

Lesson 12

The Sunday Sabbath

Has God Condoned its observance?

In order to impress upon you the reader, the importance of observing the correct day as the Lords Day of Rest, I want to make this point very clear; the first day or Sunday Sabbath is Satan's Lie.

I have personally been studying the Bible diligently since February 2007. I have as of yet not found any command or instruction from God or Jesus that God authorized or condoned the transfer of the Sabbath observance from the seventh day of the week, as it is spelled out in the Fourth Commandment, to the first day of the week. Despite this, those Christians that I have spoken to, including two ordained ministers, assure me that the Sunday observance is correct. There are three primary verses in the Bible that those who keep the first day Sabbath, or the Sunday Sabbath, refers me to as verification that doing so is acceptable to God.

First Sunday Reference

*Mary Magdalene came and told the disciples that she had seen the Lord, and that he had spoken these things unto her. **John 21:18***

If you read the verses before this you will know that these events are occurring on the day that Jesus has risen from the grave. When the resurrected Jesus speaks to Mary Magdalene, it is **the first day of the week,** and **early, when it was yet morning, the Sun not having risen above the horizon.**

*Then the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled for fear of the Jews, come Jesus and stood in the midst, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you. **John 21:19***

First thing that is most obvious to me, is that there is no mention in this verse or any of the preceding or following verses that even suggests that the Seventh Day Sabbath is being replaced or substituted by the First Day Sabbath. So let's take a look at what this verse is actually telling us.

A Day and Time Given

The first thing I see is that a day and time are given, *the same day at evening, being the first day of the week*, these words tell me that this event is taking place on the same day that the body of Jesus was found missing, which we know to be the first day of the week or Sunday, and the resurrected Jesus spoke to Mary Magdalene. These words also tell us that it is *at evening*, or before dusk (sundown) when Jesus appeared in the room where the apostles were assembled. So this gathering is taking place Sunday evening, just before sundown.

The next part of this verse, *“When the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled for fear of the Jews,”* does not tell us that they are assembled for the purpose of observing the Sabbath, but they are assembled for fear for their lives, because they are concerned that they are being searched for by the Pharisees (Jews) of the Temple. I admit, they were most likely involved in a lot of prayers during this assembly, but in no way does this suggest that it was in the way of a substitution of the Seventh Day Sabbath. That so many who would call themselves Christian refer me to this verse, shows me just how successful Satan has been at deceiving all of us, for I once believed Sunday to be the true day of rest as well.

Second Reference

And upon the first day of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread, Paul preached unto them, ready to depart on the morrow; and continued his speech until midnight. Acts 20:7

A Day Reference

The first part of this verse once more gives us a day reference, *and upon the first day of the week*, so we know this in fact is the day that we call Sunday, the first day of the week.

A Time Reference

The second part of this verse is a time reference, *when the disciples came together to break bread*. This is telling us that it is dinner time, or in the afternoon, but not yet evening. This is to say that this gathering is taking place on Sunday sometime after noon, but before sundown for the purpose of breaking bread, (having something to eat.)

The third part of this verse tells us that along with having dinner, **Paul preached unto them.** I can see how when taken out of context this might suggest that Paul is holding Sabbath prayers on Sunday, but the context is found in the last part of this verse.

Paul is preaching to these people, why, because he is making **ready to depart on the morrow;** Paul is preparing to leave in the morning, and therefore those present have need of his giving them guidance in their faith. This in no way tells me that the preaching that Paul is engaged in is in place of or in substitution for the Seventh Day Sabbath observance. If you are of the true faith, it is second nature to pray to God every day of the week, but when you have one of such renown as Paul in your company, it is only logical that they would want to hear what he has to say regardless of what day of the week it is.

This last part of this verse is another time reference, **and continued his speech until midnight,** which tells me that this assembly lasted well past Sunday into the night of Monday as God tells time.

Remember: sundown or dusk ends the old day, Sunday, and starts the new day Monday. That they continued until midnight means that they continued from dusk, the onset of Monday, to midnight Monday the second day of the week.

If this is the case, and you chose to believe Satan's lie, shouldn't we also consider the second day of the week (Monday) as a replacement day for the Sabbath as well?

There is a further context to this verse if you continue to read the next verses, you will see, that these time references were being used to set the stage for what the subject was truly about, that being the fact that the young man Eutychus, fell asleep and fell down from the third loft, and was pronounced dead, where by Paul embraced the boy, and announced that his life was still in him. If you then continue to read, you will find that the assembly then continued to talk until the break of day, which would make it Monday morning sunrise. I can see no logical reason why any of this can be turned around to suggest that this is reason for transferring the Seventh Day Sabbath (Saturday) to the First Day, (Sunday). Such is the power of Satan's Lies that so many do accept this as proof that Sunday is the correct day of the Sabbath.

Third Reference

*Now concerning the collection for the saints, as I have given order to the churches of Galatia even so do ye. Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come. **I Corinthians 16:1-2***

Evidently there is a collection being assembled for those in Jerusalem who have come under hard times. It is also evident from this verse that Paul had asked those of the faith in the city of Galatia to begin this collection as well, for he indicates that those that this letter is addressed to in the city of Carinthia are to do as he has asked them in Galatia.

The first part of this verse is once more a time reference that again tells us that Paul is speaking about *the first day of the week* or Sunday.

The second part of this verse, *let every one of you lay by him in store,* tells us what Paul is asking these people of the faith to do, which is to place in storage those donations gathered up by the congregation. This does not mean that he is asking these people to hold Sabbath services on Sunday, but that they put into storage those things that are donated to be sent to Jerusalem. I can see this being done on Sunday, because the congregation does not gather together to be told of what Paul has written in his letter until Saturday the day before, in their observance of the Sabbath, so they are not aware of the need of the donation and because it is not correct to gather these donations together on the Sabbath, they must wait until Sunday to place the donations in storage.

