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Welcome to LATE - L.A.T.E - Living At The End — for we are **late** into the prophetic timeline of earth's history and you and I must know how to live successfully and to be an effective witness for present truth in these perilous times. In this SWM Radio program we use the Word of God and the Spirit of Prophecy to answer pertinent questions posed to God's remnant people in order to provide the spiritual and physical tools we need for daily living and consecration to God at the end of time.

In each program, we have a Time of the End Feature and a Healthful Living Feature. Then we will provide answers to the questions posed and recommend some Take Away Tips from our discussions for Living at the End. This is your host Brother Nanton. Let us pray.

### TIME OF THE END FEATURE – Truth About the National Sunday Law?

#### **Morality by Legislation or Holy Spirit**

A complete moral renovation must be wrought by the Holy Spirit. We must have the love of God with living, abiding faith we can obtain only by Christ. **5T 105**

But today in the religious world there are multitudes who desire to make our Lord the ruler of the kingdoms of this world, the ruler in the courts and camps, its legislative halls, its palaces and market places. They expect Him to rule through legal enactments, enforced by human authority. Since Christ is not now here in person, they themselves will undertake to act in His stead, to execute the laws of His kingdom. . . He who was our example kept aloof from earthly governments. Not because he was indifferent to the woes of men, but because the remedy did not lie in merely human and external measures. Not by decisions of courts or councils or legislative assemblies is the kingdom of Christ established, but by the implanting of Christ's nature in humanity through the work of the Holy Spirit. **DA 509, 510**

#### **Political Corruption and Ecumenism Prepares the Way for Sunday Law**

The dignitaries of church and state will unite to bribe, persuade, or compel all classes to honor the Sunday. The lack of divine authority will be supplied by oppressive enactments. Political corruption is destroying love of justice in 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. **GC 592**

When our nation shall so abjure the principles of its government as to enact a Sunday law, Protestantism will in this act join hands with popery. It will be nothing else than giving life to the tyranny which has long been eagerly watching its opportunity to spring again into active despotism. **5T 712**

The church appeals to the strong arm of civil power, and in this work, papists and protestants unite. As the movement of Sunday enforcement becomes more bold and decided, the law will be invoked against commandment-keepers. They will be threatened with fines and imprisonment, but their steadfast answer is, "show us from the Word of God our error." **GC 607**

The statement that the beast with two horns 'causeth the earth and them which dwell therein to worship the first beast' indicates that the authority of this nation is to be exercised in enforcing some observance which shall be an act of homage to the papacy. The Constitution provides that 'Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof.' Only in flagrant violation of these safeguards to the nation's liberty, can any religious observance be enforced by civil authority. **GC 442**

## **US Supreme Court Upholds Sunday Law as Constitutional**

Pope John XXIII Encyclical in 1961 stated: "The Catholic Church has decreed for many centuries that Christians observe this day of rest on Sunday. We exhort, as it were, with the words of God Himself, all men, whether public officials or representatives of management and labor that they observe this command of God Himself and of the Catholic Church, and judge in their souls that they have a responsibility to God and society in this regard."

- Note: Only two weeks after this papal decree, the US Supreme Court, on May 15, 1961, decreed that Sunday laws are not a violation of the US Constitution, thus opening the way for a future national Sunday law. This in spite of the US Constitution's First Amendment which clearly states Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof.

To secure popularity and patronage, legislators will yield to the demand for a Sunday law. **5T 451**

The false Sabbath, the first day of the week, will be accepted, and the rulers will unite with the man of sin to restore his lost ascendancy. Laws enforcing the observance of Sunday as the Sabbath will bring about a national apostasy from the principles of republicanism upon which the government has been founded. The religion of the Papacy will be accepted by the rulers, and the law of God will be made void. **20MR 14**

*For all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies. Revelation 18:3*

## **Healthful Living Feature – Are we Ready**

*Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God. 2 Corinthians 7:1*

God's people are not prepared for the loud cry of the third angel. They have a work to do for themselves which they should not leave for God to do for them. He has left this work for them to do. It is an individual work; one cannot do it for another. **1T 486, 487**

Gluttony is the prevailing sin of this age. Lustful appetite makes slaves of men and women, and beclouds their intellects and stupefies their moral sensibilities to such a degree that the sacred, elevated truths of God's words are not appreciated. The lower propensities have ruled men and women. **1T 486, 487**

In order to be fitted for translation, the people of God must know themselves. They should ever have the appetite in subjection to the moral and intellectual organs. The body should be the servant to the mind and not the mind to the body. **1T 486, 487**

I was shown that if God's people make no efforts on their part, but wait for the refreshing to come upon them and remove their wrongs and correct their errors; if they depend upon that to cleanse them from filthiness of the flesh and spirit and fit them to engage in the loud cry of the third angel, then they will be found wanting. **1T 619**

The refreshing or power of God comes only on those who have prepared themselves for it by doing the work which God bids them, namely, cleansing themselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God. **1T 619**

## Questions

- 1 How do religious leaders of the world think the kingdom of God will be established?  
Answer: They think that since Christ is not here in person that they will undertake to act in His stead and to execute laws though legal enactments enforced by human authority.
- 2 What is the only way to establish the kingdom of God?  
Answer: It is not by decisions of courts, councils or legislative assemblies but by the implanting of Christ's nature and character in humanity through the Holy Spirit is the kingdom of God established.
- 3 Why will liberty of conscience purchased at so great a price in the United States no longer be respected?  
Answer: Because political corruption destroys the love of justice in regards to truth and rulers and legislators in order to secure public favor, will yield to the popular demand for a Sunday law and consequently liberty of conscience will no longer be respected.
- 4 How should Sabbath keepers react when threatened with fines and imprisonment?  
Answer: They should always steadfastly respond "show us our error from the Word of God.
- 5 What judicial evidence has long existed that the United States would partner with the Vatican in passing a national Sunday law?  
Answer: On May 15, 1961, just two weeks after Pope John the 23<sup>rd</sup> issued his encyclical exhorting the world to obey the command of God and the Catholic Church to keep Sunday sacred, the US Supreme Court decreed that Sunday laws are not a violation of the Constitution despite the clear language of the First Amendment guaranteeing freedom of conscience and religion for all. This is clear evidence that prepares the way for a partnership between the Vatican and the US government to establish a national Sunday law.
- 6 What is the prevailing sin of this age and what is its result?  
Answer: Gluttony is the prevailing sin of this age making men and women slaves to lustful appetite which beclouds their intellect and stupefies their moral sensibilities to such a degree that the sacred elevated truths of God's Word are not appreciated.
- 7 What is the work God bids us do to be ready for the loud cry of the third angel?  
Answer: The work God bids us do is an individual work which one cannot do for another namely: to cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of flesh and spirit perfecting holiness in the fear of the Lord.

### Take Away Tips

- It is through political corruption and ecumenism that the way for the Sunday law will be prepared. Be warned since both of these are well advanced, the Sunday law is close, even at the door.
- Because the US Supreme Court has long decreed that Sunday laws do not violate the US Constitution despite clear language to the contrary, we can be sure that the way has been prepared for the establishment of a national Sunday law.
- In order to be fitted for translation we must subject our appetite to our moral and intellectual organs – in other words, always let your mind rule your stomach and not the other way around.
- If we make no effort now to cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of flesh and spirit but wait instead for the refreshing from God to fit us to engage in the loud cry, then we will be found wanting.