

## **The Lord's Day Issues**

In Britain we hear of the "THE LORD'S DAY OBSERVANCE SOCIETY"

Their basis is to promote: "The Divine Authority and perpetual Obligation of the Christian Sabbath or Lord's Day, and that in asserting the obligation of the Lord's Day, the gospel of the Grace of God through Christ Jesus should be proclaimed."

Britain is in crises, the paper reads:

The moral and spiritual disintegration of Great Britain is seen today in parliament, the media, our universities, the home and family as well as the church. This spiralling decline has left a retrograde mark upon our land.

And what do they see as the cause and the solution to this spiralling decline?

As a people we have swept aside, with reckless disregard for its consequences, the holy law of God, and the reverence due to His name and His Word.

The article goes on outlining problems, then comments that "the desecration of the Lord's Day", is one of the causes.

But what they fail to realize is that SUNDAY IS NOT THE SABBATH of the Lord our God.-- SUNDAY IS NOT part of the commandments of God.

Yet they would unit church and state to enforce their man-made commandments

Religion has lost its voice in the counsels of the nation because our principal denominations have surrendered their heritage to the forces of superstition, atheism and compromise.

Here we see an obvious appeal to combine church and state--

It's the same appeal as the Papacy makes, to legislate religion.

But they will legislate the commandments of MEN-- the SABBATH sanctioned by MEN, not the commandments of God and the Sabbath sanctified by God, and all their efforts of "taking the nation back to God" are vanity.

Oppressive laws will be passed-- uplifting human commandments and persecuting those who would be faithful to God's commandments.

### **CHRISTIAN MINISTER CALLS**

#### **DISASTER 'DIVINE VISITATION' ON LORD'S DAY**

In the February issue of his church magazine, Rev. John MacLeod of the Free Presbyterian Church of Scotland writes: "Possibly ... no event since Noah's flood has caused such loss of life by drowning as the recent Asian tsunami. That so many of our fellow creatures should have perished in so short a time, and in so awful a fashion, was a divine visitation that ought to make men tremble the world over."

He continued: "Some of the places most affected by the tsunami attracted pleasure-seekers from all over the world. It has to be noted that the wave arrived on the Lord's day, the day God set apart to be observed the world over as a holy resting from all employments and recreations that are lawful on other days."

So here we have a Christian minister saying the tsunami which killed some 250,000 people, was a direct result of "pleasure seekers" breaking God's Sabbath.

Though reporters also recorded comments opposing this idea, the very fact that it was reported in numerous newspapers as well as other news sources, show that this is indeed a SEED thought being sown. Though the protestations were also written, the concept that chastisement will fall upon those who disregard the Sunday Sabbath is not at all a foreign idea to Christian thought! For example:

Ronald Williams, affiliated with the Believers Baptist Church, writes concerning Sunday as if it were the day commanded in scripture as the Sabbath. He states:

Desecrating, abusing or neglecting the Lord's Day brings God's sure chastisement on nations and individuals as surely as violating any other part of His Moral Law. Our God does not look with amusement on those who play fast and loose with His Law,

And yet he says:

However, as if it underline the importance of the New Covenant and the resurrection of Christ, this day was changed from Saturday to Sunday, which will continue to the end of the world. Changing one day in seven from Saturday to Sunday is equivalent to saying God changed it from the seventh day to the "eighth" day (in reality, the first day).

Where does he get the authority that this day was changed? Not from scripture, there is no such command anywhere in scripture. Nowhere do we read "Remember now to keep Sunday holy for in it Christ rose from the dead". You won't find that change anywhere in scripture. That change can ONLY be found in the council's and writings of men. The implication is set forth that the church has power over and above the law of God!

The Catholic Book, "The Thunder of Justice", speaks a great deal about a coming chastisement of great devastation upon the inhabitants of the earth who fail to respond to their "marian based" message. Concerning the Sunday Sabbath, they write:

"This is a place where we see many of the root causes of our problems. It is the commandment of "Keeping the Sabbath Holy". p. 389

For now the angels of Rev. 7 are still, to a large measure, holding back the winds of strife, in the hopes that more will fully commit themselves to God as loyal citizens of His kingdom.

Once those winds of strife are released the fuse will be lit and we'll be thrust straight back into the dark ages -- when the armies will enforce worship, all in the name of "returning the nation back to God" and staying the judgments of God, by what? enforcing the keeping of the unscriptural man-made Sabbath, that has no scriptural command what-so-ever, and forcing people back into church on that day, while yet trampling on the Sabbath of our Creator, Maker, Sanctifier and Redeemer, which He asked us to remember?

WHEN TROUBLE COMES AND PEOPLE AGAIN BRING OUT THE BLUE LAWS-- Sunday laws, IN AN ATTEMPT TO BRING THE NATION BACK TO GOD, even though they KNOW it's not even the real Sabbath of scripture, nor of the commandments, they will have chosen "man" as their lawmaker and "lord", not God, the Creator.