The last part of this verse is important in consideration of the Sunday Sabbath question. Paul says, *that there be no gatherings when I come.* He is not giving a date and time that he expects to arrive in Carinthia, but when he does he wants no gatherings at that time. I can only assume that the reason he does not want any unnecessary gatherings is because of the active persecutions of the Christians, and he does not want any of the congregation put into any more risk of discovery than there needs to be. There is also the possibility that the need of those in Jerusalem is such that Paul feels the need to hurry there and not be slowed down by any gatherings.

And when I come, whomsoever ye shall approve by your letters, them will I send to bring your liberality unto Jerusalem. I Corinthians 16:3

When Paul comes he will have those donations gathered sent on to Jerusalem with whomever the congregation has authorized him to send them with, based on their letters of instructions to him.

Nowhere in these verses, nor in any of the preceding or following verses, do I hear any mention of the transference of the Seventh Day Sabbath to the First Day of the week. Just because the first day of the week is spoken of, does not constitute the false interpretation that transference has taken place.

Blind Faith, Satan's Weapon

Satan is good at taking Bible truths and by giving false interpretations causes people to accept the falsehood over the obvious truth. This I see as being possible because most people do not want to take the effort and time in the diligent search for the truth, they are content to accept what others tell them what scripture means. This acceptance by **blind faith** is one of the tools Satan uses to pass lies off as the truth.

Just sitting in church and listening to what someone up on the podium is saying is not a substitute for your own study of the meaning of scripture. When you rely on others to find the answers for you, you place yourself in jeopardy of being given false interpretations based on Satan's lies and not on the truths of God.

Worship by God's Pleasure

Remember this: we choose to worship God; therefore we are obliged to worship him as he commands that we worship him. If you choose to worship him in some other way that changes even the smallest of what he has commanded, then you are no longer worshiping the God of Creation, you are no longer choosing to worship God, but an invention of your own.

In the first four of the Ten Commandments, God has spelled out exactly how he intends that we worship him. Satan only needs to get you to believe in a change in any of those first four commandments, and you no longer worship God. When Satan by way of his anti-Christ changed the Sabbath to the first day of the week, and those that wanted to worship God, accepted this lie as permitted of God, then they no longer are of God, but pagans, and by default the one they worship is Satan. The word **"Pagan"** is defined as, **not of God**.

Dr. Martin Luther

Let me give you a quote from Dr. Martin Luther (1483 to 1546) written to a friend not long before Martin Luther was excommunicated from the Roman Catholic Church.

We cannot attain to the understanding of Scripture either by study or by the intellect. Your first duty is to begin by prayer. Entreat the lord to grant you, of His great mercy, the true understanding of his word. There is no other interpreter of the word of God than the Author of this word, as He Himself has said, **"They shall be all taught of God."** Hope for nothing from your own labors, from your own

understanding: trust solely in God, and in the influence of His Spirit. Believe this on the word of a man who has had experience.”

Dr. Luther is the founder of the Lutheran Church. What Dr. Luther is saying is if you wish to study the scriptures to find God, then you will not achieve this goal from your own intellect and understanding, only God can give you understanding of his Holy Gospel. Only by praying to God for his guidance, can you ever hope to fully understand.

I personally attest to the truth of these words of Dr. Luther, for I attempted to find understanding through my own personal wisdom and ability to comprehend, but I failed. It wasn't until I prayed to God for his guidance, which I now try to do most every time before beginning any study session, that I began to truly understand, and in finding understanding, I found God in an intimate and personal way.

Inheriting Life Eternal

There is another aspect of worshipping God as he God commands, that I have alluded to, but you might not have perceived, so therefore let me show you in the following two people of the Bible that reveals this added element.

This first person, I have already in other lessons, spoken to you of is from the Book of Mark, but this time I will use its reference from the Book of Luke, because I feel Luke gives a more vivid telling. I will give the entire text as given in the Bible, then I will discuss the meaning afterwards.

How do I Inherit Eternal Life?

And a certain ruler asked him, saying “Good Master, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?” **Luke 18:18**

And Jesus said unto him, “Why callest thou me good? None is good, save one, that is God.” **Luke 18:19**

Thou knowest the commandments, “Do not commit adultery, Do not kill, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Honour thy father and thy mother.” **Luke 18:20**

And he (the certain ruler) said, All these have I kept from my youth up. **Luke 18:21**

Now when Jesus heard these things, he said unto him, “Yet lakest thou one thing: sell all that thou hast, and distribute unto the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come, follow me.” **Luke 18:22**

And when he heard this, he was very sorrowful: for he was very rich. **Luke 18:23**

And when Jesus saw that he was very sorrowful, he said, "How hardly shall they that have riches enter into the kingdom of God!" **Luke 18:24**

For it is easier for a camel to go through a needle's eye, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God. **Luke 18:25**

And they that heard it said, "Who then can be saved?" **Luke 18:26**

And he said, "The things which are impossible with men are possible with God." **Luke 18:27**

Then Peter said, "Lo, we have left all, and followed thee." **Luke 18:28**

And he said unto them, Verily I say unto you, "There is no man that hath left house, or parents, or brethren, or wife, or children, for the kingdom of God's sake, who shall not receive manifold more in this present time, and in the world to come life everlasting. **Luke 18:29-30**

The Explanation

And a certain ruler asked him, saying Good Master, what shall I do to inherit eternal life? **Luke 18:18**

These are age old questions. **What do I need to do to go to Heaven?** **What must I do to achieve eternal life?** I am still amazed that the answer being written in the Bible for all these last 2,000 years, yet the question is still being asked even though the answer is here for all to see.

