

Israel Of God, Lord's Day, Sabbath In The End Times

What's Up Prof? 31

Sabbath or Not?

Children of Israel or Children of God?

Does Christ have two wives?

Hos 2:19 And I will betroth thee unto me for ever; yea, I will betroth thee unto me in righteousness, and in judgment, and in lovingkindness, and in mercies.

2Co 11:2 For I am jealous over you with godly jealousy: for I have espoused you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ.

Act 13:32 And we declare unto you glad tidings, how that the promise which was made unto the fathers,

Act 13:33 God hath fulfilled the same unto us their children, in that he hath raised up Jesus again; as it is also written in the second psalm, Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee.



Gal 3:29 And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

Gal 4:28 Now we, brethren, as Isaac was, are the children of promise.

Gal 6:15 For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision, but a new creature.

Gal 6:16 And as many as walk according to this rule, peace be on them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.

Eusebius's view of "Spiritual Israel"

"Then the spiritual seed of Abraham fled to Pella, on the other side of Jordan, where they found a safe place of refuge, and could serve their Master and keep his Sabbath."^[1] Eusebius's "Ecclesiastical History," b, 3, chap. 5.

In Eden, God set up the memorial of His work of creation, in placing His blessing upon the seventh day. **The Sabbath was committed to Adam, the father and representative of the whole human family. Its observance was to be an act of grateful acknowledgment, on the part of all who should dwell upon the earth, that God was their Creator and their rightful Sovereign; that they were the work of His hands and the subjects of His authority. Thus the institution was wholly commemorative, and given to all mankind. There was nothing in it shadowy or of restricted application to any people.** PP 48.1

God designs that the Sabbath shall direct the minds of men to the contemplation of His created works. Nature speaks to their senses, declaring that there is a living God, the Creator, the Supreme Ruler of all. "The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament showeth His handiwork. Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night showeth knowledge."

Psalm 19:1,2. The beauty that clothes the earth is a token of God's love. We may behold it in the everlasting hills, in the lofty trees, in the opening buds and the delicate flowers. All speak to us of God. The Sabbath, ever pointing to Him who made them all, bids men open the great book of nature and trace therein the wisdom, the power, and the love of the Creator. **PP 48.3**



Q: Why do Christians worship on Sunday instead of on the Sabbath?

A: *Sabbath* means “rest.” The first reference we find in the Bible about taking a Sabbath rest is God’s command in Exodus 16:23-26: “He told them, ‘This is what the Lord commanded: Tomorrow will be a day of complete rest, a holy Sabbath day set apart for the Lord’” (verse 23).

Observance of the Sabbath day was a part of the Law given exclusively to Israel; it was included in their covenant with God which provided their redemption. Under the Law, the people of Israel were commanded not to do work of any kind on the seventh day of the week (Saturday) but to take a physical rest and to worship God (Exodus 20:8-11). This day served as a reminder that God created the earth in six days and rested on the seventh (Genesis 2:2-3), that He delivered Israel from the bondage of Egypt (Deuteronomy 5:14-15), and that His promised Messiah would bring the true rest of redemption (Genesis 3:14-15).



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Some question whether having church services on Sunday violates God's Law. They wonder where the tradition of Sunday church services originated.

From Scripture we learn that there was not a law for what day believers were to worship (Galatians 4:9-11; Colossians 2:16). We know the disciples frequently met on Sunday (Acts 20:7; 1 Corinthians 16:2; Revelation 1:10). Some have suggested it is possible believers began meeting on Sunday in honor of the Lord's resurrection. Others point to it later becoming official when Christianity became the official religion of the Roman Empire under Constantine. **But no new command dictated that day.**

The important thing to remember is that Jesus came to redeem us from the law of sin and death so we could have true spiritual rest and fellowship with God—not just one day a week but every day, not through what we do, but through what *He* did on the cross to provide for our right-standing with God (Romans 11:6, Ephesians 2:8). As Christians, we can gather together at any day, time or place, and Jesus said He would be right there with us (Matthew 18:20; Hebrews 10:24-25)!

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EXODUS 31:17

CONTEMPORARY ENGLISH VERSION

“One day a week will always serve as a reminder that I made the heavens and the earth in six days, and then, on the seventh day, I rested and relaxed!”

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EXODUS 23:12

CONTEMPORARY ENGLISH VERSION

“Work the first six days of the week, but rest and relax on the seventh day. This law is not only for you, but for all your animals as well as everyone else, including foreigners among you.”

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EXODUS 20:9-10a

TODAY'S ENGLISH VERSION

“You have six days in which to do your work, but the seventh day is to be a day of complete rest dedicated to me.”

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“Sabbath” means: DAY OF REST

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MARK 2:27

LIVING BIBLE

“The Sabbath was made to benefit man...”

