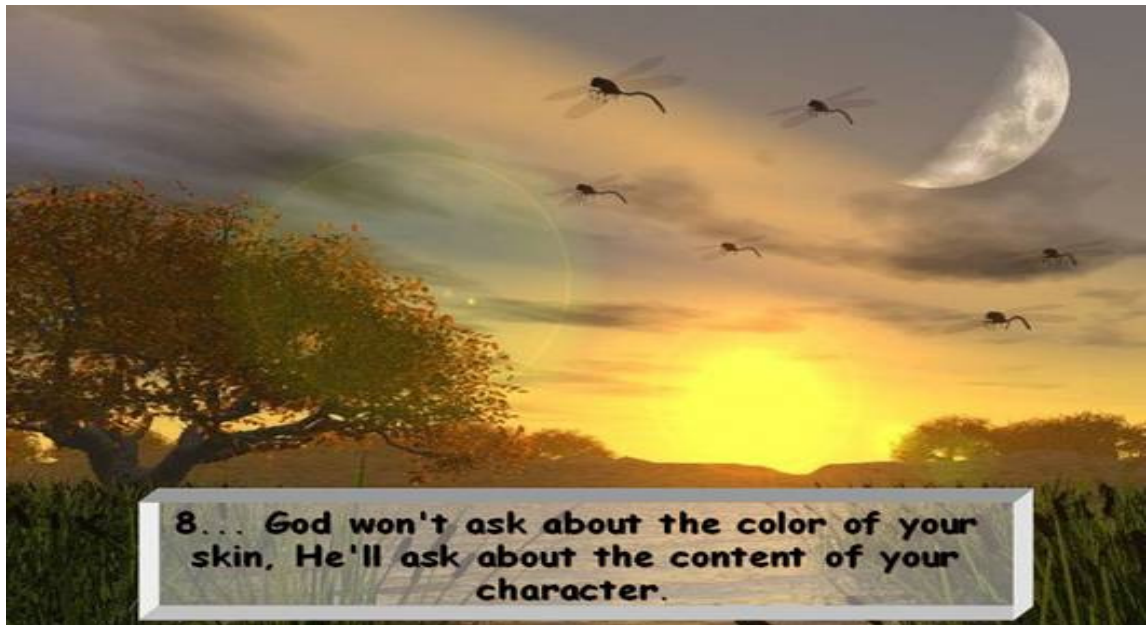


# God is Sealing His Servants



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**VISION:** To hear the midnight cry, "The bridegroom comes, go out to meet Him" (Matthew 25:6) and become like Him when I see Him as He is (1 John 3:2).

**MISSION:** Purify myself even as Christ is pure (1 John 3:3), to be glad, to rejoice, give honor to Christ and be ready for the marriage of the Lamb (Revelation 19:7).

**VALUES:** Follow the Lamb wherever He goes (Revelation 14:4), be without fault before God (Revelation 14:5), be perfect even as my Father in heaven is perfect (Matthew 5:48), wear the Lamb's fine, clean and white linen (Revelation 19:8) do righteously (1 John 3:10) and walk humbly with God (Micah 6:8).

**OVERALL AIM:** Studies presented here unveil Bible knowledge to inquiring minds to prompt the following inquiries: "Are our feet on the rock of ages? Are we one with Christ as He is one with the Father" (John 10:30 in Evangelism, {Ev} 199.1)? Am I crucified with Christ (Galatians 2:20)?

26 **PURPOSE/REASON FOR/WHY**

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 28 The focus here is on the work of the angel, coming out of the east,  
 29 with the seal of God, bound for the foreheads of the servants of God.

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32 **OBJECTIVES/WHAT WE WANT TO ACCOMPLISH**

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 34 At the end of this study, the reader can assess his or her worthiness  
 35 to receive God's seal and make lifestyle adjustments, if indicated.

