the book of the law" contained. The answer is easy: It contained all the five books of Moses—Genesis,

Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy. Thus 2 Kings 14:6 says it "is written in the book of the law of Moses," and then quotes Deut. 24:16, as the book of the law. 2 Chron. 35:12 says: "It is written in the book of Moses," and refers to Lev. 3:3. Ezra 6:18 says: "It is written in the book of Moses," and refers to Num. 3:6. Josh. 8:31 quotes Ex. 20:25, as that which "is written in the book of the law." 1 Cor. 14:34 refers to Gen. 3:16, as "the law." This settles beyond question that the book of the law deposited in the side of the ark was the five books of Moses. Dr. Scott on Deut. 31:26 says: "This [book] appears to have been a correct and authentic copy of the five books of Moses."

This book, Adventists say, is "wholly ceremonial." It is their *ceremonial law*. Yet that very book contained scores of precepts as purely moral as any in the decalogue. Read these: "Thou shalt not vex a stranger." "Ye shall not afflict any widow or fatherless child." Ex. 22:21, 22. "Thou shalt not follow a multitude to do evil." Ex. 23:2. "Ye shall be holy." "Thou shalt not go up and down as a talebearer among thy people." "Thou shalt not avenge, nor bear any grudge against the children of thy people, but thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself." Lev. 19:2, 16, 18. "Thou shalt not respect persons." "Thou shalt be perfect." Deut. 16:19, 18, 13. These are but a few among scores of moral precepts not found in the tables of stone, but in the book of the law. Are all these to be classed ceremonial because God did not

write them on a stone, but gave them to Moses to write in a book? Surely not. Then, the nature of a precept was not determined by the way it was given. God gave them all at different times as it pleased him.

"The law" embraces the "whole law." Gal. 5:3. Of course, in that law, some precepts refer to moral duties, others to civil, and others to ceremonial; but all are only different parts of the same law, called, as a whole, "the law." Thus, Jesus quotes from Lev. 19, as "the law." Mat. 22:36-40. Now read the whole chapter, Lev. 19, and you find moral, civil and ceremonial precepts all mingled together, and often in the same verse.

Another thought: The "book of the law," which U. Smith calls "wholly ceremonial," contains the ten commandments word for word twice repeated. Ex. 20 and Deut. 5. G. I. Butler (Adventist) himself makes this concession: "The book of the law, which was placed in the side of the ark, or at the side of it, contained both the moral and ceremonial laws."—*Law in Galatians*, page 39. That drops the bottom out of their theory that the moral laws was "in the ark, and the ceremonial law in the side of the ark."

On close examination, every text on which they rely for two laws will fail them. That the "book of the law" did contain moral precepts is settled by Gal. 3:10: "It is written, Cursed is every one that continueth not in all things which are written in the book of the law to do them." Where in the book of the law is this written? In Deut. 27:26. Turning

there, we have a curse against images, verse 15; disobedience to parents, verse 16; adultery, verse 20; murder, verse 24; bribery, verse 25; then comes the verse quoted as "the book of the law." So if the decalogue contains moral law, then the book did too. This shows the utter fallacy of their theory of two laws.

The following passage alone overturns the two-law theory of Adventists: "Master, which is the great commandment in the law? Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets." Mat. 22:36-40.

1. These two great commandments were "in the law." 2. Neither of them is found in the decalogue. 3. Both of them are in what Adventists call the ceremonial law. 4. Neither of them was spoken by God, nor written by him, nor engraven on stones, nor put into the ark. Both were given by God to Moses privately, and he wrote them with a pen in the book of the law which was placed in the side of the ark. And yet these two precepts are the greatest of all. Jesus said of the first one that it is "the first of all the commandments." Of the two he said, "There is none other commandment greater than these." And "on these hang all the law." So the greatest commandments are in the book of the law, not on the

tables of stone. This utterly demolishes the Adventist two-law theory. The ten commandments on tables of stone, then, were not superior, but inferior, to commandments that were given through Moses in the book of the law.

We will examine a few more of their contrasts of the two laws as they arrange them.

“1. Moral: Existed in Eden before the fall. Ceremonial: Was given after the fall.”

Answer: Where do they read that the decalogue was given in Eden? Nowhere. This they assume not only without proof, but against the plain record of Ex. 19, 20, and Deut. 5 that it was given at Sinai. So their very first comparison is a failure.

“2. Moral: Was perfect. Psal. 19:7. Ceremonial: Made nothing perfect. Heb. 7:19.”

This they regard as one of their clearest proofs of the two laws. But where is the proof? Does it follow that if the law is perfect it will or can make sinners perfect? If it could, then, as Paul says, “righteousness should be by the law.” Gal. 3:21. And “then Christ is dead in vain.” Gal. 2:21. The law itself could be perfect, and yet fail to make anybody perfect. However, we believe that Psal. 19:7 is pointing forward to the “truth which came by Christ,” the new testament, “the law of Christ.” David’s Psalms are full of sparkling prophecies of the accomplishments of the gospel. So there is no proof of two laws in the Old Testament, after all.

“3. Moral: Contains the whole duty of man. Eccl.

12:13. Ceremonial: 'Stood only in meats and drinks, and divers washings, and carnal ordinances.' Heb. 9:10."

This is fallacious. There is not a particle of evidence that Eccl. 12:13 refers alone to the decalogue. It manifestly embraces all God's commandments on all subjects. There are scores of duties we owe to God and men not even hinted at in the decalogue. Heb. 9:10 only refers to the service of the priests in the temple, which service "stood only in meats and drinks," etc. Here they fail again. Their "two laws" are made out: 1. By pure assumptions. 2. By misapplications of Scripture. 3. By detached phrases here and there taken out of their proper connections. This is "scrapping."

But they assert that such opposite things are said of "the law"; that it can not be the same law all the time. To this we reply: Particular expressions about the law were spoken from widely different standpoints. To apply the Adventists rule on other Bible subjects would certainly make bad work. Paul said he was "a Jew," Acts 21:39, and again that he was "a Roman." Acts 22:25. The Adventist argument for two laws would prove that there were two Pauls. So Christ is "a Lion" and "a Lamb," Rev. 5:5, 6; "the everlasting Father," Isa. 9:6, and "born of a woman," Luke 2:7; "Prince of Life," Acts 3:15, yet died through weakness, 2 Cor. 13:4; "a child," Isa. 9:6, and yet God. Heb. 1:1-8. Came to bring "peace on earth," Luke 2:9-14, yet "not peace on

earth, but rather division." Luke 12:51. Two Christs. If Advent arguments are sound, there must of necessity be two Christs. It would be much harder to reconcile the apparently opposite things said of Christ, than it would be the different things said about the law. There were different sides to Christ's nature, yet he was but one person. So there were different sides to the law, but it was only one law. Viewed in the light of its ultimate design, viz., to prepare the way for Christ, Rom. 10:4; Gal. 3:23-25; in its spirit, Rom. 7:6; in its righteousness, Rom. 8:3, 4,—it was "holy and just and good." Rom. 7:12. But viewed from the side of its mere letter, Rom. 2:29; 7:6; 2 Cor. 3:6, 7; its numerous rites, ceremonies, penalties, and rigorous exactions,—it was "the ministration of death," 2 Cor. 3:7; and a "yoke of bondage." Gal. 5:1-3; Acts 15:1-10. Yet it was all one law, simply "*the law.*"

The book of the law contained the decalogue. The decalogue contained moral precepts, and ceremonies. The weekly sabbath was the chief ceremonial of all the Jewish worship. See Chapter 3. The decalogue was partly moral and partly ceremonial. So the book of the law was partly ceremonial, and yet contained scores of moral precepts. Thus, the props fall from under the Advent structure.

PROPOSITION 3. *The ten commandments alone are never called "the law of the Lord" nor "the law of God."*

Sabbatarians constantly use these two terms, apply-

ing them to the decalogue alone. They are the only ones who keep God's law, as all others break the sabbath, the seventh day. But now notice this fact: The word "law" occurs in the Bible over four hundred times, yet in not one single instance is the decalogue as a whole and alone called the law. It is never in a single instance called "the law of the Lord," or "the law of God." Of course, the ten commandments are a part of the law of God, but only a part, not the whole. Examine a few texts: Luke 2:22, "The days of her purification according to the law of Moses"; verse 23, "It is written in the law of the Lord, Every male that openeth the womb"; verse 24, it is "said in the law of the Lord, A pair of turtle doves"; verse 27, "To do for him after the custom of the law." Here "the law," "the law of the Lord," and "the law of Moses," all mean the same thing, viz.: the law touching the birth of a son.

Again, sacrifices, offerings, sabbaths, new moons, and feasts are all required "in the law of the Lord." See 2 Chron. 31:3. Scores of texts like this could be cited, where "the law of the Lord" includes sacrifices, circumcision, feast-days, and all the Jewish law. So the law of God is not simply the decalogue, but the whole law of Moses. In Neh. 8:1, 2, 3, 7, 8, 14, 18, they read "in the book of the law of Moses," "the law," "the book of the law," "in the book of the law of God," "the law which the Lord commanded by Moses," "the law of God." The law of God, then, includes the whole law of Moses.

No Sabbatarian, therefore, keeps "the law," "the law of God," or "the law of the Lord"; for if he did he would offer sacrifices, be circumcised, and live exactly like the Jews. So all their talk about "keeping the law" amounts to nothing, for none of them do it. In their attempt to keep a part of that law they thereby bring themselves under obligations to "keep the whole law," as Paul argues in Gal. 5:3. But as none of them keep the whole law, they bring themselves under the curse of the law, by constantly violating one part while attempting to keep another. This is the very point that Paul made against Judaizing legalists of his day. See Gal. 3:10. The person who keeps one precept of the law just because the law says so, thereby acknowledges that the law is binding on him. Then if he neglects some other part of the law, he thereby becomes a transgressor of the very law he professes to keep. This is exactly what Sabbatarians do. They keep the sabbath because the law says so and thereby become "debtors to do the whole law." Gal. 5:3. Then they neglect many things in the same law, and so are under the condemnation of the law. Gal. 3:10. But we "are dead to the law," "not under the law," "but under grace"—the New Testament.

PROPOSITION 4. *"The law" was given by Moses and the "law of Moses" includes the decalogue.*

Not that Moses was the author of it, but it was through him God gave it to Israel. This is stated so distinctly and so many times that it is useless to deny

it. "The law was given by Moses." John 1:17. "Did not Moses give you the law?" John 7:19. "The law which the Lord had commanded by Moses." Neh. 8:14. "*God's law, which was given by Moses.*" Neh. 10:29. This includes the decalogue. "Moses said, Honor thy father and thy mother." Mark 7:10. This is the fifth commandment. Again: "Did not Moses give you the law, and yet none of you keepeth the law? Why go ye about to kill me?" John 7:19. The law against killing is here called the law of Moses.

In Heb. 10:28 it is said that "he that despised Moses' law died without mercy under two or three witnesses." Persons were put to death for violating the decalogue. See Deut. 17:6. They were put to death for breaking the sabbath, Ex. 31:14, blasphemy, theft, and the like. Hence the decalogue is included in "the law of Moses."

In Josh. 8:30, 31, we read: "Then Joshua built an altar unto the Lord God of Israel in Mount Ebal, as Moses the servant of the Lord commanded the children of Israel, as it is written in the book of the law of Moses, an altar of whole stones, over which no man hath lift up any iron." It says that this about the altar was written in the "book of the law of Moses." Now turn to Ex. 20:25, the very chapter where the decalogue is found, and there you have the text referred to. This proves beyond denial that the ten commandments are in the law of Moses.

PROPOSITION 5. "*The law*" was not given till the time of Moses and Sinai.

The texts above quoted prove this. "The law was given by Moses." John 1:17. "Did not Moses give you the law?" John 7:19. "For until the law sin was in the world; but sin is not imputed where there is no law. Nevertheless death reigned from Adam to Moses." Rom. 5:13, 14. The entrance of the law is here located at Moses. Every attempt to place it back of that time contradicts the plain testimony of the above texts, and makes Advent lecturers false teachers. The Bible locates the law under the Levitical priesthood. "If therefore perfection were by the Levitical priesthood, for *under it the people received the law.*" Heb. 7:11. This drops the bottom out of Sabbatarianism. So the giving of the law is located "430 years after the covenant with Abraham." "And this I say, that the covenant, that was confirmed before of God in Christ, the law, which was four hundred and thirty years after, can not disannul." Gal. 3:17. This brings us to the very year the children of Israel came out of Egypt and arrived at Sinai. "And it came to pass at the end of the four hundred and thirty years, even the selfsame day it came to pass, that all the hosts of the Lord went out from the land of Egypt." Ex. 12:41. Beyond dispute, then, what the Bible calls "*the law*" was not given till Moses, 2,500 years after Adam, or nearly half the history of the world.

PROPOSITION 6. *Their fathers did not have the decalogue as worded on the tables.*

This Moses directly states. Deut. 4:12, 13 says God spoke to the children of Israel from heaven, and declared to them "his covenant," "even ten commandments." Chapter 5:2, 3 says: "The Lord our God made a covenant with us in Horeb. The Lord *made not this covenant with our fathers*, but with us." Then he repeats the ten commandments as that very covenant. Verses 4-22. That their fathers had the law as worded and arranged at Sinai is directly denied by Moses, as above.

PROPOSITION 7. *The law was given only to the children of Israel.*

This is so manifest in every item of the law that it needs no argument to prove it. Moses says, Deut. 4:8, that no nation has a law so good "as all this law which I set before you this day." Then he names the ten commandments as a part of it. Verses 10-13. "This is the law which Moses set before the children of Israel." Verse 44. Then no other nation had the law. This is stated a hundred times over. It was addressed to the Israelites, and to them only.

The very wording of the law proves that it was designed only for them. The decalogue is introduced thus: "I am the Lord thy God, which brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage." Ex. 20:2. To whom is that applicable? Only to the Israelite nation. Neither angels, Adam, nor Gentile Christians were ever in Egyptian bondage.

Then, the law was not addressed to them. Paul plainly states to whom the law was given. "Who are Israelites; to whom pertaineth the adoption, and the glory, and the covenants, and the giving of the law." Rom. 9:4. It was given to Israel. In Mal. 4:4 it is clearly stated that the law given in Horeb was "for all Israel."

All these things show that this was a national law worded to fit the condition of the children of Israel at the time.

PROPOSITION 8. *The Gentiles did not have the law.*

This has been proved already; but Paul directly says so. Rom. 2:14: "For when *the Gentiles, which have not the law*, . . . these having not the law, are a law unto themselves." This is too plain to need arguing. The Gentiles did not have the law. The law in letter as worded in detail on Sinai was never given to them.

PROPOSITION 9. *The rewards and penalties of the law were all temporal.*

There are no promises of future rewards, nor threatenings of future punishments, in all the Mosaic law. Every careful student of that law must be aware of this feature of it. The reason is clear. It was a national, temporal law, given for a national, temporal purpose. As a sample of all, see Deut. 28:1-19. If they keep the law, they shall be blessed in children, in goods, in cattle, in health, etc. If they disobey, they shall be cursed in all these. Stoning to death was the penalty for theft, murder, sabbath-

breaking, etc. Hence it was the "ministration of death written and engraven in stones," 2 Cor. 3:7, and "is done away." Verse 11.

Paul states that the promise of the future inheritance was made to Abraham four hundred and thirty years before the law was given. From this he argues, and forcibly, too, that the keeping of the law was not necessary in order to receive Christ and the inheritance. "Now to Abraham and his seed were the promises made. He saith not, And to seeds, as of many; but as of one, And to thy seed, which is Christ. And this I say, that the covenant, that was confirmed before of God in Christ, the law, which was four hundred and thirty years after, can not disannul, that it should make the promise of none effect. For if the inheritance be of the law, it is no more of promise: but God gave it to Abraham by promise." Gal. 3:16-18. "For the promise, that he should be the heir of the world, was not to Abraham, or to his seed, through the law, but through the righteousness of faith. For if they which are of the law be heirs, faith is made void, and the promise made of none effect." Rom. 4:13, 14.

This plainly states that the law was not given with reference to the future inheritance. Surely Abraham did not keep the law, which was not given for several hundred years after he died. But Abraham is the father of the faithful, and not simply of those who were "of the law." Rom. 4:13-16. This point alone ought to open the eyes of those who contend so

earnestly for the keeping of the law as necessary to salvation. We are the children of Abraham, Gal. 3:29, and "walk in the steps of our father Abraham," who was never under the law. See Rom. 4:12-16. We are under the covenant of promise made to Abraham four hundred and thirty years before the law, Gal. 2:15-19; 3:15-19, and not under the covenant of the law from Sinai, which is bondage. Gal. 4:21-31.

PROPOSITION 10. *God's eternal law of righteousness existed before the law of Sinai was given.*

This proposition is self-evident. Surely God had a law by which to govern his creatures, both angels and men, long before Sinai. But "the law," as worded in the decalogue and in the "book of the law," was not given till Moses, 2,500 years after creation. Hence moral obligations did not begin with that law, nor would it cease if that law was abolished. "All unrighteousness is sin," 1 John 5:17; and "sin is the transgression of the law." 1 John 3:4. This text is used by Sabbatarians to prove that every possible sin is always a violation of the ten commandments. But, 1. "The law" is the whole Mosaic law, not merely the decalogue. 2. A correct translation entirely spoils this text for them. The word "law" is not in the text in the original. The Revised Version gives it correctly: "Sin is lawlessness." This is the true meaning of the text. Sin is lawlessness, a disregard for some law, but not necessarily the same law. Thus: "The angels sinned." 2 Pet. 2:4. But they did not

violate the law of Sinai; for it was not given till thousands of years after they fell, and they were not under it anyway.

Adam "sinned" long before that law was given. See Rom. 5:12-14. Cain sinned. Gen. 4:7. The Sodomites were "sinners," Gen. 13:13, and vexed Lot with their "unlawful deeds." 2 Pet. 2:8. Surely none of these violated "the law," which was not given till Moses. To say that they must have violated the *principles* of that law is not to the point. When the Jews killed Stephen, Acts 7:59, they violated the principles of the law of Michigan which forbids murder; but did they violate the "law of Michigan"? No; for it was not given for 1,800 years after, and they were not under it anyway. So neither the angels, nor Adam, nor the Sodomites could have transgressed the law of Sinai, for it was not yet given. Abraham kept God's laws, Gen. 26:5, but surely not "the law which was four hundred and thirty years after." Gal. 3:17. All this clearly shows that God had a law before the code of Sinai was given.

Jesus, under the gospel 1,500 years later, in naming the commandments, gives them neither in the same words nor in the same order as found in the decalogue. Further, he mingles them with some precepts from the book of the law as of equal importance with the ten. Thus: "Do not commit adultery, Do not kill, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Defraud not, Honor thy father and mother." Mark 10:19. This shows that the mere form and order of

the commandments is of no consequence as long as the idea is given. The two editions of the decalogue in Ex. 20 and Deut. 5 vary much in the wording; yet one is as good as the other.

In whatever form or manner God chose to communicate his will to men, this would be "his commandments, his statutes, and his laws." Gen. 26:5. Paul says: "God, who at *sundry times* and in *divers manners* spake in time past unto the fathers." Heb. 1:1, 2.

A disregard for His revealed will would be lawlessness—sin. But to claim that God gave the patriarchs his law in the exact form and words of the ten commandments is a proofless assumption, contrary to reason and all the clear testimony of Scripture.

PROPOSITION 11. *The original law is superior to the law of Sinai.*

When asked, "Which is the greatest commandment of the law?" Jesus said: "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets." Mat. 22:37-40. Neither of these is in the decalogue; but that law hangs on this higher law, and so is inferior to it. These principles, clad in the armor of eternal immutability, lay back of the Mosaic law and existed with it throughout that dispensation as they had existed before and exist now.

In its very nature this great law of supreme love to God, and equal love to fellow creatures, must be as eternal and everlasting as God himself. This law governs angels, governed Adam, the patriarchs, the pious Jews, while "under the law," and Gentile Christians now. It is applicable to all God's creatures, in all ages and all worlds. This great law might be worded in different ways at different times and yet the same essential idea be preserved. Thus, Jesus stated the second great commandment in another form: "Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them; for this is the law and the prophets." Mat. 7: 12. The idea is the same as "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself." Evidently this supreme law must have been known to Adam and to the patriarchs, but in just what form we are not told. To say that it was in the exact words of the decalogue is to affirm what can in no wise be proved.

PROPOSITION 12. *The Mosaic law was founded upon the higher and original law.*

Jesus directly affirms this: "On these two commandments hang all the law." The principles of this great law were interwoven all through the law of Sinai, being the life, "the spirit," or "the righteousness" of "the law." Rom. 2:26-29; 8:4. As an example, Lev. 19. Here you have the second great commandment, verse 18, and the principles of every one of the ten commandments. Thus: 1st commandment, verse 32; 2nd, verse 4; 3d, verse 12; 4th, verse

30; 5th, verse 3; 6th, verse 17; 7th, verse 29; 8th, verse 13; 9th, verse 11; 10th, verse 35. Mingled among these are commandments about sacrifices, verse 5; harvest, verse 9; clothing, verse 19; priests, verse 22; first-fruits, verse 23; wizards, verse 31; Gentiles, verse 34, etc. All these are founded upon this higher law and can be changed to fit circumstances without affecting the supreme law, which is ever the same.

Adventists make a great ado over the absurdity of the idea that God should abolish his law at the cross and then immediately reenact nine-tenths of it. They say, "As well cut off your ten fingers to get rid of one bad one, and then stick nine on again." So they go in with a whole jumble of absurdities involved in the position that God's moral law was abolished at the cross and a new one given. But this is only a man of straw of their own making, hence easily demolished. We hold no such absurd position. God's great moral law is unchangeable. But the Mosaic law from Sinai was only a national one founded upon the principles of God's moral law. Even while it existed it did not supersede God's higher law; and when it ended, it in no way affected God's law, which continued right on, unchanged and unchangeable. To illustrate: The state law of Michigan forbids murder, theft, and adultery. In these items it is founded upon God's moral law. Now abolish the law of Michigan. Does that abolish God's law? No. So with the state law of Israel. Neither

its enactment on Sinai nor its abolition at the cross in any way changed God's great moral law by which he will judge the world. The Advent absurdity grows out of their own false theory, that is all. The particular wording of the law as adapted to the Jewish age was "the letter" or "form" of the law for the time being. If a Jew loved God with all his heart, he would have circumcised his sons, offered burnt sacrifices, paid tythes, kept the passover, the new moons, the sabbath, and attended the temple worship, for this was "the law of the Lord." 2 Chron. 31:3; Luke 2:22-27. But if a Christian loves God he will be baptized, Acts 2:38; take the Lord's Supper, 1 Cor. 11:24 [wash the saints' feet, John 13:1-15]; attend meetings, Heb. 10:25; and observe the law of Christ, which is much different from the law the Jews observed. Hence "there is made of necessity a change also of the law." Heb. 7:12. Those who make the mere letter of the Jewish law an iron rule, and contend for the exact wording under all circumstances and in all ages, miss the spirit of the gospel, and are in bondage to a system out of date. Gal. 3:19-25; 4:21-25; 6:1-3, 13, 14; 2 Cor. 3:3-15.

