

THIRTY-FIVE REASONS WHY I KEEP

THE BIBLE SABBATH



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“A world without a Sabbath would be like a man without a smile, like a summer without flowers, and like a homestead without a garden. It is the joyous day of the whole week.”

—Henry Ward Beecher

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FOREWORD

Having read these pages of “The Bible Sabbath,” I am happy to write this foreword. The subject of Sabbath is vital to the Christian, for he whose sins has been forgiven through the grace of Jesus Christ, can enter into the rest of God. “The wicked... cannot rest,” declares the prophet Isaiah, while Jesus cried without stretched arms, “Come unto me, . . .and I will give you rest.” This is the eternal purpose of the gospel. And yet there are many who, loving the Lord, are confused on this great question.

I feel Robert Correia has made a splendid contribution to this great subject. The arguments he has presented from the word of God are clear and irrefutable, while the many quotations from history reveal a deep research. My personal esteem for the writer has urged me to a careful examination of this presentation of the Sabbath question. Now as it goes forth on its mission, it is with the prayer that He whose mighty Word speak again through the truth and by His Spirit and banish the darkness of ignorance and reveal His finished Creation in the hearts of those who read.

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INTRODUCTION

“Come now, and let us reason together.” Is. 1:18. In our investigation of the true Bible Sabbath, our appeal is not made to great logic, judicial powers, or profound discernment, but to reason. In all sincerity this seems the best way, the Bible way, and the only fair way of dealing with this important subject. In the words of the Bible we repeat: “let us REASON together.”

Since the Bible and the Bible only is the Christian’s guide; since “all Scripture . . . is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: that the man of God may be perfect, THOROUGHLY FURNISHED unto ALL good works” (2 Tim. 3:16, 17); since God’s holy Word is the Truth, the whole Truth, and nothing but the Truth (John 17:17); surely it does reveal the Truth concerning the true Bible Sabbath. Therefore we appeal to the Bible as the standard of our inquiry. The Holy Scriptures will be the rule of judgment, the court of appeal in our investigation of the true Bible Sabbath.

THIRTY-FIVE REASONS WHY I KEEP THE BIBLE SABBATH

1. I keep the Bible Sabbath because God Himself kept the Bible Sabbath.

God made a sufficient proof of His regard for the true Sabbath by resting the very first seventh day that ever came to this earth:

Since:

God rested on the seventh day. Gen. 2:2.
God rested on the seventh day. Ex. 31:17.
God rested the seventh day. Ex. 20:11.
God did rest the seventh day. Heb. 4:4.

Whereas:

The seventh day is the Sabbath. Ex. 20:10.
The seventh day is the Sabbath. Lev. 23:3.
The seventh day is the Sabbath. Deut. 5:14.
The seventh (day) is the Sabbath. Ex. 31:15.
The seventh, which is the Sabbath. Ex. 16:26

Therefore:

It is as plain as day the Bible teaches that God himself kept the seventh-day Sabbath.

My first reason for keeping the Bible Sabbath is sufficient in itself to settle the whole question now and forevermore,—God Himself kept the seventh-day Sabbath. That is conclusive evidence to substantiate and vindicate my keeping, your keeping, or any one else's keeping of the seventh-day Sabbath; for who could be wrong or even be accused of doing wrong when he follows the example of God Himself in keeping the very Sabbath day which God kept.

2. Because God instituted it at creation for man to keep.

“Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. And on the seventh day God ended his work which he had made; and he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had made. 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.” Gen. 2:1-3.

“For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the LORD BLESSED the Sabbath day, and HALLOWED it.” Ex. 20:11.

God BLESSED the seventh day. Gen.2:1-3.
 The Lord BLESSED the Sabbath day. Ex. 20:11.
 God SANCTIFIED the seventh day. Gen. 2:1-3.
 The Lord HALLOWED the Sabbath day. Ex.20:11

Please notice that God BLESSED and SANCTIFIED the seventh-day Sabbath at the end of creation. The blessing and sanctification show it was instituted at that time for man to keep.

“God BLESSED the seventh day.”Gen.2:1-3. God has said: “I change not” (Mal.3:6.), and in Him there “is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.” James 1:17. Consequently when God BLESSES anything, the blessing cannot be “REVERESED” (Num. 23:20), because when God BLESSED anything, it “shall be BLESSED FOREVER.” 1Chron. 17:27.

“God SANCTIFIED the seventh day.” Gen. 2:1-3; Ex. 20:8-11. According to Webster’s dictionary “sanctify” means “to set apart to holy use.” The Bible states: “God blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it: BECAUSE that in it He HAD rested” (showing the day had already past before He blessed and sanctified it;) therefore He blessed and sanctified the seventh days then future, answering to the seventh day which had just past on which He HAD rested.

The above evidence clearly demonstrates the fact that God Himself has attached the utmost importance to the seventh-day Sabbath by His personal blessing and sanctification, thereby definitely fixing the seventh day for all time as the only and true Sabbath.

God is the giver of rest, for He says to all, “Come unto me . . .and I will give you rest.” Matt. 11:28; Ex. 33:14. God knows which is the right day on which to rest, and He has given man the seventh-day Sabbath as a day of rest:

“The seventh day thou shalt rest.” Ex. 23:12.
 “The seventh day thou shalt rest.” Ex.34:21.
 “The seventh [day] is the Sabbath of rest.” Ex. 31:15.
 “The seventh day is the Sabbath of rest.” Lev.23:3.

God appointed the seventh day as a Sabbath to be the day of rest from secular work, because that in it He Himself had rested, not from weariness or fatigue Isa. 40:28. But He rested on that day as an example for all humanity. God's rest on the seventh day is the reason that man should do as God had done. Notice the following texts which prove that God rested on the seventh day:

God rested on the seventh day. Gen. 2:2.
 God rested on the seventh day. Ex. 31:17.
 God rested the seventh day. Ex. 20:11.
 God did rest the seventh day. Heb. 4:4.

No wonder in the New Testament after the cross the followers of Christ "RESTED the Sabbath day according to the commandment." Luke. 23:56. No wonder the book of Hebrews in the New Testament positively states "There remaineth therefore a REST (keeping the Sabbath) to the people of God.... Let us labour therefore to enter into that rest, lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief." Heb. 4:9, 11.

So we can see that the seventh-day Sabbath is not manmade but God-made. It is not only the oldest institution but also the first institution which God gave to man, it being older and as significant as the marriage institution. Since the setting apart of the seventh day as the Sabbath day was coincident with the ORIGIN of man, the observance of that seventh day as the Sabbath is to be coexistent and coextensive with the DURATION of man.

3. Because the Sabbath was made for man (mankind).

Jesus said: "The Sabbath was made for man," Mark 2:27. Man in this text means human being, mankind." (Cf. Webster) Matt. 4:4; John 1:9.

