



2021 3Q Rest In Christ: Lesson 10 Sabbath Rest

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SUNDAY

The lesson this week is again about the Sabbath. It emphasizes that this is the only commandment that tells us to Remember—what is it we are to remember when we remember the Sabbath?

- God as Creator
- God as Deliverer
- God as Healer and Sanctifier

When you consider the Sabbath what does it mean to you? How has the Sabbath been a blessing to you?

- A day of rest and recovery
- An evidence of God as Creator so a source of encouragement and hope and confidence in God
- An evidence of liberty, that God never coerces
- A weekly vacation from life's burdens
- A time with family, friends and God
- A reminder that we were created in God's image and didn't evolve from lower life-forms, which confirms our identity as beings with moral worth and inalienable rights given to us by our Creator
- Proof that Satan lied about God and God's government and law—how? If God were the kind of god Satan alleged, imposer of rules and punisher of rule-breakers, then would God have created a day of freedom to think, or would He have enforced His law with punishment?
- An evidence of how God governs, truth, presented in love and leaving free—design law—a sign, flag, reminder of God's methods that we are to practice in our lives.
- Others?

The seven-day weekly cycle is a powerful evidence of creation. There is no naturalistic evolutionary explanation for the 7-day weekly cycle, the 24-hour-day is measured by Earth's rotation on its axis, months are measured by moon rotating around the earth, and the year is measured by the earth rotating around the sun. The week has no cosmological basis, yet every society has the 7-day week, even those that don't come from Judeo-Christian background. Why?

Evolution cannot explain it, the Bible does.

Every time in history when societies tried to implement different arrangements they failed. Why? Because the 7-day weekly cycle was built into Earth's reality by the Creator of Earth.



There is an article in Chronobiology International; The Journal of Biological and Medical Rhythm Research, entitled: Seven-day human biological rhythms: An expedition in search of their origin, synchronization, functional advantage, adaptive value and clinical relevance.

<https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/07420528.2016.1236807>

The article documents a 7-day weekly biorhythm found throughout many plant and animal species in nature including humans. What are your thoughts about this?

MONDAY

The lesson points out that the Sabbath is also evidence that we have freedom only with Jesus, only under God's government. How? Because only in harmony with God's design laws for life do we have real freedom, every violation of God's law enslaves us in some way.

- violate the laws of health, lose health and lose freedom
- violate the moral laws and don't repent, experience shame, guilt, reap real-life consequences, and lose ability to reason and think accurately—lose liberty
- I have an entire blog describing various laws of God and how Satan uses these laws to enslave and destroy us <https://comeandreason.com/how-satan-uses-gods-laws-against-us/>

How does the Sabbath fit in?

The Sabbath is evidence of creation, of design law, of freedom to think and choose, of how reality works. True Sabbath observance is only done by those who have God's law written in the heart and thus live out the law all week long.

The Sabbath is a sign and evidence of God's principles, in contrast to imperialism, or imposed laws like humans make. The Sabbath calls our attention to nature and the laws upon which nature operates—design laws. Consider this quote:

Christ's purpose in parable teaching was in direct line with **the purpose of the Sabbath. God gave to men the memorial of His creative power, that they might discern Him in the works of His hand. The Sabbath bids us behold in His created works the glory of the Creator.** [What do we learn about God by observing His creation? Certainly we can learn God is powerful to create everything by His word. But is that the only lesson? What other lessons? What about design law, laws that the universe is built to operate upon, that none of them can be changed without destroying creation. And how do God's laws work? What principles are revealed in God's laws? What about love, do we see love built into nature? Is there anything arbitrary built into nature? Should the Sabbath teach us that God is a judicial ruler who inflicts punishment, or should the Sabbath teach us just the opposite? When we study nature what do we learn about the ways and means punishment happens for violating the laws of nature or health? It is never externally inflicted, it is inherent. External intervention is required to save, heal, those who have injured themselves.] And it was because He desired us to do this that



Jesus bound up His precious lessons with the beauty of natural things. On the holy rest day, above all other days, we should study the messages that God has written for us in nature. **We should study the Saviour's parables where He spoke them**, in the fields and groves, under the open sky, among the grass and flowers. As we come close to the heart of nature, Christ makes His presence real to us, and speaks to our hearts of His peace and love. COL 25.1