PROPOSITION 13. *The law of Sinai was given to restrain criminals who would only obey God through fear.*

Consider this proposition well. A failure to understand this simple fact is the cause of all the blunders of Sabbatarians and legalists in their extravagant and unscriptural praises of "the ministration of

death, written and engraven in stones." 2 Cor. 3:7

On this point hear Paul state why the law was made and notice that it is of the moral precepts of the law that he speaks. "Knowing this, that the law is not made for a righteous man, but for the lawless and disobedient, for the ungodly and for sinners, for unholy and profane, for murderers of fathers and murderers of mothers, for manslayers, for whoremongers, for them that defile themselves with mankind, for menstealers, for liars, for perjured persons, and if there be any other thing that is contrary to sound doctrine." 1 Tim. 1:9, 10. The apostle, here refers directly to the code of Sinai, to include the ten commandments, that which prohibited murder, theft, lying, etc. This law, he says, was not made for a righteous man but for the lawless. Of this law in another place Paul says: "Wherefore then serveth the law? It was added because of transgression." Gal. 3:19. Again, "The law entered that the offense might abound," Rom. 5:20, and, "until the law sin was in the world." Verse 13. It is manifest that sin, offense and transgression existed before "the law" was given, and that it was given to prohibit already existing crimes. Evidently God put the race on trial from Adam to Moses under the same eternal law of right and love that governed the angels and holy men. But mankind failed shamefully. They did not live by that rule. They became lawless. Disregard of God and open violence toward men were increasing, till life and property were insecure. Then God

selected one nation, the Hebrews, and gave up the rest to their own ways. Rom. 1:20-28.

Up to this time God's people had not been a nation by themselves, but had dwelt among other nations and had been subject to their civil laws which prohibited open violence and protected life and property. But as soon as they became a nation by themselves, it became absolutely necessary to have a national law of their own which would prohibit and punish open crime, such as murder, theft, adultery, etc. Life and property would not have been secure without this, because many among them were wicked, lawless men, "stiff-necked and rebellious." If all had been righteous, if all had loved God and their neighbors, there would have been no need of a prohibitory law with a death penalty. We can readily see why Paul says "the law was not made for a righteous man, but for the lawless." These lawless ones would have robbed and murdered the righteous ones had there been no national, temporal law to protect them; for these wicked men would have cared little about God's higher law, which pertains to the future judgment. But as the Jewish government was a theocracy, one in which God himself was ruler, the law required and regulated service to him as well as duties among themselves.

Hence to this nation God gave the law of Sinai. Ex. 20:2. Would it have been given had they obeyed God without? Paul has settled that point. "The law is not made for a righteous man, but for the

lawless." 1 Tim. 1:9. This, then, is not God's original law by which he prefers to govern men. It was a law of prohibitions, threats, pains and penalties. Its object was to restrain open crime, protect men in their natural rights and preserve the knowledge of God in the earth till Christ should come. Gal. 3:19-25. In order to keep that nation separate from all others, many burdensome rites were incorporated into the law, which made it a yoke of bondage. Acts 15:10; Gal. 5:1-3.

When Christ came, and the Jewish nation was rejected and dispersed, and their national law overthrown, and the gospel went to all nations, that law had served its purpose, and so passed away as a system. Mat. 5:17,18; Rom. 10:4; Gal. 3:24; Heb. 7:12-19. Now Christians are not under the Aaronic priesthood, nor the Jewish law, Heb. 7:11,12; but are under the priesthood of Melchisedec, Heb. 7:14-19, as was Abraham our father, Gen. 14:18-20, who never had "the law" of Sinai, Gal. 3:17, but walked by the higher law which governs angels and holy men. Gen. 26:5. The Jewish law being removed, we now come under the same law by which Enoch and Abraham "walked with God."

Now, as in the days before Moses, God's people are not a nation by themselves, but are scattered among all nations where they are governed and protected by the civil law of those nations. Hence the New Testament provides no civil law for the government of Christians, no temporal penalties for criminals. It

would be directly contrary to the nature of the gospel to do either. All this is left to the rulers of nations where Christians happen to be. Criminals are turned over to the magistrates and laws of the land. Paul makes this very plain and puts the question beyond dispute. "Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God. Whosoever therefore resisteth the power, resisteth the ordinance of God: and they that resist shall receive to themselves damnation. For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to the evil. Wilt thou then not be afraid of the power? do that which is good, and thou shalt have praise of the same: for he is the minister of God to thee for good. But if thou do that which is evil, be afraid; for he beareth not the sword in vain: for he is the minister of God, a revenger to execute wrath upon him that doeth evil. Wherefore ye must needs be subject, not only for wrath, but also for conscience sake. For for this cause pay ye tribute also: for they are God's ministers, attending continually upon this very thing." Rom. 13: 1-6.

Here is the prohibitory law for "the lawless." This punishes their crime against society. Their offenses against God's great law will be recompensed at the judgment; but the saints of God must be governed by the higher law, the law of supreme love to God and equal love to fellows. Such obedience can only come from a heart renewed by the Spirit of

God, 2 Cor. 3:3; and "if ye be led of the Spirit, ye are not under the law." Gal. 5:18.

Is any man a Christian who refrains from murder, theft, and adultery, simply because the law says, "Thou shalt not"? No, indeed; he must refrain from these from a higher motive than that. Then he is governed by a higher law than the decalogue. "Love is the fulfilling of the law." Rom. 13:10. The dispute concerning the Jewish sabbath involves this point, the obligation of the letter of the Jewish law.

PROPOSITION 14. *The letter of the law is not binding upon Christians as a coercive code.*

If the letter of the law is binding, then we must be circumcised, offer sacrifices, keep the seventh day, and all the Jewish ritual, for "the law" included the "whole law." Gal. 3:10; 5:3.

The "righteousness" of the law and the "spirit" of the law is one thing, while "the letter" and outward service is quite another. "Therefore if the uncircumcision keep the righteousness of the law, shall not his uncircumcision be counted for circumcision? And shall not uncircumcision which is by nature, if it fulfil the law, judge thee, who by the letter and circumcision dost transgress the law? For he is not a Jew, which is one outwardly; neither is that circumcision, which is outward in the flesh: but he is a Jew, which is one inwardly; and circumcision is that of the heart, in the spirit, and not in the letter; whose praise is not of men, but of God." Rom. 2:26-29.

Paul argues that Christians must be circumcised, but not "outwardly in the flesh," as formerly, but "inwardly in the spirit, not in the letter." By this he illustrates the difference between keeping the law now and formerly. So, further on: "Ye are not under the law, but under grace." Rom. 6:14. In the next chapter he says: "But now we are delivered from the law, that being dead wherein we were held; that we should serve in newness of spirit, and not in the oldness of the letter." Rom. 7:6.

How can any one misunderstand language so plain? Now, under Christ, we are delivered from the law; that law is dead, and we serve Christ in the spirit, "not in the old letter." The higher law of God, namely, supreme love to God and equal love to our neighbors, upon which the Jewish law hung, was the "spirit," "righteousness," or real intent of "the law." This "first and great" law Christians do keep, while free from the mere letter of the law, which was bondage.—*Seventh-day Adventism Renowned.*

"For, brethren, ye have been called unto liberty; only use not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but by love serve one another. For all the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this; Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. But if ye be led of the Spirit, ye are not under the law." Gal. 5:13, 14, 18. "Not in tables of stone, but in fleshly tables of the heart." "Who also hath made us able ministers of the new testament; not of the letter, but of the spirit: for the letter killeth, but the spirit giveth life." 2 Cor.

3:3, 6. The law for Christians is not that written in the book or on tables of stone—the letter. That which was “written and engraven in stones” is “done away.” Verse 7. It is “that which is abolished.” Verse 13. Christians are under “the law of the Spirit of life”—the new testament.

“THE LAW” IS ABOLISHED, AND ENDED AT THE CROSS.

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ADVENTISTS are continually crying, “God’s law [meaning the Sinaitic code] is unchangeable.” But Paul contradicts them, and boldly states “that there is made of necessity a change also of the law.” Heb. 7:12. “The law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ.” John 1:17. “He taketh away the first, that he may establish the second.” Heb. 10:9. Two laws could not stand in the same dispensation. Therefore to establish the gospel—grace and truth, which came by Christ—the law was “taken away.” The manner in which it was taken away is thus explained in Christ’s own words: “Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil. 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.” Mat. 5:17, 18. This text clearly states that when the law reaches its fulfilment it will pass away. It will not pass till ful-

filled. So it is not eternal, but when fulfilled was to reach an end. Then, the Lord points to himself as the fulfilment of the law and prophets. "For Christ is the end of the law." Rom. 10:4. "The law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ." Gal. 3:24. Since Christ is come "we are no longer under a schoolmaster." Verse 25. "Not under the law, but under grace." Rom. 6:14. This nails the matter fast, and utterly refutes the Advent plea for the perpetuity of the law.

Sabbatarians argue that as long as heaven and earth lasts the law will continue. To take their own argument proves that the law is not eternal; for Jesus said, "Heaven and earth shall pass away." Luke 21:33. But Jesus did not say that the law would continue till heaven and earth passed away. The idea is that heaven and earth would sooner pass away than one letter of the law fail in being fulfilled. "It is easier for heaven and earth to pass, than one tittle of the law to fail." Luke 16:17. That's the idea. Not the length of time the law was to continue, but the certainty that it would not fail to be fulfilled. Christ said it would continue till fulfilled. This proves that it would be fulfilled and pass away some time. But when is the time? Christ plainly says, I am come to fulfil it. Hence Paul rightly concludes that "Christ is *the end* of the law." "*Fulfil*. To complete; to fill up."—*Webster*. "To bring to a close, end, finish, complete."—*Greenfield*. Then, the law ended with Christ. "Heaven and earth shall

sooner perish than one iota or one tittle of the law shall perish without attaining to its end.”—*Mac-knight, Campbell, Doddridge*. Exactly. Christ says he came to fulfil the law. Did he? Hear him after his resurrection: “These are the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, *that all things must be fulfilled*, which were written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the Psalms, concerning me.” Luke 24:44. “And when they had fulfilled all that was written of him, they took him down from the tree.” Acts 13:29. The law was fulfilled and ended at the cross. Was “nailed to the cross.” Col. 2:14-16.

Adventists make a tremendous blunder when they confine “the law” in Mat. 5:17, 18 to the decalogue. “The law” includes all the law of Moses. The “law and the prophets” is a term that applies to the entire Old Testament. All commentaries agree on this. But the Scripture proof is abundant. “Witnessed by the law and the prophets.” Rom. 3:21. “The reading of the law and the prophets.” Acts 13:15. “This is the law and the prophets.” Mat. 7:12. “*All the prophets* and the law.” Mat. 11:13. “Hang all the law and the prophets.” Mat. 22:40. “They have Moses and the prophets.” “If they hear not Moses and the prophets.” Luke 16:29, 31. “Written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets . . . concerning me.” Luke 24:44. “Written in the law and in the prophets.” Acts 24:14. “Him, of whom Moses in the law, and the prophets, did write.” John 1:

45. "Moses and the prophets" and "the law and the prophets" are the same thing. "The law" is defined as "Moses," "the law of Moses." And "the law and the prophets" reach their fulfilment in Christ. This is the whole Old Testament. The Adventist argument on Mat. 5:17, 18 will make circumcision and all Moses' law binding to all time and eternity.

This law was a "shadow" of Christ's atonement and redemptive blessings. Heb. 10:1-3. Its sacrifices, blood, passover, sin-offerings, altars, etc., all pointed to him. Its sanctuary pointed forward to his greater house—the church. Its sabbath to the sweet soul-rest he gives. When Christ the substance came to earth, the shadow—law—vanished away.

"The law and the prophets were until John." Luke 16:16. His ministry was "the beginning of the gospel." Mark 1:1-3. When the law reached its fulfilment in Christ, it was not necessary to destroy it. Therefore he says, "I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil." To illustrate this point. Suppose the legislature of Pennsylvania should pass a law forbidding the killing of any game in the State for a period of ten years, and said law should come into force Jan. 1, 1905. On Jan. 1, 1915 that law would die of itself, and sportsmen would not wait for the legislature to pass an act to abolish or destroy that law. Its very construction and wording would teach all intelligent men that it could not continue in force longer than Jan. 1, 1915. Just so with the law. "It was added

because of transgressions, *till the seed should come.*" Gal. 3:19. "To thy seed, which is Christ." Verse 16. This so clearly teaches that the law was but a temporary institution, to continue in force only until the promised seed—Christ—should come, that there is no appeal from it. The coming of Christ—his death—is the date, then, when the law expired. It was not necessary to destroy it in order to make it null and void; for its limit ended where fulfilled in Christ, and of necessity it became dead. This shows the utter fallacy of the Seventh-day Adventist's position. Christ fulfilled the law, and it passed away after having served its purpose.

"Having abolished in his flesh the enmity, even the law of commandments contained in ordinances." Eph. 2:15. The law was a partition wall between the Jews and the Gentiles. Christ broke down this wall, by abolishing "*the law of commandments,*" around which clustered all the ordinances and ceremonies of the Old Testament. This was done "that he might reconcile both unto God in one body by the cross, having slain the enmity thereby." Verse 16. The date of the abolition of the law is placed at the cross. "Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross; and having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a shew of them openly, triumphing over them in it. Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of an holy day, or of the new moon,

or of the sabbath-days." Col. 2:14-16. That which was nailed to the cross included the sabbath. The whole system ended at the cross. Since that, "If ye be led of the Spirit, ye are not under the law." Gal. 5:18. "Christ is become of no effect unto you, whosoever of you are justified by the law; ye are fallen from grace." Verse 4. This applies forcibly to all Saturday-keepers.

"Know ye not, brethren, (for I speak to them that know the law,) how that the law hath dominion over a man as long as he liveth? For the woman which hath an husband is bound by the law to her husband so long as he liveth; but if the husband be dead, she is loosed from the law of her husband. So then if, while her husband liveth, she be married to another man, she shall be called an adulteress: but if her husband be dead, she is free from that law; so that she is no adulteress, though she be married to another man. Wherefore, my brethren, ye also are become dead to the law by the body of Christ; that ye should be married to another, even to him who is raised from the dead, that we should bring forth fruit unto God. But now we are delivered from the law, that being dead wherein we were held; that we should serve in newness of spirit, and not in the oldness of the letter." Rom. 7:1-4, 6. Here is a plain lesson. Who can misunderstand it? Paul uses the law of matrimony to teach the abolition of the Mosaic system. That first husband was "the law." The wife was the church—Israel. But the first husband died; viz., the

law was abolished. It was "nailed to the cross," then buried. Of late years the Seventh-day Adventists have hunted its grave, and dug it up. All they found was the skeleton. This they stood up, but it fell down. So they have invented many crooked props by which they expect to keep it standing, and worship it. But by the eternal truth their props must fall, and their idolized decayed system of abolished "shadows"—the law—be buried in the same grave in which Jesus laid it nineteen hundred years ago.

Ye are become "dead to the law," and are now married to Christ. He is the second husband. Sabatarians are married to the law, while we are married to Christ. Their husband is dead, while ours is alive forevermore. They cling to a ghostly shadow, while we enjoy the substance. They are under the "ministration of death," while we cling to the "law of life." They wear the "yoke of bondage," while we rejoice in the "law of liberty." Their glory is "done away," while ours "remains." While Moses is read "the vail is on their hearts," but with us this vail is "done away in Christ." They cling to the law, while we cleave to the gospel. They are "fallen from grace," while we are "under grace." They grope in the smoke of Sinai, while we stand in the light of Zion. O Adventist friend, forsake your decayed system, and accept the truth, which will make you free.

MOSES WAS THE MEDIATOR OF THE LAW.

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“**MEDIATE.** To interpose; to intercede.”—*Webster*. Then, a mediator is one who interposes or mediates between parties. One who stands in the middle between two. *Mesites* is the Greek. It is defined in Young’s Concordance, “middleman, mediator.” “A go-between, one who intervenes between two parties. It is applied to Moses as an interpreter or mere medium of communication between Jehovah and the Israelites. Gal. 3:19, 20. Jesus Christ is . . . ‘the mediator of the new covenant’ (Heb. 12:24; 8:6), or ‘of the new testament.’ Heb. 9:15.”—*Smith and Barnum*.

The law “was ordained by angels in the hand of a mediator.” Gal. 3:19. We have but to inquire, Who was the middleman at the giving of the law? Moses himself answers: “The Lord made a covenant with us in Horeb. . . . The Lord talked with you face to face in the mount out of the midst of the fire, (*I stood between the Lord and you at that time, to show you the word of the Lord*).” Deut. 5:2-7. Moses, then, filled the exact office of a mediator.

“Jesus Christ never claimed to be the mediator in the giving of the law on Sinai, but he acknowledged Moses as filling that office. Of the many instances we will cite only a few. ‘Did not Moses give you the law, and yet none of you keepeth the law? Why go ye about to kill me?’ John 7:19. ‘For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by

Jesus Christ.' John 1:17. 'For Moses said, Honor thy father and thy mother; and, Whoso curseth father or mother, let him die the death.' Mark 7:10. In this last instance Jesus quotes one precept from the decalogue, see Ex. 20:12 and Deut. 5:16, and the second from the judgments that God gave Israel through Moses immediately following the ten statutes. See Ex. 21:17. This proves that Moses was the mediator of the whole book of the law, ten commandments and all. And the same laws ascribed to Moses in Mark 7:10 are ascribed to God in Mat 17:4, showing, as many other similar passages do, that the whole law system was the law of God, its author, and yet the law of Moses, its mediator, or medium of communication. There is therefore no distinction between the law of God and the law of Moses, as the Adventists teach.

"To say that John 1:17 relates only to the ceremonial part of the law is utterly ridiculous. It betrays a false creed that forces the mind out of the channels of good common sense. In the passage the covenants of the two great dispensations are referred to. 'The law came by Moses'—he was the mediator of that economy. 'But grace and truth [the new testament] came by Jesus Christ,' who is now the mediator of the same. It may seem strange that we should spend a moment to show a fact so obvious to all men whose heads and hearts are not distorted by the dark creed of Adventism. But in the name of Jesus we must do the duty of a watchman, and warn

the people against the dark pitfall of legalism.”

“‘The law was until John’; that is, he was the first herald of the new dispensation. His preaching and baptism are denominated ‘the beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.’ Mark 1:1-4.

“Though there were precious promises of Christ mingled in the book of the law, and there is a perfect law found in the gospel, the two dispensations are perfectly separate and distinct. Their distinguishing characteristics are frequently compared, as ‘law’ and ‘gospel,’ or ‘law’ and ‘truth.’ Christ never said he was the mediator of the former system. But, saith he, ‘Did not Moses give you the law.’ Do you ask what law? The whole law covenant, of course. That he included the decalogue in the ‘law’ which he said Moses gave the Jews, is evident. For he adds, ‘None of you keep the law. Why go ye about to kill me?’ They purposed in their hearts to violate the law of Moses by killing him, which they also did, even that law which said, ‘Thou shalt not kill.’”

“But says the son of the bondwoman, ‘There is but one mediator, the man Christ Jesus.’ Certainly there was but one under the law, and there is but one now. Moses and Christ did not both officiate in the same dispensation. Christ succeeded Moses, and the new testament superseded the old.

“Again, they say, ‘A mediator is a savior and Moses could not save.’ The idea of a savior from sin is not in the word ‘mediator.’ But Moses was a deliverer of the Israelites out of bondage, which is

even called a 'redemption.' Hence he was a glorious figure of Christ, our Redeemer.

" 'But,' said the debater, 'if Moses was the mediator between God and Israel, what did they do for a mediator after his death?' Answer: His mediation consisted chiefly in giving them the law, and leading them out of Egypt, and wherein the law system needed further mediation. Jesus said, 'The scribes and the Pharisees sit in Moses' seat.' Mat. 23:2. Their business was to teach and enforce the law.

" 'One more prop we remove. 'At least Moses was not a mediator in giving the ten commandments; for God spoke them aloud in the ears of all the people, and then wrote them himself on the tables of stone.' To this let Moses answer. 'I stood between the Lord and you at that time, to show you the word of the Lord: for ye were afraid by reason of the fire, and went not up into the mount.'

" 'Moses gave you the law,' i. e., 'thou shalt not kill.' 'Moses said, Honor thy Father,' etc., the fifth commandment.

" 'The law was ordained in the hands of a mediator.' In whose hands were placed the tables of stone? 'And Moses turned and went down from the mount, and the two tables of the testimony were in his hands.' Ex. 32:15. 'And it came to pass, when Moses came down from Mount Sinai, with the two tables of the testimony in Moses' hands.' Ex. 34:29.

" 'A few texts will establish the fact that 'the law of Moses,' also called 'the law of God,' is the entire

law of that dispensation. In Neh. 8:1 we read that the people 'spake unto Ezra the scribe to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the Lord had commanded to Israel.' It was brought. 'So they read in the book, in the law of God.' So the law of Moses and the law of God are the same book. Verse 8. And in Neh. 10:29, we are told the people entered 'into an oath, to walk in God's law, which was given by Moses the servant of God, and to observe and do all the commandments of the LORD, our Lord.' Here the law-teacher is utterly confounded, and his theory proved a fraud and deception. The law of Moses and the law of God are one and the same. It is called 'God's law which was given by Moses,' and the same one law includes 'all the commandments of the LORD, our Lord.'

" 'Be ye therefore very courageous to keep and to do all that is written in the book of the law of Moses, that ye turn not aside therefrom to the right hand or to the left; that ye come not among these nations, these that remain among you; neither make mention of the name of their gods, nor cause to swear by them, neither serve them, nor bow yourselves unto them.' Josh. 23:6, 7. The entire law system is called the 'law of Moses,' and in obeying it they were not even to mention the name of the gods of the heathen, neither swear by them, nor serve them. Here we see the law of Moses covered the first commandment.

" 'And keep the charge of the Lord thy God, to walk in his ways, to keep his statutes, and his com-

mandments, and his judgments, and his testimonies, as it is written in the law of Moses, that thou mayest prosper in all that thou doest, and whithersoever thou turnest thyself.' 1 Kings 2:3. These words utterly demolish the Advent theory. 'The charge of the Lord thy God,' 'his ways,' 'his statutes,' 'his commandments,' 'his judgments,' and 'his testimonies,' were all 'written in the law of Moses.' What, then, we should like to know, was left to constitute 'the law of God,' which the vain imaginations of Saturday-keepers distinguish from 'the law of Moses,' and which they say has survived its abolition? Were not the ten precepts God's commandments? Then they were 'written in the law of Moses.' Were they statutes? There they are written. 'And his [God's] testimonies' were 'written in the law of Moses.' What is meant by these? The ten commandments. Proof, read Ex. 25:16; 31:18; 32:15; 34:29; 40:20. Here are five clear statements that the testimonies were the ten laws on the tables of stone. To these may be added many passages which call the place of their deposit 'the ark of the testimonies,' all of which prove the same thing. How perfectly these scriptures sweep away the refuge of lies that the ten commandments are distinct from the law of Moses, and remain still in force since the law of Moses is abolished!

