



## Preparation for the End Time Lesson 6 1Q 2018

### The “Change” of the Law

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#### SABBATH

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Read memory text: “He will speak against the Most High and oppress His holy people and try to change the set times and the laws. The holy people will be delivered into his hands for a time, times and half a time” (Daniel 7:25 NIV)

What does this text mean?

Read the first paragraph, “Central to our understanding...” Do you agree or disagree? What do you hear?

Consider this quotation from the book *The Great Controversy*:

**The last great conflict** between truth and error is but the final struggle of the long-standing controversy **concerning the law of God**. Upon this battle we are now entering,—a battle **between the laws of men and the precepts of Jehovah**, between the religion of the Bible and the religion of fable and tradition. {GC88 582.2}

What kinds of laws do humans make? What kind of law does God make?

The conflict has always been over whether God is trustworthy, which goes directly to the type of law He wields. If God’s law is like human law—imposed rules, then God is a dictator, source of inflicted punishment, coercive and ultimately untrustworthy.

If God is love and His laws are design laws, then they are the protocols for life, health, happiness and only in harmony with them is life possible. In this view God is seeking to heal and restore sinners, not punish sin.

In heaven Satan began his war by alleging God’s law is merely imposed rules and that God is required to punish sin. This is the lie that has infected humanity, this is the change in the law that has occurred and to which Daniel 7:25 is referring. This is the lie that most Christians, including many in our own church, still embrace. This is the lie we are to reject.

Many of you remember this quotation from a book entitled *The Desire of Ages*:

**In the opening of the great controversy, Satan had declared that the law of God could not be obeyed**, that justice was inconsistent with mercy, and that, should the law be broken, it would be impossible for the sinner to be pardoned. **Every sin must meet its punishment, urged Satan**; and if God should remit the punishment of sin, He would not be a God of truth



and justice. {DA 761.4}

What kind of law is Satan alleging God uses? The kind that requires God to inflict punishment—which is imposed, not design, law.

Notice this same problem throughout human history:

**In Isaiah's day the spiritual understanding of mankind was dark through misapprehension of God.** Long had Satan sought to lead men to look upon their Creator as the author of sin and suffering and death. **[How could Satan get people to think God is the source of sin, suffering and death? If God's law is imposed, then from where does punishment and death come? From the judge who punishes.]** Those whom he had thus deceived, **imagined that God was hard and exacting.** They regarded Him as watching to denounce and condemn, **unwilling to receive the sinner so long as there was a legal excuse for not helping him. The law of love by which heaven is ruled had been misrepresented by the archdeceiver as a restriction upon men's happiness, a burdensome yoke from which they should be glad to escape.** He declared that its precepts could not be obeyed and that the penalties of transgression were bestowed arbitrarily. PK 311

Two heroin addicts overdose on heroin, but before they lose consciousness they realize the dose they took was too much. They both have in their possession the antidote—naltrexone, which was given to them at no cost at the methadone clinic. One of the addicts injects himself with the antidote and lives, the other doesn't and dies. Was it an arbitrary punishment that one died and one did not? Do you see the lesson in the punishment sin brings?

In his restless youth the prodigal looked upon his father as stern and severe. How different his conception of him now! **So those who are deceived by Satan look upon God as hard and exacting. They regard Him as watching to denounce and condemn, as unwilling to receive the sinner so long as there is a legal excuse for not helping him. His law they regard as a restriction upon men's happiness,** a burdensome yoke from which they are glad to escape. **But he whose eyes have been opened by the love of Christ will behold God as full of compassion.** He does not appear as a tyrannical, relentless being, but as a father longing to embrace his repenting son. The sinner will exclaim with the Psalmist, "Like as a father pitieth his children, so the Lord pitieth them that fear Him." Psalm 103:13. COL 204

Both these quotes are stating that Satan's lie which keeps men in darkness is when we see God through imposed law, as the policeman in the sky who must watch for rule breaking and who must inflict punishment. We are to come back and see Him as Creator, and His laws as design laws upon which life is built!