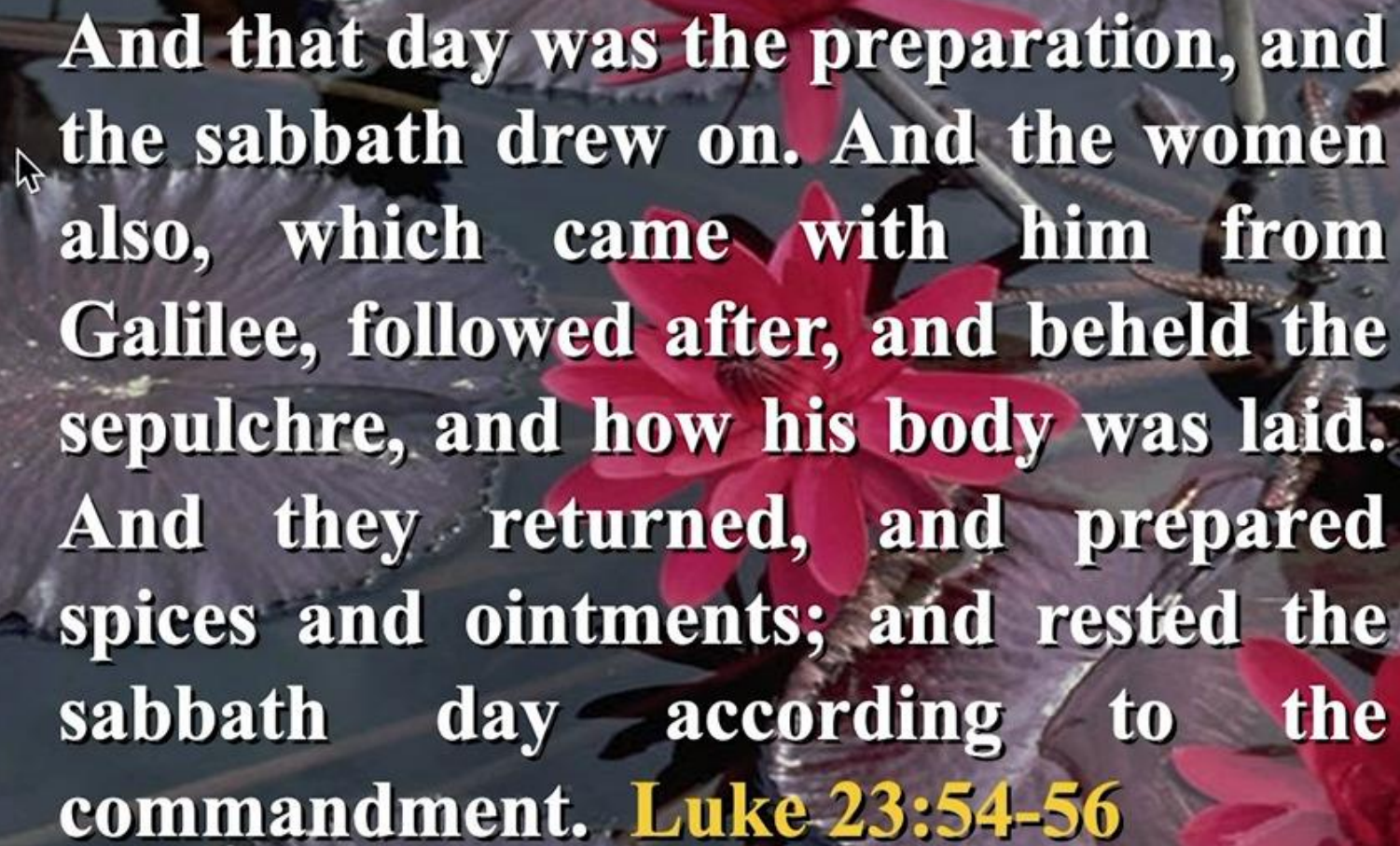
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THE FIRST DAY OF THE WEEK IN THE NEW TESTAMENT

First text: Matthew 28:1

In the end of the sabbath, as it began to dawn toward the first *day* of the week, came Mary Magdalene and the other Mary to see the sepulchre.

NEB (New English Bible): The Sabbath had passed and it was about daybreak on Sunday when Mary...

A photograph of a pond with several pink lotus flowers in various stages of bloom and large, dark green lily pads floating on the water. The background is slightly blurred, showing more of the pond and some reeds.

And that day was the preparation, and the sabbath drew on. And the women also, which came with him from Galilee, followed after, and beheld the sepulchre, and how his body was laid. And they returned, and prepared spices and ointments; and rested the sabbath day according to the commandment. **Luke 23:54-56**

THE FIRST DAY OF THE WEEK IN THE NEW TESTAMENT

Second text: **Mark 16:1,2**

1 And when the sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the *mother* of James, and Salome, had bought sweet spices, that they might come and anoint him.

2 And very early in the morning the *first day of the week*, they came unto the sepulchre at the rising of the sun.

THE FIRST DAY OF THE WEEK IN THE NEW TESTAMENT

Third text: [Mark 16:9](#)

Now when *Jesus* was risen early the **first *day* of the week, he appeared first to Mary Magdalene, out of whom he had cast seven devils.**

THE FIRST DAY OF THE WEEK IN THE NEW TESTAMENT

Fifth text: [John 20:1](#)

**The first *day* of the week cometh
Mary Magdalene early, when it
was yet dark, unto the
sepulchre, and seeth the stone
taken away from the sepulchre.**

THE FIRST DAY OF THE WEEK IN THE NEW TESTAMENT

Sixth text: [John 20:19](#)

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, came Jesus and stood in the midst, and saith unto them, Peace *be* unto you.

