



BE INFORMED OF WHAT IS  
HAPPENING AROUND YOU

**Forced  
Sunday  
Sacredness**

**SAY NO!**

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# Introduction & Freedom of Choice

In a country where we have valued freedom for hundreds of years, *Forced Sunday Sacredness – Say No*, might seem like an interesting title for a book. In the same country where we have also valued free choice in how we worship or not worship at all, this subject may equally appear very intriguing.

As we delve deeper into this subject, I invite you, the reader, to question and challenge what is happening around us.

I appreciate you may keep Sunday sacred out of free will, or you may think that Sunday is the same as any other day of the week. This is your decision. But in this book, we are looking at forced Sunday sacredness and how wrong this is. Whether we consciously know we are being forced or if we are being forced by stealth then this needs to be examined.

## **What is happening today?**

In the first chapter, we will be examining what is happening today. Some things we may already know and some will become apparent as we read further.

## **Change in the printed Calendar**

Depending on where we live in the world and for those of us who are older we will see that our calendars have changed. This happened gradually and slowly over time, starting in the latter part of the 1900s.

## **Learning from History**

What we see happening today is a mere repeat of what the Roman Emperor Constantine the Great implemented so many years ago. If only we had learned from the past, the future would be so much easier.

## **God's True Sabbath**

We are given FREE choice on how or if we choose to worship God. We all need to make a conscious choice without force, coercion, or any other tactics.

I hope you enjoy this book and start to ask questions about what is happening around us. I would love to hear from you. Please visit our website below and send me a message using the contact form.

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# What is Happening?

This chapter is broken down into different sections to help us understand each subject, step by step. The first section most of us will know about, but the other sections will raise many questions.

## Sunday Trading Hours

For many people living in the United Kingdom and similar countries, the question needs to be asked: Why do we have restricted shopping hours in our large stores on Sundays? These are hours mandated by the government and stores cannot open without the risk of government fines.

I ask the question WHY? If a store wants to trade, customers want to buy and staff want to work and earn money then why should this be restricted? The majority of people in the United Kingdom are not churchgoers, many will call themselves either agnostics or



atheists. So why are they being restricted to the hours they can shop on a Sunday? Surely this should be a free choice.

A similar question needs to be raised in Germany where truck drivers are not allowed to drive their vehicles on Sunday. Surely it would make more sense for these large vehicles to be driving on the roads when the traffic is quieter on a Sunday?

Likewise in certain towns and cities in Australia where we see laws to restrict stores opening on Sunday. But why? What is special about Sunday? Many similar examples can be seen around the world.

Is there something going on that we do not understand?

## **Climate Sabbaths, Green Sabbaths, Car-Free Sundays**

What is a “Climate Sabbath”? Who is talking about it? Why are they talking about it? These

are all very good questions and need to be explored.

Whenever talking about the environment, I think we can all agree on how important it is and how we need to look after the world. A simple example is to use recycled items wherever possible to help protect the environment. It is the simple everyday things we can do which will help.

What is a “Climate Sabbath”? A “Climate Sabbath” is a day of the week where we all decide to reduce our carbon footprint. In principle, this sounds good but read on to find out more.

Why not do this every day? This is the first logical question. Why don't we try and reduce our carbon footprint all the time?

Guess which day organisations are encouraging you and I to keep as a “Green Sabbath”? Many people will not come right out and say it, but dig a little deeper and you

will find that there is a movement to make Sunday a “Green Sabbath” or a “Climate Day”. This movement is often linked with the “Car-Free Sunday” project which can be seen implemented in Bogotá, Columbia and this is spreading around the world.<sup>1</sup>

The second most logical question is: if people really care about the environment why are they wanting to implement this on Sunday? According to a Californian study, Sunday has 28% less pollution by harmful gases than any other day of the week.<sup>2</sup>

I am not advocating for any day of the week to be a “Climate Sabbath”. However, it would make more sense for maybe a Monday or a Tuesday where pollution is much higher, to be set aside as a “climate Sabbath” to “Save the Planet”?

