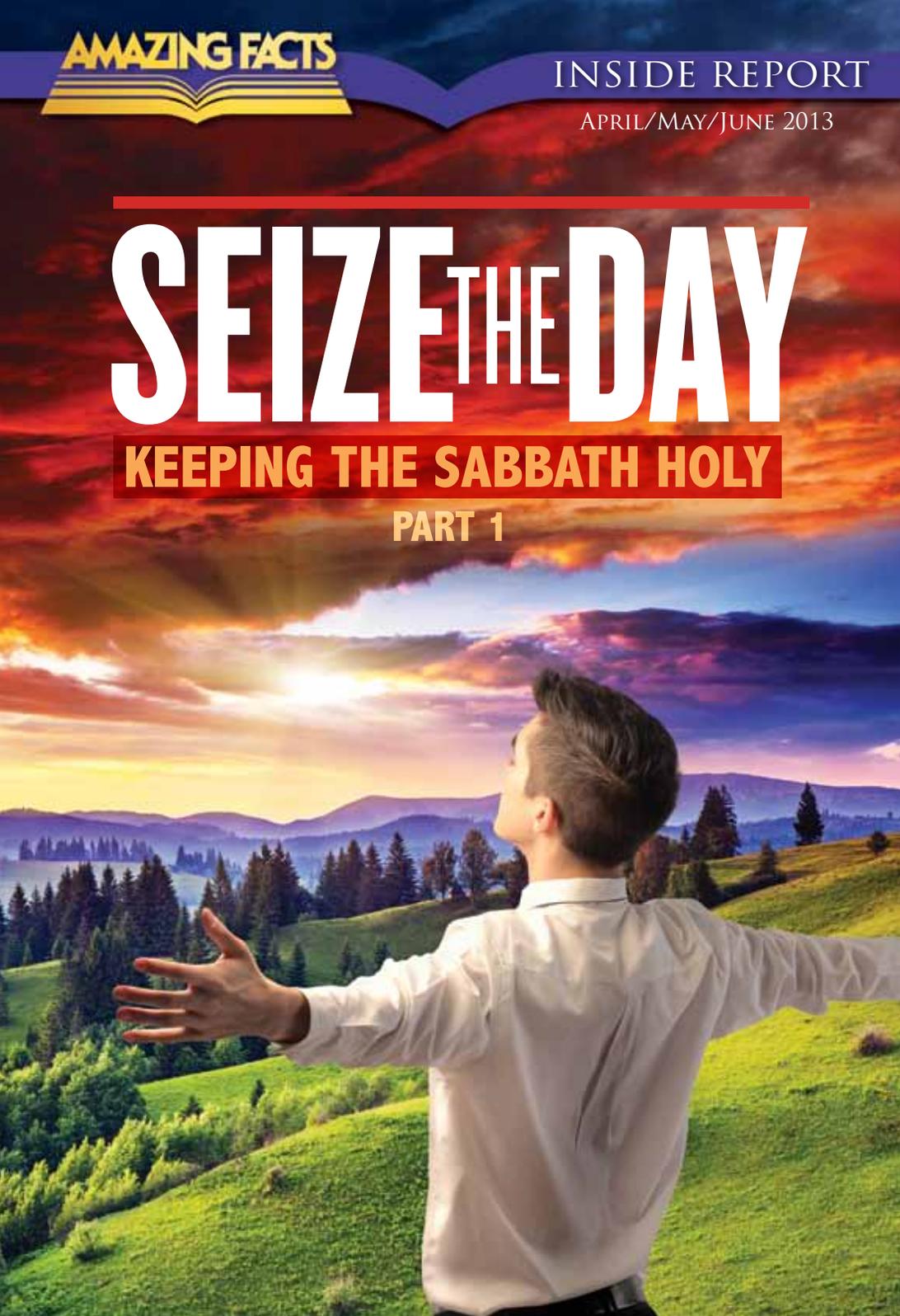
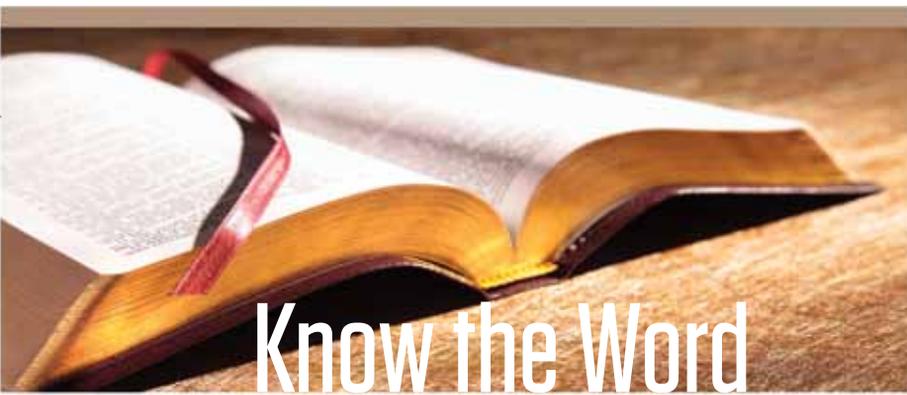


SEIZE THE DAY

KEEPING THE SABBATH HOLY

PART 1





Know the Word

by Pastor Doug Batchelor

I'm sad to report that Pastor Byron Spears Sr., the legendary evangelist known as the "Walking Bible," died on January 29. I was honored to participate in his memorial service, and I believe he'll have many stars in his heavenly crown for his prolific soul winning.

It's bittersweet to think that just the previous July, I travelled to Southern California as a surprise guest to celebrate his 100th birthday. He told me that he faithfully watched our programs on AFTV, and I was deeply humbled to be thought of so respectfully by this gifted man of God. He was a great supporter of Amazing Facts.

Pastor Spears was among the last of the great old guard church evangelists. One of the things that made him stand out so much was his phenomenal ability to quote as many as 120 Bible passages verbatim, in a single sermon, all from memory! It was incredible to hear and behold.

His legacy is a stellar example for all of us. It is crucial in these last days for you and I to know God's Word intimately,

perhaps even more important for us than all the previous generations. If the return of our Lord is as soon as I believe it to be, we must feed on the Bread of Life every day. Our Laodicean hearts must wake up to this truth.

"Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee" (Psalm 119:11). Knowing the Bible is more than for convenience, it's about transformation.

Imagine that for every temptation that wielded its sword, a Bible verse would come to mind to help conquer it. Wouldn't that be thrilling? This is how Jesus did it. Please commit today to opening your Bible every day.

Finally, in this issue of *Inside Report*, I address an equally important truth for the last days—the Sabbath. As Christians, it's important to practice honoring God's command today for the real test to come later. I hope you take the message to heart! 



Amazing Facts has recently posted Pastor Spears' complete sermon series, *The Trumpet of Truth*, on our media library website.