Consider this quote:

It will be seen that the glory shining in the face of Jesus is the glory of self-sacrificing love. In the light from Calvary **it will be seen that the law of self-renouncing love is the law of life for earth and heaven...** {DA 19.2}

Why is the law of love the law of life? Because it is the protocol upon which life exists, and the proclamation, the education, the revelation of this reality is to be the message that lightens the world. Consider this quote:

I tell you, God is testing us now, just now. **The whole earth is to be lightened with the glory of God. That light** is shining now, and how hard it has been for proud hearts to accept of Jesus as their personal Saviour; how hard to get out of **the rut of a legal religion**; how hard for them to **grasp** the rich, free gift of Christ. **Those who have not accepted this offering will not understand anything in regard to that light which fills the whole earth with its glory.** Let every heart now seek the Lord. Let self be crucified, for rich and glorious blessings are awaiting all who shall maintain contrition of soul. With them Jesus can abide; they will let nothing interpose between their souls and God. Lt10-1892.25

This is quotation from theologian George Fiffield's book *God is Love* published in 1897:

God created all things by Jesus Christ, and therefore Christ is the "mighty God," the "everlasting Father" of all intelligent beings in all worlds. God the Father is the Father of Christ, and therefore through him of all these beings created by Christ...

Now the All-Father gave to his children certain rules or laws to regulate their conduct. These laws were not arbitrary, not designed to show his right or power to boss, or domineer, over his children, but, like the rules of well-regulated families, they were designed to promote the happiness of all the children, and the unity of the family life.

Although many might hesitate to express it thus, the thought that lingers in their minds is about like this: "**God is arbitrary and obstinate, and will not permit the slightest variation from his laws without plunging us into eternal death.**" **This is what Satan has ever said of God and of his government.** I desire to show the contrary so that all may see. **I desire to show that it is the variation itself that plunges us into eternal death, and not the arbitrary decree of God.** It is the love of God that will not in any way countenance that variation, because it leads to such terrible results.

**The law of God is not simply his fiat**; it rests upon eternal principles of pleasure and pain, -- principles as unchangeable in their very nature as the laws that govern the seasons or control the motions of the planets. **The law is not so simply because God said so, but he said so because it was so**, and because it must eternally and universally be so.



**On the correct understanding of these principles of the nature of God's law depends our power to comprehend God's love in all his dealings with his creatures. On this rests the whole philosophy of the purpose of creation and of the plan of redemption. The existence of misery and suffering, the need for an atonement, and how that atonement is accomplished by Christ, can be understood in the light of God's love only as the nature of his law stands revealed.** It is for this reason that we purpose to dwell at some length in these pages on the nature of God's law.

We have always thought of the ten commandments as requiring our love to God and to all his creatures; **have we ever thought of them as an expression of his love to us? It would be absolutely foolish to demand our love by arbitrary fiat; love cannot be given in that way;** love is born only of love. The state might as well legislate that the sun should not shine or the water should not flow downhill, as for the Lord to make such arbitrary demands for love. In either case the law could not affect in the slightest the things legislated about.

**Yet it remains true that all the law of God requires is love,** and that, as the apostle says, love is the fulfilling of the law, -- of the whole law. How is this? -- Simply that the law itself, when we understand it, is the revelation of such infinite love as to beget within us a returning, responsive love that can and will fulfill the law.

"God is love." Every word, every jot and tittle, of that law, coming from love, require only such service as love dictates. **When the same love which that law expresses to us is begotten by it in our hearts, and flows out toward God and all his creatures in loving action, then the law is fulfilled.** (Fifield, *God is Love*, p53-55, Theodore Reese, 155 LaSalle Street, Chicago, in 1897)

Do you see again the contrast between imposed law and design law?

So the question in the conflict is over God's law: is it imposed rules like sinners make, or is it design law like only the Creator can make.

Once Christians became infected with the lie that God's law functions like human law, then the Roman church changed the commandments of God, deleting the commandment about images, splitting the 10<sup>th</sup> in two, and changing the Sabbath commandment to refer to Sunday instead of Saturday.

Sadly, many Christians have failed to see the real change, and instead focused on the evidence of the change only. The real change is not merely the two commandments, but the entire idea of God's law.

