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Let him declare what he seeth."**

— Isaiah 21:6 —

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How God Revealed His Sabbath to Me

RUTH PAGE

I FEEL moved by the Holy Spirit to write my own personal testimony of how the God of Heaven revealed His true Sabbath day to me.

In the year 1933, the Lord who created the Heaven and Earth and all things therein, put me in a secret place and separated me unto Himself, to teach me by the Holy Spirit some of His secret things that He has for His people. As He says in His Word, the Holy Spirit was given to lead and guide us into *all truth* and show us things to come.

Thanks be to the Lord, He filled me, or in other words, baptized me, with the Holy Spirit in Spring, 1927. So I had the leader and guide and teacher dwelling in me to reveal the hidden things of God. Praise His Holy Name.

He gave me a nice place in which to live, free from worry or debts, supplied my every need, then spoke to me and told me to pray and search the Scripture and write what He would reveal to me, as He the Lord had already given me the gift of prophecy.

I had heard but a very little teaching on the Sabbath, not enough to know anything about its wonderful truth; so as the sweet Holy Spirit was moving day and night upon my heart to pray much day and night.

It was so easy to pray in those days when the sweet Holy Spirit was moving to make intercession; it wasn't anything to pray four or five hours without ceasing, for the Holy Spirit was doing its work, many times

with groaning that could not be uttered.

A nephew was going to marry a Seventh Day Pentecostal girl. My sister, not knowing the truth of God's Sabbath day, said to her son, "Now when you get mixed up on the seventh day and Sunday, don't come to me with your troubles, for you know it already beforehand."

This girl had a sister-in-law who was sick all the time; she said that God spoke to her and told her if she would drive over the country and teach the seventh-day Sabbath, He would heal her. She did and was healed.

Well, it was all very strange to me, for I kept Sunday, the first day of the week, with all my heart and thought I was right, not knowing that man changed God's time to Roman time. But thanks be to God, Jesus said, "You shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free." Well, Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life. In 1933, when the Lord commanded me to study His Word, after a period of much prayer and searching the Scriptures, He told me to study the Sabbath. I began at once to obey His voice, and to my surprise

it was a thrilling subject. Then, after searching the Scriptures on the Sabbath, I checked the references from the beginning of time when our Heavenly Father made the heavens and earth, and rested the seventh day from all His work, and blessed the seventh day and sanctified it because in it He had rested from all His work (Gen. 2:2, 3).

After studying carefully and prayerfully, God spoke to me and said, "Saturday is the Sabbath; keep it." When my six months' studying and waiting before the Lord had expired, the Lord released me from my seclusion and I went to a mission in Los Angeles, for I was living there at the time.

When I felt led to go to this mission, to my happy surprise, the minister said, "We are going to have a lesson on the Sabbath today." I thought, "How wonderful! God is dealing with these people on the Sabbath, the same as He is with me."

When the minister called out the Scripture for us to read, I had each Scripture marked in my Bible. So then I told them how the Lord had dealt about studying the Sabbath, and how I had all these marked. They thought it was marvelous. Well, that was my first true witness beside the word I had studied, and I was thankful that the Lord counted me worthy of His Sabbath truth. Then one of the ministers went to the library and got books on the Sabbath, and we all studied and searched the Scriptures together. God mightily blessed our souls and opened up our understanding that we might understand this blessed truth.

I have just begun to keep the Sabbath, and I have had many wonderful experiences since that time and

many heavenly witnesses on this truth.

Here is one God-given witness. I was visiting a converted Jewish sister in Los Angeles some years ago. I went to her home with a Pentecostal Holiness minister and wife. They invited me to go with them for they were thrilled because she had been saved and had received the Holy Spirit according to Acts 2:4. As we four visited together, the Holy Spirit was in our midst to witness and bless as we talked on the marvelous works of God. As each was giving his testimony on what the Lord had done for him, the Holy Spirit fell on me in a praise and thanksgiving to God who was so wonderful in our hearts, Jesus, our wonderful Saviour, the Holy Spirit took control of me and I began to speak in other tongues or language as the Holy Spirit gave utterance. I heard this Jewish sister telling Brother Brown and his wife what the Holy Spirit was speaking through me. When the Spirit lifted off of me, I asked the Jewish Sister if she had the gift of interpretation of tongues. She said, "No, but the Holy Spirit was speaking through you in Hebrew. I wish the rabbi had been here and heard that; he told me there isn't anything in speaking with tongues any longer. The Holy Spirit was speaking in Hebrew, my language, and was saying to you that God has called you to preach His Word and His commandments—the seventh-day Sabbath and all His Commandments."

