

Is Keeping Your Job More Important Than Keeping The Sabbath?

For Average Joes From An Average Joe

In this hectic age which we live in, with all of us having house payments, car payments, credit card bills and so on, the last thing we need to be facing is unemployment. The price of gasoline, groceries, medical insurance--most everything is going up, up, up! So, let's face it, we all need a job...We all got bills to pay...But...?

Should We Violate The Sabbath...?

To Keep Our Jobs...?

To Pay Our Bills...?

I myself have faced some situations in the past year where I have been out of work, needed work badly, and found it can be difficult to find work which allows for Sabbath Keeping.

Now, we all have friends of one kind or another. Most of them mean well; and most of us have at least one friend who wants to give us their advice, counsel, or opinion, many times, whether we ask for it or not. They care for us. They want good things for us. But, do they **REALLY KNOW** what is best for us?

Exo 20:8-10--"Remember the Sabbath day, to set it apart. "Six days you labour, and shall do all your work, but **the seventh day is a Sabbath of יהוה (Yahuah) your Elohim (Mighty One).** **You do not do any work** – you, nor your son, nor your daughter, nor your male servant, nor your female servant, nor your cattle, nor your stranger who is within your gates.

When I was recently going through a time of unemployment famine, a very good and well meaning friend felt he should give me his advice. Of course when people do this, they have it in their minds that you really should **TAKE** their advice. Some friends **THINK** they know what is best for you. The question is, do they **REALLY KNOW** what is best for **YOU**?

Deu 5:12-14--'Guard the Sabbath day, to set it apart, as (Yahuah) יהוה your Elohim (Mighty One) commanded you. 'Six days you labor, and shall do all your work, but **the seventh day is a Sabbath of יהוה (Yahuah) your Elohim (Mighty One).** **You do not do any work** – you, nor your son, nor your daughter, nor your male servant, nor your female servant, nor your ox, nor your donkey, nor any of your cattle, nor your stranger who is within your gates, so that your male servant and your female servant rest as you do.

Please note: The Hebrew Name of the Creator is **Yahuah**.

Pronounced—**Ya--hoo--ah**.

"Brother", he says, "you need to take whatever job you can get, and then pray for a job where

you can be off work on Saturdays. You have responsibilities—a family to feed and bills to pay. You are in no position to turn down anything you are offered. If you get an opportunity to go to work somewhere, even if you have to work on Saturday, that **IS** our Creator (**Yahuah**) answering your prayer for work. You need to take it brother; and then if you want to be off on "Saturday", pray for a job where you can be off."

Authors note: our weekdays and months are named after pagan deities. I refuse to give a pagan deity the honor of having the first letter of its name capitalized.

Uh Oh, better look out! There is a trap hidden here in this friend's thinking. Actually, two traps...Trap number one... My friend **DOES NOT** believe that the seventh day of the week is still the true Sabbath. He fully expects **ME** to respect his beliefs but has absolutely no respect for mine. To him "sun-worship-day"—commonly called "Sunday"—has become the Sabbath. He can't tell you for sure if Messiah Himself changed it to "sun-day", or if the "church" changed it. Oh yes, now he remembers, it is because Messiah rose from the dead on "sun-day" morning; and therefore the "church" honors that day as the Sabbath, rather than the one instituted by our Creator in Genesis.

Folks, there is absolutely **NO** scriptural evidence to support the claim that Messiah rose from the dead on the first day of the week. The Scriptures do not tell us that. The Scriptures **ONLY** tell us that the disciples came to the tomb early on the first day of the week and He was already gone. The "church" is reading something into the Scriptures that simply is **NOT** there. Their basis for casting aside the true Sabbath of **Yahuah** is totally without evidence based upon this very fact: The word **DOES NOT TELL US** that Messiah rose from the dead on the first day of the week.

Gen 2:2-3-- And on the seventh day Elohim (**Our Mighty One**) completed His work which He had done; and **He rested on the seventh day** from all His work which He had made. And **Elohim (Our Mighty One) blessed the seventh day** and set it apart, because on it He rested from all His work which Elohim in creating had made.

There is only **ONE** day of the seven day week that is specifically stated in Scripture as being blessed. That day is not the first day, nor the second, third, or fourth, it is **THE SEVENTH DAY —THE SABBATH!** Some people answer this with, "brother we are to worship **Yahuah** every day". True enough, but there is only one day, in each weekly cycle of each month of each year, that **WE ARE COMMANDED** to rest upon—**THE SABBATH**. If you are one of those who is into prosperity teaching, you should love this. The Sabbath Day is blessed. You are blessed when you keep it.

A Scriptural Fact!

Yahuah requires two or three witnesses to settle a matter.

Deu 17:6-- "**At the mouth of two or three witnesses** shall he that is to die be put to death. He is not put to death by the mouth of one witness.

Deu 19:15-- "One witness does not rise up against a man concerning any crookedness or any sin that he commits. **At the mouth of two witnesses or at the mouth of three witnesses a matter is established.**

Mat 18:16--"But if he does not hear, take with you one or two more, that '**by the mouth of two or three witnesses every word might be established.**'

2Co 13:1--This is the third time I am coming to you. "**By the mouth of two or three witnesses every word shall be established.**"

1Ti 5:19--Do not receive an accusation against an elder **except from two or three witnesses.**

Deu 4:26--"**I shall call the heavens and earth to witness against you** on that day, that you soon completely perish from the land which you pass over the Yardĕn to possess – you do not prolong your days in it but are completely destroyed.