And Christ has linked His teaching, not only with the day of rest, but with the week of toil. He has wisdom for him who drives the plow and sows the seed. [Notice the Sabbath commandment is connected not just with rest but also with labor, six days **you shall work** but rest on the seventh. God gave Adam and Eve useful labor in Eden, before sin. Useful labor teaches reality, design law, cause and effect, sowing and reaping. It builds character, wisdom, determination, integrity, self-discipline. The Sabbath embraces is the law of exertion—if you want something stronger you must exercise it—and the law of restoration—after a finite being expends energy we must rest and recover; and the Sabbath embodies the law of worship—by beholding we become changed, and the law of love putting God first in our lives as well as the law of liberty, truth presented in love leaving others free. We are to remember the Sabbath and thus remember God's design laws, the character of God and live out His laws all week long. What happens if we create policies and actions to undermine useful labor for those capable of it—say universal basic income? Is it a Bible principle that the capable should be compensated if they do not work? If a man will not work, he shall not eat.” (2 Th 3:10) This is another example of the wisdom of the world is foolishness, it is violation of God's design laws and destroys, but all under the umbrella of compassion or concern—what a deceit.] In the plowing and sowing, the tilling and reaping, He teaches us to see an illustration of His work of grace in the heart. **So in every line of useful labor and every association of life, He desires us to find a lesson of divine truth...** COL 26.1

So God created during 6 days and rested on the 7th and gave the Sabbath as a sign or evidence of His design laws and methods of truth, love and liberty. It was all perfect, but something went wrong—what?

Is there another law at work in the world today opposed to God's law?

Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the **law of the Spirit of life set me free from the law of sin and death.** (Ro 8:1–2 NIV84).

What is the law of sin and death and where did it come from? It is the law of survival of the fittest, kill or be killed, it is the opposite of the law of love. It is the law upon which viruses operate, me, me, me and more of me. God did not make viruses, they are corruptions of God's design introduced by an enemy to cause harm.

What did Christ say about the weeds being planted in the field of wheat? An enemy had done it.

Who is the enemy? What is taught by the parable?



Consider this historic quote:

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 [this includes every disease, every pathogen, including viruses]

Then shall physicians continue to resort to drugs, which leave a deadly evil in the system, destroying that life which Christ came to restore? Christ's remedies cleanse the system. **But Satan has tempted man to introduce into the system that which weakens the human machinery, clogging and destroying the fine, beautiful arrangements of God. The drugs administered to the sick do not restore, but destroy.** Drugs never cure. Instead, they place in the system seeds which bear a very bitter harvest.... 2SM 288.3

Before you get upset—we must understand this in the context of when it was written, identify the principle, and then apply the principle being described and not interpret what is said in a false light.

This next quote is from a medical student inquiring from EGW what constitutes drugs. Note the list of what was referred to as drug medication in her day:

"From our study of the Testimonies and the little work, How to Live, we can see that the Lord is strongly opposed to the use of drugs in our medical work....Several of the students are in doubt as to the meaning of the word '**drug**' as mentioned in How to Live. **Does it refer only to the stronger medicines as mercury, strychnine, arsenic, and such poisons**, the things we medical students call 'drugs,' or does it also include the simpler remedies, as potassium, iodine, squills, etc.? We know that our success will be proportionate to our adherence to God's methods. For this reason I have asked the above question." 2SM 278.3

Your questions, I will say, are answered largely, if not definitely, in How to Live. **Drug poisons mean the articles which you have mentioned.** The simpler remedies are less harmful in proportion to their simplicity; but in very many cases these are used when not at all necessary. There are simple herbs and roots that every family may use for themselves and need not call a physician any sooner than they would call a lawyer. **I do not think that I can give you any definite line of medicines compounded and dealt out by doctors, that are perfectly harmless.** And yet it would not be wisdom to engage in controversy over this subject. 2SM 279.1



So do you see that her comments were quite right, that the so-called drug medications of her day were poisons, they injured the system and doctors were being trained to give them.

Are there any meds given today that are perfectly harmless? No—it is always a risk/benefit analysis—always.