Jesus' Answer

Thou knowest the commandments,

Do not commit adultery,

Do not kill,

Do not steal,

Do not bear false witness,

Honour thy father and thy mother. **Luke 18:20**

Jesus' answer is simple, **"Thou knowest the commandments,"** which is to say that the answer to **"what shall I do to inherit eternal life?"** is the Ten Commandments. If you desire eternal life, you need only keep the Commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus Christ. Though in the above verse, Jesus only mentions a few of the Commandments of God, he needed only mention one, because he is talking to a First Century Jew who will understand that when one of the commandments of God is mentioned, all are intended.

Let me repeat, if you want to go to heaven and have eternal life, then do as Jesus tells us to do, KEEP THE TEN COMMANDMENTS.

*And he (the certain ruler) said, All these have I kept from my youth up. **Luke 18:21***

This person is telling Jesus that he has lived by all of the Ten Commandments since his youth.

*Now when Jesus heard these things, he said unto him, “Yet lakest thou one thing: sell all that thou hast, and distribute unto the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come, follow me.” **Luke 18:22***

The Bible teaches us, that the God of the Old Testament and Jesus, the God of the New Testament, who are one and the same God, both tells us, “Love Me, Obey Me, Worship Me, and Keep My Commandments.” Here, however, Jesus has just added another requirement. Give all your Earthly possessions away, and then go walk with Jesus.

Do you see this in the same light that I do? Didn't Jesus just tell this man that because he has lived his life within the parameters dictated by the Ten Commandments, that if he gives all his worldly possessions away, and comes and walks with him, Jesus, becoming another apostle, he will have the gift of eternal life? The man has been offered eternal life and entry into Heaven, what is this man's response?

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As you can see, the man was unwilling to give away all his Earthly possessions, not even for the promise of eternal life. I see this as the man's lack of belief that Jesus was God in the flesh of a man, or that his hold on the wealth of this world, outweighed the promise of eternal life, and entry into Heaven.

*And they that heard it said, “Who then can be saved?” **Luke 18:26***

Have you any wonder why the apostles would ask this question? If a man lives his life in obedience to the Laws of God, and still cannot enter into Heaven, then what hope do we sinners have? This relates back to our discussion of the Writings of Paul. You are not saved by your works alone, there is something more required.

*And he (Jesus) said, "The things which are impossible with men are possible with God." **Luke 18:27***

*Then Peter said, "Lo, we have left all, and followed thee." **Luke 18:28***

As you might recall, when Peter and his brother were out on the fishing boat getting ready to set sail, and Jesus walked by and asked them to come walk with him, they right away, set aside what they were doing, and left their father, to go walk with Jesus.

Now Peter and his brother were not wealthy, but they did have their own ship and their own business as fishermen. Though not men of wealth, they turned their backs on all that they did have, to go walk with Jesus. What Peter is saying here, is that we left all we had to go walk with you, so does that mean that we will enter into Heaven and have eternal life? Jesus does not answer that hidden question directly, but he does say this,

*And he said unto them, "Verily I say unto you, There is no man that hath left house, or parents, or brethren, or wife, or children, for the kingdom of God's sake, who shall not receive manifold more in this present time, and in the world to come life everlasting." **Luke 18:30***

What Jesus is saying, is that their rewards will be "Manifold," in the world to come of life everlasting. I wonder however, is this really what Jesus is saying to the man who asked how to inherit life eternal? To gain complete understanding of what Jesus just said, you must first go to Jesus' First Commandment, "Love God with all your heart, soul, and mind." As I have shown, this is achieved or manifest by keeping the Ten Commandments. There is more however, to the full meaning of this commandment given by Jesus. You must place God above all else in your life. By embracing the morality of the Ten Commandments, and making them your own, in personality and in character, bringing you closer to being "One with God," or "Being in the Spirit of the Lord," but there is something more needed to be perfect in your faith.

You must believe and understand, that all that you possess, own, and have, all the wealth, power, and prestige you obtain in this life, is as nothing to God, if you have not worshiped him as he commands. So when this man, could not give all his wealth away, and walk with Jesus, he revealed that he lacked this final requirement, to Love God with all your Heart, Soul, and Mind.

The Book of Job

The second person of the Bible, which helps to give definition to how to love God with all your heart, soul and mind I would like to introduce you to, is named Job.

The Gathering in Heaven

*Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the Lord, and Satan came also among them. **Job 1:6***

In this one verse God is giving a glimpse into his throne room in Heaven. Sitting upon his throne, his children, whom I interpret to being angels, one of whom is Lucifer (Satan), present themselves before God.

God asks Satan a question

*And the Lord said unto Satan, "Whence comest thou?" Then Satan answered the Lord, and said, "From going to and fro in the earth, and from walking up and down in it." **Job 1:7***

Here God asks Satan where he has been, and Satan answers, in the earth. You should take note here that Lucifer was not referred to as Satan until he fell from grace. The name Satan means, **the fallen foe**. That this verse refers to him as Satan is important. Perhaps you will see this as the story unfolds.

*And the Lord said unto Satan, "Hast thou considered my servant Job, that there is none like him in the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one that feareth God, and escheweth (shuns) evil?" **Job 1:8***

That God refers to Job as being perfect, tells me that Job kept the Laws of God, and lived his life in righteousness. To fear God does not necessarily mean to be afraid of God, it means to be afraid of you, that you might sin, and thus displease, offend, insult, or to treat disrespectfully God, thereby causing God to anger and to afflict his wrath upon you.

Being told that he has been to the earth, God asks Satan a question. Have you looked in on Job, curious to learn what Satan thinks of his servant?