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37 **SIGNIFICANCE: SO WHAT**

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 39 A seal guarantees authenticity, signifying that the product is not  
 40 counterfeited. Sealing is necessary because "From the parable of the  
 41 10 virgins of Matthew 25:1-10, at least some of the church has "...A form  
 42 of godliness, but [lacks] the power [that is associated with church  
 43 attendance and participation]..." (2 Timothy 3:5 & Acts 4:33). And  
 44 "...Since Jesus left the Holy place of the heavenly Sanctuary and...  
 45 entered within the second veil [Hebrews 4:14 NIV, 8:1-2, 9:24; Daniel  
 46 7:9 & 13 & Revelation 5:1-7], the churches... have been filling up with  
 47 every unclean and hateful bird [as described in Revelation 18:2].  
 48 ...Selfishness, fraud and deceit are practiced by them without the  
 49 reproving of conscience. And over all these evil traits they throw a  
 50 cloak of religion" (Spiritual Gifts, Vol. 1 {1SG}, 190.1). "[Both  
 51 leaders and people] are like white sepulchers; [they] appear beautiful  
 52 [on the outside], but... within, [are] full of dead men bones and of all  
 53 uncleanness" (Matthew 23:27). As it was in the days when Moses went up  
 54 into the mount to conference with God and was prematurely excused to  
 55 witness the naked dancing in honor of Israel's newly found god, the  
 56 golden calf, the question—"...Who is on the Lord's side?" is appropriate  
 57 (Exodus 32:18-26) because "...Not all Israel... are of Israel" (Romans  
 58 9:6). "Many are called, but few are chosen" (Matthew 22:14).

59 **BACKGROUND CONTEXT**

60 God's children are distinct. They are **FORBIDDEN** to "...Learn... the way of  
 61 the heathen..." (Jeremiah 10:2). God calls for spiritual exodus "...from...  
 62 [all ungodliness]..." (2 Corinthians 6:17 and Revelation 18:4), which  
 63 includes the love of money (1 Timothy 6:10-11), fornication (1  
 64 Corinthians 6:18) and idolatry (1 Corinthians 10:14). In times past,  
 65 God physically and spiritually separated Abram from Haran (Genesis 12:1  
 66 & 4) and after exodus from Mesopotamia (Acts 7:2), God covenanted with  
 67 him, saying, "[I will] be a God to you [and you will be my servant,  
 68 which Abram understood (Genesis 17:7), but was later confirmed to Isaac  
 69 (Genesis 26:24). Circumcision of the foreskin of the penis, an outward  
 70 sign of the covenant (Genesis 17:11 & Acts 7:8) was "...A seal of the  
 71 righteousness of... faith, which [Abram] had [while] yet uncircumcised..."  
 72 (Romans 4:11). But not only to Abram, but also to his progeny; thus  
 73 males as young as eight days old (Genesis 17:12) bore the identifier,  
 74 signifying they were the children of God, whether they were Abram's  
 75 children by birth or naturalization. In language that expressed  
 76 belongingness, God said, "...I will be their God" (Genesis 17:8).

77 But as the years passed into eternity, the patriarch's descendants  
 78 became a nominal people. To some of them, Jesus plainly said, "[You]  
 79 are of your father, the devil..." (John 8:44), yet, they boasted about  
 80 Abraham's lineage while their faith and works denied their relationship  
 81 with the God Abram served (**read Matthew 3:9; Luke 3:8; John 8:39;  
 82 Romans 9:7 & Galatians 3:7, 26, 27 & 29**). God never intended that the  
 83 outward sign should substitute for inward transformation and living  
 84 faith. Hence, Paul attempted to convince Jews that

85 **Circumcision has value if you observe the law, but if you break**  
 86 **the law, you have become as though you had not been circumcised.**  
 87 If those who are not circumcised keep the law's requirements, will  
 88 they not be regarded as though they were circumcised? The one who  
 89 is not circumcised physically and yet obeys the law will condemn  
 90 you who, even though you have the written code and circumcision  
 91 are a lawbreaker. **A man is not a Jew if he is only one outwardly,**  
 92 **nor is circumcision merely outward and physical. No! A man is a**  
 93 **Jew if he is one inwardly; and circumcision is... of the heart, by**  
 94 **the Spirit, not by the written code.** Such a man's praise is not  
 95 from men, but from God (Romans 2:25-32, NIV).