Imagine this: an obese person who eats a lot of fried food, cakes, etc and some salad decides to lose weight and get healthy. To do this the decision is made to cut out the salad... This is

of course ridiculous and the same with a “car-free Sunday” or a “Green Sabbath” on Sunday – the day with the least pollution.

More recently we have seen the IEA (International Energy Agency) suggest having a “car-free Sunday” to save oil. Again the same question applies: Why on a Sunday? Why not do this on another day when a lot more oil is being used?<sup>3</sup>

Something does not sound right here...

## **Family Day**

Which day should this be on? Sunday is the day when people would say they spend more time with their families. We already have Mother’s and Father’s Day on Sunday. Different organisations are encouraging people to make Sunday a special family day.<sup>4</sup> This sounds good in principle, but are you seeing a trend developing?

By now I think you are beginning to see the pattern of what is happening. Many moves are being made to set Sunday aside as a special day, or some may even say a sacred day.

## **Blue Laws**

You may have never heard this phrase before so for simplicity I have copied a section from Wikipedia:

“Blue laws, also known as Sunday laws, are laws that restrict or ban some or all activities on specified days (most often on Sundays in the western world), particularly to promote the observance of a day of rest. Such laws may restrict shopping or ban [the] sale of certain items on specific days. Blue laws are enforced in parts of the United States and Canada as well as some European countries, particularly in Austria, Germany, Switzerland, and Norway, keeping most stores closed on Sundays.”<sup>5</sup>

Do we need laws to keep Sunday Sacred? No laws are needed to keep any day special as this should be a free choice.

Now that we have understood a snippet of what is happening around us, we must move forward to learn more and see the relevance of how this relates to us today.

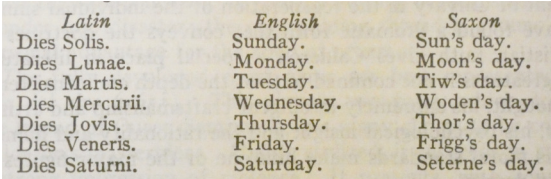
# Change in our Calendars

If you could step into a time machine and travel with me to the 1950s and before, you would find that in countries like the United Kingdom, calendars started with Sunday as the first day of the week and had Saturday as the seventh day. In contrast, if you look at most calendars in the United Kingdom, they now start with Monday as the first day of the week and have Sunday as the seventh. Why the change? Surely this is confusing.

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If you now travel with me to North America, you will find that most calendars start with Sunday as the first day of the week and have Saturday as the seventh. It is a breath of fresh air to see an area of the world where the week has not been changed.

Looking at the 1961 Britannica Encyclopaedia I found a nice little chart on page 568 of volume 4 (photo below). This shows the order of the week with the Latin and Saxon words explained.



<i>Latin</i>	<i>English</i>	<i>Saxon</i>
Dies Solis.	Sunday.	Sun's day.
Dies Lunae.	Monday.	Moon's day.
Dies Martis.	Tuesday.	Tiw's day.
Dies Mercurii.	Wednesday.	Woden's day.
Dies Jovis.	Thursday.	Thor's day.
Dies Veneris.	Friday.	Frigg's day.
Dies Saturni.	Saturday.	Seterne's day.

This section may appear to contain some useful general knowledge but as we read on we will see its greater significance. Is history repeating itself?



# Learning from History

"Those who fail to remember the past are condemned to repeat it." George Santayana, *The Life of Reason*, 1905

The above quote has such profound meaning. It is essential to study lessons from the past and apply them to this subject of *"Forced Sunday Sacredness – Say No"*.

So far we have seen a general influence on making Sunday special or sacred. We see a decided effort in setting Sunday aside for fewer shopping hours, protecting the environment, a family day, and the list goes on. But why Sunday? Have we seen this happen before in history?