Thus, many people who have reclaimed the seventh-day Sabbath, are still infected with the lie that God's law functions like human law, imposed rules, and thus they worship a God like Satan alleges, only on the right Bible day. They are just like the Jews who crucified Christ—wanting Him off the Cross so they can observe the right day!



With this in mind, we can turn to the lesson and ask, where does the weekly Sabbath fit into this conflict over two types of law, and thus over two types of gods?

One of our online friends Dann Wyatt sent me a link to an online debate held March 30, 2018 between Doug Batchelor and Steve Gregg. The link is <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S8fQtsV5Y4Y>

First, it is important to note that no argument was made over which day of the week is the Bible Sabbath—both Doug Batchelor and Steve Gregg acknowledged that Saturday is the Sabbath of the Bible. And all educated persons agree that the Sabbath of the Bible is Saturday. That is not the question people have. The question is what, if any, role does the Bible Sabbath have for people after the resurrection of Jesus?

I found it quite sad that Doug Batchelor was only able to articulate a level four reason for the Sabbath—the law, the rules. Steve Gregg on several occasions was reaching toward principles, God’s love, God’s concern with the quality of the character, the heart, not legal behavioral performance. Sadly, Mr. Batchelor was never able to articulate a design law reason, a principle basis, for the Sabbath.

What would you have said? What evidence would you put forth of the value and importance of the weekly Sabbath today?

Is the Sabbath important at this time in earth’s history? Why? What difference does it make?

I am going to read a quotation, used by some to make themselves feel good about their behavior, and too often used to accuse or condemn people who worship on Sunday. But let’s consider this quote carefully:

- The sign, or seal, of God is revealed in the observance of the seventh-day Sabbath, the Lord's memorial of creation. . . . The mark of the beast is the opposite of this--the observance of the first day of the week.--8T 117 (1904). {LDE 224.3}

What do you understand this statement to mean? What law lens to you read it through?

- Is the issue in our salvation, in our preparation to meet Jesus, in our being ready to translate into heaven without seeing death as simple as which day of the week a person worships upon?
- If a person absolutely insists on worshipping on the Bible Sabbath does that guarantee they won’t get the mark of the beast?
- Those who crucified Christ 2000 years ago wanted Him off the Cross by sunset why? So they could keep the Sabbath – does that mean they had the seal of God?
- Does Satan care if a group of people worships on Sabbath as long as they worship him?

Here is another quote from the same person as the previous quote, consider it in light of what we have presented:



Be sure the Sabbath is a test question and how you treat this question places you either on God's side or Satan's side. The mark of the beast is to be presented **in some shape** to every institution and every individual.--Ms 6 1889, p. 6. (Written Nov. 4, 1889.) {3MR 189.2}

If God's law is not imposed rules but design protocols, then how is the Sabbath a test question? How is the mark of the beast to be presented in *some shape* to every institution...Is it which day merely, or is it what the day symbolizes, what the day signifies in regard to God, his character and method of governing?

What is a mark or sign?

A symbol that stands for or signifies something else:

- The sign of the cross stands for what?
- The goat's head symbolizes what?
- What is a flag? Is the US flag a sign or symbol of the USA? Is the flag the same as the United States of America?
- Could someone wear the US Flag and be working for another government?
- If someone wears a cross are they saved because it is the sign of our crucified Savior?
- If someone has a goat ornament hanging on their Xmas tree, does that mean they are condemned because a goat's head symbolizes Satan?
- If someone worships on Sabbath are they saved because it is a sign of God?
- If someone worships on Sunday does that mean they are lost?

So, the passages we read state that the Bible Sabbath, and its observance, is a sign or seal of God, whereas Sunday and its observance is a mark symbolizing the beast.

Even if we accept that the day upon which one worships can be a mark of loyalty to one side or the other, does that actually inform us of whom is on which side?

Question, are these days themselves the reality, or are they symbols, signs, marks of some deeper reality, just as a cross, goat's head or flag?

Is it possible the days mentioned are signs because they symbolize something that demarcates God's government from Satan's? Could they stand as signals, signets, of the mode of governing each side uses? Could these days, **in their origin as days of worship**, contain the very elements of the two types of governing – God's vs Satan's?