Does this mean that in all circumstances, medicines that could injure a healthy person should never be given to the sick?

The following is from a letter from EGW's son, Willie:

“One time while we were in Australia, a brother who had been acting as a missionary in the Islands, told mother of the sickness and death of his first-born son. He was seriously afflicted with malaria, and his father was advised to give him quinine, but in view of the counsel in the testimonies to avoid the use of quinine he refused to administer it, and his son died. When he met Sister White, he asked her this question: ‘**Would I have sinned to give the boy quinine when I knew of no other way to check malaria and when the prospect was that he would die without it?**’ In reply she said, ‘**No, we are expected to do the best we can.**’”—W. C. White letter, September 10, 1935.—Compilers.]—[Counsels on Health, 261 \(1890\)](#).

So what do you understand the principle EGW is advocating?

The ethical principle of *Primum non nocere*, which is Latin and means “first, do no harm.” It is the principle of non-maleficence; it means that our interventions should not inflict injury, harm, or worsen the outcome. It often means that it is better to do nothing than to act in ways that add injury, cause harm, or worsen the condition. It is the principle of weighing the potential risk against the potential benefit. It is the principle that the cure must not be worse than the disease.

It is all about restoring to health, healing. Thus one must weigh the risks against the benefits and make an informed decision. But this requires accurate and complete information. Our decisions are only as good as the information upon which they are made.

Thus, if we are lied to, or have critical information withheld, then our ability to make informed decisions is undermined.

Who is to make the decision for your medical treatment and my medical treatment, what medicines we take into our bodies?

We are in a war for hearts and minds. The methods of God are truth, love, liberty. Present the truth, live the truth—which is love lived out—and leave people free to decide.

But the methods of Satan are lies that incite fear and fear results in survival drives that cause people to seek to control others to make themselves feel safe, and if others cannot be controlled, then they must be punished and eventually eliminated.



I read the following in the prologue to a sci-fi novel this week entitled, *Battleground* by Joshua Dalzelle. It was published in June 2019. It is from the perspective of one of the characters:

“What I learned during this time is that, for the most part, people don’t truly hate each other. It is the governments that sow discord, encourage people to distrust and fear those who come from someplace else. **Large groups are easier to control if you give them two things: something to fear, and a solution to protect them from it. With those two things, people are willing to turn over control of much of their lives to the government.**”

Has this ever happened in history? Is it happening today? Is this a method used by those who seek political power?

How is it others can manipulate you? Are we, each of us individually, right now under the influence of some political force or power other than Jesus? Are we currently having our minds influenced and directed by forces other than the Holy Spirit?

Let’s test it for a moment. Consider how you react to any of the following statements. And imagine, I came in without preamble, without setting this up as a test—and just came out and said these things as positions I believe are true. Consider your reaction if I did that.

- Global warming and climate change is a scam—it is a false narrative designed to manipulate you.
- Hillary Clinton was one of the most honest politicians ever and we would have been better off if she had become president.
- Donald Trump was a brilliant leader and the world would be better off if he could be the president of the world.

Did any of these comments cause you to react with anger, hate, hurt, frustration or any strong emotion? Then it is evidence you are being manipulated.

Governments manipulate by creating narratives designed to incite either fear or hate and then provide a proposed solution you can embrace if you empower someone or some group.

What is the solution to protect yourself from such manipulation?

- Jesus! Fix your eyes on Christ, remember God’s kingdom is NOT of this world.
- Do not buy into the lie that God’s kingdom is of this world.
- Do not accept the lie that you can get justice through human governments.
- Do not look to human governments, media, etc. for truth—you can look to them for information—but that information needs to be filtered through a discerning mind who understands the principles and methods of God.
- Do not form your identity upon human standards—know who you are as a child of God.
- Do not look to others to make you feel good, to “fit in” to feel part of something so you can feel loved or accepted. Look to Jesus to fit into His kingdom, to hear Him say, “well done thou



good and faithful servant.” Those who look to human groups for acceptance are vulnerable to manipulation and abandoning of the truth.

