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**“Be still, and know that I am God: I will be exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth.”
Psalm 42:10**

“It is better to trust in the LORD than to put confidence in man.” Psalm 118:8

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**GOD’S HOLY DAYS
2009**

April 8th
Lord’s Supper
(observed evening before at Sundown)

April 9th-15th
Feast of Unleavened Bread*

May 31st
Pentecost*

September 19th
Feast of Trumpets*

September 28th
Day of Atonement*

October 3rd-9th
Feast of Tabernacles*

October 10th
Last Great Day*
*begins evening before

“We will go where the Spirit of God leads, and teach the Good News of the coming Kingdom of God.”

MINISTRIES

“And God said unto Moses, I AM THAT I AM: and he said, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, I AM hath sent me unto you. And God said moreover unto Moses, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, The LORD God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, hath sent me unto you: this is my name for ever, and this is my memorial unto all generations.”

Exodus 3:14-15 KJV

THE COMMANDMENTS OF GOD

Thou shalt have no other gods before me.

Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth.

Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the Lord thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me; And showing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments.

Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain: for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.

*Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.
Six days shalt thou labor, and do all thy work.*

But the seventh day is the Sabbath to the Lord thy God; in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates:

For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day, and hallowed it.

Honor thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee.

Thou shalt not kill.

Thou shalt not commit adultery.

Thou shalt not steal.

Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.

Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor’s house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbor’s wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that is thy neighbor’s.

Exodus 20:3-17

“Blessed are the undefiled in the way, who walk in the law of the LORD. Blessed are they that keep his testimonies, and that seek him with the whole heart. They also do no iniquity: they walk in his ways. Thou hast commanded us to keep thy precepts diligently. O that my ways were directed to keep thy statutes! Then shall I not be ashamed, when I have respect unto all thy commandments.”

Psalm 119:1-6

PRAISES TO GOD & PRAYER REQUESTS

PRAISES TO GOD

If God has answered your prayers, let us know so we can give Him the praise that He deserves.

1. **Bevvie Jean Mitchell** got her test results back and she does not have hepatitis.
2. **Stephen & Teresa Hicks** want to announce:

OUR GRANDSON HAS ARRIVED!



Jack Earl Downard

Born: 5-18-09

Wt: 8 lbs. 2 oz.

Length: 20 1/2"

After 3 hours of labor our daughter Stephanie gave birth to this cute & cuddly little guy. Stephanie still needs prayer for continued healing & the regaining of her strength.

PRAYER REQUESTS

We will list all requests for one month unless we are notified to keep them on longer. It is very important that we are kept updated on progress. If we have removed someone's name by mistake, please let us know and we will put them back on the list.

1. **Pray for all of God's ministers & churches.**
2. **Perry family.** Pray for strength & guidance for them.
3. **Alan Perry.** Pray for healing of his back.
4. **Tom Shadoin.** Pray that God will help him overcome the allergies & will lower his blood pressure.
5. **Ella Childs.** Recovering from pneumonia.

PRAYER REQUESTS-(continued)

1. **Harvey McDonald.** Cancer in head with multiple tumors. He is taking radiation at this time.
2. **Judy Tate.** Diagnosed with multiple cancers.
3. **Wanda Myers.** Has an life threatening problem with her blood that causes her to hemorrhage.
4. **Jacquelyn Bryant.** Having problems with diabetes, high blood pressure, degenerative bone disease & lymph glands.
5. **Berlin Shropshire** (Jeana Booths grandfather). His mind is nearly gone.
6. **Loreene Bennett:** (Jeana's grandmother) Has Alzheimer's
7. **Betty Hicks.** The macular degeneration in her eyes have returned.
8. **Roberta Vest.** She lost her job awhile back and needs work. They have just recently lost their home also.
9. **Glenda Minnich.** Has Lupus.
10. **Betty Clark.** Has diabetes and is having trouble with an ingrown toenail that is infected. The infection has gotten into the bone in her toe.
11. **Barbara Farris.** She is still going through rehab at this time but is getting better.
12. **Darrell Loyd.** Cancer in right jaw & neck.
13. **Cathy Perry.** She is recovering after having her gallbladder removed and is still having other symptoms of pain through her body.
14. **Richard & Mary Jordan.** Richards liver enzyme levels were found to be very high. Mary's daughter Eileen had a colonoscopy and they found cancer. She has begun treatment. Eileen was attempting to adopt two of the grandson's that were in custody of the court. Pray that she can get them. Pray for Mary's grandson Curtis. Pray for Tiffany, her husband Jason and their baby daughter. Mary's son Frank is scheduled for a colonoscopy to see what is causing his abdominal pain.
15. **Chelsea Lapee:** is 8 months pregnant.
16. **Shelly Gorman.** Needs a job.
17. **Pray for our International brethren** in Trinidad & Tobago, the Philippines, Central Africa & Serbia.
18. **Edith Okulicz.** She has a leaking heart valve & other health problems.

"Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective." James 5:16
"Thank You for Your Prayers!"



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“Remember the Sabbath to keep it Holy.”.

The following article was co-authored by myself & Mr. Tom Shadoin. It is a continuance on the subject of How to keep the Sabbath. We hope that you will find the article helpful.

Stephen

Eating Out on the Sabbath

A controversial question in God's church is whether eating out in a restaurant on the Sabbath violates the Sabbath.

We have read the literature of our devoted brethren who believe it is wrong to eat out on the Sabbath. We did so because as the book of Proverbs says, we need to hear the whole matter before judging an issue.

Proverbs 18:13: **“He who answers a matter before he hears it, it is folly and shame to him.”**

We do not mean to make light of this issue, but in our years in the church, this subject seems to periodically make the rounds and for some members, never quite gets answered, and sadly for some it just creates more confusion and dissension amongst believers. When God's people become confused by a matter, we need to consider what it says in 1 Corinthians 14:33 **“For God is not the author of confusion, but of peace, as in all churches of the saints.”**

When a person becomes confused this is the time that they need to dig deeper into God's Word and look for clarification through prayer and study.

We should say at the outset that many sincere and honorable brethren believe that they should NOT eat out on the Sabbath, and those who disagree with them should still respect their position. We are not to stand over our brethren as their judges, but each person has to work out their own Salvation with fear and

trembling, as it says in Philippians 2:12.

The Apostle Paul taught us that whenever a Christian, brother or sister does an act which they are not certain is in accordance with God's will, they are wrong in doing it.

Romans 14:23: **“...for whatever is not of faith is sin.”**

But let's examine the issue, and see what we can glean from God's word on this important question. A good place to start would be to restate the commandment and see if we can gather understanding of what it says.

Exodus 20:8-11: **“Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord your God.**

In it you shall do no 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. For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day. Therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and hallowed it.”

The first sentence tells us to remember the Sabbath, to keep it holy. The word holy used here is taken from the Hebrew word: kaw-dash' which is also the word used for Hallowed that we read at the end of verse 11 and it means to be clean, to make clean, to pronounce clean, or observe as clean ceremonially or morally. The last sentence also says that the Lord also blessed the Sabbath day. When someone or something is blessed it is an act of adoration.

When we keep the Sabbath we are to prepare ourselves to come before God with a clean heart observing the day with love towards God, the Father and rest from our regular jobs. We discussed how to keep the Sabbath in last month's issue, so we will continue to focus on the issue of eating out or not on the Sabbath.

Let's take a look at verse 10 of Exodus 20: In it you shall do no 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. One question we have been asked quite often, “Does this verse include someone waiting on you in a restaurant?” The verse here is speaking of a servant that would be a male or woman that you own and have complete control over. At the very end of this verse it says, “within your gates.” The word gates is translated from the Hebrew (Continued on Page 6)

JUST FOR FUN!

The following trivia questions will be a mix of easy, fairly easy, hard, which may or may not be challenging. Please don't be discouraged if you don't know some of the answers, just challenge yourself to learn. All answers will be published in the next month's newsletter.


1. Bringing the captives back to Jerusalem (Psalm 126:2)
2. Abraham (Genesis 21:6)
3. The Amalekites (1 Samuel 30:16-18)
4. The golden calf made by Aaron (Exodus 32:19)
5. Ecclesiastes (3:4)
6. Those who weep (Luke 6:21)
7. Ecclesiastes (2:2)
8. Proverbs (14:13)
9. Children (Luke 7:32)
10. The priests of Baal (1 Kings 18:26)
11. David's wife, Michal (1 Chronicles 15:29)
12. The timbrel, or tambourine (Exodus 15:20; Judges 11:34; Job 21:12; Psalm 150:4)
13. Lamentations (5:15)
14. The children of the wicked (Job 21:7-12)
15. Issac (Genesis 21:3-6)

1. What king had the first birthday party in the Bible?
2. Where was the first beauty contest in the Bible mentioned, and who won?
3. Who was the first Christian martyr?
4. What is the first dream mentioned in the Bible?
5. What is the first war mentioned in the Bible?
6. Who was the first drunk mentioned in the Bible?
7. Where was the first coin bank used?
8. Who was the first person to fall asleep during a sermon?
9. What was the first commandment given in the Bible?
10. What is the first purchase of land in the Bible?
11. What was the first instance of book or letter burning?
12. What was the first military coup in Israel?
13. Who used the first pseudonym (false name)?
14. Who did the Bible say built the first city?
15. Who was the first hunter?

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(Eating Out, Continued from Page 3.) word shah'-ar which describes an *opening, door or gate*.