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Greetings from Australia

“I’m a 38-year-old lawyer in Melbourne. I used to live a very selfish, materialistic, sinful life. I never thought in a million years that I would be sending this email. But I thank you for this website as I listen to your sermons every day and watch and learn from many of your resources. Thank you.” *Krystal, Australia*

Inside Report: Pictures of Heaven

“Thank you for this wonderful, uplifting message. I think what I’m looking forward to most is spending time with Jesus and seeing my family in heaven, especially my loved ones who have passed away. One of my sons has autism, and I can’t wait to see him made whole. Right now, I pray that we will all be ready, and I want to contribute in any way I can to help finish spreading the gospel. God bless the Amazing Facts ministry.” *Web comment*



Worldwide Study Guide

“I started using the Amazing Facts Bible Study Guides first in Ghana, where 39 were baptized, and now in Liberia, with more than 200 baptized. I also run a radio program using your guides. We have several groups around Monrovia, Liberia, and West Africa wishing to study with us. We now have a demand for more Study Guides!”

Fred Ted, Liberia



Gratitude All Around

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KEEPING THE SABBATH HOLY

BY PASTOR DOUG BATCHELOR

PART 1

An Amazing Fact:



During the Paris Olympics in 1924, Scotsman Eric Liddell, a celebrated sprinter, was expected to win gold in the 100 meters. However, he discovered that the time trials for his event were going to fall on a Sunday, which he believed to be the Sabbath. (While he had the wrong day, he did have

the right attitude about the Sabbath.)

Even though he had relentlessly trained and his country had invested in him, he refused to run. This decision put him under immense pressure from politicians, teammates, and even some family. “God will understand,” they said. “Your country is counting on you! Do it just this one time!” But he said, “No. I can’t do it—not even once.”

Well, it turned out that Liddell could run in another event that did not conflict with his beliefs—the 400 meters. During the time trials, he didn’t perform well. Teammates wondered about his ability to secure a medal. But Liddell believed the results were in God’s hands, and just prior to running the final, he was handed a slip of paper from an American with a profound message on it: “Those who honor me, I will honor.” When the gun sounded, Liddell ran like he was possessed and broke the standing record to finish first!



Eric Liddell firmly believed in obeying God no matter the cost—and that meant following every one of His Ten Commandments, including the fourth.

For him the Sabbath commandment was no less important than the ones that say, “Do not murder” and “Do not commit adultery.” It’s very difficult for most people to wrap their minds around that idea, but I also believe it is absolutely true. Very few people, after accepting Christ, dispute nine of the Ten Commandments, but the fourth they often see as a “personal preference” or optional commandment. But it’s not just a recommendation from Moses; it’s the law of the Almighty.

The Bible tells us, “For whoever shall keep the whole law, and yet stumble in one point, he is guilty of all” (James 2:10). The devil doesn’t care whether your sin is adultery or murder or Sabbath breaking, just as long as he can get you to sin and separate you from God.

He knows that in God’s view the Sabbath commandment is not any less important than the other nine. That’s why I believe it is the devil’s plan to erode our convictions through rationalizations and compromises so that when the big test of the last days comes, when we must choose whom we will worship on penalty of death, many people will have been so trained to compromise that they won’t be prepared to take a stand when it matters most. That’s why it is important now to be faithful in keeping the Sabbath holy; it’s all about preparation.

WHAT IS HOLY?

Let’s first take a look at the commandment itself, found in Exodus 20:

Remember the Sabbath day, *to keep it holy*. Six days you shall labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord your God. In it you shall do no work: you, nor your son, nor your daughter, nor your male servant, nor your female servant, nor your cattle, nor your stranger who is within your gates. For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day. Therefore the Lord blessed the

Sabbath day and hallowed it (vv. 8–11, emphasis added).

God says there is holy time; what does He mean? The word “holy” means something “dedicated, set apart, or consecrated to God.” And it’s clear from the Bible that some things are holy and should not be profaned or treated as common.

For one, marriage is called holy. You can court someone for years, but it’s not a holy relationship until you seal the covenant and marry him or her.

Profaning that holy relationship is a violation of the commandment against adultery.

Tithe is also called holy (Leviticus 27:30). It can be hard to grasp that among the ten \$1 bills in your pocket, one of

them is considered holy, but nonetheless, using that dollar to make a car payment profanes something sacred.

Well, God also points out in this commandment that a certain amount of time each week is holy—not because a church teaches it, but because He said so. No man in the world can call common what God has called holy. Nor does God say, “Remember the Sabbath *to make* it holy.” We can’t make it holy; God is the one who makes something holy. In this commandment, He is saying, “I’ve already made it holy, so you must recognize what I have done and respect

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Me.” Keeping the Sabbath holy is all about a love relationship with God.

A DANGEROUS TOPIC

I tackle the Sabbath with some trepidation because of how easy it is to be misunderstood, to appear to be extreme and labeled legalistic. In the time of Jesus, two fanatical religious groups struggled for supremacy, the Sadducees and the Pharisees. They were, for lack of better words, the liberals and the conservatives of their day. The Sadducees didn’t believe in angels or resurrection; that’s pretty liberal theology. The Pharisees, on the other hand, were so meticulous in their Sabbath-keeping, they set rules to ensure you didn’t walk too far on Sabbath, at least according to their calculations. They had thousands of such manmade rules about the Sabbath and other religious duties.

Jesus often battled with the Pharisees regarding Sabbath observance; He would heal somebody that day and then be accused of breaking the Sabbath. While the commandment certainly doesn’t forbid healing on the Sabbath, and Jesus, God

Himself, did it, we should also realize that Jesus never said, “You don’t need to keep the Sabbath anymore.” Every debate He had about the Sabbath was about *how* to keep it holy, not whether to keep it.

Interestingly, the spiritual problem in the time of Christ was certainly more about legalism. But before then, in the time of Jeremiah and Isaiah, Sabbath problems were more like the problems we face today. The Jews in their time were largely ignoring the Sabbath, not keeping it any better than the pagans. They were being careless in their Sabbath observance. And that’s the crisis I perceive in the Christian community at large today: We treat God’s commandment with sloppy indifference.

As a pastor, I’m not just writing to you. I’m writing to the Batchelor family. My wife, Karen, and I are constantly educating and reminding ourselves about what is right and what is not right on the Sabbath. We are living in such a relentlessly busy culture that it takes thought, planning, and effort to rest. I confess that at times I’ve failed to keep the Sabbath holy—so this isn’t about judging you; rather, it’s a Bible study for people who love the Lord.

It's not legalistic to love the Lord and want to please Him by showing you're serious about keeping the Sabbath day holy according to His commandment.

Don't let people accuse you of being legalistic because you're asking practical questions about what a person should and shouldn't do on the Sabbath. That's our purpose here.

FINDING OUT HOW TO KEEP IT HOLY

The Ten Commandments are, in some ways, an abbreviation of the law of God. For instance, when it says, "Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord in vain," the commandment doesn't go into great detail to explain every possible way in which a person could take God's name in vain—whether it's swearing, using God's name carelessly, or claiming you're a Christian but living as a hypocrite. The details of the law require our further study, and you'll find examples of this commandment being honored or disregarded in other places in the Bible.

In regard to our goal of better understanding the fourth commandment, we also need to look at the specifics of Scripture through a prayerful study of Bible principles.

For example, in Hebrews 4:11, we read, "Let us [labor] therefore to enter into that rest." This

sounds like a contradiction, but that's really what happens when we prepare for the Sabbath. We invest additional labor so that we might enjoy the blessed rest of the Sabbath more fully. While I'm not comparing the Sabbath with a typical vacation, if you're going to have a good vacation, it does require extra work, planning, and preparation to make it happen.

