

Corrupting the Table of the Lord

And the Sabbath 'lightly regarded'

This was sent to me from Africa--I think Botswana, and it shows our people no longer know what is sacred and what is not--AND they use the excuse that if the Bible doesn't say NOT to do something then it is OK to do it. I told this person that those people need to show a THUS SAITH THE LORD for what they do--we don't have to show them thus saith the Lord Not to.

I hope you can see what I am saying-- these people who want to bring in things that we have no precedent for in scripture or the early Adventist church--it is up to them to prove that their way is accepted by inspiration--it is not our job to have to provide a pile of quotes to prove they are wrong--THEY need to provide the quotes to prove they are right! When one has the true fear of God in his heart--he will not be froward to leave the platform and branch off where angels would fear to tread.

If THEY cannot show a thus saith the Lord for leaving established practices that have a thus saith the Lord-- then they are wrong.

We need to be returning to the foundations--not laying down false paths for feet to stumble in—probation time for sda's is about to close.

This using of ordinary bread for communion is a problem here too. My family and I haven't been able to take part for years because of such travesty. People just don't have a clue.

Notice too--the weddings and fund-raising on Sabbath-- It seems we need to teach the very basics--because the sense of the sacred is gone. We teach lessons about communion but we don't as a rule, cover what bread and why.

Q: There is a certain apostasy which is coming slowly to our churches with respect to this ordinance. There are some churches here at home (I have heard--from reliable sources in one of these churches- but not been there personally) where the deaconesses suggest that the unfermented wine can be replaced by artificial juice (Kool aid?) and the bread with biscuits. The reason given is to save time used in preparing this bread and wine. I don't know whether such a thing is there in Canada and if so how do you handle it?

Also what about holding Communion in Home Churches?

The last question I have is that I usually nowadays I see people marrying on sabbath. This is usually done when the two do not have the means to do a major wedding ceremony. I understand this but what I fail to understand is why should the wedding be done on a sabbath day instead of any other common day? Why should it be done only on the sabbath. Again is this valid? And is it supported by the scriptures and SOP? Some argue that marriage is a holy institution and that therefore there is nothing wrong if

it is done on the sabbath. How true is this? Is that supposition correct? Is that statement in accordance with scripture and the SOP? Oh! and before I forget, nowadays we normally do fund raisings on sabbath. Is this in accordance with the bible and SOP?

Comments:

1. I have attended home church where we had the foot-washing and Lord's Supper. BUT I don't think it would be right in just casual visiting.
2. If the Bread and Grape juice is not the proper kind I would not take part-- actually it has been years since I took part as I do not attend church. My Mom lives where they offer communion BUT she went once and saw they were using ordinary bread and she left and never came again. To claim convenience as a reason to do this is a blasphemous insult to God !!

I have even heard that in some place in NA they polish each other's shoes rather than wash feet-- what an abomination!!!

Leaven and fermentation are symbols of sin and so the bread that represented Christ's broken body MUST be unleavened. The Bible is clear on this as you study the ancient ceremonial law.

We are wrong if we think we can do anything that we can't show a clear command not to do- from the Bible or SOP. Instead the obligation is on those guys to show us a clear statement that it is alright to do it-- we MUST not add to the WORD-- I have seen the most terrible heresies brought in on the grounds that the Bible did not 'clearly' say NOT to do it!! *Deuteronomy 12:32 What thing soever I command you, observe to do it: thou shalt not add thereto, nor diminish from it.*

Sisters that support the work of the church as deaconesses--are not too much of a problem--sure they really don't need the name but it does no harm as far as I can see. Female elders should not be, and neither should they administer the ordinances!! We have examples in the Bible of females who served the church but never a female elder.

NO wedding should be held on the hours of the Sabbath!!!

See Isaiah 58 and the 'Not doing thine own pleasure--to be married on the hours of the Sabbath would surely bring the frown of God on the whole marriage.

Fund raising on Sabbath is also an abomination--none of that belongs in the sacred hours--neither should church board meetings be held on the sacred hours. Do you wonder why the 'church' is dying and will soon be judge of God and most will be found wanting?

When the Crisis hits--only the faithful will stand -- the careless and those doing their own ways in place of God's--will receive the Mark of the Beast for convenience and be lost.

The idea of a marriage ceremony being 'a sacrament' is strictly Roman Catholic in origin. Anyway, anyone who would think these things are acceptable to God--is very ignorant of the Bible and quotes would not help them. God says to them "Walk in the Old paths!" and they reply--we will not!

This does not mean to say a godly marriage is not blessed and approved of God--BUT the RCC calls it a holy sacrament. It is not a holy sacrament--the same thing as communion and baptism. Weddings have no place on the sacred hours of the Sabbath--this is mixing the sacred and the common. You see the RCC has 7 sacraments--and the funny thing is, nobody can properly have all 7--because one is becoming a priest-- and one is marriage--so 6 is the best anyone can ever do in the RCC. (6-6-6)

Return to the Old Paths--and stand on the platform like a ROCK--we are in the last battle and must not compromise with error. It is a life and death matter!!

In the past before the Catholic Church apostasy arose, and even in early Adventism--weddings were NOT even held in the church!!