Your gates would be any property or home that you own or have control over. These servants described would be servants that you tell when to get up, when to go to bed, when to work, when to eat, when to rest, etc. It is describing ownership and/or control within your doors or gates. We do not own those who serve us in a restaurant and they are not within our gates.

Merriam Webster online dictionary says: ": one that serves others; especially one that performs duties about the person or home of a master or personal employer."

While we understand that Bible definitions and dictionary definitions are not always necessarily the same, still we find it hard to believe a restaurant employee would be OUR servant, considering how God's Word defines a servant. If we were their owner or employer, we would immediately send them home on the Sabbath as well as all the others in the restaurant who might also be considered our servants.

Let us now respond to another argument brought up by those devout brethren who so believe that it is wrong to eat out on the Sabbath. Many who believe that it is wrong like to cite Nehemiah 13:15-18:

(15) In those days I saw people in Judah treading wine presses on the Sabbath, and bringing in sheaves, and loading donkeys with wine, grapes, figs, and all kinds of burdens, which they brought into Jerusalem on the sabbath day. And I warned them about the day on which they were selling provisions.

(16) Men of Tyre dwelt there also, who brought in fish and all kinds of goods, and sold them on the sabbath to the children of Judah, and in Jerusalem.

(17) Then I contended with the nobles of Judah, and said to them, What evil thing is this that you do, by which you profane the sabbath day?

(18) Did not your fathers do thus, and did not our God bring all this disaster on us and on this city? Yet you bring added wrath on Israel by profaning the Sabbath?

Now in examining this passage, we see for one thing, that Nehemiah lived in a society which KNEW what the Sabbath and Sabbath keeping was. They had been in captivity, however, and had grown lax about it.

They had cast aside the Sabbath. It had no meaning to them. They were carrying on business seven days a week. They were actually performing work or unnecessary duties on the Sabbath. This buying would be like us going to the store to buy food for the week or doing regular business and is not describing going and sitting down to have a meal. These people were putting forth great effort and assertion with no thought or focus on the Sabbath as a day of reflection on God, the Father. The commentaries call Nehemiah a "governor" of Jerusalem. Read on in verses 19-22 and you will see that he had the AUTHORITY to enforce Sabbath keeping in this case. An authority, we might add, that WE do not have.

Nehemiah 13:19-22: **"So it was, at the gates of Jerusalem, as it began to be dark before the Sabbath, that I commanded the gates to be shut, and charged that they must not be opened till after the sabbath. Then I posted some of my servants at the gates, so that no burdens would be brought in on the sabbath day.**

(20) Now the merchants and sellers of all kinds of wares lodged outside Jerusalem once or twice.

(21) Then I warned them, and said to them, Why do you spend the night around the wall? If you do so again, I will lay hands on you! From that time on they came no more on the sabbath.

Clearly here, brethren, we are dealing with merchants who did much more than sell a meal to hungry Israelites. But just as clearly, Nehemiah had the authority as we said, to ENFORCE Sabbath keeping. If we attempted to follow his example by "laying hands on" those who bought and sold on the Sabbath, we'd be in jeopardy of being arrested for assault and battery! And, while we should never get caught up in doing regular business on the Sabbath, it seems eating, which is a necessity, is in a different category.

Somewhere, too, in all this discussion the fact that the Sabbath was made for man and not man for the Sabbath gets lost. The idea is to make the Sabbath a DELIGHT (Isaiah. 58:13) rather than a burden.

Mark 2:27: And he said to them, **"The sabbath was made for man, and not man for the sabbath...."**

Let's look at some things that could have been considered violations of God's commandment about the Sabbath.

One example we can look at is the example of our Lord, Jesus. Did He ever have someone serve Him on the Sabbath? Let's look at Mark 1:29-32 ²⁹And forthwith, when they were come out of the synagogue, they entered into the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. (Continued on Page 7)

(How to Keep the Sabbath, Continued from Page 6.) This was still the Sabbath, because they had just left the synagogue. Let's read on in verse 30:

But Simon's wife's mother lay sick of a fever, and anon they tell him of her. ³¹And he came and took her by the hand, and lifted her up; and immediately the fever left her, and she ministered unto them.

It shows us here that she ministered unto them, which would have included Jesus. The word ministered in the Greek is diakoneō, pronounced dee-ak-on-eh'-o and means to *be an attendant*, that is, *wait upon* (menially or as a host.) It is also where the title deacon comes from and as most know, the word deacon simply describes a servant, or "table waiter." Simon Peter's mother-in-law waited on them on the Sabbath. Some might say, "Well this was after sundown." Let's read on in verse 32 and see:

And at even, when the sun did set, they brought unto him all that were diseased, and them that were possessed with devils.