“Neither will I any more remove the foot of Israel from out of the land which I have appointed for your fathers; so that they will take heed to do

all that I have commanded them, according to the *whole law* and the statutes and the ordinances by the hand of Moses.' 2 Chron. 33:8. Can a man be honest before God and hold the Advent falsehood after reading such scriptures? All that God commanded them, even 'the *whole law* and the statutes and the ordinances,' was given by the hand of Moses. This proves that Moses was the mediator spoken of in Gal. 3:19, and it also proves that there were not two laws, but one law. Every duty enjoined by Jehovah upon the nation was by the hand of Moses.

“ ‘Thou camest down also upon Mount Sinai, and spakest with them from heaven, and gavest them right judgments, and true laws, good statutes and commandments: and madest known unto them thy holy sabbath, and commandedst them precepts, statutes, and laws, by the hand of Moses thy servant.’ Neh. 9:13, 14. Here again all the laws, statutes, and commandments that God gave the people on Mount Sinai, including the sabbath, were given by the hand of Moses, and is Moses’ law as well as God’s law. This scripture proves that the sabbath was there given by God, and not before; that Moses was mediator in its ministration; and that all the law forms one system.

“ ‘These are the testimonies, and the statutes, and the judgments, which Moses spake unto the children of Israel, after they came forth out of Egypt.’ Deut. 4:45. ‘The testimonies,’ we have seen, were those upon the stone tables; and though God spoke them to

all Israel, and Moses wrote them in the book, he is represented as having spoken them to the children of Israel, because he was the mediator of the whole law economy. The same are called 'the commandments of the Lord our God, his testimonies, and his statutes' in Deut. 6:17.

"So it is positively false that the law is divided into two laws. It is all the law of God, and all the law of Moses. But why multiply texts? Surely the foregoing are sufficient to prove these things. And yet upon the contrary theory hangs the Adventist creed. They know very well that the New Testament, in the most positive terms, asserts the abrogation of the old covenant, called 'the law'; and indeed they are forced to admit the fact. Therefore there is no possible chance to maintain their idolized Saturday." "But if that entire code passed away, what now remains? We answer, Just what the inspired apostle says remains. 'The new testament,' 'the law of Christ.'" —*The Sabbath.*

THE DECALOGUE.

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THE Seventh-day Adventists point the people to the decalogue as God's eternal law, superior to all else, that which governs angels in heaven, governed Adam in Eden, and will govern the teeming millions of redeemed ones to all eternity. These false and extravagant claims are the main pillars underneath the whole

doctrine and argument used by them for the observance of the seventh day. If they are wrong here, their whole doctrine falls to the ground an exploded delusion. And fall it must under the hammer of eternal truth.

When the lawyer asked Jesus, "Which is the great commandment in the law?" Jesus did not point to the decalogue. In fact, he did not quote one precept from the tables of stone. "Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets." Mat. 22:37-40. Here are two commands not found in the decalogue. Yet the Master said that these are "the first of all the commandments," and that "there is none other commandment greater than these." Mark 12:29-31. This spoils the Advent theory in pointing to the decalogue as God's superior and eternal law. These two—enjoining love to God and fellow beings—are *first* and *greatest*. On them the decalogue hangs. Hence it is inferior to that higher law which is eternal. The decalogue was hung to that first and greater law. But 2,500 years of the world's history passed before this took place. "The law was given by Moses." Not until Moses' time was the decalogue given and coupled to that higher law. This is settled beyond question by Moses himself. Referring directly to the ten

commandments (see Deut. 5:2-22), he says, "The Lord made not this covenant with our fathers, but with us, even us [Israel]." Verse 3.

The very wording of the decalogue proves that it was given to Israel as a nation alone. On the tables were written all the words God spoke in the mount. Deut. 9:10. These words you will find written out in full in Deut. 5:6-22. "These words" "he wrote in two tables of stone." Verse 22. Now lay down the book and carefully read verses 6 to 22 inclusive, and you have exactly what was on the tables—the decalogue. Where does it apply? The very first words of the decalogue tell to whom it was given. "I am the Lord thy God, which brought thee out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage. Thou shalt have none other gods before me," etc. Ex. 20:2, 3; Deut. 5:6, 7. This was on the tables, written with God's own finger, and placed in the ark. When Advent lecturers hang up their charts, it will be noticed that they have cunningly left out this part, and begun with "Thou shalt have no other gods." Why do they do this? The reason is apparent. To put the whole decalogue on their chart would betray the falsity of their claims. Were the angels in Egypt? in the house of bondage? Was that the abode of Adam? How many of the millions of Christians which constitute the new testament church were under King Pharaoh in Egyptian bondage? Not one. It can not possibly apply to any but the Israelite nation.

Look at the sabbath commandment as written on the stone tables. "Keep the sabbath-day to sanctify it, as the Lord thy God hath commanded thee. Six days thou shalt labor, and do all thy work: but the seventh day is the sabbath of the Lord thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, nor thy man servant, nor thy maid servant, nor thine ox, nor thine ass, nor any of thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates; that thy man servant and thy maid servant may rest as well as thou. And remember that thou wast a servant in the land of Egypt, and that the Lord thy God brought thee out thence through a mighty hand and by a stretched out arm: therefore the Lord thy God commanded thee to keep the sabbath-day." Deut. 5:12-15. Can this apply to all people in all ages? Can it apply to angels? Will it apply to the redeemed in heaven forever? Adventism answers, "Yes." But reason and common sense answer, "No." Angels—servants in the land of Egypt! "Thine ox, nor thine ass, nor any of thy cattle." Do the angels in heaven own oxen, work asses, and feed cattle? Will this be true of the redeemed millions around the throne in eternity? "Thy man servant, nor thy maid servant, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates." Would this apply to Adam in Eden? Did he have servants, and let strangers in his gates back there? A moment's meditation here ought to make Saturday-keepers ashamed. The language shows that Israel is referred to. It can not

possibly apply elsewhere. "Thy stranger in thy gates" refers to the Gentiles that entered the gates of their cities.

"Honor thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee." What land was given? Answer: Canaan. To whom was it given? Answer: Israel. Then the fifth commandment was given to Israel. Angels do not have fathers and mothers. How can they honor what they do not have? Could Adam honor his father and mother? Are the angels under the fifth commandment? Preposterous. Then that law can not govern the hosts of heaven. It was given to a single nation—Israel—in a limited territory—Canaan.

"Thou shalt not commit adultery." Does this command govern angels in heaven? Will it be the law that will rule the untold millions of immortal beings around the throne in eternity? Let the sons of Hagar blush with shame. These lecturers hang up their charts, and teach men that this law is eternal, governs angels, and will govern the redeemed forever. It must stand eternally. This is all done to save their idolized sabbath. But their argument is false from the ground up. The decalogue can not apply universally. It was given by Moses from God to Israel to restrain wickedness till Christ should come and remove wickedness from men's hearts. Think of God telling the angels, who are spirit-beings, "Thou shalt not commit adultery." Would that not sound

a little strange to the millions in heaven with immortal, spiritual, and glorified bodies? Yet on just such absurdities rests the whole structure of Sabbatarianism.

“Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor’s wife.” Strange language this would have been to Adam while in Eden. Stranger yet would it sound to angels in heaven, and to the immortal saints around the throne, where “they neither marry, nor are given in marriage.” O what inconsistencies men are driven to in upholding a false creed! No wonder Paul said that these janglers “desire to be teachers of the law; understanding neither what they say, nor whereof they affirm.” 1 Tim. 1: 6, 7.

The wording of the decalogue throughout shows that it was only a prohibitory national law, worded to fit the circumstances, and adapted to the social condition of the Jews as a nation in the land of Canaan. To apply it to Eden, to angels, and to heaven, is ridiculous nonsense.

Adventists make a great ado over the fact that the ten commandments were spoken by God’s voice, written by his finger, engraven in stones, and placed in the ark. “Why,” ask they, “was it thus kept separate, if not more prominent than the rest of the law?” We answer, The ten commandments were written by Moses in the book of the law, along with the other precepts. See Ex. 20 and Deut. 5. They were included in the book of the covenant which was sprinkled with blood, and which Paul says “was taken

The Decalogue in Full. Deut. 5:6-21; Ex. 20:3-17.

"These words the Lord spake unto all your assembly in the mount out of the midst of the fire, of the cloud, and of the thick darkness, with a great voice: and he added no more. And he wrote them in two tables of stone." Deut. 5: 22.

I.

I am the Lord thy God, which brought thee out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage. Thou shalt have none other gods before me.

II.

Thou shalt not make thee any graven image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the waters beneath the earth: thou shalt not bow down thyself unto them, nor serve them: for I the Lord thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me, and showing mercy unto thousands of them that love me and keep my commandments.

III.

Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain: for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.

IV.

Keep the sabbath-day to sanctify it as the Lord thy God hath commanded thee. Six days thou shalt labor, and do all thy work: but the seventh day is the sabbath of the Lord thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, nor thy man servant, nor thy maid servant, nor thine ox, nor thine ass, nor any of thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates; that thy man servant and thy maid servant may rest as well as thou. *And remember that thou wast a servant in the land*

of Egypt, and that the Lord thy God brought thee out thence through a mighty hand and by a stretched out arm: therefore the Lord thy God commanded thee to keep the sabbath-day.

V.

Honor thy father and thy mother, as the Lord thy God hath commanded thee; *that thy days may be prolonged, and that it may go well with thee, in the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee.*

VI.

Thou shalt not kill.

VII.

Neither shalt thou commit adultery.

VIII.

Neither shalt thou steal.

IX.

Neither shalt thou bear false witness against thy neighbor.

X.

Neither shalt thou desire thy neighbor's wife, neither shalt thou covet thy neighbor's house, his field, or his man servant, or his maid servant, his ox, or his ass, or anything that is thy neighbor's.

A careful reading of the decalogue will show that it applied alone to Israel—the Jews—in the land of Canaan. See 1st, 4th, and 5th commandments. These can not apply to Gentile Christians, who were never in Egypt. The 1st, 4th, 5th, 7th, and 10th commandments can not apply to angels in heaven.

away” and “abolished” that Christ might establish the “second” or “new covenant.”

But it was customary at the time of the giving of the law, that, when a solemn covenant or agreement was entered into between parties, some object was selected as a witness or testimony of the same. I will cite a few examples. Jacob set up a pillar as a witness of his vow to God. See Gen. 28:18. When Jacob and Laban made a covenant, “they took stones and made a heap.” “And Laban said, This heap is a witness between me and thee this day.” Gen. 31:45-48. On this point I quote from Canright:—

“Just so when the solemn covenant was made between God and Israel at Sinai, the Lord gave them the tables of stone to be always kept as a witness or ‘testimony’ of that agreement. Hence they are called ‘the tables of testimony,’ that is, witness. Ex. 31:18. So the tabernacle was ‘the tabernacle of testimony,’ Num. 1:53, or, ‘the tabernacle of witness.’ Num. 17:7; Acts 7:44. These tables of stone, then, containing some of the chief items of the law, were always to be kept as ‘*witness*’ of the covenant which Israel had made to keep that law. This is the reason why the decalogue was given as it was, and not because it was a perfect and eternal law in and of itself.” This is sound and logical. These reasons are so simple and clear that the imaginary reasonings invented by Sabbatarians fade away.

Another thought right here: The decalogue of necessity was only a national law for Israel, and

temporal in its obligations, because the penalty for its violation was stoning to death. "He that despised Moses' law died without mercy under two or three witnesses." Heb. 10:28. Adventists admit that the penalty of the law was abolished at the cross, and this admission proves that the law itself ceased there too; for a law without a penalty is a nullity.

But as a last effort, these crafty preachers cry, "If the decalogue is no longer in force, then there is nothing to condemn crime, such as adultery, idolatry, etc." This is another man of straw that the fire of truth will consume. The New Testament does condemn these.

Idolatry.—"Little children, keep yourselves from idols." 1 John 5:21. "Neither be ye idolators." 1 Cor. 10:7. "Wherefore, my dearly beloved, flee from idolatry." 1 Cor. 10:14.

Adultery.—"Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God." 1 Cor. 6:9, 10.

Theft.—"Steal no more." Eph. 4:28.

Lying.—"Lie not one to another." Col. 3:9. "All liars shall have their portion in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone." Rev. 21:8.

Murder.—"No murderer hath eternal life abiding in him." 1 John 3:15.

Covetousness.—"Covetousness, let it not once be named among you." Eph. 5:3. "Covetousness, which is idolatry." Col. 3:5.

The New Testament forbids not only the evils condemned in the decalogue, but also scores of others not mentioned in that code, such as drunkenness, love of pleasure, pride, anger, impatience, selfishness, boasting, filthy talk, evil thoughts, foolishness, uncleanness, strife, hatred, envyings, revellings, etc. Thus it became necessary to supersede the decalogue and all that clustered around it with the new testament, which is "a better covenant, established upon better promises."

THE SEVENTH-DAY SABBATH AS MENTIONED IN THE NEW TESTAMENT.

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SINCE the "first" or "old" covenant—the law—that enjoined the observance of the seventh day, was abolished and ended at the cross, and the "new" and "better" covenant has taken its place, what do we find in the New Testament? Not one command to keep the sabbath of the former covenant. Not one threat against any one for working on that day. While over and over long lists of sins are mentioned, covering every line of disobedience, not once is sabbath-breaking mentioned. In Paul's fourteen Epistles he names the sabbath but once, and then shows that it was abolished and nailed to the cross. Col. 2:14-17.

In the Epistles of James, Peter, John, and Jude, the word "sabbath" can not be found. Compare this with Advent literature, and note the contrast. They talk and write more on the sabbath than on any other theme. It is the life of their system, the only god they worship. The fourth commandment of the "ministration of death" can nowhere be found in the New Testament. We are not Jews nor Adventists, but New Testament Christians, under the truth that came by Jesus Christ; and since there is not one command in the new covenant, which is our rule of faith, to keep the seventh day, we are under no obligations to do so. To find such command, people must go back to the law; and to observe it because Moses' law enjoined it is to put our necks into "the yoke of bondage." All sabbath-observers in this dispensation are sons of Hagar, the "children of the bondwoman," Gal. 4:21-30, cast out from the kingdom of heaven, verse 30; but we who are called into the liberties of the gospel "are not children of the bondwoman, but of the free." Verse 31.

One Advent minister in our presence, when goaded and nettled by our positive demand for one command in the New Testament for the observance of the seventh day, lit upon Mat. 24:20, and said the language was equivalent to a command. This shows the desperate straits to which these people are driven. "Pray ye that your flight be not in the winter, neither on the sabbath-day." On this text we will remark:

1. The subject was not the observance of the day.

Jesus was speaking of the destruction of Jerusalem, and the safety of the Christians in fleeing out of the doomed city. In the winter the roads would be bad, and their flight would be much retarded. On the Jewish sabbath all the gates of the cities were closed and locked (see Adam Clark or any other reliable authority), and escape would be impossible. That is all there is to the text. 2. Simply fleeing out of a city or country would not desecrate the day, as Adventists themselves admit. Then, there is no proof nor command in the text for the observance of the day. The Lord was simply providing for the safety of the Christians.

But it is argued that Jesus kept the day, and so must we. This is very weak. Jesus was born under the law, Gal. 4:4, and lived under it until its abolition at the cross. Col. 2:14. He evidently kept it in the main—the whole law. He was circumcised. Does that bind it on us? He kept the passover. Luke 22:7-15. Do Sabbatarians keep it because Jesus did? Never. He sent a man to offer a gift according to the law, Mat. 8:4, and commanded his disciples to do all that the scribes taught. Mat. 23:2, 3. Are these things obligatory upon us now? Adventists themselves admit that they are not. This shows the fallacy of their argument for sabbath-keeping. While Jesus lived as a Jew under the Jewish law, he kept that law—circumcision, passover, sabbath, and all. But it ended at the cross. Col. 2:14.

But the women kept the sabbath “according to the

commandments." Luke 23:56. This is considered strong proof by Sabbatarians. But where is the argument? The women rested while Jesus was in the grave and dead. He had not risen. Many things concerning the law and its abrogation were yet mystified to them. Christ promised that when the Holy Ghost should come, he would teach them many things, and open their understanding. It is no more proof that the Jewish sabbath is binding on Gentile Christians because certain Jewish women rested on that day, than that circumcision is binding on us because many thousands of Jews which believed were "zealous for the law" and Paul circumcised Timothy. Acts 21:20; 16:3.

Every mention of the sabbath in the book of Acts is in connection with Jewish worship. The Jews kept their sabbath, and assembled on that day. Paul, as his custom was, availed himself of this opportunity to preach the gospel to them, and so reasoned with them on the sabbath-days. Had he gone to the Jewish synagogue on any other day, he would have found no congregation to preach to. "Wherever the apostles entered the Jewish synagogue on the sabbath to preach, it was before the Christian church was planted in such places." And even could it be proved that for a time the Jewish Christians met from custom on the sabbath for worship, that would not bind it on Gentile Christians; for the Jews that believed kept circumcision and all the law for a time. Acts 21:20, 21. But at the council held at Jerusalem in A. D. 46, as re-

corded in Acts 15, it was decided not to bind the law on the Gentile churches. Here again there is no proof in favor of Saturday-keeping.

With great demonstration it is argued that the term "sabbath" occurs in the New Testament fifty-nine times, and always refers to the seventh day; hence the seventh day must be the New-Testament sabbath. But the same argument would bring all the ceremonies of Moses' law under the gospel. Let us test their reasoning. The passover is mentioned in the New Testament twenty-eight times, and always refers to the feast kept by the Jews; therefore that feast must be a New-Testament ordinance. Circumcision is found fifty-five times in the New Testament, hence, according to Advent argument, must still be in vogue. Such reasoning betrays weakness. That the feasts, sacrifices, passover, sabbaths, circumcision, etc., of Moses' law are frequently mentioned in the New Testament, is no proof that they are still obligatory upon the people of God.

THE OLD SABBATH REPEALED. *

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By reading Rom. 2:12, 14-16, it is seen that there are two kinds of precepts: those that exist in man's consciousness, independent of law to enforce them, and those duties that are wholly created by the code that enjoins them. The former are commanded be-

cause they are inherent principles of right; the latter are only right because they are commanded. The former are unchangeable; the latter rest wholly on the will of the lawgiver, and may be changed whenever his wisdom dictates. The law stamped by the Creator upon our inner being is that which Paul says we "establish by faith." Therefore, with the exceptions of the few positive monumental ordinances of the new testament, it is simply the re-impress of that holy law of our being which was stamped upon us by the Creator, and which was partly obscured by sin, but is fully restored to the soul in entire sanctification, Heb. 10:14, 15, while the written New Testament is a duplicate copy of the same perfect law. The passage in Rom. 13:9 asserts that there is nothing of the law system carried over into the new covenant but that which love itself dictates, that which existed as a principle of right back of all outward legislation. Now the question to be settled and upon which the perpetuity of the seventh-day sabbath depends is this: Was that institution written in man's inward conscience? or was it wholly the product of positive legislation? If the former, it remains unchangeable; if the latter, it has passed away. We shall now prove that that seventh-day sabbath was created wholly by legislation; belonged to the monumental and shadowy rites of the Jews' religion; was for a temporary purpose, and was therefore repealable, and actually was abolished.

First, we prove that its object was to serve as a sign

between God and the Israelite nation. "And the Lord spake unto Moses, saying, Speak thou also unto the children of Israel, saying, Verily my sabbaths ye shall keep: for it is a sign between me and you throughout your generations; that ye may know that I am the Lord that doth sanctify you. Ye shall keep the sabbath therefore; for it is holy unto you: every one that defileth it shall surely be put to death: for whosoever doeth any work therein, that soul shall be cut off from among his people. Six days may work be done; but in the seventh is the sabbath of rest, holy to the Lord: whosoever doeth any work in the sabbath-day, he shall surely be put to death. Wherefore the children of Israel shall keep the sabbath, to observe the sabbath throughout their generations, for a perpetual covenant. It is a sign between me and the children of Israel forever." Ex. 31:12-17.

Here we are twice told that the sabbath of the law was a sign between God and the Jewish nation throughout their generations. It is strictly confined to them, and there is not a word that indicates God would ever make it anything else but a national statute in Israel. A sign of the redemption of that nation from Egyptian bondage; for that deliverance is called a redemption in Ex. 15:12, 13. We have positive proof that the sabbath was instituted to commemorate that event. After repeating the command to keep the seventh day, thus we read: "And remember that thou wast a servant in the land of Egypt, and that the Lord thy God brought thee out

thence through a mighty hand and by a stretched out arm: *therefore the Lord thy God commanded thee to keep the sabbath-day.*" Deut. 5:15. Can anything be plainer? The sabbath was given as a remembrancer to the Jews, a monument of their bondage in a strange land and God's deliverance therefrom. To deny this is to dispute the Bible. But if that be the object of that rest-day, no one else has anything to do with it, nor it with them. In Neh. 9:9-14 this redemption out of the land of bondage, and the sabbath, as a sign and monument of the same, are again seen coupled together.

Now let us show you a parallel sign, or monument of the same redemption from bondage. "Unleavened bread shall be eaten seven days; and there shall no leavened bread be seen with thee, neither shall there be leaven seen with thee in all thy quarters. And thou shalt shew thy son in that day, saying, This is done because of that which the Lord did unto me when I came forth out of Egypt. And it shall be for a sign unto thee upon thine hand, and for a memorial between thine eyes, that the Lord's law may be in thy mouth: for with a strong hand hath the Lord brought thee out of Egypt." Ex. 13:7-9. The passover was instituted for a "sign," a "memorial" of the deliverance of Israel out of Egypt. And we have seen that the sabbath was given expressly for the same object, and to the same people, throughout their generations. If, therefore, the passover feast belonged only to the Jewish rites, so did the sabbath.

If the passover feast is abolished,—and no one denies it,—so is its like sign, the Jewish sabbath. These conclusions can not be gainsaid.

That the sabbath was a sign of redemption out of Egypt we again prove in Ezek. 20:10, 12, as follows: “Wherefore I caused them to go forth out of the land of Egypt, and brought them into the wilderness.” “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.” Here we have again the redemption out of Egypt followed by the sabbath as a sign or monument of that deliverance. “A sign between me and them, that they might know that I am the Lord that sanctify them”; namely, separated them from the heathen among whom they were in bondage. How could that sabbath have been designed for all nations, which was given expressly as a sign or mark of separation of the Jews from all other nations? In fact, it could not be universal and at the same time the peculiar badge of one nation. We leave it classified just where the Bible places it—among the signs and rites of the Jews, and as such it has passed away.