- Have God’s law written upon your heart—and this is the law of love:
 - Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.” (Mt 22:37–40 NIV84).
- Do not buy into the lie of us versus them—all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God. It is only by the grace of God that we are able to live better than the worst sinner in the world.
- When we accept the lies and embrace either fear or hate we impair the prefrontal cortex and become less capable of thinking. But when we love it calms the fear circuits and activate the thinking circuits and enables us to have better discernment of truth, to think more clearly, to be less vulnerable to manipulation and deception. **This is another reason we are to love our enemies**—because in so doing we free our minds from manipulation. Loving our enemies not only aligns us with God and His character, methods and laws, but frees our minds to think, reason, comprehend truth and not be drawn into the schemes of Satan.
- When we love and have solidified our minds on God’s truths and we know Him personally, we embrace His methods and we understand and practice God’s design laws, we are further protected and enabled to discern truth from error. The mature are those who have developed by practice the ability to discern right from wrong Heb 5:14.

We are being manipulated today more than ever, we must unplug from the world’s multiple narratives and put Jesus and His kingdom of love first in our hearts and minds.

I have been very concerned for you our listeners—I have received numerous emails over the last month or two from people thanking us for our exploration of God’s laws and methods in relationship to current events. But I have also received emails from those who say they can’t watch us anymore because they perceive us being too political and not spiritual, from getting away from the Bible.

This really saddens me, for we live in the world, but are not to be of the world. How are we to live out God’s law in the world if we don’t apply His methods to our day-to-day decisions?

So this week, I was reading in a book called *The Great Controversy* and came across some pertinent passages for today. And instead of me just applying the two antagonistic principles at war, I will read some excerpts from this book and hopefully this will satisfy both groups—continuing to demonstrate God’s principles to us today, but because it is coming from another author, perhaps those who think I am not being spiritual will recognize this is the spiritual battle for our times. We are starting in the chapter entitled “Liberty of Conscience Threatened,”

Romanism [this term means imperialism, use of imposed law and enforcement to coerce conscience] is now regarded by Protestants [Protestantism is the principle of religious liberty, present the truth in love and leave others free. Thus, we have here the two antagonistic principles, the two laws at war, imposed human law, versus God’s design law. It is not about rival churches or about specific doctrines but about the underlying laws, governments and



methods employed.] with far greater favor than in former years... [Meaning that Protestants are now coming to believe that imperialism is righteous and we can get justice through imposed law.] **The time was when Protestants placed a high value upon the liberty of conscience which had been so dearly purchased.** They taught their children to abhor popery [authoritarian ruler coercing people] and held that to seek harmony with Rome would be disloyalty to God. But how widely different are the sentiments now expressed! GC 563 [Liberty of conscience is the heart of Protestantism, yet Protestants, having never fully rejected imposed law and have forgotten the abuses and coercion of conscience in the Dark Ages and are now aligning themselves with forces to do this to others.]

It is Satan's constant effort to misrepresent the character of God, the nature of sin, and the real issues at stake in the great controversy. [How? By getting us to accept the lie that God's law functions like human law, therefore God must use power to externally enforce His law and punish law-breakers, and therefore it is righteous for us to coerce, compel and enforce law upon others.] His sophistry lessens the obligation of the divine law and gives men license to sin. [Would divine law include the laws of health?] **At the same time he causes them to cherish false conceptions of God so that they regard Him with fear and hate rather than with love.** [How? Again, by getting people to accept the human-law construct as God's. Thus God's laws can be modified, changed, updated, replaced, and if we get legal dispensation from the church, or get a legal payment made by Jesus to God in heaven then we can keep on in sin because sin doesn't actually harm, it is God that harms us for it, but Jesus took the punishment from God for us so God won't harm us now.] The cruelty inherent in his own character is attributed to the Creator; it is **embodied in systems of religion** and expressed in modes of worship. **Thus the minds of men are blinded, and Satan secures them as his agents to war against God.** [By promoting justice through imposed laws and forced obedience.] By perverted conceptions of the divine attributes, heathen nations were led to believe **human sacrifices necessary to secure the favor of Deity**; and horrible cruelties have been perpetrated under the various forms of idolatry. GG 569 [And Christianity teaches today that a human sacrifice was needed to present to God a legal payment to secure His favor.]

