DENVER CHURCH HOLDS ORDINATION SERVICE

DENVER, COLO. — The Denver Church held a special ordination service on Sabbath, April 5. The church was calling a deacon and deaconess to ordination, and this service was combined with the ordination to the gospel ministry of Francis D. Saunders.

The program for the morning and afternoon sessions included special music, with an anthem by the choir and a violin solo by Luther J. Hansen, accompanied by Mrs. F. D. Saunders; statements from the three candidates; reading by Mrs. Esther Stanton of the list of over sixty delegates from the churches at North Loup, Nortonville, Riverside, Boulder, and Denver; prayers by Rev. Harley Sutton, Rev. Verney A. Wilson, and Rev. Erlo Sutton, who offered the concluding prayer; charge to the candidates, given to the pastor by Rev. Erlo Sutton and to the deacon and deaconess by Deacon Herbert Saunders of Boulder; charge to the church by Deacon George Clement of North Loup; a worship service led by Willard Wells of the Riverside Church; invocation and benediction by Pastor Saunders; and the ordination sermon by Rev. Harley Sutton.

The moderator elected was Rev. Harley Sutton, and the clerk was Mrs. Jane Bottons of the Boulder Church. The usual procedure, as provided in the denominational manual, was followed through the service. Greetings were brought from Rev. Everett T. Harris, president of Conference, and Rev. A. J. C. Bond, dean of the School of Theology, by Rev. Harley Sutton, their alternate.

The morning service ended with the council's unanimous vote for ordination of the candidate. This was followed by a luncheon served to one hundred and fifty persons in the social room of the church.

In the afternoon the program was closely followed as had been prepared by the church. The ordaining of the candidates was most impressive, with the beautiful floral decorations banking the platform and the sunshine pouring in the auditorium of the church. This ended our beautiful Easter Sabbath.

In the evening a large group gathered at the church for an interesting hour of slides and a chalk-talk by Deacon Clement of North Loup. The visiting groups were not all able to stay, but those who could were well repaid for their time spent at this delightful social hour.

EDINBURG, TEX. — Our church has recently enjoyed a revival conducted by Curtis H. McAdams and William E. Schneider, independent Sabbath-keeping ministers of Austin. There have been three additions to the church. Three others expressed a desire to be baptized later. Our members and others who attended have been revived and strengthened. I believe all who heard either of these men speak and sing were greatly helped. They conducted a jail service the first Sunday they were here. Mr. Schneider preached to the prisoners. Upon invitation of the pastor, he also preached two Sunday nights at the First Christian church. We use the annex of that church for our regular meetings.

Five hundred circulars advertising the special meetings were printed and distributed in various parts of the city with evangelistic tracts. Notices were published in both Edinburg papers. Beginning Friday night, April 18, and closing Sabbath night, May 3, there were two services daily except Sunday when we do not have the use of the church. Baptism was held when interest and attendance were at their height.

There were more visitors present than usual at our special meetings. The ministers left for their homes in Austin early Sunday morning, May 4, with the hope that the revival begun will continue in our hearts. These men are good—one elderly, one young—an efficient working team, with their preaching and music, calls in homes, and personal work. While not entirely of our faith, they agree in the essentials. They worked valiantly to uphold the Seventh Day Baptist Church in Edinburg. — Record.

NORTH LOUP, NEB. — Nearly one hundred North Loup mothers and daughters attended a mother-daughter banquet sponsored by the Dr. Grace Missionary Society and spent a pleasant evening together. The guests ranged from two year olds to eighty-five year old great-grandmothers.

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WHAT AND WHERE
TOWARD A MORE CHRISTIAN WORLD

"PRESENT DAY SABBATHISM" is a recently published symposium by students of the School of Theology, Alfred University, Alfred, N. Y. The following brief quotations are from the longer statement printed in that booklet. "present, these papers are presented," says Dean A. J. C. Bond in the introduction, "in the hope that they may help the reader to a better understanding, a deeper appreciation, and a more joyous experience of spiritual Sabbathism."

Christlike Sabbath by Socrates A. Thompson
Though Christ claimed lordship over the Sabbath, he kept it holy to be a constant reminder of that love. Therefore, the degree of faithfulness and devotion with which we partake of its holy hours in spiritual activity is the true measure of our love for Christ. On our example; we observe his disregard for certain legalistic and Pharisaic traditions which are a burden to the Sabbath. The Sabbath was made for man, and always by precept and example he exalted the spirit of the Sabbath. Christ is our standard of love.

Loving Sabbathism by Gene R. Maxson
The setting apart of God’s holy day, and the making of it a really observable day, is a routine of days, is the witnessing of our love for the Father. He sent his Son into the world to be a constant reminder of that love. Therefore, the degree of faithfulness and devotion with which we partake of its holy hours in spiritual activity is the true measure of our love for Christ. On our example; we observe his disregard for certain legalistic and Pharisaic traditions which are a burden to the Sabbath. The Sabbath was made for man, and always by precept and example he exalted the spirit of the Sabbath. Christ is our standard of love.

