

Sabbath was highly venerated as a divine institution when our Saviour was on earth. He did not deride it or belittle it. What He did do was this—He made it clear that man was more sacred, more divine than the day, and that the day was set apart for man's good. God said we will take one day out of every seven, and use it, specially to enrich man's intellectual and religious nature. We will take it away from commerce and business and pleasure, and devote it to intellectuality and spirituality.

The Temple was regarded with great reverence by the people when Christ was on earth. They drew His attention to its splendid, imposing architecture. In it were many sacred relics and symbols of their faith. It contained the Holy of Holies. All that was august in law, all that was reverential in worship was represented by the Temple. To defile it was to commit sacrilege and incur divine malediction. What did Jesus say about the Temple? How did He regard this venerable pile of stones? Standing in the Temple one day, in His humanity and representing humanity, He said: "In this place is one greater than the Temple." He taught that man was greater than the Temple. The real temple, the temple of the Holy Ghost, is man himself. "The true Shekinah is man." The Temple was only a pile of stones erected for man's use. Man is as much greater than the Temple as the end is greater than the means. The Temple was reared as a helper of man's faith and hope and love. It was valuable and venerable only as it ministered to man's highest good.

This vital and basic truth of our religion is one we need to clearly comprehend.

We are disposed, and taught, to pay reverence to institutions and ordinances, forgetting the fundamental fact that institutions and ordinances exist for man. Man is above all things. He is the crown and coronal of creation. By command of God all things are put to his service. All the forces