Deu 30:19--"**I have called the heavens and the earth as witnesses today against you:** I have set before you life and death, the blessing and the curse. Therefore you shall choose life, so that you live, both you and your seed,

Luk 16:17--"**And it is easier for the heaven and the earth to pass away** than for one tittle of the Torah to fall.

Mat 5:18--"For truly, I say to you, **till the heaven and the earth pass away,** one jot or one tittle shall by no means pass from the Torah till all be done.

Heb 10:28--Anyone who has disregarded the Torah of Mosheh dies without compassion **on the witness of two or three witnesses.**

**THERE ARE THREE
FACTS TO WITNESS
THAT THE SABBATH IS
THE 7TH DAY OF THE WEEK
AND WILL REMAIN SO**

FOREVER!

1. **Yahuah blessed the** seventh day of the week—the **Sabbath day**—SIGNIFYING ITS IMPORTANCE.
2. **Yahuah named** the seventh day of the week—the **Sabbath day**—SIGNIFYING ITS IMPORTANCE.
3. **Yahuah DID NOT name the other days of the week**—SIGNIFYING ITS IMPORTANCE.

Gen 2:2-3--The Scriptures--And on the seventh day Elohim completed His work which He had done, and He rested on the seventh day from all His work which He had made. And Elohim (**Our Mighty One**) **blessed the seventh day and set it apart**, because on it He rested from all His work which Elohim in creating had made.

Exo 20:8-10--The Scriptures--"**Remember the Sabbath day**, to set it apart. "Six days you labour, and shall do all your work, but **the seventh day is a Sabbath** of יהוה (**Yahuah**) your Elohim (**Mighty One**). You do not do any work – you, nor your son, nor your daughter, nor your male servant, nor your female servant, nor your cattle, nor your stranger who is within your gates.

An Average Joe's Observation...During "biblical" times violating the Sabbath was punishable by death. Could we possibly, after some thoughtful consideration, arrive at a logical conclusion and assumption...The assumption would be...That most people would consider knowing which day of the week to observe as the proper Sabbath a **very valuable** piece of information to possess?

Exo 31:12-18--And (**Yahuah**) יהוה spoke to Mosheh, saying, "And you, speak to the children of Yisra'el, saying, '**My Sabbaths you are to guard**, by all means, for **it is a sign between Me and you throughout your generations**, to know that I, (**Yahuah**) יהוה, am setting you apart. 'And **you shall guard the Sabbath**, for it is set-apart to you. **Everyone who profanes it shall certainly be put to death**, for anyone who does work on it, that being shall be cut off from among his people. '**Six days work is done, and on the seventh is a Sabbath of rest, set-apart to (Yahuah) יהוה. Everyone doing work on the Sabbath day shall certainly be put to death.** 'And the children of Yisra'el shall guard the Sabbath, to observe the Sabbath **throughout their generations as an everlasting covenant. 'Between Me and the children of Yisra'el it is a sign forever.** For in six days (**Yahuah**) יהוה made the heavens and the earth, and on the seventh day He rested and was refreshed.' " And when He had ended

speaking with him on Mount Sinai, He gave Mosheh two tablets of the Witness, tablets of stone, **written with the finger of Elohim.**

Jer 31:35-36--Thus said (**Yahuah**) יהוה, who gives the sun for a light by day, and the laws of the moon and the stars for a light by night, who stirs up the sea, and its waves roar --(**Yahuah**) יהוה of hosts is His Name: **"If these laws vanish from before Me," declares (Yahuah) יהוה, "then the seed of Yisra'el shall also cease from being a nation before Me forever."**

Here is a question well worth asking...Are there still children of Yisra'el walking the earth? According to Scripture, the ten tribes **ARE** still "at large"... "Out there" somewhere. But...Is there in existence evidence which is more obvious...Easier to see with our eyes..."Sink our teeth into"...? Israel exists as a nation in our world today. The Jewish people **ARE** of the tribe of Judah (Yahudah), which **IS** one of the tribes of Yisra'el. They **ARE** children of Yisra'el. The Jewish people are alive and well on planet earth; and though they have lived as "strangers in a strange land" for the past several thousand years, they have survived despite their many enemies' efforts to destroy them.

The continued existence of the Jewish people—the tribe of Judah—witnesses to the fact that the covenant made by **Yahuah** with the children of Yisra'el still stands today, and cannot end until there is no longer a living, breathing, child of Yisra'el upon the earth.

This is somewhat "puzzling"...If **Yahuah** had the "withal" to command us to keep the seventh day of the week as His Sabbath, and for some unexplainable reason He made up His mind to change it, then why did He not tell us? Why did His Son **Yahushua** Messiah not plainly tell us—warn us—in the Messianic writings (New Testament) of this change by using the same precise language that His Father used in the verses of Scripture we read only moments ago? In the days of King David there was no doubt whatsoever which day of the week was to be kept as the Sabbath. The Torah made it absolutely clear **WHICH** day to keep, and what we **WERE** to do, and what we **WERE NOT** to do, in addition to the penalty which would be incurred if a man were caught violating the Sabbath.