96 This background prepared the way for the study question that follows.  
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98 **STUDY QUESTION**

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100 Whose servant are you?

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102 **ANSWER SOURCE: HOLY BIBLE**

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104 1. **"...The Lord knows them that are His..."** (2 Timothy 2:19). Just before  
 105 Jesus entered the wilderness to be tempted of the devil, He received  
 106 God's seal of approval, the Holy Spirit (Matthew 3:16 or Mark 1:10 &  
 107 Matthew 4:1 & John 6:27). And at a later time, on the mount of  
 108 transfiguration, a bright cloud overshadowed, as it were, sealed, Him  
 109 and Peter, James and John heard a voice saying, "...This is my beloved  
 110 Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye Him" (Matthew 17:1-5). Paul  
 111 also reminds us that we should "...Grieve **NOT** the Holy Spirit, whereby  
 112 [we] are sealed unto the day of redemption" (Ephesians 4:30). As God  
 113 sealed Jesus, He will seal you with the Holy Spirit when you hear,  
 114 receive and believe the gospel of your salvation (Ephesians 1:13) for  
 115 the sealing and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit is one package, one  
 116 work; i.e., they go together. God establishes us in Christ, anoints,  
 117 seals and gives us the Holy Spirit (2 Corinthians 1:21-22) if we obey  
 118 Him (Acts 5:32) and are His servants (Jeremiah 26:5, 35:15 & 44:4).

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120 2. **An important work is moving full speed ahead in all nations among**  
 121 **those who belong to God.** God has temporarily delayed the distress  
 122 soon to come upon the nations that were spoken of by Daniel the  
 123 prophet (Daniel 12:1) until the angel with the seal of God has had  
 124 time to seal the servants of God in their foreheads (Revelation 7:2-  
 125 3). God is making up His jewels. "And they shall be mine... in that  
 126 day when I make up my jewels, and I will spare them as a man spares  
 127 his own son..." (Malachi 3:17). Are you in that number that God is  
 128 gathering? To whom do you give your allegiance? What absorbs your  
 129 affections? Whose servant are you?

130 3. **Ownership matters in this sealing time.** When God is ready to unleash  
 131 distress among nations, those who do not have the seal of God in  
 132 their foreheads are unprotected, i.e., without a covering in the time  
 133 of international distress (Revelation 9:4). They will be found  
 134 repeating the words of Jeremiah—"The harvest is past, the summer has  
 135 ended and we are not saved" (Jeremiah 8:20). "[When] ...great hail  
 136 [falls from] heaven, every stone about the weight of a talent, men  
 137 [will] blaspheme God because of the plague..." (Revelation 16:21). If  
 138 you live to see that day, what will be your response in that meteoric  
 139 shower? Are you in that number that God is gathering? To whom do  
 140 you give your allegiance? What absorbs your affections? Whose  
 141 servant are you?

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 143 4. **The time of the sixth angel has passed** (Revelation 16:12). Spirits  
 144 of devils [have gone] out to the kings of the earth and the world  
 145 performing miracles preparatory to the great day of God Almighty  
 146 (Revelation 16:14 & Zephaniah 1:14-16); hence, apparitions and  
 147 supernatural healings occur from time to time. This work sets up  
 148 "...The days of the voice of the seventh angel, when **he shall begin to**  
 149 **sound,** [signifying that] the mystery of God should be finished..."  
 150 (Revelation 10:7), which God had kept secret from the foundation of  
 151 the world, but revealed in these last day, "...Which is, Christ in you,  
 152 the hope of glory" (Colossians 1:27). Therefore, when the sealing is  
 153 completed, signifying that all people have decided either for or  
 154 against Christ, "...A great voice [comes] out of the temple [in]  
 155 heaven, from the throne, saying 'It is done'" (Revelation 16:17). At  
 156 that time, characters are forever settled; "He that is unjust, let  
 157 him be unjust still; he which is filthy, let him be filthy still; he  
 158 that is righteous, let him be righteous still and he that is holy,  
 159 let him be holy still" (Revelation 22:11). Are you in that number  
 160 that God is gathering? To whom do you give your allegiance? What  
 161 absorbs your affections? Whose servant are you?

