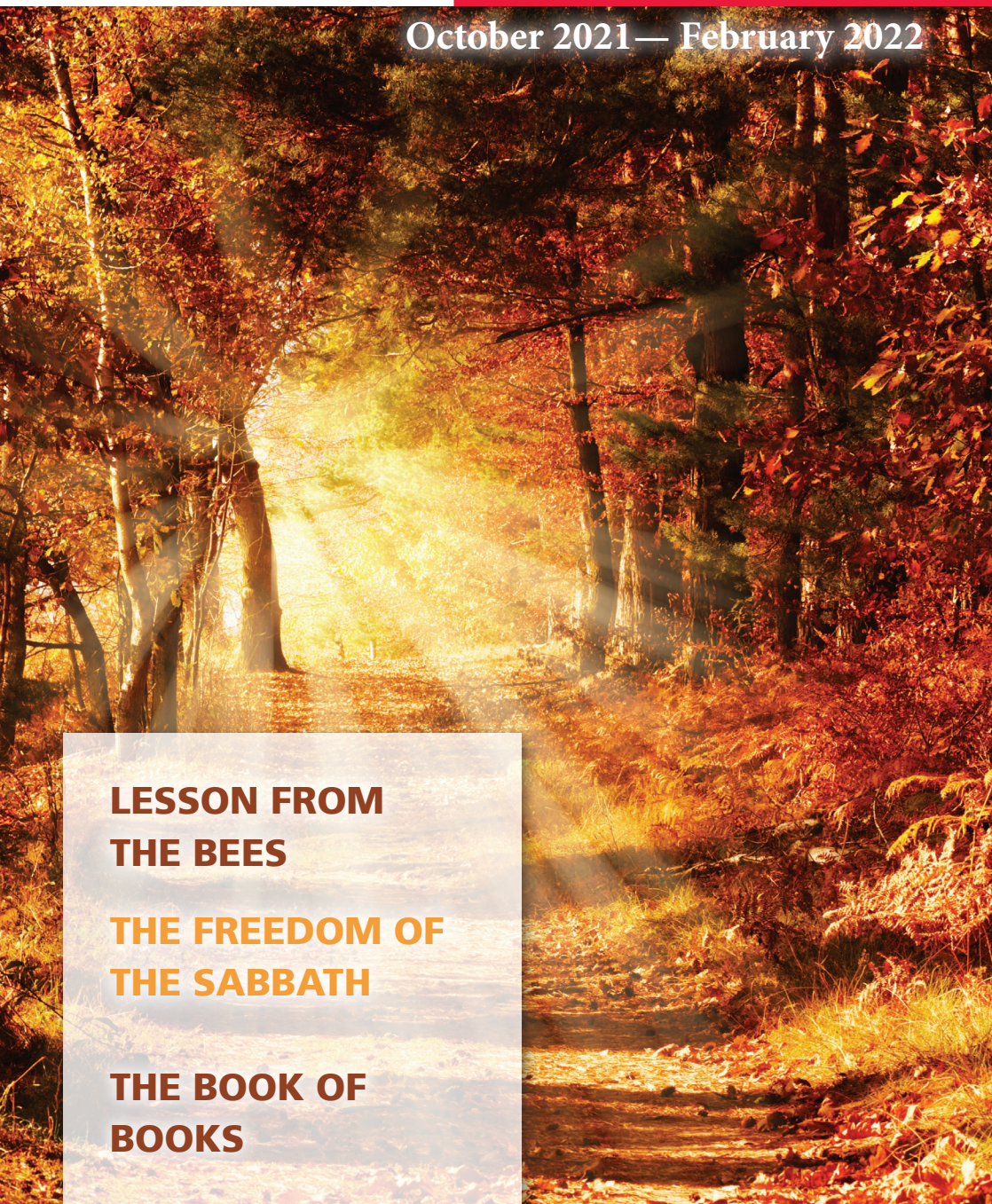
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THE FREEDOM OF THE SABBATH

THE BOOK OF BOOKS

Introducing *365 days of Encouragement*



John Roberts started writing 'Thought for the Day' messages at the start of the COVID-19 pandemic.

His aim was to provide reassurance and ministry to many in his home church and more widely who were alone and struggling through lockdown.

1 JANUARY

Looking ahead with courage and hope

'Have I not commanded you? Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.' Joshua 1:9

RECOMMENDED READING: Joshua 1

When I took my family from our home in South Yorkshire 48 years ago, it was to begin a work with what is now known as Day One Christian Ministries. Although it was a new adventure for us as a family, we soon realised we were out of our comfort zone. Everything was new: our home; the church fellowship; living in a big city. We had to adapt to a new environment and strange accents; it was like being in a foreign land. However, despite all this, one thing hadn't changed: God's presence with us. As He was with us in Yorkshire, so He was with us in Sussex.

