

Lesson 23, **HOW WAS THE SABBATH CHANGED?**

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Notes for the Instructor

Purpose of lesson 23: The purpose is clarified in the second paragraph of the lesson. The attempt must be made throughout to be crystal clear, but without unkindness to other churches, and with much charity for individuals who really believe in Sunday worship as in honor of the resurrection. The lesson has only two main sections. First, does the Bible give any evidence of the transfer of worship from Saturday to Sunday, and second, if there is no Bible evidence, then is there Biblical prediction that it will be illegally changed?

During the lesson itself: You may want to comment on the breaking of bread in connection with question 1(c). It may or may not be the Lord's supper. Compare Acts 2:42,46 where the disciples broke bread daily from house to house. The observance of communion is not proof that the first day was a day of worship.

It is strongly advised that the instructor study carefully the comments on Colossians 2:1 - 17 (question 4) in the Seventh-day Adventist Bible Commentary, Vol. 7, pages 204-206 in the event that a question is raised. Note also the quotation from Albert Barnes, found on page 206.

The three points in question 7 could be summarized as follows: 7(a) The Sabbath gives authority to God; 7(b) The Sabbath gives God's people special opportunity for spiritual growth; and 7(c) The Sabbath ties Eden lost to Eden restored. All of these interfere with the deceptions of Satan, thus he wars against the Sabbath.

Appeal: Make another strong appeal to the student to pledge his loyalty to God Himself, in his pledging of loyalty to God's holy day.

Illustration: Note the visual attempt to show the pathways of truth and error, and the truth that they keep getting further apart.