162 5. **We are living in the period between the sixth and the seventh angels.**

163 "...The kingdoms of this world [will soon] become the kingdoms of our  
 164 Lord and of His Christ and He shall reign forever and ever"  
 165 (Revelation 11:15). A mighty earthquake will shake the earth and the  
 166 great city, [Babylon, the city with purple and scarlet colors  
 167 (Revelation 14:8; 18:10, 21 & 16)], will split into three; mountains  
 168 will melt like heated butter and a torrent of heavenly hail stones  
 169 will fall on men who will summarily blaspheme God (Revelation 16:18-  
 170 21 & 11:19). In this period between the 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> angels, "...Nations  
 171 will be angry; [God's] wrath is [coming]; [judgment of the dead is in  
 172 progress; the time of] reward.. [for God's] servants the prophets,  
 173 ...[His] saints and them that fear [His name] are imminent (Acts 10:34-  
 174 35 & Revelation 11:18). The beast (a.k.a., kingdom or nation {Daniel  
 175 7:17 & 23}) with seven heads and 10 horns or kings (Revelation 17:12;  
 176 Daniel 7:7 & 24), which resembles a leopard, a bear and a lion, [has  
 177 already come] out of the sea and sustained a wound to one of its  
 178 heads, reported in literature as having taken place in February 1798  
 179 (<http://biblelight.net/h-wound.htm>). But the deadly wound was healed  
 180 and all the world [will] wonder as in follow the beast power. All  
 181 people, whose names are not written in the book of life of the lamb  
 182 slain from the foundation of the world [will] worship the dragon that  
 183 gave power unto the beast and also worship the beast (Revelation  
 184 13:1-9). Dear reader, is your name written in the Lamb's Book of  
 185 Life? Are you in that number that God is gathering? To whom do you  
 186 give your allegiance? What absorbs your affections? Whose servant  
 187 are you?

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189 **ANSWER SOURCE: SACRED WRITINGS:**

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191 We are pursuing answers to the question: Whose servant are you? More  
 192 answers follow!

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- 194 1. **God's servants are receiving "[His] seal or mark [in their foreheads].**  
 195 It] is not a visible sign], but a settling into the truth, both  
 196 intellectually and spiritually" (Maranatha, {Mar} 200.1). "It is a  
 197 mark which angels, but not human eyes, can read; for **the destroying**  
 198 **angel must see this mark of redemption"** (Mar 243.5 & Exodus 12:23).  
 199 "The days are fast approaching when there will be great perplexity  
 200 and confusion" (Mar 200.2). "The church [will] soon enter upon her  
 201 most severe conflict... ..Satan will cast all the reproach possible  
 202 upon the... ones whom he cannot deceive and delude with his satanic  
 203 inventions and falsehoods" (Mar 203.5 & Matthew 24:24). "The contest  
 204 is between the commandments of God and the commandments of men.  
 205 ...True godliness will be clearly distinguished from the appearance... of  
 206 it. **...All who assume the ornaments of the sanctuary, but are not**  
 207 **clothed with Christ's righteousness will appear in the shame of their**  
 208 **own nakedness"** (Mar 200.3 & Matthew 22:12). Dear reader, it is high  
 209 time to quit doing church, an expression that means intensely  
 210 involved in religious activities but lacking Holy Spirit power! Are  
 211 you in that number that God is gathering? To whom do you give your  
 212 allegiance? What absorbs your affections? Whose servant are you?  
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- 214 2. **The servants of God are on assignment this world, doing their**  
 215 **Father's business** (read Luke 2:49). "[We] must work the works of Him  
 216 that sent [us], while it is day [because] the night [of old age with  
 217 its attendant degeneracy and death comes] when no [one] can work"  
 218 (John 9:4). Idleness and self-pleasing are unproductive in "The  
 219 sealing time, [which] is very short and will soon be over" (Mar  
 220 242.1). The time approaches when "...Jesus will step out from between  
 221 the Father and men and God will keep silence no longer, but pour out  
 222 His wrath on those who have rejected His truth... when our High Priest  
 223 has finished His work in the Sanctuary" (Christian Education and  
 224 Teachings, {CET} 100.2 & Hebrews 8:1-2). "When Jesus leaves the  
 225 sanctuary, then they who are holy and righteous will be holy and