But says the Saturday-keeper, “That sabbath must yet be in force; because God said, ‘The children of Israel shall keep the sabbath, to observe the sabbath throughout their generations for a perpetual covenant,’ and ‘It is a sign between me and the children of Israel forever.’ Ex. 31:16, 17.” While the word “forever,” speaking of spiritual things, and of future

destinies, etc., means unending, it is also used in speaking of laws as something in continuous force, a standing law, or permanent statute. In such case it indicates a law unchangeable and irrepealable while the system lasts of which it is a part. This we shall now prove by the Bible. When the passover was first instituted in Egypt, God said, "Ye shall observe this thing for an ordinance to thee and to thy sons forever." Ex. 12:24. After giving directions for the use of olive-oil in the lamps of the tabernacle, we read, "It shall be a statute forever unto their generation." Ex. 27:21. Following directions for the high-priestly garments that Aaron and his sons were to wear in their ministration, it is written, "It shall be a statute forever unto him and his seed after him." Ex. 28:43. And the same thing is affirmed of nearly every ceremonial precept of the law. So, then, the sabbath was to be a "sign forever" just as the passover and other types and shadows were. They have passed away long ago; so also has that sabbath. The Bible leaves no peg upon which to hang its perpetuity.

As we have proved that both the passover and the law sabbath were signs and memorials of the deliverance of the children of Israel out of Egypt and from the slaying angel, we shall now prove that the latter as well as the former was a type and shadow of things to come in the dispensation of Christ. That the passover pointed back to Egypt, and also cast its shadow forward to Christ upon the cross, all see and admit. So was the sabbath a sign of things

past and things to come. The very fact that it commemorated the exodus from Egypt makes it a type of our redemption, for that deliverance sustains a typical relation to our salvation from the bondage of sin.

“And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses; blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross.” Col. 2:13, 14. The law, with all its ordinances and shadowing rites, expired with Christ upon the cross. “Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of an holy day, or of the new moon, or of the sabbath-days: which are a shadow of things to come; but the body is of Christ.” Col. 2:16, 17. Let no man judge you by the laws of that code which had served its time and purpose, and vanished away. The laws respecting meats and drinks are no longer to be bound upon our conscience. Neither “holy day,” law feast-days, etc., nor yet monthly feasts determined by the moon; yea, and let no man judge you of the sabbath-days. These sabbath-days can not be specially referred to annual or monthly sabbaths, for such are included in the former specifications. They must, therefore, have special reference to the round of weekly sabbath. They are all nailed to the cross and taken away.

The sabbath was a “shadow of things to come, but the body is of Christ”; that is, it had typical reference

to things "of Christ." So we see that the sabbath was an exact parallel with the passover. Both were signs between God and the Jews; both were memorials of the deliverance out of Egypt; both pointed forward to Christ; and both have met their antitype and passed away. The former foreshadowed the offering of the body of Christ upon the cross. Of what was the second a shadow? Its distinguishing feature was rest, absolute cessation from labor. And just as certainly as "Christ our passover is sacrificed for us," Christ is our rest. Hear his gracious words: "Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy-laden, and I will give you rest. . . . And ye shall find rest unto your souls." Mat. 11: 28, 29. This beautiful rest in Christ will be more fully considered further on. There is scarcely an item in the entire law system that does not shadow some fact in the plan of salvation.

Just as peremptorily as all works were excluded on that sabbath, so must men utterly cease from their own works in taking Christ our rest. The law said, Do no work, but rest and live. The gospel says, Believe in God, without bringing a single meritorious work, and in Christ you shall find rest, and your soul shall live. And even more certain than the penalty of death for sabbath work is death to the soul that would seek or maintain justification before God on the ground of good works.

Yes, "the sabbath-days: which are a shadow of things to come; but the body [the substance] is of Christ." This inspired testimony is true. The sab-

bath was a striking shadow of a condition in our salvation, and, with all other types and shadows, passed away when the type met its antitype—when Christ our salvation appeared.

Under this head, the sabbath repealable, we now, by the weapons of truth attack and demolish one of the strongholds of the law-wrangling sect; namely, the relation of the sabbath to creation. “It is a sign between me and the children of Israel forever: for in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, and on the seventh day he rested, and was refreshed.” Ex. 31:17. Along with the other memorial and typical elements of that institution, it was commemorative of the work of creation. Upon this fact they base an argument that it was universal for all mankind. But we accept the uniform statements of Jehovah that he gave that sabbath law exclusively to the Israelites through their generations, as an all-sufficient refutation of this argument.

Again, they tell us the sabbath’s being commemorative of creation proves it unchangeable. They quote Alex. Campbell as saying that before God could change the day of the sabbath he would have to make a new creation. Such talk is very natural, and doubtless very plausible with the wisdom of this world; but to the spiritual it only betrays their spiritual ignorance. Salvation would reveal to such reasoners that a “new creation” has indeed taken place. Accordingly, we read, “The first man Adam

was made a living soul; the last Adam was made a quickening spirit." 1 Cor. 15:45.

Two Adams suggest a new creation. The first man Adam was the head of the original creation of God; but falling into sin, his race became disqualified for the lofty end of their existence. But in due time appears another, an "heavenly" Adam, a "quicken- ing spirit," the life-giving power of God. He defeats Satan and sin, and works a new creation. As the first Adam stands at the head of the spoiled creation, the second Adam heads a new creation. All in this new creation are of heavenly character.

How came we into the creation headed by the first Adam? By natural birth. How do we enter the new and heavenly race? By being "born again." "Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again." This was an incomprehensible mystery to Nicodemus, and is not better known by the earthly to-day. "The natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God, neither can he know them." John testifies that "as many as received him [Jesus]" "were born . . . of God." John 1:12, 13. "Being born again" is the testimony of 1 Pet. 1:23. John gives us the heavenly character of all who are thus inducted into the new creation. "Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him: and he can not sin, because he is born of God." 1 John 3:9. Lest some might conclude that John had drawn the standard too high, he repeats with an emphasized assurance, "We know that whosoever is born of God sinneth not;

but he that is begotten of God keepeth himself, and that wicked one toucheth him not." 1 John 5:18.

Comparing their own lives with this standard, the Adventists, Russelites, and other modern Pharisees and Sadducees, found themselves far beneath it. Therefore they have concluded and do teach that only spiritual conception takes place, and in the resurrection, or in some other event of the future, the birth will take place. This is another new doctrine of devils. Both John and Peter in the above testify that the birth had taken place in all who believed in Christ.

"Of his own will begat he us with the word of truth, that we should be a kind of first-fruits of his creatures." Jas. 1:18. The apostles having been begotten of God, were a kind of first-fruits of his creatures—first in the new creation. "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: . . . And all things are of God." 2 Cor. 5:17, 18. Five different translations render, "If any one is in Christ, he is a *new creation*." "So that if any one be in Christ there is a *new creation*."

A wonderful fact. As God created the physical world himself, without the aid of creatures, so, we are told, in "the new creation," "all things are of God." "For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works." Eph. 2:10. God first created man in his own image; and "the new man, which is after God [after the pattern of his moral image] is [again] created in righteousness and true

holiness." Eph. 4:24. In Col. 3:10 we are plainly told that the new creation restores the soul to the image of the Creator. "For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision availeth anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creature." Gal. 6:15. By seven translations it is very properly translated, "*A new creation.*"

In many places redemption is compared to the creation. Take, for instance, the creation of light. "For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ." 2 Cor. 4:6. They who are of the first Adam are earthly; they of the second Adam are heavenly. The law, including the seventh day, was not given for the righteous, but for the ungodly, the earthly. Will God translate us from the earthly into the heavenly and yet leave us under the sabbath that was made for the earthly? How utterly ridiculous the idea that the second Adam should come into this sin-lost world, start a new creation, and leave us under a sabbath that identifies us with the fallen Adam and the world that lieth in iniquity.

Behold the striking analogy! When God completed the work of creation, "he rested from his labors, and was refreshed." And 2,500 years later, when he saw fit to command a day of utter abstinence from labor, he chose that day which commemorated the finishing of creation, so that in its observance the children of Israel not only commemorated the miraculous hand of God which had brought them out of

Egypt, but also kept before their eyes the fact that God is the Creator of all things. Such a remembrancer was needed by a people only born after the flesh, and who were soon to enter a land flooded with gross idolatry, where God was not known as the Creator. But how ridiculous the idea that redeemed and illuminated Christians, who know God, even the one true and living God, need a sabbath to keep them from deifying some other object besides the Creator!

The seventh-day sabbath, therefore, embodied no element that made it unchangeable and unrepealable. It was a positive statute, created wholly by the decree of the divine Lawgiver, and was therefore subject to removal by his decree, when, with the rest of the code in which it was embodied, it had served its time and object; and when God moved forward in the order of his plan, and the new dispensation and creation sprang forth. It was a sign that God had sanctified Israel, that is, separated them from the heathen nations; and it came to an end when in his justly provoked wrath they were dispersed again among all nations. It was a sign or memorial of that nation's deliverance out of Egypt, and it passed away when that nation forfeited their place as the chosen people of God. It was a shadow of things to come and was nailed to the cross with all the shadows and types. It was a part of the covenant written on stone; and the New Testament teaches in the most positive manner, and by a large number of passages, that that covenant was abolished; that Christ himself, the

mediator of the new testament, took away the first that he might establish the second. Therefore it was not only repealable, but actually was repealed by authority of Him who has all power in heaven and earth, and in so doing he showed that he is "lord of the sabbath also."

And should any law-teacher attempt to argue that the sabbath of the Jews survived that Sinaitic law because it was introduced before the general giving of the law, as seen in Ex. 16, we answer, So was the passover instituted prior to the ministration of the law on Sinai, even before Israel came out of Egypt, Ex. 12, and yet it passed away with the death of the first covenant and its shadows. It, and its sister "sign," the sabbath, were both incorporated in the law system when given on Sinai, and both passed away with it. The old sabbath, then, is dead and gone. And is there any occasion for mourning over its decease? Have we lost anything in the death and decay of the old covenant, since Christ is the "mediator of a better covenant, established upon better promises"? Is there anything mournful in the death of that "wherein we [the Jews] were held," since married to Christ?

Those desiring to be teachers of the law now tell us that "we are not under the law only in the sense that we obey the law, and therefore do not come under its condemnations." How directly this conflicts with the word of God! It teaches that we are "not under the law," and are "delivered from the

law," just as a woman is no longer under the obligations of the marriage covenant after her husband is dead. The law that bound her in obedience has passed away. "She is freed from that law." His lips are silent. He issues no commands; she obeys none from him. Thus, by the plain illustration God teaches us that the converted Jew is not under the law, nor under obligations to obey it. But the false teacher says that both Jews and Gentiles are not under the law, in the sense they must all obey it. No wonder Paul pronounced the curse of God upon all such.

THE JEWISH SABBATH ABOLISHED.

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"**B**LOTTING out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross. . . . Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of an holy day, or of the new moon, or of the sabbath-days; which are a shadow of things to come; but the body is of Christ." Col. 2: 14-17. Here is a clear, positive statement that the sabbath was taken out of the way by nailing it to the cross, and therefore no one has a right to judge us for its non-observance. This single declaration of Paul's refutes all the theories of Sabbatarianism. There it stands and mocks all their efforts. All kinds of twists and turns have been made to explain away its meaning, but it defies their doctrines. The sabbath was nailed

to the cross. When "that which was written and engraven in stones" was "done away" and "abolished," as Paul declares in 2 Cor. 3, the sabbath went with it; for it lay in the very heart of the Sinaitic covenant, which "vanished away." Heb. 8:13.

The law was but a shadow, Heb. 10:1, and Paul here classes the sabbath as one of those shadows that have passed away. An attempt is made to identify the "sabbath-days" of Col. 2:16 with the feast-days and holy days of the law, monthly and yearly. This is a poor argument. Paul includes all the holy days of the Jews in the "meats" and "drinks," "holy days," and "new moons"; so there is nothing left for the "sabbath-days" but the weekly sabbath. The word "sabbath" is found in the New Testament sixty times. Adventists themselves admit that fifty-nine times it means the weekly sabbath, but the sixtieth time, where the same identical word is found in both the Greek and the English, it means something else. Isn't that strange? "The sabbath" means the sabbath fifty-nine times, but the sixtieth time it does not! Preposterous. When "the sabbath," or "the sabbath-days," in fifty-nine places in the New Testament refers to the weekly rest-day, it does in the sixtieth place.

But it is objected that the term "sabbath-days" is in the plural in Col. 2:16; hence the weekly rest-day can not be referred to. This reasoning is so flimsy that Sabbatarians ought to be ashamed of it. The sabbath is frequently in Scripture spoken of in the plural. This is true both in the Old and the New

Testament. "My sabbaths ye shall keep." Ex. 31:13. "Keep my sabbaths." Lev. 19:3, 30. "Eunuchs that keep my sabbaths." Isa. 56:4. "Mock at her sabbaths." Lam. 1:7. "I gave them my sabbaths." Ezek. 20:12. "Polluted my sabbaths." Verse 16. "Three *sabbath-days* reasoned with them." Acts 17:2. "Is it lawful to heal on the *sabbath-days*?" Mat. 12:10. "On the *sabbath-days* the priests in the temple profane the sabbath." Verse 5. "Taught them on the *sabbath-days*." Luke 4:31. "Let no one therefore judge you . . . in respect of the *sabbath-days*." Col. 2:16. Same thing exactly. Any one can see at a glance that the "sabbaths" and the "sabbath-days" in all these texts refer to the weekly rest-day, and these very sabbath-days, Paul says, were "nailed to the cross."

Another point worthy of note: The same identical Greek word and the same form of the word that Paul uses in Col. 2:16 is used elsewhere for the weekly sabbath. Thus: "Gathered sticks upon the sabbath-day [*sabbaton*]." Num. 15:32. "In the end of the sabbath [*sabbaton*]." Mat. 28:1. "On the sabbath-day [*sabbaton*]." Acts 13:14; Luke 4:16. I will quote from the decalogue. "Keep the sabbath [*sabbaton*] day." Deut. 5:12. "Remember the sabbath-day [*sabbaton*] to keep it holy." Ex. 20:8. "Let no man therefore judge you . . . in respect of the sabbath-days [*sabbaton*]." Col. 2:16. The sabbath in Col. 2:16 can only refer to the sabbath of the decalogue. "The only word ever used in the Bible

for the weekly sabbath is the very one Paul did use in Col. 2:16." So the weekly sabbath-days have passed away.

That the sabbath-days referred to by Paul in Col. 2:16 has direct reference to the weekly round of rest-days is proven beyond doubt, when we remember that he is simply quoting from the Old Testament,—the law and the prophets,—where the same list is several times mentioned, and in every instance includes the seventh day. In Num. 28th and 29th chapters we have a full account of all offerings to be made on the different days of the year. The daily offerings are mentioned in the 28th chapter, verses 3-8; the weekly offerings, verses 9, 10. "And on the sabbath-day two lambs," etc. "This is the burnt offering of every sabbath." Next the new moon, or monthly. "And in the beginning of your months ye shall offer a burnt offering unto the Lord." Verses 11-15. Next came the yearly or annual feast-days, extending from 28:16 to 29:39. These were their "set feasts." Verse 39. Here we have the list complete—daily, weekly, monthly, and yearly.

"Behold, I build an house to the name of the Lord my God, to dedicate it to him, and to burn before him sweet incense, and for the continual shewbread, and for the burnt offerings morning and evening, on the sabbaths, and on the new moons, and on the solemn feasts of the Lord our God. This is an ordinance for ever to Israel." 2 Chron. 2:4.

"He appointed also the king's portion of his sub-

stance for the burnt offerings, to wit, for the morning and evening burnt offerings, and the burnt offerings for the sabbaths, and for the new moons, and for the set feasts, as it is written in the law of the Lord." 2 Chron. 31:3.

"Even after a certain rate every day, offering according to the commandment of Moses, on the sabbaths, and on the new moons, and on the solemn feasts, three times in the year, even in the feast of unleavened bread, and in the feast of weeks, and in the feast of tabernacles." 2 Chron. 8:13.

"And to stand every morning to thank and praise the Lord, and likewise at even; and to offer all burnt sacrifices unto the Lord in the sabbaths, in the new moons, and on the set feasts, by number, according to the order commanded unto them, continually before the Lord." 1 Chron. 23:30, 31.

"And it shall be the prince's part to give burnt offerings, and meat-offerings, and drink-offerings, in the feasts, and in the new moons, and in the sabbaths, in all solemnities of the house of Israel: he shall prepare the sin-offering, and the meat-offering, and the burnt offering, and the peace-offerings, to make reconciliation for the house of Israel." Ezek. 45:17.

"For the shewbread, and for the continual meat-offering, and for the continual burnt offering, of the sabbaths, of the new moons, for the set feasts, and for the holy things, and for the sin-offerings to make

an atonement for Israel, and for all the work of the house of our God." Neh. 10:33.

I have given all these texts to show that over and over the identical list Paul uses in Col. 2:16 is used in the law, and in every case the weekly sabbath is referred to. Time and again we have the *yearly* feast-days or holy days, *monthly* or new moons, and *weekly* sabbaths all classified as Paul does.

The prophets foretold the fact that all these would cease. "I also will cause all her [Israel's] mirth to cease, her feast-days, her new moons, and her sabbaths, and all her solemn feasts." Hos. 2:11. Here it was prophesied that the sabbaths, holy days, and new moons of the law would "*cease.*" Exactly what Paul teaches. Now since these days are abolished, "nailed to the cross," and we have come to the substance—Christ; since we have obtained that which these things foreshadowed,—to go back to those law days and their observance is hateful to God. "Bring no more vain oblations; incense is an abomination unto me; the new moons and sabbaths, the calling of assemblies, I can not away with; it is iniquity, even the solemn meeting. Your new moons and your appointed feasts my soul hateth: they are a trouble unto me; I am weary to bear them." Isa. 1:13, 14.

Sabbatarians by going back under the "yoke of bondage" and the observance of the Jewish sabbath, are doing the very things which are hateful to God. They cling to a ghostly "shadow," while we enjoy the substance. No wonder Paul said to those Gala-

tians that “desired to be under the law,” and, like modern Sabbatarians, had become “bewitched,” “Ye observe days [sabbath-days—weekly], and months [new moons], and times [yearly feasts], and years [sabbatical years]. *I am afraid of you.*” Gal. 4: 10, 11. Here is the identical list that Paul says was nailed to the cross, and therefore are no longer to be observed. By going back to their observance, people fall from grace, and become enslaved “to weak and beggarly elements.” Gal. 4: 9-11; 5: 1-8; 4: 21-31.

THE NEW COVENANT.

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“BEHOLD, I make all things new.” This is the message of the gospel. Christ came to inaugurate a new creation, an entire new order of things. The seers of old foretold and anxiously looked for the dawning of a better day, a day of salvation, a day when the kingdom of heaven would be established upon earth. The law, its offerings, sacrifices, blood, tabernacle, altars, priesthood, feasts, sabbath, etc., were but types, figures, and shadows of the glories of this new and better day. We now have a new dispensation, “new testament,” “new covenant,” “new Jerusalem,” new church, new kingdom, “new creation,” “new man,” “new heart,” “new-born babes,” “new commandments” (1 John 13: 34; 1 John 2: 8), “new name,” “new and living way,” “walk in newness of life,” and “serve in newness of spirit.” “Old things

are passed away; behold, all things are become new." 2 Cor. 5:17.

In this new dispensation we can not go back to the sabbath of the old. The sabbath enjoined in the first covenant passed away when Christ came and made "all things new." So it was prophesied that "Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, that I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah: not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt." Jer. 31:31, 32. This new covenant is not according to the one made with Israel when God led them out of Egypt. The covenant God made with them at that time was placed in the ark. "The ark, wherein is the covenant of the Lord, which he made with our fathers, when he brought them out of the land of Egypt." 1 Kings 8:21. And "there was nothing in the ark save the two tables of stone." Verse 9. So that which was written on the tables of stone—the ten commandments—was the covenant made at that time. But this new one that Jeremiah declared the Lord would make was not to be according to the one written in stones. It is "a better covenant, which was established upon better promises." Heb. 8:6. "By so much was Jesus made a surety of a better testament." Heb. 7:22. This new covenant is the "new testament." Heb. 9:15. The two covenants are termed "first" and "second." Heb. 8:7. When Christ delivered the new he took away

the first. "He taketh away the first, that he may establish the second." Heb. 10:9. "In that he saith, A new covenant, he hath made the first old. Now that which decayeth and waxeth old is ready to vanish away." Heb. 8:13. We are Christians under the new testament, and not Jews under the old. The first, with its sabbath, temple, blood, oblations, etc., has vanished away, while the new is the "everlasting covenant." Heb 13:20.

THE LAW OF CHRIST.

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"FOR the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ." John 1:17. "Jesus the mediator of the new covenant [testament, margin]." Heb. 12:24. "Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ." Gal. 6:2. Here are contrasted the two systems. The first was "the law" given by Moses its mediator; the second is "grace and truth,"—the new testament,—which came by Christ its mediator. The new testament is "the law of Christ." This is the law Christians are now under.

In Isaiah 42:1-7 we have a clear prediction of the coming of Christ and his redemption work. "And the isles shall wait for his law." Verse 4. The law of Moses was given to one nation—Israel. But of the law of Christ—the new testament—it was foretold that "the isles" waited for his law. "The isles" here mean the different nations of earth. The gospel is for

all people and nations. The command is, "Preach the gospel to every creature," Mark 16:15, "Teach all nations." Mat. 28:19. The gospel is "his [Christ's] law." The isles and ends of the earth waited for this law; it is the standard of judgment in the earth.

Christ is the "one lawgiver" of this dispensation. Jas. 4:12. For God at "sundry times and in divers [various] manners" spake unto the fathers in time past, but "hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son." Heb. 1:1, 2. In the presence of Moses in the mount, God said of Christ, "This is my beloved Son; *hear ye him.*" Mat. 17:1-5. Moses and his law are ruled out of this dispensation, and Christ and his superior law now rule in its stead. To go back to Moses is to reject Christ. To go under the law is to ignore the gospel.

