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Friends, what is it that is causing so much havoc in our world today? We could name several things as they increase around us: floods hurricanes, fires, drought such as been unknown in the past? No, if I counted up the most horrendous amounts of untimely death, and the loss of property in our world it would have to be the absence of our offended true and faithful God. He seems to be missing from all of these catastrophes.

Last week 300 dead in a church bomb and gun attack in Egypt, 27 were children. The most recent earthquake was on the border of Iran/Iraq November 12 which killed over 445 and injured thousands. In 1990 an earthquake in that region killed 37,000, 2003 one killed 26,000, 2005 400 were killed and two in 2012 killed 300 or more there. Also recent Hurricane Harvey dropped 27



trillion gallons of rainwater! Irma and Maria came through and destroyed and/or damaged whole islands.

TESTIMONY

My name is Ezra. I live in Zimbabwe. I'm 13 years old. I would like to thank all the preachers & presenters at Bible Explorations. My life has really changed thanks to their messages of truth. I really enjoy Elder John's DVD's they built me up to where I am. I have fully accepted Christ and would like to receive more knowledge since I think I need more light so I may be able to endure in hard times. May Yehova continue to bless you until the day Jesus returns to take his people.



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Reform or Fanaticism

By Ted Schultz



In the glorious days of the Reformation, Germany was beset with an enemy more dangerous than the Papacy. So powerful, so fast-moving, and so insidious was this enemy that it brought Luther out of his Wartburg hiding place, even though exposed by an edict of the Emperor that he was

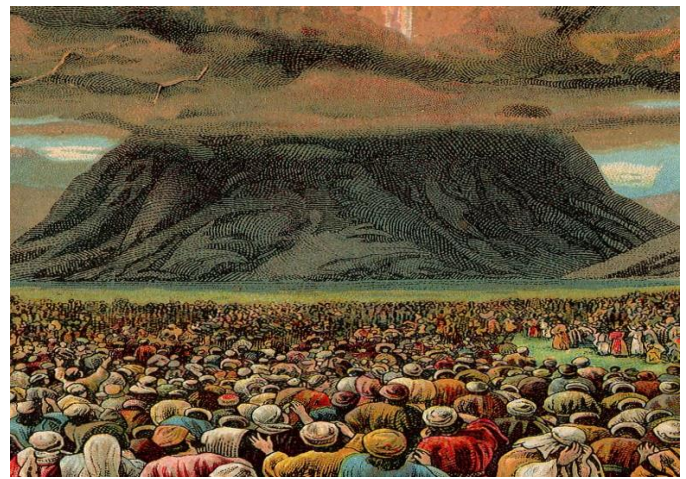
to be seized wherever he might be found. What was it that so devastating to the Reformation that it would cause Luther to face almost certain death to meet it? **Fanaticism.** The fanatics claimed to be receiving messages from God, but in reality they were setting aside the Word of God. The stirring gospel truths that had so warmed the hearts of Luther and his followers were cast aside.



The fanatics encouraged the people to engage in forceful actions to further the work of reform. The result was **destruction of property and loss of life and brought the Reformation to the verge of ruin.** This crisis brought forth words from Luther that has echoed down through the centuries to this very day. “‘By the word,’ said he, ‘must we overthrow and destroy what has been set up by violence.. I will not make use of force against the superstitious and unbelieving...No one must be constrained. Liberty is the essence of faith...His word must act, and not we. And why? You will ask. Because I do not hold men’s hearts in my hands, as the potter holds the clay. We have a right to speak: we have *not* the right to act. Let us preach; the rest belongs unto God. Were I to employ force, what should I gain? Grimace, formality, apings, human ordinances, and hypocrisy...But there would be no sincerity of heart, nor faith, nor charity. Where these three are wanting, all is wanting, and I would not give a pear stalk for such a result...**God does more by His word alone than you and I and all the world by our united strength. God lays hold upon the heart; and when the heart is taken, all is won....**” *The Great Controversy*, pp. 189, 190. Oh, how much of the Spirit of God is in those words! The Lord expressed the same sentiment three thousand years before Luther:

A matter of the heart

“O that there were such a heart in them, that they would fear me, and keep all my commandments always, that it might be well with them, and with their children forever! But as for thee, stand thou here by me, and I will speak unto thee all the commandments, and the statutes, and the judgments, which thou shalt teach them, that they may do them in the land which I give them to possess it.” Deut. 5:29, 31.