I said, "It is the truth, Sister; He has."

This was a Heavenly witness and it blessed my soul, and here is another witness from Heaven.

In the summer of 1942 the Lord spoke to me to go to Phoenix, Ariz., to open a House of Prayer, and there

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It's in My Notebook

MONA DAVIS

EMERGENCIES cannot be handled by notebook knowledge! The things we are to do must be stored in the memory by faith and made to work. When we pray we must move our feet.

A friend of mine rode often with a diabetic woman, so she feared an insulin reaction. She could not drive, so we explained emergency measures which she put in her notebook, "Turn off the ignition, push her foot off the gas and put your foot on the brake." To our question later what she would do, she answered "I have it in my notebook."

In such a drastic emergency would she have time to run home, find her notebook and apply it?

On a day of rest and inspiration two weeks ago, I was given these words of James 1:17: "Every good . . . perfect gift . . . cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning." Yet by our traditions we worship Him in vain, "teaching for doctrines the commandments of men."

James was the physical and spiritual brother of our Master Teacher and Head of His Church, and walked, talked and listened to Him for 30 years. I doubt if he put anything in his notebook, but rather in his mind and hands to do it.

He said, "For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all. . . . So speak ye, and so do, as they that shall be judged by the law of liberty."

My friend above also reads the Bi-

ble diligently, claiming all the good promises without trying to *do* in obedience. She says over and over that the old law of Moses is done away, so we are not subject to it any more. Then I speak of the New Covenant as being this Old Covenant written on tables of stone and placed within the Ark, and now written on the mind and heart with the marvelous promises "... And their sins and iniquities will I remember no more." "And I will be to them a God [their Elohim], and they shall be to me a people: and they shall not teach every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know ye the Lord [Yahweh]: for all shall know me, from the least to the greatest" (Heb. 10:17 and 8:10, 11; Jer. 31:33, 34).

Youth should be the time of memorization, storing the treasure of the Word in the mind and heart, not only to hear but to do. The rebellion, riots, and drug addiction of some youth is the lack of parents' giving them Yahweh's commands and promises. Moreover, the tremendous problems of our nation in war, air, water pollution, divorce, and home disintegration are fully answered in a return to the unchangeable words of the King of kings, not only to say but to do them! His promise to be with us rests entirely if we hear and do!

Through my father minister, in daily worship our family reads the Bible completely each year. When I was twenty, it was hid in my heart

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"Some Things Hard to Be Understood"

MICHAEL FENIAK

WE are all familiar with unlearned and unstable people who wrest, twist, and turn scripture concerning the law, grace, and righteousness by faith even to the extent of saying that the Law is either done away with or changed.

The real main points of Bible study are to see what place the law of God occupies in the subject of righteousness by faith and what place the law of God occupies in our obtaining righteousness alone by Jesus Christ.

"Moreover the law entered, that the offence might abound" (Rom. 5:20). In the last words of Romans 3:20—words with which you are all familiar—"by the law is the knowledge of sin." Why was the law given on tables of stone? To show us what sin is, to make sin abound, to give the knowledge of sin. Paul, speaking in Romans 7:12 and 13, says the law, the commandment, made sin appear as it really is, "exceedingly sinful." That is the first object of the giving of the law, isn't it?

But there is some more in Romans 5:20. What is this all for? We find that the law makes sin abound in order that grace may much more abound, so that we may have grace to lead us to Christ. What are the two things together for? The law makes sin abound in order "that as sin hath reigned unto death, even so might grace reign through righteousness unto eternal life by Jesus Christ" (Rom. 5:21). But, mark you, when the grace much more bountifully reigns, then what is the comparison

between freedom from sin now, and the slavery to it before? The freedom is much more abundant even than the slavery was. "That as sin hath reigned unto death, even so might grace reign through righteousness unto eternal life by Jesus Christ."

The object of the law, then, is to bring us to Christ that we may be justified, made righteous, by faith, that His righteousness—the righteousness of God in Christ—may be ours.

Well, when that is true, when we have got there, then what is the use of the law? It witnesses. Read now Rom. 3:21 "But now the righteousness of God without the law is manifested, being witnessed by the law." Then, when the law gives a knowledge of sin, in order that we may have the knowledge of the abundance of grace to take away sin, then grace reigns through righteousness unto eternal life by Jesus Christ—and this righteousness of God by faith in Christ is our own through the working of the law.