I believe that in order for us to really enjoy the release and peace that God has designed for this holy day, we must labor to enter that rest. And this involves educating ourselves. God throughout His Word gives us a lot more details about what is involved in keeping the Sabbath holy. As we'll see, it does not mean that you simply swing in a hammock all day long, drinking pineapple juice through a straw. There's a lot more to God's rich rest!

Of course, the fourth commandment is the longest of all the commandments—precisely because it goes into the most detail. It says people are to rest, their animals are to rest, their servants are to rest—everybody within their gates.

The Sabbath commandment is also somewhat different from most of the others because it makes statements in a positive and a negative sense. Most of the others are only stated in the negative—"thou shall not." The Sabbath commandment says, "You *shall* keep it holy" and "you *shall not* work." It gives both sides, and so I'm approaching this message in the same way. Now, let's get started . . .

PREPARING FOR THE SABBATH

John Wesley tells a story about a new convert to Christianity who was very devout. As the sun was going down before the Sabbath,

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"Must See"

The Work in China Advances

By: China Project Coordinator

Due to the sensitive nature of our work in China, we cannot disclose the full names or locations of the individuals mentioned in this article or show pictures of them.

Amazing Facts' Chinese-language videos continue to draw a record-breaking number of hits on China's largest video hosting site, tudou.com. In 2012, our outreach videos were seen almost 2 million times, and two videos even appeared on its homepage under a section labeled "Must See." We also know that 21,395 other websites link to one or more of these videos!

This all leads the curious and the seeking to our website at qimiaozenxiang.com, now the ministry's second most-visited website. The number of visits continues to increase daily. At the end of March, we averaged over 20,000 visits per week and our videos had been watched 544,011 times!

Our website gives these seekers access to many of the same articles and sermons found on our English website. But what thrills us the most is the number of people who write us to tell us about how our materials have impacted their lives! Here are a few examples . . .

Mrs. Ma lives in Hebei Province. She visited our website and, after watching our

videos and studying our materials, asked if we had a church in her area. We gave her an address, and she started attending regularly. After six months of in-depth studying, she was baptized! Through her influence, her husband has started



attending church and will be baptized this year. She is also sharing the good news with her parents and prays they will choose to follow Jesus soon.

One man told us how Pastor Doug Batchelor's videos have helped his 13-year-old son. He says, "My son is in middle school. Before he watched the programs,

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BIBLE ANSWERS WITH DOUG BATCHELOR



Q. How can someone keep the Sabbath in space?

A. I often get questions like this about challenging places to keep the Sabbath. Another way I might hear this question is, “How do you keep the Sabbath during the winter in the North Pole, when the sun doesn’t come up or go down for months?” (The way that Sabbathkeepers in the arctic zones traditionally deal with this conundrum is by picking a consistent time to mark sundown, such as 6:00 P.M.)

In my quiet moments, I have often thought about this question because I’d love to go to space someday. The International Space Station goes around the earth very quickly, several times a day, in fact. So I figured I would just say, “Lord, I’m going to keep the Sabbath at the time they’re keeping it at home in northern California.” I believe you would have to use some kind of earth time standard and dedicate that time to God.

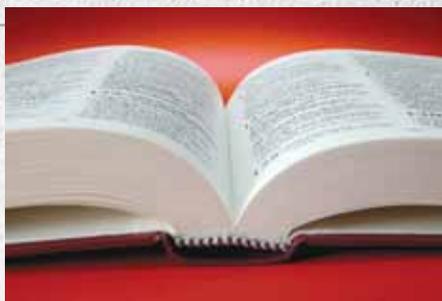
These curious questions usually come from someone who is struggling with the Sabbath truth, forgetting he or she will have the same problem keeping Sunday in the North Pole or in space. However, when you imply that it’s impossible to keep the Sabbath, you’re suggesting God’s law is unreasonable. While I surely do not know all the answers to these interesting dilemmas, in every case, I’m going to keep the Sabbath according to the Word as best as I know how, and I believe God will accept my best service.



Q. What should we wear to church on the Sabbath?

A. I believe that when we come into the presence of God, we should be conscious that He's a holy God. I believe that means we should wear our best. In the very least, don't save your worst for God. Some people go to work all week long wearing professional attire—they wear respectful clothing according to their employer's expectations—but then they come to church looking like they are just stopping by on their way to the beach. I don't mean to be ungracious; indeed, if that's the best you have then, praise the Lord, come anyway! I've been to church in some South Pacific islands where everybody wears short sleeves, and it's their respectful clothing. In the Philippines, they wear the barong to church.

The principle here is to wear respectful clothing because you're coming into God's presence and you want to, by your example, show Him esteem. Genesis 35:2, 3 says, "Jacob said to his household and to all who were with him, 'Put away the



foreign gods that are among you, purify yourselves, and change your garments. Then let us arise and go up to Bethel; and I will make an altar there to God" (NKJV). The word "Bethel" here means "house of God." They were to change their clothes as they went before the Lord. When the Lord was about to give the Ten Commandments, Moses commanded the people to wash their clothes. We should want to be neat and respectful when we come into God's presence.

At the other end of the spectrum, in 1 Timothy 2:9, 10, we're counseled, "In like manner also, that the women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with propriety and moderation, not with . . . costly clothing." We should not seek to be flamboyant or extravagant in our Sabbath dress. Frankly, some people come to church as if they believe that the center aisle were the runway of a Paris fashion show. Always remember, we want the attention to be on Christ and not ourselves. 

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The AFCOE Effect

in India



by Carissa McSherry

India is a land of contrast: from the beautiful clothing, warm smiles, and bright colors to the horrendous smells, garbage-strewn streets, starving children, and rampant disease. The Hindus vainly attempt to appease the “gods” through their pilgrimages and coconut or hair sacrifices. But still there is no peace. They feel no hope...

But for the couple hundred souls attending our four AFCOE prophecy seminars in India last December, a message was heard of a God who does not desire their sacrifices, but rather gave Himself as one; of a God who does not force their obedience, but rather seeks their love. This was a revolutionary concept. It gave them the peace and incredible freedom for which they had been hungering!

No More Idols

One of our AFCOE graduates, Gary Hess, had a first-time guest come to him after the meeting and say that she wanted to be baptized. She had been listening every night from a nearby house but had

not felt comfortable coming before that time because of her Hindu faith. But no restraining power could hold her back from the incredible God of love that she was learning about! This new sister in Christ boldly destroyed the idols she had once served, throwing them in a trash heap outside her little shack, and accepted Christ as her personal Savior.