Average Joe "Food for thought"...Yes...I am repeating myself...We need to consider this carefully...Why do the Messianic Writings (New Testament) not give us the same precise instructions as to the changing of the Sabbath from the seventh day of the week to the first day of the week—"sun-worship-day"? Why, so mysteriously, in THESE writings have we been given only sparse bits of Scripture even mentioning the first day of the week--never referring to it as "sun-day"—at all, and never coming right out and stating, clearly and unmistakably that the Sabbath has been changed?

Any court in the world today would quickly and rightly rule that the Sabbath has not been changed to a different day of the week and should continue to be observed on the seventh day—the Sabbath Day—simply on the basis of "a lack of evidence". If there is no solid or conclusive evidence to prove that the day of the week on which we are to observe the Sabbath has been changed, then **WHY** are we worshipping on a different day?

Our Creator **Yahuah** has not changed His Covenant with Yisra'el. He has not removed the "sign" given to the children of Yisra'el...The Sabbath Day. As we search through the Messianic Writings (New Testament) we find no—"zilch"—evidence to indicate or even hint that our Messiah, **Yahushua**, changed the seventh day Sabbath to the first day of the week—called by pagan worshipers "sun-day". We also would be at a loss to find a single verse of Scripture where the disciples—Paul (Shaul) for instance—commanded those they taught and watched over to worship on any other day of the week except the seventh day Sabbath.

There are those who would attempt use the following verse to prove otherwise...

1Co 16:2--**On the first day of the week** let each one of you set aside, storing up whatever he is prospered, so that there are no collections when I come.

If we were to read this verse with our "church" mind, which has been trained and conditioned to think "sun-day worship", then that is exactly what we would see. But...Is there any mention at all—any evidence—of "sun-day worship"? The fact is...There is not.

This verse does not give us that information. Our conclusions and what we have been trained and taught to see in the Scriptures are based upon our "gentile" mindsets and customs. We have not been taught to think as Hebrew, Jewish, or Torah obedient people of that time **WOULD** think. We do not think as Messiah Himself would think. Messiah's thinking...Paul's (Shaul's) thinking...Would be based upon Torah (Law) facts...The "point in hand" is...Torah forbids buying and selling on the Sabbath day...Money could not exchange hands...

Neh 13:15-22--In those days **I saw** in Yehudah **those treading wine presses on the Sabbath, and bringing in sheaves, and loading donkeys with wine, grapes, and figs, and all kinds of burdens,** which they brought into Yerushalayim on the Sabbath day. **So I warned them on the day they sold food.** And men of Tsor dwelt there, **bringing in fish and all kinds of goods, and sold them on the Sabbath to the children of Yehudah, and in Yerushalayim.** Then **I contended with the nobles of Yehudah, and said to them, "What evil matter is this that you are doing, profaning the Sabbath day?"** "Did not your fathers do the same so that our Elohim (**Mighty One**) brought all this evil on us and on this city? Yet you bring added wrath on Yisra'el by profaning the Sabbath." And it came to be, at the

gates of Yerushalayim, **as it began to be dark before the Sabbath, that I commanded the gates to be shut,** and commanded **that they should not be opened till after the Sabbath.** And **I stationed some of my servants at the gates, so that no burdens would be brought in on the Sabbath day.**

And the merchants and sellers of all kinds of wares spent the night outside Yerushalayim once or twice, and I warned them, and said to them, "Why do you spend the night around the wall? If you do so again, I lay hands on you!" From that time on they came no more on the Sabbath. And **I commanded the Lēwites that they should cleanse themselves, and they should come, guarding the gates, to set apart the Sabbath day.** Remember me, O my Elohim (**Mighty One**), concerning this also, and pardon me according to the greatness of Your kindness!

Paul was instructing the believers he was speaking to in this verse to be obedient to the commands of **Yahuah** by setting aside whatever offerings or gifts they might have for the body of Messiah at Jerusalem on the first day of the week...After the Sabbath.

Our Creator, **Yahuah**, established the reckoning of days in the book of Genesis as being from sundown to sundown. The evening of each day came **BEFORE** the morning of each day...

Gen 1:5--And Elohim (**Our Mighty One**) called the light 'day' and the darkness He called 'night.' And **there came to be evening and there came to be morning, the first day.**

Gen 1:8--And Elohim (**Our Mighty One**) called the expanse 'heavens.' And there came to be evening and there came to be morning, the second day.

Gen 1:13--And there came to be evening and there came to be morning, the third day.

Gen 1:19-- And there came to be evening and there came to be morning, the fourth day.

Gen 1:23--And there came to be evening and there came to be morning, the fifth day.

Gen 1:31--And Elohim (**Our Mighty One**) saw all that He had made, and see, it was very good. And there came to be evening and there came to be morning, the sixth day.

Gen 2:1-3--Thus the heavens and the earth were completed, and all their array. And on the seventh day Elohim (**Our Mighty One**) completed His work which He had done, and He rested on the seventh day from all His work which He had made. **And Elohim (Our Mighty One) blessed the seventh day and set it apart, because on it He rested from all His work which Elohim (Our Mighty One) in creating had made.**

Neh 13:19-- And it came to be, at the gates of Yerushalayim, **as it began to be dark before the Sabbath,** that I commanded the gates to be shut, and commanded that they should not be opened till after the Sabbath. And I stationed some of my servants at the gates, so that no burdens would be brought in on the Sabbath day.