This knowledge of sin has brought us to Christ, so when we have Him, the Law is satisfied in all the demands that it has made on us. When the

Law has made demands upon us that we cannot satisfy by any possible means except by Jesus Christ being present in ourselves, then the Law of God, as long as we stay there, will stand right there and say, "That is right, and I am satisfied with it." Then, if anybody begins to question it and says, "It is not so," then we have these ten witnesses to prove it, haven't we?

So, then, after we have come to Christ and have found and received Him, then we do not look into the law for righteousness. Where do we look? Into the face of Jesus (see 2 Cor. 4:6); and while we look there, what does the law say? The law testifies, "that is the place to look; that is what I want you to have; that is satisfactory; we are perfectly agreed." Where in heaven do the angels look? Do they look into the law to see whether they are right or not? No, "their angels do always behold the face of my Father which is in heaven." Then from where does the righteousness of the angels come? From God, through Jesus Christ, does it not? And what does the original copy of the law in the foundation of the throne of God do there? When the angels look into the face of Him who sits upon the throne that never was touched by men and never could be, what does it do there? It witnesses to the righteousness of God which they obtain without the law.

This was always the true idea of the uses of the law of God. When the people had sinned and done anything against the Commandments of the Lord concerning things which ought not be done and were guilty, then they were to bring the sacrifice and offer its blood. Atonement was made and they were forgiven (Lev.

4). And then as now the commandments witnessed to the righteousness which they obtained by faith in Jesus. And therefore the tabernacle was called "the Tabernacle of Witness." (Acts 7:44 and Num. 17:7, 8; 18:2). The tabernacle of the testimony is the same thing, because testimony is the evidence given by a witness. So the tabernacle was the tabernacle of witness or testimony; the ark was the ark of the testimony or witness because it contained the tables of the testimony. The tables of stone, of the law, were the tables of the testimony, because they were the evidence of the witness which God appointed to witness to His righteousness, which comes without the law, by faith of Jesus Christ alone. Then it is everlastingly true throughout the universe that, "if righteousness come by the law, then Christ is dead in vain" (Gal. 2:21). Forever and everywhere it is true that "their righteousness is of me, saith the Lord" (Isa. 54:17). And the law witnesses to the righteousness which all obtain from God without the law, but by Jesus Christ.

This is to fit us for the seal of God, the righteousness of God, in order that through this we may be changed from glory to glory, into the same image (2 Cor. 3); and when that is completed, what then? What witnesses to that? The Sabbath of the Lord will witness to that finished, completed work all the way through.

Just as the presence of God sanctified and made holy the mount and the tabernacle, so the presence of Christ makes holy and sanctifies the place where it is; and when the presence of Christ is there in its fullness, then what is that place? That place is sanctified.

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Do You "Keep" the Sabbath or "Remember" the Sabbath?

LINDA KENDRICK

SO many of us are guilty of remembering the Sabbath but not keeping it. We hurry around to get our house in order before sundown and look forward to laying our chores aside for one complete day. Sometimes we do a few finishing touches a few minutes after the Sabbath has begun, but that can't be helped, can it?

But what happens after the sun *does* go down? We have worked up to the last minute, so now it is time to fix the meal, eat, bathe the children for church, wash and set our hair and so many other chores we don't feel too bad about doing on the Sabbath. After all, we are getting ready to go to church to worship Him and we do want to look nice. When do we study our lessons?

And in the morning, how do things look? Do we get up eagerly and do our most efficient, time-saving maneuvers so that we will get to church on time? And if we are ready before someone else and there is nothing more we can do to help, do we sit quietly and read the Bible or do we talk about something that happened yesterday or something we're looking forward to tomorrow?

On the way to church, do we tune up our hearts and voices for the service at church by singing church hymns and talking about the lesson? Or do we notice a new sporty car or a

bargain in a store or supermarket window?

After the services are over, what do we talk about—the way the message of God, delivered by the minister, touched our heart? Do we add some unfinished remarks about the lesson? Can you really tell a difference in our conversations from any other weekday?

And now we're back home. It was so tiring just sitting there listening to someone talk that now you want to eat a light lunch and go back to bed. Or perhaps you stay up all day Sabbath. Do you sit with a Bible in your lap studying or reading some religious literature? Or do you catch yourself glancing at the clock to see how much longer until sundown so you can turn on the TV, get ready for a date, or whatever?

Yes, so many "remember" the Sabbath and do no work, watch no TV, and rest, but it is surprising how few of us actually "keep" the Sabbath. The Lord said, "Remember the sabbath day, to keep it *holy*" (Ex. 20:8). It takes more than procrastination to make a day holy. We should devote all of our time to God and all of our thoughts should be centered on Him. (He should be in our hearts and minds constantly throughout the week.) We should rededicate our lives to Him and His service every Sabbath and seek new heights

in knowledge and understanding of His Word.