Joyful Sabbathism by Theodor R. Maxson
When we speak of finding joy on the Sabbath or also to find that Sabbath keeping. There are many ways in which one can find joy on the Sabbath, but in many cases it would be selfish pleasure or at best, a failure to bring the spirit of the day, if we are to be true Sabbath keepers, we must only seek to obey the letter of the law but the spirit of the law.

THIS WEEK’S COVER
The redwood forest pictured on the cover is located in Humboldt County, Calif., the photo-graph taken by the U. S. Forest Service. The im- pressive picture sets the general theme for the issue—the greatness and power of God as revealed, the stupendous wonders of nature and its immutable laws, shining through the trees, the sun’s rays are symbolic of the Light desired as long as we look to the Giver of Light for our hope, strength, and guidance.

EDITORIALS

SURFACE OR INTERNAL FAITH?

GUEST EDITORIAL
By Rev. Trevah R. Sutton
Salemville, Pa.

The world today needs a faith in Christ which penetrates the soul. The Apostle Paul writing to the Ephesians in speaking of Jesus Christ says, "In whom we have de- tainment through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace" (1: 7). The Hebrews set up an altar upon which blood was shed for the redemption from sin. With Christ’s blood shed upon the cross we have our remission from sin. The Catholic has his altar upon which stands the cross, the supreme symbol of the Christian faith. This symbolic altar is carried into many Protestant churches as well.

We are often inclined to criticize the Catholic faith, and with reason. But it is not so much their belief in Jesus Christ, God’s Son and man’s Saviour, or his death and resurrection to which we object. It is the authority of the Pope and the Church, the divinity of Mary, the mother of Jesus, the magic in communion, and other interpretations of their religion to which we object. We have the altar, but believe in that for which the altar and its symbols stand - the shed blood of Christ — even though their teachings and ours as to how one receives redemption differs.

I can see no good reason why Protestants cannot use the altar, the cross, and other Christian symbols for worship—centers if so desired as long as these remain only symbols of faith and not become necessities of for- mality. (To claim that an altar-center is more worshipful than the pulpit-center seems like nonsense.) However, with the present day popularity of the altar in church archi-

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and by the cries of "ignorant," "emotional," "old-fashioned," and the like.

Friends, what is your religion? Is it a surface Christianity, or is it one of a faith so firmly rooted in the Lord Jesus Christ that it penetrates the denial or omission of the shed blood of Christ cleanse you and give you a new and vigorous life? Each of us needs to carefully, and prayerfully, examine our faith. I need it, and you need it. The real Christian faith is too sacred to be trifled with by those who have not found, or seek, a new life through it. Worship is not for the sake of finding culture in music and art. It is the coming into the presence of God with a penitent heart ready to be forgiven and to be made whole. If we are to use the altar, or the pulpit, or music and art for the rich symbolisms in worship, let them be strengthened by a deep faith. Let us not mock God by our words or the random picking of basic principles taught in His Holy Scriptures.

The world of today needs a blood-transfusion. Too long has man been making the bloodshed. It is time humanity turned to Christ, His God, and go forth with this gospel of salvation.

Prayer of the Trees

Sometimes people wonder why prayers are not answered promptly or directly from their expectations, although we have the assurance our prayers are heard by our heavenly Father.

The following story is symbolic:

One day, three trees stood in a dense forest. One day they prayed, asked for what they desired to God, and were promised what they had prayed for.

The first prayed to be a beautiful palace where kings and queens dwell and visitors would come to pay homage to the man and the words he spoke.

The second, to be a large ship, sail the seven seas, and encircle the globe.

The third wanted to stay in the forest, grow old, and go forth with this gospel of salvation.

The third was promised something unique. He was to be the fairest babe in all creation and ever since men have known a smile, he would be smile.

Thirty years passed, and the second had been converted into when felled. The third was converted into when felled.

The voice of God discovereth the forest: and in his temple doth everyone speak of his glory. . . . I will hear what God, the Lord, will speak, for what saith the scriptures is written in our hearts, known and read of all men. Isaiah 60: 13; 2 Corinthians 3: 2.

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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Personal Comments, Interpretations of Scripture, References to History

SUNDAY RESURRECTION EXCUSE FOR SABBATH DESICATION

By Leo L. Wright

(Reprinted by special request)

It seems a bit peculiar that most persons who make an attempt to defend Sunday observance in lieu of the Sabbath of our Lord, do so by contending that Sunday, the first day of the week, should be accepted as a holy day in commemoration of the day on which the resurrection occurred. It is time humanity turned to the Sabbath and to the resurrection incident as such, and not the particular day on which the resurrection occurred, since the Sabbath doctrine is not founded upon this event.

Sundays observance has many defenders but no defense from God's holy Word. Nevertheless, there are many sincere and devout Christians that permit themselves to be lulled into complacency by traditions and prejudices and false teachings, and therefore have no compunction about abandoning the God-ordained holy Sabbath regardless of the specific commandment of God.

Therefore, we can only conclude that this defense of Sunday observance is merely an excuse for utter disregard of the Sabbath.