To answer these questions we need to go back in history to find out which day was sacred to the Jews, early Christians, and also find out which day was sacred to the Roman Empire.

If we turn in our Bible to Exodus 20 verse 10 we read "But the seventh day is the Sabbath of the LORD thy God". Now we also know that Christ was crucified on Friday afternoon, laid in the tomb Friday evening, and rested on Saturday the Sabbath.

Whilst I am not a Catholic the following quotation is of interest:

"The Catechism of the Catholic Church states that, "It is the mystery of Holy Saturday, when Christ, lying in the tomb, reveals God's great sabbath rest after the fulfilment of man's salvation, which brings peace to the whole universe."<sup>6</sup>

This subject could be expanded to many pages, but at this point we can now conclude that the Jews and early Christians kept Saturday sacred. We can go back further in history to the creation of the world and find that people also kept Saturday sacred. (See Genesis 2:3)

The majority of churches today keep Sunday sacred. Many claim this is because Christ rose on Sunday, but in Christ's own words He said "Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil." Matthew 5:17. So if Christ did not make Sunday sacred then who did?

Now, I want you to travel with me to AD 321. At this time in history, the Roman Emperor Constantine the Great, had a dilemma. Part of his Empire was Pagan and they kept the first day (Sunday) sacred. The other part was Christian and they kept the seventh day (Saturday) sacred. What should Constantine do to unite his Empire?

This change was not a sprint for the Roman Empire, but more of a marathon. First, the changes needed to be small and less noticeable, but over time the migration was seismic and effective.

The author Ellen White writes:

“Little by little, at first in stealth and silence and then more openly as it increased in strength and gained control of the minds of men, the mystery of iniquity carried forward its deceptive and blasphemous work. Almost imperceptibly the customs of heathenism found their way into the Christian church. The spirit of compromise and conformity was restrained for a time by the fierce persecutions which the church endured under paganism. But as persecution ceased, and Christianity entered the courts and palaces of kings, she laid aside the humble simplicity of Christ and His apostles for the pomp and pride of pagan priests and rulers; and in place of the requirements of God, she substituted human theories and traditions. The nominal conversion of Constantine in the early part of the fourth century caused great rejoicing; and the world, arrayed in robes of righteousness, walked into the church. Now the work of corruption rapidly progressed. Paganism, while appearing to be vanquished, became the conqueror. Her spirit controlled the church. Her doctrines, ceremonies, and superstitions

were incorporated into the faith and worship of the professed followers of Christ.”<sup>7</sup>

The change started by making Sunday a fun day or feast day, whilst making Saturday more of a burden. As time went by, more and more people wanted to migrate to keep the “day of the sun” sacred. Even Constantine in AD 321 passed a law saying:

“All judges and city people and the craftsmen shall rest upon the venerable day of the sun. Country people, however, may freely attend to the cultivation of the fields, because it frequently happens that no other days are better adapted for planting the grain in the furrows or the vines in trenches. So that the advantage given by heavenly providence may not for the occasion of a short time perish.”<sup>8</sup>

In the early centuries all the Christians observed the Bible Sabbath (Saturday the Seventh-day Sabbath) which Christ kept. After all, Christ was, and is, the Leader of the

Christian Church who came to set us an example.

There was no biblical evidence to migrate from the Sabbath on Saturday to a sabbath on Sunday, however, the Pagans who kept the “day of the sun” were all too eager to have these new followers worship on their day.

# Your Right to Choose

Yes, this is your right. Every human being has a right to choose. At this moment in time you might be thinking “I don’t care, the Sunday laws that are being implemented don’t affect me”. This might be your current opinion but read on.

As time progresses the laws to make Sunday sacred will increase. Will we have climate lockdowns like we had health lockdowns which will “just happen” to be on Sunday? This may appear strange as Sunday has the least amount of pollution already. These lockdowns may start with the pretext of protecting the climate, but will their purpose change to keeping Sunday sacred?