Our sabbath (Yes, "...The sabbath was made for man, and not man for the sabbath" (Mark 2:27) should be a delight and not a burden to us. "If thou turn away thy foot from the sabbath, from doing thy pleasure on my holy day; and call the sabbath a delight, the holy of the Lord, honourable; and shalt honour him, not doing thine own ways, nor finding thine own pleasure nor speaking thine own words: then shalt thou delight thyself in the Lord;..." (Isa. 58:13, 14).

If we truly love the Lord and want to live for Him, we will know a joy that no other man, no matter how rich and splendid a material, carnal life he may have, will ever know without Christ. I have not thus far known this joy and peace of mind, but have attempted of my own "powers" to lead a good Christian life. It has not worked.

I have confessed my sinful nature in the way I have been "observing" the Sabbath and I pray that I will soon be blessed with the Spirit of the Lord that I will have His help and guidance soon. I do love the Lord and want to serve Him, but I have let so many *little* worldly things come between us. For me the Sabbath has been more or less a burden, but knowing the importance of its keeping, I have kept the weekly day of rest.

It has been a joy to me to write this and my heart feels lighter now. I know there are others like me and perhaps this will help to get them to take the Sabbath more seriously and to devote their lives to God. I need the prayers of all and know God

will seek me out soon. I feel Him working now—Praise the Lord!

—From *The Acts*

"SOME THINGS HARD TO BE UNDERSTOOD"

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What is the sign of sanctification? The Sabbath. Complete sanctification is God's complete work in the soul. Then when the work of God is completed in the soul, the law of God will witness to it all the way. But what particular part of the law of God is a witness to that particular thing, the complete sanctification of His people? The Sabbath of the Lord. It stands there as the witness, the chief witness; the two coming together testify, and the seal is affixed; that work is completed.

Therefore, the message of the righteousness of God, which is by faith in Jesus Christ, brings us to, and brings to us the perfect fulfillment of the law of God, does it not? Then is not the object of the law of God the gospel of Christ alone—"Christ in you the hope of glory"?

Anybody who uses the Law of God for any other than these two purposes—to give the knowledge of sin, and to witness to the righteousness of God which is by faith is perverting the law. He is using it for purposes that God never intended. Yet, these are the very things that "they that are unlearned and unstable wrest, as they do also the other scriptures, unto their own destruction." They have accepted Satan's strong delusion that they should believe a lie (2 Thess. 2:11). Yet, to God's true children these scriptures need not be "some things hard to be understood."

What God Blesses,

None Can Reverse

MARIBETH HUNTER

God ended His work on the sixth day of creation, and on the seventh day He rested, and He blessed and sanctified the SEVENTH DAY.

Adam and Eve were God's first couple and were made in His image to worship and serve Him. No one could doubt that they observed the day which God had blessed (Gen. 2:3), and which Jesus had "made for man" (Mark 2:27), and of which the Son of man was Lord (Mark 2:28; Luke 6:5).

Satan intervened and broke God's chosen ones away from prayer worship while in Egypt's bondage, but God brought deliverance to them and gave them His holy Sabbath Day through Moses, who was given God's Law, written on stone by His own finger, including His command to keep His holy day (Ex. 20:8).

Throughout the Old Testament, God's blessing was upon all who obeyed His Commandment to keep His day holy (Lev. 26:2-13), and His curse was upon all who broke this commandment (Lev. 26:14-39).

Jesus came into the world declaring that not a jot or tittle of the law would pass until all was fulfilled, and that He didn't come to destroy the Law but to fulfill it. He fulfilled the ceremonial laws—all sacrifices for sins ending when He was nailed to the Cross—but the law of the Ten Commandments was declared by Him to

be necessary for salvation: He must be the only God and His name honored, and His Sabbath must be honored and kept; and man must not steal, lie, commit adultery nor covet. Men must honor their parents. These ten moral rules toward God and man will stand for time and eternity.

Jesus, Paul, the apostles, the disciples of Christ, all observed the Sabbath day. Not only the Jews but the Gentiles were observing the Sabbath long after Christ's ascension (Acts 13:42-44). In fact, Paul was called to preach to the Gentiles and they were all Sabbathkeepers when they were converted. Paul didn't have one message for the Jews and another message for the Gentiles. They were all in Christ—all were Sabbathkeepers.