226 righteous still (Revelation 22:11); for all their sins will then be  
 227 blotted out and they will be sealed with the seal of the living God.  
 228 But those that are unjust and filthy will be unjust and filthy still;  
 229 for then there will be no Priest in the sanctuary to offer their  
 230 sacrifices, their confessions and their prayers before the Father's  
 231 throne. Therefore what is done to rescue souls from the coming storm  
 232 of wrath must be done before Jesus leaves the most holy place of the  
 233 heavenly sanctuary" (Mar 242.7). "Minds that have been given up to  
 234 loose thought need to change. The thoughts must be centered upon  
 235 God. Now is the time to put forth earnest effort to overcome the  
 236 natural tendencies of the carnal heart" (Mar 243.3), which is at  
 237 enmity against God and not subject to the law of God (Romans 8:7).

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 239 3. "[God's servants] ...are striving with all [their] power to attain to  
 240 the statue of the fullness of Christ" (Ephesians 4:13). In preaching  
 241 and teaching His word, they are to speak "...Not with enticing words of  
 242 man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and power" (1  
 243 Corinthians 2:4), "...give testimony to the resurrection of the Lord  
 244 Jesus..." (Acts 4:33, New American Standard Bible, NASB). [They] are...  
 245 ever pressing toward the mark set before [them]—the perfection of His  
 246 character," [...which is the prize of the high calling of God in Christ  
 247 Jesus] (Philippians 3:14 & God's Amazing Grace, {AG} 216.5). They do  
 248 not dishonor God [or] grieve His Holy Spirit by doubting God [or]  
 249 distrusting His promises (AG 216.2) and God's keeps covenant and  
 250 mercy with them... (read 1 Kings 8:23). "The Holy Spirit seeks to  
 251 abide in each soul. If [He] is welcomed as an honored guest, those  
 252 who receive [Him] will be made complete in Christ" (AG 216.4) [and]  
 253 "Faith takes God at His word, not asking to understand the meaning of  
 254 the trying experiences that come" (AG 216.3). When the Lord's people  
 255 reach this mark, they will be sealed in their foreheads. Filled with  
 256 the [Holy] Spirit, they will be complete in Christ and the recording  
 257 angel will declare, 'It is finished'" (AG 216.5).

258 SUMMARY OF KEY POINTS: This study examined the sealing. The question  
 259 that focused the study asked, "Whose servant are you?" In our study,  
 260 we discovered that the Lord knows them that are His! The sealing  
 261 operation is moving full speed ahead in all nations and ownership  
 262 matters in this sealing time. The time of the sixth angel has passed  
 263 and we are living between the time of the 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> angels. All God's  
 264 servants, who are on His assignment in this world, who are striving  
 265 with all their power to attain to the stature of men and women in  
 266 Christ will receive His seal in their foreheads. Because it is of  
 267 little redeeming value to engage in Bible study merely for information,  
 268 subsequent paragraphs follow that make a practical application of the  
 269 truths set forth here.