When the book of the law was given to Moses at Sinai, in the presence of the people, it was the Lord’s desire that its observance would be a matter of the heart. Jesus said, “If ye love me keep my commandments.” John 14:15. It is interesting to note Jesus also stated it the other way around. “He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me.” John 14:21. One would be inclined to think that would have a legalistic hint to it. After all the Jews were fastidious keepers of God’s law were they not? No, actually they were not. Jesus said, “Did not Moses give you the law, and *yet* none of you keepeth the law? John 7:19. Jesus in stern rebuke said, “*Ye hypocrites, well did Isaiah prophesy of you, saying, This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honoreth me with their lips; but their heart is far from me, But in vain they do worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men.*” John 15:7-9.

At the heart of the problem there was a heart problem—that is the heart was far from God. That is why the call goes out, “My son, give me thine heart, and let thine eyes observe my **ways**.” Prov. 23:26. The “ways” of the Lord will be observed by those who give their hearts to the Lord. The word *ways* (Strong’s #1870) in this verse means a road trodden. Figuratively it means a course of life, a mode of action, custom, or manner. Are we as God’s professed people truly observing His ways or are we just giving lip service to His ways? It is an amazing thing to ponder that there were those who were gathered at Jerusalem to observe the feast of tabernacles that were seeking to kill Jesus. In outward form they were keeping the feast and thus keeping the law, but their hearts were far from God.

God’s ways revealed to Moses

The Psalmist says “He [the Lord] made known his *ways* [#1870] unto Moses...” Ps. 103:7. David speaks of rejoicing in the “*way of thy testimonies*” Ps. 119:14, understanding “the *way of thy precepts*” Ps.119:27, running in “the *way of thy commandments*” Ps. 119:32, and being taught “the *way of thy statutes*” Ps. 119:33. Moses said, “Ye shall walk in all the *ways* [#1870]

which the LORD your God commanded you..." Deut. 5:33.

We have already seen in verse 31 that all the things that God commanded were His commandments, statutes, and judgments. We see then that walking in the ways of God is to



keep His commandments, statutes, and judgments. This is summed up in Deut. 30:16. "In that I command thee this day to love the Lord thy God, to walk in his ways [#1870] and to keep his commandments and statutes and judgments, that thou

mayest live and multiply: and the LORD thy God shall bless thee in the land whither thou goest to possess it."

It's love not legalism

"And thou shalt love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might. And these words, which I command thee this day [the commandments, statutes, and judgments], shall be in thy heart: And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thy house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up. And thou shalt bind them for a sign upon thy hand, and they shall be as frontlets between thine eyes. And thou shalt write them upon the posts of thy house, and on thy gates." Deut. 6:5-9. It is upon the hand and between the eyes (the forehead) that the seal of God is placed.

What is our attitude?

The attitude of our hearts towards God's commandments, statutes, and judgments can only be fully understood when put under the illumination of the word of God.