The Bible does NOT say: "The Sabbath was made for the JEWS." But it does say: "The Sabbath was made for man." Mark 2:27. It also says: The woman was made for the man. 1Cor.11:9.

How could the Sabbath be made for the Jew only when it was instituted at Creation (Gen. 2:1-3; Ex. 20:8-11) 2,500 years before a Jew existed? This was after the time of Judah, because a Jew is "a descendant of Judah," according to Young's Concordance.

Notice the Sabbath commandment itself. “Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. . .the seventh day is the Sabbath of the lord thy God [not Jew]; in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy man servant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor THY STRANGER that is within thy gates.” Ex. 20:8-10. Please tell us to whom THY STRANGER refers if it does not refer to some one who is not a Jew. God has taken the most scrupulous precautions against such an idea by writing into the fourth commandment the term THY STRANGER, who is not a Jew. Cf. Ex12:49; Num.15:16,29; Isa. 56:6-8.

Those who contend that the Sabbath was made ONLY for the Jew will, by the force of their own consistency, have to admit the woman was also made ONLY for the Jew and the Jew is the only man who can have a wife, because the woman was made for the same MAN for whom the Sabbath was made. The Sabbath was given about the same time marriage was given, and it applies to all man the same as marriage applies. So we can see plainly that the Sabbath is no more exclusively for the Jew than is the marriage institution. The Sabbath is not man-made but God-made, and it was made for all men in all the world for all time.

“Twas set apart before the fall,
 ‘Twas made for man, ‘twas made for all.”
 —R.F. Cottrell.

4. Because God commanded man to keep the Sabbath.

Notice how many times the Bible repeats God’s command for man to keep the Sabbath:

“Remember the Sabbath day, to KEEP it holy.” Ex. 20:8.
 “Verily my Sabbath ye shall KEEP.” Ex. 31:13.
 “Ye shall KEEP my Sabbath.” Lev. 19:30.
 “Ye shall KEEP my Sabbath.” Lev.26:2.
 “KEEP the Sabbath day.” Deut. 5:12
 “KEEP my Sabbath.” Lev. 19:3.

What stronger language could be used? The Sabbath which most men are forgetting, that very Sabbath, God says to “Remember.”

God knew that man would forget His Sabbath. No wonder the fourth commandment, which deals with the Sabbath, is the only one of all God's holy Ten Commandments which begins with **"REMEMBER"**

"Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labour, 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." Ex.20:8-10.

5. Because God commands man to keep not A day but THE SEVENTH DAY.

God does not say in His commandment that man is to keep A seventh day, or any seventh day, or YOUR seventh day. Nor did God say to keep the day of Christ's birth. Or the day of Christ's death, or the day of Christ's resurrection. The ONLY weekly day which God or the Bible definitely and distinctly COMMANDED should be kept is "THE SEVENTH DAY which IS THE SABBATH OF THE LORD THY GOD." Ex. 20:10. How grandly simple the Bible makes this in the following texts:

"THE SEVENTH DAY God ended his work. Gen. 2:1-3.

"THE SEVENTH DAY God rested. Gen. 2:1-3.

"THE SEVENTH DAY God blessed. Gen. 2:1-3.

"THE SEVENTH DAY God sanctified. Gen. 2:1-3.

"THE SEVENTH DAY God had rested. Gen. 2:1-3.

"THE SEVENTH DAY God told us to remember. Ex. 20:8.

"THE SEVENTH DAY God made the Sabbath day. Ex. 20:8.

"THE SEVENTH DAY God made holy. Ex. 20:8; Isa. 58:13.

"THE SEVENTH DAY God told us to refrain from work. Ex.20:10.

"THE SEVENTH DAY God made His Sabbath. Ex. 20:10

"THE SEVENTH DAY God rested. Ex. 20:11.

"THE SEVENTH DAY God blessed. Ex. 20:11.

"THE SEVENTH DAY God hallowed. Ex. 20:11.

As there is only one day of American Independence, only one right day to celebrate the fourth of July, so THE SEVENTH DAY is the ONLY RIGHT SABBATH DAY for man to keep. Therefore every seventh day Sabbath should be underscored with red because it is God's red-letter day of week— "Day of all week the best!"

6. Because the seventh day Sabbath is the LORDS DAY.

All through the Bible we are repeatedly told that the Lord has a definite and special day. The Lord's regard for the Lord's day is stressed in terms of possession. For example, as I would say of my hat: "Correia's hat of Correia, or my hat;" so the Lord shows His possessions of His day by calling it: "The Lord's day, day of the Lord, or My day." Notice the following texts:

"The **Lord's day.**" Rev. 1:10.

"**Lord** even of the Sabbath **day.**" Matt. 12:8.

"**Lord** also of the Sabbath." Mark 2:28; Luke 6:5.

"My holy **day.**" Is. 58:13; Neh. 9:14; Ex. 31:15; Lev. 19:3, 30.

"The seventh **day** is the Sabbath of the **Lord.**" Ex. 20:10.

"The seventh **day.** . . is the Sabbath of the **Lord.**" Deut. 5:14, Lev. 23:3.

Who can doubt the plain statement of the Holy Bible when it gives all there Scriptural witnesses to testify that the seventh day Sabbath is the Lord's day?

7. Because the Sabbath is the SIGN between God and His people forever.

As every article has its particular brand or trade-mark to establish its genuineness, as every policeman has a badge to vindicate his authority, as every official has his seal to ascertain his identification and power, so God has a visible mark or sign between Him and His people that forever distinguishes them. The Bible Plainly states what this sign is:

"I gave them my Sabbaths, to be a sign between me and them." Eze. 20:12

"Hallow my SABBATHS; and they shall be a SIGN between Me and you." Eze. 20:20

"My SABBATHS ye shall keep: for it is a sign between Me and you." Ex. 31:13

"It is a SIGN between Me and the children of Israel FOREVER." Ex. 31:17

8. Because the Sabbath is God's flag.

God has a Flag:

I (God) will set up My **ensign**, Isa. 49:22 R.V.

A Flag is a sign:

“They set up their **ensigns for signs**” Ps. 74:4

God’s sign is His Sabbath:

“I gave them My Sabbaths, to be a **SIGN.**” Exe. 20:12, 20

“It [my Sabbath] is a **SIGN.**” Ex. 31:13

“It [my Sabbath] is a **SIGN....forever.**” Ex. 31:17

Since God has a flag Isa. 49:22 R.V.

And a flag is a sign Ps. 74:4

And God’s sign is His Sabbath Eze. 20:12, 20

Therefore God’s FLAG IS HIS SABBATH....Things equal to the same
things are equal to each other.