John was in the Spirit on the Lord's day (Rev. 1:10)—the day of which Jesus said He was Lord (Mark 2:28; Luke 6:5). Don't let any man fool you, for "Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus" (Rev. 14:12). The dragon will be wroth with the church and "make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus Christ" (Rev. 12:17).

"Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in

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KEEPING POSTED

Adventist Leader Visits Eastern Europe Officials

The Seventh-day Adventist world director of temperance and better living, E. H. J. Steed, has just completed a tour of Eastern Europe. He contacted government and professional people who are working against intemperance in Yugoslavia, Bulgaria, Rumania, Hungary, Czechoslovakia, and Poland.

Steed found many of the countries emphasize healthful living, placing official blows against alcohol, tobacco, and gambling.

"The leaders insisted that such patterns of living really are contradictory to the West's ideal of freedom," Steed noted.

Protestant Membership Gains Are Minor In Spain

Contrary to what most expected, there has not been a surge of membership in non-Catholic churches in Spain since the religious liberty law was passed in 1967. A Baptist minister and secretary of the Evangelical Defense Commission commented on the matter.

Reverend Jose Cardona attributed the lack of Protestant gains to a tremendous crisis of faith which the world is now suffering. Cardona did

call the law a remarkable change for Spain. He noted that the Spanish government is taking pains to adapt to the reforms laid down by the Second Vatican Council in connection with religious liberty.

Bill Would Charge Churches For Police and Fire Protection

A bill has been proposed in Pennsylvania which would levy a public safety service charge on organizations currently tax-exempt. The proposal was brought to the Pennsylvania House of Representatives by the State House Committee on Real Estate Tax Administration and Assessments. Under the proposal, churches could be assessed for police and fire protection.

Writer Sees Dim Future For Sunday Schools

Sunday Schools of the United Church of Canada are dying. At the present rate of decline few of them can continue for more than five years, according to an article in the *United Church Observer*.

Editor James Taylor says that willing teachers are harder to find. Children are less interested.

Sunday School enrollment in the

denomination declined by 12 per cent last year, compared to 8 per cent in 1968 and 6 per cent in 1966.

The article also reports declines in Sunday School enrollments of other Canadian churches. In 10 years the Anglican Church of Canada has lost more than 100,000 in Sunday School enrollments.

The article states that only the most enthusiastically dedicated groups, such as Pentecostals, continue to succeed with Sunday Schools. They often do so, the article said, by offering contests, prizes, and gimmicks.

Adventist Island School Is Gradually Sinking

A Seventh-day Adventist school is literally "going under." The island of learning, located at the tip of Adventist world system of parochial education, is now barely afloat on Lake Titicaca in Peru.

The Uro Indians have for centuries lived on the lake in reed huts on reed islands they build themselves. Transportation is available via canoe-like boats made of bundles of the same reeds.

In 1962, Adventists built a one-room school of corrugated sheet metal and floated it on empty oil drums near Uro island clusters. It was the first chance for education Uro children ever had.

Now comes the word that the famous floating school on Lake Titicaca will sink—unless help comes fast.

"After eight years of use the oil drums are rusting away," writes missionary Wellesley Muir.

Visitors to the school are welcome, and tourists visit nearly every day. An article about the school is due to appear in the *National Geographic*

in early 1971. Author Luis Marden visited and photographed the island school while compiling his story on the world's largest high lake.

The mission does not have the \$2,000 necessary to make repairs and save the school. "It's just sinking into the slime and mud," Muir writes. "It's a sad sight. We hope somebody will come to our rescue."

Cut That Out!

A bill to be introduced in the Indiana Legislature during the session which began this month would prohibit barber shops from opening on Sundays. However, Bill Church, writing in the *Muncie Star*, reports that, contrary to popular belief, the state does not make Sunday hunting illegal. So ... why not hunt rabbits rather than barbers?

Blue Law Crackdown

Nashville, Tenn. police arrested 15 merchants for keeping their stores open in violation of a controversial Sunday closing law. H. O. Kemp, Metro chief of police, said a crackdown would continue through Christmas.

"It's the law and we intend to enforce it," the chief said.

Efforts to repeal the law have failed in the Metro Council in recent years.

The arrests were made by a team of seven officers in plain clothes.

In Memphis, meanwhile, many stores that had not been open on Sunday before took a cue from the city council and opened their doors. The council last week repealed the city's Sunday sales law.

Mayor Henry Loeb said he was
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What Others Say

W. A. BOND

Frequently the views of those who honor God's Sabbath have been expressed in this paper. Perhaps it is time to quote the views of Sunday keepers who have some favorable views on this, too.

