

Love Is For Ever -- Rediscovering Abba's Fantastic Truths

Please read **Leviticus 23:1-3** and **Daniel 7:25**

YHVH's Holidays: Feast Days vs. Beast Days, Part 1

Who is the Creator? You have probably known of Him for years, and yet we have been humbled and blessed to be able to introduce Him to you by Name. Amos tells us the Creator's Name is YeHoVaH.

*For, lo, He that formeth the mountains, and createth the wind, and declareth unto man what is His thought, that maketh the morning darkness, and treadeth upon the high places of the earth, YHVH, The Mighty One of hosts, is His name, **Amos 4:13**. Please see also **Amos 5:8** and **Amos 9:6**.*

As Creator, do you accept that YHVH created what we understand as *time*? While not Himself bound by time constraint, man was certainly created to be bound by time. We cannot escape it—even in death. Since He created all things, including time, if you accept His Creatorship, do you also accept His demands of your time? The Almighty has asked you for the seventh day of every week (**Genesis 2:1-3, Exodus 20:8-11, and Exodus 34:21**) and for seven special days out of each year (**Exodus 23:14-17, 34:18, 22-23, Deuteronomy 16:1, 9-10, 13-16, and all of Leviticus chapters 16 and 23**).

If you turned to each passage in Scripture rather than just read the list of texts we have listed above, you had to have grasped that these appointed times are holy, consecrated, solemn and sanctified—a day in which no work was to be done for it was hallowed time. The same language used to describe the weekly Sabbath is used to describe the seven annual Sabbaths. Many times the words *season* (i.e. **Genesis 1:14, Psalm 104:19**); or *feast* (i.e. **Leviticus 23:2, Hosea 12:9**) and sometimes *congregation* (i.e. **Isaiah 14:13, 1 Kings 8:4**) are translated into English from the Hebrew word *mo'ed*. Literally, *mo'ed* means “*time appointed*” or “*set time*” (i.e. **Daniel 8:19, Habakkuk 2:3, Psalm 102:12-13**).

Attorney and author, Lewis Walton Jr., once said that there is more truth in Scripture than just on the surface. “We have to go vertically in the Word,” he said. In the paragraph above, we have done just that. This is the first step going vertically down into the Word. What did the original words mean that were used by the Prophets? Everything loses something in translation. Dig, as if for buried treasure, for there you will find gems of great value, **Matthew 13:44**.

A message from YHVH to the weeping prophet deftly describes the time in which we now live: *Even the stork in the heavens knows her appointed times (mo'ed); and the turtledove, the swift, and the swallow observe the time of their coming; but My people do not know the judgment of YHVH.*

How can you say, “We are wise, and the law (Torah) of YHVH is with us”? Look, the false pen of the scribes certainly works falsehood.

*The wise men are ashamed, they are dismayed and taken: behold, they have rejected the word of YHVH; so what wisdom do they have? **Jeremiah 8:7-9 NKJV***

No disrespect to our readers who worship on Sunday, but YHVH did not ask for one day in seven. He asked for the seventh day (**Gen. 2:1-3, Ex. 20:8-11**). The Creator sanctified (set apart) the Sabbath at creation and never changed it. (See **Mark 2:27-28**) His resurrection on the first day of the week could not have sanctified the day. No change to a will can be made after the testator dies! In order for YHVH to change His will or covenant with us (the Sabbath—and feasts—are part of His perpetual covenant) He would have had to do so before Calvary. He did nothing of the sort, see **Matthew 5:17-18**. **Isaiah 8:20** says, *To the law (Torah) and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them.* If Messiah, or any other prophet or apostle had changed the Sabbath commandment or the feast days, they would be considered false prophets!

The beast *shall speak great words against the Most High, and think to change times (mo'ed) and laws.* How arrogant! Man can do nothing to sanctify time or make a day holy; but that has not stopped him from trying.

BAPTIST:

“. . . Sunday did come into use in early Christian history as a religious day. . . when adopted and sanctioned by the papal apostasy, and bequeathed as a sacred legacy to Protestantism!” -- DR. EDWARD T. HISCOX, author of *The Baptist Manual*, in a paper read before a New York ministers’ conference.