The Word is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. Heb. 4:12. "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path." Ps. 119:105. "The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it. I the LORD search the heart, I try the reins..." Jer. 17:9, 10. Only by submitting ourselves to the revelations of God's word can we discern the attitude of our hearts. We see revealed in Psalm 119 the attitude towards the statutes of one whose heart is like that of God's own heart. "O that my ways were directed to **keep** thy statutes." Verse 5. "I will **delight** myself in thy statutes." Verse 16 "Princes also did sit and speak against me; but thy servant did **meditate** in thy statutes." Verse 23. "Thy statutes have been **my songs** in the house of my pilgrimage." Verse 54. "It is good for me that I have been afflicted; that I might **learn** thy statutes." Verse 71. "Let my heart be

sound in thy statutes; that I be not ashamed." Verse 80. (The Hebrew word for sound is tamiyim which means without blemish, complete, perfect, without spot, undefiled, upright, whole.) This will be the condition of the sealed ones that make up the church triumphant at the end of time. "That he [Christ] might present unto himself a glorious church, not having, spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish." Eph. 5:27. "I have **inclined mine heart** to perform thy statutes always, even unto the end." Verse 112. "Hold thou me up, and I shall be safe: and I will have respect unto thy statutes continually." Verse 117. "Deal with thy servant according unto thy mercy, and **teach** me thy statutes." Verse 124. "Salvation is far from the wicked: **for they seek not thy statutes.**" Verse 155.

This is a test

We see in these verses of scripture a test whereby we can check the attitude of our own hearts. This gets very personal. We must ask ourselves, do I delight in God's statutes? Do I meditate upon them? Am I learning about them and teaching them to others as God in His word has taught them to us? Am I performing His statutes? Do I have respect for the statutes of the Lord and do I seek them continually? Do I desire to be as sound in the statutes as the One who gave them? Does my life testify to the fact that these things are a reality to me? Or does my life testify to the fact that I am "partial in the law" just as the Jews anciently were? That is to say am I picking and choosing which statutes I keep, which ones I teach, which ones I delight in or have respect for or meditate upon? Does my life give witness to the fact that I have scarcely a passing interest in knowing about the statutes of the Lord not to mention actually keeping them and observing them? Hopefully I am not in the condition the Jews were when the Lord said "their souls abhorred my statutes." Leviticus 26:43.

Psalms 119 is a test to the people of God at this present time that reveals what condition our hearts are in. The true keeping of the seventh-day Sabbath is going to be the great final test whereby people will receive the seal of God, but we are given smaller tests before the final test by which we can gauge where we stand now in regard to God's law.

The Lord does not want the fiery trials of the last days to find us unprepared. In His love and mercy He has given us insights into what we must be by His grace to stand in the now coming earth-shaking events. None need fail and fall at this time—absolutely none. However, none but those that learn to walk in His ways and keep His commandments, statutes, and judgments now will stand then. None but those who have entered into covenant relationship with Jesus now will be secure when the storm, relentless in its fury, comes upon you and me.

THE GREAT TEST IS COMING



“The Lord has shown me clearly that the image of the beast is to be formed before probation closes; for it is the great test for the people of God, by which their eternal destiny is decided...[Rev. 13:11-17 then quoted]...This is the test that the people of God must have before they are sealed.” *SDA Bible Commentary, E.G. White Comments, Vol. 7-A, p. 976.*

Not all is yet understood

“The light that we have upon the third angel’s message is the true light. The mark of the beast is exactly what it is proclaimed to be. Not all in regard to this matter is yet understood and will not be understood until the unrolling of the scroll.” *Testimonies for the Church, Vol. 8, p. 159.* Ellen White penned this statement in 1898. This was ten years after she produced the 1888 edition of *The Great Controversy*. Whether there were things revealed to her that she could not specifically recall after coming out of vision (because the Lord blocked it from her memory) or whether she was not shown the things to transpire after the unrolling of the scroll we do not know nor does it really matter. What does matter is that we take these words at their face value. It seems that the Lord simply revealed to Ellen White that there was more to be understood regarding the great testing truth of the mark of the beast, but did not reveal to her just what it was. There will come a time when the scroll unrolls to a certain point that God will make it known to His people the things relating to the mark of the beast that are not revealed to us as of yet, but are in the scripture none the less. In fact, Ellen White penned a message to those that assembled at the 1888 General Conference. “Said my Guide. **There is much light yet to shine forth from the law of God and the gospel of righteousness.** [The mark of the beast is an issue directly relating to people’s loyalty to the law of God]. This message, understood in its



true character, and proclaimed in the Spirit, will lighten the earth with its glory. The great decisive question is to be brought before all nations, tongues, and peoples.” *Manuscript Releases, Vol. 2, p. 58.* By these and other statements she made it clear that God had not revealed to her everything even of such crucial matters relating to the seal of God and the mark of the beast which are issues dealing with “the law of God and the gospel of righteousness.” She was shown that light and understanding would come to the students of God’s word at the right time as the scroll unrolls.