In a Baptist seminary we used as a textbook, *Systematic Theology* by A. H. Strong, published by the Judson Press. On page 408 we read, "The Sabbath is of perpetual obligation as God's appointed memorial of His creating activity. The Sabbath requisition antedates the decalogue and forms a part of the moral law. Made at the creation, it applies to man as man, everywhere and always, in his present state of being."

Then, farther down in fine print, we read, "The Sabbath is recognized in Assyrian accounts of the Creation; see Trans. Soc. Bib. Arch., 5:527, 428; Schrader. *Kelinschriften*, ed. 1883; 18-22. Professor Sayce: 'Seven was a sacred number descended to the Semites from their Accadian predecessors. Seven by seven had the magic knots to be tied by the witch; seven times had the body of the sick man to be anointed by the purifying oil. As the Sabbath of rest fell on each seventh day of the week, so the planets, like the demon-messengers of Anu, were seven in number, and the gods if the number seven received a particular honor.' *But now the discovery of a calendar tablet in Mesopotamia shows us the week of seven days and the Sabbath in full sway in ancient Babylon long before the days*

of Moses. In this tablet the seventh, the fourteenth, the twenty-first and the twenty-eighth days are called Sabbaths, the very word used by Moses, and following it are the words: 'A day of rest.' The restrictions are quite as rigid in this tablet as those in the law of Moses. This institution must have gone back to the Accadian period, before the days of Abraham. In one of the recent discoveries this day is called "the day of rest for the heart," but of the gods, on account of the propitiation offered on that day, their heart being put at rest. See Jastrow, in *Am. Jour. Theol.*, April, 1898."

Then, on page 409, Strong also says, "Neither our Lord nor his apostles abrogated the Sabbath of the decalogue. The new dispensation does away with the Mosaic prescriptions as to the method of keeping the Sabbath, but at the same time declares its observance to be of divine origin and to be a necessity of human nature."

"Not everything in the Mosaic law is abrogated in Christ. Worship and reverence, regard for life and purity and property, are binding still. Christ did not nail to his cross every commandment of the decalogue. Jesus does not defend himself from the charge of Sabbath-breaking by saying that the Sabbath is abrogated, but by asserting the true idea of the Sabbath as fulfilling a fundamental human need."

—*The Vision*

HOW GOD REVEALED HIS SABBATH TO ME

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I met a precious child of God, 72 years of age. He just had been saved for a short time; he had been a Catholic all his life. He also received the Holy Spirit. God began to bless and lead him by His Spirit and really worked real miracles through him. When the Lord spoke to him to do something or to go any place, he was up about his Father's business.

It was Saturday of Roman time when the Lord spoke to him to go to Second and Washington Streets as quickly as he could get there. Not knowing why he was going, to his surprise when he arrived he saw a huge crowd gathered; even the police cars were parked and everything was very quiet. He was wondering what it was all about, and the Lord spoke to him to push his way into the huge crowd. When he did, a very mysterious man with a Bible under his arm met him; and he said, "Oh yes, you are the one I am waiting for. I have a message for you," and he began to tell him of things that had happened and about places he had been. He told him also some things about me and my calling from the Lord, how I had been led to a certain place by the Lord. He called me by my name, Ruth.

The brother asked him where he was from, and he said, "I am from Heaven, I will go back the way I came," and he quoted the first verse of Ecclesiastes 11: "Cast thy bread upon the waters: for thou shalt find it after many days." Then he gave him a message for me and said, "You take this message to Ruth before the

sun goes down this Sabbath evening." Then the heavenly messenger vanished from view, and those who stood by saw him vanish and asked the brother where he went, and he said "All I know is that he is gone." Then he came and told me what had happened and gave me this testimony and witness from heaven on the Sabbath from a heavenly messenger.

So I am rooted and grounded on the Sabbath truth. I know it is one of God's Holy Covenants for a holy people who love the truth of all of God's Word.

He himself kept the Sabbath while on earth (Luke 4). Paul and the other apostles and prophets kept it and taught it (Acts 16:13).

I have given in brief some of my personal experience and testimony to say God's Word is right. Romans 3:4: "Yea, let God be true, but every man a liar." The ones who changed God's seventh-day Sabbath to Sunday, the first day of the week, and said it is God's Sabbath or the Lord's day of rest are liars.

God's Word is right, His plan is right; He is truth and in Him is no lie, He is perfect, He is just, he is righteous, He is holy.

I have written this true experience that God may get glory to His Name and to His Word of truth. This is part of my true personal testimony or witness of the true way the Sabbath began to be revealed to me, that it may bless and help those who love God's truth more than error.