It is not without reason that the claim has been put forth in Protestant countries that Catholicism differs less widely from Protestantism than in former times. **There has been a change; but the change is not in the papacy. Catholicism indeed resembles much of the Protestantism that now exists, because Protestantism has so greatly degenerated since the days of the Reformers.** GC 571 [Remember we are speaking of imperialism, imposed law, forced obedience Romanism, versus liberty of conscience Protestantism. What has changed is that Protestantism is becoming more and more enthralled with imposed law and the lie that justice can be achieved through imposed law and forced obedience—compelling the consciences of others. Do we see this happening right now?]

If the reader would understand the agencies to be employed in the soon-coming contest, he has but to trace the record of **the means** which Rome employed for the same object in ages past. [This means look at the methods employed, not the specific doctrine it was employed to advance.] **If he would know how papists and Protestants united will deal with those who**



reject their dogmas, let him see the spirit which Rome manifested toward the Sabbath and its defenders. GC 573 [Again, the author is telling us to look at the METHODS employed regarding how it treated those who valued the Bible Sabbath, not specifically the Sabbath itself.]

Royal edicts, general councils, and church ordinances sustained by secular power were the steps by which the pagan festival attained its position of honor in the Christian world... [What methods? Proclamations, imposed rules, legislation, authority of office, backed up by coercive enforcement. This is what we are to be watching for. Romanism, overruling conscience on any subject by edict, authority of office—perhaps an executive order, law and punishment.] GC 574

The royal mandate [or executive orders] not proving a sufficient substitute for divine authority, Eusebius, a bishop who sought the favor of princes, and who was the special friend and flatterer of Constantine, **advanced the claim** that Christ had transferred the Sabbath to Sunday. **Not a single testimony of the Scriptures was produced in proof of the new doctrine...** GC 574. [What is the method of Satan here? Since the imposed law, the mandate—are we hearing anything about mandates today—lacked sufficient evidence to support it, it was advanced through a CLAIM. In other words, Eusebius, a doctoral church historian and theologian, gave his *expert opinion* that this was true. He claimed it, declared it, used the authority of position and office. Are we seeing this happening in society today? Proclamations being advanced with expert opinion but without reproducible testable evidence, in fact, much of the opinions are contrary to the evidence. I give one example of this, an interview on cnbc with Scott Gottlieb, MD, former FDA commissioner and now on the board of Pfizer. He is asked if the vaccines offer better immunity than natural immunity and he says “we do believe that the vaccines offer a broader compliment of immune protection than natural immunity...” You can hear this at 4:20 into the interview
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QvT1tPA4XM4>

According to JAMA Network, in an article entitled “[Überantibodies From Recovered COVID-19 Patients Could Spur New Therapeutics and Vaccines](#),” recovered individuals had developed multiple different antibodies to COVID-19 and “two of the antibodies were ‘ultrapotent’ at tiny concentrations across all 23 of the variants the scientists tested, including the highly transmissible B.1.1.7 (alpha), B.1.351 (beta), and B.1.617.2 (delta) versions.” And other [studies](#) document that the recovered individual maintains long-term immunity.

[A study of Cleveland Clinic employees](#) found that “not one of the 1359 previously infected subjects who remained unvaccinated had a SARS-CoV-2 infection over the duration of the study.”

But it is a lie, it is a claim, it is the authority of office that contradicts all the actual scientific, testable, reproducible evidence. We see the exact same methods of Romanism, of authority of office, of claims denying the evidence being used today as during the Dark Ages. This is what



we have been warned against. What did the Dark Ages, beastly church, do after it made claims, proclamations for compliance and mandates?

Later it was decreed that rich men should **be punished** with the loss of half of their estates; and finally, that if still obstinate they should be made slaves. The lower classes were to suffer perpetual banishment...GC 574 [What methods are employed? Are we seeing calls today to use financial punishment, loss of employment, restrictions of liberty for those who won't do what the authorities tell them to do in governance of their own self and the maintenance of their own health?]