The Sabbath day begins at sundown on the sixth day of the week—now called "fri-day", and the first day of the week—"sun-day"—begins at sundown the following evening. Contrary to what

we have all been taught, and according to the verses which we have just finished reading, the evening and thus the midnight of any day of the week comes **BEFORE** the sunrise of that given day, and not **AFTER** as we have been taught and raised to believe. It was not uncommon at all in those days that since it was already dark people would remain together and cook and enjoy a meal together and fellowship and encourage one another in Messiah **Yahushua**. A speaker such as Paul (Shaul) might exhort and inspire folks sitting around listening on into the "wee hours" of the night which hopefully will help us to better understand this verse of Scripture as well...

Act 20:6--And we sailed away from Philippi after the Days of Unleavened Bread, and came to them at Troas in five days, where we stayed seven days.

And **on the first day of the week (beginning at sundown)**, the taught ones having gathered together to break bread, Sha'ul, intending to depart the next day (**after sunrise**), was reasoning with them and was extending the word till midnight. And there were many lamps in the upper room where they were assembled. And a certain young man, by name Eutuchos, was sitting in a window, being overpowered by a deep sleep. As Sha'ul kept on reasoning, he was overcome by sleep and fell down from the third storey, and was picked up dead. And Sha'ul, having gone down, fell on him, and embracing him said, "Do not be upset, for his life is in him." Then going up again, and having broken bread and eaten, he talked a long while, even till daybreak (**sunrise of the first day of the week**), and so went forth.

Note: The bracketing and comments in the verses above are mine and were inserted for the purpose of helping us to see clearly that the early disciples **DID** keep the Sabbath day. The worshipers here were not worshiping on a "sun-day" morning. They were continuing their Sabbath worship and fellowship on into the evening and night of the first day of the week—now called "sun-day". Had they actually worshiped on "sun-day" as we have been taught by the "church" and then stayed on into the night they would have been fellowshiping on into the late hours of the second day of the week—now called "moon-day" or "monday".

I have also heard it argued that since most of us as believers are not of Jewish blood then we are not required to keep the Sabbath or the Torah commands which **Yahuah** gave to the children of Yisra'el...

Isa 56:3-7-- "And let not the son of the foreigner who has joined himself to יהוה (**Yahuah**) speak, saying, יהוה' (**Yahuah**) has certainly separated me from His people,' nor let the eunuch say, 'Look I am a dry tree.' " For thus said יהוה (**Yahuah**), "To the eunuchs who guard My Sabbaths, and have chosen what pleases Me, and hold fast to My covenant: to them I shall give in My house and within My walls a place and a name better than that of sons and daughters – I give them an everlasting name that is not cut off.

"Also the sons of the foreigner who join themselves to יהוה (Yahuah), to serve Him, and to love the Name of יהוה (Yahuah), to be His servants, all who guard the Sabbath, and not profane it, and hold fast to My covenant --them I shall bring to My set-

apart mountain, and let them rejoice in My house of prayer. Their burnt offerings and their slaughtering are accepted on My altar, for My house is called a house of prayer for all the peoples."

Rom 11:17-- And if some of the branches were broken off, and **you**, being a wild olive tree, **have been grafted in** among them, and came to share the root and fatness of the olive tree,

Rom 11:24-- For if **you** were cut out of the olive tree which is wild by nature, and **were grafted** contrary to nature **into a good olive tree**, how much more shall these who are the natural *branches*, be grafted into their own olive tree?

The good olive tree is Yisra'el. If we have been grafted into the good olive tree WE ARE YISRA'EL!

WE ARE YISRA'EI! The nation of Yisra'el consists of the House of Judah (Yahudah), and the House of Yisra'el, **AND those gentiles (nations—peoples) who have chosen to join themselves to Yahuah, and ARE THUS GRAFTED INTO YISRA'EL!**

One of the most misleading teachings that we, as members of the "church", have been taught is the idea—known as "Replacement Theology"—that the "church" has somehow replaced the nation of Yisra'el...The mistaken belief that the "church" is the Bride of Messiah.

I beg you...Search the Scriptures for yourselves...There is and always has been **ONLY ONE** covenant offered by **Yahuah** to mankind. That Covenant was broken by, and required the death of, the children of Yisra'el. In order to save His people, Yisra'el, the Covenant had to be amended—"Renewed"—and someone had to die in her place...That someone was Messiah **Yahushua**. The Covenant He purchased with His own blood is with **ONLY ONE** people—His Bride...Yisra'el!

There is not in existence any mention of a covenant **ANYWHERE** in Scripture with **ANYONE** except Yisra'el. If we are not Yisra'el...We are lost in our sins...And without hope...