Is the scroll now unrolling?

There are things now taking place that suggest to us that the seal of God and the mark of the beast may include issues before not understood. The post-Vatican II *Catechism of the Catholic Church* yields a sobering revelation. “In respecting religious liberty and the common good of all, **Christians should seek recognition of Sundays and the Church’s holy days as legal holidays.**” No, these words are not a fake news item. This is from the officially released *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, p. 528, #2188, October 11, 1992, on the thirtieth anniversary of the opening of the Second Vatican Ecumenical Council with the blessing of Pope John Paul II. These words are from a work that was declared by Pope John Paul II in 1992 to be—“a sure and authentic reference for teaching catholic doctrine...It is meant to support ecumenical efforts that are moved by the desire for the unity of all Christians.” *Ibid, p. 5.*

The aims of the Papacy

Many may recognize the foregoing subtitle as the title to one of the chapters in the book *The Great Controversy*. Some editions now call that chapter Liberty of Conscience Threatened. This chapter informs the world what the aim of the Papacy is in regard to changing the weekly Sabbath day. Rome is not ignorant in this endeavor. “Those who were tampering with the divine law were not ignorant of the character of their work. They were deliberately setting themselves above God.” *The Great Controversy, p. 577.* It is a fact of history that Rome was tampering with the annual Sabbaths before it was tampering with the weekly Sabbath. In fact, it was the Easter controversy, also known as the Quartodeciman controversy, that propelled Sunday to a special position where Popery would subsequently assert its arrogant claims by resorting to state power to enforce the observance of Sunday as “the Lord’s day.” The time of celebrating Passover on the fourteenth of the first month being changed by Rome to Easter Sunday goes back as early as A.D. 119. A.T. Jones, *The Great Empires of Prophecy*, p. 383. This was one of the several facts of history of which A.T. Jones was bold to inform the Senate Committee on Education and Labor on December 13, 1888 in his effort to counter the bill

(S.2983) proposed by Senator Blair for a Sunday law. We see from Rome's Catechism that its aim is to make "legal", that is, to legislate not only Sundays but the Church's holy days [feast days] as recognized "legal" holidays. In this whole business Rome is repeating its own history. History shouts out to us that it first supplemented and then substituted; it first introduced their own days both annual and weekly and then brought forward legislation to **force** complete substitution. So we see that there is going to be this final push to do away with not only God's seventh-day Sabbath, but the feasts of the Lord with the annual Sabbaths as well, and replace them with the Pope's counterfeit Sabbath and counterfeit feast days.

The message of the third angel

An important part of the Three Angels' Messages is that of giving warnings to the world. "Thus the message of the third angel will be proclaimed...the sins of Babylon will be laid open. **The fearful results of enforcing the observances of the church by civil authority**, the inroads of spiritualism, the stealthy but rapid progress of the papal power; all will be unmasked." *The Great Controversy*, p. 606, 1888 edition. Notice that the word observances is plural which means that



there will be more than just the enforced observance of Sunday but the enforcing of Rome's other so-called "holy days" (as the Catechism calls them) as well. The *King James Version* speaks of this power as changing "times and laws." Daniel 7:25. The underlying word for times (zeman, zem-awn, Strong's #2166) means a season, time or an appointed occasion. The primitive root of this word is zaman, zaw-man which means to fix a time or appoint a time (Strong's #2163). This is what the scriptures declare the annual feasts to be. The word for feast in Leviticus 23 is based upon the word moed which means a fixed time or season, a festival, an assembly or congregation. The seventh day Sabbath is also called a feast or moed in verses 2 and 3. The prophet Daniel has warned God's people that a power would arise that would war against God's appointed annual feast days as well as the seventh-day Sabbath of the fourth commandment. "And he shall speak great words against the most High, and wear out the saints of the most High, and think to change times [zeman, season or time, or an appointed occasion, from the root to fix a time] and laws [decree, law]." Daniel 7:25. **History has already confirmed this prophecy!**

Please note that what was stated in 1888 to come to pass is now an officially stated goal of the papacy since 1992.