If we desire the truth, God will reveal it—the relation of Christ to his law (Matt. 5:17-19)

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WHAT GOD BLESSES, NONE CAN REVERSE

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through the gates into the city," Jesus said (Rev. 22:14). Man has desecrated and cast aside God's holy Sabbath, which He "BLESSED" at Creation, and "made for man" (mankind). This is an affront to the Commandment of God and will be faced at the judgment bar of God, for we read in Number 23:19, 20: "God is not a man, that he should lie; neither the son of man, that he should repent: hath he said, and shall he not do it? or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good? Behold, I have received commandment to bless: and he hath blessed, and I cannot reverse it"

(Num. 23:19, 20). God told Balaam, "Thou shalt not go with them; thou shalt not curse the people: for they are blessed."

When God blesses a thing, "IT IS BLESSED." He BLESSED the SEVENTH DAY of the week. No man can change His blessing. It can't be REVERSED!

God didn't tell me to make you take this gospel truth of His holy Sabbath Day. He told me to GO and PROCLAIM it. The message was mine —now it is yours. What will you do with it? You can't reverse His blessing. Will you just remember His Sabbath or will you "KEEP IT HOLY?"

The choice is yours.

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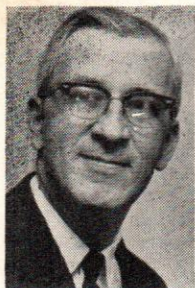
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A Note
from
the Editor

Keep It Simple

MARK TWAIN (Samuel Clemens) is said, as he left one of the few church services he ever attended, to have greeted a minister with the words, "That was a good sermon, parson, but I have a book at home that contains every word of it."

The minister was surprised and puzzled. "Really, Mr. Clemens?" he asked. "I'd certainly like to see that book."

"I'll be glad to send you a copy as a gift," the author replied.

A few days later the minister received a package from his visitor of the previous Sunday. He hurriedly opened it to find a dictionary.

It seems there is a lesson in this story for many today who seek to make the simple gospel of salvation something complicated and incomprehensible to all but the intellectual elite.

It is correct to define a kiss as "an anatomical juxtaposition of two orbicularis oris muscles in a state of contraction," but that really does not tell anyone anything. It is likewise possible to define *sin* as "deviation from a . . . standard . . . authorita-

tively set . . . with a demand to conform to it . . . [or from] an ideal perceived by the moral sense," as one prominent Bible dictionary attempts to do. It seems better, however, to use the simple but clear definition given in the Scriptures: "sin is the transgression of the law" (1 John 3:4).

The message which is to be given to the world today is simple, and most people with normal intelligence should be able to comprehend its import.

1. God, who created all things, has set a standard for man.
2. Man has sinned—transgressed that law or standard.
3. Christ offered Himself as an offering for man's sins after living a perfect life of obedience to the Law.
4. He offers life to all who will accept Him and power to enable them to fulfill, the requirements of the Law.
5. He is coming again to reward those who have accepted Him and allowed Him to save them from sin.

It seems that some Sabbathkeeping people are aiming too high with their message—they are aiming at the heads (or could it be above the heads) of those whom they seek to win, when they should be aiming at men's hearts. If a man's heart is won to Christ, his head will follow.

One of the most memorable sermons I ever heard was by a man who could have preached over anyone's head for he was a retired college professor. But his sermon was a simple testimony of what the Saviour had done for Him. He ended it with the song:

"Only a sinner, saved by grace.
This is my story. To God be the glory.
I'm only a sinner, saved by grace."

May God help us never to forget that we do not have to supply the wisdom to present His truths—He has promised to give us that. All we must do is to apply ourselves to His service.

KEEPING POSTED

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not happy with the council's action, but added he would not veto it.

Sabbath Disagreement Confronts Israeli Army

One of the biggest problems the Israeli army has to overcome is religious bickering in its own ranks. Young orthodox Jews, known in Hebrew as "Dati'im," serve alongside men of little or no religious belief.

Officially, the army adheres strictly to ancient Jewish law, while providing for non-practicing Jews. The escape clause is *pikuah nefesh*, a law exempting a Jew from religious custom which may endanger his life or well being. The law forbidding Sabbath work may be circumvented by invoking *pikuah nefesh* to drive an ambulance, shoot a gun, dig a trench, or turn on headlights.

The Dati'im complain that they cannot observe the orthodox law as they should, but concede that tradition must give way to security. At the same time, the nonworshipping soldiers grumble about restrictive religious regulations.

The restriction against work on the Sabbath generally forbids lighting fires, handling money, turning electricity on or off, or driving a vehicle. Thus, army canteens are closed, smoking forbidden in the common rooms

of the camp, and no hot meals are served.

