

DEBATE.

Synopsis of Discussion on the Sabbath, commencing June 25, 1882, held at Farmington, W. T., between Eld. C. J. Wright, of the Church of Christ, and Eld. Alonzo T. Jones, Seventh-day Adventist.

PROPOSITION—Resolved, that the Seventh day of the week is the Sabbath of the Lord, and as such was given at creation, and all men were and are commanded to keep it holy unto the Lord.

Eld. Jones affirms and Eld. Wright denies.

(Continued.)

ELDER JONES' SEVENTH SPEECH.

The first thing I will notice this morning is the second writing on the stone. See Ex. 34: 1. Deut. 10: "And the Lord said unto Moses, hew thee two tables of stone like unto the first and I will write upon these tables the words that were in the first tables," &c. God said I will write, and Moses said "He wrote." The Lord wrote upon them. Ex. 34: 28. To whom does this personal pronoun "He," refer, to Moses, or to God? You see it refers to God and God *did* write it. Twice the Lord said he wrote it, once Moses said he wrote it. See Isa. 42: 21. He will magnify the law and make it honorable, &c.

The Elder says I cannot find in any of the ten commandments that the people were not to be stoned to death for breaking those commandments. Christ said "he would have mercy and not sacrifice." He asked, "Can all nations keep the seventh day at the same time?" I would ask him if all nations can keep Sunday at the same time? (Wright, "I don't think so.")

Concerning the time, there is difference of opinion. He says "The Sabbath was made for the children of Israel." I showed by Christ's own words that the Sabbath was made for man. Mark 2: 27, 28. Paul says "the woman was made for the man." Will he say the Sabbath was made for Adam? (The definition of man is here referred to.) Adam is the name of man created in the image of God. John 1: 13; Heb. 1: 12; Col. 1: 12, 17.

Mark 2: 28. "The son of man is Lord of the Sabbath day." "I was in the spirit on the Lord's day." "The Son of Man is Lord of the Sabbath day." Therefore the Sabbath day is the Lord's day. Rev. 1: 10; Luke 4: 16; Matt.

24: 15, 20; Luke 21: 20. Christ told them to pray that their flight be not on the Sabbath day, showing that there would be still a Sabbath more than thirty years afterward.

After his crucifixion they took the body down and rested on the Sabbath day according to the commandment. His disciples kept it, the apostles preached on that day, they established churches on that day. Moreover, I can prove that pentecost was on that day.

Please turn to Ex. 12: 6, 8, 15, 16. The feast of the passover began on the 14th of the month Nisan. Lev. 23: 5, 7, 15, 16, "And you shall count unto you from the morrow after the Sabbath, from the day ye brought the sheaf of the wave offering; seven Sabbaths shall be complete: Even unto the morrow after the seventh day shall ye remember 50 days," &c. Deut. 16: 9, 10. Christ kept the passover with his disciples. Matt. 26: 21; Mark 14: 12; Luke 22: 25. Christ kept the Sabbath day. Christ himself is the example in moral duties. Acts 13: 14; 16: 4; 17: 3, 4. Christ set the example to keep it and the apostles followed the example. Acts 18: 1, 2, 4. I have proved that Christ kept the feasts and Sabbath, and that pentecost when 3,000 were converted was on that day and that the apostles kept it. Can he refute it?

ELDER WRIGHT'S SEVENTH REPLY.

I am happy to say he has treated us to a speech on the subject. He quotes Is. 42: 21, and applies it to the ten commandments. "He will magnify the law and make it honorable." Let us see if it is the ten commandments. (Bro. Wright goes on to show the law here is the law of Christ.) He says the personal pronoun "He," in Ex. 34: 28, refers to God and not Moses. Let us turn to Ex. 34: 18. Please notice the language, "And the Lord said unto Moses write thou these words. * * * And he was there with the Lord 40 days and 40 nights; he did neither eat bread nor drink water and he wrote upon the tables the words of the covenant the ten commandments." My brother says the personal pronoun "He" does not mean Moses, for the American Bible Society inserted the capital "H."