Jer 31:31-36--"See, the days are coming," declares **(Yahuah)** יהוה, "when **I shall make a new covenant with the house of Yisra'el and with the house of Yehudah**, not like the covenant I made with their fathers in the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Mitsrayim, My covenant which they broke, **though I was a husband to them**," declares **(Yahuah)** יהוה. "For this is the covenant I shall make with the house of Yisra'el after those days, declares **(Yahuah)** יהוה: I shall put My Torah in their inward parts, and write it on their hearts. And I shall be their Elohim **(Mighty One)**, and they shall be My people. "And no longer shall they teach, each one his neighbour, and each one his brother, saying, 'Know

(Yahuah) יהוה, 'for they shall all know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them,' declares **(Yahuah)** יהוה. "For I shall forgive their crookedness, and remember their sin no more."

Heb 8:8-12--For finding fault with them, He says, "See, the days are coming," says **(Yahuah)** יהוה, "when **I shall conclude with the house of Yisra'el and with the house of Yehudah a renewed covenant**, not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day when I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Mitsrayim, because they did not continue in My covenant, and I disregarded them," says **(Yahuah)** יהוה. "Because this is the covenant that I shall make with the house of Yisra'el after those days, says **(Yahuah)** יהוה, giving My laws in their mind, and I shall write them on their hearts, and I shall be their Elohim **(Mighty One)**, and they shall be My people. "And they shall by no means teach each one his neighbour, and each one his brother, saying, 'Know **(Yahuah)** יהוה,' because they all shall know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them. "Because I shall forgive their unrighteousness, and their sins and their lawlessnesses I shall no longer remember."

To our dismay, as members of the "church" we do not see the name "church" anywhere in these verses of a promised "Renewed" or New Covenant. The Renewed Covenant is with Yisra'el. We must embrace Yisra'el and in so doing we must also embrace the sign of the Covenant which **Yahuah** has made with Yisra'el through His Son **Yahushua**...The Sabbath.

I have also heard it claimed and argued that the "church" changed the Sabbath from the seventh day of the week to the first day of the week—"sun-worship-day"...Please bear with me and allow me to ask you this extremely important question...

If Yahuah Established The Sabbath By The Authority Of His Own Finger Who Would Dare To Change It?

As for my friend? Frankly, he believes I am walking in error...Complete and utter foolishness. He seriously wonders if I have lost my mind because it is obvious I have lost all—if I ever possessed any—good sense. After all, I have a family to feed and bills to pay. In his eyes, I am behaving very irresponsibly. He intends to correct my path for me since "saturday" is not the Sabbath anyway in his eyes. He figures that since I have bills to pay I should be working that day the same as the rest of the world is doing. He thinks he knows what is best for me. But, does he **REALLY KNOW** what is best?

Exo 20:8-10"Remember the Sabbath day, to set it apart. "Six days you labor, and shall do all your work, but the seventh day is a **Sabbath** of יהוה (**Yahuah**) your Elohim (Mighty One). You do not do any work – you, nor your son, nor your daughter, nor your male servant, nor your female servant, nor your cattle, nor your stranger who is within your gates.

Trap number two...This guy is counting on the fact that once I get to working and very possibly may be making that good—"overtime"—"saturday" money, that I won't want to let go of that extra hard cash and will give up this foolishness; and, if by chance, I am still praying for a Sabbath keeping job and it does not happen pretty soon, then that will be the perfect opportunity for him to step in and help me with some more of his well meant advice by telling me that Our Creator, **Yahuah**, is trying to show me that I have been walking in error and that "sun-day" really is the new sabbath. His evidence? "Look around you brother, the whole world keeps 'sun-day'. It has to be the real sabbath."

I wonder if he ever read this particular scripture and applied it to his "sun-worship-day" walk?

Mat 7:13-14"Enter in through the narrow gate! Because the gate is wide – and the way is broad – that leads to destruction, and **there are many who enter in through it.** "Because the gate is narrow and the way is hard pressed which leads to life, and there are few who find it.

Brick Parrish, author of "Study Of Two House Restoration Of Israel", sees it this way: "If everyone seems to be going in one direction and seems to think it is right, **TURN AROUND...YOU ARE GOING IN THE WRONG DIRECTION!**"

Could there a connection between the fact that my friend, and those who believe as he does—the "church"—and those who say the Sabbath has been changed to "sun-worship-day", also happen to be the same people who teach that Messiah did away with the Torah (Law)? So, what **ARE THEY REALLY TRYING TO SAY?** Are these well meaning people stating that the fourth commandment given to us by **Yahuah** through Moshe (Moses) now states to keep the first day of the week and not the seventh? It doesn't say that in my copy of the Scriptures. How about yours? Something's wrong here. Did **Yahuah** forget to change his own text...?...Or...?...Are they flatly stating that the entire Ten Commandments have been done away with? If that is so, there is no longer **ANY** standard to judge between what is right and what is wrong.

My friend and those who believe that getting a job and paying your bills IS more important for meeting the needs of the moment than keeping the Sabbath, are very much like a good neighbor who can clearly see that your car is on fire and desperately desires to help you put it out. He

may be banging on your door with both fists, but in his mind he can't seem to "rouse you" and make you aware of the danger. Little does he know that you are quite busy inside securing your family from a much more imminent and dire danger...The Tornado working its way down your street destroying everything it touches and your house and your neighbors house are **DIRECTLY IN ITS PATH!**

NOW AT THE MOMENT...What's more important, your car which is on fire, or taking shelter from the tornado?