God took of the fabric of time and made Himself an ensign for eternity. He made a unit of time by the rolling of a globe, and He called that unit day. He took a handful of days, seven, and made them a week. And of that week He took the last day, the seventh, and made it the Sabbath. That Sabbath is His sign, His emblem, His FLAG.

A flag is more than a mere piece of cloth. It is a special piece of cloth consecrated to the definite purpose of signifying all that a government is and has. So is the Sabbath. It is more than merely a day. It is a special day. Like the cloth in a flag it is a piece of time that has a special significance, being consecrated by God Himself to represent the government of God with all its power, purpose, and privilege. The Sabbath, therefore, is as different from any other day as the flag is different from any piece of cloth.

Since the Sabbath is the flag of God’s Kingdom and I am a subject of God’s Kingdom, I want to see the HOME FLAG flutter because it speaks of the homeland. Just as Old Glory has gathered people out of all nations to America and it is a sign of America, so God’s flag reminds us that we are strangers and pilgrims in a foreign land (Heb. 11:13), that our home is far away upon a golden strand.

The Sabbath is God’s flag all the way from Paradise Lost to Paradise Regained and under it will finally rally the faithful who will be gathered from earth’s remotest bounds. Isa. 11:12

Since no flag could take the place of Old Glory to the true American; so no other day could take the place of God's seventh-day Sabbath to the true Christian. Any flag won't do; neither will any day do. It is nothing short of high treason to disrespect God's flag. Men have too long scuffed God's Old Glory under their feet. It is high time to rally round the flag of God and let it wave as our standard forever. At any cost, we must be as loyal to and true to God's flag as Barbara Frietchie was to the Stars and Stripes when she stated;

"Shoot, if you must, this old gray head
But spare your country's flag, she said."

9. Because God brought Israel out of Egypt in order to preserve His Sabbath, a parallel to the final redemption of mankind.

When Moses endeavored to persuade Israel in Egypt to keep the Sabbath, Pharaoh made a law against it. Ex. 5:5-9

Therefore God took Israel out of Egypt to keep the Sabbath:

"Keep the Sabbath day to sanctify it... the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God; in it thou shalt not do any work... And REMEMBER that thou wast a servant in the land of EGYPT, and that the Lord thy God brought thee 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 cf. Ps. 105:43-45

We have every assurance that the Sabbath will play a prominent part in the final redemption of mankind in a manner that will be similar to and parallel to the Exodus. Notice the unmistakable evidence from the Bible.

"And in THAT DAY there shall be a root of Jesse, which shall stand for an ENSIGN [cf. No. 8] of the people; to it shall the Gentiles seek: and His REST [cf. Ex. 16:23; Heb. 4:9 margin] shall be glorious. And it shall come to pass in THAT DAY, that the Lord shall set His hand again the SECOND TIME TO RECOVER THE REMNANT OF HIS PEOPLE [first time at the Exodus, Deut. 5:12-15].... And he shall set up an ENSIGN [cf. No. 8] for the nations, and shall assemble the outcast of Israel and gather together the dispersed of Judah from the four corners of the earth." Isa. 11:10-12

10. Because at least 15 days before Sinai God reproved His people for not keeping the seventh-day Sabbath. Ex. 16:1; 19:1

Since so many falsely believe that the Sabbath command did not exist before Sinai, this reason and proof is of profound significance to the sincere seeker of Bible Truth. Notice the Bible evidence which shows the Sabbath command existed before Sinai:

“How long refuse ye to **keep** My COMMANDMENTS AND MY LAWS?... For the Lord hath given you the SABBATH.” Ex. 16:28, 29; cf. verse 4.

“This is that which the Lord hath said, Tomorrow is THE REST OF THE HOLY SABBATH.” Ex. 16:23

This Scriptural evidence showing the Sabbath commandment was in existence before Sinai is highly creditable, open, above-board, and explicit. Notice the following lessons God taught His people there that day concerning the Sabbath:

1. What day it is Ex. 16:26
2. What it is Ex. 16:23
3. How to prepare for it Ex. 16:23, 26
4. How it should be kept Ex. 16:30
5. With what it is associated Ex. 16:28
6. Who gave it to man Ex. 16:29

11. Because the TEN COMMANDMENT LAW which contains the Sabbath commandment will stand FOREVER AND EVER.

“The works of His hands are verity and judgment; all His COMMANDMENTS are sure. They STAND FAST FOREVER AND EVER.” Ps. 111:7, 8; cf. 119:152

To prove that “His commandments” in this quotation refer to the Ten Commandment Law which contains the Sabbath, we call to your attention the expression “**works of His HANDS**”. The only commandments which were the works of God’s hands and in fact the only thing that God ever wrote with His own hands according to the Bible, are the TEN COMMANDMENTS. Notice the following text:

“He [God] 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; cf. Ex 31:18; 34:1

12. Because God would NOT CHANGE HIS LAW and He forbade man to change it.

God would not change it:

“And the Lord SPAKE unto you.... His covenant, which He commanded you to perform, even TEN COMMANDMENTS.” “My covenant WILL I NOT BREAK, NOR ALTER THE THING that is gone out of my lips.” Deut. 4:12, 13; Ps. 89:34

God forbade man to change it:

“Ye SHALL NOT ADD unto the word which I COMMANDED you, neither shall ye DIMINISH ought from it, that ye may keep the COMMANDMENTS of the Lord.” Deut. 4:2; cf. 12:32

Christ taught that the Law remained unchanged:

“Do not for a moment suppose that I have come to ANNUL THE LAW.... In truth I tell you that until heaven and earth pass away, NOT THE SMALLEST LETTER, **not a PARTICLE shall pass away from the Law** until all has taken place.” Matt. 5:17, 18 Weymouth.

Paul, James, and John taught the Law remained unchanged:

“Do we then make void the law through faith? God forbid: yea we EXTABLISH THE LAW.” “The DOOERS OF THE LAW shall be justified.” Rom. 3:31; 2:13

“If ye fulfill the royal law....YE DO WELL.... For whosoever shall keep the WHOLE LAW, and yet offend in ONE POINT, he is guilty of all.” James 2:8-12; cf. 1John 2:4-6, 5:3

13. Because he that attempts to CHANGE GOD’S LAW which contains the Sabbath commandment is AGAINST GOD.

For any one to attempt to change God’s Holy Law, it would seem to the true Christian like the touch of a profane hand upon the ark of God. Through all the history of the world God has maintained the **laissez faire** theory in regard to His law— “Let well enough alone.” In spite of this, fools rush in where angels fear to tread, and man has attempted to change God’s law; notice what the Bible states concerning this **lese majeste** (high treason):

“And he shall speak great words AGAINST THE MOST HIGH, and Think to CHANGE TIMES AND LAWS,” Dan. 7:25. “The earth also is defiled under the inhabitants thereof; because they have transgressed the LAWS, CHANGED the ordinance, BROKEN the everlasting [Ex. 31:16] covenant.” Isa. 24:5; cf. Zeph. 3:1-4; Eze. 22:26.