We are soon to come face to face with a power and spirit that for all of its long **wicked** career has been completely opposed to God's appointed times contained in the commandments and statutes. We say **wicked** because that is what the scriptures calls it. The Psalmist says "Salvation is far from the wicked: for they seek not thy statutes." Psalm 119:155. Not only has the papal power not sought God's statutes but it has worked in direct opposition to them all along which has won it the title antichrist. Perhaps the test whereby God's people are sealed involves more than we may have thought. This could be why we have been given the prophecy of Malachi 4:4 where the Lord says to "Remember ye the Law of Moses my servant, which I commanded unto him in Horeb for all Israel, with the statutes and judgments." That prophecy is becoming far more relevant and meaningful than we have ever before imagined.

There is going to be a power at the end of time that is going to renew its warfare upon the Law of Moses with the statutes and judgments. We began this study by looking at the attitude that those who love the law of God have toward His statutes. They will be keeping the statutes. Those who obey the command to "remember" the Law of Moses with the statutes and judgments will seek the statutes, be inclined towards the statutes, respect the statutes, learn the statutes, delight in and meditate upon the statutes, and they will be teaching the statutes and even singing about them. In other words the statutes of the Lord are going to be more than just a passing fad. It is going to be more than just the giving of a passing glimpse. The Law of Moses with the statutes is going to grip the very soul of the man—it is going to be life changing. A new spiritual reality will be experienced. That reality is the recognition that Jesus Himself gave the law of Moses with the statutes and judgments and that our attitude toward His laws is our attitude toward Christ Himself. Remember that Ellen White was shown in vision that there was "much light yet to shine forth from the law of God." *Manuscript Releases*, Vol. 2, p. 58. Most have the ten commandments memorized, but what about the statutes and judgments? Who is studying the statutes today? When is the last time you heard a sermon or a series of sermons on them? When is the last time you heard them seriously dealt with at our camp-meetings or in an evangelistic series? When is the last time that our Sabbath School lessons taught our people the statutes? Do our schools even mention them, much less teach them? Have we not instead been taught that for the most part the statutes were nailed to the cross? This view is especially embraced in connection with the statutes of the annual feasts and Sabbaths. Various publications including the Sabbath School Quarterlies **teach against** the holy convocations. For example the *Adult Sabbath School Bible Study Guide*, Sept. 2010, page 108 states, "but perhaps in Rome it was particularly the Jewish Christians who had a hard time persuading themselves that they need no longer observe the Jewish festivals." The *Adult Sabbath School Study Guide* for

Oct/Nov/Dec, 2017 is a verbatim repeat of the third quarter 2010 quarterly. Likewise the quarterly for the third quarter of 2017 on Galatians is a verbatim repeat of the quarterly for the fourth quarter of 2011. It is as if there is an urgency to double down against the keeping of the holy convocations and to have it understood that the feast days and annual Sabbaths were nailed to the cross and that those statutes are not to be observed. But did the holy convocations cease being holy at the cross? Many believe that these holy days are not to be kept holy any longer. On what basis is this claim made? We will investigate this matter in our next study. I'll be visiting with you again at that time.