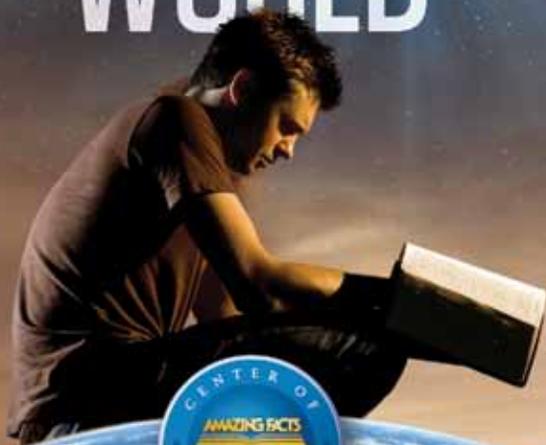
Many would be disheartened if they, like Weston Fargo, had no guests at their series the first night. The fear of what would be presented kept the villagers back. But Weston was not dissuaded. He pressed on—visiting people in the community, preaching to the children that bravely ventured out for the second night, and to the parents they brought with them later. Weston’s site was soon flourishing with spiritually hungry people who were touched by his passion for the message. One teenage girl, the daughter of a local evangelical pastor, brought at least 10 adult family members with her to the meetings. She and her mother craved

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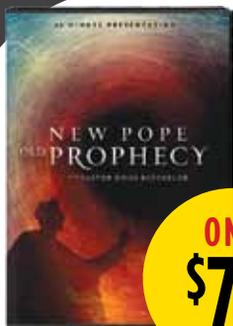
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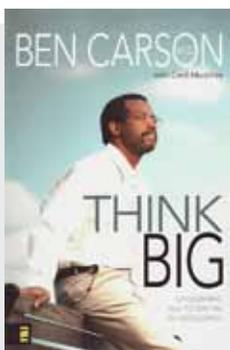
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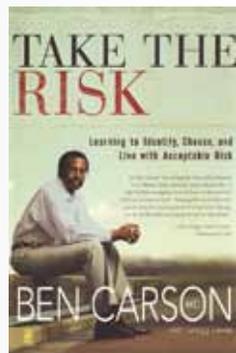
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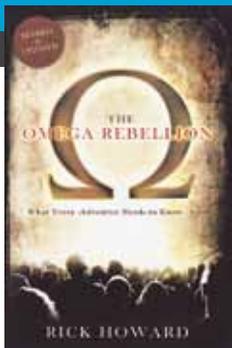
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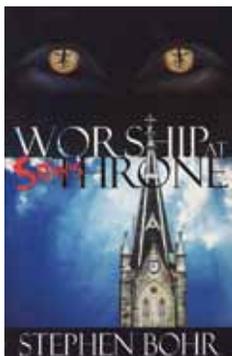
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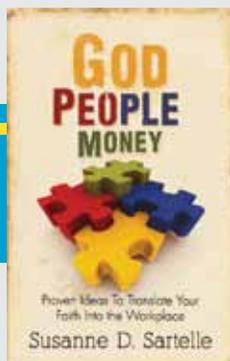
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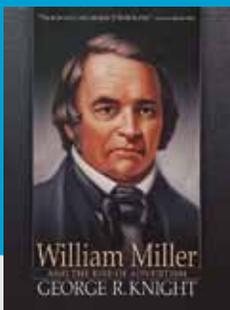
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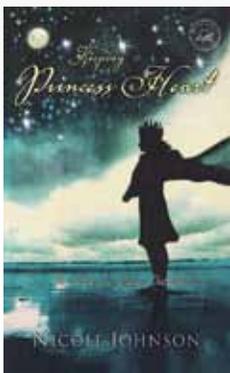
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“Has the Bible proved a failure?” asked Hiram Edson, voicing the giant question haunting the wounded flock. “Is there no God, no heaven, no golden home city, no paradise? Is this all a cunningly devised fable?” In this landmark volume, author-historian George R. Knight recounts the history of that shattering disappointment and explores the vital dynamic that thrust the Millerites into the flow of history.

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Do you wonder how your heart will survive because what you have isn't even close to what you hoped for? Hang on! Real hope is found in the tension between the two—in an invisible kingdom. This place is where you discover the true heart of a princess—one full of dreams, wonder, delight, and joy. Learn to keep it alive, even in the midst of this crazy, disappointing, hard-to-understand world. By Nicole Johnson.

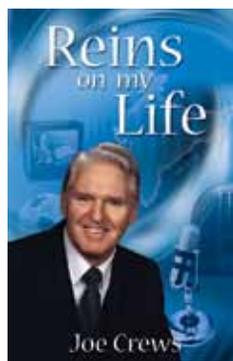
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Reins on My Life

Ever wondered how Amazing Facts got its start? In this autobiography, the founder of Amazing Facts relates the thrilling story of how God prepared him for the most amazing assignment of his lifetime—director-speaker of a nationwide media ministry.

The miracles surrounding Amazing Facts since its beginning 40 years ago are truly unforgettable! By Joe Crews.

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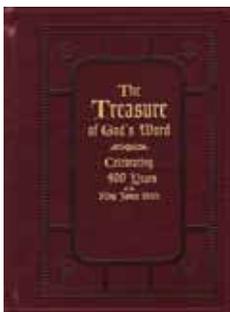


The Treasure of God's Word

Celebrate the most influential book in the history of English civilization! Scholars have long agreed that one of the greatest influences in the shaping of the English language is the King James

Bible. *The Treasure of God's Word* is a celebration of the King James Bible's 400th anniversary, continuing its legacy of inspiration to people in all walks of life. By Jack Countryman.

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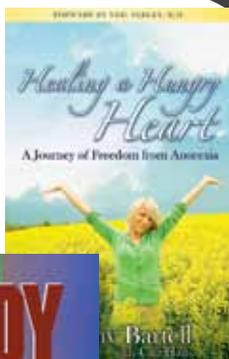


TOOLS for PERSONAL GROWTH

Healing a Hungry Heart

Gripped in the clutches of a deadly eating disorder that continues to plague millions of women in America, Tiffany's half-starved brain refused to acknowledge that she was lying on her death bed. An inspiring story of recovery and redemption! By Tiffany Bartell.

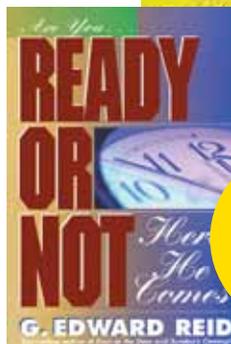
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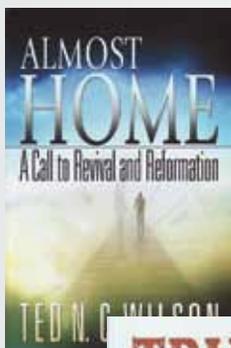
Ready or Not: Here He Comes

What does it mean to be ready? How can I be prepared for the very subtle deceptions of the devil in these last days? By carefully studying, we can see clearly that not only is the second coming near at hand but that a way has been made for our rescue from this doomed planet. By Edward Reid.

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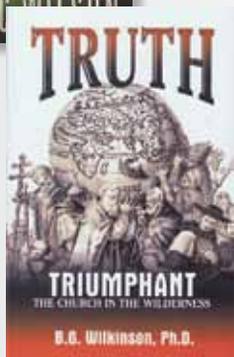


Almost Home

A Call to Reformation and Revival

All around us today we see striking evidence that Jesus is coming soon. That's a reason to rejoice. But it's also a call for us to shake off our lethargy and get to work fulfilling the commission God has given us and preparing to meet Jesus when He returns. In *Almost Home*, Ted N.C. Wilson, General Conference president, identifies the spiritual essentials for those who will live through the end times and witness Jesus' return.

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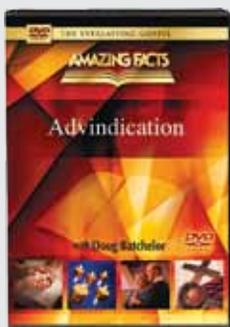
Truth Triumphant

The Church in the Wilderness

God has preserved His faithful workers to spread the gospel even in the most dangerous times. An amazing narrative that will increase your faith for the coming time of trouble. By B.G. Wilkinson.