CATHOLIC:

“There is but one church on the face of the earth which has power, or claims power, to make laws binding on the conscience, binding before God, binding under penalty of hell-fire. For instance, the institution of Sunday. What right has any other church to keep this day? You answer by virtue of the third commandment [the Papacy changed the fourth commandment and called it the third], which says, ‘Remember that thou keep holy the Sabbath day.’ . . . It was the holy Catholic Church that changed the day of rest from Saturday, the seventh day, to Sunday, the first day of the week. . . . And lo! the *entire civilized world* bows down in reverent obedience to the command of the holy Catholic Church.” - THOMAS ENRIGHT, C.S.S.R., in a lecture.

“From this same Catholic Church you have accepted your Sunday, and that Sunday, as the Lord’s day, she had handed down as a tradition; and the entire Protestant world has accepted it as tradition, for you have not an iota of Scripture to establish it. There that which you have accepted as your rule of faith, inadequate as it of course is, as well as your Sunday, you have accepted on the authority of the Roman Catholic Church.” -- D. B. RAY, *The Papal Controversy*, p. 179.

“*Question:* What Bible authority is there for changing the Sabbath from the seventh day to the first day of the week? Who gave the Pope the authority to change a command of God?”

“*Answer:* If the Bible is the only guide for the Christian, then the Seventh-day Adventist is right in observing the Saturday with the Jew. But Catholics learn what to believe and do from the divine, infallible authority established by Jesus Christ, the Catholic Church. . . . Is it not strange that those who make the Bible their only teacher should inconsistently follow in this matter the tradition of the Church?” -- *Question Box*, by CONWAY, 1903 Edition, pp. 254, 255.

“It was the Catholic Church which . . . has transferred this rest to the Sunday in remembrance of the resurrection of our Lord. Thus the observance of Sunday by the Protestants is an homage they pay, in spite of themselves, to the authority of the [Catholic] Church.” -- MGR. SEGUR, *Plain Talk About the Protestantism of Today*, p. 213.

LUTHERAN:

“They [the Papacy] allege the Sabbath changed into Sunday, the Lord’s Day, contrary to the decalogue, as it appears, neither is there any example more boasted of than the changing of the Sabbath day. Great, say they, is the power and authority of the church, since it dispensed with one of the Ten Commandments.” -- MARTIN LUTHER, *Augsburg Confession of Faith*, Art. 28, Par. 9.

METHODIST:

“Our Christian Sabbath [Sunday], therefore, is not a matter of positive command. It is a gift of the [Catholic] church.” - CLOVIS G. CHAPPELL, *Ten Rules for Living*, p. 61.

So you see, the religions of the world admit that Sunday was given to man by no Divine revelation. We have more than a dozen quotes in agreement from several other denominations. It is a counterfeit holyday (holiday) that we have been given the awesome responsibility to recognize and then rise above.

“When it [Sunday] was introduced, it did not come in as a sabbath. Look at the word itself, ‘Sunday.’ Webster defines it as ‘so-called, because this day was anciently dedicated to the sun;’ and the *North British Review* styles it ‘the wild solar holiday of all pagan times.’ Now, how did it creep into the church? I’ll tell you how. When the early Christians evangelized the heathen tribes, they would go the head, or chief, and labor with him . . . to be baptized. They were pagans, and had kept Sunday as a festival on honor of one of their gods, the sun; and when they outwardly accepted Christianity, they kept up their observance of Sunday, which gradually supplanted the Lord’s Sabbath. . . .

“The observance of Sunday, introduced as a holiday, or festival, gradually assumed more importance as a rival of God’s Sabbath, until, by the influx of half-converted pagans into the church, bringing with them their *solar holiday*, it began to supplant its divinely appointed rival.” -- D. M. CANRIGHT, *Tabernacle Lectures*, pp. 80-83.

Friend, we neither condemn nor judge any man. That we leave to the Righteous Judge who said, *Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labor and to all thy work, but the seventh day is the Sabbath of YHVH thy Mighty One.*

Be a Berean!