14. Because God is AGAINST those who are AGAINST His Law which contains the Sabbath commandment.

“Therefore as the fire devoureth the stubble.... So their root shall be as rottenness...because they have CAST AWAY THE LAW OF THE LORD.” Isa. 5:24

“Whosoever therefore shall break ONE of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called LEAST in the Kingdom of heaven.” Matt. 5:19

“He that turneth away his ear from hearing the LAW, even his PRAYER SHALL BE ABOMINATION.” Prov. 28:9; cf. Hos. 4:6; Isa. 30:9; Jer. 6:19

15. Because the law which contains the Sabbath contains the same great eternal qualities of God Himself.

The CLOSE RELATIONSHIP existing between God and His law is demonstrated below to a mathematical nicety:

GOD IS:	HIS LAW IS:
Righteous, Ps. 145:17	Righteous, Ps. 119:172
Love, 1John 4:8, 16	Based on Love, Matt. 22:36-40
Holy, Lev. 11:44	Holy, Rom. 7:12
Spirit, John 4:24	Spiritual, Rom. 7:14
Perfect, Matt. 5:48	Perfect, Ps. 19:7; James 1:25
God of truth, Ps. 31:5	Truth, Mal. 2:6
God of peace, Rom. 16:20	Peace through, Ps. 119:165; Isa. 48:18
Unchangeable, Ps. 111:7, 8	Unchangeable, Ps. 89:34-37; Matt. 5:17-19

God’s law manifests His qualities to such an extent that He Himself identifies Himself with His law by calling it the ROYAL LAW. James 2:8-12.

16. Because the Law which contains the Sabbath IS THE STANDARD by which TRUE AND FALSE religions are determined.

TO THE LAW and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because THERE IS NO LIGHT IN THEM.” Isa 8:20

17. Because the law which contains the Sabbath will be THE STANDARD by which God’s final JUDGMENT will be made.

It is a cold fact; nevertheless it is as true as the needle is to the pole that God’s law which contains His Sabbath will be

the standard of His judgment. Notice the following Biblical evidence:

“JUDGED BY THE LAW.” Rom. 2:12

“JUDGED BY THE LAW.” James 2:8-13; cf. Eccl. 12:12, 13

18. Because the LAW OF GOD IN THE Scriptures is very carefully distinguished from the LAW OF MOSES; which expired at the cross.

God spoke the Ten Commandment Law with His OWN voice and wrote it with His OWN finger upon tables of stone (Deut. 4:12, 13); therefore there is no excuse for any one, be he priest, preacher, or prelate, to be so misinformed as to say that Moses gave and wrote the Ten Commandment Law.

The Law of Moses is as carefully separated from the LAW OF GOD in the Holy Bible as the north pole is from the south pole, I have taken the time to trace through the entire Bible from beginning to end, from Genesis to Revelation, and I have found scores of passages that mention these two laws, but never are they confused. On the contrary the Bible carefully, clearly, and plainly distinguishes between the LAW OF GOD and the LAW OF MOSES, showing they are two separate and distinct laws. When the Bible separates these two laws, it is a good policy for man to do the same.

What constitution is to the United States, so God’s holy Ten Commandment Law is to His government. America may make covenants, codes, ordinances, and statutes, but never should she repeal or change the Constitution which is her basic law. The Law of Moses likewise contained codes, contracts, pledges, ordinances, and rites which were given and taken away, but not God’s holy basic Ten Commandment Law. It never was, is, or will be changed or repealed. How could God repeal such commandments as: “Thou shalt not steal, murder, kill, etc?” Right in the very heart of such basic commandments is found the seventh-day Sabbath commandment. No wonder the Bible says:

“UNTIL HEAVEN AND EARTH PASS AWAY, NOT THE SMALLEST LETTER, FOR PARTICLE SHALL PASS AWAY FROM THE LAW.” MATT. 5:18, WEYMOUTH.

That the LAW OF GOD is carefully separated from the LAW OF MOSES in the scriptures will be demonstrated beyond all possibility of contradiction in the following table:

Law Of God	Law Of Moses
Called Royal Law. James 2:8	Called Law contained in ordinances. Eph. 2:15
Spoken by God. Deut. 4:12	Spoken by Moses. Lev. 1:1-3
Written by God. Deut. 4:13	Handwriting of ordinances. Col. 2:14
Written by God's finger. Ex 31:18	Written by Moses. 2 Chron. 35:12
Written on tables of stone. Ex 24:12	Written in a book. 2 Chron. 35:12
Placed in ark. Ex 40:20	Placed on side of ark. Deut. 31:24-26
Is Perfect. Ps 19:7	Made nothing perfect. Heb 7:19
Stands fast forever and ever. Ps.111:7, 8	Nailed to cross. Col.2:14
Was not destroyed by Christ. Matt. 5:17-19	Was abolished by Christ. Eph.2:15
Magnified by Christ. Isa. 42:21	Taken out of way by Christ. Col.2:14
Gives knowledge of sin. Rom. 3:20, 7:7.	Instituted in consequence of sin. Lev. 4:7

19. Because the Patriarchs kept the Ten Commandment Law which contains the seventh-day Sabbath.

“Abraham...KEPT MY LAWS...and COMMANDMENTS.” Gen. 26:5; cf 4:3 margin.

Some seem to think the Ten Commandment Law or God's law was not in existence before the Sinai experience. The above text shows such an objection is not an explanation but merely an excuse--- a self-evident falsity. Such an opinion runs counter to facts. To those who question the existence of the TEN COMMANDMENTS in the PATRIARCHAL AGE we submit the following Scriptural evidence:

First commandment: Gen. 31:30; Joshua 24:2.

Second commandment: Gen 31:19; 35:4.

Third commandment: 2 Peter 2:7, 8

Fourth commandment: Gen. 2:1-3; 4:3 margin.

Fifth commandment: Gen. 9:20-25; 27:19, 24; 37:31-35

Sixth commandment: Gen. 4:8-13; 9:5, 6

Seventh commandment: Gen. 34:2; 38:18; 35:22; 39:7-10.

Eighth commandment: Gen. 30:33; 31:19; 44:8.

Ninth commandment: Gen. 27:19, 24; 50:15-17; 20:2-12.

Tenth commandment: Gen. 3:6; 37:11.