WHO IS CHRIST? **By Christian Israel**

The Scripture tells us that in the beginning “the Word” which made all things “was God” (John 1:1), and that “the Word was made flesh” (v.14). These words have a great treasure store in them, and it can be difficult to be understood by those who have not meditated at any great length upon them. Have you ever looked at the sun after sitting in a dark room for days? I have. You will find that your eyes may be in for a shock; it may be difficult to keep them from forcing shut; they may even water a little. That's because your eyes need to become adjusted to the light; in the medical world, the term for it is called “photophobia”. For many people, the deep things of God are just like that (Heb. 5:11). So in this article, there may be deep concepts your mind will have wrestle with; but I assure you, go over them again and again, give it over to meditation, and it will yield a great treasury for those who desire to know more intimately the only true God and Jesus Christ whom He hath sent (John 17:3).



It was Christ's divinity that wrought out all of the wonders of creation, and we find Christ, who is called “the Word”, as the One who inextricably binds together both in His own body. All things were made by the divine Son of God, and without Him was not anything made that was made (John 1:4). It is this Christ, who made all things, that has gone to great lengths to reconcile us to God; binding eternally His divine nature to our human nature, that the power of His exalted nature might be made manifest in all who believe in Christ as a personal Savior. But who can

believe in Christ as a personal Savior if they know nothing of Him personally? It is believing what the Scriptures have said about Christ (John 7:38), and what God has revealed about Himself to us through His Word, that will make His grace and power more distinctly evidenced in our walk with Him.

As we behold Christ, we see the the manifest expression of the Father's heart in creating all things: we see the One in whom the Father is “well pleased for His righteousness' sake” (Isaiah 42:21); He is the divine channel of the Father's will for His creation (1 Cor. 8:6, Heb. 1:1-3); Christ is the executor of His purposes (Ps. 40:7-8, John 5:30). He does all of the Father's good pleasure, for Christ hath said, “He that sent Me is with Me, the Father has not left me alone; for I do always those things that please Him” (John 8:29); and of His Word, the Father says, “it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper *in the thing* whereto I sent it.” (Isa. 55:11)

The Father takes great pleasure in Christ, and through Christ, He takes great pleasure in His created children: “For Thou hast created all things, and for Thy pleasure they are, and were, created.” (Rev. 4:11) As the Father finds pleasure in Christ, Christ also finds pleasure in the Father, and even while humbling Himself as a man, in all points He conformed to the Divine will expressed in the Scriptures; He stood in the channel of His Father as a man, that He might know and understand His Father's heart, “for even Christ pleased not Himself, but as it is written, “The reproaches of them that reproached You have fallen upon Me.”” (Rom. 15:3) Here was the beauty of the divine nature witnessed in human form; the frailty of our humanity married to the beauty of holiness in divine communion with the God and Father of creation. Yet the Father cannot have pleasure in those who depart from His Word; we are told that “without faith, it's impossible to please God” (Heb. 11:6). Faithlessness was manifested when Eve doubted and disbelieved His Word, and in this, she stepped out of Christ, the created stepped away from the divine, believed the serpent instead, and in this departure from His Word, the Father was grieved; for without faith, it was impossible to fulfill His purpose for mankind. The two must be blended.

It was to restore His first purposes, to renew His Word, to renew creation that Christ was made flesh. As Christ had bound in Himself all created things, uniting it to God the Father, even so, by being bound in flesh, Christ became the Word of Redemption for mankind. That is, the Word of God's first mission was to make all things, upholding it in Himself by the scepter of His power: He executed the Father's purposes in the plan of creation. Yet after men fell, they stepped out of the Father's purposes for them, and alienated themselves by breaking ties to Christ through transgressing God's Word. The plan of redemption, laid “before the foundation of the world” (1