In the middle of this conflict is Brig. Gen. Shlomo Goren, chief military rabbi. It is his duty to apply the dictates of the Bible, Talmud and Mishne—the books of Jewish law and its interpretations—to a modern army.

Goren has taken a bold approach to this task. He recently ruled that radios in camp day rooms may be played on the Sabbath. Record players and television, however, are still taboo on Sabbath. While these rules are irritating to nonpracticing soldiers, they are the bare minimum for the Dati'im.

In every camp a soldier or officer is authorized to see that religious regulations are followed and to preserve the sanctity of the Sabbath. He is empowered to report offenders. Penalties for violaters can be as severe as a stockade sentence of up to 30 days.

One soldier on the Jordanian front was due to receive such a sentence for lighting a gas stove in a field kitchen on the Sabbath.

"I wasn't interfering with their Dati'im rights," he complained. "All I wanted was a hot meal before I go on guard duty. They don't have to eat it."

The Dati'im claim that even such a minor offense destroys the atmosphere of holiness and respect due the Sabbath.

We thank Sarah Craig and Mari-beth Hunter for sending in items.

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

Sabbath Test

Three years ago the state of Alaska passed a law that all who are past 70 years old would have to take written and driving tests before they could get drivers' licenses renewed.

The state trooper gives these tests only on Friday from 1 to six o'clock. Now the sunset was before 4 o'clock, and this was Friday the 13th; I'm not exactly superstitious, but before that day ended I had begun to wonder. Everything went wrong and when I got to the station, I had to wait in the cold for nearly two hours. There was no heat in the station, so we got colder.

Realizing the day was fleeting, I didn't take time to study those questions as I should have done. I checked the wrong ones and failed that test. The trooper said, "I can give you another test in four hours."

I hesitated and said the sun will be down before four, and I must be home by that time, since we keep the seventh-day Sabbath from sundown today until the sun sets tomorrow. I asked about the next Friday, and he said "That will be all right."

Friday the 20th we waited again over an hour and he gave out papers

to almost everyone else before me. This time I missed three. He looked up from the paper and said, "You made it," and smiled.

I just knew we would never have time for the driving test. So when he asked, I started to inquire if we could do this another day. The smile again came to his face and he said, "Oh, I remember, you are the lady who has to be home before sundown; we'll do it right away."

To my surprise he folded the papers away, and left half a dozen people waiting while we went for the driving test. When we got back, he made out my driving permit, and all those people were still waiting.

I would have missed a chance to testify if I had taken the test as he suggested four hours later. How glad I am that I didn't take that test.

I do give Him the glory, praise, and thanks for the Sabbath. Hallelu-yah!—Joyce Kirkpatrick.

IT'S IN MY NOTEBOOK

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through repetition and memorization. What a heritage is this!

For years I too had the habit of note taking on sermons, books, and

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magazines; and it is partly a good habit. However, to keep it there and never use it is of no value.

I like the analogy of a car and spiritual life. The gas is the Word, the Holy Spirit the oil, the key of faith sets the Word afire, turning over the engine and giving it go-power! The antenna is prayer reaching up to tune in on Yahweh, to hear the Good News of the Kingdom amidst all the bad news around, while the windshield wipers clear the vision so we know where we are going. Without vision we perish!

Let us then "be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving [our] own selves" (James 1:22).

Can Two Walk Together?

Jim Mitchell writes from Thailand:

A terrible bellowing, roaring and shouting suddenly shattered the quiet morning air. I hurried outside to see what was the cause of all the uproar.

Down the dusty lane which is our street there rolled a cloud of billowing dust. Our neighbor's corral was the scene of all the noise: two bulls were fighting. They snorted, bellowed and charged at each other, as one struggled for mastery over the other.

Strangest of all, the owner was urging them on in the fight, whacking first one and then the other whenever it seemed that the bulls would stop fighting.

I was amazed. "Why don't you stop them from fighting instead of encouraging them?"

"Well," replied the owner. "I have just bought them and I can't use them as a team to pull my ox cart

until they have fought out which of the two is going to be boss. One bull must give in to the other once and for all. Then I can use them to pull my cart. If I harnessed them together before they fought it out one would go one way and one would go the other way, and I would go in circles."

As I walked back to the house these words came to my mind: "Can two walk together except they be agreed?" (Amos 3:3).

Whether in the realm of bull fights, human relationships or our walk with the Lord Jesus, agreement and submission are needed before progress can be made.

—*Thrust*,

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