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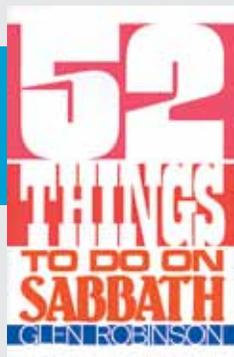
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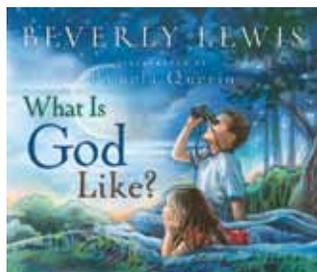


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One Blood, One Race

Ken Ham boldly discusses a topic that many Christian leaders avoid—the often divisive “race” issue. In this two-part DVD, Ken reveals Charles Darwin’s destructive teaching regarding lower and higher “races.”

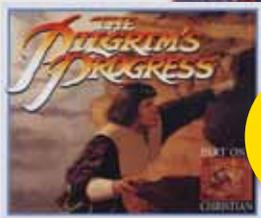
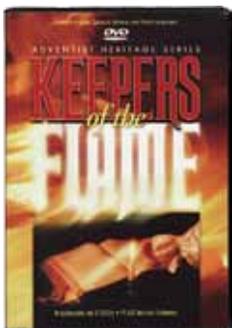
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Taking the Final Step

Corrine Pierce grew up in a Mormon home, but the ties quickly dwindled when her parents divorced. “I always was a spiritual searcher and remember being afraid of hell. At the age of 14, I remember crying out to God to save me.” She began attending a Pentecostal church, which she stayed with until she was 28.

“At this point in my life, I was doing a lot of soul searching. I felt I wasn’t really living my life the way God intended,” she says. “I prayed that God would show me the truth and give me wisdom to discern what He wanted for me.”

Corrine was working at a bank and occasionally had brief spiritual conversations with an elderly security guard. One day he loaned her a Christian DVD that contained a link to the Amazing Facts website. During downtimes, she began to peruse the site. She found the online Bible Study Guides and soon completed every single study.

The studies pressed on her heart, especially the teachings about the



“I was afraid I would not be accepted, but the Lord is gentle and kept prodding me toward the true church. I finally attended meetings on last-day events from Amazing Facts without knowing that God was leading me toward my final step.”

Sabbath. She says, “I remember questioning why we observed Sabbath on Sunday.” The answers she had received, such as, “It was changed by early Christians to avoid persecution,” were not biblical reasons. She came to understand God had never changed the Sabbath.

Corrine also enjoyed studying about last-day events and was taught Christians would be raptured before a seven-year tribulation. But, once more, she could not find such a teaching in the Bible. She also learned the Antichrist was not a person but a false religious system.

However, Corrine admits that during this time, “My walk had taken a wrong turn. I had divorced my husband and was living with another man. I thought if I attended a church, I would not be accepted.” So she continued to study on her own.

Finding Happiness and Peace

About a year later, she ordered some Bible books for her children. “A book evangelist came to my home to deliver the books and ministered to me about God. He then shared about another book, *The Great Controversy*, which I delved into.” Once more she felt a pull to attend church.

Corrine was pregnant at the time, and through the encouragement of the lay-evangelist, she married the father of the baby. She then began attending a non-denominational church. She was warmly accepted and became involved in children’s ministries but shares, “I still did not feel God’s peace.”

In August 2011 she received an ad in the mail for a series of tent meetings pitched in the parking lot of a local high school. Evangelist Dave Steward from Amazing Facts would be speaking about



last-day events and Corrine was intrigued. “I wanted to refresh my knowledge on what I had learned a few years before through the Amazing Facts Study Guides.” Without realizing what church sponsored the meetings, she started attending.

“And wouldn’t you know,” she shares, “all the fear I had of not being accepted in that church vanished when I attended. I saw that the people were not only accepting of me, but also were genuine and kind. Their faith was not showy or loud. It was quiet and simple.”

Corrine adds, “I suddenly realized that at last I felt God’s peace. I knew this was where my life’s spiritual journey had been leading all this time.

She is now a member of the church in Mead, Washington. “I am finding that the more I invest in my church family and teaching my children about God’s Word, the more peace and happiness I experience. All I needed to do was surrender my fear. Even though God time and again tried to prod me toward His church, it finally took me attending Amazing Facts’ prophecy seminar before I took that final step. God knows exactly how to gently lead His children when they call out to Him.” 

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a deeper understanding of God's Word and were thrilled to receive it each night, not allowing family pressure or previous beliefs to hold them back.

Prayer and Faith

Nightly, our AFCOE team would pray with each of our guests. Frequently, they asked us to come to their homes and pray for their sick loved ones. At Zac Williams' site, we visited a feverish man who couldn't muster the strength to open his eyes during our visit with his family. He had been faithfully attending the meetings before this point. We gathered around him and Oliver Solomon, another graduate, prayed together with us over this man. The next day, he was back at Zac's site in full health! To us, this



A new family in Christ!

across the highway attempting to reach the local market without being crushed by taxis racing by. We watched as old men pulled their tattered blankets closer around their nearly naked bodies, attempting to find some comfort as they slept along the noisy roadside. We watched as idol worshippers brought their sacrifices to their silent gods in a desperate attempt to find peace. We watched the hundreds who seemed to constantly surround us, busy about their daily toil, but with no true hope. All the while we prayed, "God! There are so many hurting people searching for peace. Where should we start? Who can we reach first?"

Although it is often more recognizable in other countries, there are millions in our home country who face the same predicament. As we drive around on traffic-congested freeways, do we pause to consider how many people around us are just as empty and hurt as the precious souls in India? The gods they fill their lives with might look different, but the only answer, Jesus Christ, is just the same. Today, may our prayer be: "God, who can I reach first for You? Where would You have me to start?"