Moses had died and God had buried him on Mount Nebo. Joshua now received instructions from God to lead the Children of Israel across the Jordan to occupy the Promised Land that God was about to give to His people (v.2).

Joshua, facing this daunting task, would naturally be filled with trepidation and apprehension, but God assured him in v.5, 'As I was with Moses, so I will be with you. I will not leave you nor forsake you.'

He then gave him clear instructions in v.9: 'Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid nor dismayed.'

When you face a new challenge, whether it be a new school; a new job; or a new location, there is excitement, but also nervousness at what the future will hold for you. It will certainly not be a picnic in the park.

As God instructed Joshua to be strong and not to be afraid, so He says the same to us. Whatever hurdles are before us we will have the strength to jump them. Whatever battles will have to be fought, we will have the ability to fight them. Whatever difficulties we have to face, we will have the help to confront them.

Why can we be so sure? Just read the remainder of v.9: 'for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go'. God will help you over the hurdles; He will help you fight the battles; He will face the difficulties with you. You are never alone!

So, as we embark upon a new year with all its challenges ahead, remember there is One who is constantly by our side to strengthen, protect and encourage us all throughout the year.

This book arose from that and includes a year's worth of daily messages of encouragement, suitable for Christians of all ages and those who are searching.

The messages in this book are, and will continue to be, relevant in any season of life long after the pandemic has ended.

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'Thought for the Day has been a spiritual oasis for our fellowship during the pandemic.

The devotionals are full of theological insight and practical application.

Be challenged and encouraged by the warmth of this Christ-centred, God-glorifying, Spirit-led devotional.'

Pastor Kristian Dimond Wellington
Evangelical Chapel, Hereford

'Clear, concise and encouraging.

These daily meditations were prepared during a national pandemic when sickness, bereavement and isolation had become part of daily life.

But they are not tied to a national crisis.

Covering 366 daily readings they are meditations from the mind of a preacher with a heart of a pastor and rooted in the depth and breadth of the Bible.

For all who want to begin or close the day with a vision of their God and the challenge and encouragement of His Word, these will prove a meaningful pause for thought and I warmly recommend them.'

Brian H Edwards



LESSONS FROM THE BEES

Author: *Timothy Cross*

Whilst sitting in my parents' back garden recently, I was struck by the very pleasant sound of the twittering of the birds and the humming of the bees. I would like to have recorded it. Playing it back you would have been hard pressed to know that it was an urban, not a rural setting.

My experience got me thinking about the bees. Being rather partial to honey, I did a bit of research. Did you know the following facts?:-

> A honey bee flaps its wings some twelve thousand times a minute; honey bees are the only insects who produce food for human consumption; honey bees maintain a temperature of 33 degrees centigrade in their hives, even if it is minus 33 degrees outside; honey bees communicate with each other by dancing.

Honey in the Bible

There are references to honey in the Bible. The promised land of Canaan is described as 'a land flowing with milk and honey (Exodus 3:4). Then, in the time of Samson, we read about a swarm of bees who had made their nest in the carcass of a lion. From this Samson invented a riddle which went 'Out of the eater came something to eat. Out of the strong came something sweet' (Judges 14:14). But are there any spiritual lessons to be gleaned from bees and honey? Yes there are.

The Wonder of Creation

If we have the spiritual insight, when we consider how bees are designed, and how a hive operates, with a queen bee and worker bees, each knowing their specific role, along with the place of bees in the cycle of nature in the pollination of plants, surely we have to stand in awe of God the great creator. Does not an observation of the universe, both on the macro scale and the micro scale give evidence of intelligent design? How do we explain the stars? How do we explain the honey bee without bringing the almighty, all-wise God into the equation?



Divine creation is one of the main themes of the Bible. The message of the Bible can be summarised under the three main headings of Creation, the Fall and Redemption. Its opening pages tell us 'In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth' (Genesis 1:1) 'And God said, 'Let the earth bring forth living creatures according to their kind…" (Genesis 1:24). The created world and the created order are the vehicle and theatre of God's praise. As Mrs CF Alexander's famous hymn puts it:-

All things bright and beautiful
All creatures great and small
All things wise and wonderful
The Lord God made them all.

The Word of Consolation

In the longest chapter of the Bible – Psalm 119 – we read in verse 103: 'How sweet are Thy words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth.' The Psalmist is surely describing every Christian's testimony here. Christians have been given a spiritual taste – a love for God's Word, the Bible. Just as honey is agreeable to the taste and energising, so is the Bible, the written Word of the living God to the believer. The Bible is the written revelation of the one, true God, and His plan of salvation to save a people for Himself and His glory. The Bible reveals the way in which condemned sinners can be eternally saved. Its message in a nutshell is that 'God so loved the world that He gave His only Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life' (John 3:16). There is and there can be no sweeter message than the saving grace and mercy of God to sinners in Christ. 'How sweet are Thy words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth.'

