

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, Seventhday 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.)

MR. JONES'S LAST SPEECH.

The first point I will call your attention to now is that God commanded the observance of the seventh day, inasmuch as he sanctified it, as I have shown that sanctify has the force of a command. Heb. 10: 28, 29. Those penalties are changed by Christ. When we come into Christ we escape the penalties. Christ said "he would have mercy and not sacrifice." The sacrifice ceased. Daniel 5: 11. The law of God is truth. John 17: 17. The law of the Lord is perfect. Rom. 2: 12. The Jews and gentiles are all guilty before God. Rom. 2: 14, 15.

The Elder said, I said Christ gave no commands. I did not say it. Christ gave his Father's commands.

Every man is carnally minded that has not the law of God in his heart. If any man have not the spirit of God in his heart he is none of his. The Holy Ghost must write the law of God upon the heart. Christ said we must "worship God in spirit and in truth."

He says Sister White says her writings are revealed. Of course Sister White gets her Scriptures and they are revealed. He called on me to show where the command to keep the seventh day was given. When I showed in the 5th chapter of Matthew he would not receive it. When he comes to Rom. 7th he makes the woman the church, then the law is that which binds the man to the church. Every woman is bound to her husband by the law as long as he liveth. The same law that binds her to him binds her to another man. The ten commandments binds her to a man as long as he liveth. Now, you see, it is all plain enough. Wherefore he became dead to the law. See 9th verse. It is the man that dies, not the law. The law brought

forth sin unto death. Isa. 56: 1-3; Heb. 9: 28.

People are trampling the day of God under foot. That day which is called a delight and honorable. Is. 8: 16, 18. And hereby do know that we know him if we keep his commandments. He that saith I know him and keepeth not his commandments is a liar and the truth is not in him. 1 John 3: 4. "Blessed are they that keep his commandments," etc. Rev. 22: 14.

ELDER WRIGHT'S LAST SPEECH.

You have heard my friend's last speech. It is certain that he has failed to make any argument. Only 1,500 years has been found in which there was a command to observe the Sabbath, and that was to the Jews only. He says, inasmuch as God sanctified the day, it was commanded; this, you see, has been his principal argument, admitting sanctify implies a command; the day only was commanded; the day and not man was sanctified; therefore his argument on sanctify is all lost. He says Ellen G. White's writings were the Scriptures, and were, of course, a revelation. I say Ellen G. White does not claim to get it from the Bible, but by a revelation. (He reads one of her revelations). If her writings be true I want to say when you resist Sister White you resist the God of heaven. Gal. 1: 6. The apostle tells the Galatian brethren that they were "removed from him that called them into the grace of Christ to another gospel." If righteousness came by the law then Christ died in vain. "Oh, foolish Galatians, who hath bewitched you that ye should not obey the truth, before whose eyes Jesus Christ hath been evidently set forth, crucified among you? This only would I learn of you, Receive ye the spirit by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith?" "Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us." Rom. 3: 13. But our Bro. will say it is not the ten commandments. I will prove it is the ten commandments. God said to Abraham, "In thee and in thy seed shall all nations of earth be blest." See Gal. 3: 16, 29, inclusive. Paul says the law was added because of transgression till the promised seed should come, and he tells us that seed was Christ. That law was to them a "curb bit" to keep them under subjection until the promised seed should come. We are the children of God by

faith in Christ Jesus, and children of Abraham, and heirs according to the promise. Now, to Abraham and his seed was the promise made, not to seeds, as of many, but to thy seed which is Christ. This blessing was to come through Christ and not the ten commandments. The ten commandments was given 430 years after the promise was made, and it could not disannul or make the promise of none effect. "If the inheritance be of the law it is no more of grace." If my Bro. says it is of law, he simply sets the promises of God aside, and I had just as well lift up my voice and cry because he sets the promises of God aside. I will again say if Bro. Jones's little congregation at Farmington keep that law they will be in the penitentiary before twelve months, as they must execute its penalty on the disobedient. If there had been a law given that could give life, then Christ died in vain. Paul says "the law was our Pedagogues to bring us to Christ, that we might be justified by faith, but after faith is come we are no longer under the pedagogues" Rom. 4: 4; 7: 10; 21: 31. "Tell me, ye that desire to be under the law, do ye not hear the law? For it is written that Abraham had two sons, the one by a bond-maid and the other by a free woman, but he who was of the bond-woman was born after the flesh, but he of the free woman was by promise, which things are an allegory; for these are the two covenants; the one from the Mount Sinai which gendereth to bondage, which is Agar. For this Agar is Mount Sinai in Arabia, and answereth to Jerusalem, which now is and is in bondage with her children. But Jerusalem which is above is free, which is the mother of us all. * * * Now, we, brethren, as Isaac was, are the children of promise," etc. Here we find the law is the concubine and not the legitimate wife. 30th verse. "Nevertheless, what saith the Scripture? Cast out the bond-woman and her son; for the son of the bond-woman shall not be heir with the son of the free woman. So then, brethren, we are not children of the bond-woman, but of the free." Let us not be entangled with the yoke of bondage. If we seek to be justified by law we are fallen from grace. "For all the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this. Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself." Rom. 5: 14. God forbid that I should glory save in the cross of Christ.

SUMMARY.

1st. I have shown by the dictionaries that *create* is to bring into existence, or form, or make something out of nothing, and to make is to give shape to or form something of that which already exists, hence *to create* and *to make* are two things, and that the date of creation was at some time prior to the *making* the earth or man. Therefore there was no Sabbath at creation, as the proposition affirms, as there was no date fixed at creation.

2nd. He has utterly failed to show how time was divided from the making of the world till the Julian Era.

3rd. I have abundantly shown that if the word "sanctify," as used in Gen. 2: 3, means command in any sense, that it was the *day* that was "sanctified" and (commanded) and not man.

4th. He has failed to show even the shadow of a command to any one to keep the Sabbath during the first 2,500 years of the world's history.

5th. I have shown that the first mention of the Sabbath is found in Ex. 16, and that it is the first mention of it is evident from the fact that the definite article "the" is not in the original, but it is called *a* Sabbath; and also that the word Sabbath nor its equivalent never occurred in the Bible or any history in the world, prior to that time, and then it was given only to the Jews. See Gen. 12: 1; 17: 10; 22: 18; Ex. 16: 25; 31: 13; Deut. 5: 2, 3.

6th. And that it was a local institution, for no fire was to be kindled, and they were not to stir out of their houses on that day. See Numbers 15: 35.

7th. I have shown that all men cannot keep the same day, as time is not divided the same in all the nations.

8th. I have shown that the ten commandments was a covenant. See Ex. 19: 5; 31: 16; 24: 7; 34: 27, 28; Deut. 9: 9, 11; Deut. 4: 13; 17: 2.

9th. I have shown that that covenant was abolished. Jer. 31: 31; Heb. 8: 7, 13; 9: 4, 19; 12: 24; 13: 20.

10th. I have shown by Deut. 10: 4, 6; 5: 28, that Moses wrote the ten commandments on the last two tables of stone.

11th. He has failed to prove that God gave one law to Israel, and that Moses gave them another law, but to the contrary it has been