Christ taught the people "as one having authority." Mat. 7:29. The precepts he taught are his law. We are under "the law to Christ." 1 Cor. 9:21. "Under Christ's law."—*Emphatic Diaglott*. His law is the truth. John 1:17. The law of Moses gendered to bondage, Gal. 4:24, while the truth makes men free. John 8:32. We obey and walk in the truth. 3 John 3. The law of Christ is the standard of conviction to sinners. When guilty souls fall at the mercy-seat for pardon, the law of Sinai never enters their minds. They only consider how they have grieved the Spirit of Christ, and broken his law—the new testament. The new testament is a much higher law than the

old. It not only condemns all manner of sin, but lifts up a standard of holy living, far above the stone-table law. The grandest lessons of moral and religious truth ever spoken to men were given in Christ's sermon on the mount. The entire New Testament, including the Gospels and Epistles, condemns sin in every form, lifts up the standard of righteousness and holiness in life and experience, and offers life and salvation to all. It is "the perfect law of liberty," Jas. 1:25, "the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus." Rom. 8:2. To break Moses' law—the sabbath, etc.—was to be stoned to death. The penalty was temporal. But to break Christ's law is to be guilty and worthy of eternal damnation. Christ says of his law, "The word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him at the last day." John 12:48. In the day of judgment the decalogue will not be the standard, but "God shall judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ according to my gospel." Rom. 2:16. "When the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels, in flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God," punishment will not be meted out to those who disregard the letter of the law as written in the tables of stone, but punishment will then be given to those "that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ." 2 Thes. 1:7-9. The law of Christ—the gospel—will be the standard by which we shall be judged in that day. To disobey the precepts of Christ is sin. And to sin against his law is to throw ourselves liable to eternal judgment

and punishment. Obedience to Christ is what the New Testament enjoins. 2 Cor. 10:5; Heb. 5:9. But not once in all the New Testament,—the law of Christ,—that law by which we shall be judged in the last day, are we commanded to keep the seventh-day sabbath. We can observe every precept of the law of liberty, stand clear in his sight, and yet never observe the seventh day, which was one of the shadows of the law dispensation.

THE "COMMANDMENTS OF GOD" WHICH CHRISTIANS OBEY, ARE NOT THE DECALOGUE, BUT THE LAW OF CHRIST—THE NEW TESTAMENT.

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SABBATARIANS are constantly crying, "We must keep God's commandments." This is true. But where they make the mistake is in applying the term "commandments" exclusively to the ten written on stone. They quote such texts as 1 John 3:22; 2:4; Rev. 12:17; 22:14, and apply them to the old stone-table law. But they assume the very thing that they can not prove. Do these texts show that the word "commandments" refers to the ten commandments? Not at all. Such a position is entirely erroneous. Over eight hundred times we have the term "commandments" in the Bible. After a careful examination, I find that it means more than the ten in about ninety-eight texts out of one hundred. In the former dis-

pensation it was a general term for all the requirements of Moses' law. If Adventists mean to keep the commandments of the law, they will have to keep all the precepts of Moses; for there were many other precepts enjoined that were as much the commandments of God as the ten. Circumcision, sacrifices, and all are summed up time and again and called "the commandments." Jesus quoted two as the greatest "commandments of the law," and neither is in the decalogue. Mat. 22:35-40.

But since the law dispensation has been superseded by the gospel, the precepts of Christ and his inspired apostles are the commandments of God that are binding upon Christians. The commandments referred to in the different Epistles and Revelation are not the ones on tables of stone, which Paul declares are abolished, but are the requirements of the new testament. For three and one-half years Jesus preached "the gospel of the kingdom of God" to this world. The same was afterwards written and handed to us by inspired apostles. That gospel, which is the law of Christ, contains hundreds of precepts and commandments. They are the commandments of God, for he spoke them by his Son. Heb. 1:1, 2. The Father gave Christ commandment what to say, John 12:49, and he spoke the same to mankind. Therefore the precepts of the new testament are "the commandments of God and the testimony of Jesus Christ." How dark and godless the leaven of Advent-

ism, which prevents people from seeing any precepts binding as commandments other than those which were spoken on Sinai. Surely the vail is on their hearts.

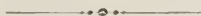
Jesus taught men to repent, believe the gospel, forgive their fellow men, resist evil, love their enemies, be perfect, sin no more, pray in secret, be baptized, wash one another's feet, observe the communion supper, and hundreds of other things. These are his commandments. Now, he says: "If ye love me, keep my commandments." John 14:15. "He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me." Verse 21. "If a man love me, he will keep my words." Verse 23. "He that loveth me not keepeth not my sayings." Verse 24. "Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you." John 15:14. The "words" or "sayings" of Jesus are his commandments. To be a commandment-keeper in this dispensation is to obey the sayings of Jesus. But where did Jesus ever command us to keep the seventh day? Nowhere. In his last commission Christ enjoined upon us to teach the people "to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you." Mat. 28:20. If we obey that commission we shall never teach men to observe the seventh-day sabbath; for in all the four Gospels not once did Christ command its observance. I emphasize: *Not once* did Christ command the observance of the seventh day.

Paul says, "If any man think himself to be a prophet, or spiritual, let him acknowledge that the

things that I write unto you are the commandments of the Lord." 1 Cor. 14:37. Then, the teachings of Paul are the commandments of the Lord. All true "prophets" (ministers), and "spiritual" people acknowledge this. If the Adventists would admit this point, they would at once see what are the commandments now in force. All the teachings of Paul are "the commandments of the Lord." Where, I ask, in all of Paul's Epistles does he command us to keep the seventh-day sabbath? Nowhere. The only place he mentions it is in Col. 2:14-16, and there teaches that it was "nailed to the cross." In Gal. 4:9-11 he reproved those who went back to its observance. The commandments of the Lord that Christians keep say not a word about sabbath-days.

Again, says the apostle, "For I have received of the Lord that which also I delivered unto you," 1 Cor. 11:23, and I have "kept back nothing that was profitable unto you." Acts 20:20. Where in all Paul's ministry, as recorded in the Acts and in his Epistles, did he deliver to the churches any instructions to keep the seventh day? Nowhere. Not a single sentence or text can we find. Yet he kept back "nothing that was profitable." "And ye know what commandments we gave you by the Lord Jesus." 1 Thes. 4:2. "The commandments of us the apostles of the Lord and Savior." 2 Pet. 3:2. All the precepts of the New Testament, then, are the commandments of the Lord that are binding upon Christians to observe. We are commandment-keepers when we

observe these. But since there is not a single command in the new covenant to keep the seventh day as a sabbath, we are under no obligation to do so.



THE SABBATH REST OF THE GOSPEL NOT THE OBSERVANCE OF ANY PARTICULAR DAY.

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“SABBATH” means “rest.” Sabbatarians admit this. Hear Uriah Smith (leading Adventist), “The word ‘sabbath’ means ‘rest.’ That is the one sole idea it conveys, first, last, and all the way between.”—*What Was Nailed to the Cross*, page 11. Granted. Now we have but to enquire what the rest of God’s people in the new covenant consists of, and we have the sabbath of this dispensation. Here is the answer:

“Let us therefore fear, lest, a promise being left us of entering into his rest, any of you should seem to come short of it. For unto us was the gospel preached, as well as unto them: but the word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in them that heard it. For we which have believed do enter into rest, as he said, As I have sworn in my wrath, if they shall enter into my rest: although the works were finished from the foundation of the world. For he spake in a certain place of the seventh day on this wise, And God did rest the seventh day from all his works. And in this place again, If they shall enter into my rest. Seeing therefore it remaineth that some:

must enter therein, and they to whom it was first preached entered not in because of unbelief: again, he limiteth a certain day, saying in David, To-day, after so long a time; as it is said, To-day if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts. For if Jesus had given them rest, then would he not afterwards have spoken of another day. There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God. For he that is entered into his rest, he also hath ceased from his own works, as God did from his. Let us labor therefore to enter into that rest, lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief." Heb. 4:1-11.

The whole Epistle to the Hebrews is a powerful treatise on the high and lofty privileges extended to God's people through Christ's atonement. Christian perfection is a golden thread that runs from one end to the other. Into this deeper, richer, sweeter experience to be found "within the vail," in the "holiest of all," Paul urges the Hebrews by the blood of Jesus "to enter." This happy state enjoyed by those who are sanctified the apostle calls "rest." He urged the Hebrew brethren to "labor to enter that rest," lest they should come short of it. Nor is this rest deferred till after death, or to a future millennium; but "we which have believed *do enter* into rest." A present experience. This is denominated "his [Christ's] rest," "my rest." A rest we find in Jesus Christ. We inquire, What is it? The answer is clear: "Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heaven-laden, and I will give you rest. . . . And ye shall

find rest unto your souls." Mat. 11: 28, 29. The sabbath rest of the gospel is a rest of our soul. This rest we find in the bosom of his love. "I will give you rest." O how sweet! He who calmed the raging storm, and said, "Peace be still," speaks to the storm-tossed soul on the mad billows of sin, saying, "I will give you rest." This blessed rest is found in Christ's redeeming love. It is enjoyed in perfect holiness. A rest that gives "quietness and assurance forever." Isaiah speaks of it thus: "And in that day there shall be a root of Jesse, which shall stand for an ensign of the people; to it shall the Gentiles seek: and his rest shall be glorious." Isa. 11: 10. A glorious rest. "Ye shall find rest for your souls." Jer. 6: 16. And this sweet tranquil rest we that have believed "do enter." It is the sabbath of the new covenant.

This spiritual sabbath rest was never fully realized under the law. The seers of old prophesied concerning it, but never possessed it. "If Jesus had given them rest, then would he not afterward have spoken of another day." The law day was one of types and shadows. So God "limited a certain day," "another day," wherein he would give the people rest in Christ. The apostle plainly tells us that it is "TO-DAY"—this gospel day of salvation. In this day all the shadows of the law reach the substance in Christ.

In Heb. 4 reference is made to both the old and the new sabbaths, and that with which the former stood in typical relation. In verse 4 the seventh day is

mentioned as a rest, and then immediately the apostle conveys the mind of the reader to the spiritual rest that "we which have believed do enter." "If they shall enter into my rest." He shows clearly that the seventh day was a type of the Christian's rest which is entered by faith, and that this glorious soul-rest is our sabbath. "There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God." Verse 9. "There remaineth therefore a sabbath rest for the people of God."—*A. Layman and Revised Version*. "There is then a sabbath rest left for the people of God." —*Thomas*. "There remains a sabbatism to the people of God." —*Interlinear*.

Of this higher and better sabbath the seventh day was a shadow. "The sabbath-days: which are a shadow of things to come; but the body is of Christ." Col. 2:16, 17. The law sabbath was a shadow of something that we were to receive in Christ. The thing that we receive in him is a "glorious" "rest unto our souls." We enter the same by faith. "We which have believed do enter into rest." This spiritual rest is denominated a "sabbath rest" that "remains for the people of God." This is the new-covenant sabbath; the seventh day was but its shadow.

THE OLD AND NEW SABBATHS CONTRASTED.

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1. THE shadowy sabbath was the observance of every seventh day. "The seventh day is the sabbath." Ex. 20:10. The new-covenant sabbath is not the

observance of any particular day. "One man [the Jew] esteemeth one day above another: another [the Gentile Christian] esteemeth every day alike. Let every man be fully persuaded in his own mind. . . . He that regardeth not the day, to the Lord he doth not regard it." Rom. 14:5, 6. "Ye observe days. . . . I am afraid of you." Gal. 4:10, 11. "Let no man therefore judge you in respect . . . of the sabbath-days." Col. 2:16.

2. The old was a rest of the body but one day in seven. The new is a rest of our souls every day. "For he that is entered into his rest, he also hath ceased from his own works, as God did from his." Heb. 4:10. After God finished creation's work, he rested the seventh day. But his rest did not stop there. He rested the eighth, ninth, tenth, eleventh, twelfth day, and has been resting from creation's work ever since. So we who have entered his rest cease from our works—self efforts—and enjoy a perpetual soul-rest.

3. The old was a bodily rest, a temporal rest. The new is a spiritual rest that we enter by faith, Mat. 11:28, 29; Heb. 4:1-11, and is eternal.

4. The old was enjoined in the law, and was binding upon Israel as a nation. Ex. 16:29; 31:13. The new is found in Christ under the new covenant and is to be enjoyed by all nations.

5. In the former but one day in seven was kept holy. Ex. 20:8, 10. In the latter we keep *every day* holy. Luke 1:74, 75.

6. Total abstinence from manual labor constituted a holy day—sabbath—unto the Jews. Deut. 5:14. Abstinence from manual work does not make a day holy or unholy to us under the gospel. Rom. 14:5, 6; Gal. 4:10, 11; Col. 2:16. By totally abstaining—ceasing—from our self-works, and living a righteous life, we keep every day holy. Heb. 4:10; Luke 1:74, 75. In the former they totally abstained from manual work; while in the latter we cease from self-strivings, and enter the glorious rest of a perfect salvation.

7. By performing the least amount of manual work on the seventh day, the Jews broke their sabbath, and were stoned to death. Num. 15:32-36. By indulging in the least amount of sin, we now lose our sweet sabbath rest, and spiritual death is the result. 1 John 3:8; Jas. 1:15.

8. The old was a “shadow” or type of the new. Col. 2:14-16; Heb. 4:1-11.

THE LORD'S DAY.

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WHILE John was on the Isle of Patmos he testified, “I was in the Spirit on the Lord’s day.” Rev. 1:10. This is the first place in the Bible that we have the expression “Lord’s day.” John wrote this language sixty-six years after the Jewish sabbath was abolished; hence he must have referred to some memorial day peculiar to the new dispensation. Never once was the seventh day ever termed the “Lord’s day”; “sab-

bath" was the term always applied to that day. In not one single instance in the Bible or in history can a passage be found where the term "Lord's day" is applied to the Jewish sabbath. Sabbatarians themselves never call the seventh day the "Lord's day," but in all their teachings, writings, and conversations, they say "sabbath-day." The word "sabbath" is not used in Rev. 1:10. The sabbath-day was abolished at the cross, Col. 2:14-16; Gal. 4:10; Rom. 14:5, over sixty years before John wrote on Patmos; therefore, he could not have referred to that day. Another fact worthy of note: Immediately after John's time whenever the term "Lord's day" was used by the early church it was always applied to Sunday, and never once to the sabbath.

In the New Testament we have "the blood of the Lord," "this cup of the Lord," "the disciples of the Lord," "the Lord's table," "Lord's death," "the Lord's body," "the Lord's supper," and "the Lord's day." All these expressions refer to something that belongs to Christ exclusively under the gospel. Every intelligent person can at a glance comprehend this fact.

The Lord's day is not a sabbath, but a memorial day, a day of commemoration. People keep days because of what occurred on them. For example: We in the United States celebrate the fourth day of each July to commemorate the signing of the Declaration of Independence. So has every nation its memorial days. Religion as well as nations has

erected certain memorials to commemorate great events in her history. In the Jewish age the sabbath, pentecost, passover, etc., were memorial days. Would it not be strange, then, that the grandest of all institutions, the gospel, should have no memorials?

The two greatest events that ever occurred in heaven or in earth we have in the gospel. They are the death and the resurrection of Jesus Christ. The salvation of all mankind centers in Christ's *death* and *resurrection*. All other events fade into mere insignificance when compared with these. Two monuments have been erected in the Christian age to commemorate these events. They are "the Lord's supper" and "the Lord's day." The first in "remembrance" of his death; the last to commemorate his resurrection. The Lord's supper is to show his death "till he come"; the Lord's day is a day of holy convocation, a day of rejoicing and spiritual devotion, because "he is risen." Tertullian, one of the early Christian writers, says, "We celebrate Sunday as a joyful day."

**THE FIRST DAY OF THE WEEK WAS OBSERVED AS
THE LORD'S DAY BEFORE THE POPE'S
TIME; PROVED BY ANCIENT HISTORY.**

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ADVENTISTS are continually crying, "Sunday is the pope's day." They tell the people that it was the pope who first started the observance of the first day of the week; that the sabbath was observed by all

Christians until the pope's time, and it was he who changed the keeping of days from the seventh to the first. Almost all Sabbatarians are ignorantly led into this belief, and will be constantly heard to affirm that those who observe the Lord's day are keeping the pope's day—"a heathen day, the venerable day of the sun," etc. Such talk betrays great ignorance to the enlightened and informed. We have but to attend to the evidences in the case to prove that the above is all-base assumption. The united testimony of the early Christian church, centuries before there was a pope elected, proves that the first day of the week was regularly observed as a memorial and sacred day. I do not quote those early church writers to prove a doctrine (I go to the Bible for that); but I simply quote them to prove a historical fact; namely, that the early Christians did keep Sunday as a sacred day.

A. D. 33. THE RESURRECTION DAY.

"And they rose up the same hour, and returned to Jerusalem, and found the eleven gathered together, and them that were with them, saying, The Lord is risen indeed." Luke 24: 33, 34. This was the first day of the week, the day on which Christ arose. See John 20: 19.

ONE WEEK LATER, OR THE NEXT SUNDAY.

"And after eight days again his disciples were within, and Thomas with them: then came Jesus, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, Peace be unto you." John 20: 26.

PENTECOST. ACTS 2.

The feast of pentecost was on the “morrow after the seventh sabbath.” Lev. 23:15, 16. That would be the first day of the week. “And when the day of pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.” Acts 2:1. “The number of names together were about an hundred and twenty.” Acts 1:15.

A. D. 59. ACTS 20: 6, 7.

“And upon the first day of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread, Paul preached unto them.”

1 COR. 16: 1, 2.

“Now concerning the collection for the saints, as I have given order to the churches of Galatia, even so do ye. Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come.”

A. D. 96. REV. 1: 10.

“I was in the Spirit on the Lord’s day.”

A. D. 107. PLINY’S LETTER.

Pliny wrote to Trajan concerning the Christians: “They were wont to meet together, on a *stated day* before it was light, and sang among themselves alternately a hymn to Christ as God.”—*Horne’s Introduction*. Vol. I, Chap. 3, Sec. 2, p. 84. Early in the morning the Christians assembled—“before it was light.” These meetings were on a “certain stated

day." We enquire, On what day were the early morning meetings held? Eusebius the historian answers: "By this is prophetically signified the service which is performed very early and every morning *of the resurrection day* throughout the whole world."—*Sabbath Manual*, page 125. The day on which Christ rose was the "stated day" on which the Christians met for worship. Pliny was governor of Bithynia, Asia Minor, A. D. 106-108. This was the very place the apostles labored, and only eleven years after John died.

(Much of the following in this chapter is compiled from various works, principally from "Seventh-day Adventism Renounced," by Canright.)

A. D. 120. BARNABAS.

This epistle was highly prized in the earliest churches, and is found in the oldest manuscript of the Scriptures; namely, the Sinaitic.

Elder Andrews, a Seventh-day Adventist, admits that the Epistle of Barnabas "was in existence as early as the middle of the second century, and, like the 'Apostolic Constitutions,' is of value to us in that it gives some clue to the opinions which prevailed in the region where the writer lived."—*Testimony of the Fathers*, page 21.

"The epistle is believed to have been written early in the second century."—*Smith's Dictionary of the Bible*.

"This work is unanimously ascribed to Barnabas,

the companion of St. Paul, by early Christian writers. . . . But the great majority of critics assign it to the reign of Hadrian sometime between 119 and 126 A. D.”—*Encyclopedia Britannica*.

“The epistle was probably written in Alexandria at the beginning of the second century and by a Gentile Christian.”—*Schaff-Herzog Encyclopedia*.

It “is supposed by Hefele to have been written between 107-120 A. D.”—*Johnson’s New Universal Cyclopedia*.

This is a summary of the best modern criticism as to the date, character, and authority of the Epistle of Barnabas. Read and revered in the church as early as A. D. 120, or within twenty-four years of the death of St. John, it shows what Christians believed and practised immediately after the apostles. In this epistle we read, “Incense is a vain abomination unto me, and your new moons and sabbaths I can not endure. He has, therefore, abolished these things.” Chap. 2.

Coming to the first day of the week, Barnabas says: “Wherefore, also, we keep the eighth day with joyfulness, the day, also, on which Jesus rose again from the dead.” Chap. 15. Will the Adventists say that there was a pope in A. D. 120? Hardly. Yet the Christians kept the resurrection day with joyfulness.

A. D. 125. THE TEACHING OF THE APOSTLES.

“But every Lord’s day do ye gather yourselves together, and break bread, and give thanksgiving.”

Chap. 14. Notice how this harmonizes with Acts 20: 6, 7: "And upon the first day of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread."

A. D. 140. JUSTIN MARTYR.

Justin Martyr wrote about forty-four years after John died. He held his "Dialogue with Trypho" at Ephesus, Asia Minor, in the church where St. John lived and died.

His first defense of the Christian religion is addressed to the emperor Antoninus Verus. In the introduction to his writings in the "Ante-Nicene Library" the writer says, "The first class embraces those which are *unquestionably genuine*; viz., the two *Apologies*, and the *Dialogue with Trypho*."

In "Eusebius' Ecclesiastical History," which is the first historical work written after the close of the inspired records, is found a statement of the books of Justin that had come down to Eusebius' time. Says the historian, book 4, chap. 18, "Another work comprising a defense of our faith, which he addressed to the emperor of the same name, Antoninus Verus." Here the genuineness of this work of Justin's is established beyond the shadow of a doubt. "Before his conversion to God he studied in the schools of philosophy." "The writings of Justin Martyr are among the most important that have come down to us from the second century."—*Ante-Nicene Library*.

He speaks to us from the first half of the second century. We quote from his first defense or apology,

which we have seen is acknowledged by “Eusebius’ Ancient History.” The head of this article is—

“CHAPTER 67. *“The weekly worship of the Christians.*

“And on the day called Sunday, all who live in cities or in the country gather together to one place, and the memoirs of the apostles or the writings of the prophets are read as long as time permits.

“And they who are well-to-do, and willing, give what each thinks fit: and what is collected is deposited with the president, who succors the orphans and widows, and those, who, through sickness or any other cause, are in want, and those who are in bonds, and the strangers sojourning among us, and in a word takes care of all who are in need. *But Sunday is the day on which we all hold our common assembly,* because it is the first on which God, having wrought a change in the darkness and matter, made the world; and Jesus Christ our Savior on the same day rose from the dead. For he was crucified on the day before that of Saturn (Saturday), and on the day after that of Saturn, which is the day of the sun, having appeared to his apostles and disciples, he taught them these things, which we have submitted to you also for your consideration.” You perceive that Justin describes the weekly worship of the early church just as Paul directed, on Sunday, or the first day of the week, in 1 Cor. 16.

Our next quotation is from his “Dialogue with

Trypho." Of the genuineness of this work we again have the most positive historical evidence. Eusebius, book 4, chap. 18, says, "He [Justin] also wrote a dialogue against the Jews which he held at Ephesus with Trypho, the most distinguished among the Hebrews of the day." In such a disputation would very naturally be brought out the very points at issue between Jews and Christians then, and between Christians and all who now occupy common ground with the Jews. In other words, if the early Christians kept the old law, or any part of it, that would be urged by them as a means of procuring respect for, and confidence in, the Christian system from Jewish quarters. On the other hand, if the primitive Christians utterly discarded the whole Sinaitic law and the seventh-day sabbath, then we might expect Jewish prejudices arising therefrom, and the Christians put to the necessity of giving their reasons for abandoning that ancient law and sabbath. Hence this discussion between Justin, an eminent Christian and philosopher, and Trypho, a learned Jew, is of important service to us, on all points of difference between Christians and Jews. And we shall find that it contains in abundance the very matter we have anticipated. We first quote from—

"CHAPTER 10. *Trypho blames the Christians for this alone—the non-observance of the law.*

"And when they ceased, I again addressed them thus: 'Is there any other matter, my friend, in which we are blamed than this, that we live not after the

law, and we are not circumcised in the flesh as your forefathers were, and *do not observe sabbaths as ye do?*” To which Trypho replies as follows: “I am aware that your precepts in the so-called gospel are so wonderful and so great, that I suspect no one can keep them; for I have carefully read them. But this is what we are most at a loss about: that you, professing to be pious, and supposing yourselves better than others, are not in any particular separated from them, and do not alter your mode of living from the nations, in that you observe no festivals or sabbaths, and do not have the rite of circumcision; and further, resting your hopes on a man that was crucified, you yet expect to obtain some good thing from God while you do not obey his commandments.”