Later the pope gave directions that the parish priest should admonish the violators of Sunday and wish them to go to church and say their prayers, **lest they bring some great calamity on themselves and neighbors...** GC 575 [And this week the pope admonished Christians to get the vaccine lest they bring some great calamity upon themselves and their neighbors. No respect for conscience. No willingness to present evidence to persuade. Instead, obfuscation, threat, intimidation, control, force. <https://www.npr.org/sections/coronavirus-live-updates/2021/08/18/1028740057/in-a-message-to-americans-pope-francis-says-getting-vaccinated-is-an-act-of-love>]

In NYC right now if you don't have your vaccine passport you cannot buy or sell, you cannot go into a grocery store, restaurant, department store, theater, business or any building with three walls and a roof, other than a hospital or clinic. In Washington state health-care workers, including physicians are being mandated to take the vaccine—why if it is so healthy are so many health-care workers not taking it?

This is beastly—it is coercive. It is based on a lot of false information to incite fear and take away liberty.

Understand, getting the vaccine or not getting the vaccine has no bearing on your salvation—but it very well may have a bearing on your health. There will surely be people in heaven who have taken this vaccine and there will surely be people in heaven who have refused it. **The vaccine itself is not a salvation issue.**

But, the methods you are willing to employ in getting others to take it will have a bearing on your salvation. If you are willing to coerce, manipulate, pressure, compel, punish others who won't get it, using state, corporate or other powers to pressure people to violate their consciences you are practicing beastly methods. You are choosing which law you prefer and what character you are developing.

God is permitting this to happen right now so that every person is confronted with two antagonistic methods, principles and laws. The law of love, truth, freedom, and the law of deceit, fear, selfishness, survival and coercion.



Open your eyes—wake up. This is a worldwide event, every nation in the world, every person in the world if being faced with this. The pro-vaxxer forces in the world are using all of Satan’s methods and rejecting the methods of God. **The question is not primarily about the vaccine—it is about the methods.** In some parts of the world they are literally holding people down and forcibly injecting them against their will. Is this godly? In other places they are arresting doctors who try and treat COVID infected people in the early stages to prevent hospitalization. Why? Because early treatment reduces hospitalization and death by 85%. I provide the links to this research and protocols in my blog [COVID and the Death of the Independent American Physician](#).

We have online followers who work for Adventist Health system and have been told that they either get the vaccine or they will be fired from their job. Really? What is the rationale? What method are you employing? Is it that you want to ensure your staff don’t get sick and leave their post, in other words it is a force-retention rationale? If so, then how does that work if you are willing to fire them and reduce your work force?

Is it you fear transmission to patients and getting them sick? But hasn’t it already been documented that the vaccinated get reinfected and can transmit the disease, so if that is the reason, the vaccine doesn’t prevent transmission.

So again, what is the rationale for compel experimental medical treatment on people who do not want it? Do you exempt all who have recovered at a bare minimum?

From the next chapter in *The Great Controversy*, entitled “The Impending Conflict,”

Satan works through the elements also to garner his harvest of unprepared souls. **He has studied the secrets of the laboratories of nature**, and he uses all his power to control the elements as far as God allows... **It is God that shields His creatures** and hedges them in from the power of the destroyer. **But the Christian world have shown contempt for the law of Jehovah;** and the Lord will do just what He has declared that He would—**He will withdraw His blessings from the earth and remove His protecting care** from those who are rebelling against His law and teaching and forcing others to do the same. **Satan has control of all whom God does not especially guard.** He will favor and prosper some in order to further his own designs, and he will bring trouble upon others and lead men to believe that it is God who is afflicting them... GC 589.2

He will bring disease and disaster, until populous cities are reduced to ruin and desolation. Even now he is at work. In **accidents and calamities** by sea and by land, in great conflagrations, **in fierce tornadoes and terrific hailstorms, in tempests, floods, cyclones, tidal waves, and earthquakes, in every place and in a thousand forms, Satan is exercising his power.** He sweeps away the ripening harvest, and famine and distress follow. **He imparts to the air a deadly taint, and thousands perish by the pestilence.** [Viruses are not from God, they are Satan’s work] These visitations are to become more and more frequent and disastrous. Destruction will be upon both man and beast... GC 589.3



And then the great deceiver will persuade men that those who serve God are causing these evils... GC 590.1 [Yes, it is the unvaccinated, those who are not convinced in their own minds. Those who want to follow the dictates of their conscience in governing their spirit temples, they are the dangerous ones. They are harming us, they must be punished, they must be forced to be injected with an experimental agent. And why must they be forced? Because the truth is not on the side of the vaccinators. There is no long-term safety data, they don't have any actual scientific evidence that these are safe, Worse the actual evidence shows they are not effective and are dangerous, actually kill some people. So the truth is not on their side, they must employ the methods of lies and coercion just like the Dark Ages church.]