What would you say if you were soon forced to go to church on Sunday for the collective goodwill of society? An atheist for example might have no interest in going to church, or keeping Sunday sacred, or any day for that

matter, but this is their right and their right only.

The Bible says “Choose ye this day...” It is a choice and whilst I am a Christian and I keep the Bible Sabbath (Saturday) sacred, I would NEVER dream of forcing my beliefs onto you. In the same way, I do not want those who believe in keeping the first day of the week (Sunday) sacred, to push their holy day onto you either.



# Study for Yourself, Listen to No One

There are so many man-made traditions, but there is only one truth. Do not listen to me, do not listen to any other pastor or preacher. Go back to the word of God. Buy yourself a King James Version Bible, pray, read, and study. It is time to do away with what man says. NOW is the time to see what God says.

The Bible is our safeguard. I would like to “borrow” a chapter from the book, “The Great Controversy”, called “The Scriptures a Safeguard”. We can read this chapter which addresses this very important subject:

““To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them.” Isaiah 8:20. The people of God are directed to the Scriptures as their safeguard against the influence of false teachers and the delusive power of spirits of darkness. Satan employs every possible device

to prevent men from obtaining a knowledge of the Bible; for its plain utterances reveal his deceptions. At every revival of God's work the prince of evil is aroused to more intense activity; he is now putting forth his utmost efforts for a final struggle against Christ and His followers. The last great delusion is soon to open before us. Antichrist is to perform his marvellous works in our sight. So closely will the counterfeit resemble the true that it will be impossible to distinguish between them except by the Holy Scriptures. By their testimony every statement and every miracle must be tested.

Those who endeavour to obey all the commandments of God will be opposed and derided. They can stand only in God. In order to endure the trial before them, they must understand the will of God as revealed in His word; they can honour Him only as they have a right conception of His character, government, and purposes, and act in accordance with them. None but those who have fortified the mind with the truths of the

Bible will stand through the last great conflict. To every soul will come the searching test: Shall I obey God rather than men? The decisive hour is even now at hand. Are our feet planted on the rock of God's immutable word? Are we prepared to stand firm in defence of the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus?

Before His crucifixion the Saviour explained to His disciples that He was to be put to death and to rise again from the tomb, and angels were present to impress His words on minds and hearts. But the disciples were looking for temporal deliverance from the Roman yoke, and they could not tolerate the thought that He in whom all their hopes centred should suffer an ignominious death. The words which they needed to remember were banished from their minds; and when the time of trial came, it found them unprepared. The death of Jesus as fully destroyed their hopes as if He had not forewarned them. So in the prophecies the future is opened before us as plainly as it was opened to the disciples by the words of Christ. The events connected with the close of

probation and the work of preparation for the time of trouble, are clearly presented. But multitudes have no more understanding of these important truths than if they had never been revealed. Satan watches to catch away every impression that would make them wise unto salvation, and the time of trouble will find them unready.

When God sends to men warnings so important that they are represented as proclaimed by holy angels flying in the midst of heaven, He requires every person endowed with reasoning powers to heed the message. The fearful judgements denounced against the worship of the beast and his image (Revelation 14:9-11), should lead all to a diligent study of the prophecies to learn what the mark of the beast is, and how they are to avoid receiving it. But the masses of the people turn away their ears from hearing the truth and are turned unto fables. The apostle Paul declared, looking down to the last days: "The time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine." 2 Timothy 4:3. That time has fully come. The

multitudes do not want Bible truth, because it interferes with the desires of the sinful, world-loving heart; and Satan supplies the deceptions which they love.

But God will have a people upon the earth to maintain the Bible, and the Bible only, as the standard of all doctrines and the basis of all reforms. The opinions of learned men, the deductions of science, the creeds or decisions of ecclesiastical councils, as numerous and discordant as are the churches which they represent, the voice of the majority—not one nor all of these should be regarded as evidence for or against any point of religious faith. Before accepting any doctrine or precept, we should demand a plain “Thus saith the Lord” in its support.