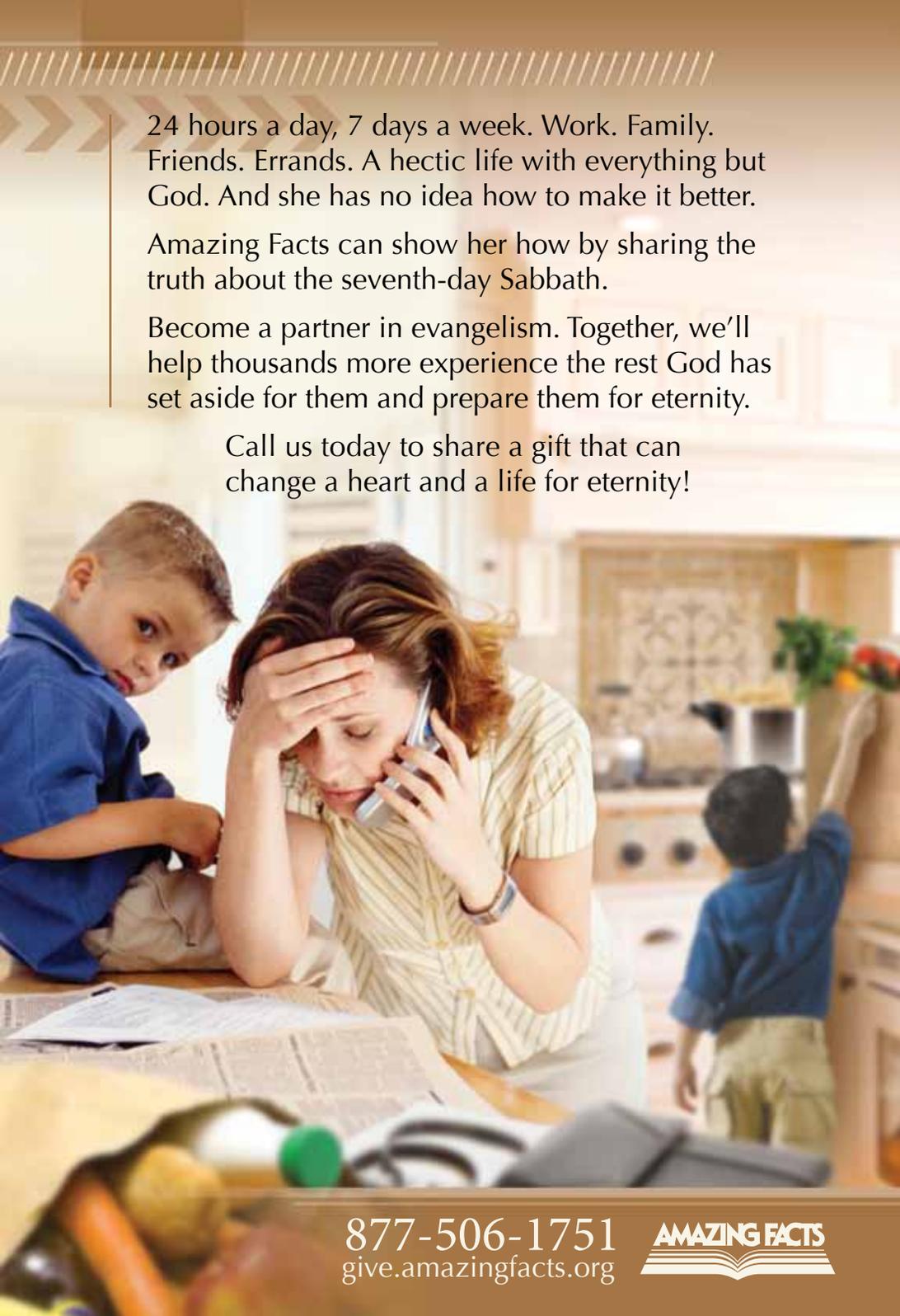
Is God calling you to AFCOE? 



Our outreach team in India.

was somewhat surprising considering he was so ill the day before. But to his family, this was no surprise, "Of course he's healed; you prayed for him!"

Many times we would pause and watch as the world passed quickly around us. We watched as crippled children stumbled

A woman with brown hair, wearing a yellow and white striped shirt, is sitting at a table in a kitchen. She has her hand to her forehead and is talking on a cell phone, looking stressed. To her left, a young boy in a blue shirt is leaning over the table. In the background, another child in a blue shirt is standing near a kitchen counter. The scene is brightly lit, suggesting a busy, everyday environment.

24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Work. Family. Friends. Errands. A hectic life with everything but God. And she has no idea how to make it better.

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Kids' Corner

with Laurie Lyon

One Day Is Different

Have you ever wondered why a week is seven days long? Here's a clue: Ever since God made our world, it has been this way. But why? The Bible gives us the answer. "For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth ... and rested the seventh day." Our week still mirrors Creation week!

God made the seventh day a very special day, and God wanted humans to always keep it special.

On that day, we should spend time with God, learning about Him, and thanking Him for all the wonderful things He has given us. That way, the Sabbath day will always remind us that God is our Creator. People always get into BIG trouble when they forget that!

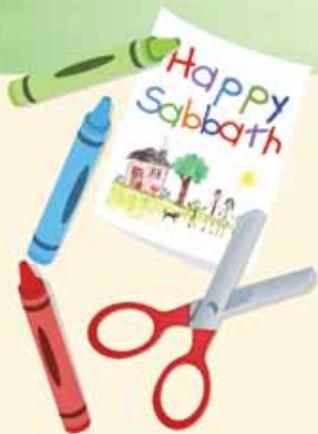
Church and More

Going to Sabbath School and church each week is one of the ways we thank God for all the kind things He does for us. But there's much more to the Sabbath!

While Sabbath is a "rest" from our regular work, it doesn't mean we have to be lazy. The right activities will help you have an exciting day!

It Shouldn't Be Boring

When Jesus was on earth, the religious leaders made the Sabbath all about rules—gazillions of them! Talk about boring! When Jesus started helping people on the Sabbath, the leaders accused Him of breaking the rules. They were so sure He was wrong for helping people on a holy day. But that is exactly what we should do. We can follow Jesus' example!



Some ways you can help people on the Sabbath:

Get a group together and go to a nursing home. Sing hymns and visit the people who live there.

Make cards or bookmarks with pictures and Bible verses and give them to shut-ins.

Go with a group to give sandwiches and clothing to homeless people.

Invite neighborhood kids to go to Sabbath School with you, or start your own afternoon Bible study group (you can get study guides for kids from Amazing Facts!).

What did Jesus say about keeping the Sabbath? Circle the first letter, then circle every third letter after that, and write them in the blanks below to reveal the answer. (The first two letters are highlighted.)

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Take It Outside

We can also learn about God and His love by studying the things He has made. Go on a hike with your family or visit a nature center or park. Take binoculars and go bird-watching. Enjoy a picnic lunch in a forest.

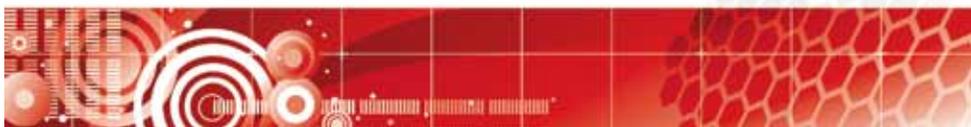


Stuck at Home?

Get some friends together and play a Bible game. See who can memorize a Psalm the fastest. Act out a Bible scene. If you play a musical instrument, organize a band and play Sabbath songs together.

Use Your Imagination!

Helping others and honoring God as our Creator is what Sabbath is all about!



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May 30–June 1

Ozark Family Camp Meeting
Ozark Academy
Gentry, Arkansas

June 21, 22

Michigan Camp Meeting
Great Lakes Academy
Cedar Lake, MI

August 2, 3

Hope Camp Meeting
British Columbia, Canada

August 8

ASI Convention
"One on One Witnessing Seminar"
Shingle Creek Resort
Orlando, Florida

August 30 – September 7

Week of Prayer
Brazil Adventist University
Sao Paulo, Brazil

September 20, 21

Kauai Camp Meeting
Kauai, Hawaii

September 27, 28

Oahu Camp Meeting
Oahu, Hawaii

October 11, 12

Houston Camp Meeting
Lake Whitney Ranch
Houston, Texas

Emanuel Baek

May 17 – June 22

Grand Rapids, Michigan
Call 916-434-3880 for details.

August 31 – October 6

Holland Landing, Ontario, Canada
Call 905-814-8262 for details.