The Work of Crucifixion

Finally, we note that bees possess a painful sting. No one wants a bee-sting. The remedy for this – we are told – is to remove the barb left by the bee, and then, as the sting is acidic, neutralise the sting with an alkali, such as bicarbonate of soda.

In 1 Corinthians 15:56 Paul writes 'the sting of death is sin.' Death and the afterlife would not be a problem for us if we did not have to stand before God as condemned sinners. The problem is though that we are sinners and we will have to stand before God one day. 'It is appointed for men to die once, and after that comes judgment' (Hebrews 9:27). But in 1 Corinthians 15:55 Paul is able to proclaim 'O death, where is thy sting?' And every Christian is able to echo Paul's triumphant exclamation here, for Jesus has taken the sting of death away for all who believe in Him. Jesus has neutralised death's horrific effects by dying in our place and taking the punishment for our sins which we deserved. The Christian gospel affirms: 'Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures' (1 Corinthians 15:3) and the Christian gospel assures us 'There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus' (Romans 8:1).

The wonders of the honey bee then lead us to consider the wonder of God Himself. He is a creator of infinite wisdom. He has given us His precious and sweet Word. And in His Son He has provided a way – the only way – in which our sins can be forgiven, and our fellowship with God restored and assured, for time and eternity. •





Richard Neville Bryan Cottrell

22nd June, 1932 - 30th June, 2021
Aged 89 years

Author: *John Roberts*

It is with a sense of mixed feelings that we report the passing of a dear friend and brother in the Lord.

Richard was born on the 22nd June 1932 in Claverley, Shropshire but left when he was six years of age. He returned to Shropshire for the final four years of his life, living in Telford. During most of his life Wolverhampton became his home and place of work and ministry.

Richard was a devoted husband to Elizabeth and they were married for almost 64 years. He was a much loved father to Rachel, Marc and Sarah. He was also grandfather to Beth, Jonny and Kris-Rajah.

He completed his schooling at The Old Hall prep school in Wellington and at Repton in Derbyshire. He then went on to National Service in the army in

Malaya after training in the King's Rifles in West Africa. Following his service in the army he worked in the family business of Thomas Skidmore & Son as a chartered surveyor, estate agent and auctioneer.

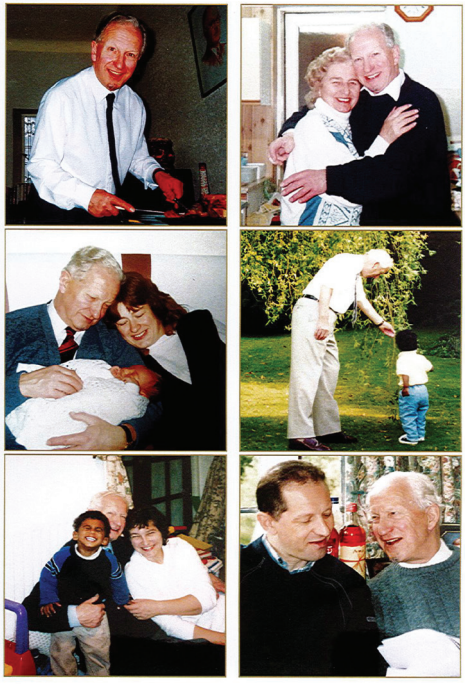
Richard became a Christian as a teenager through Norfolk Broads holidays and soon after became an officer and leader at Boy's Camps in North Wales.

Richard was very active in a number of Charities, both as a Committee member and as Chairman. He also served as Church Warden and Treasurer at St. Jude's Church and later at St. Luke's Church. He was also a deacon at West Park Evangelical Church, all in Wolverhampton. He was also a local Justice of the Peace for 25 years.

As well as being involved with local charities, on a wider canvas, he was Chairman of Spurgeon's Child Care with trips to Romania, Moldova, Mexico and Uganda, to open children's kindergartens.

Richard and Elizabeth joined the Gideons International (now GOOD NEWS for everyone) in 1959, and were active members for over 60 years, giving New Testaments in schools, universities, hospitals, hotels and prisons.

Richard loved chess and was very good at it, I being one of his many victims. He loved music and was excellent at harmonising when singing hymns.



Richard had a wonderful and positive attitude to life, and extremely generous spirit and an infectious sense of humour. He will be hugely missed.