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271 **DISCUSSION: WHAT DO THESE THINGS MEAN?**

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273 "...The kingdom of heaven is [like]... a **man [who] sowed good seed in his field**"  
 274 (Matthew 13:24). **"...[The man who sowed] is the Son of Man"** (Matthew 13:37); **"The**  
 275 **good seed are the children of the kingdom...; the field is the world"** (Matthew 13:38).  
 276 "But while men slept his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat"  
 277 (Matthew 13:25). "The enemy that [planted tares] is the devil..."  
 278 (Matthew 13:39); so "...The tares are the children of the wicked one"  
 279 (Matthew 13:38). Both wheat and the tares grow together until the  
 280 harvest time, when God sends the reapers to gather the wheat into His  
 281 barn (Matthew 13:30). "...[Harvest time] is the end of the world; the  
 282 reapers are the angels [of God]" (Matthew 13:39-40). "The Son of man  
 283 shall send forth his angels and they shall gather out of his kingdom  
 284 all things that offend and them which do iniquity" (Matthew 13:41). The  
 285 angels "...Shall cast them into a furnace of fire--there shall be wailing  
 286 and gnashing of teeth" (Matthew 13:42). "Then shall the righteous  
 287 shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father..." (Matthew  
 288 13:43).

289 Harvesting the fruit of the good seed is not far off! For centuries--  
 290 i.e., [under] "...The fifth seal--the souls of them that were slain for  
 291 the word of God and for the testimony which they held, have ...cried with  
 292 a loud voice, saying, 'How long, O Lord, holy and true, dost thou not  
 293 judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth' (Revelation  
 294 6:9-10 & Daniel 7:21)? At the last, God will "...Call... to the earth that  
 295 He may judge His people [and] "Gather [His] saints together unto  
 296 [Himself], those [who]... made a covenant with [Him] by sacrifice"  
 297 (Psalms 50:4-5). Soon the church militant will be the church  
 298 triumphant. **White robes are prepared for the saints of the Most High**  
 299 **God, which includes those who are already in the grave, those who are**  
 300 **soon to join them (read Revelation 6:11) AND those who remain alive**  
 301 **unto the coming of Christ... (1 Thessalonians 4:13-17).** The work of the  
 302 sealing culminates with the coming of Jesus and fulfills the promise:  
 303 "...I will come again and receive you unto myself that where I am, there  
 304 [you] may be also" (John 14:3).

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307 **CONCLUSIONS: WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?**

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309 **It is time to make full commitment to the Lord, Jesus Christ.** "Let us  
 310 as a people... cleanse the camp of moral defilement and aggravating sins.  
 311 When sin is making its march upon the people who claim to be elevating  
 312 the moral standard of righteousness, how can we expect God to turn His  
 313 power in our behalf and save us as a people that did righteousness"  
 314 (The Upward Look, {UL} 356.3)? Ancient counsel still applies today.  
 315 "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves,  
 316 and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will  
 317 I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their

318 land" (2 Chronicles 7:14). We cannot delight in approaching God and  
 319 simultaneously practice hypocrisy as ancient Israel did (Isaiah 58:1-3  
 320 & Hosea 5:5-7). In Nehemiah's day, when God's leaders, Levites,  
 321 priests and people were in great distress on account of their sins  
 322 (Nehemiah 9:37, NIV), a seal was placed on a written agreement to  
 323 return to the Law of God. The governor, Nehemiah, along with priests,  
 324 Levities and the Leaders of the people embraced reform (Nehemiah 9:38  
 325 **TO** 10:29)! Shall we wait until great distress begins to fall upon the  
 326 nations before we obey the Law of God? God reminds us to "...Turn away  
 327 [our feet] from... doing [our] pleasure on [His] holy day; and call the  
 328 Sabbath a delight, the holy of the Lord, honorable; and [to] honor Him  
 329 [by] not doing [our] own ways, nor finding [our] own pleasure, nor  
 330 speaking [our] own words [on His holy day]" (Isaiah 58:13). Many agree  
 331 with and observe most of the Law of God, but stumble at the Sabbath  
 332 commandment; perhaps oblivious of: "...Whosoever shall keep the whole law  
 333 and yet offend in one point... is guilty of all" (James 2:10).