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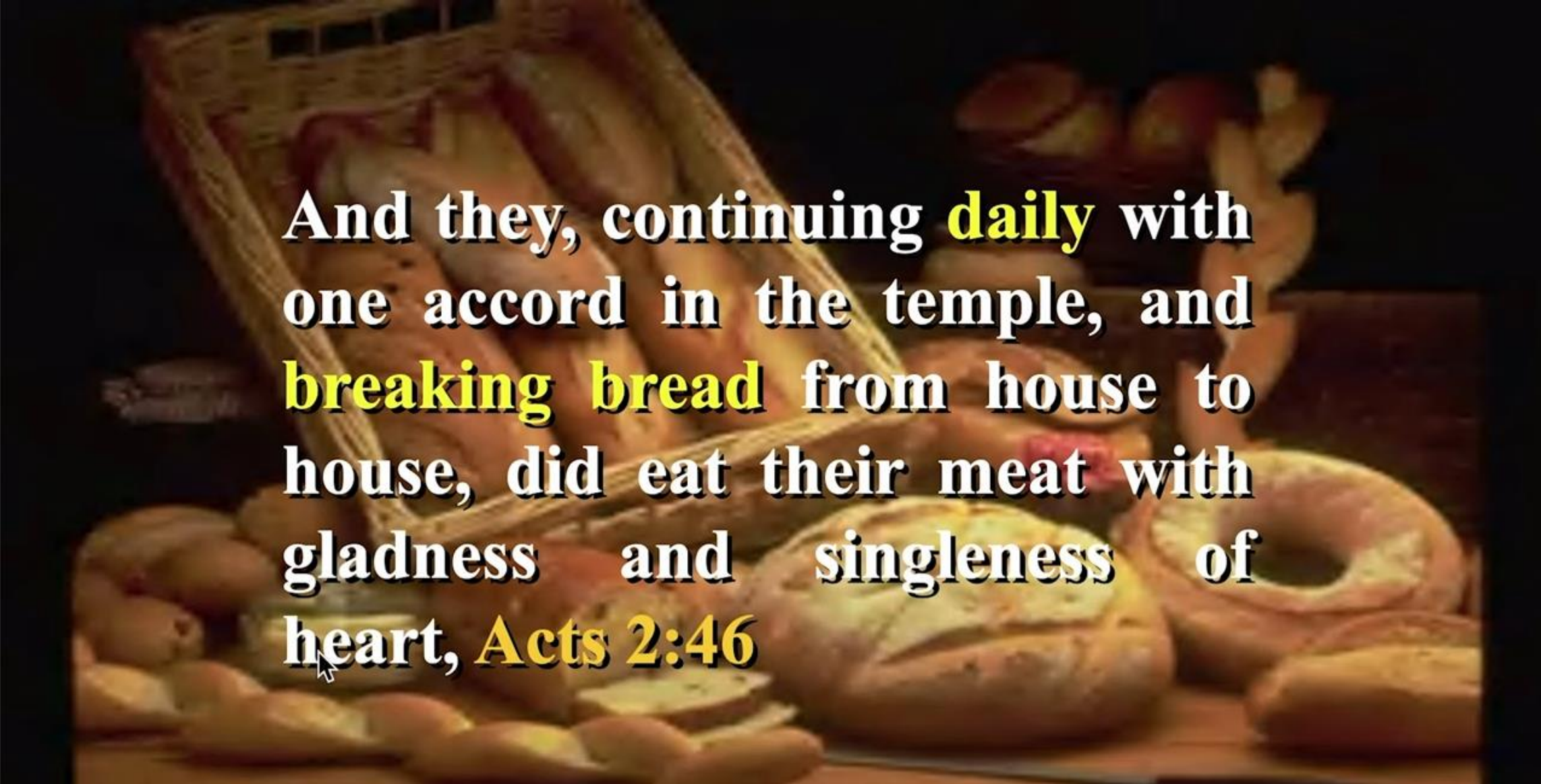
Seventh text: **Acts 20:7**

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.

NEB *...on Saturday night...*

And there were many lights in the upper chamber, where they were gathered together.

When he therefore was come up again, and had **broken bread, and eaten, and talked a long while, even till break of day, so he departed. **Acts 20:8,11****



And they, continuing **daily** with one accord in the temple, and **breaking bread** from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart, **Acts 2:46**

THE FIRST DAY OF THE WEEK IN THE NEW TESTAMENT

Eighth text: 1 Corinth. 16:1,2

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 (*Weymoth tranlation: ...at his home...*), as God hath prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come.

Christ Came to Fulfill the Law

Mat 5:17 Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil.

Mat 5:18 For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled.

Mat 5:19 Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven: but whosoever shall do and teach them, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

Mat 5:20 For I say unto you, That except your righteousness shall exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven.