Remember: the two of them are not alone, but in the company of all the sons of God. Satan, or Lucifer was one of two angels who stood on either side of the throne of God, therefore he was highly respected not just by God but by all the other heavenly beings, and God demonstrating civility toward Lucifer, wanted his opinion of Job to be made public to all his sons. God has not forgotten that Satan hates God, as was evidenced in the Garden of Eden.

Satan's Response

Then Satan answered the Lord, and said, "Doth Job fear God for naught? Hast not thou made an hedge about him, and about his house, and about all that he hath on every side? Thou hast blessed the work of his hands, and his substance is increased in the land. But put forth thine hand now, and touch all that he hath, and he will curse thee to thy face." Job 1:9-11

Remember: this is a meeting of the sons of God, plural, more than one. Satan has just challenged God, and the righteousness of Job in front of witnesses. In essence, Satan has challenged that Job only loves God because of all the riches that God has given him. Satan says, take that all away, and Job will curse you to your face.

A Challenge of Faith

God does not rain havoc on those who love and obey him, but Satan has made a public accusation, that God has to respond to.

And the Lord said unto Satan, "Behold, all that he hath is in thy power; only upon himself put not forth thine hand." So Satan went forth from the presence of the Lord. Job 1:12

So that you will understand, God has not told Satan to harm anything that is Job's, he simply said, **"all that he hath is in thy power,"** what Satan decides to do with that power is left up to Satan.

The rest of Job I'll let you read for yourselves, but what happens is that Satan, then returns to earth and kills all of Job's sons, and I assume from the reference that it was a family gathering when they were all killed, that his son's wives and their children were present and died as well. Satan also removes from Job all his wealth, so that he is left with nothing.

Job's Faith Revealed

After Satan did his worst to Job, this is what Job had to say.

Then Job arose, and rent his mantle, and shaved his head, and fell down upon the ground, and worshipped, Job 1:20

*And said, Naked came I out of my mother's womb, and naked shall I return thither: the Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord, **Job 1:21***

*In all this Job sinned not, nor charged God foolishly. **Job 1:22***

*Wherefore do I take my flesh in my teeth, and put my life in mine hand? **Job 13:14***

*Though he slay me, yet will I trust in him: but I will maintain mine own ways before him. **Job 13:15***

*He also shall be my salvation: for an hypocrite shall not come before him. **Job 13:16***

Lessons Learned

As you can see, in the man Job, though he had everything taken from him, including all seven of his sons, as well as their children, Job's Grand Children, he still worshipped God, and gave praise to God.

Satan's True Character

This is what God wanted to have seen by the rest of his children in heaven. Satan had issued a challenge, which in essence placed suspicion on the way God gave favor to some and withheld his favor from others. God proved in this demonstration that Job loved and worshiped God, not because of all he had been given from God, but because he loved God, period. This also revealed to the sons of God the evil that is Satan. Satan did not have to kill Job's family, that he choose to do so, shows Satan for the cruel and merciless being that he is, a murderer.

All Evil is of Satan, not God

It should also be noted here a comment concerning those who have had devastating losses, and in fact did curse God. If those individuals worshiped in any of the Churches that are the false churches and therefore not of God but the false god, then can it be said that they cursed the God of Creation, or was it in fact a curse levied against the false god? If in your worship you think you are praying to the God of Creation, but because of Satan's lies, you in fact worship the false god, Satan, then it is Satan that you are cursing, even though you think it God. I am of the mind however, that God does not think this.

God's Purpose

Even though Satan thought that he had successfully placed God in an embarrassing situation, it was in fact God who had set Satan up to show his lies, accusations and character for what they were. This is in contrast to the man who wanted to know how to inherit eternal life, but when it was offered to him, could not willingly give away all he had. It is in these two stories, that you must find the final ingredient in your rebirth into a Saint of God.

In the name and glory that is God, and my faith in Jesus, as God in the flesh of a man, I pray that I and all who read these words will find the path to righteousness, and through righteousness to faith, which is the only path to God. Amen.

The process you take on your path from one of sin to one who walks in the spirit of the Lord, is a long and for me a difficult journey. Just as being born into this world was full of changes that you had to go through, while in your mother's womb, to make you capable of surviving in this world, the rebirth from one of sin to one in the spirit will be filled with changes in your personality and character. Being born only took nine months of development, being reborn into the spirit will take the rest of your life.

As I said at the beginning of these lessons, these writings are nothing more than a tool. With this tool you can if you desire it, find the beginning to the Path of Righteousness. These words will only show you the entrance to the path however. The path itself can only be followed if you allow Jesus to lead you down it. I can show you the entrance, but the journey is yours to walk, and only with Jesus by your side will you be able to keep to the path and not falter or slip off.

Parable of the Sower

At this point in the reading of these lessons, you should be able to see the entrance to the Path of Righteousness, if you do not, it is because you have yet to give yourself to the truth and are holding back from giving yourself totally to Jesus. This can best be revealed in the following.

*And he spake many things unto them in parables, saying, "Behold, a sower went forth to sow; **Matthew***

13:3

And when he sowed, some seeds fell by the way side, and the fowls came and devoured them up:

Matthew 13:4

*Some fell upon stony places where they had not much earth: and forthwith they sprung up, because they had no deepness of earth: **Matthew 13:5***

And when the sun was up, they were scorched; and because they had no root, they withered away.

Matthew 13:6

*And some fell among thorns; and the thorns sprung up, and choked them: **Matthew 13:7***

*But others fell into good ground, and brought forth fruit, some and hundredfold, some sixtyfold, some thirty fold. **Matthew 13:8***

*Who hath ears to hear, let him hear.” **Matthew 13:9***

If you are uncertain what the meaning of the parable is, Jesus explains.

