

On Keeping the Sabbath Day

In America it is becoming more and more commonplace to find businesses open "as usual" on Sunday. For the Christian who believes in keeping the Lord's Day, it is becoming a constantly more vexing problem, both in his own practices, and in his concern for his fellow citizens who gradually are being lured into completely secularizing Sunday.

The Christian who honestly faces the problem recognizes that modern society cannot exist without certain minimum services on Sunday. But what these may be, and how far the Christian may go in patronizing those which must function on Sunday, is a personal, perplexing problem. The proper attitude toward unnecessary businesses which stay open on Sunday simply to seek a profit is easier for the Christian to define. But even here the Christian is led to ask himself: "Where draw the line?"

We often hear the worn-out, weak-kneed excuse: "Others do it." But two—or more—wrongs don't make it right. In city after city, however, we see that profit-hunting pressures are gradually crumbling the rules of life established in the past by God-fearing men. Precedents are being set that mold the future of America, and mold it in a pattern that ignores God's direct word: "Remember the Sabbath Day to keep it holy." Not even "legalizing" Sunday opening of non-essential businesses can make profaning the Lord's Day morally right.

The answer seems to lie in two rules governing Christian living. One is that we belong to God, and will do what He tells us, including keeping His day holy. The other is that we are our brother's keeper, and are therefore responsible in our example and in our speaking to do what we can to protect our brother from temptations to forget God's law and violate His commandment. If modern society makes it difficult for us to live by clear-cut rules, we must, as Christians, be all the more vigilant to find the Christian answer to each challenge to the sanctity of the Sabbath.

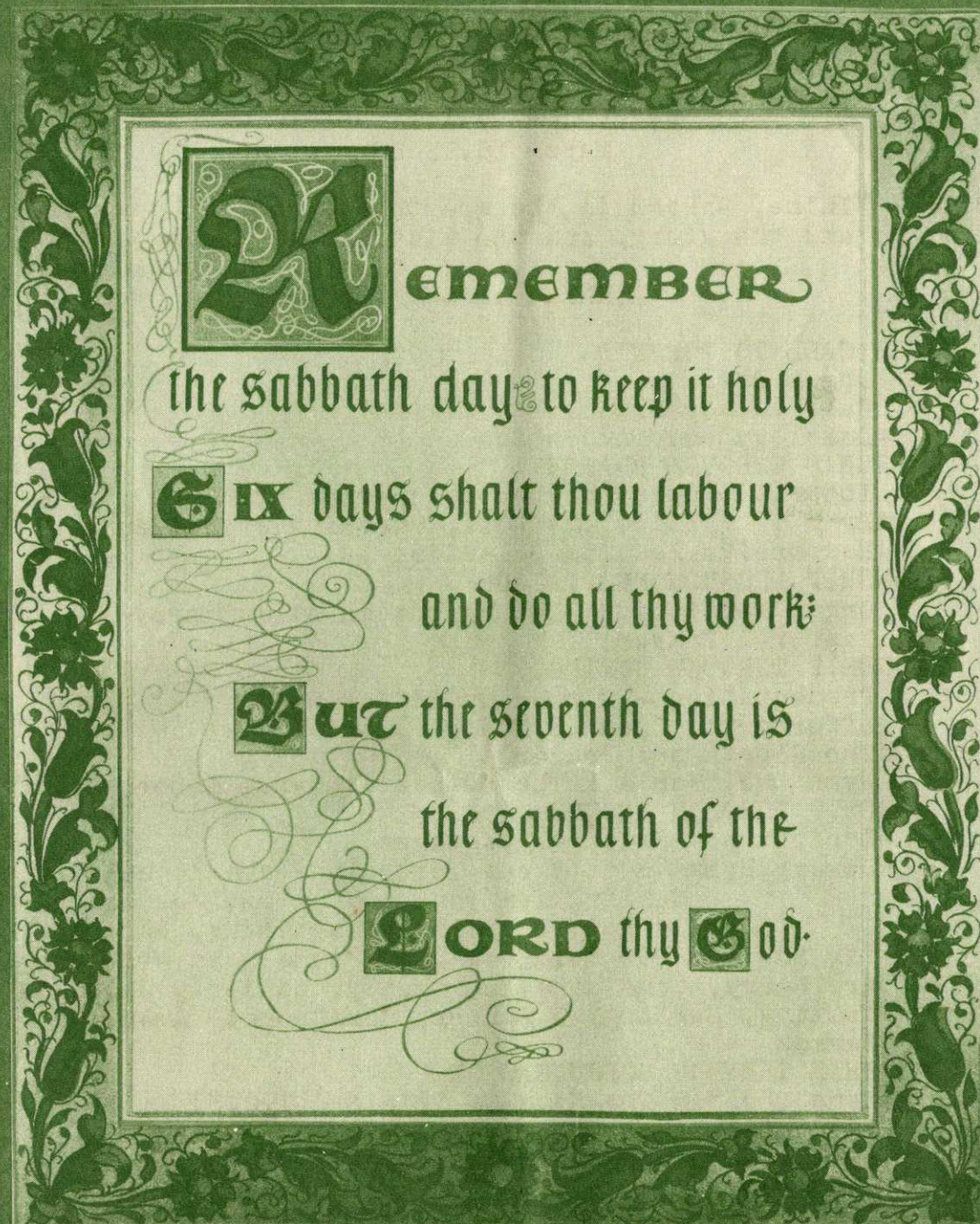
We are under obligation to God—and to Him alone. We are under His judgment. There is no doubt that God means us to use His day to worship Him, and for the good of our bodies and souls. Do you and yours still keep the Sabbath holy?