COLOSSIANS 2:16-17

16 Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of an holyday, or of the new moon, or of the sabbath *days*:

17 Which are a shadow of things to come; but the *body is of Christ*.

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Thou camest down also upon **mount Sinai**, and spakest with them from heaven, and gavest them right judgments, and true laws, good statutes and commandments: ¹⁴**And madest known unto them thy holy sabbath**, and commandedst them precepts, statutes, and laws, **by the hand of Moses** thy servant:

Neh. 9:13-14

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See, for that the LORD hath given you
the sabbath, therefore he giveth you
on the sixth day the bread of two
days; abide ye every man in his place,
let no man go out of his place on the
seventh day.

Ex. 16:29

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Then returned they unto
Jerusalem from the mount
called Olivet, which is from
Jerusalem **a sabbath day's
journey.**

Acts 1:12



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And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, Speak thou also unto **the children of Israel**, saying, Verily my sabbaths **ye shall keep**: for it *is* a sign **between me and you** throughout your generations; that ye may know that I *am* the LORD that doth sanctify you.

Wherefore **the children of Israel shall keep the sabbath**, to observe the sabbath throughout their generations, *for* a perpetual covenant. It *is* a sign **between me and the children of Israel for ever**: for *in* six days the LORD made heaven and earth, and on the seventh day he rested, and was refreshed.

Ex. 31:12-13 & 16-17

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Six days shall work be done, but on the seventh day there shall be to you an holy day, a sabbath of rest to the LORD: whosoever doeth work therein shall be put to death. **³Ye shall kindle no fire throughout your habitations upon the sabbath day.**

This would prohibit cooking, hot water, furnace and internal combustion engines.

Ex. 35:2-3

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At that time Jesus went **on the sabbath day** through the corn; and his disciples were an hungred, and began to pluck the ears of corn, and to eat.

What is Jesus doing out of his house and working on the sabbath?

Matthew 12:1

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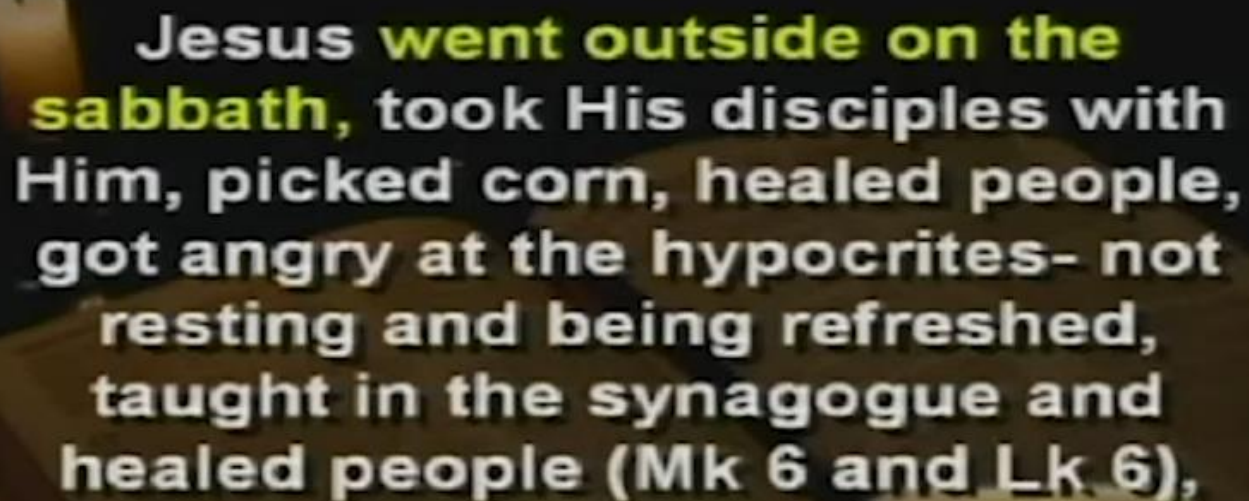
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And it came to pass, that he went through the corn fields on the sabbath day; and his disciples began, as they went, to pluck the ears of corn. And the Pharisees said unto him, Behold, **why do they on the sabbath day that which is not lawful?** And he said unto them, Have ye never read what David did, when he had need, and was an hungred, he, and they that were with him? How he went into the house of God in the days of Abiathar the high priest, and did eat the shewbread, which is not lawful to eat but for the priests, and gave also to them which were with him? And he said unto them, **The sabbath was made for man, and not man for the sabbath:** Therefore the Son of man is Lord also of the sabbath.

Mark 2:23-28

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Jesus **went outside on the sabbath**, took His disciples with Him, picked corn, healed people, got angry at the hypocrites- not resting and being refreshed, taught in the synagogue and healed people (Mk 6 and Lk 6),

Mark 2:23-28

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Gen 26:5 Because that Abraham obeyed my voice, and kept my charge, my commandments, my statutes, and my laws.



Rom 4:3 For what saith the scripture? Abraham believed God, and it was counted unto him for righteousness.

Gal 3:7 Know ye therefore that they which are of faith, the same are the children of Abraham.

Jas 2:23 And the scripture was fulfilled which saith, Abraham believed God, and it was imputed unto him for righteousness: and he was called the Friend of God.