*Hear ye therefore the parable of the sower. When any one heareth the word of the kingdom, and understandeth it not, then cometh the wicked one, and catcheth away that which was sown in his heart. This is he which received seed by the way side. **Matthew 13:18-19***

Verse 19 explains that those who hear the words of God yet do not understand their meaning; it is they who will be most susceptible to Satan's lies. If you are told something from the gospel, but do not understand what it is that you were told and do not take it upon yourself to research and study what you were told until you achieve understanding, then you open the door for Satan's lies. In his lies you will be given an understanding of what the words mean, that have plausibility but is not what God actually intends that they mean. This to me is a good argument, that Blind Faith is Satan's weapon.

All we need is Faith, right?

I have been told, and I don't know how many times in my life, that to be saved all I need is faith. Believe what I am told, regardless of what it is, as being the truth by faith, and I will be saved.

But that is Satan talking. Satan can speak to you through a friend, pastor, or priest and by telling you something and telling you that this is the truth, and then telling you, “**don't think about it, for if you just accept it through faith, you will be saved.**” What if what you are told is not the truth, what if it is a lie, but you are being told to accept this by faith and not question it.

Faith through Knowledge

God tells us in the Bible that faith is achieved through knowledge, by educating yourself and thus understanding what God is telling us in the Gospel. God wants us to achieve salvation not blindly but through achieved knowledge and education. Worship and love God, out of your knowledge of his truth, not out of ignorance and blind faith, else you could fall victim of Satan's lies.

Get to Know God, Personally and Intimately

God wants you to come to love him, this can only happen if you first get to know him personally and intimately, that is why he wants us to understand. If God wanted us to believe in him through Blind Faith, then he would not have caused the Bible to be written in the first place. The Bible is not an easy read, and just reading it without asking questions, is the path to Satan's lies. When you study and research the words in the Bible, and give prayer to God to help you find understanding, then searching for the answers as you go, which is how you learn through diligent study. If you do not ask questions when you are confused or uncertain of the meaning, then you risk reading and accepting what others have told what the meaning is, and not what God intends that it means.

Jesus Educates Us

This is also as Jesus has shown us. Jesus was our teacher, in other words, he educated us in what we will need to achieve salvation. He reveals this need for educating yourself as we continue in our explanation of the Parable of the Sower.

*But he that received the seed into stony places, the same is he that heareth the word, and anon with joy receiveth it; **Matthew 13:20***

*Yet hath he not root in himself, but dureth for a while: for when tribulation or persecution ariseth because of the word, by and by he is offended. **Matthew 13:21***

Faith without Understanding

This is someone that receives the word of God with joy and happiness, yet has no depths to his belief, which is to say that he hears the truth but does not take the time and effort to study it and know it is the truth, so

when he is tested of his faith, through persecution or in times of sorrow or other of life's difficulties, he falters and backslides.

Faith from Knowledge

If your faith is based on personal knowledge and acquired learning, with guidance from God, then your faith has substance. The word of God then has profound meaning, so when you are persecuted for your faith, you will know from knowledge that God is with you, and that his promise is true which then gives you the strength to withstand your faith against persecution and tribulations.

Those of the Earth

*He also that received seed among the thorns is he that heareth the word; and the care of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, choke the word, and he becometh unfruitful. **Matthew 13:22***

This verse is saying the same thing when Jesus said, *"A rich man will find it harder to enter the gates of Heaven, than for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle."* Though he will receive the word with joy, he will place the riches of this world and this life, in preference over the promise of the life to come.

Faith Based Upon Education

*But he that received seed into the good ground is he that heareth the word, and understandeth it; which also beareth fruit, and bringeth forth, some and hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. **Matthew 13:23***

Yet if he has a foundation of personal knowledge, then the seeds of the word of God will be cultivated and grow. When you receive the word of God, and take the time and effort to understand its meaning, to educate yourself in its truth, then you will bear the fruit of this knowledge multi-fold.

What Jesus is telling us is that though we accept the truth of God's word with gladness at first, only those that truly seek for God actually have the spiritual fortitude to continue the journey down the Path of Righteousness. Most of the others will turn their backs on the worship of God, when they are put to the test for their faith, or when the riches of this world take precedence over the promises of the next life.

Seek God Diligently

“Those who seek me early, (diligently), will find me.” This you must do on a personal basis, one on one with God. Just going to church and sitting in silence while someone else speaks from the Bible, is not going to keep you on the path of Righteousness, this requires an effort on your part, with guidance from Jesus. Only those that are willing to put in the time and energy in the search for God and his truth have any real chance of achieving that of Walking in the Spirit. You cannot rely on your relatives, friends, minister or your church to get you to that ultimate goal of being in the Spirit, this journey you must walk alone with God-Jesus as your guide, tutor, and source of knowing which way to go when you find yourself at a fork in the road. This is true in your life’s journey as well as in your spiritual journey.

Understanding the Sabbath

You might be asking what all this has to do with the Sunday Sabbath, which is the title of this lesson. You will find nothing in the Holy Scripture that reveals that God gave command or instruction that the Sabbath was to be kept on the First Day of the week, and bringing to an end the observance of the Sabbath on the Seventh Day of the week. **If God did not speak it then it is a lie.**

Study and Research

If you currently accept and believe that Sunday is the correct day of the week to observe the Sabbath, then you have not given study of the Bible yourself. You have accepted what others have told you as truth instead of looking to God for explanation. I do not mean to sit and read the Bible as you would a novel, but to take the time and effort to research in history and in the dictionary and the Bible Concordance, what God is saying in truth.

I want to show you in scripture how God gives command and instruction that leaves no doubt that it is of God, and not Satan’s lie. To show as a contrast to the unsupported belief concerning the Sunday Sabbath.

Passover

Before Moses and the exodus of the children of Jacob out of Egypt, there was no requirement that a weeklong observance of the Passover was to be kept. With the Exodus, God gives elaborated and vivid command and instruction as to when this festival is to be observed, what things are and are not to be eaten, how it is to be prepared, and how you are to eat it.