October 18 – November 23

Hawthorne, California
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Darrin Bartell

April 5 – May 4

Mandeville, Louisiana
Call 916-434-3880 for details.

Beginning October 18

Kearney, Nebraska
Call 916-434-3880 for details.

Contact us at 916-209-7220 to schedule an Amazing Facts evangelistic prophecy series or revival weekend in your church!

Tim Jones

April 12 – May 16

Westmoreland County
Community College
New Kensington Center, Room 132
1150 5th Avenue
New Kensington, Pennsylvania
Call 724-339-2558 for details.

Martin Kim

October 5 – October 26

Des Moines, Washington
Call 916-434-3880 for details.

Tyler Long

April 19, 20

Evangelism Training Weekend
Timber Ridge Camp
Spencer, Indiana
Call 360-708-3657 for details.

April 26 – May 25

Comfort Inn and Suites
8255 166th Street
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September 13 – October 22

Laval, Quebec
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Dave Steward

April 19 – May 18

Church Auditorium
1002 21st Avenue
Greeley, Colorado

Church Auditorium
328 Walnut Street
Windsor, Colorado

Dennis Priebe (*Revivalist*)

May 3, 4 — College Place Village
Church, Washington

May 10, 11 — Seattle South
Center Church, Washington

May 18 — Lynnwood Church,
Washington

May 24, 25 — Burnaby
Westminster Church,
British Columbia

June 1 — Inchelium Church,
Washington

June 15 — Copper Mountain
Summit Fellowship, Colorado

June 22 — Southwest Denver
Fellowship, Colorado

June 28, 29 — Minocqua
Lakeland Church, Wisconsin

July 5, 6 — Green Bay Living
Faith Church, Wisconsin

July 12, 13 — Frostburg Church,
Maryland

July 19, 20 — Burnt Mills Church,
Maryland

July 26, 27 — Konnarock Church,
Virginia

August 2, 3 — Middlesboro
Church, Kentucky

August 9, 10 — Kennesaw
Mt. Pisgah Church, Georgia

August 16, 17 — Nashville
Bordeaux Church, Tennessee

August 23, 24 — Ava Church,
Missouri

August 30, 31 — Clinton Church,
Arkansas

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he used to always get in fights with his classmates. But now that he got hooked on *Most Important Questions*, he's a different boy. Every night he listens to these videos until he falls asleep. I hope my son can become like Elijah to be used of God."

Brother Chang writes, "With your help, I came to know Jesus and have found the correct way." Through Chang's influence, his family members have now become Christians as well. He often copies our sermons and articles and puts them on his website; he even printed 10,000 flyers because he wants more people to find the truth.

Janice, from Shanghai, says, "One day, I was upset and feeling empty. I knelt down and prayed, asking that my spiritual life increase. I asked God to help me find a video that could help me. After praying, I started searching and saw *Cosmic Conflict*. It led me to your website." She then asked us if we could help her find the true church and, today, she regularly attends every Sabbath!

Mr. Lu found our videos while searching the web for information about Mayan prophecies. He said, "I watched *Most Amazing Prophecy* and was deeply

touched by it. Those are the most exciting sermons I've ever heard. I also watched the revival series and *Most Important Questions* many times. I couldn't help crying when I watched them. I understand the importance of Sabbath. Even though it is against my church, I keep Sabbath. The Word of God is the highest standard. I appreciate your website and your work."

We not only reach seekers with our websites and videos, we have spent many

hours counseling, encouraging, and answering their many Bible questions. We do this through email and through China's largest instant messaging service. Since our work began, we've helped more than 22,000 people in this way—and this

year 18 have started regularly attending church every Sabbath. Praise the Lord!

The cost for producing high-quality videos is our greatest expense. Your continued support of this project is a guarantee that we'll be able to continue reaching this great country with the three angels' messages and help them to prepare for Christ's soon coming. Please mark your donations "China Project." 

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NEWS to NOTE

A New Ten Commandment Series

Most people in our culture are confused about sin because they are only vaguely acquainted with God's law. That's the reason



Pastor Doug believes the Lord has impressed him to prepare a new series on God's holy moral law. We will design this specifically

as an outreach to non-believers so that Amazing Facts can exalt the beauty of God's law of love in a society that has lost its moral bearings. Presented with old-fashioned "tent meeting" power, it will convict and soften hearts to bring people to the cross of Christ. Your support for this project will help glorify God's Ten Commandments!



Target: \$178,000 **Raised: \$11,235**

Guatemala Outreach

Amazing Facts is going to Guatemala with the Water for Life ministry to help drill wells in villages and send a team of volunteer healthcare professionals to both teach and minister to the health needs. Through your faithful support of this project, we will also share about Jesus Christ, the everlasting Water of Life, and our AFCOE team will conduct evangelistic meetings, baptize searching hearts, and establish a new church plant.



Target: \$60,000 **Raised: \$46,712**

Revelation Documentary

The next great chapter in our *Final Events* and *Cosmic Conflict* series, *Revelation: Prophecy's Hidden History*, is almost here—and your support will help ensure Amazing Facts can complete this vital project. Your gift will be used to share the pivotal moments of the rise of the church from after Christ's ascension to the Reformation and educate seekers on what the conflict between good and evil means to their lives today. You can help ensure we get the best Bible commentators and create our most professional documentary to date and share the three angels' messages to millions around the globe.



Target: \$100,000 **Raised: \$16,135**

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MAY 19 & MAY 26

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Get a unique picture of the Sabbath and its relevance to God's people. Pastor Doug's message will help everyone see the joy and importance of God's Sabbath rest.

JUNE 2

ELIJAH'S RETURN

Baptism plays a pivotal role in the Christian experience. Understand its deeper meaning as seen in the life of Elijah and Christ's teachings.

JUNE 9

DEADLY DELUSION

What happens when we die? Open the pages of the Bible for an eye-opening true picture of life after death that goes against everything you've ever heard!

JUNE 16

SALVATION

What does it really mean to be saved? Pastor Doug takes a fascinating walk through the Bible to uncover the depths of this uniquely Christian doctrine and how you can experience it today.

JUNE 23

CLOTHED WITH LIGHT

What is the purpose of God's church? Is there any way to tell which church is the true church? Pastor Doug tackles all this and more in this riveting sermon about God's effort to bring light to the world.

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the man was shining his shoes for church the next day. It took him about 15 minutes to do each shoe. Well, he got one shoe done, but when he saw the sun in the sky, he knew he couldn't finish the other one, so he put it away.

Did he make the right decision? He went to church the next day with one shiny shoe and one scuffed shoe. Would you call him a fanatic? I believe to call this fanaticism is

to misunderstand the principle that some time is declared holy by God. We think, "How can it be okay to be shining one shoe but then after a few more ticks of the clock, it's suddenly a sin?"

Well, in a similar way, a young man might know a girl and be very fond of her, but it's inappropriate for him to gaze upon her unclothed form or to be with her intimately, and vice versa. But after they make some vows, suddenly what was once a sin is now holy and good. So yes, little things, like the tick of a clock, can separate holy time from regular time.

In our churches, many of us have become very sloppy, saying, "Oh, the sun is down, but I've still got a few more dishes to do." Why stop mowing the lawn at sundown when you only have a few rows left to mow? "It's not that big of a deal . . . right, God?"