Satan's policy in this final conflict with God's people **is the same** that he employed in the opening of the great controversy in heaven. **He professed to be seeking to promote the stability of the divine government, while secretly bending every effort to secure its overthrow.** And the very work which he was thus endeavoring to accomplish **he charged upon the loyal angels.** The same policy of deception has marked the history of the Roman Church. It has professed to act as the vicegerent of Heaven, while seeking to exalt itself above God and to change His law. **Under the rule of Rome, those who suffered death for their fidelity to the gospel were denounced as evildoers; they were declared to be in league with Satan;** and every possible means was employed to cover them with reproach, to cause them to appear in the eyes of the people and even to themselves as the vilest of criminals. **So it will be now. While Satan seeks to destroy those who honor God's law, he will cause them to be accused as lawbreakers, as men who are dishonoring God and bringing judgments upon the world.** GC 591.1

God never forces the will or the conscience; but Satan's constant resort—to gain control of those whom he cannot otherwise seduce—is compulsion by cruelty. Through fear or force he endeavors to rule the conscience and to secure homage to himself. To accomplish this, he works through both religious and secular authorities, moving them to the enforcement of human laws in defiance of the law of God. GC 591.2

If you are an SDA leader of any institution, church, conference, hospital, school—recognize where you are in history. This is the point in history you have professed you were preparing for your entire Adventist life. You stand before the onlooking universe and they are watching—to whose kingdom are you going to be loyal? Are you going to stand with Daniel, Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, with Elijah, with Joshua who told the people “Choose you this day whom you will serve!” You, SDA leader are right now choosing which God you are serving by the methods you employ in the treatment of your employees, students, and church-members.

The principles of God NEVER violate conscience, never compel, never coerce—it is truth, presented in love and leaving people free.

SDA leader wake up and recognize your responsibility is to the people not the corporation, not the organization, not the institution. It is NOT better for one man to die than the nation—don't fall into the trap of sacrificing people to save an organization. Your responsibility is to God and to stand for God's



methods and principles to carry out God's methods in the fulfillment of your duties, in how you treat others.

SDA leader—reverse your course—cease and desist from all vaccine mandates. Provide letters of religious exemption to any member who wants them. Do not abandon God's people at this time—fulfill your responsibilities. Be like Esther, for who knows if you were not put in your position for a time just like this.

Just consider the witness we could have—consider if every SDA institution worldwide right now stood up for the principles of truth, love and liberty—stood up and opposed coercion, mandates, intimidation, stood in direct opposition to the methods of the beast—right now today the world could be lighted with the glory—character of God, the gospel could go to the world as the entire world would be confronted with the two laws, the two methods, the two governments.

SDA church— Don't be like the Jews who 2000 years ago missed their opportunity—stand up, awake, don't miss your opportunity lest Jesus raise up the rocks to cry out and bring in others who will stand up for His kingdom of truth, love and liberty.

For those of you under threat of losing your job. Pray, pray for God's wisdom and intervention. Pray for courage to live your convictions. Who knows how God may use your witness to open the eyes of others to the difference between His law, kingdom and methods and that of the beast. Who knows how many your standing for truth in love will reach. But understand that hospitals, or any business, cannot function if they terminate everyone who refuses the vaccines. They are using intimidation, to make you afraid. They are trying to get you to comply under fear, or resign. But don't do it. You are in the right, they are in the wrong. So with grace, kindness, love, firmly refuse the injections and make them fire you. If you resign, you have no recourse, but if they fire you they open themselves up to huge liability and there will be many lawsuits that will cost them a lot of money.

