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GREAT PEACE HAVE THEY THAT LOVE THY LAW; AND NOTHING SHALL OFFEND THEM.

IT IS NOT ALL GOLD THAT GLITTERS

By J. T. Williamson

In every age since the dark ages, some one has held the protestant world spell bound, by his or her evangelistic powers to be lauded as almost super-human. This naturally causes one to reflect, from whence comes his great popularity! Noah was a preacher of righteousness, but he was not popular; neither was Jesus, after doing so many great miracles: and Paul being equal with, and superior to, any of our modern teachers, instead of collecting \$2000.00 for a single sermon hired his own house in which to preach, and with his hands worked to defray expenses. If God is back of these great donators, then why was he different in Paul's day? God forbid that I cast evil reflections upon any Christian act, but we must know that "it is not all gold that glitters." Christ tells us in Matt. 24:24 that "false prophets shall arise and shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect." And we are warned against being so deceived. Jesus says by their fruits we shall know them, and that an evil tree cannot bear good fruit. Matt 7:19.

Brethren, can a sinner (commandment breaker), be called a good tree? No matter how much nor how loud one preaches against the ungodly saloons, if he practices adultery is he good? If he preaches against card tables, and houses of ill-fame, but is every week a Sabbath breaker is he good? No! Then his fruit cannot be good. Jesus said, first make the tree good, then, its fruit will be good, otherwise it must be evil. "A little leaven leaveneth the whole lump." Doth a fountain send forth at the same place sweet water and bitter?" No! Brethren, be not deceived.

If for policy to gain reputation, and wealth, one has gained great notoriety as an evangelist, and to do so must champion some reform scathingly condemn saloons and houses of ill fame; if he is drilled to shed tears at will like criminal lawyers; mix his tears with pathetic pleas and thereby touch both heart and pocketbook, and thus persuades some one to quit their notorious traits of drinking and gambling, has he made converts to Christ? These evils they already were convinced and convicted of, but now had found occasion to publish their reform; converted not to God from all sin, but converted to better society, to better citizenship, possibly he feels that he is now a full fledged Christian, thinks that he has done all that is required to be done. Why? Because the great evangelist said so, newspapers numbered him as one of the converts who beat the sawdust trail etc., and people of various churches are ready to accept his membership. Some require him to be baptized however. Some others ask him to be sprinkled, if he was not christened in infancy, still others are ready to fellowship him as a member without any pretention of baptism. The great evangelist never mentioned baptism, but told him that he was ready for paradise. Oh, brethren, "they shall deceive insomuch that if it were possible the very elect." None of these so called evangelists keep the Sabbath, which was made for man, much less to teach its observance. Then are they holy? If they offend in one point they are guilty of all. Jas. 2:10. Can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit?

You may give the evangelist credit for what they do. Well, I am willing to give credit to whom credit is due. If these so called evangelists convert people to a better social and moral life, then they have done good as reformers, and should be honored as good citizens and reformers; but they should not be honored as christians if they sin, and dare not preach the whole truth. Such decoys condemn more souls than Paine or Ingledsol; as Christ describes,

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Palestine From Day to Day

The purpose of this department is to keep our people posted regarding the developments of the Holy Land, and the restoration of Zion, that they need not be in darkness when the Lord comes in glory. These events lead to Armageddon and the return of Jesus. In Psalms 102: 16 we read, "When the Lord shall build up Zion, He will return in His glory." That the Jewish people were to be scattered and their nationality not be lost see Isa. 61: 9. The race scattered will be the one gathered, see Jer. 32: 37; Ezek. 37: 21, 22; Joel 3: 2; Ezek. 36: 32; Isa. 61: 4; Isa. 60: 10. That this is going to be done before Armageddon and the coming of Christ, see Ezek. 38, and Zech. 12th and 14th chapters

Believing that the time has come to make a stand against the movement of the Jews into the Christian Science Church by holding up Jewish Science to the believers in Judaism, leaders of the Jewish faith in Brooklyn held a meeting of rabbis and Jewish men of science to show "how religion and science can work together in harmony for the benefit of human beings."