Satan is constantly endeavouring to attract attention to man in the place of God. He leads the people to look to bishops, to pastors, to professors of theology, as their guides, instead of searching the Scriptures to learn their duty for themselves. Then, by controlling the minds

of these leaders, he can influence the multitudes according to his will.

When Christ came to speak the words of life, the common people heard Him gladly; and many, even of the priests and rulers, believed on Him. But the chief of the priesthood and the leading men of the nation were determined to condemn and repudiate His teachings. Though they were baffled in all their efforts to find accusations against Him, though they could not but feel the influence of the divine power and wisdom attending His words, yet they encased themselves in prejudice; they rejected the clearest evidence of His Messiahship, lest they should be forced to become His disciples. These opponents of Jesus were men whom the people had been taught from infancy to reverence, to whose authority they had been accustomed implicitly to bow. "How is it," they asked, "that our rulers and learned scribes do not believe on Jesus? Would not these pious men receive Him if He were the Christ?" It was the influence of such

teachers that led the Jewish nation to reject their Redeemer.

The spirit which actuated those priests and rulers is still manifested by many who make a high profession of piety. They refuse to examine the testimony of the Scriptures concerning the special truths for this time. They point to their own numbers, wealth, and popularity, and look with contempt upon the advocates of truth as few, poor, and unpopular, having a faith that separates them from the world.

Christ foresaw that the undue assumption of authority indulged by the scribes and Pharisees would not cease with the dispersion of the Jews. He had a prophetic view of the work of exalting human authority to rule the conscience, which has been so terrible a curse to the church in all ages. And His fearful denunciations of the scribes and Pharisees, and His warnings to the people not to follow these blind leaders, were placed on record as an admonition to future generations.

The Roman Church reserves to the clergy the right to interpret the Scriptures. On the ground that ecclesiastics alone are competent to explain God's word, it is withheld from the common people. Though the Reformation gave the Scriptures to all, yet the selfsame principle which was maintained by Rome prevents multitudes in Protestant churches from searching the Bible for themselves. They are taught to accept its teachings as interpreted by the church; and there are thousands who dare receive nothing, however plainly revealed in Scripture, that is contrary to their creed or the established teaching of their church.

Notwithstanding the Bible is full of warnings against false teachers, many are ready thus to commit the keeping of their souls to the clergy. There are today thousands of professors of religion who can give no other reason for points of faith which they hold than that they were so instructed by their religious leaders. They pass by the Saviour's teachings almost unnoticed, and place implicit confidence in the



words of the ministers. But are ministers infallible? How can we trust our souls to their guidance unless we know from God's word that they are light bearers? A lack of moral courage to step aside from the beaten track of the world, leads many to follow in the steps of learned men; and by their reluctance to investigate for themselves, they are becoming hopelessly fastened in the chains of error. They see that the truth for this time is plainly brought to view in the Bible; and they feel the power of the Holy Spirit attending its proclamation; yet they allow the opposition of the clergy to turn them from the light. Though reason and conscience are convinced, these deluded souls dare not think differently from the minister; and their individual judgement, their eternal interests, are sacrificed to the unbelief, the pride and prejudice, of another.

Many are the ways by which Satan works through human influence to bind his captives. He secures multitudes to himself by attaching them by the silken cords of affection to those who are enemies of the cross of Christ.

Whatever this attachment may be, parental, filial, conjugal, or social, the effect is the same; the opposers of truth exert their power to control the conscience, and the souls held under their sway have not sufficient courage or independence to obey their own convictions of duty.

The truth and the glory of God are inseparable; it is impossible for us, with the Bible within our reach, to honour God by erroneous opinions. Many claim that it matters not what one believes, if his life is only right. But the life is moulded by the faith. If light and truth is within our reach, and we neglect to improve the privilege of hearing and seeing it, we virtually reject it; we are choosing darkness rather than light.