The Sanctification of the Lord's Day

It is the duty of all persons to remember the Lord's Day, and to prepare for it before its approach. All worldly business should be so ordered, and seasonably laid aside, that they may not be hindered thereby from sanctifying the Sabbath, as the Holy Scriptures require.

The whole day is to be kept holy to the Lord, and to be used for worship and rest. It is requisite, therefore, that the people abstain from all unnecessary labor, and from recreations which are not in keeping with the sanctity of the day.

—From *The Book of Church Order*,
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AIMWELL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Ridgeway, South Carolina
Joseph D. Beale, Pastor
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"Thine, O Lord is the greatness, and the power,
and the glory, and the victory and the majesty."

MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Organ Prelude
Call to Worship

*Doxology and Invocation

WORSHIP THROUGH PRAISE

Interlude (Find number of opening hymn)
*Hymn 6 "Praise, My Soul, The King Of Heaven"
Responsive Reading Selection 14

WORSHIP THROUGH MEDITATION

Organ Meditation (Let us bow in silent prayer)
Pastoral Prayer

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

Presentation - Tithes and Offerings
Offertory: Special Music

*The Gloria and Prayer

Hymn 309 "For All The Saints Who From Labors Rest"

WORSHIP THROUGH INSTRUCTION

Scripture Selected passages
Memory Hymn "Softly and Tenderly Jesus is calling,
Calling for you and for me, See on the
portals He's waiting and watching, Watching
for you and for me. Come home, come home - Ye who
are weary, come home, Earnestly, tenderly Jesus is
calling, Calling, O Sinner, Come home! Amen.
Sermon

WORSHIP THROUGH CONSECRATION

*Hymn 238 "In The Hour Of Trial" (1,2,3)

*Invitation

*Benediction and Organ Response

Postlude

"CHURCH GOING FAMILIES ARE HAPPIER FAMILIES"

THE CHURCH is a fellowship of redeemed ones
who are converted, concerned and committed to
Christ and His work. How about you?

WE WELCOME you to all the services of fellow-
ship and worship here this Lord's Day. Visiting
friends are asked to sign the Guest Register.

THE MEANING OF CHURCH MEMBERSHIP will be ex-
plained to all who would like the pastor to
meet with them before Easter Sunday morning.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING CALLED BY THE SESSION
For Sunday March 23 following the morning
worship service. The purpose of this meeting
is; To approve or disapprove action of a joint
meeting of the elders and deacons of our
church regarding Aimwell Presbyterian Ch.
property included in Aimwell Cemetery,
Ridgeway. And any other business leading
out of the above.

VISITATION EVANGELISM in our church will be
observed the week beginning Sunday March 23 -
28 due to our pastors' absence this coming week.
Plans for this week of visitation will be in
next Sundays bulletin.

CHOIR PRACTICE WILL CONTINUE AS USUAL this
coming week. Arrangements have been made for
the choirs to have competent and capable help
for Thursday afternoon and night practices.

TOWN AND COUNTRY PASTORS INSTITUTE to be held
at Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, Ga.
will begin tomorrow afternoon and will extend
through Thursday. The session ~~has~~ approved
your pastor taking part in this institute. As
your pastor leaves he covets your prayers and
assistance in carrying on the work here at home.

EASTER SUN-RISE SERVICE THIS YEAR AT THE
METHODIST CHURCH. 6 O'clock A.M. April 6, 1958