After a serious stroke in April, Richard returned home but developed other serious health issues and was admitted to Shrewsbury hospital for almost a month before he went to be with His Lord on the 30th June 2021. Psalm 23 was particularly comforting in these final days.

Personal recollections

I first met Richard and his wife Elizabeth around forty years ago. I was speaking in Wolverhampton on behalf of the Lord's Day Observance Society as I had just been appointed

as their General Secretary following the retirement of Harold Legerton.

The meeting was held in the garden of St Luke's vicarage and it was followed by a strawberry tea. Between 70 and 80 people attended and this event was the highlight in the year for many people.

Being the new kid on the starting block and meeting most people for the first time, I was a little apprehensive, but Richard was the one to come and encourage me in this relatively new undertaking.

A friend and colleague

Eventually, Richard was invited to become a member of the Council. His extensive knowledge and commitment to the Society's ministry became evident to all the members, and soon after was asked to become Chairman which he graciously accepted. He was on the Council for more than twenty years.

Richard was never half-hearted. He gave both his time and energy, and his love for the Lord's Day was evident to all who knew him.

During his time as Chairman he was always there when I needed him, and gave whatever time was necessary to listen, help and encourage me. He would often phone me to enquire how things were and the conversations were never short. He wanted to know about all the staff and their families. I could not have wished for a more committed chairman.

Hospitality

Shortly after that initial meeting in Wolverhampton I was told that I would be staying with them whenever I was in the area, and I had to bring my wife with me.

We had many happy hours in their home, as did many others who we were privileged to meet. Richard and Elizabeth had an open home and welcomed so many into it.

It was a place where you could relax, put your feet up and snooze to your hearts content. They were such a hospitable couple who used their home for the glory of God.

Humble believer

Because of his many gifts and abilities Richard was chairman of many other Christian charities and gave all his full attention. He rarely spoke about himself; it was others he wanted to know about. He was a humble, caring, servant of the Lord who would do anything to help anyone.

I sum up the life of a true man of God with these words from 2 Timothy 4:7 & 8 which are so applicable to him.

"I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness." •

THE DAY OF LIGHT

PART 3

The Day of The Holy Spirit's Light Acts 2:1-4

Author: *Howard Sayers*

What a wonderful day the Feast of Pentecost was following the resurrection of our Lord and Saviour. If you turn to the initial instructions for its observation in Leviticus 23:15-22 you will notice that this feast began on the first day of the fiftieth week after the Feast of the Firstfruits. God was quite specific that His people should '*…count for yourselves from the day after the Sabbath, from the day that you brought the sheaf of the wave offering: seven Sabbaths shall be completed. Count fifty days to the day after the seventh Sabbath; then you shall offer a new grain offering to the LORD.*' That would correspond to the first day of the week, which for us is The Lord's Day. The purpose of this particular feast was to rejoice over the completion of another year's harvest. As we look around us at this time of the year we too should be thanking God for another harvest home.

However the Christian will recall far more than that every Lord's Day. We remind ourselves, in the words of William Walshaw How, that:

This Day the Holy Spirit came
With fiery tongues of cloven flame:
O Spirit fill our hearts this day

With grace to hear and grace to pray. Forty weeks had passed since the resurrection morning to which the Feast of Firstfruits pointed. Now, on the Feast of Ingathering, the Holy Spirit came upon the gathered disciples in Jerusalem. The promise given by our risen Lord to send the Spirit was gloriously fulfilled. Thus the Lord's Day constantly not only reminds us of The Day of Creation Light and The Day of Resurrection Light but also of The Day of Spiritual Light.

In whatever context light is a powerful thing but nowhere more so than in the spiritual setting. It has the power to energise and expose. We might think of the way modern science is

able to harness solar power in ways unknown in previous generations. We can catch a glimpse of this in Acts 2:1-4 – you might like to refresh your mind by reading them again before reading on.

These familiar verses show us that as the Holy Spirit came on the disciples on the First Day of the week as they gathered together, certain things took place. Those same things are desperately needed by the church in our country today and God has graciously given us the Lord's Day as a means of receiving them. Consider the following:

The Power of Unity in the Lord Acts 2:1

The words used are consistent with unity. On the day of Pentecost the disciples were doubtless gathered to celebrate the feast together. They had a common purpose and were with *'one accord in one place'*. How Christians love to be together on the Lord's Day. Recent events with lock down due to Covid have highlighted the precious nature of the assembling of ourselves together according to the command of Hebrews 10:24-25. The psalmist emphasises it too in Psalm 133 in the familiar words *'Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!'* for *'there the Lord commanded the blessing'*. How we have missed the opportunity to stimulate one another and exhort one another in the things of God face to face. Walking in the light of these passages in Hebrews and the Psalm do indeed promote unity, but more than that God delights to bless and use such gatherings for His own glory. He did so in Jerusalem that day for we see next:

The Energising Presence of the Holy Spirit Acts 2:2

I am not surprised that the Lord commanded His disciples to remain in Jerusalem until this moment came (Luke 24:49). Until that moment they were praying together (Acts 1:14) and I have no doubt were eagerly waiting and preparing for the fulfilment of the promise given (Acts 1:8). Until it came they were powerless to fulfil the commission the Lord had given them. They needed to persevere together in prayer and patience. When the day arrived there was an unseen but very conscious and united sense of the presence of the Lord. That presence was tangible and extremely powerful as seen by its effect.



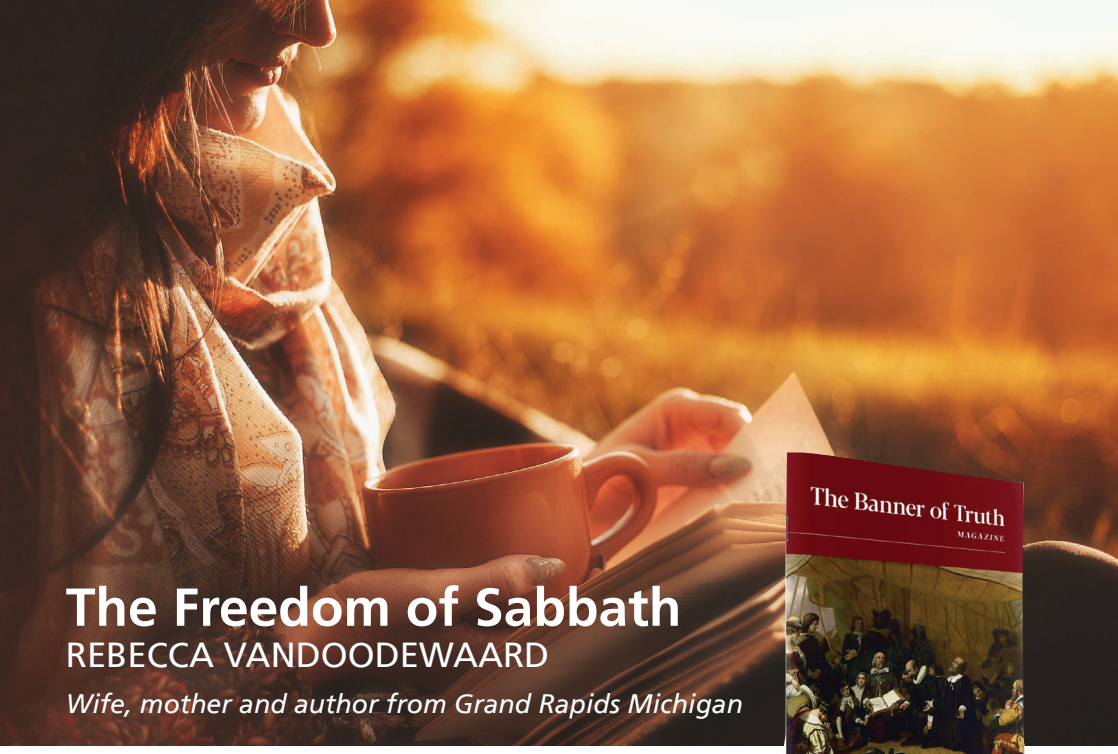
The Exposing and Enabling Power of the Holy Spirit Acts 2:3-4

As the disciples looked at each other there was a visible evidence of the empowering of the Holy Spirit. Over each one was the appearance of a flame. Yes, there could be no doubt that this was not merely imagination running riot or an uncontrolled noise in the room where they were (v2). Something was happening to them personally and they could see it. It is amazing that the commission given to the disciples was to be witnesses to the Lord Jesus Christ (Acts 1:8). Elsewhere it is clear that their witness was to be through the channel of preaching. Every preacher needs the enabling of the Holy Spirit in their preaching. It is far from a merely intellectual exercise. It requires the unction of the Spirit in the heart as well as the tongue and we need to pray earnestly for it still, maybe even more at this present time. So the next act of God in that room was vital.

This is not the place to enter into discussion of the place of tongues speaking. What was happening in that room was that the Holy Spirit was so entering into their hearts that they were given a spiritual utterance to proclaim the Gospel. It was something like Moses' experience when God said to him *'go, and I will be with your mouth and teach you what you shall say'* (Exodus 4:12).