Let's analyze my friend's thinking here. From an Average Joe's point of view, my friend is telling me straight out that, making a living is **MORE IMPORTANT** than obeying the commands of **Yahuah**, who has given me all I have... My life... My wife... My family... My job... My home...**EVERYTHING!**

Deu 8:11-18--"**Be on guard, lest you forget** יהוה (**Yahuah**) your Elohim (Mighty One) by not guarding His commands, and His right-rulings, and His laws which I command you today, lest you eat and shall be satisfied, and build lovely houses and shall dwell in them, and your herds and your flocks increase, and your silver and your gold are increased, and all that you have is increased, that your heart then becomes lifted up, and you forget יהוה (**Yahuah**) your Elohim (**Mighty One**) who brought you out of the land of Mitsrayim, from the house of bondage, who led you through that great and awesome wilderness – fiery serpents and scorpions and thirst – where there was no water, who brought water for you out of the flinty rock, who fed you in the wilderness with manna, which your fathers did not know, in order to humble you and to try you, to do you good in the end, you then shall say in your heart, 'My power and the strength of my hand have made for me this wealth!' "**But you shall remember** יהוה (**Yahuah**) your Elohim (**Mighty One**), **for it is He who gives you power to get wealth** in order to establish His covenant which He swore to your fathers, as it is today.

Let's pose a serious question. Why would our Heavenly Father, **Yahuah**, command us to keep the seventh day Sabbath, then change it and not remember to tell us about it in His Word? Why would **Yahuah** command us to keep the Sabbath day and not work upon it—not us, our kids, our employees, not even our guests staying in our home—and then miraculously offer us a job that requires us to violate His command? Tell me? Maybe I am missing something here...**DOES THAT MAKE ANY SENSE AT ALL...?**

Listen! Are we **DEAD CERTAIN** that this job opportunity is **FROM Yahuah**? Have we stopped worrying about bills long enough to consider that this grand opportunity might be a trap being sprung upon us by satan? Scripture tells us that our adversary's goal and desire is to lead us to **DISOBEY Yahuah's** commandments. I believe we are all in agreement on this point. So being the "sly dog" he is, what better way for satan to accomplish his goal than to have a good friend

help deceive us into believing that this great job opportunity is from our Heavenly Father?

Correct me if I am wrong here, folks...You are welcome to e-mail me with your thoughts and comments, but I have a real problem believing that our Heavenly Father would ever ask us to do anything—work or whatever—which contradicts the commandments He has already given us to keep in His Word. What **KIND** of a Creator would do that? What chance would we have of salvation? It would be as if He was purposefully setting us up for a fall... Sorry...I don't buy that...I hope you don't either!

My good friend is simply unable to see that he is asking me to **DISOBEY Yahuah**; and, in the **MIDST** of this very act of disobedience, then turn to Him and ask Him to give me a job where I can be obedient.

Why don't I just rob a bank? A whole slew of banks, and while I'm busy making my living robbing banks, I can call the local Police Department and ask them sincerely—with all my heart—to please help me find a job where I won't be forced to break the law. When they say, "sure" and pull up in the patrol car, I can hop right inside and everything will be "hunky-dory"...I wouldn't bet on it...If you break the Law of the land, there is a price to pay. If you break the Torah (Law) of **Yahuah**, there is a price to pay as well.

Hello...?...Are the lights on...?...Anybody home...?...Have our brains slid into gear yet? Messiah **Yahushuah** Himself kept the seventh day Sabbath. That is **WHY** He was the perfect sacrifice for our sins, because He kept His Father's Torah (Law) perfectly, without sin.

Please note: The Hebrew Name of our Messiah is **Yahushua** pronounced **Ya-hoo-shoo-ah**.

John 15:10--"If you guard My commands, you shall stay in My love, even as **I have guarded My Father's comands** and stay in His love.

WHAT DID He just say?"

"I have guarded My Father's commands".

WHY would Messiah keep His Father's commands and teach His disciples to keep them as well; and then, for no reason at all and with nothing in Scripture to guide us, suddenly change His Father's command to keep the seventh day of the week as the Sabbath to a totally different day...? And!...On top of that, to a day of the week which has always, for thousands of years, been the exact day of the week which **PAGAN SUN WORSHIPERS** worship the sun..."sun-worship-day"..."sun-day". Surely our Messiah does not approve of or support paganism?

Where is the logic in this...The Sabbath being changed to "sun-day", business? **THERE IS NONE...IT IS A LIE...INSPIRED BY satan HIMSELF!**

I touched on this very briefly earlier in this article, but please take note of a very important point...No matter what Scripture translation you own or use, when you read any verse which speaks of the "first day of the week", then, that is exactly what it says—"first day of the week". At the time of the writing of the Messianic Scriptures or New Testament the first day of the week had not been named and paganised. The disciples did not call the first day of the week "sun-day". Doing so would have been a Torah violation for them since it is forbidden to even mention the names of pagan deities or idols.

Exo 23:13--"And in all that I have said to you take heed. And **make no mention of the name of other mighty ones, let it not be heard from your mouth.**

An interesting point...The word "Sabbath is mentioned fifty six—56—times in the Messianic Writings (New Testament). The phrase "first day of the week" is mentioned eight—8—times. The word "sun-day" is mentioned zero—0—times...And yet...The "church" has built its teachings upon and around this obvious **LACK** of evidence.