The day on which the resurrection occurred, no matter what day it may have been, has nothing to do with Sabbath observance, or desecration. No defense was made to defend Sunday as a particular day as my birthday.

The following day on which the resurrection occurred, no matter what day it may have been, was born. This is indicated by the many and varied efforts put forth to explain away the true meaning of a few simple words. However, those few simple words are not at all disturbing to those who remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy, and to reverence God's ordinance of the seventh day as the Sabbath.

This is the real Christian faith in action. It is the real Christian faith in action. It is not the surface Christianity, or is it one of a faith so firmly rooted in the Lord Jesus Christ that it penetrates the denial or omission of the shed blood of Christ cleanse you and give you a new and vigorous life? Each of us needs to carefully, and prayerfully, examine our faith. I need it, and you need it. The real Christian faith is too sacred to be trifled with by those who have not found, or seek, a new life through it. Worship is not for the sake of finding culture in music and art. It is the coming into the presence of God with a penitent heart ready to be forgiven and to be made whole. If we are to use the altar, or the pulpit, or music and art for the rich symbolisms in worship, let them be strengthened by a deep faith. Let us not mock God by our words or the random picking of basic principles taught in His Holy Scriptures.

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THE DISCIPLINE OF LONELINESS

By Rev. L. F. Hurley

Individuals and groups who hold truth that is different from that which is common and popular are conscious that they are often considered not quite normal, or at least a bit strange. Jesus often had to face such criticism and misunderstanding. He was misunderstood and His name was cast out as evil. I have found an article printed first in the month after I was born—to be exact, October 1866. It seems to me that it is worthy of reprinting, along with a poem whose authorship I do not know. The article is by P. Adams and was originally printed in "The Spirit of the Word."

Everyone who would follow advanced light may expect The Discipline of Loneliness. This Christ born and every one of His followers must endure the same. The reason is that you are living God's life. God is infinite. If His life has begun within you, the manifestation of God to you will be different than to anyone else. You are living a hidden life. Some of you are not even conscious of it. This is not so to be taken away from the feeling of sympathy and holy peace; and yet every one who follows Jesus must endure this discipline of loneliness; it is inevitable because of the infinite nature of the life of God.

Your place in God's future will not be the same as that of others; hence you need an explanation to the outsider of your loneliness as to that of other people. If a man is manufacturing a million clothspins he can put them all through the same machine and they all come out alike. But God is not making clothspins but intelligent beings in His own image and likeness, and they are not made by fixed and variable machinery, but each one by hand, so to speak. There is room enough in God's infinity for numberless beings made like Him, and yet no two individuals will be exactly like each other. They all have something in common: "there shall be one fold and one shepherd," and yet no two will be exactly the same for "one star differ from another star in glory."

Now if God's life has begun in you then this individualization has begun in your case. While in God's general kingdom we have had blessed communion with God's saints, yet you have some thoughts and feelings that are unutterable, into the understanding of which no other can enter. No matter how near and dear your relationship may be on the natural plane, here is a realm where each one travels alone in some things, and you cannot enter into that hidden life with you. Hence you may expect to be misunderstood; you need not take this to heart, you can only testify to what you have seen and heard and looked upon and "he that is able to receive it let him receive it."

Expressing the thought of the study above, but going beyond it and giving the secret of how to meet the Loneliness and conquer it is a poem entitled:

A Solitary Way

There is a mystery in the heart, And though we be encircled by a host Of those who love us well, and are, beloved, To every one of us, from time to time There comes a sense of utter loneliness. Our dearest friend is 'stranger' to our joy, And cannot realize our bitterness. There is not one who really understands, Not one to feel. Such is the cry of each of us in turn. With God, there is no such thing. No matter what or where our lot may be; Each heart, mysterious even to itself, Must live its inner life in solitude. And would you know the reason why this is? It is because the Lord desires our love. (In every heart He wishes to be first.) He therefore hides the secret key. He hides it not, there is no puzzle left to the outsider; but he hides and blesses With perfect sympathy and holy peace, Each solitary heart to Him. So when we feel this loneliness, it is The voice of Jesus saying, "Come to me," And every time we are "not understood," It is a call to us to come again. Disopened the soul, And those who walk with Him from day to day Can never have a "solitary way."

Walworth, Wis.

We are all part of the world-wide Christian Church which is one because it owns allegiance to Jesus Christ and Savior of us all. That Church transcends our differences of race, nation, color, and creed; and its unity will in the end prevail in the face of all such differences. — Dr. Luther A. Weigle, Yale University Divinity School.

MEASUREMENT OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

By Rev. Francis D. Saunders

A small boy once came to his mother with this confident assertion: "Mother, I am as big as Goliath, I'm nine feet tall." His mother, much surprised, asked, "Why, what makes you say that?" I still say I am a little ruler all my own and measured myself, and I'm exactly nine feet tall.