I will be willing to leave it to a committee of grammarians, if the personal pronoun "he" in all three places in this verse refers to Moses. He speaks of another law besides the law of God and the law of

Moses. I want those three laws noticed. If there are three laws given I want to know where to find them.

Now in regard to the division of time, he says if all nations can be Christians they can keep it. Andrews says the days of the week are measured off according to the revolutions of the earth on its axis. He says the Sabbath was given at creation and all men are commanded to keep it. He has failed to show where any were ever commanded during the first 2,500 years of the world's history to keep it, and then none but the Jews. Then he goes to the 25th chapter of Matthew, where the Savior said "pray that your flight be not in winter or on the Sabbath day," and that Christ was our example and he kept it and the apostles after his crucifixion kept it, and therefore we should keep it. I admit they kept it and they kept the feasts and also they kept circumcision. Now the example of keeping the Sabbath and the feasts would teach us that *circumcision* is binding and if he has never been circumcised, *I urge that it be attended to right away.* He says Christ was crucified on Friday. He cannot prove it and I don't believe it. The next day after was an *high* day. Christ was crucified on the day before the high day. He lay in the grave three days and three nights. If he was crucified on Friday I would like to know how he laid in the grave three days and three nights.

He says Moses said twice that God wrote it. So may I write a letter to a friend and never touch the pen. I superintend or dictate and he writes. Yet I write it. If the ten commandments remain as a law the penalty remains, and men should be stoned to death for violating it. He says "the penalty is changed or removed," then where is the force of the law? The greatest commandment "thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, soul, mind and strength," is not in the ten commandments, then in what law is it? Is it in the ceremonial law that he says is taken away?

Again, he quotes Mark 2: 27. "The Sabbath was made for man." That Paul said the "woman was made for man." That if the Sabbath was only made for the Jews then Paul meant the woman was only made for the Jews. Now let us look at this word "man." He says "it is expressive of the race."

See Luke 5: 20. I can show a hundred places where man is spoken of expressive of one man and not the race.

ELDER JONES' EIGHTH SPEECH.

I wish to say that Miles Grant was an avowed enemy of ours, and he was repudiated by his own party. He spoke of my first meaning of the word "sanctify." That it did not have the force of a command, and that what of the ten commands is brought forward in the New Testament is for us, and what is not found in the New Testament is abolished. I say if we accept Christianity we escape the penalty of God's law. If we break the ten commandments we must die unless we accept Christ. He quotes from the words of the Savior, "Man, thy sins be forgiven thee," and applies to *one man* and that in Genesis, where God took a rib out of man and made woman, meant *one man*. Would not Christ say as much of any man, of one as well as another? Nehemiah 9: 13-15, Ex. 19: 2, 3, Ezekiel 39: 7. He says "Christ was not crucified on Friday." Read Luke 23: 23-26, "They rested on the Sabbath, according to the Scriptures." We have in the life of Christ evidence that Christ did not lay in the grave three days and three nights. I defy him to prove that it was not Friday. I defy him also to bring authority for saying that he was crucified on Thursday. He quotes the language of Christ, which says, "All things must be fulfilled," &c. Luke 24. He quotes to prove that all were fulfilled in his death, then what about the Scriptures concerning his resurrection? It will take eternity to fulfill all the prophecies.

ELDER WRIGHT'S EIGHTH REPLY.

I wish to write down that "Miles Grant was repudiated by his own party" as he asserts.

The Advent church has acknowledged Mrs. Ellen G. White as authority, and her revelation as coming from God. I hold in my hand one of her revelations. Every place where Miles Grant is known he is recognized as a man of high standing in his own church. Bro. Jones told me his wife was healed by the church. Webster's Dictionary does not give sanctify to mean a command. He says "the ministration of death is abolished if we come into Christ, but not if we stay out of Christ." When I quoted Luke 5: 20; 12: 14, he says it will apply to the race, "and to us who are here to-day." I say it