The logic of this world tells us that maintaining **THIS LIFE** is more important than obeying **Yahuah**, our Creator. We talk "the talk" about loving Him, but we do not "walk the walk". If things get tough, we take care of **NUMBER ONE—US**. The very reason we so easily disregard the fourth commandment is because we have forgotten this commandment as well..

Deu 6:5--"And you shall love יהוה (**Yahuah**) your Elohim (Mighty One) with all your heart, and with all your being, and with all your might."

All of us would say that we love **Yahuah**, our Creator. Many of us can recite the ten commandments even though most keep "sun-day" as the Sabbath rather than the commanded seventh day.

Now here is the television game show "winning question"...Who has given us, as the Body of Messiah, the right to change and alter the commandments of **Yahuah**? Who has given us the authority to decide for ourselves what commandments to obey and when to obey them?

Deu 6:18--"And **you shall do what is right and good in the eyes of (Yahuah)** יהוה, that it might be well with you, and you shall go in and possess the good land of which (**Yahuah**) יהוה swore to your fathers,

Deu 12:28--"Guard, and obey all these words which I command you, that it might be well with you and your children after you forever, when you **do what is good and right in the eyes of (Yahuah) יהוה your Elohim (Mighty One)**.

Deu 13:18--when you obey the voice of **(Yahuah) יהוה** your Elohim **(Mighty One)**, to guard all His commands which I command you today, to **do what is right in the eyes of (Yahuah) יהוה your Elohim (Mighty One)**.

Deu 5:32--"And you shall guard to do as **(Yahuah) יהוה** your Elohim **(Mighty One)** has commanded you – **do not turn aside, to the right or to the left.**

Deu 17:11--"Do according to the Torah in which they teach you, according to the right-ruling which they say to you. **You do not turn to the right or to the left** from the word which they declare to you.

Deu 28:14--"And do not turn aside from any of the Words which I am commanding you today, **right or left**, to go after other mighty ones to serve them.

Deu 4:2--"**Do not add to the Word which I command you, and do not take away from it**, so as to guard the commands of **(Yahuah) יהוה** your Elohim **(Mighty One)** which I am commanding you.

Deu 12:32--"All the words I am commanding you, guard to do it – **do not add to it nor take away from it.**

Rev 22:18-19--For I witness to everyone hearing the words of the prophecy of this book: **If anyone adds to them**, Elohim shall add to him the plagues that are written in this book, and **if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy**, Elohim shall take away his part from the Book of Life, and out of the set-apart city, which are written in this Book.

Rev 12:17--And the dragon was enraged with the woman, and he went to fight with the remnant of her seed, **those guarding the commands of Elohim (Our Mighty One) and possessing the witness of (Yahushua) יהושע Messiah.**

Rev 14:12--Here is the endurance of the set-apart ones, **here are those guarding the commands of Elohim (Our Mighty One) and the belief of (Yahushua) יהושע.**

What more can I say to convince you that the Sabbath stands as the seventh day of the week and we are not to change what **Yahuah** has commanded us to do. **WE ARE TO REST** on that day. The Scriptural evidence is overwhelming. So much so that this could easily become a book and not an article from an Average Joe desiring to share the truth with you.

As for books...The book you need to sit down and quietly read from cover to cover, my friend, is called "Sabbath" from the "Walk In The Light" series by Todd Bennett. Buy it!...Read it!...You won't regret it!

Allow me to ramble on a bit more and point out to you in more detail that the Old Covenant and the New Covenant are in truth the one and the same covenant. The only changes made were a change in priesthood and the

TORAH TO BE WRITTEN UPON OUR HEARTS. But that too would be a book. Think about it though...If the Torah is to be written upon our hearts, then how **COULD IT** be done away with? **Yahuah** seems to believe that **IT STILL EXISTS.** That being said, then it should be quite obvious that the seventh day Sabbath still exists and should be obediently observed. Our desire to be pleasing to **Yahushua**, our Messiah, should compel us to sacrifice everything to keep His Sabbath. It was His Father's Sabbath. **TELL ME!...WHY?...WOULDN'T** it be His?

I could give it one last "hurrah" and point out to you that the Covenant between us as believers and **Yahuah**, and us as believers and **Yahushua** Messiah, is in reality a marriage contract...

Jer 31:32--not like the covenant I made with their fathers in the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Mitsrayim, My covenant which they broke, **though I was a husband to them,**" declares (**Yahuah**) יהוה.

Rev 21:9--And one of the seven messengers who held the seven bowls filled with the seven last plagues came to me and spoke with me, saying, "**Come, I shall show you the bride, the Lamb's wife.**"

2Co 11:2--For I am jealous for you with a jealousy according to Elohim. For **I gave you in marriage to one husband, to present you as an innocent maiden to Messiah.**

The Ten Commandments are our wedding vows. The Sabbath is the sign to all the world that **Yahushua IS OUR HUSBAND AND WE ARE HIS BRIDE!** In pagan terms—it is our "wedding ring".

Exo 31:13--"And you, speak to the children of Yisra'el, saying, 'My Sabbaths you are to guard, by all means, for it is a sign between Me and you throughout your generations, to know that I, יהוה (**Yahuah**), am setting you apart.