It is a natural tendency to measure ourselves by self-appointed rules. It is an evil thing to look at the community in which we live or the people with whom we associate, and compare ourselves to them. The apostle Paul, in the divinely inspired words of 2 Cor. 10: 12, says, "For we dare not make ourselves of the number, or compare ourselves with some that commend themselves; but they which are chief among men, let them compare themselves with each other."

One of the chief excuses given by the outsider for not joining the church is that "there are too many hypocrites in it." He looks at a certain individual or group and claims that he is just as good as they. Just another group of people who are comparing themselves to others. But, Christian friends, the only reason that the outsider can make such a claim is that we who claim to be Christians can never measure up to the standard of Christian life.

God has given us his own standard of righteousness: This standard is manifest to us in two ways. First, the perfect law of God, as contained in the Ten Commandments. The psalmist tells us that "the law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul." I read the other day a how a group of men in England worked for ten years to perfect what was claimed to be the nearest yardstick in the world. Made of platinum and iridium, it was to be examined every year for ten years, and if found to vary as little as one one thousandth of an inch, it was to be discarded as inadequate. The law containing the Ten Commandments is God's standard. As God himself never changes, so his law remains the same forever. (Continued on page 372)
A FOREST HYMN

The groves were God’s first temples. ‘Ere man learned
To bow the shaft and lay the archstone,
And spread the roof above—thou didst frame the lofty vault,
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To gather and roll back the invisible breath that swayed at once.

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THE IMPORTANCE OF SABBATH KEEPING —
And Our Responsibility to Young People

By Rev. Harley Sutton

A MOTHER CRAB decided that she would walk forward and not backward as other crabs do. After she had talked for a long time trying to get the children to learn this new way of walking, one of the children said, "Mother, if you want us to walk forward instead of backward you will have to set the example for us to follow.”

Children who come to have a deep conviction that the Seventh Day Sabbath is the Sabbath of the Lord God who has created all things, and who keep the seventh day holy, have very little chance to achieve this unless an example is set by their parents.

Important in the development of deep conviction is continued study of the Bible, of Sabbath literature, and a great deal of discussion with those who can support their beliefs. It is in this way our convictions are to be buried by an accumulation of unimportant things and ideas. We dare not live on the faith of our grandparents; if we expect our children to have a Sabbath faith of their own, we must first of all have a growing faith for ourselves.

Let me ask this question: "What kind of example are you as a parent setting for your children in the matter of following the Truth?"

As you study the Bible what do you find about this very important truth of the Sabbath? It is not just a question for you alone. As a Christian you are also your responsibility for giving your children the best that you can in education, in character training, and the full Truth of the Bible which is the word of God.

Nothing in this world is as important to your children as a vital Christian faith! In the discovery of man's use of atomic energy we see all the more that man should fear as Jesus said, only those things that destroy the soul. By helping your children to have a strong faith in the true great things of life, Love, Faith, and Hope—things which are invaluable, but most real and eternal—you will have given them the most priceless of treasures. Essential for such a victorious faith is the assurance that we are doing the will of God. God's Word says that the seventh day is the day of the Lord and thy God. Give your children that assurance which comes to those who know they are doing the will of God in the right keeping of the fourth commandment.

Life presents many problems which seem almost more than we can solve. The many uncertainties, the many trials of life often cause us to rely to those who are sure. The Bible is that sure foundation for the Christian Faith. Do you set an example to your children so that they know the Bible is your guide in faith and practice?

Young People Need Strong Religious Convictions

Social pressure which is brought to bear on young people who worship on the seventh day of the week is very strong. In most high schools and colleges many important functions come on the Sabbath. It is not easy for young people to stand against the crowd, but I have found some very young people who are very firm because they have the spiritual courage to stand by their convictions.

Let me say to you young people that success in life no matter what you may be, comes only to those who know where they are trying to go in life and are giving their best to get there. If you have religious convictions to which you cling against all odds, those who employ people will undoubtedly see that you will have the same loyalty to a job. You will be able to stand high in the esteem of schoolmates, and all your friends if you prove to them that you have convictions which are strong, both to you and to which you will always be true. It has been proved by many and is being proved by young people all the time.

You young people will find much help from a strong faith in those men in business who have won the victory, from visiting or writing to those young people who have won the victory.

Do you want the names of other young people to whom you may write let me know.

The Sabbath was made for man. Through loyalty to the seventh day Sabbath you may become a happy, successful person with God's help.

WHAT CAN THE LAYMAN DO ABOUT THE SABBATH?

Just recently it has been my privilege to meet laymen who have recently accepted the seventh day Sabbath truth. It has not been easy. Members of their families have been very much opposed to this change. Church affiliations have had to be broken. This means there is something very deep in the souls of these who are moving out of this world.

People is God himself at work in the lives of men.

An important question for every seventh day Sabbath keeper is whether it is necessary or not to work on the seventh day. Just recently I visited a rural family who had worked out a program that was outstanding. Three of the sons and the father of this family have worked out a kind of company with the father at the head, and each son with definite control over a part of the work. Diversified farming is followed, making their income not just from one crop but from a variety of crops which are raised every year.