“There is a way that seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death.” Proverbs 16:25. Ignorance is no excuse for error or sin, when there is every opportunity to know the will of God. A man is travelling and comes to a place where there are several roads

and a guide-board indicating where each one leads. If he disregards the guide-board, and takes whichever road seems to him to be right, he may be ever so sincere, but will in all probability find himself on the wrong road.

God has given us His word that we may become acquainted with its teachings and know for ourselves what He requires of us. When the lawyer came to Jesus with the inquiry, "What shall I do to inherit eternal life?" the Saviour referred him to the Scriptures, saying: "What is written in the law? how readest thou?" Ignorance will not excuse young or old, nor release them from the punishment due for the transgression of God's law; because there is in their hands a faithful presentation of that law and of its principles and claims. It is not enough to have good intentions; it is not enough to do what a man thinks is right or what the minister tells him is right. His soul's salvation is at stake, and he should search the Scriptures for himself. However strong may be his convictions, however confident he may be that the minister

knows what is truth, this is not his foundation. He has a chart pointing out every way-mark on the heavenward journey, and he ought not to guess at anything.

It is the first and highest duty of every rational being to learn from the Scriptures what is truth, and then to walk in the light and encourage others to follow his example. We should day by day study the Bible diligently, weighing every thought and comparing scripture with scripture. With divine help we are to form our opinions for ourselves as we are to answer for ourselves before God.

The truths most plainly revealed in the Bible have been involved in doubt and darkness by learned men, who, with a pretence of great wisdom, teach that the Scriptures have a mystical, a secret, spiritual meaning not apparent in the language employed. These men are false teachers. It was to such a class that Jesus declared: "Ye know not the Scriptures, neither the power of God." Mark 12:24. The language of the Bible should be

explained according to its obvious meaning, unless a symbol or figure is employed. Christ has given the promise: "If any man will do His will, he shall know of the doctrine." John 7:17. If men would but take the Bible as it reads, if there were no false teachers to mislead and confuse their minds, a work would be accomplished that would make angels glad and that would bring into the fold of Christ thousands upon thousands who are now wandering in error.

We should exert all the powers of the mind in the study of the Scriptures and should task the understanding to comprehend, as far as mortals can, the deep things of God; yet we must not forget that the docility and submission of a child is the true spirit of the learner. Scriptural difficulties can never be mastered by the same methods that are employed in grappling with philosophical problems. We should not engage in the study of the Bible with that self-reliance with which so many enter the domains of science, but with a prayerful dependence upon God and a

sincere desire to learn His will. We must come with a humble and teachable spirit to obtain knowledge from the great I AM. Otherwise, evil angels will so blind our minds and harden our hearts that we shall not be impressed by the truth.

Many a portion of Scripture which learned men pronounce a mystery, or pass over as unimportant, is full of comfort and instruction to him who has been taught in the school of Christ. One reason why many theologians have no clearer understanding of God's word is, they close their eyes to truths which they do not wish to practice. As understanding of Bible truth depends not so much on the power of intellect brought to the search as on the singleness of purpose, the earnest longing after righteousness.

The Bible should never be studied without prayer. The Holy Spirit alone can cause us to feel the importance of those things easy to be understood, or prevent us from wresting truths difficult of comprehension. It is the

office of heavenly angels to prepare the heart so to comprehend God's word that we shall be charmed with its beauty, admonished by its warnings, or animated and strengthened by its promises. We should make the psalmist's petition our own: "Open Thou mine eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of Thy law." Psalm 119:18. Temptations often appear irresistible because, through neglect of prayer and the study of the Bible, the tempted one cannot readily remember God's promises and meet Satan with the Scripture weapons. But angels are round about those who are willing to be taught in divine things; and in the time of great necessity they will bring to their remembrance the very truths which are needed. Thus "when the enemy shall come in like a flood, the Spirit of the Lord shall lift up a standard against him." Isaiah 59:19.