Trypho had read the precepts of the gospel. He was not quite so law-blinded as modern law-teachers. He could see precepts in the gospel. He saw that Christ had given a new law, and it impressed his mind as “wonderful and great”; that is, very high and pure—“so great that I suspect no man can keep it.” He saw the truth, but knew not that “grace and truth” came together. Observe, also, that Trypho viewed the law sabbath in the light the Bible places it; namely, as the badge of separation from all other nations, which, being rejected by Christians, he accused them of not being separate from other nations. He accused Justin just as the Adventists now accuse Christians; i. e., for not obeying God’s commandments.

The next reply is headed as follows:—

“CHAPTER 11. *The law abrogated; the new testament promised and given by God.*

“ ‘There will be no other God, O Trypho, nor was there from eternity any other existing,’ . . . ‘but he who made and disposed all this universe. . . . But we do not trust through Moses, or through the law; for then we would do the same as yourselves. But now—(for I have read that there shall be a final law, and a covenant, the chiefest of all, which it is now incumbent on all men to observe, as many as are seeking after the inheritance of God. *For the law promulgated on Horeb is old, and belongs to yourselves alone; but this is for all universally. Now, law placed against law has abrogated that which is before it, and a covenant which comes after in like manner has put an end to the previous one* [Is not this just what the Word says—“Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to all them that believe”?]; and an eternal and final law—namely, Christ—has been given to us, and the covenant is trustworthy, after which there shall be no law, no commandment, no ordinance. Have you not read this which Isaiah says? “Hearken unto me, hearken unto me, my people; and ye kings, give ear unto me: for a law shall go forth from me, and my judgment shall be for a light to the nations. My righteousness approaches swiftly, and my salvation shall go forth, and nations shall trust in mine arm.” And by Jeremiah concerning this same new covenant, he thus speaks: “Behold, the days come,

saith the Lord, that I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah; not according to the covenant which I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt"). If, therefore, God proclaimed a new covenant which was to be instituted, and this for the light of the nations, we see and are persuaded that men approach God, leaving their idols and other unrighteousness, through the name of him who was crucified, Jesus Christ, and abide by their confession even unto death, and maintain piety. Moreover, by the works and by the attendant miracles, it is possible for all to understand that he is the new law, and the new covenant, and the expectation of those who out of every people wait for the good things of God. For the true spiritual Israel and descendants of Judah, Jacob, Isaac, and Abraham (who in uncircumcision was approved of and blessed by God on account of his faith, and called the father of many nations) are we who have been led to God through this crucified Christ, as shall be demonstrated while we proceed.' "

"CHAPTER 12. *The Jews violate the eternal law, and interpret ill that of Moses.*

"I also adduced another passage in which Isaiah exclaims: "Hear my words, and your soul shall live; and I will make an everlasting covenant with you, even the sure mercies of David. . . ." This same law you have despised, and his holy covenant you have slighted; and now you neither receive it, nor

repent of your evil deeds. "For your ears are closed, your eyes are blinded, and the heart is hardened," Jeremiah has cried; yet not even then do you listen. The Lawgiver is present, yet you do not see him; to the poor the gospel is preached, the blind see, yet you do not understand. You have now need of a second circumcision, though you glory greatly in the flesh. The new law requires you to keep perpetual sabbath, and you, because you are idle for one day, suppose you are pious, not discerning why this has been commanded you; and if you eat unleavened bread, you say the will of God has been fulfilled. The Lord our God does not take pleasure in such observances: if there is any perjured person or a thief among you, let him cease to be so; if any adulterer, let him repent; then he has kept the sweet and true sabbath of God. If any one has impure hands, let him wash and be pure.' "

We next quote from—

"CHAPTER 18. *Christians would observe the law, if they did not know why it was instituted.*

" "For we too would observe the fleshly circumcision and the sabbaths, and in short all the feasts, if we did not know for what reason they were enjoined on you,—namely, on account of your transgressions and the hardness of your hearts. For if we patiently endure all things contrived against us by wicked men and demons, so that even amid cruelties unutterable, death and torments, we pray for mercy to those who inflict such things upon us, and do not wish to give

the least retort to any one, even as the new Lawgiver commanded us: how is it, Trypho, that we should not observe those rites which do not harm us,—I speak of fleshly circumcision, and sabbaths and feasts?’ ”

“Therefore to you alone this circumcision was necessary, in order that the people may be no people, and the nation no nation; as also Hosea, one of the twelve prophets, declares. Moreover, all those righteous men already mentioned, though they kept no sabbaths, were pleasing to God.”

“And you were commanded to keep sabbaths that you might retain the memorial of God.”

The next chapter from which we quote is headed as follows:—

“CHAPTER 21. *Sabbaths were instituted on account of the people's sins, and not for a work of righteousness.*

“ ‘Moreover, that God enjoined you to keep the sabbath, and imposed on you other precepts for a sign, as I have already said, on account of your unrighteousness and that of your fathers’. . . Wherefore I gave them also statutes which were not good, and judgments whereby they shall not live.’ ”

The next quotation is from—

“CHAPTER 23. *The opinion of the Jews regarding the law does an injury to God.*

“ ‘But if we do not admit this, we shall be liable to fall into foolish opinions, as if it were not the same God who existed in the times of Enoch and all the

rest, who neither were circumcised after the flesh, nor observed sabbaths, nor any other rites, seeing that Moses enjoined such observances; or that God has not wished each race of mankind continually to perform the same righteous actions: to admit which seems to be ridiculous and absurd. Therefore we must confess that he, who is ever the same, has commanded these and such like institutions on account of sinful men.' "

Dear reader, consider these things. The law-teachers of our day tell us that the immutability of God requires that the law given on Sinai must be the unchangeable standard of righteousness. But Justin reminds us that God counted the patriarchs righteous before the law was given on Sinai; and, therefore, if he afterward measured righteousness by the Sinaitic law, this would prove God changeable. So to make the Sinaitic code a standard of righteousness, slanders the character of God. But just as the New Testament teaches,—that righteousness is not by the law, Gal. 3: 21; that Abraham who lived before the law, is set before us as the example for our faith and righteousness; that he is indeed the father of the faithful; that all who believe in Christ are the seed of Abraham, Rom. 4: 3-22; Gal. 3: 29; and that all who seek to be righteous by the law fail to attain unto righteousness, Rom. 9: 31; 10: 3,—we say, just as the New Testament rules out the law written on stone as a means to, or standard of righteousness, so does Justin. As the apostles teach us, that the law was not given for

righteous men, but for the ungodly, and because of transgressions; so Justin proves the unchangeableness of God by showing that his law of righteousness was substantially the same in holy men before Moses, and in the gospel dispensation since the Mosaic system has passed away, and that the law was simply a temporary code for the restraint of the wicked. Under this head: "*The law was given by Moses on account of the hardness of their hearts,*" Justin says, "Until Moses, under whom your nation appeared unrighteous and ungrateful to God, making a calf in the wilderness: wherefore God accommodated himself to that nation"; that is, in giving them the law that he did. Thus we see the immutability of God vindicated both by the Scriptures and by the early writers of the church of God, by leaving the law code out of the question, and basing righteousness before and after it upon the same general principles. Even though Abraham was circumcised, the apostle is very particular to inform us that his righteousness, which is the same as ours, was that ascribed to him before he was circumcised. Rom. 4: 9-11.

But let us continue to hear Justin. "Wherefore, Trypho, I will proclaim to you, and to those who wish to become proselyte, the divine message which I heard from that man. Do you see that the elements are not idle and keep no sabbaths? Remain as you were born. For if there was no need of circumcision before Abraham, or the observance of sabbaths, or feasts and sacrifices before Moses, no more need is

there of them now, after that, according to the will of God, Jesus Christ the Son of God has been born without sin, of a virgin springing from the stock of Abraham."

Observe that Justin always associates the sabbath of the Jews with feasts, sacrifices, etc., the shadows or ceremonies of the law. Just so does St. Paul in Col. 2:14, 16, 17, where the apostle classifies it with meats and drinks, and tells us that persons converted from the Jews to Christ are as much at liberty to disregard the sabbath of the abrogated code as its discrimination in meats. It is almost always mentioned in the Old Testament with that class of precepts. Such as reverencing the sanctuary, Lev. 19:30; the celebration of national feasts; "her feast-days, her new moons, and her sabbaths, and all her solemn feasts." Hosea 2:11. In Ezek. 45:17 it is associated with "burnt offerings, and meat-offerings, and drink-offerings, in the feasts, and in the new moons, and in the sabbaths."

Observe again, Justin shows that the sabbath of the law was out of harmony with the laws of nature. Hence, one of the "statutes he had given them that was not good, and judgments whereby they should not live." Ezek. 20:25. The elements keep no sabbath. To remain inactive a whole day was contrary to nature; and yet to labor was death.

Observe, too, that Justin speaks of the sabbath of the gospel as a "sweet" and "perpetual sabbath." By this he shows that it is not the observance of any

day, but a spiritual rest of the soul. This spiritual rest he further says is the "true sabbath of God." To this we say amen. The Lord's day is not a sabbath, but a memorial day. It is, by the leading of the Spirit, a day of great activity in the vineyard of the Lord.

The next chapter from Justin is —

"CHAPTER 24. *The Christians' circumcision far more excellent.*

" 'Now, sirs,' I said, 'it is possible for us to show how the eighth day possessed a certain mysterious import which the seventh day did not possess, and which was promulgated by God through these rites. But lest I appear now to diverge to other subjects understand what I say: the blood of that circumcision is obsolete, and we trust in the blood of salvation; *there is now another covenant, and another law has gone forth from Zion.*' "

Our next quotation is from—

"CHAPTER 43. *He concludes that the law had an end in Christ.*

" 'As, then, circumcision began with Abraham, and the sabbath and sacrifices and offerings and feasts with Moses, and it has been proved they were enjoined on account of the hardness of your people's hearts, so it was necessary in accordance with the Father's will, that they should have an end in Him who was born of a virgin.' "

A question. Chapter 47. "And Trypho again inquired, 'But if some one, knowing that this is so, after

he recognizes that this man is Christ, and has believed in and obeys him, wishes, however, to observe these [institutions of the law], will he be saved?’

“I said, ‘In my opinion, Trypho, such an one will be saved, if he does not strive in every way to persuade other men . . . to observe the same things as himself.’ ”

Here we see again the very sentiment of the apostle. “Let not him that eateth not judge him that eateth,” etc. “He that is weak eateth herbs.” Just so, “One man esteemeth one day above another: another esteemeth every day alike. Let every one be fully persuaded in his own mind. He that regardeth the day, regardeth it unto the Lord; and he that regardeth not the day, to the Lord he doth not regard it. He that eateth, eateth to the Lord, for he giveth God thanks; and he that eateth not, to the Lord he eateth not, and giveth God thanks.” Rom. 14:5, 6.

How very different this sounds from the old sabbath law. It imperatively commands abstinence from all labor on that day, under penalty of death; while the above gives liberty to “esteem every day alike,” and allows every one to be “fully persuaded in his own mind,” whether to regard one day more specially unto the Lord than another. Both he that does so and he that does not are recognized as doing it unto the Lord, and accepted of him. Can any one imagine that the old “ministration of death” and “yoke of bondage,” and this New-Testament “law of liberty,” can both blend into one system, and be in force at the

same time? The old would be a cold, grating discord in the government of this dispensation.

But let us return and read Justin's answer to the above question a little further. He says: "But if some, through weak-mindedness, wish to observe such institutions as were given by Moses, for which they expect some virtue, but which we believe were appointed by reason of the hardness of the people's hearts, along with their hope in this Christ, and [wish to perform] the eternal and natural acts of righteousness and piety, yet choose to live with the Christians and the faithful, as I said before, not inducing them either to be circumcised like themselves, or to keep the sabbath, or to observe any other such ceremonies, then I hold that we ought to join ourselves to such, and associate with them in all things as kinsman and brethren."

Here Justin ascribed the disposition of persons to hold on to the old law and to observe the sabbath after professing faith in Christ, to ignorance. He also teaches that "eternal and natural" law of righteousness of which the apostle speaks in Romans, originally written in man's conscience, and perfectly covered by the law of Christ; whereas the law containing the sabbath is no part of that natural internal law of our moral being, but a temporary restraint against sin, occasioned by hardness of heart.

Again, we observe that Justin expressed the very sentiments of the inspired apostle when he said that

such might be saved, and should be received by the church, as, through ignorance, still held to the law, and kept that sabbath, provided they also evinced the humble spirit of Christ, and did not seek to propagate their notions. "If he does not strive in every way to persuade other men" under the yoke of the law. This answer of Justin's leaves no hope for the Adventists; for they do the very thing he says they must not do, and, indeed, the very thing that brings them under the apostolic curse. Gal. 1: 8, 9.

Here we leave Justin, having heard enough in his discussion with Trypho to strongly corroborate all that is said in the New Testament about the end of the old law and its sabbath, and the fact that the first day of the week was the Lord's day.

A. D. 170. DIONYSIUS, BISHOP OF CORINTH IN GREECE.

This elder was not from Rome, but from Greece. He says, "We passed this holy Lord's day, in which we read your letter," etc.—*Eusebius Eccl. History*, Book IV, Chap. 23.

A. D. 194. CLEMENT OF ALEXANDRIA, EGYPT.

"He, in fulfilment of the precept, keeps the Lord's day when he abandons an evil disposition, and assumes that of the Gnostic, glorifying the Lord's resurrection in himself." Book VII, Chap. 12.

It will be seen that these early writers all refer to the resurrection day as the Lord's day.

A. D. 200. TERTULLIAN OF AFRICA.

"Let him who contends that the sabbath is still to be observed . . . teach us that for the past time righteous men kept the sabbath." "God originated Adam uncircumcised and inobservant of the sabbath."—*Answer to the Jews*, Chap. 2. "The observance of the sabbath is demonstrated to have been temporary." Chap. 4.

"We solemnize *the day after Saturday* in contradistinction to those who call this day their sabbath."—*Tertullian's Apology*, Chap. 16.

"We neither accord with the Jews in their peculiarities in regard to food, nor in their sacred days." "We, however (just as we have received), only on the day of the Lord's resurrection ought to guard not only against kneeling, but every posture and office of solicitude; deferring even our business, lest we give any place to the devil."—*Tertullian on Prayer*, Chap. 23.

At this early date Saturday was utterly disregarded, while Sunday was observed.

A. D. 225. ORIGEN.

Origen's home was in Egypt, and he traveled all over the East, and died in Tyre. Hear him: "If it be objected to us on this subject that we ourselves are accustomed to observe certain days, as, for example, the Lord's day."—*Origen against Celsus*, Book VIII, Chap. 22.

A. D. 250. THE APOSTOLICAL CONSTITUTIONS.

“And on the day of our Lord’s resurrection, which is the Lord’s day, meet more diligently, sending praise to God.” “Otherwise what apology will he make to God who does not assemble on that day to hear the saving word concerning the resurrection.” Sec. 7, par. 59.

“On the day of the resurrection of the Lord, that is, the Lord’s day, assemble yourselves together, without fail, giving thanks to God.” “On which account we solemnly assemble to celebrate the feast of the resurrection on the Lord’s day.” Book VII, Sec. 2, par. 30.

This testimony at this early date is conclusive. It utterly refutes the Advent absurdity that Sunday observance started with the pope. This was over 200 years before there was a pope.

A. D. 270. ANATOLIUS, BISHOP OF LAODICEA, ASIA.

He was a Greek. Hear him: “The solemn festival of the resurrection of the Lord can be celebrated only on the Lord’s day.” Tenth Canon.

“Our regard for the Lord’s resurrection which took place on the Lord’s day will lead us to celebrate it on the same principle.” Sixteenth Canon.

Again the resurrection day is called “the Lord’s day.”

A. D. 300. VICTORINUS, BISHOP OF PETAU.

“On the Lord’s day we go forth to our bread with

giving of thanks. And let the parasceve become a rigorous fast lest we should appear to observe any sabbath with the Jews, which Christ himself, the Lord of sabbath, says by his prophets that his soul hateth, which sabbath he in his body abolished.”—*Creation of the World*, Sec. 4.

A. D. 306. PETER, BISHOP OF ALEXANDRIA.

“But the Lord’s day we celebrate as a day of joy, because on it he rose again.” Canon 15. This was more than 200 years before the pope came into power.

A. D. 324. EUSEBIUS.

Eusebius bears the title of “Father of Church History.” He was born in Palestine, the very home of Christ and the apostles, and the cradle of the early church. He was bishop of Cesarea, where Paul abode two years. He studied at Antioch, where Paul labored for years. He traveled to Egypt and over Asia Minor. He was one of the most noted men of his age. Adventists say that the sabbath was changed to Sunday at the council of Laodicea. But Eusebius wrote fifty years before the above council was held. Hear his testimony: Speaking of the patriarchs he says: “They did not, therefore, regard circumcision, *nor observe the sabbath, neither do we . . .* because such things as these do not belong to Christians.”—*Eccl. History*, Book I, Chap. 4. This is decisive. A. D. 324 Christians did not keep the sabbath.

“And all things whatsoever that it was the duty to do on the sabbath, these we have transferred to

the Lord's day as more honorable than the Jewish sabbath." He further says, that "all nations redeemed by him throughout the world, after an interval of six days, assemble on this day."—*Sabbath Manual*, pages 126, 127.

I have cited this strong array of historical evidence to prove beyond question that the early Christian church from the very day Christ rose from the dead assembled together and held that day as a sacred memorial day. Mark the fact, that all the foregoing historical testimony was written several hundred years before there was a pope in power. These witnesses were not simply from Rome, but were from all parts of the world—from Africa, Asia, and Europe. Their united testimony proves beyond doubt that the early Christians in all the world did keep Sunday, the Lord's day, as a sacred day, and utterly disregarded the observance of the Jewish sabbath. That Sunday observance began with the pope of Rome is a base falsehood invented in the dark fogs of Seventh-day Adventism.

I here add the following testimony from high authorities.

"The universal and uncontradicted Sunday observance in the second century can only be explained by the fact that it had its roots in apostolic practise."—*History of the Christian Church*, by Dr. Schaff, Vol. I, p. 478.

"For a time the Jewish converts observed both the seventh day, to which the name sabbath continued to

be given exclusively, and the first day, which came to be called the Lord's day. . . . Within a century after the death of the last apostles we find the observance of the first day of the week, under the name of the Lord's day, established as a universal custom of the church. . . . It was regarded, not as a continuation of the Jewish sabbath [which was denounced together with circumcision and other Jewish and anti-Christian practises], but rather as a substitute for it, naturally its observance was based on the resurrection of Christ rather than on the creation rest-day, or the sabbath of the decalogue."—*Johnson's New Universal Cyclopaedia*, Art. Sabbath.

"In the second century its [Sunday] observance was universal. . . . The Jewish Christian ceased to observe the sabbath after the destruction of Jerusalem."—*Schaff-Herzog Encyclopedia*, Art. Sunday.

"The results of our examination of the principal writers of the two centuries after the death of St. John, are as follows: The Lord's day existed during these two centuries as a part and parcel of apostolical, and so of Scriptural Christianity. It was never defended; for it was never impugned, or at least only impugned as were other things received from the apostles. *It was never confounded with the sabbath, but carefully distinguished from it.* . . . It was not an institution of severe sabbatical character, but a day of joy and cheerfulness, rather encouraging than forbidding relaxation. Religiously regarded, it was a day of solemn meeting for the holy eucharist, for

united prayer, for instruction, for alms-giving: and though being an institution under the law of liberty, work does not appear to have been formally interdicted, or rest formally enjoined. Tertullian seems to indicate that the character of the day was opposed to worldly business. Finally, whatever analogy may be supposed to exist between the Lord's day and the sabbath, in no passage that has come down to us is the fourth commandment appealed to as the ground of the obligation to observe the Lord's day."—*Smith's Dictionary of the Bible*, Art. "Lord's Day."

These eminent authorities, who have carefully investigated this point, unite in their testimony that the early Christian church universally held the resurrection day—termed the "Lord's day"—as a sacred day, on which they held their meetings. All this testimony proves that the Advent talk about Sunday being the pope's day is only a scarecrow, and is as baseless as the shadow of a dream. The testimony of history that the Christian church universally held Sunday as a sacred day before the pope's time is so overwhelming that even the Advent writers are compelled to admit it. Hear their admissions:—

Concerning the writings of Barnabas, from which I have quoted in the preceding pages, Andrews (Seventh-day Adventist) admits that it "was in existence as early as the middle of the second century, and, like the 'Apostolic Constitutions,' is of value to us in that it gives some clue to the opinions which prevailed in the region where the writer lived."—*Testimony of the*

Fathers, page 21. Of the writings of Barnabas he admits that "he presently asserts the abolition of the sabbath of the Lord."—*Testimonies*, page 22.

"The reasons offered by the early Fathers for neglecting the observance of the sabbath show conclusively that they had no special light on the subject by reason of living in the first centuries."—*History of the Sabbath*, by Andrews, page 308. Andrews is acknowledged to be the ablest historian of the Seventh-day Adventists. Look at his admission: "The early Fathers" "in the first centuries" neglected "the observance of the sabbath." This was hundreds of years before the pope was elected.

We will again hear Andrews admit the truth. Speaking of Justin Martyr, who wrote in A. D. 140 against the Jewish sabbath and in favor of Sunday-keeping, Andrews admits that "it does not appear that Justin, and those at Rome who held with him in doctrine, paid the slightest regard to the ancient sabbath. He speaks of it as abolished, and treats it with contempt."—*The Complete Testimony of the Fathers*, page 33.

"We must, therefore, pronounce Justin a man who held the abrogation of the ten commandments, and that the sabbath was a Jewish institution which was unknown before Moses, and of no authority since Christ. He held Sunday to be the most suitable day for public worship."—*Complete Testimony*, by Andrews, page 44.