20. Because the Bible writers themselves by precept and example admonish the true Christian to Keep The Law.

ABRAHAM: "Kept My commandments." Gen. 26:5.
 MOSES: "Remember the Sabbath Day to keep it holy." Ex 20:8.
 NEHEMIAH: "Keep My commandments." Neh. 1:9; 9:13, 14
 JOB: "Receive the law." Job 22:22
 DAVID: "I shall keep Thy law." Ps. 119:34, 44, 55; 78:1.
 SOLOMON: "Whoso keepeth the law is a wise son." Prov. 28:7; 29:18.
 ISAIAH: "Blessed is the man...that keepeth the Sabbath." Isa. 56:2.
 EZEKIEL: "They shall keep My laws and...hallow My Sabbaths." Eze.44:24
 DANIEL: "Keep His commandments." Dan. 9:4.
 MATTHEW: "Keep the commandments. Matt. 19:17
 JOHN: "He that hath My commandments, and keepeth them, he...loveth Me." John.14:21. 2 John 1:6
 PAUL: "Keeping of the commandments." 1 Cor. 7:19; Rom. 3:31; 7:6,7.
 JAMES: "Keep the whole law." James 2:10.
 CHRIST'S CHURCH: "Keep the commandments." Rev.12:17; 14:12.
 PASSPORT INTO HAVEN: "Do His commandments." Rev. 22:14.
 ANGELS: "Angels...do His commandments." Ps. 103:20
 JESUS: "I have kept my Father's commandments." John 15:10.
 CHRIST SAID: "If you love Me, keep My commandments." John 14:15.
 "Keep the commandments." Matt. 19:17.

Please notice the sum and substance of the whole matter as stated by the Bible itself:

Conclusion:

"Let us hear the CONCLUSION of the whole matter: Fear God, and KEEP HIS COMMANDMENTS: for this is the WHOLE duty of man." Eccl. 12:13

21. Because the TEN COMMANDMENT LAW or LAW OF GOD, which contains the seventh-day Sabbath, is endorsed by the New Testament.

Some seem to think the New Testament does not endorse the Ten Commandments. Upon what grounds are such decisions based? The facts bear sufficient witness to prove beyond all reasonable doubt or question that the New Testament, as shown below, not only endorses the Ten Commandments, the fourth of which is the seventh-day Sabbath, but repeats many of them verbatim.

THE NEW TESTAMENT DECALOGUE

I

“Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and Him only shalt thou serve.” Matt. 4:10; 22:37.

II

“Little children, keep yourselves from idols.” “Forasmuch then as we are the offspring of God, we ought not think that the Godhead is like unto gold, or silver. Or stone, graven by art and man’s device.” 1 John 5:21; Acts 17:29; John 4:24.

III

“That the name of God and His doctrine be not blasphemed.” 1 Tim. 6:1; Matt. 5:33-37; James 5:12.

IV

“Pray ye that your flight be not in the winter, Neither On The Sabbath Day.” “The Sabbath was made for man, and not man for the Sabbath: Therefore the Son of Man is Lord also of the Sabbath.” “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.” “There remaineth therefore a keeping of a Sabbath 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.” “For by Him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth.” Matt. 24:20; Mark 2:27, 28; Heb. 4:4,9 (margin), 10; Col. 1:16, 17; Matt. 28:1; Luke 4:16; 23: 54, 56.

V

“Honor thy father and thy mother.” Matt. 19:19; Matt. 15:4-9; Eph. 6:1-3; Luke 18:20.

VI

“Thou shalt not kill.” Rom. 13:9; Matt. 5:21, 22; 1 John 3:15; James 2:10-12.

VII

“Thou shalt not commit adultery.” Matt. 19:18; Matt. 5:27, 28; Rom. 13:9; Luke 18:20; James 2:10-12

VIII

“Thou shalt not steal.” Rom. 13:9; Matt. 19:18; 15:19, Mark 10:19; Luke 18:20.

IX

“Thou shalt not bear false witness.” Rom. 13:9; Matt. 19:18; Mark 10:19; Luke 18:20.

X

“Thou shalt not covet.” Rom. 7:7; Matt. 19:21, 22; Rom. 13:9.

22. Because Jesus Christ identifies Himself in close relationship with the Ten Commandment Law which contains the Sabbath.

The following evidence is not only richly suggestive but affords striking testimony in favor of the seventh-day Sabbath law.

Christ came not to destroy the law. Matt. 5:17.

Christ testifies to the perpetuity of the law. Matt. 5:17-19.

Christ came to “magnify the law, and make it honorable.” Isa. 42:21.

Christ kept His “Father’s commandments.” John 15:10

Christ is our example. We are to keep what He kept. 1 Peter 2:21;

1John 2:6.

Christ said: “If thou wilt enter into life, Keep The (Ten) Commandments.” Matt. 19:17-19

Note: I wish to stress the fact that by their association together in the Bible, the New Testament as well as the Old Testament, the words LAW and COMMANDMENT are interchangeable and have the same meaning.

Cf. Gen. 26:5; Ex. 16:28; 24:12; 1 Kings 2:3; 2 Kings 17:37; 2 Chron. 14:4; 19:10; 31:21; Ezra 10:3; Neh. 9:13, 29, 34; Prov. 3:1; Matt. 19:17, 18; Luke 18:20; Rom. 13:8, 9; James 2:8-10.

23. Because the New Commandment of Christ leads me to keep the Sabbath.

The New Commandment is worthy of attentive study and careful consideration. Here is Christ’s new commandment: “That ye love one another.” John 13:34; 15:12; 1 John 3:23; 4:21.

Far be it from me to give any one the impression that I believe

the New Commandment does away with God's Holy Ten Commandments, because it does not, according to the Bible. Notice what the New Commandment leads the true Christian to do:

“And Now I beseech thee, lady, not as thought I wrote a New Commandment unto thee, but that which we had from the beginning, that We Love One Another. And This Is Love, that we walk After His Commandments.” 2 John 5, 6.

“By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God, and Keep His Commandments. For This Is The Love Of God, that we Keep His Commandments: and His commandments are not grievous.” 1 John 5:2, 3.

Jesus Himself did not teach the new commandment was the ONLY commandment that man should keep. Notice what Christ said:

“If ye love me, KEEP MY COMMANDMENTS.” John 14:15.

Of which commandments did Jesus speak?

“Which? Jesus said,
 THOU SHALT DO NO MURDER,
 THOU SHALT NOT COMMIT ADULTERY,
 THOU SHALT NOT STEAL,
 THOU SHALT NOT BEAR FALSE WITNESS,
 HONOUR THY FATHER AND THY MOTHER: AND
 THOU SHALT LOVE THY NEIGHBOUR AS THYSELF.”

---Matt. 19:18, 19.