We can see from this verse that the healing and her service were both done before sundown which meant that it took place on the Sabbath. Why didn't Jesus stop her? If we understand what Jesus taught, then we will know why. Let's read another verse.

Matthew 12:1-8 **"At that time Jesus went on the sabbath day through the corn; and his disciples were an hungered, and began to pluck the ears of corn, and to eat. ²But when the Pharisees saw *it*, they said unto him, Behold, thy disciples do that which is not lawful to do upon the sabbath day. ³But he said unto them, Have ye not read what David did, when he was an hungered, and they that were with him; ⁴How he entered into the house of God, and did eat the showbread, which was not lawful for him to eat, neither for them which were with him, but only for the priests? ⁵Or have ye not read in the law, how that on the sabbath days the priests in the temple profane the sabbath, and are blameless? ⁶But I say unto you, That in this place is *one* greater than the temple. ⁷But if ye had known what *this* meaneth, I will have mercy, and not sacrifice, ye would not have condemned the guiltless. ⁸For the Son of man is Lord even of the sabbath day."**

Let's look closer at these verses again and keep in mind the previous story about Peter's mother-in-law. It was the Sabbath day when Peter's mother-in-law served them. It is the Sabbath day as the disciples are going through the fields picking grains to satisfy their hunger and the Pharisee's get upset and tell Jesus, "Your disciples are violating the Sabbath law by gathering ears of wheat, because they are working on the Sabbath." Go back and read verses 4 & 5 again. Jesus said that David and the priests all did what was unlawful, but yet they were blameless & guiltless. Why?

Jesus told the Pharisees that if they knew what it meant when He said, "I will have mercy and not sacrifice, they would not have condemned the guiltless." The word mercy Jesus uses here, in the Greek describes compassion. Doesn't mercy and compassion describe our God too? Are men our judge or is God?

The Sabbath is meant to leave us refreshed after spending six days working in and dealing with the people of the world. It is refreshing to sit amongst brethren breaking bread and fellowshiping together on good things on the Sabbath, whether it's at the meeting place or a restaurant after the service. When traveling alone on the Sabbath, we find nothing wrong with one of God's called ones stopping to get something to eat along the way. Our God is merciful and He looks into our hearts.

If you are looking for a scripture that comes right out and says, "You shall not eat or not eat out on the Sabbath," you won't find it, but we do believe that God's Word shows us enough to know that we should be refreshed on the Sabbath, and we have never kept a Sabbath, eating or not eating that we didn't walk away filled and refreshed.

The last point we want to address is that as important as keeping the Sabbath is, it often feels as though some of these folks belong to one issue Churches. We all need to keep in mind that there ARE nine other commandments and they are all equally important.

James 2:10: **"For whoever shall keep the whole law, and yet stumble in one point, he is guilty of all."**

The Pharisees and scribes focused on the letter of the law and they made God's Sabbath a burden. God wants the Sabbath to be a delight. He wants us to rejoice in the Sabbath. One verse I think on a lot is in:

Matthew 22:37-40 **"Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. ³⁸This is the first and great commandment. ³⁹And the second *is* like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. ⁴⁰On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."**

Whatever you do don't let anyone judge you or cause you to stumble. (Continued on Last Page.)

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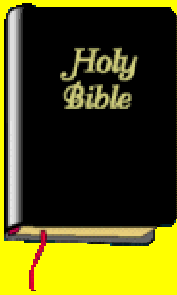
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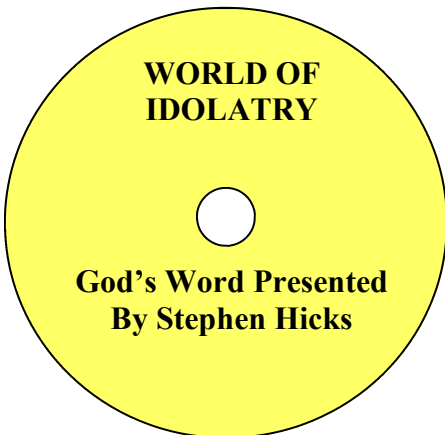
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(Eating Out, Continued from Page7.) Let God's Holy Spirit guide your heart as you serve God.

Colossians 2:16-17 **"Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of an holyday, or of the new moon, or of the sabbath days: ¹⁷Which are a shadow of things to come; but the body is of Christ."**

We hope we have given food for thought (no pun intended) on this subject and maybe cleared it up for others. Our God understands our situation in this time of scattering of the brethren and knows the problems faced by our brethren in a carnal world. But the time will come when we will all be partaking of a different kind of meal, which will be that of the wedding feast Christ will prepare for us.

Revelation 19:9: **Then he said to me, "Write: Blessed are those who are called to the marriage supper of the Lamb!..."**

Let us look forward to that day!

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