Here are some more quotes:

"Christ died to save sinners, not in their sins, but from their sins. **[Imposed law constructs all teach that we are saved in our sins, from the legal penalty, but not saved from our sins, that we continue live sinfully until Christ returns. The truth is that God actually transforms us here and**



now and we stop living for self, and live loving God and others more than self] The warning given in Revelation shows us the terrible consequence of transgression. By lips that will not lie, God's law is declared to be holy, just, and good. **Our duty to obey this law is to be the burden of the last message of mercy to the world.<sup>1</sup> God's law is not a new thing. It is not holiness created, but holiness made known. [Think about rules a parent has for handwashing, or exercise, or sleep etc. Those rules are not healthiness created, but healthiness made known.] It is a code of principles expressing mercy, goodness, and love. It presents to fallen humanity the character of God, and states plainly the whole duty of man.** {RH, April 27, 1911 par. 4}

"Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength.' This command contains the principles of the first four precepts. And 'thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.' Upon these two great principles, the Word of God declares, hang all the law and the prophets. {RH, April 27, 1911 par. 5}

"These **principles** are made known by the third angel's message, which declares that **the Creator has always required and always will require obedience to his royal law. [Why does the Creator require obedience? Why does the Creator require we breathe? Because that is how life is built to operate. Remember the law is not holiness created but holiness made known. The commandments did not impose a law, but made the law known]** But this law has been disregarded and transgressed, **and is now being ignored by the churches. Human enactments are placed where God's law should be. [Imposed rules take the place of designed reality]** Sunday, a child of the Papacy, has taken the place of God's holy Sabbath. As Nebuchadnezzar made a golden image, and set it up to be worshiped by all, so Sunday is placed before the people to be regarded as sacred. This day bears not a vestige of sanctity, yet it is held up to be honored by all. {RH, April 27, 1911 par. 6}

Understand it is not about worshipping on Sunday—get that clear, just like there is no wrong in worshipping on Wednesday night, or Tuesday or Thursday. It is what the Sunday, within the religious system represents!

And what is the implication of changing the Bible Sabbath to Sunday? What does this act mean in regard to how God and his government are understood? How can a church vote to change the day of worship? What must first happen concerning God's law?

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<sup>1</sup> It is the darkness of misapprehension of God that is enshrouding the world. Men are losing their knowledge of His character. It has been misunderstood and misinterpreted. At this time a message from God is to be proclaimed, a message illuminating in its influence and saving in its power. His character is to be made known. Into the darkness of the world is to be shed the light of His glory, the light of His goodness, mercy, and truth... The last rays of merciful light, the last message of mercy to be given to the world, is a revelation of His character of love. The children of God are to manifest His glory. In their own life and character they are to reveal what the grace of God has done for them. {COL 415}



So what does it mean if an ecclesiastical board votes to change the Sabbath? That they believe God's law is imposed, and therefore believe God is like a Roman emperor a cosmic dictator. And accepting this change in the law is the root to the beast system.

And this lie comes out in the rest of Christian doctrines, like God is required to punish; penal substitution theology; eternal burning hell; Jesus died to pay or legal debt; etc. etc.

So let's review – what makes the Sabbath holy?

- What significance is it that the Sabbath was “made” or created?
  - It is not “legislated” any more than any other aspect of God's creation. The earth was made, the animals were made, angels were made, mankind was made, and the Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath.
- What significance is it that the Sabbath was “made”?
  - When was the Sabbath made?
  - What was happening in the universe?
- What did God do? He RESTED – what does that mean?
  - If He RESTED what was God not doing? He was no longer prosecuting His war, His case. He wasn't pressing his agenda. He wasn't intimidating. He wasn't using his power to force his way!
- It is God's Sabbath – the day He rested, the day He revealed by action how He handles opposition, how He treats enemies, how He deals with allegations and rebellion. He gives us freedom!
- What does it reveal that God created the Sabbath in the context of an assault on his right to rule?
- The Sabbath was “made” as further evidence of God's character of love; truth presented in love leaving us free. The first six days of creation week we learn God has power, but the Sabbath reveals God does not coerce or pressure or threaten with His power, but leaves us free. The Sabbath is evidence of God's character of love, established upon the principles of truth, love and freedom.
- The Sabbath is evidence that Satan's allegations about God, that God imposes rules, that God imposes punishments, that God abuses power are all lies. This is why Satan hates the Sabbath, because rightly seen and understood it reveals Satan as a liar.
  - Satan hates the Sabbath in the same way Richard Nixon hated the Watergate tapes or Clinton hated Monica's dress. Nixon would have loved to destroy the tapes, and in fact tried. Clinton would have loved to destroy the dress. And Satan tries to destroy the Sabbath, to distort and twist the evidence into something it isn't. How? By replacing it or twisting it into an imposed law test.