Understand again—this isn't ultimately about getting or refusing the injection, it is about the methods you will employ in how you treat others! We are marking ourselves in heart, mind and character of the kinds of people we are, whose law we have embraced by how we treat others.

But I want to also say, that there are groups out there that are not helping the cause of God when they focus on the physical instead of the character. They are putting out videos suggesting it is the mark of the beast to get the vaccine. They make fantastical inferences that within a certain arrangement of bonds in our DNA we can find God's name YHWH written there, if we apply the number where these bonds occur to the Hebrew alphabet—as if God's true name, which no one knows is Hebrew. As if God and angels speak Hebrew, as if Hebrew was the language of Adam in Eden. But they go on to claim that these vaccines are designed to erase the name of God from our DNA and put Satan's name there so Satan can set himself up in God's temple etc.

This is superstition, it is crazy talk, it is not Biblical and it undermines and obfuscates the true message for this time. Have nothing to do with it. The seal of God and the mark of the beast both have to do



with our character, the law of God internalized into our hearts and minds and how we function. God's living law of love, truth and liberty, versus fear, selfishness coercion, imposed rules etc.

The lesson asks us to read Romans 6:1-7, this is from *The Remedy*:

What then should we say about this amazing healing plan? Should we spread the infection of distrust and selfishness and cause more devastation and destruction so that the power of God's healing solution may be more fully displayed? Absolutely not! We have taken the antidote, and the infection of distrust and selfishness has been purged from our hearts and minds. How then can we choose to be reinfected with distrust of God and practice selfish methods again? Or don't you realize that all of us who were immersed into union with Christ Jesus were immersed into selflessness and have died to self-centeredness? We symbolically demonstrate that we have joined him in dying to self by being buried in water, in order that—just as Jesus rose from the dead, displaying the life-giving glory of the Father—we too may live a new life, displaying God's glorious character.

If we have joined him in dying to self, we will absolutely join him in his resurrection and in new life! For we know that when our old selfish hearts and fear-ridden minds trust God and surrender to be crucified with Christ—the infection of selfishness is purged, and our hearts are no longer controlled by Satanic principles, as anyone who dies to selfishness is free from Satan's methods, principles, and control.

TUESDAY

The lesson focuses on the application of the Sabbath rest to every person under your governance—if you have strangers visiting, afford them the Sabbath rest. If you have animals, servants, all should be afforded a Sabbath rest.

What is the lesson, what are we to learn about this? Why is this important? What impact does it have on us?

Should we enforce the Sabbath on others imperially? Or should we not require work of others on Sabbath, but leave them free to labor if they choose?

Should we, if we had the reins of government, pass laws to make it illegal to work on Sabbath to ensure everyone benefited from Sabbath rest?

If we believe that working on the Sabbath injures people, shouldn't we pass laws to protect them from self-injury of working on Sabbath?

Why would we not do this?

What is the Biblical principle of Sabbath observance?



“One man considers one day more sacred than another; another man considers every day alike. Each one should be fully convinced in his own mind” (Ro 14:5 NIV84).

What happens in the heart of those who are forced to do something they are not persuaded to do?

Is this only true regarding religious things—what about other activities in life?

What happens to people who are forced into an addiction recovery program by threat of imprisonment—if they never become persuaded that they have an addiction and never become persuaded that they need recovery?

What about people getting forced medical treatment of any kind?

Is it godly to force this upon people? Do we force Jehovah’s Witnesses to take life-saving blood transfusions—why not?

What happens in the minds, hearts and characters of the people who believe it is righteous, it is godly, it is necessary, to pass laws to force people to take medical treatments?

If we go along with such behavior are we becoming more like Jesus or more like the beast?

WEDNESDAY

The lesson focuses on how the Sabbath can become legalistic with all kinds of rules and regulations—how the Jews in Christ’s day burdened in with silly and restrictive rules that made it the most burdensome day of the week that everyone dreaded and were eager for it to pass.

Have you ever experienced the Sabbath in this way?

How can we avoid this?

What actions have you taken to make it the most celebrated and joyful day of the week?

THURSDAY

The Sabbath as a sign—we have talked about this many times, so share with me, how you understand the Sabbath is a sign, how is it a sign, a sign of what, what purpose is it, how are we benefited by it?