There is a large dairy, vineyards, and fields of cotton and grain. Because they are organized, and because the father of this Christian Sabbath-keeping family, they have the most outstanding rural business that I have ever seen. We have many others to recommend the Seventh Day Baptist family who do not think it possible to succeed in rural work.

It was my privilege to visit an architect's office where a building was to be constructed for a business conducted by a Seventh Day Baptist. It probably is the only office of its kind in the country. The architect and all those working with him are active Christians, and they can have worship and Bible study along with work. This man has a very successful business and the office is not open on Saturday or Sunday. Besides, this architect saw his business collapse during the depression and he had to start again at the beginning. He did this and kept his faith in God and his holy Sabbath. There have been many others who have not been as fortunate but because they have always kept faith with God, have been happy and have not worried about necessities of life.

A lesson of many years ago an Italian man and wife in New York State accepted the seventh day Sabbath truth and this meant a break between the wife and her family. They gave up a good business with her father and started all over again. Through trying days they remained true to their newly found faith. There were times when they were not sure of having money to buy the food they needed, but in each time of trial God blessed them in special ways. Today this man has a successful business and recognizes God's blessing in this respect by rendering service to his church and community.

The growing interest in Sabbath and watching the movement of this man is something that is making a difference in the world. As people see these young people who are leaders be examples, they will help in much the victory.

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Good will is the mightiest practical force in the universe. — Dole.

DESIRE nothing for yourself which you do not desire for others. — Socrates.
What a blessed privilege is ours to live in a day like this. These are days of the greatest research. Men of science have performed modern miracles for the convenience of mankind. Men of medicine have turned the same miracles to the benefit of the sick and afflicted. Men of industry and agriculture have composed a Christian research to benefit this age. All around us are witnesses of the effort men have put forward, seeking and finding the underlying data. The result? The most advanced era known to man.

Men have searched everywhere for the advancement of life, and even the taking of life, but one great void is left in this our present day. That great void is the lack of sincere study in the riches and truths of God. Standing through the ages as the world's best seller and perhaps the one book found in every home, the Bible remains to most people as an unknown quantity. Some are even warned of the evils that result from reading the Book. Many profess to know little of the contents between its covers, and many more who claim to be students of the Word are a testimony of that particular sect to which they claim membership. Yet for these and all mankind Christ gave his life a sacrifice that the glories of heaven might be theirs.

Still down through the ages God has had a people enlightened with the truths of the Bible. We here at the Church of the Christian Church down to the present time, we would realize the struggle of truth and evil which existed even in the days of Paul. Even in those days Paul warned that "the mystery of iniquity doth already work," and he warns them that "be not soon shaken in mind, nor be troubled," and to "let no man deceive you." (2 Thess. 2:1, 2.)

Again the spirit of Paul was troubled with the evil arising within the then existing church and he gave warnings in writing to Timothy, saying, "For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they walk, and shall become teachers having itching ears; and they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto奇怪 things. Men of faith will be growing wealthier!" With the blessing of the Holy Spirit, the Apostle Paul foresaw the time when these conditions would exist in the Christian Church. As time lengthened and error after error arose and reared their ugly heads within the growing church, there were those who fell heir to this text," and heaped to themselves teachers having itching ears." Those who studied the then existing manuscripts say that the early Christians were warned that they were able with the help of God to cling to the simple truths and preserve them for our benefit in this generation.

**Shortest Route to Persecution**

It was not easy. Standing for truth has always been the shortest route to persecution and trial. In the midst of no little opposition those stalwarts defended themselves with "thus saith the Lord," and called upon him for protection. They were not always delivered, but history records and the Bible says that they suffered anguish and torture they passed through. Lives lived and given for a cause. Yes. Death is no boundary when principles are involved. The simple truth persisted, passing from generation to generation. Always there was opposition and persecution. It had to be endured. Martyrs were a price paid above all else, and they were not hesitant in spreading their beloved message to others. They had a burden. They were devoted to their faith; they too might share in the reward which the righteous Judge shall give in that day.

The greatest truth that persisted down through the ages was the conviction of God's holy Sabbath day. For the Sabbath of the Lord men were willing to stand true to principle and sacrifice manner of trial. This was one of those ideals which before us were cherished and were not hesitant in giving to others. There must be a reason why the Sabbath meant so much to the Christians who preceded us. Let us study the subject and see for ourselves.

As you open your Bible and start to study, you read the story of creation down through the days; first day, second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth, and then the seventh day. On the seventh day God rested from all the work which he had made. And God blessed the seventh day and sanctified it. Herein lies the very beginning of the first day of the Sabbath. God sanctified it, and that was the Sabbath day. It might profit us to study here a little bit just who were involved in the creation. John 1:3-5: "All things were made by him, and without him was not any thing that was made. And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth."

So then, if Jesus was with the Father in the creation, then he also had part in the creation of the Sabbath day and its sanctification.

Then we can more readily understand what John is speaking about in Revelation 1:10 when he says, "I was in the spirit on the Lord's day." What did he mean by that? Read Mark 2:28. We find Jesus himself speaking: "Therefore the Son of man is Lord also of the Sabbath."