Justin wrote just forty-four years after the death

of John. He was a Greek, born in Palestine. In his writings he fairly represented what the Christian church at that early date believed and practised. Justin was no heretic, but, in the language of the "Encyclopedia Americana," he was "one of the earliest and most learned writers of the Christian church. He was also equally zealous in opposing alleged heretics." Of him, Eusebius, the renowned historian, says, "He overshadowed all the great men who illuminated the second century by the splendor of his name." And mark the fact that Andrews, the great Seventh-day Adventist historian, is compelled to admit that Justin taught that the Christians in his early day did not keep the Jewish sabbath, but "held Sunday to be the most suitable day for public worship."

These admissions from the pen of one of the ablest defenders of Saturday-keeping prove that all their talk about the pope's changing the sabbath is simply for effect, and that they themselves know better. The thousands of dupes that are led to believe such false assertions never read the clear testimony of history, but simply the writings of Advent leaders, who keep their followers in ignorance of the truth.

WHY CHRISTIANS KEEP THE LORD'S DAY.

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WITH the exception of a few small heretical sects, Christians universally regard Sunday as a sacred day.

This has been true down through the centuries from the days of the apostles. The greatest reformers, such as Luther, Melancthon, Zwingli, and Wesley, and great and good men like John Bunyan and John Milton, all wrote in favor of the observance of the Lord's day. Surely there must be some good reasons for such a universal practise. Yes, we answer, and reasons which have been entirely satisfactory to the deepest and ablest Christians of the church down through the many centuries of the Christian era. A few of these reasons I will now submit to the reader.

First. Since the Jewish sabbath was abolished at the death of Christ, and we are now under a new dispensation, the greatest of all institutions—the gospel, the Lord has not left us without a memorial day, a day to commemorate the greatest of all events—the resurrection of Christ.

“I will praise thee: for thou hast heard me, and art become my salvation. The stone which the builders refused is become the headstone of the corner. This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes. This is the day which the Lord hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it.” Psa. 118: 21-24.

“Christ only is our salvation. Him the Jews rejected and put to death. To the third day he lay in the tomb, and the disconsolate disciples said, ‘We trusted that it had been he which should have redeemed Israel.’ Luke 24: 21. With his death their hope seems to have expired. All was lost, and they returned to their fish-nets. But on the third day after



The memorial day of the gospel.

the crucifixion they hear of his resurrection. Mary had seen her Lord and tells the rest. Though their faith is weak, hope begins to revive. In the evening they are drawn together in assembly. Behold, he appears in their midst. So it is true, the Lord has risen. His resurrection confounds the Jews that rejected and crucified him. The stone they had rejected suddenly triumphs and becomes the head of the corner. He in whom they had hoped for redemption has actually now 'become their salvation.' 'This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes. *This is the day which the Lord hath made*; we will rejoice and be glad in it.' The day of triumph, when Jesus rose from the dead, is 'the day which the Lord hath made'; which the revelator called the 'Lord's day.' A day which all the Christian world from the resurrection to this same time have been led to set apart for the assembling together in prayer and praise to God. 'In it we will rejoice and be glad,' said prophecy. 'We celebrate Sunday as a joyful day,' said Tertullian. And so say all the redeemed of the Lord."

Let it be remembered that the observance of days as rest-days does not belong to the gospel system. The only sabbath of the gospel is our spiritual rest in Christ. The idea of sabbath is not connected with the Lord's day. The Gentile Christians never kept a day as a sabbath. All the early church writers exclude the idea of the Lord's day being a sabbath-day. They simply held it sacred as a memorial day to commemo-

rate Christ's resurrection. The church Fathers plainly state that they kept no sabbath-day, but enjoyed a sweet perpetual sabbath—meaning rest in Christ. I quote from "Smith's Dictionary of the Bible," Art. "Lord's Day": "It was not an institution of severe sabbatical character, but a day of joy and cheerfulness. . . . Religiously regarded, it was a day of solemn meeting for the holy eucharist [communion], for united prayer, for instruction, for alms-giving; and though being an institution under the law of liberty, work does not appear to have been formally interdicted, or rest formally enjoined." This expresses exactly the manner in which the early church regarded the resurrection day. It was never regarded as a sabbath-day, but simply a day of rejoicing, convocation, religious devotion, in honor of the resurrection. The idea of total abstinence from manual labor was not connected with it till later centuries. At the present time most people through tradition regard the Lord's day as a holy sabbath-day; but this is only through tradition. However, since the laws of our land enjoin abstinence in general from manual labor, we as a God-fearing people and law-abiding citizens observe the laws of our land in this respect. But religiously, we only keep the Lord's day as the early church did—a memorial day of rejoicing, and religious assembly, in honor of the resurrection of Christ.

Second. In the inspired history of the church, which covers a period of about sixty-five years, not one exclu-

sive meeting of the church of God on the seventh day is recorded. Every exclusive meeting held by the infant church in its virgin purity was upon the first day of the week, the Lord's day. "After the Lord Jesus had revealed himself to the two disciples with whom he had walked out to Emmaus the day of his resurrection, we are told, 'They rose up the same hour and returned to Jerusalem, and found the eleven gathered, and them that were with them.' Luke 24:33. Perhaps the entire hundred and twenty made up that assembly. Here, then, we have an example of the church assembled together in their own meeting. They may only have been drawn together by the Spirit of God. Nevertheless the fact is on record that the very day that Jesus rose from the dead they assembled together. And while the two disciples were rehearsing how the blessed Savior had made himself known to them, lo! 'Jesus himself stood in the midst of them and said unto them, Peace be unto you.' Verse 36. So the Lord met with and blessed this first meeting.

"Should the Saturday-keeper say that this meeting was after night, and therefore not on the first day, but the second, we will let the word of God answer. 'Then the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled for fear of the Jews, came Jesus and stood in the midst, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you.' John 20:19. It was the same day that Jesus rose, and how particular the Spirit of inspiration is to tell that it was on '*the first day of the*

week'! It must, therefore, be conceded that they convened before the close of the Jewish day, or else the text proves that right there in the change of dispensation the Lord no longer reckoned the day to sunset, but included in it the first part of the night, as we do now. One thing is sure, this meeting of the infant church was on the resurrection day of our Lord.

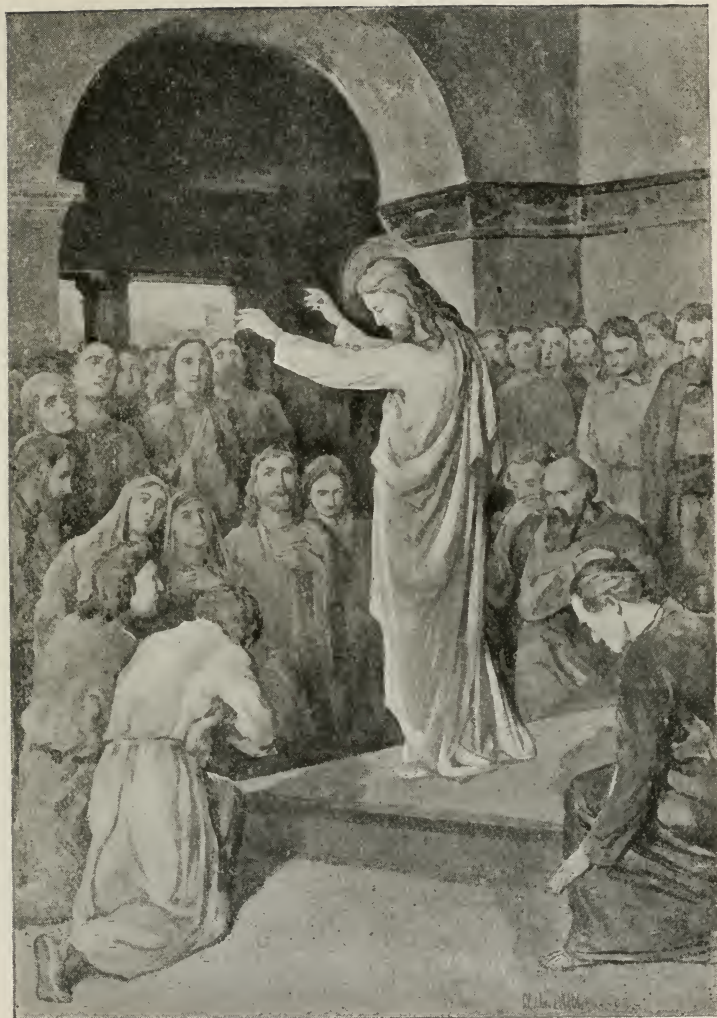
"Neither is there a word said about their assembling on the next Saturday. But we are told, 'And after eight days again his disciples were within, and Thomas with them: then came Jesus, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, Peace be unto you.' John 20:26. This evidently records a second meeting one week from the former. The Jews were familiar with the two great annual sabbaths connected with the feast of unleavened bread, called the 'first day' and 'the eighth day.' . . . What, therefore, would be more natural than the use of the above language?

"The same day, being the *first day*, the disciples were assembled.' 'And after eight days again.' These expressions agree so perfectly with the language of Lev. 23:35, 36 that it would seem that they were selected purposely to connect in our minds type and antitype. 'On the first day shall be an holy convocation,' and 'on the eighth day shall be an holy convocation.' As certain as this eighth day was one week from the first day, so also the eighth day of John 20:26 was one week from the 'first day' of verse 19. . . . 'After eight days,' meaning after the arrival of the

eighth day, very naturally fell into use to designate one week. The same expression is in common use to this day in the German language. Their regular way of saying in one week from to-day is '*Heute ueber acht Tage*'—to-day over eight days. So the disciples assembled together upon the eve of the resurrection day and in one week from that time again. Here starts in the weekly worship of the Christians so freely spoken of in early history."—*The Sabbath*.

"After eight days" compared with the expression "after three days" shows clearly that this meeting was held one week from the former. The number of days after Christ's death till the day on which he was to rise is expressed as follows: "in three days," Mat. 26: 61; 27: 40; "the third day," Mat. 16: 21; 20: 19; and "after three days." Mark 8: 31. Thus, in their mode of expression "three days," "the third day," "after three days," all meant the same. In the same manner, "in eight days," "on the eighth day," and "after eight days" all refer to the same; viz., the next Sunday. Almost all the early Christian writers term the resurrection day the "eighth day."

Five weeks later, on the day after the Jewish sabbath, the whole church was assembled in meeting. "The number of names together were about one hundred and twenty." Acts 1: 15. "And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they *were all* with one accord in *one place*." Acts 2: 1. Pentecost fell on the "morrow after the sabbath." Lev. 23: 15, 16. This would be Sunday. All commentaries agree on



*The church assembled on the resurrection day,
and one week later. Luke 24: 33, 36.*

this point. Even the Adventists admit that the Pentecost of Acts 2 fell on the *fiftieth day* after the resurrection of Christ. "Sanctuary," by Smith, page 283. This would be the first day of the week.

Here, then, we have three clear meetings of the Christian church upon the Lord's day, the first day of the week.

"We next come to a clear case of the church of God's meeting on the first day of the week for worship, which Adventists themselves admit. 'And we sailed away from Philippi after the days of unleavened bread, and came unto them to Troas in five days; where we abode seven days. And upon the first day of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread, Paul preached unto them, ready to depart on the morrow; and continued his speech until midnight.' Acts 20:6, 7. This text is very valuable in arriving at a knowledge of the day observed by the apostolic church. It contains both a negative and a positive testimony. Paul, in company with seven other brethren, who were his companions in travel (see verse 4), abode seven days at Troas. Nothing unusual seems to have occurred on Saturday. If they had any meeting at all it was only such as they had daily. Surely the mention of no meeting at all on that day is good evidence that the church attached no special sanctity to the day nor held any weekly services thereon.

"'And upon the first day of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread, Paul preached



*Pentecostal meeting on the first day of the week.
Acts 1:13-15; 2:1-4.*

unto them.' Reader, does not this prove in inspired history just what we have seen in the writings that immediately followed? 'The seventh day is a common work-day, but we keep the first day of the week, the day upon which Jesus rose, and our life also sprang up.' Such was the uniform testimony of the early Fathers, and what little is said in the Word about these secondary elements of Christianity all agrees in exactly the same thing. 'Upon the first day of the week, when the disciples came together.' 'And on the first of the week, when we had gathered together to break bread.'—*Rotherham*. The language clearly indicates that their meetings were regularly held on that day. It does not simply state that they held a meeting on that day, but fairly intimates that they were in the habit of doing so. '*When the disciples came together.*' This speaks as though it was a matter of course they would assemble on that day. No such example can be found in the New Testament of the holy church's meeting on Saturday. Nay, they passed it by and met on the Lord's day.

"This communion meeting occurred in A. D. 60. The year before, the same apostle wrote his first Epistle to the Corinthians, in which he gave directions respecting their duty on the day as follows: 'Now concerning the collection for the saints, as I have given order to the churches of Galatia, even so do ye. Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come. And when



*Weekly communion services held upon the
Lord's day.*

I come, whomsoever ye shall approve by your letters, them will I send to bring your liberality unto Jerusalem.' 1 Cor. 16:1-3. The subject is 'concerning collections for the saints.' The word 'collections,' financially speaking, means the gathering of means together into a treasury, ready to be disbursed for the designed object. This collection was to be taken up on the first day of the week, and the object is clearly stated; namely, 'that there be no gatherings when I come.' Let us read some other translations.

" 'And concerning the collection which is for the saints;—as I directed the congregations of Galatia, so also do you. Every first day of the week, let each of you lay something by itself, depositing as he may be prospered, so that when I come collections may not then be made.' 1 Cor. 16:1, 2.—*Emphatic Diaglott*.

" 'But concerning collections . . . on the first day of the week, let each one of you put by itself, treasuring up, whatsoever he may be prospered with; lest, whensoever I may come, then collections may be in progress.'—*Rotherham*."

"James McKnight renders: 'On the first day of every week, let each of you lay somewhat by itself, according as he may have prospered, putting it into the treasury, that when I come there may be then no collections.'

"The law-teachers argue that this only means that each one should put something in a treasury at home every first day; but the Word is too plain to be thus



*The weekly collection for the saints every Lord's day by
the primitive Christians. John 20: 19, 26.*

twisted. The following facts prove their interpretation false: Two things were to be done: first, 'lay somewhat by itself'; second, 'putting it into the treasury,' 'depositing.'

"Now we shall prove that the church in every city kept one general treasury; and there is not the slightest hint of every man's keeping a private treasury at home. The order of the apostle to deposite in the general chest at the weekly meetings every first day we find regularly carried out from that time on through the first centuries.

"Thus says Justin in the middle of the second century, under the head of '*The weekly worship of the Christians*': 'And on the day called Sunday, all who live in cities or in the country, gather together to one place, and the memories of the apostles or the writings of the prophets are read as long as time permits. And they who are well-to-do, and willing, give what each thinks fit: and what is collected is deposited with the president, who succors the orphans and widows, and those in want.' Here is the practise of the very same thing recorded in 1 Cor. 16:1, 2.

"Says the writer of '*Ancient Christianity Exemplified*,' page 73, 'The custom in these primitive times seems to have been for every one, on the Lord's day, at the close of public worship, to bring to the notice of the assembly the case of the poor, the aged, the widow, or the orphan of whose necessities he had any knowledge; and forthwith provision was made for

such from the public fund created by their weekly contributions.'

"Tertullian, at the close of the second century, says, 'What is collected in the public chest is no dishonorable sum, as if it belonged to a purchased religion. Every one makes a small contribution *on a certain day* or when he chooses; provided only he is willing and able, for no one is compelled, all is voluntary.' He further says that upon this general fund was drawn to feed the poor, etc.

"Many other ancient writers speak of this collection on the first day for the needy. This fund was kept in the church, and only at the time of assembling together were the voluntary collections made by which it was kept up.

"What reason or object could there be in requiring every one to deposit something at home every first day? Why single out that day? Would it not do as well on any other day? Would it not be better to leave the day optional, so they could make the deposit whenever most able to give? Nay, that day was pointed out as the time to give, because the treasury chest was kept in the place of public meeting, and being assembled they had an opportunity to deposit what they had separated for that purpose. Remember the subject is 'concerning collections.' But nothing of that kind could occur if there were no assembly on that day. Every man putting something away at home is no collection at all. The Advent theory is directly opposite to the apostolic order. It would

require, for the first thing, after the apostle's, arrival, that collections be made of all the home deposits. But the system enjoined by the apostle was to avoid that very thing—'that there be no gatherings when I come.' 'So that when I come collections may not then be made.'—*Emphatic Diaglott*. The collections were to be made on the first day of the week 'in order that when I come collections must not first of all be taken.'—*German*.

"Had this modern theory been in Paul's mind he would naturally have explained the object of laying their benefactions in store at home in language something like this: 'That when I come collections of the same may, for the first thing, take place.' But no, the whole matter of collections was to be accomplished before his arrival—'lest whensoever I come, then collections may be in progress.' He speaks of only one thing in reference to the matter to be attended to after his arrival at Corinth. 'But whensoever I may arrive, whomsoever ye may approve, the same will I send to bear away your favor unto Jerusalem.' Verse 3.—*Rotherham*.

"These few instances of the church's assembly on the first day, with this apostolic law pointing out a duty to be performed upon '*every first day*,' which could only be done in public meeting, are sufficient to convince any humble, honest mind of the Lord's day, especially since the inspired record furnishes not one instance of the church's meeting on any other day.'"—*The Sabbath*.

Third. The day of the resurrection, on which the Christian church regularly met for divine worship, is termed in Scripture "the Lord's day." Rev. 1:10.

Fourth. The uniform testimony of the early Christian writers who lived immediately after the death of the apostles and during the first few centuries of the Christian era, is that the church universally regarded Sunday as a memorial day of the resurrection, and held their weekly meetings on that day, calling it "the Lord's day."

Fifth. The first day of the week is preeminently the great memorial day of the gospel because of what occurred on it. In the new dispensation, under the gospel, what is there in the events of the seventh day to inspire the Christian, or to make it a memorial day? Nothing. Jesus was in the grave. I quote from Canright:—

" 'On the Jewish sabbath the Savior lay under the power of death. It was to his disciples a day of restlessness and gloom. The remembrance of that day would always be to them grievous. The thought of the agony, the cross, the bitter cry, the expiring groan, and the mournful sepulcher could only create a feeling of sorrow. Forevermore the Jewish sabbath-day was despoiled of its gladness to the Christian heart.'—*The Lord's day Our Sabbath*, page 21."

"When Jesus died, the hope of his disciples was buried with him, Luke 24:17, 21, and the holy women were heart-broken. But the wicked Jews rejoiced and Satan triumphed while the angels mourned. If ever

the devil had hope it was while Jesus was dead during the sabbath-day. But as Sunday begins to dawn, a mighty angel like lightning descends, the earth quakes, the grave opens and Christ arises a conqueror over Death, Hell, and the Grave. Mat. 28: 1-4. Satan's last hope is gone; the wicked Jews are dismayed; the holy women are glad; the hope of the disciples is revived; angels rejoice; the salvation of a world is secured; the sufferings and humiliation of the Son of God are ended; and he walks forth the Almighty Savior, the Lord of all. Never such a morning dawned on this lost world before. No wonder it became the memorial day of the church. It was impossible to be otherwise."

"It was the resurrection day on which everything turned. Jesus might have lived the pure life he did, might have wrought all the miracles he did, might have died on the cross as he did, might have been buried as he was, yet all this would not have saved a soul if he had not risen from the dead. 'If Christ be not raised, your faith is vain; ye are yet in your sins. Then they also which are fallen asleep in Christ are perished.' 1 Cor. 15: 17, 18. The resurrection completed the work which made Jesus the Savior of the world. Jesus himself when asked for the evidence of his authority, pointed to his resurrection on the third day as the proof of it. John 2: 18-21; Mat. 12: 38-40; 16: 21."

"Paul says that Jesus was 'declared to be the Son of God with power, according to the Spirit of holiness,

by the resurrection from the dead.' Rom. 1:4. It was this that proved his divinity. So that there will be a day of judgment God 'hath given assurance unto all men, in that he hath raised him from the dead.' Acts 17:31.

"1. On Sunday Jesus rose from the dead. Mark 16:9.

"2. On this day he first appeared to his disciples.

"3. On this day he met them at different places and repeatedly. Mark 16:9-11; Mat. 28:8-10; Luke 24:34; Mark 16:12, 13; John 20:19-23.

"4. On this day Jesus blessed them. John 20:19."

5. "Here he first commissioned them to preach the gospel to all the world. John 20:21; with Mark 16:9-15.

6. "Here he gave the apostles authority to legislate for and guide the church. John 20:23.

7. "Peter says God 'hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.' 1 Pet. 1:3.

8. "On this day Jesus ascended to the Father, was seated at his right hand and made head over all. John 20:17; Eph. 1:20."

9. "Here this day became the day of joy and rejoicing to the disciples. 'Then were the disciples glad when they saw the Lord.' John 20:20. 'While they yet believed not for joy.' Luke 24:41.

10. "On that day the gospel of a risen Christ was first preached, saying: 'The Lord is risen indeed.' Luke 24:34.

11. "On that Sunday Jesus himself set the example of preaching the gospel of his resurrection by explaining all the scriptures on that subject and by opening the minds of the disciples to understand it. Luke 24: 27, 45."

12. On that day the early church were assembled in meeting, and Jesus met with them, and said, "Peace be unto you." Luke 24: 33-36.

13. On Sunday the Holy Ghost was poured out upon the infant church, and it was fully organized and set in working order. Acts 2.

14. On that day 3,000 souls were added to the number of believers—"a nation was born in one day."

15. "Finally, on this day the purchase of our redemption was completed.

"With all these thrilling events of gospel facts crowded into that one resurrection day, making it memorable above all days in the history of the world, how could it but become the great day in the memory of the church? The facts of that one day became the theme of the church ever since. The great battle between the apostles and the unbelieving Jews was concerning the events of that day; did Jesus rise, or did he not? The Jews gave 'large money' to disprove it, Mat. 28:12, while the apostles built the church and staked their lives upon it. Thus in God's own providence, the Jewish sabbath was thrown into the shade, while all the hopes and thoughts and arguments and songs of the new church were necessarily turned to another day, the resurrection day.

“Memorial day, one that should stir the heart of every Christian and move sinners to repentance as indeed it has done every week from that day on. ‘The Lord’s day,’ how appropriate the title for that grand day on which our Lord triumphed over all and laid deep and secure the foundation of the Christian church. Most appropriately, then, has it become the one memorial day of the gospel, the day of gladness and rejoicing.”—*Seventh-day Adventism Renounced*.

Sixth. The testimony of lexicons, cyclopedias, and commentaries is uniform in applying the Lord’s day to Sunday.

“The Lord’s day. The first day of the week.”—*Dr. Clark on Rev. 1:10*.

“The Lord’s day . . . the first day of the week.”—*Eclectic Commentary on Rev. 1:10*.

“Lord’s day, namely, the first day of the week.”—*Burkett’s Notes on the N. T.*

“The Lord’s day. The first day of the week, commemorating the Lord’s resurrection.”—*Family Bible with Notes on Rev. 1:10*.