And the king of Egypt said unto them, Wherefore do ye, Moses and Aaron, let the people from their works? **get you unto your burdens.**

And Pharaoh said, Behold, the people of the land now *are* many, and ye make them rest **(Shabath)** from their burdens. **(Exodus 5:4-5)**

07673 shabath {shaw-bath'}

**cease, rest, away, fail, celebrate,
to cease, desist, rest**

1) to rest, desist (from labour)

**2) (Qal) to keep or observe the
sabbath**

God's answer to the anti-Sabbath law was the falling of the plagues and deliverance of His people.

1. Blood

2. Frogs

3. Lice

4. Flies

5. Cattle

6. Boils

7. Hail

8. Locusts

9. Darkness

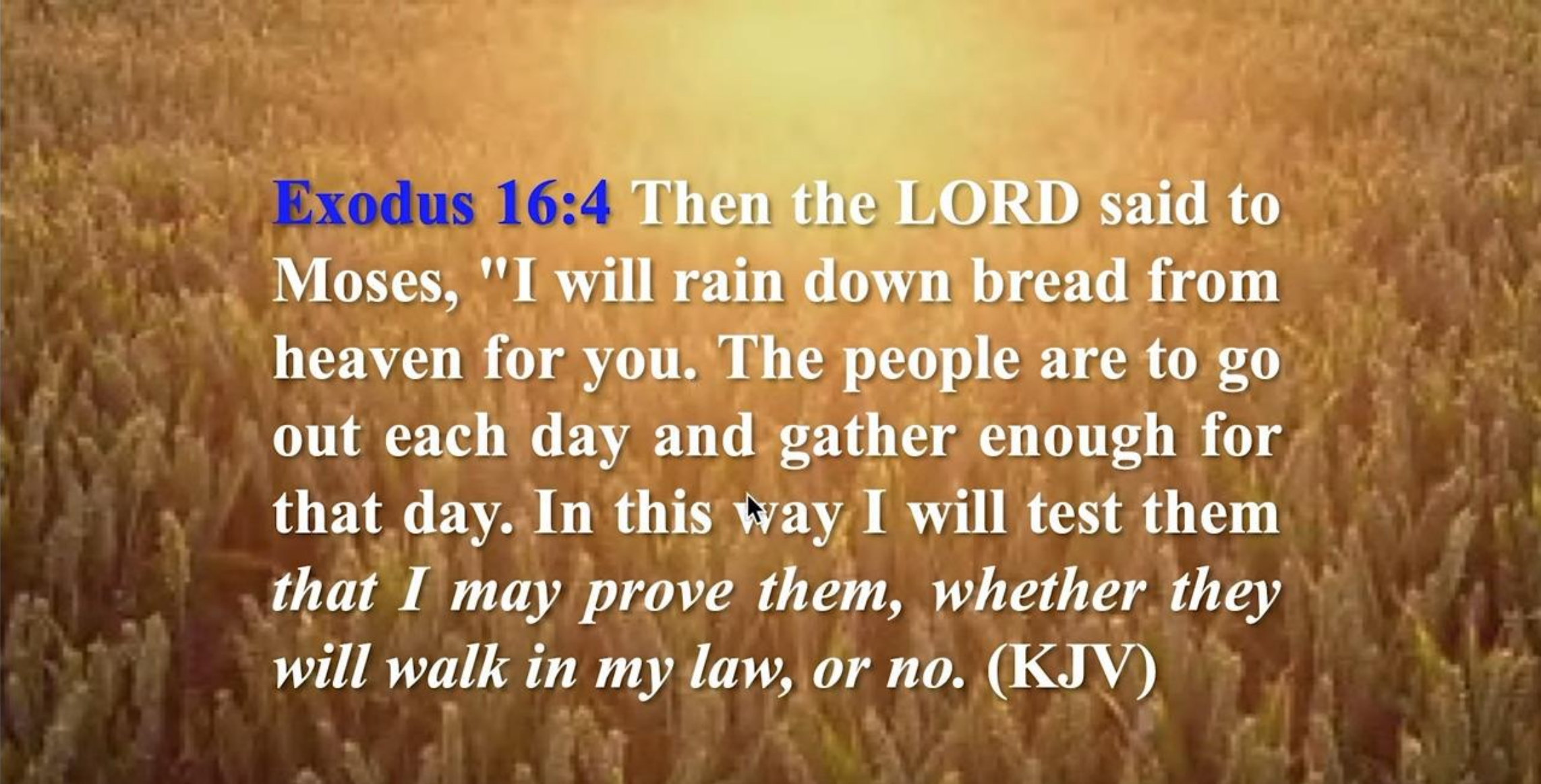
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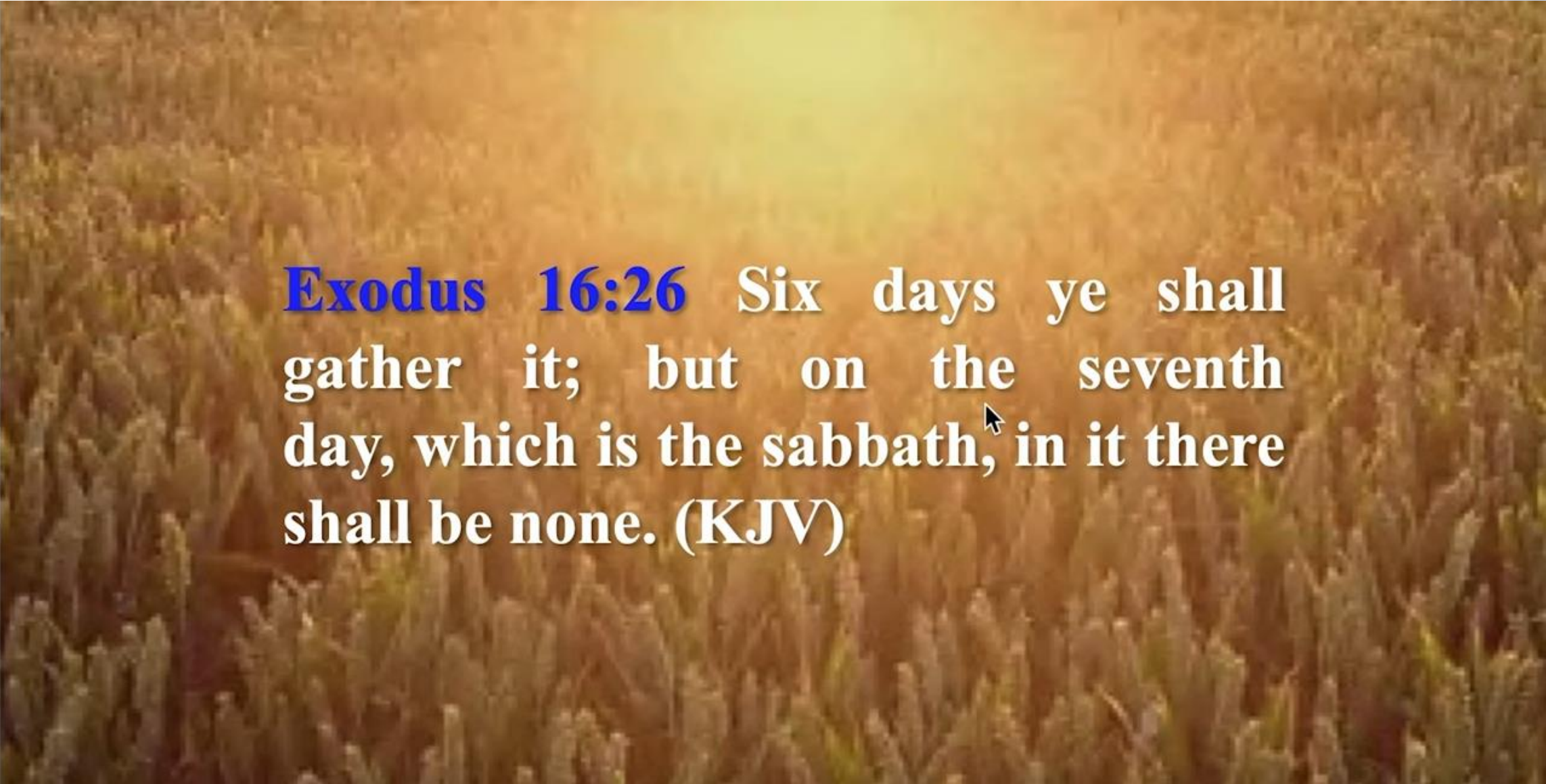
And he brought forth his people
with joy, *and* his chosen with
gladness:

