

Lesson: 102 **Sabbath Reform** Part B Volume: 9

21. During these closing scenes, what message is God sending to the world to turn men from false worship to the worship of the true and living God?

"Fear God, and give glory to Him; for the hour of His judgment is come: and _____ Him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters. . . . Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city, because she made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication. . . . If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark in his forehead, or in his hand, the same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of His indignation." **Revelation 14:7-10**

NOTE: This is the last gospel message to be sent to the world before the Lord comes. Under it will be developed two classes of people, one having the mark of the beast (**the Papacy**), and the other keeping the commandments of God, and having His seal, the Sabbath of the fourth commandment.

22. What, besides attending and taking part in religious services (Luke 4:16), did Christ do on the Sabbath day?

"Who went about doing good." **Acts 10:38. See Matthew 8:14-17; Matthew 12:1-15; Mark 2:23-28; Mark 3:1-6; Luke 6:1-11; Mark 13:11-17; 14:1-6; John 5:1-18; John 9:1-41**

NOTE: When we come to study the life of Christ, we find that He did not make the Sabbath a day of idleness, nor even a day confined wholly to public and private worship, but one of active service in blessing others. On this day especially He went about doing good, ministering to the sick, and bringing relief to those long bound by Satan. **Luke 13:15-16; John 5:5-9.** And as He is our pattern in all things, we, too, like Him, should seek to make the Sabbath a day for helping and blessing others. To loose the bands of wickedness, undo the heavy burdens, deal bread to the hungry, clothe the naked, and let the oppressed go free, is the fast which God has chosen, and the Sabbath-keeping most acceptable to Him. **Isaiah 58:1-12. In this kind of work and ministry there is room for a world-wide Sabbath reform.**

BROTHER! up to the breach

For God's freedom and truth; Let us act as we teach, With the wisdom of age,
and the vigor of youth. Heed not their cannon-balls; Ask not who stands or falls;
Grasp the sword of the Lord, **And-Forward!**

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"And Jesus increased in wisdom (Mental) and stature (Physical & Spiritual), and in favor with God (Spiritual) and man (Social)." **Luke 2:52**

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15. What have they done to maintain their theories?

"And her prophets have _____ them with _____ mortar, seeing vanity, and divining lies unto them, saying, *Thus _____ the Lord God, when the _____ hath _____ spoken.*" **Ezekiel 22:28**

Notes: Untempered mortar is that which is improperly worked, and will not therefore hold together or stand the test. **Thus it is with the reasons advanced for keeping Sunday instead of the Bible Sabbath**, the seventh day. They are not only unsound and untenable in themselves, but are utterly inconsistent, contradictory, and destructive one of the other, among themselves. They are like the witnesses employed by the Jewish leaders to condemn Christ. Of these the record says: "**The chief priests and all the council sought for witness against Jesus to put Him to death; and found none. For many bare false witness against Him, but their witness agreed not together.**" Mark 14:55-56. The lack of agreement among them was evidence in itself of the *falsity* of their testimony. In nothing, perhaps, is a lack of agreement better illustrated than in the reasons assigned for Sunday-keeping. Note the following: **One says the Sabbath has been changed from the seventh to the first day of the week.** Another says that the Sabbath commandment requires only one day of rest after six of labor, and hence *there has been no change*.

Some reason that all ought to keep Sunday, because although, as they affirm, God did not appoint a *particular* day, yet *agreement* is necessary; and to have any or every day a sabbath would be equal to no sabbath at all. Others, to avoid the claims of God's law, assert that the Sabbath precept is one of those ordinances which was *against us, contrary to us blotted out, and nailed to the cross*. Still, they admit that a day of rest and convocation is necessary, and therefore the day of Christ's resurrection, they say, has been chosen.

Another class say they believe it is impossible to know which is the *seventh day*, although they have no difficulty in ascertaining which is the *first*. Some are so bold even as to declare that *Sunday is the original seventh day*.

Others, with equal certainty say that those who keep the seventh day are endeavoring to be *justified by the law*, and are *fallen from grace*. Another class, with more liberal views, say they believe that everyone should be fully persuaded in his own mind, whether he keep this day, or that, or none at all.

Notes: Still again, as if having found the great desideratum or missing link in the argument, men credited with even more than ordinary intelligence, will sometimes declare that it is impossible to keep the seventh day on a round and rolling earth; and yet, strange to say, they find no difficulty in keeping Sunday anywhere, and believe that this day should be observed the world over!

Notes: Lastly, and more terrible and presumptuous than all the rest, some, like Herod of old in slaying all the children of Bethlehem in order to make sure of killing Christ, have gone so far as to teach that all ten commandments have been abolished, in order to avoid the duty enjoined in the fourth. But as in the case of Herod, God's Anointed escaped the murderous blow of this wicked king, so in the judgment such will have to meet God over His broken law, and **will find that the Sabbath precept stands there unchanged with the rest**. Said Christ, "**Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments**, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven: **but whosoever shall do and teach them**, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven" **Matthew 5:19**

16. What does the Lord say will become of this wall thus daubed with untempered mortar?

"Say unto them which daub it with untempered mortar, that it shall ____: there shall be an _____ shower; and ye, O great hailstones, shall fall; and a stormy wind shall rend it." **Ezekiel 13:11**

17. When are these hailstones to fall?

"Hast thou entered into the treasures of the snow? or hast thou seen the treasures of the hail, which I have reserved against the ____ of _____, against the day of battle and _____?" **Job 38:22-23**

18. Under which of the seven last plagues will this hail fall?

"And *the _____ angel* poured out his vial into the air; . . . and the cities of the nations fell: . . . and every **island** _____, and the mountains were not found. And there fell upon men *a great _____* out of heaven, every stone about the weight of a talent." **Revelation 16:17-21**

19. In order to prepare His people for that terrible time, what does God expect His ministers to do?

"Ye have not _____ up into the _____, neither _____ up the _____ for the house of Israel to stand in the battle in the day of the Lord." **Ezekiel 13:5**

20. Instead of trying to close up this breach made in God's law [the loss of the Sabbath], and so make up the hedge, what have they done?

"They have seen vanity and lying divination, saying, *The _____ saith: and the Lord hath _____ sent them:* and they have made others to hope that they would confirm the word." **Ezekiel 13:6**