These commandments are contained in the TEN COMMANDMENTS which also contain the SABBATH. These with the other four are the commandments of which Jesus was speaking when He said: “If thou wilt enter into life, keep the commandments.” Matt. 19:17-19; cf. Ex. 20.

Since God is love (1 John 4:8) and the whole gospel is based on love (1 Cor. 13) and since Jesus has said, “If ye love Me, keep My commandments,” we understand that love is the basic factor of Christianity and that Jesus, the founder of Christianity, stresses love in His New Commandment. No wonder the New Commandment, which is the real essence of the whole Ten Commandments, was given. This is in perfect accordance with the following text:

“Love is the fulfilling (pleroma, Gr., fullness) of the law.”
Rom. 13:10.

Love And The Ten Commandments

“Love to God will admit no other God.
Love will not debase the object it adores.
Love to God will never dishonor His name.
Love to God will reverence His day.
Love to parents will honor them.
Hate, not love, is a murderer.
Lust, not love, commits adultery.
Love will give, but never steal.
Love will not slander nor lie.
Love’s eye is not covetous.”

—D. L. Moody.

Thus it is as clear as day that love or Christ’s New Commandment does not do away with the Ten Commandments, but establishes them because: “Love is the Fullness of the Law.” Rom. 13:10.

24. Because Jesus Christ the Son of God Kept The Seventh-Day Sabbath all His life.

If anybody would know which was the right Sabbath day to keep, surely it would be Jesus Christ, the Son of God, and He kept the seventh-day Sabbath all His life:

“As His Custom Was, He (Jesus) went into the synagogue (church) on the Sabbath Day, ... and taught them on the Sabbath Days.” Luke 4:16, 31.

The custom of the world is not the custom of Jesus. The custom of the world causes men to keep every day, but the custom of Jesus caused Him to keep The Sabbath day the very day that His Father kept at creation. Gen. 2:1-3. If it was good enough for Jesus, it is good enough for me. I am confident of one thing and of this thing there can be no doubt or question: It was the CUSTOM OF JESUS TO GO TO CHURCH ON THE SABBATH DAY.

Churches Mentioned: Capernaum church. Mark 1:21
Nazareth church. Luke 4:16
His attendance: Matt. 12:9; Luke 13:10; 6:6; Mark 6:2.

Jesus Christ the founder of Christianity is the great example of every Christian. What He did they are supposed to do. Notice how plain the Bible makes this: “Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an EXAMPLE, that ye should FOLLOW HIS STEPS.” “He that saith he abideth in Him ought himself also to walk, EVEN AS HE (CHRIST) WALKED.” 1 Peter 2:21; 1 John 2:6. Since Christ is our example and He kept the seventh-day Sabbath, who dare aspire to the “scorner’s seat and hurl the cynic’s ban” and accuse any one who follow the example of God Himself (Gen. 2:1-3) and the Son of God Himself (Luke 4:16) in keeping the very Sabbath day which They kept?

25. Because Jesus Christ the Son of God KEPT THE SABBATH AFTER the cross.

It is a matter of common knowledge that after the crucifixion, JESUS RESTED in the grave. God RESTED on the seventh day at creation, and Jesus, the Son of God, RESTED on the seventh day at redemption. Both in life and death Jesus honored the Sabbath.

HE LAY THERE BEFORE THE SABBATH. Mark 15:42-47; Luke 23:52-56.
HE REMAINED THERE UNTIL AFTER THE SABBATH WAS PAST. Matt. 28:1; Mark 16:1; Luke 24:1, 6

Christ, life climaxed in keeping the Sabbath. It was His custom to keep it all His life and it was the last thing He did before He arose from the grave and when to His Father. Since it was the last thing that Christ did, if it is the last thing we ever do, we should keep the Sabbath.

Christ, while on earth, always kept the seventh-day Sabbath. It was His custom to do so. His first sermon was on the Sabbath. During His life’s record we have no mention of any other day but the seventh as the Sabbath.

It seems very significant that Jesus, during three years instructing His disciples, often discussing the Sabbath with them and freeing it from its false burdens, making it a day of rest rather than a day of arrest, never once alluded to any change of the Sabbath to Sunday. Moreover there is not the slightest intimation of any

change during the forty days of His resurrection. There is not the single line, nor a word nor a hint in the whole New Testament to even suggest the sanctity of any day besides the seventh-day Sabbath. Where the Bible is silent man ought to be silent.

It seems very strange that some Christians would endeavor to change the Sabbath day after the death of Jesus, knowing that the worst kind of fraud and forgery is that which changes a man's will after He dies.

God has given man a memorial of Christ's death and resurrection. We should seek to commemorate the death and resurrection of our Lord in the way of HIS OWN APPOINTING, namely, by means of the Lord's Supper and baptism. The Lord's Supper was given by Christ Himself to be a memorial of His death (1 Cor. 11:26); and the sacred rite of baptism, to commemorate His resurrection. Col. 2:12; Rom. 6:3-5. Baptism, then, and not Sunday or any other day, is the Bible memorial of Christ's resurrection. Since we are plainly told not to add or diminish from the Word of God (Deut. 4:2; Prov. 30:6; Rev. 22:18), it seems that all real Christians would want to honor Christ's resurrection the way He wanted us to do so not by a day but by an institution the ordinance of baptism.

26. Because Jesus Christ the Son of God COMMANDED the keeping of the Sabbath AFTER the cross.

Those who have the erroneous notion that Sunday should be kept after the cross may be sincere, but they are mistaken. While Jesus left no command or example of the observance of Sunday, the solid fact behind it all is He did leave a command and example for the observance of the seventh-day Sabbath. Here is the Bible proof:

Example:

“As His CUSTOM WAS, He (Jesus) went into the synagogue (church) on the Sabbath day.” Luke 4:16.

Command:

“Pray ye that your flight be not in the winter, NEITHER ON THE SABBATH DAY.” Matt. 24:20.

Why did Jesus say “neither on the Sabbath day”? Because He recognized and stressed the SANCTITY OF THE SABBATH with its keeping even at the time of the destruction of Jerusalem, 70 A.D., almost forty years AFTER THE CROSS. This clears the air of any fog that might have settled over the minds of some who question whether Christ commanded the keeping of the Sabbath after the cross.

27. Because Christ’s followers kept the Sabbath AFTER the cross.

It is highly significant that the Bible records the observance of the Sabbath by the followers of Christ after the death of Christ on the cross. If anybody ought to know about the proper Sabbath, it should be those who were instructed by Christ Himself. He kept it while He was with them and they kept it when He left them:

“They returned, and prepared spices and ointments; and RESTED the Sabbath day according to the commandment.” Luke 23:56.