“On the Lord’s day, which can be meant of no other than the day on which the Lord Jesus arose from the dead, even the first day of the week.”—*Scott on Rev. 1:10*. Dr. Barnes testifies the same.

“Sunday, the first day of the week; . . . the Lord’s day.”—*Webster*.

“Lord’s day. The first day of the week, or Sunday, of every age of the church.”—*Smith’s Dictionary of the Bible*.

“It is called the Lord’s day.”—*Buck’s Theological Dictionary.*

“Lord’s day, a name for the first day of the week, derived from Rev. 1:10.”—*Johnson’s New Universal Cyclopaedia.*

The same will be found in Greenfield’s, Robison’s, Liddell & Scott’s, Parkhurst’s, Bagster’s, and all lexicons. There is reason why all these learned men who have thoroughly investigated the matter agree that Sunday is the Lord’s day. The testimony of truth and the early church is overwhelming on this point.

Many other sound reasons could be given why Christians keep the Lord’s day as a memorial day, but we deem the six foregoing reasons a sufficient apology for our regard for the resurrection day.

THE LORD’S DAY PREFIGURED IN THE OLD TESTAMENT.

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THE great memorial day of the gospel seems to have been clearly prefigured in the law of shadows.

1. The feast of harvest. “Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, When ye be come into the land which I give unto you, and shall reap the harvest thereof, then ye shall bring a sheaf of the first-fruits of your harvest unto the priest: and he shall wave the sheaf before the Lord, to be accepted for you: on the morrow after the sabbath the priest shall wave it.” Lev. 23:10, 11.

This took place "on the morrow after the sabbath." This was the eighth day, or the first day of the week. The sheaf that the priest waved before the Lord was of the "first-fruits of the harvest." What did it typify? Paul gives the answer: "But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the first-fruits of them that slept." 1 Cor. 15:20. That sheaf clearly pointed to the resurrection of Christ. True to the shadow, Christ rose on the first day of the week. So the *eighth day* on which the wave-offering was made, was a part of the shadow as much as the offering. As certain as the sheaf pointed to the resurrection of Christ, so certain did the eighth day on which it took place point to the day on which he arose—the Lord's day. That sheaf was a sample of the entire crop, so Christ's resurrection is a sample and proof of the future resurrection of all the redeemed. See 1 Cor. 15.

2. We will now consider the feast of pentecost. "And ye shall count unto you from the morrow after the sabbath, from the day that ye brought the sheaf of the wave-offering; seven sabbaths shall be complete: even unto the morrow after the seventh sabbath shall ye number fifty days; and ye shall offer a new meat-offering unto the Lord. And ye shall offer with the bread seven lambs without blemish of the first year, and one young bullock, and two rams: they shall be for a burnt offering unto the Lord, with their meat-offering, and their drink-offerings, even an offering

made by fire, of sweet savor unto the Lord." Lev. 23: 15, 16, 18.

This offering "made by fire" pointed to the baptism of "the Holy Ghost and fire" received on Pentecost. The feast of pentecost was on the "morrow after the seventh sabbath," or fifty days from the wave-offering. "Pentecost" means fifty. How wonderful this shadow! The sheaf was waved before the Lord on the first day of the week. It pointed to Christ's resurrection, which took place on the same day. Just seven weeks later came the feast of pentecost, an offering by fire. That fell also on the day "after the sabbath." Just seven weeks after Christ's resurrection the Holy Spirit fire fell on one hundred and twenty, and the church of God was organized. Both took place on the first day of the week.

In the law of shadows we read: "And ye shall proclaim on the selfsame day, that it may be a holy convocation unto you." Lev. 23: 21. "Convocation" means assembly, or to assemble together. "On the *first day* shall be an holy convocation. . . . On the eighth day shall be an holy convocation unto you; and ye shall offer an offering made by fire unto the Lord: it is a solemn assembly." Verses 35, 36. "On the eighth day ye shall have a solemn assembly." Num. 29: 35. "On the eighth day they made a solemn assembly." 2 Chron. 7: 9. "On the eighth day was a solemn assembly." Neh. 8: 18. All this was a shadow. Notice how the eighth day, or first day of the week, stood out in great prominence.

The two feasts that were offered on this day pointed to the two great triumphant events in the plan of redemption; viz., the resurrection of Christ and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. In the type, the eighth day was a day of assembly, a day when sacrifice by fire was offered unto the Lord. This foreshadowed the great memorial day of the gospel—the Lord's day. From the day on which Christ rose from the dead, the eighth day has been a day of assembling, a day of holy convocation for the church of God, a day when sacrifices of praise and thanksgiving by the Holy Spirit's fire have been given to God.

**THAT THE POPE CHANGED THE SABBATH, PROVED
TO BE BASELESS AND ENTIRELY FALSE.**

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By constantly crying in the ears of the people: "Sunday is a heathen day; and all who observe it keep 'the venerable day of the sun'"; "the bishop of Rome is authority for Sunday observance"; "Constantine changed the sabbath"; "the observance of the first day of the week began with the pope of Rome," etc., etc., Adventists frighten a few ignorant souls into this belief; and the result is, they cease to observe the great memorial day of the gospel, and go back under the "yoke of bondage." Convince a man that he is observing a heathen day, a day that the pope of Rome set apart, and he will drop it immediately. This man of straw is one of the most effectual means in the hands of Sabbatarians to deceive the

nations. But the whole is false from the ground up. Not a word of truth is in any of the above assertions.

The above expressions will be found scattered all through Advent literature, but the facts of history utterly refute them. Let us examine.

The heathens never kept Sunday, as Adventists affirm. I quote from Canright:—

‘Such statements are utterly false. Each day of the week was named after some god, and, in a certain sense, was devoted to the worship of that god, as Monday to the moon, Saturday to Saturn, Sunday to the sun, etc. But did they cease work on these days? No; if they had they would have kept every day in the week. Did they observe Sunday by ceasing to work? No, indeed. No such thing was taught or practised by the Romans. They had no weekly rest-day.

‘Prof. A. Rauschinbusch of Rochester Theological Seminary quotes Lotz thus: “‘It is a vain thing to attempt to prove that the Greeks and Romans had anything resembling the sabbath. Such opinion is refuted even by this, that the Roman writers ridicule the sabbath as something peculiar to the Jews.’ In proof he cites many passages from the Roman poets, and one from Tacitus. Seneca also condemned the sabbath observance of the Jews as a waste of time by which a seventh part of life was lost.”—*Saturday or Sunday?* page 83. “No special religious celebration of any one day of the week can be pointed out in any one of the Pagan religions.”—*Herzog, Art. Sabbath.*

The pagans never kept Sunday. So much for that falsehood. *Saturday was sacred* to Saturn as Sunday was to the sun.' So if Christians keep a heathen day, Adventists also do.

Next we inquire, Did Constantine change the sabbath? Adventist literature and teachings say, "Yes." History and facts say, "No." Notice their dilemma. One time they cry, "Constantine changed the sabbath," and again we hear them say, "It was the pope." Pray how can this be? Constantine's Sunday law was made A. D. 321, long years before there was a pope. Then, their talk about the pope's changing the observance of the day is refuted by their literature which teaches that it was Constantine. Now comes the climax. Elder Waggoner, a leading Adventist, finally admits that "It is safe to affirm that there was nothing done in the time of Constantine, either by himself or any other, that has the least appearance of changing the sabbath."—*Replies to Elder Canright*, page 150. Amen. Then, from their own admission, we are forced to conclude that they know better themselves when they try to scare the people into believing that Constantine or the pope of Rome changed the observance of the day. The facts are, as proved in preceding chapters, that the Christian church observed the Lord's day as the great memorial day of the gospel, from the resurrection day on. When Constantine was converted, or became favorable to the Christian religion, he simply issued an edict throughout his empire for people to observe the

Christian's day. That is all there is to it. "The first day of the week, which was the ordinary and stated time for the public assemblies of the Christians, was, in consequence of a peculiar law enacted by Constantine, observed with greater solemnity than it had formerly been."—*Mosheim*, Part II, Chap. 4. Sec. 5. The united testimony of the early Christian writers as seen in a preceding chapter, was that they all held Sunday as a sacred and memorial day, and this long before Constantine's time.

I make the following quotation from "The Sabbath." After quoting Mrs. White, who says in her book "Great Controversy" that the observance of days was changed by Constantine and the bishop of Rome, the writer, D. S. Warner, says:—

"Look at the impudence of this prophetic! The apostle John called the resurrection day 'the Lord's day' in A. D. 96. She says that title was conferred upon it by the bishop of Rome in the fourth century. She speaks of the 'false' and the 'true,' calling the first day of the week the false and the seventh day the true. But eighteen hundred years before she was born, Justin Martyr wrote under the same head, and denounced the Jewish sabbath as the false, and declared the first day the true Lord's day. He wrote in the virgin purity of Christianity; she writes under the thick fogs of Babel confusion. He wrote as the apostle did who pronounced the curse of God upon the false teachers who troubled the Galatian church, 'subverting the gospel of Christ' by enjoining the law

and its 'days.' She writes largely the doctrine of the Ebionites, one of the first and most abominable heresies.

"She says that in the first centuries the seventh day had been kept by all Christians. And her own say-so is the only proof she offers. But we have seen that both the Word of God and the early church Fathers teach us that only persons who were weak and ignorant of the liberties of the sons of God thought it necessary to observe the law respecting meats and the sabbaths. And Justin told Trypho that the sabbath of the law belonged only to the Jews, and that it was not proper for Christians to observe the same; and by others we are positively told that Saturday was a common work-day in the primitive church of God. The subtle lie of Satan's in the mouth of this false prophetess leaves the impression that Constantine, as a heathen, enjoined the observance of Sunday as a public festival, and after his professed conversion he still adhered to it, making him the author of that day of worship. So Adventism teaches. But all readers of the New Testament and of early history know it is a positive falsehood. For two hundred years before Constantine's day, in fact from the resurrection of Christ, the first day was kept by the church of God, as a memorial day, a weekly day of worship. Constantine had nothing to do with the establishment of the Lord's day in the church. God's institutions need no kingly decrees. But what that emperor did simply related to the day in his empire.

“Should the head of the Chinese empire become specially favorable to the Christian religion, nothing would be more natural than that he would adopt the first day of the week as their national holiday. This is substantially what Constantine did. Yet there is no more reason of truth in ascribing to him the origin of the observance of the Lord’s day than there would be in making the emperor of China the father of it, were he to do the same thing in this century. That Constantine called the first day ‘the venerable day of the sun,’ had no reference to any idolatrous use of that day. Over a hundred years before, the days of the week had all been named after planets, as follows: the first day after the Sun—Sunday; the next after the moon—Monday; the last after Saturn—Saturday; etc. And these names had passed into common use. Constantine, having been convicted of the truth of the Christian religion, would naturally speak of the preeminence of their day of worship, of which preeminence he had a beautiful illustration, in the fact that the sun is the greatest planet of the solar system, and the source of all light. So this constant cry of Adventism that ‘Constantine changed the sabbath,’ etc., is as false as Satan himself. And no person can inform himself of the historical facts and make the assertion without knowing he is telling a falsehood. Such is the unblushing heterodoxy of that dark sect. They dispute the plain scriptures, renounce all early history that exposes their creed, and virtually make their own history to suit their purpose.

“They are now sending out two pamphlets, the first of which is entitled ‘Rome’s Challenge, Why do Protestants Keep Sunday?’ the second, ‘Our Answer.’ In the first, Roman authorities are quoted, affirming that they changed the day from the seventh to the first day; that there is no evidence in Scripture or early history in favor of the first-day observance; that it only rests upon Rome’s authority to change the laws of God. To this false statement Adventism gives consent; and then claim to be persecuted because they do not keep the day Rome made. Thus the mother of harlots unblushingly lies, and her Hagaristic daughter sanctions the falsehood. But God’s Word and the writings of the church Fathers rebuke both.”

After Waggoner (Adventist) admitted that Constantine did not change the sabbath, he then attempted to fix the council of Laodicea, A. D. 364, as the exact place and time where the pope made the change. Adventists of late accept Waggoner’s position, and now they point to that council as the time and place when the pope made the change. The twenty-ninth canon of that council reads thus: “Christians ought not to Judaize and to rest in the sabbath, but to work in that day; but preferring the Lord’s day, should rest, if possible, as Christians. Wherefore if they shall be found to Judaize, let them be accursed from Christ.” On this Waggoner says, “Now, if any one can imagine what would be changing the sabbath, if this is not. I would be extremely happy to learn what

it could be.” As a thorough refutation of the Adventists’ position on this important point, I quote the following able arguments and facts from “Seventh-day Adventism Renounced” :—

“1. If the sabbath was changed to Sunday by the pope right here, as he affirms, then certainly it was not changed before nor after nor at any other place. So if this fails their whole cause is lost. Let the reader mark the importance of this fact.

“2. He admits what every scholar knows, that till after the time of Constantine the bishop of Rome had no ‘authority whatever above the other bishops’ and so could not have changed the sabbath before that time. He says: ‘It was Constantine himself that laid the foundation of the papacy.’—*Replies to Elder Canright*, page 148. Surely the papacy did not exist before its foundation was laid.

“3. He admits, as above, that Constantine did nothing to change the sabbath.

“4. But we have abundantly proved in preceding pages that all Christians long before this date were unanimous in observing the Lord’s day. This one simple fact proves the utter absurdity of the claim that it was changed at Laodicea, A. D. 364, or by the papacy at any time.

“5. In the year 324, or just forty years before the council of Laodicea, Eusebius, bishop of Cæsarea, Palestine, wrote his celebrated history of Christianity. He had every possible opportunity to know what Christians did throughout the world. He says: ‘And

all things whatsoever it was the duty to do on the sabbath, these we have transferred to the Lord's day as more honorable than the Jewish sabbath.'—*Quoted in Sabbath Manual*, page 127.

“That is the way the sabbath and Sunday stood forty years before Laodicea. They did not keep the sabbath, but did keep the Lord's day. . . . How much truth, then, can there be in the position that the sabbath was changed to Sunday by the pope forty years later? Shame on such brazen attempts to pervert the truth. But let us look at the real facts about the council of Laodicea. Seventh-day Adventists claim two things, viz., that the sabbath was changed by the Roman church, and that it was done by the authority of the pope. Then they select Laodicea as the place and time. But,

“1. Laodicea is not Rome. It is situated in Asia Minor over 1,000 miles east of Rome. It was in Asia, not in Europe. It was an Eastern, not a Western town, an Oriental, not a Latin city.

“2. It was a Greek, not a Roman city.

“3. The pope of Rome did not attend this council at Laodicea, A. D. 364. Does Waggoner claim that he did? No, he does not dare to.

“4. The pope did not attend, nor did he send a legate or a delegate or any one to represent him. In fact, neither the Roman Catholic Church nor the pope had anything to do with the council in any way, shape or manner. It was held without even their knowledge or consent.

“5. At this early date, A. D. 364, the popes, or rather bishops of Rome, had no authority over other bishops. It was 200 years later before they were invested with authority over all the churches. Even then their authority was stoutly resisted for centuries in the East where this council was held. See ‘Bower’s History of Popes,’ or any church history.

“6. Liberius was bishop of Rome at the time of this council at Laodicea. He was degraded from his office, banished, and treated with the utmost contempt. Bower says that in order to end his exile, Liberius ‘wrote in a most submissive and cringing style to the Eastern Bishops.’—*History of the Popes*, Vol. I, p. 64. And this was the pope who changed the sabbath at a council of these same Eastern bishops, 1,000 miles away, which he never attended!

“7. The council of Laodicea was only a local council, a small unimportant affair, and not a general council at all. . . . The general councils are: 1. That at Nice, A. D. 325. 2. That at Constantinople, A. D. 381. 3. That at Ephesus, A. D. 431, etc. See the list in ‘Johnson’s Cyclopedia,’ or any history. Bower in his extensive work, the ‘History of the Popes,’ gives an account of all the general councils, the important local councils, and all with which Rome or the popes had to do, but does not even mention this one at Laodicea. . . . ‘This council is not even mentioned by Mosheim, Milner, Ruter, Reeves, Soerates, Sozomen, nor by four other historians on my table.’ ‘McClintock and Strong’s Cyclopedia’ says:

'Thirty-two bishops were present from different provinces in Asia.' All bishops of the Eastern church, *not one from the Roman church!* And yet this was the time and place when and where the Roman church and the pope changed the sabbath.

"8. Now think of it: this little local council of thirty-two bishops revolutionizes the whole world on the keeping of the sabbath!

"9. The fact is that this council simply regulated in this locality an already long-established institution, the Lord's day, just the same as council after council did afterwards. . . . The Lord's day had been kept by the church hundreds of years before the council of Laodicea mentioned it.

"10. The church of Laodicea where this council was held was raised up by Paul himself. . . . It was one of the seven churches to which John wrote. Rev. 3: 14. Hence it is certain that it was well instructed and grounded in the doctrines of the apostles. Between Paul and this council, that is, A. D. 270, Anatolius was bishop of Laodicea. He wrote: 'Our regard for the Lord's resurrection, which took place on the Lord's day, will lead us to celebrate it on the same principle.' Canon 16. Here we have that church keeping Sunday one hundred years before this council.

"11. Finally, if the council of Laodicea changed the sabbath, as Adventists say, then it was changed by the Greek church instead of the Roman church; changed by the Eastern churches over which Rome

had no authority; changed before the papacy was established, before the pope had an authority over the East, by a small local council which neither the pope nor any of his servants attended. The absurdity of this claim is manifest without further argument."

With these facts before us, we in the fear of God declare that the Adventists' teaching that the pope of Rome changed the observance of days is false, of which fact their leaders must be aware. God help men to flee out of that dark sect, and accept the truth, which will make them free.



SUNDAY KEEPING IS NOT THE MARK OF THE BEAST.

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"SUNDAY-KEEPING must be the mark of the beast."
—*The Marvel of Nations*, by U. Smith, page 183.

"The seal of God is his holy sabbath."—*Thoughts on Revelation*, page 452.

These give the Advent doctrine in its full force. All, then, who keep the Jewish sabbath are sealed for eternal bliss. This would include the Pharisees and all Jews, Seventh-day Baptists, and Adventists. The teeming millions of earth that do not keep the seventh day are not sealed; can not be. If the sabbath is the seal of God, then all who disregard it, and keep the Lord's, are not sealed. What, then, is their condition? Smith answers: "Sunday-keeping must be the mark of the beast." All who keep Sunday, therefore are of necessity beast-worshippers. Listen.

“Sunday-keeping is an institution of the first beast, and all who submit to obey this institution emphatically worship the first beast and receive his mark, ‘the mark of the beast.’ . . . Those who worship the beast and his image *by observing the first day* are certainly idolators.”—*Advent Review Extra*, August, 1850, pages 10, 11. Uriah Smith says that those who keep the first day are “thereby marked.” “The Marvel of Nations,” pages 174, 175. The Revelator says that all who worship the beast and receive his mark will be cast into eternal torment. Rev. 14: 9-11. So to sum up the whole, all who keep the sabbath are “sealed” for eternal glory, while all who observe the Lord’s day are “beast-worshippers,” “idolators,” “marked,” and doomed to “eternal torment.”

Surely such absurdity should awaken even those who have been ensnared into that dark yoke of legal bondage. Luther, Wesley, Huss, Bunyan, Milton, Baxter, and all the great and good men down through the ages who effected mighty reformations in the earth, and were powers in the hands of God, all rejected the seventh day, and were Sunday-keepers. But according to the above quotations from the Adventist literature they were all “marked by the beast,” and were “idolators.” But the Adventists themselves admit that these very men were Christians. This admission overthrows their position that Sunday-keeping is the mark of the beast. I again quote from “Adventism Renounced”:—

“Mrs. White says of him [Luther]: ‘Zealous, ar-

dent, and devoted, knowing no fear but the fear of God, and acknowledging no foundation for religious faith but the holy Scriptures,' etc. 'Angels of heaven were by his side, and rays of light from the throne of God revealed the treasures of truth to his understanding.'—*Great Controversy*, pages 94, 97. Good. Now hear Luther. Carlstadt, a zealous and learned Sabbatarian, laid his arguments for the seventh day before Luther, who examined them. Here is Luther's decision in his own words: 'Indeed, if Carlstadt were to write further about the sabbath, Sunday would have to give way, and the sabbath—that is to say, Saturday—must be kept holy; he would truly make us Jews in all things, and we should come to be circumcised; for that is true and can not be denied, that he who deems it necessary to keep one law of Moses, and keeps it as the law of Moses, must deem all necessary, and keep them all.'—*Hist. Sabbath*, page 457."

Luther heard the teaching on sabbath observance; but he, like true Christians to-day, rejected it. Mrs. White admits that "angels and light from God's throne" revealed the truth to Luther. Amen. Then, Luther was clear in his observance of the Lord's day, and rejection of the Jewish sabbath.

"Hear Mrs. White on John Bunyan: 'John Bunyan breathed the very atmosphere of heaven.' *Great Controversy*, page 174. Well, now hear Bunyan: 'As for the seventh-day sabbath, that, as we see, is gone to its grave with the signs and shadows of the Old Testament; yea, and it has such a dash left upon it by

apostolic authority, that it is enough to make a Christian fly from it forever. 2. Cor. 3.'—*Complete Works*, page 915." So Bunyan, who breathed "the atmosphere of heaven," rejected and opposed the observance of the Jewish sabbath.

Thank God for these admissions from the great prophetess of Adventism. So we to-day, with Luther, Wesley, Baxter, and Bunyan, reject the Jewish sabbath, and keep the great memorial day of the gospel; and while doing so *breathe the atmosphere of heaven*. Halleluiah!

Instead of sabbath-keeping being the seal of God, the Bible plainly states that the seal is the Holy Spirit. "Who hath also sealed us, and given the earnest of the Spirit in our hearts." 2. Cor. 1: 22. "In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that Holy Spirit of promise." Eph. 1: 13. "And grieve not the Holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption." Eph. 4: 30.

Nowhere does the Bible state that the observance of the Lord's day is the mark of the beast. To assert such a thing is bare assumption, without one text of proof. It is false for the following reasons:—

1. The first day of the week was the day upon which the early Christians held their meetings and met for divine worship. This we have abundantly proved.

2. The united testimony of the early Christian

writers who wrote but a few years after the death of the apostles, and during the first few centuries of the Christian era, testify that the church in their time regarded the resurrection day as the great memorial day of the gospel, and termed it the Lord's day. This was long before the beast arose.

3. We have abundantly proved that the Catholic sect never changed the observance of days from the seventh to the first.

4. The Adventists quote a few old Catholic catechisms as their only proof that the beast changed the sabbath; and in this they misrepresent the Catholic teaching as any scholar knows. So whatever the mark of the beast in the forehead and right hand may signify, it can not be the observance of the great memorial day of the gospel. For a thorough exegesis of the "beast," "image," "his mark." etc., see our large work "The Cleansing of the Sanctuary," printed by the publishers of this book.

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