It is an example of the power of the Word, the power of the Word, and the power of the Word. It is the Word of God which conquers. If Jesus had a burden for others that they too should be saved, he would have been willing to give his life for that purpose. The Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us. We have the Word of God which has been given to us in the Bible. As we search the Word of God, we find the promise of eternal life to the one who believes on the name of the Lord Jesus. (Mark 16:16.)

**WHAT ARE SEVENTH DAY BAPTISTS?**

Seventh day Baptists are Baptists, and constitute a minor division of the great body of Baptists from whom they differ essentially only in that the former observe the seventh day of the week as the Sabbath, while the latter observe the first day of the week, commonly called Sunday.

It should never be forgotten:

(1) That Sunday was engrafted upon the Christian Church, by a Roman Emperor, who at heart was a pagan, both by instinct and by training, and a Christian for reasons of state expediency only.

(2) That previous to its introduction into the Christian Church, the history of Sunday was nothing but a cheat to the Church.

(3) That the proclamation of Constantine, by which Sunday was formally and legally instituted into the Christian Church, was no more than a compromise between Christianity and Paganism—a compromise which resulted in the great Protestant revolt led by Martin Luther twelve hundred years afterwards.

(4) That the Lord's Day was, according to the Church at large, down to the time of the Puritan movement in England, was in no true sense a religious observance, but was observed as a day of profit to the Church of England.

(5) That the principal claim urged in behalf of Sunday today by all but a few, if any, accuate scholars of Protestant Church history, is that of mere convenience—a desire not to disturb the existing order of things.

(6) That the seventh day of the week was the universal Sabbath of the early history of the human race.

(7) That the seventh day of the week is the only weekly Sabbath recognized in the Old Testament.

(8) That the seventh day of the week was the weekly Sabbath observed by Jesus and his apostles, and that they observed no other.

(9) That, from the time of Christ down to the present day, there have always been Sabbath-keeping Christians—at least small groups of them even in the Dark Ages. And that to...
Our picture today brings to mind a favorite poem of mine:

Jesus Blessing the Children

"The Master has come over Jordan," said Hannah, the mother, one day;
"He is blessing the people who throng him
With the touch of his finger, they say.
And now I shall carry the children,
Little Samuel, and Rachel, and John,
I shall carry the baby Esther
For the Lord to look upon."

The father looked at her kindly,
But he shook his head and smiled:
"Now who but a dotted mother
Would thing of a thing so wild?
If the children were tortured with demons,
Or burning with fever, "were well,
Or had they the taint of the leper
Like many in Israel."

"Nay, do not hinder me, Nathan; I feel such a burden of care.
If I carry it to the Saviour,
Perhaps I can leave it there,
If he lay his hands on the children,
My heart will grow lighter, I know,
And a blessing forever and ever
Will follow them as they go."

So over the hills of Judah,
Along the vine-rows green,
With Esther asleep on her bosom,
And Rachel fast by her brothers between,
Mid the throng who hung on his teaching
Or waited on his word,
Mid the row of proud Pharisees bending
She pressed to the side of the Lord.

"Now why shouldst thou trouble the Master," said Peter to children like these?
Seest not how from morning till even
He teaches and healeth disease?
Then Christ said, "Forbid not the children,
Permission them to come unto me."
And he took in his arms little Esther,
And Rachel he set on his knee.
And the heavy heart of the mother
Was lifted on earth-care above;
And he laid his hands on the brothers,
And all had strength to bear love;
And he said of the babes in his bosom,
"Of such is the kingdom of heaven;"
And strength for each duty and trial
That hour to her spirit was given.

SEARCHING FOR TRUTH
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These have never read Acts 13:42-48, Here Paul, that apostle to the Gentiles, is found teaching non-Jews on the Sabbath day.

"Must not the Christ be an Israelite, and non-Christian, will acknowledge that there is definitely one time when God spoke to man, and that was on the mount as Moses received and, in the holiness, the one acknowledged time, God definitely states that the "seventh day is the sabbath of the Lord thy God."

Unchangeable Rule

E. T. Hiscox in his Baptist manual says, "We believe the Scriptures teach that the law of God is the eternal and unchangeable rule of His moral government. That it is holy, just, and good. And the inability which the Scriptures ascribe to fallen men to fulfill its precepts arises entirely from their sinful nature. To deliver them from which, and to restore them through a Mediator to unfailing happiness on the holy law, is one great end of the gospel." What words, spoken by this man of God! But when the Sabbath is spoken of, the whole law is denied as having any bearing on salvation. But it can be said here and now, that the Bible says, "For thou art in the transgression of the law," and to keep any other day but the seventh day, the one that God in the beginning sanctified, is transgression and sin. Therefore, will not be any spot of sin in heaven. Forgiveness, yes, but "to him that knoweth to do good and doeth it not, to him it is sin." What if in that day when each one must stand before the great Judge, it can be said of us, "You knew what my word said. Have I been so long among you, in the Sacred Word, and you knew not what sin was?"