As much as they love Jesus, they would not desecrate the Sabbath even for Him. Cf. Luke 23:52-56; 24:1; Mark 15:42-47; 16:1. Another notable feature about it all is that Christ was with them for over a month after His resurrection and nowhere or no place do we find any hint of His changing the Sabbath or of His correction for their keeping of the Sabbath after He died.

28. Because PAUL, the greatest writer of the New Testament who lived AFTER the cross, not only KEPT the Sabbath but PREACHED on it.

The fact is irrefutable that Paul’s life-long manner or custom was to keep the very seventh-day Sabbath that God kept at creation and Jesus kept at redemption:

“And Paul, as his MANNER WAS, went in unto them, and three SABBATH DAYS reasoned with them out of the Scriptures.” Acts 17:2.

Another very striking proof of Paul’s observance of the Sabbath is found in Acts 18:4 where it states:

“And he (Paul) reasoned in the synagogue (church) EVERY SABBATH.”

The Bible says Paul knew “the DOCTRINE OF THE LORD.” (Acts 13:12), and in the same chapter he PREACHED IT:

“Preached to them the next SABBATH.” Acts 13:42.

Other verses showing Paul kept and preached on the Sabbath: Acts 13:44; 16:13; 13:14.

Those who contend that nobody but Jews kept the Sabbath are parting company with the facts given in the Bible. Notice the textual evidence showing others besides Jews kept the Sabbath:

“And when the Jews were gone out of the synagogue, the GENTILES besought that these words might be preached to them the next SABBATH.” “The GENTILES HEARD.” Acts 13:42, 48. According to the above scripture, the Gentiles asked Paul to meet with them on SABBATH. No other day is mentioned. Paul did not change the appointment, because the next SABBATH.” “the Gentiles heard.” Sufficient evidence to prove that Paul preached to a non-Jewish audience on a Sabbath by their own appointment.

“And he (Paul) reasoned in the synagogue EVERY SABBATH, and persuaded the JEWS AND THE GREEKS.” Acts 18:4.

With the above evidence at hand showing Gentiles and Greeks kept the Sabbath, the theory that only Jews kept it has gone into hopeless bankruptcy.

29. Because the APOSTOLIC CHURCH kept the Sabbath AFTER the cross.

Any one who thinks the Bible teaches that any other day besides the seventh day was observed as the Sabbath after the cross is asked to examine carefully the following texts:

Texts	Church	Date	Number
Acts 13:14, 42-44.	Antioch	45 A.D.	2 Meetings
Acts 16:12, 13.	Philippi	53 A.D.	1 Meeting
Acts 17:1, 2.	Thessalonica	53 A.D.	3 Meetings
Acts 18:1-4, 11	Corinth	54 A.D.	78 Meetings

Here is listed a total of eighty-four meetings on Sabbath. So we can easily see that nothing is more certified than the fact that the apostolic church kept the Sabbath after the cross.

30. Because the Sabbath has been kept by God's faithful all through the centuries from the time of the apostolic church to the present time.

It is a fact, obvious to any student of history, and the proofs are plentiful to furnish substantial evidence, that there have always been faithful seventh-day Sabbath keepers from the time of Christ to the present age.

A.D. 75 --- Flavius Josephus:

"For there is not any city of the Grecians, nor any of the barbarians, nor any nation whatsoever, whither our custom of resting on THE SEVENTH DAY hath not come." –Flavius Josephus Against Apion from "The Works of Flavius Josephus," p. 925

A.D. 250 --- Origen, Bishop Of Alexandria:

"Let us therefore no longer keep the Sabbath after the Jewish manner... But let every one of you KEEP THE SABBATH after spiritual manner, rejoicing in mediation on the law." –Epistle to the Magnesians, Chap. IX

A.D. 350 --- Athanasius:

"We are assembled on the day of the SABBATH, not because we are infected with Judaism, ... but we approach the SABBATH to adore Christ, the Lord of the Sabbath." – "The Signs of the Times," Jan. 17, 1933, p. 13.

A.D. 400 --- Augustine:

"On this day, which is THE SABBATH, mostly those are accustomed to meet who are desirous of the word of God." – "Augustine's Sermon," 128, tom. 7, p. 629

A.D. 450 --- Socrates:

"Almost all of the churches throughout the world celebrate the sacred mysteries on the SABBATH of every week." –"Socrates," Book V, chap. 22.

A.D. 590 --- Pope Gregory I:

"It has come to my ears that certain men of perverse spirit have sown among you some things that are wrong and opposed to holy faith, so as to forbid any work being done on the SABBATH DAY." –"Nicene and Post-Nicene Fathers," Vol. 13, bk. 13, dpist. I, p. 336.

A.D. 791 --- Council Of Triau: (In Italy)

"Further, when speaking of that SABBATH which the Jews observe, that last day of the week, and which also our peasants observe." –"13th canon of the Council of Triau."

11th Century --- Scotland:

“They worked on Sunday, but kept Saturday in a Sabbatical manner.” –“History of Scotland,” Andrew Lang, Vol. 1, p. 96.

14th Century --- Abyssinia:

“It is not, therefore, in imitation of the Jews, but in obedience to Christ and His holy apostles, that we observe that day (Sabbath).” – Reason for keeping Sabbath, given by Abyssinian legate at the court of Lisbon (1534) in “Church History of Ethiopia,” by Michael Geddes, pp. 87, 88

A.D. 1576 --- Waldenses:

“They were called Inzabbati, not because they were circumcised, but because they kept the SABBATH according to the Jewish Law.” “They kept the Sabbath day.” –“Deutsche Biographie,” Art., “Goldast.” (Godstus, historian.)

A.D. 1653 --- Goa, India:

“They keep Saturday holy, nor esteem the Saturday fast lawful, but on Easter even. They have solemn service on Saturdays.” –“History of the Sabbath,” J. N. Andrews, p. 569

A.D. 1665 --- Sianfu, China:

Stone tablet unearthed dating before the eighth century: “On the seventh day we offer sacrifice, after having purified our hearts and received absolution for our sins.” Id., p. 565.

A.D. 1738 --- Count Nicolaus Von Zinzendorf:

He was the founder and first bishop of the Moravian church. “The days which we keep are Sunday as the Lord’s resurrection day, and the SABBATH or the REAL REST DAY OF OUR LORD.” Id., p. 753.

A.D. 1844 --- Mrs. E. G. White:

“In the autumn of 1846 we began to observe the Bible Sabbath, and to teach and defend it.” –“Testimonies,” Vol. 1, p. 75.

31. Because God’s faithful church in these last days before He comes will keep the commandments of God which contain the Seventh-day Sabbath.

“And the dragon (Satan, cf. Rev. 20:2)
was wroth with
the woman, (God’s church, cf. Jer. 6:2; 2 Cor. 11:2)
and went to make war
with the remnant (last or remaining part, cf. Ex. 26:12)
of her seed, which
KEEP THE COMMANDMENTS (10 Commandments, cf. Matt. 19:17-19)
of God.” –Rev 12:17; 14:12.