Announcement has been made by Edwin R. Embree, president of the Julius Rosenwald Fund, that an additional \$2,000,000 has been given by Mr. Rosenwald to the fund, now totalling in excess of \$20,000,000, to be used according to the donor, "for the welfare of mankind." An unusual feature is the stipulation by Mr. Rosenwald that the entire fund, principal and interest be expended within twenty-five years of his death.

"We appear to be on the eve of a new emigration to Palestine from Poland," Deputy Gruenbaum said, speaking at a meeting called by the He'Chalutz Organization to launch an appeal for funds. "Reports arriving from Palestine," he said, "show that the improvement in conditions there is due not only to the work of the Zionist Organization and the British Government, but also to the natural development of agriculture and industry."

It is reported that 19,274 tourists visited Palestine during the first six months of this year.

A tomb was recently discovered on the Mount of Olives containing ten ossuaries, some of which have inscriptions.

At a recent dinner in London in honor of the Earl of Balfour, over \$72,000.00 were raised for the Balfour Forest in Palestine, near Nazareth.

Permits for building 59 dwelling houses and four stores were granted in the month of June by the Municipality of Tel Aviv, Palestine. Building operations are thus being resumed after a long suspension.

Sir John Robert Chancellor, formerly from 1916 to

1921, Governor of Trinidad and Tobago, has been appointed the new High Commissioner of Palestine, to succeed the present High Commissioner, Lord Plumer, whose three year term will expire soon. Sir John is an engineer by profession. The engineers are coming to the front in these days of great constructive enterprises.

The Sabbath A Perpetual Covenant

Herbert W. Armstrong

Do we not define a covenant as a mutual agreement between two parties? Is that not the description by which we recognize a covenant in the Bible?

Now let us consider Ex. 31:12-18. "And the Lord spake unto Moses saying, Speak thou also unto the children of Israel. . (the children of Israel here have the meaning of the blood-descendants of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, the twelve tribes, literally). "saying, Verily my Sabbaths shall ye keep: FOR IT IS A SIGN BETWEEN ME AND YOU THROUGHOUT YOUR GENERATIONS..." between God and whom? The twelve tribes, or descendants of Jacob-Israel, God's chosen earthly race. Now WHY? "that ye may know that I am the Lord that doth sanctify you." Sanctify-set apart. The Sabbath, then is their national sign, setting them apart from other nations and peoples, identifying them as God's chosen race. Now does Sabbath-keeping set one apart You and I know that it does. The rest of the world sets us apart mighty quick when we begin to keep it. 'Ye shall keep the Sabbath, therefore; for it is holy unto you; everyone that defileth it shall surely be put to death." Now death ordinarily means "cut off," generally from God. Note, however, that the following words seem to define the meaning here. "For whosoever doeth any work therein, that soul shall be cut off FROM AMONG HIS PEOPLE." Cut off from God? No, it says cut off from his people - Israel. Cut off from being considered one of God's chosen earthly race of people. So, then, consider an Israelite. And, as you know, there is ample Scriptural evidence that an outsider can be GRAFTED IN, and considered an ADOPTED child of Israel. And this passage I am discussing tells what cut one off, and what the national sign is. Why does violation of the Sabbath cut one off from Israel? "To observe the Sabbath throughout their generations, FOR A PERPETUAL COVENANT." Get that word COVENANT. The Sabbath, then, is a covenant, all by itself. And THIS covenant is given as a PERPETUAL covenant. A WHOLLY SEPARATE AND DISTINCT COVENANT IN ITSELF. Entirely apart from the

Ten Commandments. That is, God here takes ONE of those Ten Commandments, and makes a separate and distinct and perpetual covenant out of it. God, the party of the first part, agrees to be their God that doth set them apart as His chosen people, provided the children of Israel, party of the second part, keep His Sabbath command. Failure on the part of the party of the second part to perform their side of the covenant agreement annuls God's promise to keep His part of the agreement of setting them apart as His chosen people. Thus, failure to keep the Sabbath breaks the covenant and cuts one off from being of Israel. The passage continues: "It is a sign between me and the children of Israel FOREVER."