Yet what could happen is that your neighbor drives by and sees that the sun is down and you're still mowing. What message

are you sending to your family and your neighborhood? In your mind, the devil is saying it's not a big deal. In the mind of the witness, the devil is calling you a hypocrite. It is part of Satan's game to highlight our inconsistencies and to erode our commitment. Please don't let him use you as a pawn in his game.

WHAT IS YOUR ATTITUDE?

Does God want us to dread the Sabbath? No! He wants it to be a blessing. But if we don't have a love relationship with Jesus, we'll be watching the clock. When the Sabbath approaches, we'll be thinking, "Oh, heavens! I've got all this stuff to do. Is it Sabbath already? Now I don't have time to do it." That's not the attitude God wants us to have. It's as if the Sabbath is a burden rather than a blessing.

And who hasn't heard a young child say, "Is it still Sabbath?" They're looking for the moment they can do whatever they want. I've even caught myself looking wistfully out the window and wondering if the Sabbath is over so I can get on to my next project. I'm ashamed of having done that. Should we have that kind of attitude?

It means we need a change in our hearts. The Bible tells a story in which this very thing was a problem. In Amos 8:5, we read about people saying, "When will the New Moon be past, that we may sell grain? And the Sabbath, that we may trade wheat?" They were waiting for the sun to go down and the Sabbath to be



over so they could do their own thing.

Suppose a young man is smitten by a young woman, but because of their schedules, they can only spend a few hours a week together. He



arranges his schedule to get all of his business aside, but while they're together, she's talking to him and he doesn't seem to be paying attention. As they're walking together, she says, "You seem like you're a thousand miles away."

He confesses, "Well, you know, I'm thinking about the work projects I've got this week."

Or if they're sitting together over a dinner that she's spent time preparing and he keeps looking at the clock saying, "Is our date over yet? You mind if I leave early?" What would that say about his heart? Would that hurt her feelings? His attitude indicates something is wrong with the relationship.

We want the Lord to have our hearts, and when He has our hearts we won't be asking those kinds of questions about the Sabbath. God wants the Sabbath to be a delight. And I believe the more we come to know God, the more delightful the Sabbath will become.

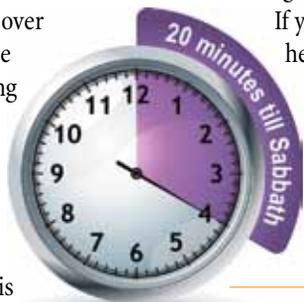
The Sabbath is a time for rest, so it should start and end with peaceful worship. There ought to be decisive beginnings and endings too—we should "guard the edges" of the Sabbath. We shouldn't be scrambling around an hour after the Sabbath has begun and saying, "Well, I guess we should stop and have a little

prayer." Instead of really worshiping, singing, and reading something of substance, we're in a state of panic. It takes effort and planning to give God the honor He's due.

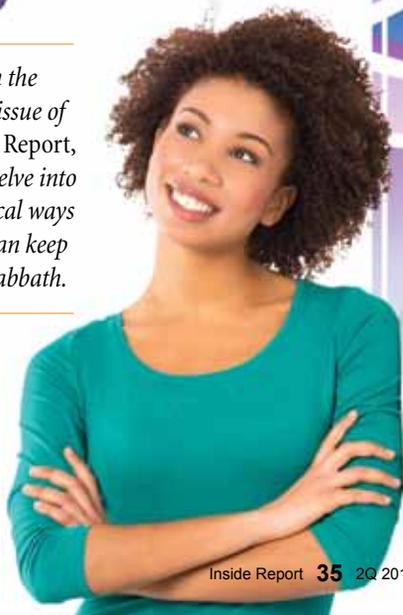
Why push God to the last minute anyway? If

I'm getting on a plane, I like to get there early. If I'm going to wait, I don't always want to wait at home. And that's the way it is with the Sabbath. When it's coming to an end, don't be watching the clock and saying, "Blow the horn! It's over! Let's do our own thing." That's the wrong attitude. It's an insult to God.

If you keep the Sabbath with your heart, you might be accused of being legalistic and Pharisaical and fanatical, but it will always be worth it in your relationship with God. Jesus is the one you are seeking to please. 



In the next issue of Inside Report, we'll delve into practical ways you can keep the Sabbath.



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Sleep

by Emily Simmons



Remember when some of your mom's worst words were, "It's time for bed"? And heaven forbid she suggest a nap in the middle of the day! But for most adults, life is so fast-paced there is barely time to take a breath, let alone a nap. We reflect with a sigh on those days and think, "If only I had time..."

Sleep. It is vital to our wellbeing, both mental and physical. How much is enough? How much is too much? Is eight really the magic number?

Actually, recent studies show that there might not be a magic number; the amount of sleep needed varies from person to person. One might be fine on just six hours a night, while you might need nine to feel rested. Scientists are now looking into genetics to further identify how individual sleep needs vary.

To complicate the recommendations, two factors influence your individual need: first, your *basal sleep need*, which is the amount of sleep your body needs on a regular basis to function optimally. Second,

your *sleep debt*, or the accumulation of sleep lost because of poor sleeping habits, illness, frequent awakenings, etc. Studies suggest that a healthy adult needs around seven to eight hours a night, but the interaction between your basal sleep need and your sleep debt work together to dictate your own personal need. For example, you might fulfill your basal sleep need several nights in a row, but have an unresolved sleep debt that results in you feeling more tired than usual. This extra tiredness is especially noticeable during *circadian dips* at bedtime or upon waking in the morning, the times of day when your body is biologically programmed to be sleepier and less alert.

Much remains to be learned about the concept of basal sleep; however, evidence clearly indicates that not getting enough sleep will hinder productivity and handicap memory. Sleep debt leads to serious health problems, such as heart disease and diabetes, and increases the risk of fatal accidents. On the other hand, scientists have also discovered that too



much sleep (nine hours or more per night) is similarly associated with increased risk of disease and accidents.

The good news is, establishing good sleep habits will help “pay off” any accumulated sleep debt and increase the quality of the sleep you get on a daily basis.

First you must identify your current sleep habits and needs. How often do you get a good night’s sleep? If your answer is “not often,” then changing your sleep habits is necessary. What lifestyle factors, such as work schedule and stress, affect the quantity and quality of your sleep? Note how your body responds to different amounts of sleep, paying careful attention to your mood, energy, and health.

Once you’ve identified a need for change, here are some tips to improve your sleep—

- Go to bed and wake up at the same time each day, even on weekends
- Get plenty of vigorous exercise during the day, but not within three hours of bedtime
- Finish dinner two to three hours before bedtime
- Avoid caffeine or alcohol—and quit smoking
- Develop a bedtime routine, such as listening to relaxing music or taking a hot bath, and begin it well before bedtime
- Keep your bedroom dark, cool, and quiet, and get a comfortable mattress and pillow
- Eliminate “sleep stealers” like TVs, computers, or mobile devices from the bedroom; use your bedroom only for sleeping.



Along with getting plenty of sleep on a daily basis, taking a “day off” each week can have a profound impact on your life. In fact, our Creator knew you would need just such a weekly rest, so He gave you one whole day a week just for that purpose. God Himself “rested on the seventh day” (Genesis 2:2), and the Bible tells us the Sabbath “was made for man” (Mark 2:27). You have been given a fabulous gift in this day of rest; make use of it and see what it can do for you! 

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