*And this day shall be unto you for a memorial; and ye shall keep it a feast to the Lord throughout your generations; ye shall keep it a feast by an ordinance forever. **Exodus 12:14***

I have searched for evidence that this is to be kept by all who wish to give worship to God as God commands, but I am still uncertain. To this point I am only certain that the observance of the Passover has to do with the Second Covenant, and not with the Third Covenant, which God tells us is unlike the covenant he had with the fathers. For that reason, I am convinced that the observance of the Passover is not required of the Saints of God who are the followers of Jesus Christ.

*Seven days shall ye eat unleavened bread; even the first day ye shall put away leaven out of your houses: for whosoever eateth leavened bread from the first day until the seventh day, that soul shall be cut off from Israel. **Exodus 12:15***

At this time, the name Israel is a reference to the Nation of Israel; whereas under the Third Covenant, Israel refers to the reason God renamed Jacob to Israel, and thus the true and correct worship of God. Under the Second Covenant, God established a nation from the slaves that he led out of Egypt. This nation was both civil and Spiritual. Under the Third Covenant, there is no nation, only individuals with the laws of God written upon their hearts.

*And in the first day there shall be a holy convocation, and in the seventh day there shall be a holy convocation to you; no manner of work shall be done in them, save that which every man must eat, that only may be done of you. **Exodus 12:16***

The word convocation is defined as a large formal assembly of a college, community, or the senior members of a church. The establishment of the Passover occurs prior to the codification of the Ten Commandments and the Sabbath. Even so, the above verse is giving requirement of the First Day of the week which begins the Passover and the Seventh Day of the week at the end of the Passover, as being given essentially the same observance as the Sabbath.

This is not telling us that this First Day of the Passover is the first day of the week that which we call Sunday or that the Seventh Day is the Seventh day of the week. This can be best understood in context of the following.

*And the Lord spake unto Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, saying, "This month shall be unto you the beginning of months: it shall be the first month of the year to you." **Exodus 12:1-2***

The month being spoken of here, we call the Month of March. God is telling the children of Israel, that the Month of March is the First month of the year. This then reveals another lie told by Satan, who has caused that we observe January as the first month of the year.

*Speak ye unto all the congregation of Israel, saying, "In the tenth day of this month they shall take to them every man a lamb, according to the house of their fathers, a lamb for an house:" **Exodus 12:3***

Here God is instructing that on the tenth day of March, the Israelites are to take a lamb, and keep it, or prepare it for sacrifice. Because God gives a specific day (the tenth day) we can understand that this does not give us any certainty as to which day of the week this is referring to. After all, the Tenth day of March can fall on just about any of the days of the week depending upon the calendar used.

Know this: When God wants that we know what day of the week he is speaking of, he refers to it as the "first day, or the second day, etc." This he has not done in his explanation of the Passover.

*And ye shall keep it up until the fourteenth day of the same month: and the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill it in the evening. **Exodus 12:6***

The Seven Day Week

They are to kill sacrificial lamb on the Fourteenth Day of March. What I want you to see, that unlike the Sabbath, the day of the week that the Fourteenth of March falls on can vary from year to year, whereas the Sabbath is always and forever on the last or seventh day of the week. The day of the week has no relationship to the number of days in a month, therefore it is always and continuously in rotation first to seventh then back to first. There is nothing in the heavens that give us any reason to keep a seven day week. The reason we do keep a seven day week is because God created the seven day week the same time he created the rest of creation.

The Preparation Day

You should also take note that on the first and seventh day of the Passover observance you are allowed to do whatever work is necessary for the preparation of meals, whereas on the Sabbath even the preparation of food is forbidden. On the Sabbath the preparation of meals you must do during the day prior to the Sabbath, which is why the Sixth Day of the week is called the Preparation Day.

Feast of Unleavened Bread

And ye shall observe the feast of unleavened bread; for in this selfsame day have I brought your armies out of the land of Egypt: therefore shall ye observe this day in your generations by an ordinance forever.

Exodus 12:17

*In the first month, on the fourteenth day of the month at even, ye shall eat unleavened bread, until the one and twentieth day of the month at even. **Exodus 12:18***

The above two verses then give when the Passover begins and therefore when it ends, which is the Fourteenth Day of the Month to the Twenty First of the month. In this, the Passover can begin on any day of the week, depending upon which year it is. In 2013 the Passover would begin on Thursday and end on a Thursday. In 2015 the Passover begins on March 14 which is a Saturday, and ends on March 21st at sun down.

The point I am trying to make is that the Passover observance in no way contradicts or supersedes the Sabbath observance, and it only occurs one week out of the entire year, whereas the Sabbath occurs every week on the Seventh Day in perpetuity without consideration for what month or what year it is.

Seven days shall there be no leaven found in your houses: for whosoever eateth that which is leavened, even that soul shall be cut off from the congregation of Israel, whether he be a stranger, or born in the land.

Exodus 12:19

*And ye shall observe this thing for an ordinance to thee and to thy sons forever. **Exodus 12:24***

An Ordinance

I am convinced but not certain that the Passover is part and parcel of the Second Covenant and not part of the Third Covenant. Just as the *circumcision* of the foreskin is part of the First and Second Covenants and the circumcision of the heart is part of the Third Covenant. Even though God commands that it is to be

observed by thy sons forever it is part of the contract and once the Jews came in breach of the contract, the requirements of it were rendered obsolete.

There is one other proof that the observance of the Passover is not required of the Saints of God, and that is the following: And ye shall observe this thing for an ordinance.

Remember: an ordinance is by definition a temporary law, capable of being amended or discontinued. As I have said before, only the Ten Commandments, written in stone, are to last forever. This is my understanding and opinion; you need to pray to God for guidance and understanding for yourselves.