What a wonderful day that was for the disciples and how instructive for us today. The Lord's Day is given to us to be together according to Scripture. It is then that the Lord has promised the Holy Spirit will be alongside and within us for God's glory and our common, as well as personal, spiritual wellbeing. Let us be like those disciples and unite together on the Lord's Day in prayer and mutual encouragement in worship. Next time, God willing, we shall look at The Lord's Day again from Acts 2 and see how it is the Day of Gospel Light.•





The Freedom of Sabbath

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In her account of nineteenth-century country life, Farmer Boy, Laura Ingalls Wilder describes Sunday as restrictive and boring. Almanzo and his siblings are left with cold food, uncomfortable clothes, and long stretches of just waiting for the day to end. Wilder's depiction of Sabbath observance as dull and oppressive is a caricature that our culture believes and perpetuates. It has landed in the opposite place: Sunday is a day off to do what we want. Keeping the Lord's Day holy sounds like a chore, a burden, and blandly pharisaical. To the world, it makes no sense: why would you spend a day off not doing whatever you want? And why would God want you to give up a whole day every week?

But true observance of the Lord's Day is freedom. And it's a freedom that is multifaceted and multi-purposed. Though God's purpose in the day is certainly beyond our conception, there are evident ways that we can see his design.

Perhaps the most obvious is the physical, mental break from the daily grind. In my home, Sundays mean freedom from school work, yard work, housework, and plain old work. It is freedom from diet, exercise, and running the kids; from errands, to-

do lists, and phones. God knows that we cannot mentally and physically survive without regular rest, and so he has built Sabbath into the rhythm of creation. It's freedom for our bodies and minds.

But this practical freedom creates space for a purpose. Sabbath rest brings freedom to fellowship and read, listen and serve, learn and worship. It is the freedom to give ourselves up to what really matters. And, as we grow as Christians, this freedom is giving ourselves up to what we increasingly want: worship and fellowship. We get to gather with other believers to open and end the day in public worship. We get to fellowship while we feast in between. We have the space to deliver a meal to the family who just moved or had a baby or received the diagnosis. There is more time to read the Word and pray. Sabbath means space and time to do the things that Christians most want to do. If we have eternity in our hearts, Sundays satisfy that longing, but they also feed it, pointing us again and again to Heaven. Sunday is freedom to follow where redeemed hearts lead.

This also means that Sundays give us the freedom to set real priorities, real not just in terms of their actual happening, but real in terms of their lasting reality. A day devoted to God allows us to reprioritize without guilt. Sabbath puts our jobs, our hobbies, our children's sports, and much more into a proper ranking. These things do not come first, and observance of the Sabbath shows that. We are not slaves to our projects, schedules, or leisure. Jesus is our master, and he gives us weekly freedom to unapologetically prioritize his worship, his kingdom, and his people as entities that will last beyond time.

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Sabbath priorities tend to spill over into the week, too. Sundays are not isolated incidents: instead, Sabbaths reset everything for the rest of the week. Sundays put this world and this life into this perspective.

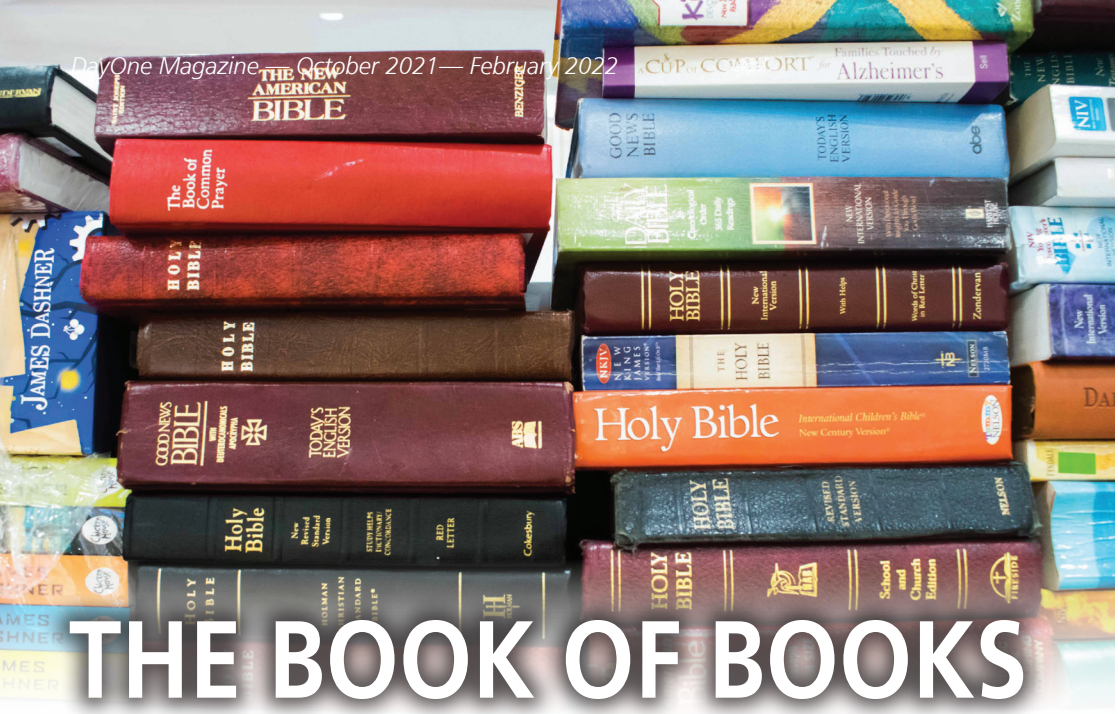
This is partly true because Sabbath creates freedom from self. A deliberate practice of God-ward orientation will train us away from the introspection and self-obsession that remains with the old self. Following God's schedule, not ours is a basic but strong step towards obedience. Sabbath observance is a statement of trust that our Creator knows what he is doing, and we are willing to submit, even when we do not understand.