And gave them the lands of the
heathen: and they inherited the
labour of the people;

That they might observe his
statutes, and keep his laws. Praise
ye the LORD. **(Ps.105:43-45)**



Exodus 16:4 Then the LORD said to Moses, "I will rain down bread from heaven for you. The people are to go out each day and gather enough for that day. In this way I will test them *that I may prove them, whether they will walk in my law, or no.* (KJV)



Exodus 16:26 Six days ye shall gather it; but on the seventh day, which is the sabbath, in it there shall be none. (KJV)

Exodus 16:29 See, for that the LORD hath given you the sabbath, therefore he giveth you on the sixth day the bread of two days; abide ye every man in his place, let no man go out of his place on the seventh day.(KJV)

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Did Jesus keep the sabbath?

Jesus Rejected at Nazareth

Luk 4:16 And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up: and, as his custom was, he went into the synagogue on the sabbath day, and stood up for to read.

Luk 4:17 And there was delivered unto him the book of the prophet Esaias. And when he had opened the book, he found the place where it was written,

Our Denominational Name

I was shown in regard to the remnant people of God taking a name. Two classes were presented before me. One class embraced the great bodies of professed Christians. They were trampling upon God's law and bowing to a papal institution. They were keeping the first day of the week as the Sabbath of the Lord. The other class, who were but few in number, were bowing to the great Lawgiver. They were keeping the fourth commandment. The peculiar and prominent features of their faith were the observance of the seventh day, and waiting for the appearing of our Lord from heaven.... [GRC 50.1](#)

No name which we can take will be appropriate but that which accords with our profession and expresses our faith and marks us a peculiar people. The name Seventh-day Adventist is a standing rebuke to the Protestant world. Here is the line of distinction between the worshipers of God and those who worship the beast and receive his mark. The great conflict is between the commandments of God and the requirements of the beast. It is because the saints are keeping all ten of the commandments that the dragon makes war upon them. If they will lower the standard and yield the peculiarities of their faith, the dragon will be at peace; but they excite his ire because they have dared to raise the standard and unfurl their banner in opposition to the Protestant world, who are worshiping the institution of the papacy. [GRC 50.2](#)

Our Denominational Name

The name Seventh-day Adventist carries the true features of our faith in front, and will convict the inquiring mind. Like an arrow from the Lord's quiver, it will wound the transgressors of God's law, and will lead to repentance toward God and faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. [GRC 50.3](#)

I was shown that almost every fanatic who has arisen, who wishes to hide his sentiments that he may lead away others, claims to belong to the church of God. Such a name would at once excite suspicion; for it is employed to conceal the most absurd errors. This name is too indefinite for the remnant people of God. It would lead to the supposition that we had a faith which we wished to cover up. -Testimonies, Vol.1, pp.223, 224.(First published in 1861.) [GRC 50.4](#)

We are Seventh-day Adventists. Are we ashamed of our name? We answer, No, no! We are not. It is the name the Lord has given us. It points out the truth that is to be the test of the churches.-Letter 110, 1902.(Written July 7, 1902.) [GRC 51.1](#)

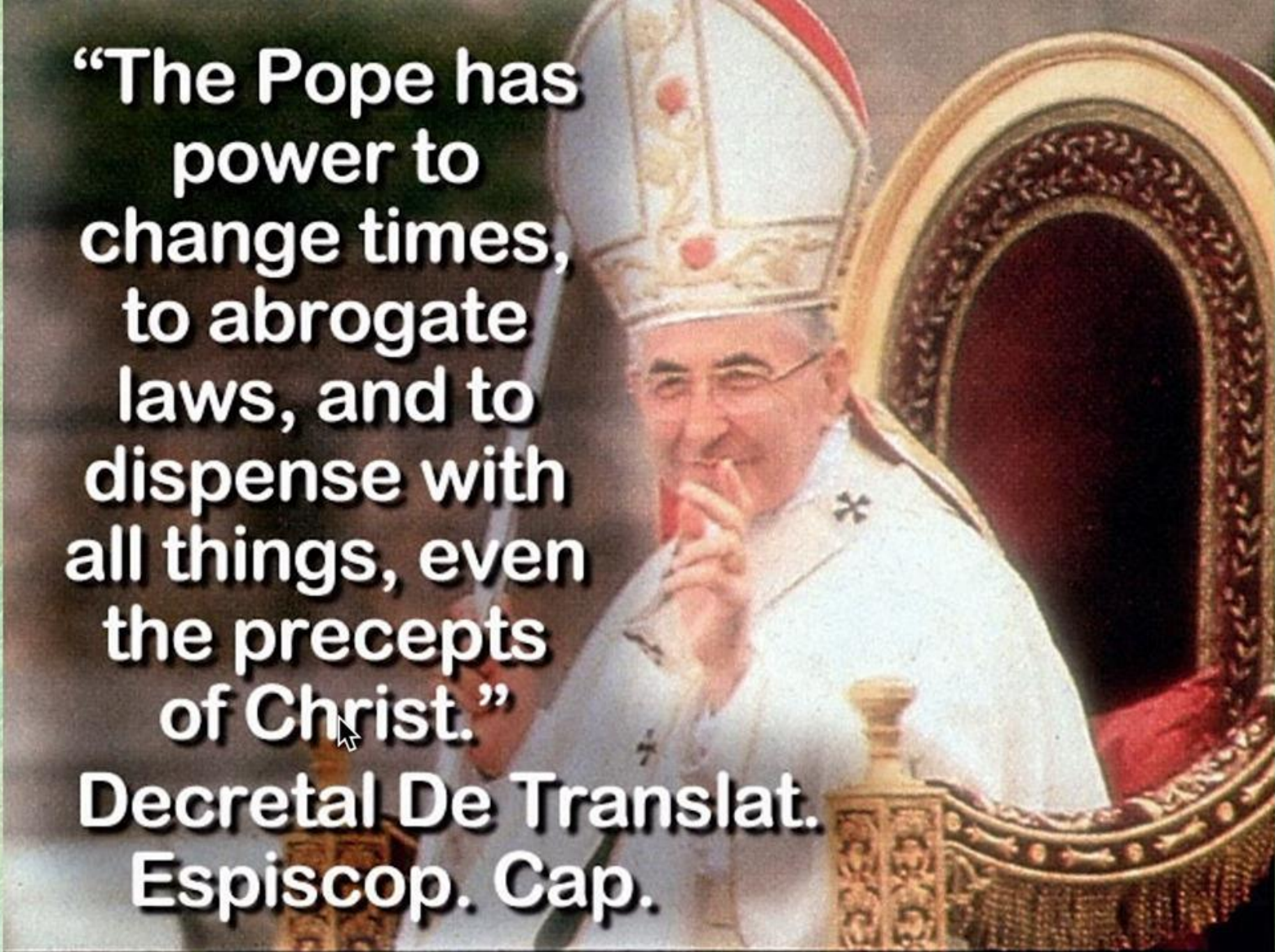
We are Seventh-day Adventists, and of this name we are never to be ashamed. As a people we must take a firm stand for truth and righteousness. Thus we shall glorify God. We are to be delivered from dangers not ensnared and corrupted by them. That this may be, we must look ever to Jesus, the Author and Finisher of our faith.-Letter 106, 1903.(Written May 20, 1903.) [GRC 51.2](#)