Therefore, the Sabbath stands symbolic, as a sign, of those who value God's law of love, and practice his methods of presenting the truth in love and leaving others free.

Then what is the mark of the beast?



The time has come for the true light to shine amid moral darkness. The third angel's message has been sent forth to the world, **warning men against receiving the mark of the beast or of his image in their foreheads or in their hands. To receive this mark means to come to the same decision as the beast has done, and to advocate the same ideas, in direct opposition to the word of God.** {RH, July 13, 1897 par. 5}

What decisions did the beast make and what ideas did it advocate that are in direct opposition to the word of God?

That God's law is imposed, and as an imposed law it can be changed, amended, abrogated, altered, thus, under the imposed law construct Sabbath can be changed to Sunday. And, imposed laws require judicial proceedings, investigation, records, judgments, imposed punishments. Therefore, coercive pressure is used to punish law breakers and ensure obedience.

Thus the issue in the end, of which the two days stand as signs, is the issue of God's law of love, versus Satan's imposed law construct; God's rule of love versus Satan's rule of fear and selfishness; God's natural law versus worldly imposed laws. It comes down to the methods one practices and the two days are symbolic of two systems.

Here is another quote from the same founder who wrote the others we have read:

In striking contrast to the wrong and oppression so universally practised were the mission and work of Christ. Earthly kingdoms are established and upheld by physical force, but this **was not** to be the foundation of the Messiah's kingdom. **In the establishment of his government no carnal weapons were to be used, no coercion practised; no attempt would be made to force the consciences of men. These are the principles used by the prince of darkness for the government of his kingdom. His agents are actively at work, seeking in their human independence to enact laws which are in direct contrast to Christ's mercy and loving-kindness.** {RH, August 18, 1896 par. 2}

Prophecy has plainly stated the nature of Christ's kingdom. He planned a government which would use no force; his subjects would know no oppression. [no arrests, no detainments, no imposed punishments, no force] The symbols of earthly governments are wild beasts, but in the kingdom of Christ, men are called upon to behold, not a ferocious beast, but the Lamb of God. **Not as a fierce tyrant did he come, but as the Son of man; not to conquer the nations by his iron power, but "to preach good tidings unto the meek;" "to bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound;" "to comfort all that mourn."** He came as the divine Restorer, bringing to oppressed and downtrodden humanity the rich and abundant grace of Heaven, that by the power of his righteousness, man, fallen and degraded though he was, might be a partaker of divinity. [which is healing and restorative, an expression of the law of love, the law life is built to operate upon] {RH, August 18, 1896 par. 3}



Those who promote a god who acts like a Roman emperor, who imposes law, who inflicts punishment, are actively promoting the system of the beast—even if they worship on the Bible Sabbath!

Here is the problem regarding days of worship, of which Sunday is a sign:

But when the decree shall go forth **enforcing** the counterfeit sabbath, **and** the loud cry of the third angel **shall warn men against the worship of the beast and his image**, the line will be clearly drawn **between the false and the true**. **Then** those who still continue in transgression will receive the mark of the beast.--Ev 234, 235 (1899). {LDE 225.4}

Notice it is not about Sunday, but the “enforcing” worship, about the use of arbitrary power to coerce, this is beastly. This is Satan’s way.

What is the mark of the beast? Imposed law ENFORCEMENT of worship!

## **SUNDAY**

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Read first paragraph, One of the greatest promises...” What does Romans 8:1 mean, “There is therefore now no condemnation to those....”

What law lens do you hear it through? Is this legal, God doesn’t legally condemn or does it mean something entirely different?

