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**25. What kind of worship does the Saviour call that which is not according to God's commandments?**

"But in \_\_\_\_ they do \_\_\_\_ Me, teaching for doctrines the \_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_." **Matthew 15:9**

**26. When Israel had apostatized, and were almost universally worshipping Baal, what appeal did Elijah make to them?**

"How long halt ye between two opinions? *if the \_\_\_\_ be \_\_\_\_*, \_\_\_\_ Him: but *if **Baal***, then \_\_\_\_ him." **1 Kings 18:21**

**NOTE:** In times of ignorance God winks at that which otherwise would be sin; but when light comes He commands men everywhere to repent. **Acts 17:30**. The period during which the saints, times, and the law of God were to be in the hands of the Papacy has expired (**Daniel 7:25**); the true light on the Sabbath question is now shining; and God is sending a message to the world, calling upon men to fear and worship Him, and to return to the observance of His holy rest day, the seventh-day Sabbath. **Revelation 14:6-12; Isaiah 56:1; Isaiah 58:1,12-14**. See readings in Lessons **58., 98., 102., and 120.** of this series.

WHO is on the Lord's side

Always true?

There's a right and wrong side,

Where stand you?

Thousands on the wrong side

Choose to stand,

Still 'tis not the strong side,

True and grand.

Come and join the Lord's side:

Ask you why?-

'Tis the only safe side

By and by.

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"Don't Accommodate Eliminate"

#### **MOTTO**

"Building on FOUR"

#### **TEXT**

"And Jesus increased in wisdom (Mental) and stature (Physical & Spiritual), and in favor with God (Spiritual) and man (Social)." **Luke 2:52**

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### 18. What did Constantine's law require?

"Let all the judges and town people, and the occupation of all trades rest on the venerable day of the sun; but let those who are situated in the country, freely and at full liberty, attend to the business of agriculture; because it often happens that no other day is so fit for sowing corn and planting vines; lest the critical moment being let slip, men should lose the commodities granted by heaven."- **Edict of March 7, 321 A. D., Corpus Juris Civilis Cod., lib. 3, tit. 12, 3.**

**NOTE:** This edict, issued by Constantine, under whom the Christian church and the Roman state were first united, in a manner supplied the lack of a divine command for Sunday observance, and may be considered the original Sunday law, and the model after which all Sunday laws since then have been patterned. It was one of the important steps in bringing about and establishing the change of the Sabbath.

### 19. What testimony does Eusebius (270-338), a noted bishop of the church, a flatterer of Constantine, and the reputed father of ecclesiastical history, bear upon this subject?

"All things whatsoever that it was duty to do on the Sabbath, these we have transferred to the Lord's day."- "**Commentary on the Psalms,**" Cox's "**Sabbath Literature,**" Vol. 1, page 361.

**NOTE:** The change of the Sabbath was the result of the combined efforts of church and state, and it was centuries before it was fully accomplished.

### 20. When and by what church council was the observance of the seventh day forbidden, and Sunday observance enjoined?

"The seventh-day Sabbath was . . . solemnized by Christ, the apostles, and primitive Christians, till the *Laodicean Council* did, in a manner, quite abolish the observation of it. . . The Council of Laodicea [A. D. 364] . . . first settled the observation of the Lord's day."

**Prynne's "Dissertation on the Lord's Day Sabbath," page 163.**

### 21. What did this council, in its twenty-ninth canon, decree concerning the Sabbath and Christians who continued to observe it?

"Christians shall not Judaize and be idle on Saturday [Sabbath], but shall work on that day. . . . If, however, they are found Judaizing, *they shall be shut out from Christ.*"- **Hefele's "History of the Councils of the Church," Vol. II, page 316.**

**NOTES:** Some of the further steps taken by church and state authorities in bringing about this change may be noted as follows:

"In 386, under Gratian, Valentinian, and Theodosius, it was decreed that all litigation and business should cease [on Sunday]. . . .

"Among the doctrines laid down in a letter of Pope Innocent I, written in the last year of his papacy (416), is that Saturday should be observed as a fast-day. . . .

"In 425, under Theodosius the Younger, abstinence from theatricals and the circus [on Sunday] was enjoined. . . .

"In 538, at a council at Orleans, . . . it was ordained that everything previously permitted on Sunday should still be lawful; but that work at the plow, or in the vineyard, and cutting, reaping, threshing, tilling, and hedging should be abstained from, that people might more conveniently attend church. . . .

"About 590 Pope Gregory, in a letter to the Roman people denounced as the prophets of Antichrist those who maintained that work ought not to be done on the seventh day."- "**Law of Sunday,**" by James T. Ringgold, pages 265-267.

The last paragraph of the foregoing quotation indicates that even as late as 590 A. D. there were those in the church who observed and who taught the observance of the Bible Sabbath, the seventh day.

### 22. What determines whose servants we are?

"Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, *his* \_\_\_\_\_ ye are to \_\_\_\_\_ ye \_\_\_\_\_?" **Romans 6:16**

### 23. When tempted to bow down and worship Satan, what reply did Christ make?

"\_\_\_\_\_ thee hence, \_\_\_\_\_: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and \_\_\_\_\_ only shalt thou \_\_\_\_\_." **Matthew 4:10-11**

### 24. What do Catholics say of the observance of Sunday by Protestants?

"It was the Catholic Church which, by the authority of Jesus Christ, 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.*"- "**Plain Talk About the Protestantism of Today,**" by Mgr. Segur, page 213.