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 335 **Do not partake of other men's sins** (1 Timothy 5:22). The first law  
 336 promoting Sunday observance was the **Edict of Constantine in 321 A.D.**  
 337 (<http://www.the7thday.org/timeline.shtml>). Since then, subjugation of  
 338 the Bible, seventh-day Sabbath continues as foretold by the prophet  
 339 Daniel, who spoke of the power that will change times and laws (Daniel  
 340 7:25). Not surprisingly, in 1998, John Paul II Apostolic Letter, *Dies*  
 341 *Domini*, addressed to the Bishops, Clergy and the Faithful of the

342 Catholic Church uncompromisingly, articulately, but nevertheless  
 343 erroneously stated that "The Lord's Day, ...Sunday, [so named] from  
 344 apostolic times... [deserves] ...special attention in the history of the  
 345 Church... [Thus, John Paul II concluded that] Christians will naturally  
 346 strive to ensure that civil legislation respects... Sunday [observance]"  
 347 ([http://www.vatican.va/holy\\_father/john\\_paul\\_ii/apost\\_letters/documents](http://www.vatican.va/holy_father/john_paul_ii/apost_letters/documents/hf_jp-ii_apl_05071998_dies-domini_en.html)  
 348 [/hf\\_jp-ii\\_apl\\_05071998\\_dies-domini\\_en.html](http://www.vatican.va/holy_father/john_paul_ii/apost_letters/documents/hf_jp-ii_apl_05071998_dies-domini_en.html)). If the pontiff's voice  
 349 represent advocacy for state-based religion, then let the reader take  
 350 cognizance that freedom of worship is under threat.

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352 **Read the research that validates the authenticity of the Bible Sabbath.**

353 Samuel Bacchiocchi's analysis and rebuttal to Dies Domini skillfully  
 354 demonstrated that the Pontiff transferred Sabbath sacredness to Sunday  
 355 without acknowledging the "...The interplay of political, social and  
 356 religious factors..." that promoted Sunday as a holy day in a non-  
 357 Biblical compromise (<http://www.bibleplus.org/sabbath/bacchiocchi.htm>).  
 358 Readers should also know that Dies Domini radically departs from three  
 359 prominent Catholic sources. Cardinal Gibbons, in Faith of Our Fathers,  
 360 pg. 111 stated that "You may read the Bible from Genesis to Revelation  
 361 and you will not find a single line authorizing the sanctification of  
 362 Sunday. The Scriptures enforce the religious observance of Saturday..."  
 363 (<http://www.truthontheweb.org/notes.htm>). Reverend Peter Geiermann, in  
 364 The Convert's Catechism of Catholic Doctrine, pg. 50 stated that  
 365 "Saturday is the Sabbath day [but Catholics] observed Sunday instead of

366 Saturday because the Catholic Church transferred the solemnity from  
 367 Saturday to Sunday." The Catholic Mirror of November 25, 1893, also  
 368 acknowledged that "...Those who follow the Bible as their guide... have the  
 369 weight of evidence on their side, whilst the Biblical Protestant has  
 370 not a word in self-defense for... substitution of Sunday for Saturday"  
 371 (<http://www.truthontheweb.org/cthlcmrr.htm>).