From *The Remedy*:

Therefore, those who trust in Christ Jesus are no longer destined to die,<sup>2</sup> because through Christ Jesus the law of love has cleansed and healed them from the law of selfishness and death.

Which is more accurate to God’s truth, there is no legal condemnation for those who accept the legal penalty of Jesus’ blood, or those who accept Jesus are healed and therefore are no longer condemned by a terminal condition?

Consider this quotation from a book entitled *Conflict and Courage*:

After the transgression of Adam, God might have destroyed every opening bud and blooming flower, or He might have taken away their fragrance, so grateful to the senses. **In the earth seared and marred by the curse, in the briars, the thistles, the thorns, the tares, we may read the law of condemnation;** but in the delicate color and perfume of the flowers, **we may learn that God still loves us, that His mercy is not wholly withdrawn from the earth.** {CC 19.6}

Just in case someone is tempted to think that this author is suggesting that God put the thorns there to



condemn or punish, the same author wrote:

**Christ never planted the seeds of death in the system. Satan planted these seeds** when he tempted Adam to eat of the tree of knowledge which meant disobedience to God. **Not one noxious plant was placed in the Lord's great garden**, but after Adam and Eve sinned, poisonous herbs sprang up. In the parable of the sower the question was asked the master, "Didst not thou sow good seed in thy field? from whence then hath it tares?" The master answered, "**An enemy hath done this**" (Matthew 13:27, 28). **All tares are sown by the evil one. Every noxious herb is of his sowing, and by his ingenious methods of amalgamation he has corrupted the earth with tares.** {2SM 288.2}

So putting these ideas together, what is the condemnation? It is not legal, it is the condemnation that sin does by damaging the creation. Thus, those in Christ Jesus are not condemned because they have had the stony heart removed and a heart of flesh put in, they have had selfishness removed and love put in. This is design law!

Read Romans 7:15-25 from *The Remedy*:

I am frustrated with what I do! For having been restored to trust, I want to do what is in harmony with God and his methods and principles; but I find that even though I trust God, my old habits, conditioned responses, preconceived ideas and other remnants of the devastation caused by distrust and selfishness are not yet fully removed.<sup>16</sup> And if I find an old habit causing me to behave in ways that I now find detestable, I affirm that the law is a very helpful tool revealing residual damage in need of healing.<sup>17</sup> What is happening is this: I have come to trust God, and I desire to do his will, but old habits and conditioned responses—which present almost reflexively in certain situations—have not yet been totally eliminated and thus cause me to do things I do not want to do.<sup>18</sup> I know that my mind was completely infected with distrust, fear and selfishness, which totally perverted all my desires and faculties, so that even when distrust has been eradicated and trust has been restored, the damage caused by years of distrustful and selfish behavior has not yet been fully healed. So, I find that at times, I have the desire to do what is right, but do not yet have the ability to carry out the desire.<sup>19</sup> For the old habits and conditioned responses are not the good I want to do: No! They are remnants of my selfish, unconverted mind.<sup>20</sup> So, if I find myself doing what I no longer desire to do, it is not myself that acts, but the vestiges of old habits and conditioned responses that have yet to be removed. And through God's grace, they will soon be removed.

<sup>21</sup>So I find this reality at work: When I want to do good, my old selfish habits and residual feelings of fear are right there with me.<sup>22</sup> In my mind, I rejoice in God's methods and principles,<sup>23</sup> but I recognize that I remain damaged from years of being infected with distrust and practicing Satan's methods, so that even though the infection of distrust has been removed, the old habits of fear and self-promotion tempt me from within.<sup>24</sup> What a damaged and corrupt man I am! Who will deliver and heal me from a brain and body so diseased and deformed?<sup>25</sup> Praise be to God—for he has provided the healing solution through Jesus Christ our



Lord! So then, I find that in my mind I am now renewed with trust in God and love of his methods, but my brain and body remain damaged by years of self-indulgent behavior.

Do you see a legal battle? No, this is the process of healing and transformation.

## MONDAY

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The second paragraph states, “Two crucial points come from what Paul teaches here. First, he shows that the law is not the problem. The law is ‘holy, and just, and good.’ The problem is sin, which leads to death.”