32. Because the other churches say I'm right in keeping the seventh-day Sabbath.

A man may rub his eyes in amazement when he sees the following quotations to support my 35 reasons. These have been selected from the writings of reputable Sunday-keeping authors. While I have the deepest veneration for their sincerity, yet I with Job cannot help but say:

“Thine own mouth condemneth them and not I: yea, thine own lips testify against thee.” Job 15:6.

Lutheran:

“The observance of the Lord’s day (Sunday) is founded not on any command of God, but on the authority of the church.” –“Augsburg Confession of Faith.” As quoted in Cox’s “Sabbath Manual,” p. 287

Episcopal:

“We have made the change from the seventh day to the first day, from Saturday to Sunday, on the authority of the one holy catholic, apostolic church of Christ.” –“Why We Keep Sunday,” by Bishop Seymour.

Methodist:

“It is true there is no positive command for infant baptism ... Nor is there any for keeping holy the first day of the week.” –“Theological Compend,” 1902, by Rev. Amos Binney, pp. 180, 181.

Baptist:

“There was and is a commandment to “keep holy the Sabbath day,; but that Sabbath day was not Sunday ... There is no scriptural evidence of the change of the Sabbath institution from the seventh to the first day of the week.” – Edward T. Hiscox, D. D, author of “The Baptist Church Manual.”

Presbyterian

“The Christian Sabbath (Sunday) is not in the Scripture, and was not by the primitive church called the Sabbath.” –“Dwight’s Theology,” Vol. 4. p. 401.

Congregational:

“There is no command in the Bible requiring us to observe the first day of the week as the Christian Sabbath.” –“Mode and Subjects of Baptism,” by Fowler.

Christian:

“The first day of the week is commonly called the Sabbath. This is a mistake. The Sabbath of the Bible was the day just proceeding the first day of the week. The first day of the week is never called the Sabbath

anywhere in entire Scriptures. It is also an error to talk about the change of the Sabbath. There never was any change of the Sabbath from Saturday to Sunday. There is not at any place in the Bible any intimation of such a change.” –“First –Day Observance,” pp. 17, 19.

Catholic:

Cardinal Gibbons in the following statement hit the nail on the head. In this statement he is splendidly right. “But you may read the Bible from Genesis to Revelation, and you will not find a single line authorizing the sanctification of Sunday. The Scriptures enforced the religious observance of Saturday, a day which we never sanctify.” –“Faith of Our Fathers,” pp. 111, 112.

“If the Bible is the only guide for the Christian, then the Seventh-day Adventist is Right in observing the Saturday with the Jew.” –“The Question Box,” Conway, p. 254.

33. Because the change of the calendar has not altered or lost the seventh-day Sabbath.

What higher authority could we cite than the Royal Astronomer of England and the Director of the U. S. Naval Observatory? Notice what these authorities state concerning the change of the calendar and the altering of the weekly cycle:

F. W. Dyson, Astronomer Royal, Greenwich, London, in 1932 stated:

“As far as I know, in the various changes of the Calendar there has been no change in the seven day rota of the week...”

James Robertson, Director American Ephemeris, U. S. Naval Observatory:

“We have had occasion to investigate the results of the works of specialists in chronology and we have never found one of them that has ever had the slightest doubt about the continuity of the weekly cycle since long before the Christian era. ... There has been no change in our calendar in past centuries that has affected in any way the cycle of the week.”

**SHOWING THE CHANGE FROM THE JULIAN
TO THE GREGORIAN CALENDAR**

1582	OCTOBER						1582
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	
	1	2	3	4	15	16	
17	18	19	20	21	22	23	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30	
31							

“The change from the old style to new did not interfere in any way with the free-running week. The change was made on Friday, October 5, 1582. Ten days were made up by calling the 5th of October the 15th of October. This is all that was done.”

The various changes of the calendar affected the days of the month and not the days of the week, hence no time has been lost. Consequently the **Sabbath day** is still the **seventh day** of the week or **Saturday**.

34. Because keeping the commandments which include the Sabbath will be a passport into heaven.

A passport is something that gives a person a RIGHT TO GO SOMEWHERE. The commandment KEEPERS and DOERS have the RIGHT TO ENTER INTO the city of God which is in heaven. Gal. 4:26.

“Blessed are they that DO His commandments, that they may have RIGHT to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city.” Rev. 22:14.

35. Because the Sabbath will be KEPT IN HEAVEN by ALL FLESH.

This reason has the ring of finality in it because it leads to the inevitable conclusion that the Sabbath will be kept in heaven by All— Jew as well as Gentile. Every man that gets to heaven will keep the Sabbath there. Here is the Bible proof:

“For as the NEW heavens and the NEW earth, which I WILL make, shall remain before Me, saith the Lord, so shall your seed and your name remain, and IT SHALL COME TO PASS, that from one new moon to another (cf. Rev. 22:2), and from one **SABBATH** to another, shall All flesh come to worship before Me saith the Lord.” Isa. 66:22, 23.

Since the seventh-day Sabbath was in the world before sin came, it will be in the world when sin is gone. Gen, 2:1-3; Isa. 66:22, 23. Consequently the incident of sin in the history of our world has not, does not, and will not make void the eternal claims of the seventh-day as the Sabbath on this earth.

Conclusion:

The BIBLE CONCLUSION and the final analysis of the Sabbath leads us to the ultimate fact that beyond all doubt or question of uncertainty, the seventh day (Saturday) is the TRUE BIBLE SABBATH and all TRUE CHRISTIANS ought to keep it. Notice the Bible Conclusion:

“There remaineth, THEREFORE a keeping of a SABBATH to the people of God.... Let us labour THEREFORE to enter into THAT REST, lest any man fall after the same example of disobedience.” Heb. 4:9, 11 margin.

“Let us hear the Conclusion of the **whole matter**: Fear God, and **KEEP HIS COMMANDMENTS** (including the seventh-day Sabbath): for this is the **WHOLE** duty of man.” Ecl. 12:12.

Since GOD kept the seventh-day Sabbath at CREATION and commanded man to keep it: Gen. 2:1-3; Ex. 20:8-11.

Since CHRIST kept it at REDEMPTION and commanded man to keep it: Luke 4:16; Matt. 28:1; 24:20.

Since ALL THE SAINTS will keep it in heaven (Isa.66:22, 23),

If we are going to keep it there, why not here?

If we are going to keep it then, why not now?

“Oh when, thou city of my God,
Shall I thy courts ascend,
Where congregations ne'er break up,
And Sabbaths have no end.”