In Return for the Land

*And it shall come to pass, when ye be come to the land which the Lord will give you, according as he hath promised, that ye shall keep this service. **Exodus 12:25***

And it shall come to pass, when your children shall say unto you, "What mean ye by this service?"

Exodus 12:26

*That ye shall say, it is the sacrifice of the Lord's Passover, who passed over the houses of the children of Israel in Egypt, when he smote the Egyptians and delivered our houses. And the people bowed the head and worshipped. **Exodus 12:27***

*All the congregation of Israel shall keep it. **Exodus 12:47***

*And when a stranger shall sojourn with thee, and will keep the Passover to the Lord, let all his males be circumcised, and let him come near and keep it; and he shall be as one that is born in the land: for no uncircumcised person shall eat thereof. **Exodus 12:48***

*One law shall be to him that is home born, and unto the stranger that sojourneth among you. **Exodus 12:49***

The above five verses are important. In them God makes clear that only those born of Israel can partake of the Passover meal. If someone not born of Israel desires to partake of the meal they must first bring themselves and their families into accord of the First and Second Covenants, as well as placing themselves and their family under the Laws of God. Once you have done so, you will then be an Israelite as if you had been born of Israel.

No National Boundaries

In this I see that the Passover as an aspect of the Nation of Israel and its identity as a sovereign nation, which is one of the reasons I do not see the observance of the Passover as being required by the Saints of God covered under the Third Covenant that has no national boundaries.

A Nation of Priests

This is also telling me that God intended that the people of Israel encourage others to convert to the faith of Israel, just as Christians encourage others to convert to the Teachings of Christ Jesus. To my knowledge this is something that the Jews never did, they were jealous of their relationship with God and had no interest in converting others to the worship of the God of Creation, plus the fact that but for a handful from each generation, the Jews were in violation of God's Laws, themselves. It is hard to teach others that which you do not believe in yourself.

A Symbol of Nationhood

*And it shall be when the Lord shall bring thee into the land of the Canaanites, and the Hittites, and the Amorites, and the Hivites, and the Jebusites, which he sware unto thy fathers to give thee, a land flowing with milk and honey, that thou shalt keep this service in this month. **Exodus 13:5***

*Seven days thou shalt eat unleavened bread, and in the seventh day shall be a feast to the Lord. **Exodus 13:6***

*Unleavened bread shall be eaten seven days; and there shall no leavened bread be seen with thee, neither shall there be leaven seen with thee in all thy quarters. **Exodus 13:7***

*And thou shalt shew thy son in that day, saying, "This is done because of that which the Lord did unto me when I came forth out of Egypt." **Exodus 13:8***

*And it shall be for a sign unto thee upon thine hand, and for a memorial between thine eyes, that the Lord's law may be in thy mouth: for with a strong hand that the Lord brought thee out of Egypt. **Exodus 13:9***

*Thou shalt therefore keep this ordinance in his season from year to year. **Exodus 13:10***

The Comparison

Just think about it, if God would give such unquestionable and specific instructions concerning a minor change in the correct and true observance of his faith, as is the establishment of the Passover, don't you think that he would be at least as specific in any major change in how we are to worship him?

You will find no such elaborate or even simple instructions in the Bible concerning the transfer of the Sabbath from the seventh day to the first day, yet you as a Christian accept that God authorized the transference. **This is Satan's lie.** If there is no command or instruction, then how can you believe the lie?

God's Truism

If God spoke it, then you will find it in the Holy Gospel,

If God spoke it, then it is the truth,

It is the truth, because it is of God,

It is of God, because God spoke it.

If God did not speak it, then you will not find it in the Holy Gospel,

If God did not speak it, then it is a lie,

It is a lie, because it is not of God,

It is not of God, because God did not speak it.

Consequences

You believe and observe the Sunday Sabbath, even though there is nothing in the Bible to support it. God did not speak it, therefore it is a lie. The lie does not stop at the change in the day to observe the Sabbath however. When you stop considering the Seventh Day as the Holy Day of God, you then will commit sins against the Fourth Commandment and against God without even knowing that you are committing sins.

The Fourth Commandment tells us that we shall do no work during the hours of the Sabbath. To do no work does not only involve you not doing physical labor or engaging in whatever occupation that you do to put bread on the table and a roof over your head. The word work, as used in the Fourth Commandment, refers to all forms of commerce. If because you do not consider Saturday as a Holy Day, then you will not think it sinful for you to put gas in your car, or buy milk at the store, or pay for entry into a sporting event, or hold a yard sale and

receive payment for things you have sold on the Seventh Day of the week, (Saturday). When you engage in the buying or selling of anything (commerce) during the hours of the Seventh Day Sabbath you are sinning against God and his Commandments, and for your sin you will be given, (by God), the Mark of the Beast.

The Mark of the Beast

*And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads: And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name. **Revelation 13:16-17***

Traditional Interpretation

Satan's lie and the traditional interpretation of this verse go as follows:

As in the dark ages, the Church of Rome, (the anti-Christ), had the power to depose kings; and by sheer intimidation to force the populace to obey its dictates. This time around, in the End of Days, so the commonly believed interpretation goes, the False Prophet and the anti-Christ will require and force that all should receive a mark, in either the right hand or on the forehead, and those who have given this false interpretation in the past have indicated that this mark will be some kind of tattoo, or even an electronic device placed under the skin.

As I have shown in previous lessons, the Mark of God is on your forehead because of a thoughtful and conscious decision on your part to keep the Commandments of God instead of continuing to worship as tradition and the lies and deceptions of Satan's dictates. In that Satan also has a mark that is on the forehead suggests to me that you also have a thoughtful decision, but decide against God's law, and continue to worship as Satan commands. I consider the following as an alternative and more logical explanation of the above verse.