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373 **"The days are fast approaching when there will be great perplexity and**  
 374 **confusion [in the land as discussed in Daniel 12:1]" (Mar 200.2).** "The  
 375 contest [will be] between the commandments of God and the commandments  
 376 of men" (Mar 200.3) when political law sanctions Sunday observance  
 377 (<http://www.seventh-day.org/NSL-5.htm>). However, before the contest  
 378 begins, God seals His servants in their foreheads, empowering them to  
 379 pass through the conflict. And when the conflict is over "...[the  
 380 redeemed sees Jesus and exclaims], 'Lo, this is our God; we have waited  
 381 for Him and He will save us; ...we will be glad and rejoice in His  
 382 salvation" (Isaiah 25:9). The Revelator described the journey of the  
 383 redeemed as follows: "...These are they which came out of great  
 384 tribulation and have washed their robes and made them white in the  
 385 blood of the Lamb" (Revelation 7:14). This small group of overcomes  
 386 who were redeemed from among men (Revelation 14:4) accompany a great  
 387 multitude before the throne who are also clothed with white robes  
 388 (Revelation 7:9). The sum of these things fits Paul's description of  
 389 the entourage that travels to the New Jerusalem, where God overcomes

390 grief of the great wickedness and inhumanity of mankind (Genesis 6:5-6)  
 391 and fulfills His age long desire to forever dwell, face-to-face with  
 392 redeemed men and women (1 Thessalonians 4:16-17 & Revelation 21:1-3).

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394 **Trust Jesus Christ for He is the same yesterday, today and forever**

395 **(Hebrews 13:8).** "For I am the Lord, I change not; therefore, [you]  
 396 sons of Jacob are not consumed" (Malachi 3:6). "I am the Lord your  
 397 God; follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws. Keep my  
 398 Sabbaths holy, that they may be a sign between us. Then you will know  
 399 that I am the Lord your God" (Ezekiel 20:19-20, NIV). And if that was  
 400 insufficient, Jehovah promises "...That [in heaven], from one new moon to  
 401 another and from one Sabbath to another, all flesh [will] come to  
 402 worship before" (Isaiah 66:23).

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404 **Judgment time has come.** "...God, [who] does not show favoritism [to  
 405 anyone], but accepts [people] from every nation, [every culture] who  
 406 fear Him and do what is right" (read Acts 10:1-4, 34-35; Luke 7:2-9;  
 407 Numbers 22:4-12, 13:30 & 32:12; Deuteronomy 1:35-36 & 2 Kings 4:8-23)  
 408 calls upon people everywhere, who thirst for righteousness, to come to  
 409 Him and be filled (read Matthew 5:6 & John 7:37). Now is the time for  
 410 "...True worshippers... [to] worship the Father in [the] Spirit and in  
 411 [the] truth [of His word] for the Father seeks such to worship Him"  
 412 (John 4:23). End the hypocrisy of nominal religion which amounts to  
 413 doing church for it yields no benefit! "Strive to enter in at the

414 strait gate for many, I say unto you, will seek to enter in and shall  
 415 not be able" (Luke 13:24). "...Strait is the gate and narrow is the way  
 416 [that leads] unto life and few... [will] find it" (Matthew 7:14). Let it  
 417 not be you to whom Jesus says, Depart from me you worker of iniquity, I  
 418 know you not (Luke 13:25 & 27; Matthew 25:11-12)!

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420 **CALL TO ACTION: WHAT SHALL WE DO?**

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422 "...**Walk after the Lord your God; fear Him and keep His commandments...**"  
 423 (Deuteronomy 13:4). "If [you] love [Him], keep [His] commandments  
 424 (John 14:15). "...[Dear reader], give diligence to **make your calling and**  
 425 **election sure**, for if you do... [you] shall never fall" (2 Peter 1:10).  
 426 "Fear none of those things... [that you will] suffer; behold, the devil  
 427 shall cast some of you into prison that ye may be tried and [you] shall  
 428 have tribulation ten days; [but] **be faithful unto death** and [Jesus]  
 429 will give [you] a crown of life" (Revelation 2:10) because God  
 430 promises: "Since you have kept my command to endure patiently, I will  
 431 also keep you from the hour of trial that is going to come upon the  
 432 whole world to test those who live on the earth" (Revelation 3:10).