There is undoubtedly more at work. We cannot see all of the Lord's purposes in the Lord's Day, but we can see that God takes Sabbath seriously. It is 'a solemn rest' (Exod. 16:23), holy to the Lord (Exod. 20:10), to be kept 'above all else' (Exod. 31:13). It is his day (Matt. 12:8), but it is also his gift: 'See! The Lord has given you the Sabbath' (Exod. 16:29). Sundays are special creations for God's people (Mark 2:27).

All of this does not mean that Sundays will always feel like freedom. A looming deadline or exam can tempt us to view Sabbath observance as legalistic. Another group of guests for Sunday lunch can make it feel like drudgery. Satan is always eager to find ways to discourage us from calling the Sabbath a delight. In a fallen world, sometimes seeing the Lord's Day as freedom is a battle. But when our feelings tempt us away from the goodness of God's arrangement, we can still trust that Sabbath really is freedom. It is a tangible freedom from the control of Satan over our lives, from this world and its demands, and from our own hearts that, even when redeemed, can be at peace with different kinds of bondage. Satan can use our schedules, work, leisure, and more to ensnare us. Sometimes we are blind to it, sometimes we are comfortable with it. But true freedom is found in obedience.

Christian congregations and families often lose much of this freedom. The Sabbath as a day for naps or errands or family after a service, or Sabbath as a day of restrictive, spiritual 'duties' equally miss the freedom and joy that come with calling the Sabbath a delight. God gave the Sabbath to his people not as a punishment or test, but as a gift. And he set it up so that as we grow in sanctification, the Sabbath increasingly meets our spiritual needs, not only giving us multi-faceted rest, but freedom to prepare for that Day that is eternal rest, eternal Sabbath, eternal worship and full freedom. After all, these earthly Sabbaths aren't the end, 'there remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God' (Heb. 4:9). •

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THE BOOK OF BOOKS

Author: *Timothy Cross*

An esteemed friend of mine runs a Christian book selling business in Edinburgh. The business has actually been in existence for over a hundred years. They import Christian books from America and send books by mail order all over the UK. They also have a very fine line in producing beautiful cards - cards containing the message of the Gospel, and, more rarely, they publish books of their own. Of all the books that they distribute though, their runaway bestseller, in a league entirely of its own, is the Bible - those sixty six books bound under one cover which Christians believe to be the very Word of God written. Have Christians any grounds for this audacious belief though? Well I shall answer this question by asking some further questions!

The Bible's Universality

How is it that a Book which was written so very long ago, in an Eastern culture far removed from our Western culture, continues to have such universal relevance and appeal? Medical text books, for instance, get out of date almost as soon as they are published, research being what it is. Why doesn't the Bible get out of date? Why does its ancient message still appeal across the different cultures and racial boundaries? Why does its message 'connect' with us, and fit our hearts as a key fits a lock? The answer is that the Bible is the Word of God - a message from the timeless, eternal God to us, His creatures.

The Bible's Reality

How is it that the Bible has not been banned and buried long ago? I ask this question because the Bible paints such a black picture of humanity. It does not flatter us at all. It teaches that we are all sinners by nature and practice, and as such we deserve the wrath of God. It teaches that we need to be saved. Such a blow to our pride, you would think, would not make for a universal best seller. But the Bible is a runaway best seller. Why? The answer is, again, that the Bible is the Word of God. *All Scripture is inspired by God (that is, God-breathed)* (2 Timothy 3:16).