This is well said—the question—why does sin lead to death? Two answers, based on two laws—in the imposed law, because God is required by justice to execute the wicked. This is the lie.

The truth—because sin is deviation from God’s design for life and results in death and the lesson indicates this in the last paragraph when it states, “The law does not produce death; sin does.”

That is correct, the law of respiration does not cause death, breaking the law by filling your lungs with water does.

## WEDNESDAY

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The lesson points out that after the death and resurrection of Christ the Sabbath was still observed by Christians. Any questions about this?

## THURSDAY

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The first paragraph states, “God’s law, the Ten Commandments, is still binding and that law includes the seventh-day Sabbath.”

What does it mean “Still binding?” Was the Sabbath in existence before the creation of earth? Did Lucifer in heaven lead the angels in breaking the Sabbath?

What does this mean?

The law of God existed before the creation of man or else Adam could not have sinned. **After the transgression of Adam the principles of the law were not changed, but were definitely arranged and expressed to meet man in his fallen condition.** Christ, in counsel with His Father, instituted the system of sacrificial offerings; that death, instead of being immediately visited upon the transgressor, should be transferred to a victim which should prefigure the great and perfect offering of the Son of God. {1SM 230.1}

Do we present God in His true light by emphasizing a legal understanding of the Sabbath?



## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**JUNE 2, 2018: COME AND REASON WILL MEET AT Hamilton Community Church at 10:20 a.m.**

**NEW TV PROGRAM: Each Tuesday watch our new TV Program—The Dr. Tim Jennings Show on WBTV Network.** God to TimJenningsMD.com for more info.

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**May 4-5, 2018:** Dr. Jennings will be doing two presentations at Grace Fellowship, York PA, in conjunction with the AACC

**May 19, 2018: Jfest** at Camp Jordan in Chattanooga. Local radio station J103's all day Christian Concert and Come and Reason Ministries will have a booth at the event.

**May 25, 26, 2018:** Dr. Jennings will be speaking in London England at the Stanborough Park SDA Church, 609 St Albans Road, Watford, WD25 9JL

**September 14,15, 2018:** Dr. Jennings will be Keynote Speaker at Crossroads Community Church in Georgetown, Delaware.

**September 27-29, 2018:** Dr. Jennings will be speaking at the Mega National Conference of the American Association of Christian Counselors in Dallas, TX

**September 30-Oct 2, 2018:** Dr. Jennings will be speaking at NAD of SDA Mental Health Education retreat for pastors at Kettering, OH.

**November 9,10 2018:** Dr. Jennings will be doing two presentations at Houston, TX, in conjunction with the AACC

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**The Mind- God's Design & What Went Wrong Thursday, May 10, 2018**

The human mind was designed with separate and distinct faculties to operate in a beautiful harmony. Something has damaged that balance and caused pain, suffering and illness. Discover God's design for the mind, what went wrong and how to restore balance to your mind.

**The Aging Brain Thursday, August 13, 2018**

What happens to the brain as we age? This presentation will examine the evidence-based lifestyle and non-pharmacological interventions which will protect your brain and diminish your risk of dementia. Copies of Dr. Jennings brand new book, The Aging Brain, will be available.

**Fix for Failing Families Thursday, September 13, 2018**

Families are under attack, more than 50% of marriages end in divorce, in the U.S. almost 900,000 children are victims of abuse each year, and 77% of childhood deaths are caused by one or both parents. Discover principles and practice to bring healing to your family.

**The Science of Belief Thursday, October 12, 2018**

In this seminar we will examine the science of belief and demonstrate how modern quantum understanding provides a scientific basis for the impact belief, including prayer, has on our physical health and can even impact the physical world around us.

**Guilt Resolution Thursday, November 8, 2018**

Do you struggle with guilt? Discover the difference between legitimate and illegitimate guilt and how to resolve each and how to prevent people from manipulating you with guilt.

**The God-Shaped Brain Thursday, December 13, 2018**

Our brains are in a constant state of flux. Moment by moment new connections are forming, idle tracks are being pruned back and brain circuits are changing. Discover how our beliefs change our brain wiring, our physical health, and even which genes are turned on or turned off. Do your beliefs matter – more than you ever knew!