These are solemn thoughts. They deserve much consideration, Jesus said, "Ye are the light of the world," and what greater light does the world need at this time than a return to the Bible Sabbath and true worship of God? In Revelation 22:14 is pronounced the last blessing, and it rests on those who keep the Sabbath, the seventh day of rest. It says, "Blessed are they that do his commandments." Would you have this blessing pronounced upon all your loved ones? Then yours is the duty of giving the word. Yours is the commission to tell others of your faith. Some are hungering and thirsting for just this humble truth, and yours may be the opportunity of reaching those particular individuals.

Those who died before you were not afraid nor ashamed. They lived as if every day were the last. Ready for any eventuality, they lived and spread the truth. You have a special place in this generation to give the hope within you to others. You are the custodians of the seventh day Sabbath truth for today. Take up the cross, with the fallen stilly hearts before you! "Arise! Shine! . Ye are the light of the world. . . . Let your light shine. . . . Freely you have received, freely give."

Petersen, N. J.

WHAT ARE SEVENTH DAY BAPTISTS?
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day they number hundreds of thousands; and are in the world, but we are not quits, all civilized countries of the world.

From the booklet "The Sabbath and Seventh Day Baptists" by Corliss F. Randolph, copies of which are available for more detailed study. Address American Sabbath Tract Society, 510 Watchung Ave., Plainfield, N. J.

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THE MEASUREMENT OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

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The second manifestation of God's perfect standard is the very person of the Lord Jesus Christ. He, being the only begotten of God, took the form of sinful flesh, that the righteousness of God might be made manifest in the world. Being subject to the law and to temptation, he yielded not to sin, living up to the perfect law of God, condemning, and the perfect Redeemer, justifying.

"But that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord." — Denver, Colo.

THE APPLICATION OF THE FOURTH COMMANDMENT

By Rev. Lester G. Osborn

Will I be lost if I do not keep the seventh day? I wonder? I would not like to think that all my earnest, consecrated Sunday-keeping Christian friends are headed for eternal death. Yet I cannot help but wonder what relation our obedience to the will of God has to our salvation. I think I am not going to give a direct answer to this question. I do not like to take the responsibility of saying that one is lost if he does not observe the seventh day; and on the other hand, I hesitate to say that a person is saved if he is deliberately violating one of God's definite commands.

The Bible does not say, "Observe the seventh day and thou shalt be saved." Neither does it say, "Refrain from murder and adultery and thou shalt be saved." But who would not question the salvation of a person who, after professing conversion, continued on in a life of infidelity to his wife, or who deliberately went on in the way anyone who stood between him and his desires? Paul says, "By grace are ye saved...unto good works." — Eph. 2: 8-10; And James adds, "I will show you my faith by my works." — James 2: 18.

One might argue that if a person is sincere in believing that the fourth commandment is not binding, or that the day has been changed by divine sanction, his substitute another day will not be held against him. But is sincerity enough? A student may be sincere in copying down the wrong number in a problem, but his examination grade will suffer. A man may run for his train, and in his haste, in all sincerity, get on the wrong one; and at a destination far from the place where his appointment was. A mother may sincerely believe she is doing the right thing in treatment of some malady from which her child is suffering, and it may be the wrong thing entirely and the child become worse instead of better. A pharmacist may sincerely get the wrong ingredient into a prescription and cause the death of a customer. I doubt if sincerity will suffice. Is ignorance of God's will an excuse for wrongdoing. In the parable we read (Luke 12: 47, 48) that he who "knew his lord's will and according to his will, shall be beaten with many stripes." but he that knew not...shall be beaten with few stripes. Does this have an application here?

I call to mind that Moses was barred from entrance into the promised land because he struck the rock instead of speaking to it as God commanded. I remember that Nadab and Abihu were stricken dead because they substituted "strange fire" for the holy fire God specified. Saul was rejected because he did not obey God's command in every detail, concerning smiting the Amalekites utterly.

No, I do not wish to give a dogmatic answer to this question. The thought that keeps coming to my mind is as to whether a person can be saved and yet continue in the violation of God's will. The fourth commandment is on a par with the other nine, and the same application should be made concerning it. You will have to figure this question out for yourself, with the word of God as your guide, asking him to reveal to you the truth. One thing is certain, however. If you are not saved, you had better be on the safe side and obey God's specific command concerning the weekly day of rest and worship.

SILENCE

By Charles Hanson Towne

I need not shout my faith. Thrice eloquent Are the words of a god, listening soul. Hushed are the stars, whose power is never spent: The hills are mute: yet how they speak of God!

FOR THE SCRAPBOOK

TO SLEEP

By Francis Livingston Montgomery

O Sleep, Thy coversl of snow Is white and cold and deep— But Spring again will come When windflowers, fragile, pale, Will waken each long numb Beneath thy crystal veil.

Then robin and redstart Will swiftly fly to bring A message to the heart In songs of love they sing.

O Sleep. The oenophile Thou art a truthful sign That worldly things are vain.