The Bible's Unity

How do we explain the unity of the contents of the sixty six books which comprise the Bible? The men who wrote it, humanly speaking, were so diverse. For instance, the time span between Moses, the author of Genesis, the first book of the Bible, and John, the author of Revelation, the last book of the Bible, is almost two thousand years. We would expect them to contradict each other, but they don't. In fact, Genesis and Revelation dovetail into each other perfectly. How do we explain this? We can't. We can't, that is, unless we believe that only one Mind was behind the Bible - the mind of God Himself - and that He, by the supernatural influence of His Holy Spirit, guided the pens of the various Biblical writers so that they wrote exactly what He wanted them to write.

The Bible's Prophecy

How do we explain the fulfilment of the Bible's prophecies? Isaiah 7:14, for example, predicted that the Messiah would be born miraculously of a virgin - and eventually the prophecy was fulfilled. Similarly, Micah 5:2 prophesied that the Messiah would be born in Bethlehem - and eventually, in the fullness of time and totally against the odds, the Messiah was born in Bethlehem. Then there is Psalm 22. This is a Psalm which gives us a graphic, detailed depiction of Christ's crucifixion, a depiction one thousand years before the Event, before crucifixion had even been invented. How do we explain this? The only explanation is that the Bible is the Word of God. God alone knows the future, so He alone can cause the future to be written down in advance. He is described by Isaiah as the One *declaring the end from the beginning and from ancient times things not yet done* (Isaiah 46:10).



The Bible's Vitality

Finally, how can we explain the Bible's transforming power? A memorial to one John Geddie, a missionary to the South Sea Islands says this: 'When he landed in 1848 there were no Christians here; when he left in 1872 there were no heathen.'

The message of the Bible, centred on the death of Christ for sinners on Calvary's cross, transforms lives. When the Gospel is believed, things are never the same. The Bible brings new life! 1 Peter 1:23,25 reads: *You have been born anew, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding Word of God . . . That Word is the good news which was preached to you.*

So the transforming power of the Bible - the felicity of accepting its contents, not to mention the calamity of rejecting its contents - is another reason why Christians believe that the Bible is the very Word of God written.

Space prohibits further reasons, but as I draw this message to a close, consider this from the *Westminster Confession of Faith* (Chapter 1, paragraph 5). It says of the Bible :-

> The heavenliness of the matter, the efficacy of the doctrine, the majesty of the style, the consent of all the parts, the scope of the whole - which is to give all glory to God - the full discovery it makes of the only way of man's salvation, the many other incomparable excellencies, and the entire perfection thereof, are arguments it doth abundantly evidence itself to be THE WORD OF GOD.

There is then, no book like the Bible!

How wonderful that Book divine
By inspiration given
Bright as a lamp its doctrines shine
To guide our souls to heaven. •



PRAYER REQUESTS

Black Text – Meetings by John Roberts **Red Text** – Tours/Presentations

All these meetings are subject to the latest government guidance at the time of the meetings and are therefore subject to change at the last moment.
Please check the web site for the latest details.
More new meetings are being added as restrictions begin to ease.

October

Sunday 10th
Saundersfoot: Bethesda Chapel
11am & 6pm

Monday 11th
Saundersfoot: Bethesda Chapel 6pm

Tuesday 12th - Thursday 14th
Christian Resources Exhibition in Esher
Mark and Sharon Roberts

Sunday 24th
Westbury: Providence Baptist Chapel
10.30am & 6pm

November

Saturday 6th
New Silksworth: Ind. Methodist
Church 7pm

Sunday 7th
New Silksworth: Ind. Methodist Church.

Friday 26th
Chippenham: Corsham Bible Rally.
7.30pm

December

January

Sunday 9th
Llandrindod Wells: Evangelical Church
11am & 6pm

February

Wednesday 23rd –
Thursday 24th
Christian Resources Exhibition in Exeter
Mark and Sharon Roberts

March

Wednesday 2nd
Stanton Lees Ind. Chapel 7.30pm

Thursday 3rd
Measbro' Dyke Evan. Ch. 7.15pm

Saturday 5th
Sheffield: Bible Rally 7pm

Sunday 6th
Stanton Lees Ind. Chapel
2.30pm and 6.30pm

Monday 28th
Melksham: Union St Ch. 7.30pm

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The charity exists to
"Uphold and proclaim the Lord's Day as:
A creation ordinance
A command of God
A celebration of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ
A day of rest and worship of the glory of God and the benefit of man"

Day One have a number of representatives who would be very happy to come to your church or to an event to speak on the Lord's Day and other subjects. If you would be interested in a speaker for a Sunday or mid-week please get in touch with us. Please see our web site **www.dayone.co.uk** and scroll to the bottom and click on the area of interest to see extra dates of meetings which are added on a regular basis.