60 Minutes Interview with Wim Wendwers



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Clip From The Film: Pope Francis A Man Of His Word



**“The Pope has
power to
change times,
to abrogate
laws, and to
dispense with
all things, even
the precepts
of Christ.”**

**Decretal De Translat.
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Q. Which is the Sabbath day ?

A. Saturday is the Sabbath day

Q. Why do we observe Sunday instead of Saturday ?

A. We observe Sunday instead of Saturday because the Catholic Church transferred the solemnity from Saturday to Sunday. *(The Convert's Chatechism of Catholic doctrine (1957, P 50)*



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FRANCIS

ON CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME



237. On Sunday, our participation in the Eucharist has special importance. Sunday, like the Jewish Sabbath, is meant to be a day which heals our relationships with God, with ourselves, with others and with the world...The law of weekly rest forbade work on the seventh day, "so that your ox and your donkey may have rest..."

The Beginning of the End

Evil on evil! says the Lord the Eternal—it is coming, the hour has come, the hour is striking, and striking at you, the hour and the end! Ezekiel 7:5, 6, Moffatt.

Fearful is the issue to which the world is to be brought. **The powers of earth, uniting to war against the commandments of God, will decree that all, “both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond,” shall conform to the customs of the church by observance of the false sabbath. All who refuse compliance will be visited with civil penalties, and it will finally be declared that they are deserving of death.** On the other hand, the law of God enjoining the Creator's rest day demands obedience, and threatens wrath against all who transgress its precepts. { Mar 215.2}

With the issue thus clearly brought before him, whosoever shall trample upon God's law to obey a human enactment, receives the mark of the beast; he accepts the sign of allegiance to the power which he chooses to obey instead of God.... { Mar 215.3}

The World Against God's People

The dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ. Revelation 12:17.

Our people have been regarded as too insignificant to be worthy of notice, but a change will come. **The Christian world is now making movements which will necessarily bring commandment-keeping people into prominence. { Mar 217.2}**

The whole world is to be stirred with enmity against Seventh-day Adventists, because they will not yield homage to the papacy, by honoring Sunday, the institution of this antichristian power. It is the purpose of Satan to cause them to be blotted from the earth, in order that his supremacy of the world may not be disputed. { Mar 217.3}

Every position of truth taken by our people will bear the criticism of the greatest minds; the highest of the world's great men will be brought in contact with truth, and therefore every position we take should be critically examined and tested by the Scriptures. Now we seem to be unnoticed, but this will not always be. Movements are at work to bring us to the front, and if our theories of truth can be picked to pieces by historians or the world's greatest men, it will be done. { Mar 217.4}

Persecution by Protestants and Catholics

Ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake: but he that endureth to the end shall be saved. [Matthew 10:22](#).

There is no necessity for thinking that we cannot endure persecution; we shall have to go through terrible times.

The persecutions of Protestants by Romanism, by which the religion of Jesus Christ was almost annihilated, will be more than rivaled when Protestantism and popery are combined. [Mar 194.3](#)

The commandment-keeping people of God ere long will be placed in a most trying position; but all those who have walked in the light, and diffused the light, will realize that God interposes in their behalf. When everything looks most forbidding, then the Lord will reveal His power to His faithful ones. When the nation for which God has worked in such a marvelous manner, and over which He has spread the shield of Omnipotence, abandons Protestant principles, and through its legislature gives countenance and support to Romanism in limiting religious liberty, then God will work in His own power for His people that are true. The tyranny of Rome will be exercised, but Christ is our refuge. [Mar 194.4](#)

Those who preach unpopular truth in our day meet with determined resistance, as did the apostles. They need expect no more favorable reception from a large majority of professed Christians than did Paul from his Jewish brethren. **There will be a union of opposing elements against them; for however diverse from each other different organizations may be in their sentiments and religious faith, their forces are united in trampling under foot the fourth commandment in the law of God.**

Those who will not themselves accept the truth are most zealous that others shall not receive it; [3SP 392.1](#)

Persecuted for Christ's Sake

All that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution. [2 Timothy 3:12](#).

Those who live during the last days of this earth's history will know what it means to be persecuted for the truth's sake. In the courts injustice will prevail. **The judges will refuse to listen to the reasons of those who are loyal to the commandments of God, because they know that arguments in favor of the fourth commandment are unanswerable. They will say, "We have a law, and by our law he ought to die." God's law is nothing to them. "Our law" with them is supreme. Those who respect this human law will be favored, but those who will not bow to the idol sabbath will have no favors shown them.** [Mar 195.4](#)