Jesus promised His disciples: "The Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in My name, He shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you." John 14:26.

But the teachings of Christ must previously have been stored in the mind in order for the Spirit of God to bring them to our remembrance in the time of peril. "Thy word have I hid in mine heart," said David, "that I might not sin against Thee." Psalm 119:11.

All who value their eternal interests should be on their guard against the inroads of scepticism. The very pillars of truth will be assailed. It is impossible to keep beyond the reach of the sarcasms and sophisms, the insidious and pestilent teachings, of modern infidelity. Satan adapts his temptations to all classes. He assails the illiterate with a jest or sneer, while he meets the educated with scientific objections and philosophical reasoning, alike calculated to excite distrust or contempt of the Scriptures. Even youth of little experience presume to insinuate doubts concerning the fundamental principles of Christianity. And this youthful infidelity, shallow as it is, has its influence. Many are thus led to jest at the faith of their fathers and to do despite to the Spirit of grace. Hebrews 10:29.



Many a life that promised to be an honour to God and a blessing to the world has been blighted by the foul breath of infidelity. All who trust to the boastful decisions of human reason and imagine that they can explain divine mysteries and arrive at truth unaided by the wisdom of God are entangled in the snare of Satan.

We are living in the most solemn period of this world's history. The destiny of earth's teeming multitudes is about to be decided. Our own future well-being and also the salvation of other souls depend upon the course which we now pursue. We need to be guided by the Spirit of truth. Every follower of Christ should earnestly inquire: "Lord, what wilt Thou have me to do?" We need to humble ourselves before the Lord, with fasting and prayer, and to meditate much upon His word, especially upon the scenes of the judgement. We should now seek a deep and living experience in the things of God. We have not a moment to lose. Events of vital importance are taking place around us; we are on Satan's enchanted ground. Sleep

not, sentinels of God; the foe is lurking near, ready at any moment, should you become lax and drowsy, to spring upon you and make you his prey.

Many are deceived as to their true condition before God. They congratulate themselves upon the wrong acts which they do not commit, and forget to enumerate the good and noble deeds which God requires of them, but which they have neglected to perform. It is not enough that they are trees in the garden of God. They are to answer His expectation by bearing fruit. He holds them accountable for their failure to accomplish all the good which they could have done, through His grace strengthening them. In the books of heaven they are registered as cumberers of the ground. Yet the case of even this class is not utterly hopeless. With those who have slighted God's mercy and abused His grace, the heart of long-suffering love yet pleads. "Wherefore He saith, Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light. See then that ye walk circumspectly, ... redeeming

the time, because the days are evil.” Ephesians 5:14-16.

When the testing time shall come, those who have made God’s word their rule of life will be revealed. In summer there is no noticeable difference between evergreens and other trees; but when the blasts of winter come, the evergreens remain unchanged, while other trees are stripped of their foliage. So the false hearted professor may not now be distinguished from the real Christian, but the time is just upon us when the difference will be apparent. Let opposition arise, let bigotry and intolerance again bear sway, let persecution be kindled, and the half-hearted and hypocritical will waver and yield the faith; but the true Christian will stand firm as a rock, his faith stronger, his hope brighter, than in days of prosperity.

Says the psalmist: “Thy testimonies are my meditation.” “Through Thy precepts I get understanding: therefore I hate every false way.” Psalm 119:99, 104.

“Happy is the man that findeth wisdom.” “He shall be as a tree planted by the waters, and that spreadeth out her roots by the river, and shall not see when heat cometh, but her leaf shall be green; and shall not be careful in the year of drought, neither shall cease from yielding fruit.” Proverbs 3:13; Jeremiah 17:8”<sup>9</sup>

### **What Can I Do?**

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