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GOD'S NAME IN THE LAST DAYS

BY L. DAVID HARRIS • PART 5

One day a man stood on stage in the largest arena in the world, before a capacity crowd. There were people present representing every culture and language. Translators were available to interpret what he was going to say. Suddenly seven beautiful women, all near the same age, were brought to center stage, and an announcer asked the man to tell the world which of these beautiful women he had been married to for 27 wonderful years. He was asked which of the lovely women he would give his life for. Slowly he passed before them all. As he approached the last one, he looked

as though he was going to choose her. She blushed as any proud wife would, but something happened. He changed directions and walked toward the first woman. He held her hand, looked into her eyes, and announced, "This is my wife." The crowd cheered. It was their anniversary.

There was one lady crying, and the announcer asked, "Dear lady, why are you crying?" She answered, "I am crying because she is not his wife; I am!" With confused looks on each person's face, the crowd groaned. The announcer then came to center stage and asked the man what the meaning of his apparent amnesia was. The man answered, "All women are the same. At least I remembered that I *had* an anniversary."

As ridiculous as this story sounds, many people today have spiritual amnesia. You see, God said in the commandments to remember to keep the seventh-day Sabbath holy (Exodus 20:8-11). The commandment God emphasized by adding the word "remember," many have forgotten. Not every day is alike to God. Sabbath is special just like the woman in our story. It was special from Creation (Genesis 2:2, 3). The same God who is our sanctification (1 Corinthians 1:30) said, "Moreover also I gave them my sabbaths, to be a sign between me and them, that they might know that I am the Lord that sanctify them" (Ezekiel 20:12). As Christians we can enjoy the promises of the new covenant clearly made with the house of Israel in Jeremiah 31:31-34; we can enjoy the salvific rest that comes from knowing Christ and that is celebrated every Sabbath in holy time with God. It is a blessing to worship God every single day of our lives. Equally, it is a blessing as worshippers to meet Him for His divine appointment every week. Seventh-day Sabbath time is like no other. It is the only day, of seven wonderful days, that our Creator made holy. When God, who is our sanctification, calls us together for worship, immeasurable blessings are sure to follow. Who would want to miss the blessing of God? Would you, dear friend?

In the next issue we will discover one final name by which God has chosen to reveal Himself in order to propel us through these last days. Until then, remember, God loves you.

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