Thou hearest a strange calm To soothe the mind from care; Thou spreadest healing balm In blending all the share.

As Autumn draweth near, The shadows—many a score— Dissolve and disappear In thee forevermore.

O Sleep. Thy gift is rest For man—take him and keep Him pillowed on thy breast In the eternal sleep;

Until he finds his home Beyond life he saw and sea, And under God's great dome, Dwells in Eternity.

Life Is A Torch

I am convinced that my life belongs to the whole community, and so long as I live it is my privilege to do for it whatever I can, for the harder I work, the more I live. I rejoice in life for its own sake. Life is no brief candle for me. It is a sort of splendid, long, tapering candle. I hold it for a moment, and I want to make it burn as brightly as possible before turning it over to future generations. — George Bernard Shaw.

All parents are teachers, all homes are schools. — Selected.

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Never Misleading

I am apt to distrust the refinements of learning, because I have seen the ablest and most learned men equally liable to deceive themselves and to mislead others.

The condition of human nature would be lamentable, indeed, if nothing less than the greatest learning and talents, which fall to the share of so small a number of men, were sufficient to direct our judgment and our conduct.

But Providence has taken better care of our happiness and has given us, in the simplicity of common sense, a rule for our judgment and our conduct.

Our happiness and has given us, in the simplicity of common sense, a rule for our direction by which we never can be misled.

Choose CHARACTER.

For the Future

The Bible is a very old book, but it has more to say of the future than the newest of publications. The Bible deals fully and honestly with sin; it sets forth the only accurate picture of God's judgment of evil. Yet it is also the most optimistic of all books. Beginning with the appearance of a new heaven and a new earth and the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride for her husband, these mystical pages are suffused with the light of heaven itself. Reading them, who can doubt that our God has in store for his people things great and unspeakably wonderful. — Presbyterian.

Joy and a Loving Heart

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By A. Dee Green

Don't measure your wealth by your pile of riches Of silver and gold and land; Nor by the millions of humble folk You have at your command.

But by the joy and happiness You've scattered throughout the land; For God blessed joy and a loving heart When he first gave earth to man.

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Conclude the Day with God:

Thy sins to Him confess; Trust in His atoning blood And plead His righteousness.

Lie Down at Night with God:

Who gives His servants sleep; When thou art in the vale of death His will thee guard and keep. — Anonymous.

"There is only one proof of ability—action."

The Attitude of Prayer

There are many ways by which people offer prayer to God. Some kneel on benches and others before their seats. Some stand, while others may bow their heads on the back of the seat in front of them. In our church we stand for prayers of invocation, dedication, and benediction, and are seated for pastoral prayer. It makes no difference as to the position of the body.

That which is vital for prayer is that we have a humble heart and a reverent attitude —that our inner selves kneel before God. We need not close our eyes, but we do need to shut out any thoughts which hinder us from being in the presence of God. No special language of "thee's" and thou's" is required, but our thoughts need to be in the attitude of God's will being done.— Rev. Trevah R. Sutton, in Church Echo.

God's Day

BEGIN THE DAY WITH GOD:

Kneel down to Him in prayer.
Life up thy heart to His abode
And seek His love to share.

OPEN THE BOOK OF GOD

And read a portion thence bestowed
That it may hallow all thy thoughts
And sweeten all thy care.

GO THROUGH THE DAY WITH GOD.

Where'er thou art— at home, abroad—
He still is near to thee.

CONVERSE IN MIND WITH GOD:

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□ I accept Jesus Christ as my Saviour and will try by his help to live a Christian life.

□ I am a Christian and love Jesus Christ, my Saviour and Lord, and wish to confess him before men by joining the church.

□ I believe that the seventh day of the week is the Sabbath of the Lord, and I believe that on now I will observe it as such.

Name

Address

[Clip out the above blank, checking the decision of your choice, or copy 'down your decision. Sign your name and address, and give or send the statement to your pastor. If you are not now a member of and would like to join a Seventh Day Baptist Church, write the American Sabbath Tract Society, Plainfield, N. J.]
A FOREST —
A CHURCH

By Doris E. Ford

The massive trees on the mountain slope appeared to be great pillars supporting the sky. . . . They looked so powerful, so strong, so immovable! Their roots were firmly fixed; their green branches entwined. This forest stood as one giant tree.

Birds flitted among the trees, and their lilting melody seemed to furnish the treble for the concerts played by the mountain stream. Squirrels ran about unafraid, chattering to their big brothers of the forest as they gathered food or built new homes. The life of every creature was protected in this mountain home. The very heart of the forest burst with joy. All was happy and serene.

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The church was a house of worship, a place of prayer. It stood as the central figure in that community. The members were as one. . . . Their faith was firmly fixed in one God, and as they worshiped him in spirit and in truth, they were drawn together in unity and love. Happy voices of children blended with those of thankful parents as they sang praises to his name. The life of every creature was sheltered in this house of God. Their faith was deep-rooted, their power great. Love overshadowed them. Peace reigned supreme.

—Gospel Call to Youth.