The Sabbath, here is presented as the SIGN which God gave to Israel between Him and them. It formed a new and separate covenant. THIS covenant is a perpetual covenant, to be a sign FOREVER.

I am fully aware of the fact that this passage has been used time and again by both the Church of God and the Adventists. But has it been used as a SEPARATE COVENANT by itself? Has it been considered in the light here analyzed?

Let us analyze it further. It is a SIGN between them—pointing to Him as their God, and to them as His chosen people. So such a sign should point to Him AS GOD, and to them AS HIS PEOPLE. Does this Sabbath sign do that? Yes, in a way nothing else could. The proof that He is God is the fact of Creation. By pointing to Creation—by being a memorial of Creation, it points to Him as the true God. Now how does it point to them as His people? If you will notice whenever God has chosen anyone for special office, He has put them to the test of OBEDIENCE. The test is always one of obedience, and if one can pass that test, they qualify for the office of being an Israelite, one of God's chosen.

Now consider Isaiah 56:3-7, and see that by keeping the Sabbath, the national sign of Israel, an outsider may become grafted in. I know Paul in the New Testament has quite a little to say about Gentiles becoming adopted Israelites. but Paul gives other qualifications. Suppose now, the whole law, the Ten Commandments and all, were abolished, as the vast majority of churches contend. Will any contend that this separate Sabbath Covenant, this everlasting, perpetual covenant, was PART OF THE LAW OF MOSES? I think they cannot. It is distinctly separate, here. A separate covenant by itself. The national sign of Israel. This covenant, surely, was not abolished at the Cross. This covenant, surely, is still binding today.

Of course that involves the question of who, today are Israel? Just the Jews? The Jews who are the remnant of the House of Judah, plus the Ten Lost Tribes, who were a separate nation called the

House of Israel. Shall we say that Israel today is the saved people who keep the Sabbath, the national sign? Paul appears to specify salvation and acceptance of Jesus Christ and His teachings as the requisite to becoming one of Israel. According to this. Jew Sabbath-keepers who do not accept Jesus are cut off. Further, according to Ex. 31:12 to 18, converted people who are not Jews, and who keep Sunday and not Sabbath, are not of Israel, because they have been cut off from Israel by rejecting Israel's national sign. According to this, then, the body of Israel, today, becomes those who accept Jesus, observe His teachings and keep the Sabbath. When we consider Israel in this light, ONLY Israel can be saved.

Portland, Oregon.

What Must I Do To Be Saved

By W. J. Davis

If the "once in grace always in grace" theory is true, why so many warnings in the Word of God lest we fall away etc. As to the theory of foreordination, predestination, election, etc., I know there is a scriptural election, predestination and foreordination in the divine economy of God, that a certain class compose the bride class, "Heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ to the kingdom." But as to an arbitrary election, foreordination and predestination of a few only, and all others passed by and non-elect, with no chance of eternal life, is unscriptural, unreasonable, and makes God a "respector of persons," contradicting the Word of God, wherein it says, "of a truth I perceive that God is no respector of persons." That as I understand it, "Christ died for the sins of the WHOLE world," but those best fitted, will be elected as the Bride, the Lamb's wife. "A chosen generation, a Royal Priesthood." 1 Pet. 2:9.

This fitness is through sanctification; "elect according to the foreknowledge of God, thru sanctification of the Spirit 1 Pet. 1:2. That is, God fore knows, or knows before the coming of the Lord to meet his bride, the church, the royal priesthood, those who prepared themselves, having been sanctified by the Spirit. Such as have thus prepared themselves God foreordained such persons, to be elect to the position of kings and priests, to sit with Christ in his throne in the next age, for a thousand years, judging the nations. See Rev. 20:1-6.

A warning by Peter: "Wherefore brethren, give diligence to MAKE your calling and election sure; for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall." We