God's True Word

"And he causeth all," where the "HE" is a reference to the False Prophet and or the anti-Christ.

The word "causeth or causes," means: to make something happen or exist, or be the reason for somebody doing something or for something happening.

The word “ALL,” which is to say all who live on the earth as explained in, “both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond.”

Therefore, the False Prophet causes all who live on the earth, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads. The question arises, how does this False Prophet cause everyone to receive this mark, the Mark of the Beast?

First thing you need to understand is that the word “causes” does not mean “Forced.” Satan by way of his anti-Christ or his False Prophet, does not force you to take some kind of a mark on your forehead or your right hand, he causes you to receive the mark.

Jesus Assigns the Mark

It is God-Jesus when he returns to remove all the sins and sinfulness of Satan and his lies from the face of the Earth, that will decide who has the Mark of God, and who has the Mark of the Beast. Jesus will decide, if you are to get the Mark of God or the Mark of the Beast, based upon who you are, and whether you fall into his definition of who a Saint of God is.

Remember: a Saint of God is those who keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus.

No Buying or Selling

*And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name. **Revelation 13:17***

It has been my understanding since I was a child, that this verse suggests that Satan by way of his anti-Christ in partnership with the False Prophet will require that you receive some kind of a mark, either on your forehead or on your right hand. This lie further tells us that if you refuse to receive this Mark, then you will be prevented from buying or selling, through some kind of a civil law enacted by the nation that is the False Prophet, but also in those ten kingdoms given dominion by the False Prophet.

This verse, throughout history, has given most people to believe that the mark on the hand is some kind of physical tattoo or such, which is logical when you consider that you are unable to buy or sell without this mark. This understanding of this verse and the Book of Revelation as a whole is caused by a false

interpretation, **Satan's Lies**. To help with understanding this verse you need to go to and understand the following verses.

Frontlets Between Thine Eyes

And thou shalt bind them for a sign upon thine hand, and they shall be as frontlets between thine eyes.

Deuteronomy 6:8

The **frontlets between thine eyes**, refers to **the inside surface of your eyelids, so when you close your eyes, you will still see the Ten Commandments written there.** All of this of course is symbolism, there is no actual mark on your hand or your forehead, or on the frontlets of your eyes, at least not that we can be aware of, but God whom it is that gives us this mark will see it.

If you read the verses before and after this one in the Book of Deuteronomy you will know that God is referring to the Ten Commandments, and that in this verse he is telling the children of Israel to **bind them for a sign upon thine hand.** So another sign of God or the **Mark of God** is that these Ten Commandments are bound to the hand, as well as to the frontlets between the eye lids.

Only Those with the Mark of the Beast

The opposite of being the Mark of God, is the Mark of the Beast, (Satan), so when you reject in any way the Ten Commandments, then you have the Mark of the Beast. The Mark can be on either your hand or your forehead. So you see, it is not that Satan or the anti-Christ or the False Prophet will force you to take this mark in order to buy and sell, but that as Saints of God, we will not buy or sell anything on the Sabbath, for to do so would cause us to receive the Mark of the Beast. It is therefore that only those who are not one with God, and therefore are ignorant of God's Truth, that receive the Mark of the Beast because they will buy and sell on the true day of the Sabbath, Friday at sundown to Saturday at sundown, thinking that Sunday is the Lords Sabbath.

Operating a Business

*And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name. **Revelation 13:17***

In the Fourth Commandment, God is telling us that on the Sabbath, the true Seventh Day Sabbath that no man or no true Saint of God, will work. This also applies to others that are within your gates which not only means within your home, but that you will not cause others to work from something that you do. When you buy or sell anything on the Sabbath you are causing others to work or engage in business. For example, you go to the market, on Saturday the true Sabbath, to buy a carton of milk, that the store is opened so you can do this, and the store has people employed on the Sabbath to take your money in exchange for the milk, is a violation of not working on the Sabbath, just as you're doing labor yourself is a violation. Therefore if you buy or sell on the Sabbath, then you will receive the Mark of the Beast even if you are righteous in all other ways because you have caused others to work and therefore receive the Mark of the Beast.

Think of it this way, it is not the anti-Christ or False Prophet that will require some kind of mark before you can buy or sell, but that if you break the Fourth Commandment, by going out to the market, or being involved in any kind of business, hence buying or selling, you will receive from Jesus, the Mark of the Beast. It is not Satan that gives you the mark, but God, because of your disobedience to his commandments, even disobedience brought about by your ignorance and the lies of Satan is a sin.

Saints do NOT buy or sell on the Seventh Day

Therefore, if you are endeavoring to worship God as he commands and you keep the Seventh Day Sabbath as your day of rest, and bring God into your home and commune with him, then you **must not** go to the market, or to work, or involve yourself in anything that would be contrary to the intent of the Fourth Commandment, and that includes going to the market, or to the Mall, or in any way involving yourself in the buying or selling of anything. Having a lawn sale on Saturday is such a violation as is going to a restaurant for dinner.

It is Satan that has caused you to receive the Mark of the Beast because of his distortions of the laws of God, and making Saturday a business day and not the Lords day of Sabbath, but it is God who assigns you with the Mark of the Beast for your disregard and disobedience to his law.

If after all that you have read in these pages of this Web Page, you still are not convinced of the truth of these words, perhaps when you learn the identity of the anti-Christ, and the False Prophet, you will understand and thus believe.

I realize that I have mentioned in these pages already that the anti-Christ is the Church of Rome, as well as all those Protestant churches that pulled away from the mother church. But now it is time to show you from

the Words Written in the Bible, and not just my telling you, the truth of this which I will do in the next several lessons.