**These Perilous Times**

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**Loyalty To Whom?**

**(Part II)**

“Thus, the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. And on the seventh day God ended His work which He had made; and He rested on the seventh day from all His work which He has made. And God blessed the seventh day and sanctified it: because that in it He rested from all His work which God created and made.”

Gen. 2:1-3 KJV

“Remember the Sabbath day to Keep it holy…” Ex. 20:8 KJV

**Counsel from God’s Inspired Messenger**

“The dignitaries of ***church and state*** *will unite to* ***bribe, persuade****, and* ***compel*** *all classes to honor Sunday*. The **lack of divine authority** *will be supplied by oppressive enactments*. ***Political corruption*** *is destroying love of justice and regard for truth*; *and even in free America,* rulers *and legislators,* ***in order to secure public favor****, will yield to the popular demand for a law enforcing Sunday observance*. *Liberty of conscience, which has cost so great a sacrifice, will no longer be respected* “ [[1]](#footnote-1) (Emphasis supplied).Remember, Pilate, wanting to keep peace, and win favor with the Jewish leaders sentenced an innocent man, our Lord and Savior to be crucified (See Matt. 27:17-27; Mark 15:11-15; Luke 23:20-26; John 19:12-16).

**What does this mean for us?**

**Obvious Signs Do tell The Season**

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“*To stand in defense of truth and righteousness when the majority forsake us, to fight the battles of the Lord when champions are few-this will be our test*. At this time, we must gather warmth from the coldness of others, courage from their cowardice, *and loyalty from their treason*…” [[2]](#footnote-2) “*The Sabbath will be the* *great test of loyalty*, **for it is the point of truth especially controverted**. When the final test shall be brought to bear upon men, *when the line of distinction will be drawn between those who serve God and those who serve him not.* While the observance of the ***‘false sabbath’******in compliance with the law of the state, contrary to the fourth commandment****,* will be an avowal of allegiance to a power that is in opposition to God, the keeping of the true Sabbath, in obedience to God’s law, **is evidence of *loyalty* to the Creator**...” [[3]](#footnote-3) (Emphasis supplied).

*“My sheep hear My voice*; and I know them, and they follow Me.” John 10:27 KJV

“If you love Me Keep My commandments.” John 14:15 KJV

“***Those who*** ***honor the law of God have been accused*** ***of bringing judgments upon the world, and they will be regarded as the cause of the fearful convulsions of nature and the strife and bloodshed among people that are filling the earth with woe*…** As the Sabbath has become the special point of controversy throughout Christendom, and religious and secular authorities have combined to enforce the observance of Sunday, the persistent refusal of a small minority to yield to the popular demand will make them objects of universal execration (insult)…” [[4]](#footnote-4) (Emphasis supplied, see Dan. 7:20-25; Rev. 13:1-17 KJV). Just remember, God’s faithful prophet Elijah was accused by “King Ahab” as being a ***“troublemaker”*** in

Israel (See I Kings 18:17, 18).

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1. E. G. White. The Great Controversy, pp. 591, 592. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. White. Testimonies for the Church, Vol. 5, p. 136. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. White. The Great Controversy, p. 605. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
4. Ibid. pp. 614-616. [↑](#footnote-ref-4)