Pet.1:20), was to be executed by Him for restoring that which was lost (Ps. 69:4). Christ is called “the Door” (John 10:9); and it is through Him that we may have access to God by His divine Spirit (Eph.2:18); it is through Him the divine connection is restored to us. More than this, in His flesh, He lived our experience in constant connection with God. By His constant communion with the divine, we may have communion in the Spirit with the Father and the Son (1 John 1:3). In His own humanity, He bound us to His divine nature! Does that make sense to you? Christ made all things and holds them up. But then was made our flesh to uphold fallen man, and unite us to His divinity. Quite literally, mankind, through living faith in Christ, is to become a revelation of Christ, and a most glorious demonstration of what God the Father can do, through Christ, for us who believe. His divinity in our humanity is made possible in the Christ who brings together both natures in His own body. The divine person of Jesus is expressed in our humanity; for “every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is of God.” (1 John 4:2)

This means that every divine revelation that comes to mankind, past, present, and future, comes by virtue of Christ who was made flesh. The Bible, though written by human agencies, were worked by the divine Spirit of God (1 Pet. 1:21); Christ was testified of old in the flesh of holy men of God. The Scriptures, though written and expressed through man's individuality, we may confidently and boldly declare as the Word of God. More than this, prophecies are given in symbols, but every prophecy was given to reveal the will and plan of God, and the prophecies are wonderfully declared to be “the revelation of Jesus Christ” (Rev. 1:1). We make a great mistake in focusing so fully upon the beast, the dragon, and the false prophet, without uniting these prophetic messages of warning to the divine revelations of the character and ways of God; for the light of God's way is to expose these works



All of these things were pictured in the divinely ordained graphics of the Old Testament Sanctuary. For a good study of these things I suggest you avail yourselves of the two prophetic videos from Daniel by John VanDenburgh, revealing in the prophetic warnings of how the enemy of souls was, and is, is making movements which are counteracting the restoration of the divine purposes of God for mankind. Lastly, Christ in the flesh has bound believing mankind to the presence of God, where they may find true rest for their souls.

In Christ is found the divine fountain of the Sabbath experience. All the sacrifices on the appointed times of worship typified Christ (Numbers 28-29). They typified the divine Word made flesh, who condemns sin in the flesh (Rom. 8:1-3). The sacrifices speak of the outpouring of His Holy Spirit in a marked manner in His times of worship; the presence of God brings a wonderful refreshing in the Sabbaths, new moons, and holy days. Keeping any law apart from the power and presence of God is like Cain offering a Christless sacrifice; it will not have the divine presence; it will only have empty flesh. It cannot receive the wonderful refreshings that come in the presence of God in Christ Jesus. Therefore, Christ invites us to take all of our fleshly laboring independent of Him, filled with sin (Gal. 5:18-19), and lay it down, allowing Him to unite it with His divine might (Gal. 2:20, 5:20-21); He invites us: “Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls.” (Matthew 11:28-29) Then shall we drink of the waters of life (John 7:37-39); then shall the times of worship be united with a living communion with the Spirit of God, an intimate walk with our God, partaking in our Master's joy (Neh. 8:10). “This is the rest wherewith ye may cause the weary to rest; and this is the refreshing” (Isaiah 28:12). There are those who are not receiving this refreshing; who (1) make void the law of God by seeking to abolish it; but divine power to sanctify is found in the truth and not in a lie; or else who (2) seek to keep the law as it is written in the Scripture, yet they do this apart from His divinity. Just as there are many who (3) expound on some point of prophecy, declaring some point of doctrine or instructions, but making little-to-no connection with the divine Christ; all of this does not make men partakers of the divine nature (2 Pet. 1:2-4) and it cannot; for only in Christ may men have that privilege. All of these things, without the One who unites divinity with humanity, is merely flesh unmet by the divine. Yet God is calling us higher through His most precious Messiah. It is our privilege to have an experience that only He can work out in us, as it is written: “LORD, thou wilt ordain peace for us: for thou also hast wrought all our works in us.” (Isaiah 26:12) What shall we do if we have been like Cain, doing all without the divinity of Christ? The apostle gives the answer: “Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord; And he shall send Jesus Christ, which before was preached unto you: Whom the heaven must receive until the times of restitution of all things, which God hath spoken by the mouth of all his holy prophets since the world began.” (Acts 3:19-21) Yes, He is coming, and He will keep all His promises.

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