Folks, please listen...When we forsake the Sabbath of **Yahuah**, we **ARE REMOVING** our sign, our "wedding ring", and we **ARE TELLING** the whole world that we are not His and that **WE ARE AVAILABLE, AND LOOKING FOR A HUSBAND!**

Eze 20:12--"And I also gave them My Sabbaths, to be a sign between them and Me, to know that I am יהוה (**Yahuah**) who sets them apart.

Eze 20:20--'And set apart My Sabbaths, and they shall be a sign between Me and you, to know that I am יהוה (**Yahuah**) your Elohim.'

We are married to **Yahushua** Messiah until death do us part. He has already died once for us. He will not do that again. We can **NOT NAIL** Him back to the stake. If anyone is to die, **NOW**, for our disobedience of His Torah (His Law) **IT WILL BE US!**

Rom 6:23--**For the wages of sin is death**, but the favorable gift of Elohim (**Our Mighty One**) is everlasting life in Messiah (**Yahushua**) יהושע our Master.

IF WE REFUSE TO KEEP HIS SABBATHS, THEN WE HAVE BECOME ADULTERERS; AND WE ARE GUILTY OF WHORING AGAINST THE MIGHTY ONE OF YISRA'EL!

Do I have bills to pay, a family to feed, house payments and car payments just like everybody else? Of course I do. So, should I become a whore? I could go get that good paying job that the world, with satan at it's helm, will offer me. I could kid myself into believing that committing adultery against

my Messiah for just a little while until I could find a better job would be the right thing to do. That's what whores do...Don't you know that...? They do things for money—**MONEY!—THAT THEY REALLY DO NOT WANT TO DO; BUT THEY DESIRE THE MONEY MORE THAN THEY DESIRE TO BE PURE AND SET-APART TO ONE HUSBAND.**

Please, obey the command given by **Yahushua** Messiah Himself. **SEEK THE KINGDOM FIRST!**

Mat 6:31--"Do not worry then, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' "For all these the gentiles seek for. And your heavenly Father knows that you need all these. "**But seek first the reign of Elohim (Our Mighty One), and His righteousness, and all these matters shall be added to you.**"

We are called, each of us, to be a special people--a "set-apart" people, different from those in the world... A people who have set everything aside in their lives so they may dedicate every breathing moment to **Yahushua** Messiah.

Exo 19:5--'And now, if you diligently obey My voice, and shall guard My covenant, then you shall be My treasured possession above all the peoples – for all the earth is Mine –'and you shall be to Me a reign of priests and **a set-apart nation.**' Those are the words which you are to speak to the children of Yisra'ël."

1 Pet 2:9-10--But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, **a set-apart nation**, a people for a possession that you should proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light, who once were not a people, but now the people of Elohim; who had not obtained compassion, but now obtained compassion.

**A Job That Requires You
To Violate The Sabbath
IS NOT A JOB...
IT'S A DEATH TRAP!**

**This is very similar to chaining a large steel ball
to your ankle and then going swimming.
You may keep your head above water for a while,
but eventually
YOU ARE GOING DOWN!**

**Keep the Sabbath. Please!!!
A job is such a petty thing to possess
when you are trading away an eternity
in the Kingdom of Yahuah!!!**

The creator's Name is: **Yahuah (ya-hoo-ah)**
The Messiah's Name contains the Father's Name within it: **Yahushua**
(**Ya-hoo-shoo-ah**) means "YAH-will save His people"

IT IS The Name above all Names.

"Neither is there salvation in any other: for there
is none other name under heaven given among men
whereby we must be saved."

(Acts 4:12 KJV)

For by favour you have been saved, **through belief**, and that **not of yourselves**, it is **the gift of Elohim**,

it is **not by works**, so that **no one should boast**.

(Eph 2:8-9)

Blessed are the **perfect in the way**,

Who walk in the Torah of יהוה (Yahuah)!

(Psalm 119:1)

Open thou mine eyes, **that I may behold**

wondrous things out of thy Torah.

(Psa. 119:18)

"Pray for the peace of Yerushalayim (Jerusalem),

Let those who love You be at rest."

(Psalm 122:6)

In memory of Hannah Szenech, a young poetess, who gave her life

willingly for her dream of a **restored** Yisra'el:

"Blessed, is the match, consumed, in lighting the flame!"...Of Yisra'el!

Hannah was "consumed", but not in vain!

The Two Stick Prophecy of Ezekiel 37:19-22 states that the **"flame"** of Yisra'el **WILL BE REKINDLED!!!**

The House Of Yisra'el, together with The House Of Yahudah as **ONE NATION** is the prophesied **RESTORATION OF YISRA'EL!**

We, as believers in Messiah **Yahushua**, **ARE GRAFTED INTO** Yisra'el--**WE ARE YISRA'EL!!!!**

Yisra'el **IS** the Bride of Messiah!

If you thirst for knowledge and truth purchase **AND READ** these books:

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Study of Two House Restoration of Yisra'el by Brick Parrish

Come Out Of Her My People by C.J. Koster

Walk In the Light Series--Names by Todd Bennett

Walk In the Light Series--Sabbath by Todd Bennett

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