

Gen. ii 3 "And God blessed the seventh day and sanctified it."— Now we find that the Sabbath was instituted before Adam sinned, and we are informed that "the Sabbath was made for man." Then it follows that man needed the aid of the Sabbath in his first state. Now this day being blessed and sanctified, or set apart, and according to the Scriptures whatever was sanctified was holy to the Lord, then the Sabbath being sanctified, it was holy to the Lord: it is the Lord's day: and could not again be dis-hallowed without the same authority that hallowed it. Query: Was the Antediluvians commanded to sanctify the Sabbath, and is there any trace on record that they obeyed the command. Certainly there is. The very fact that the seventh day was sanctified, one would think, is of itself enough to satisfy any Christian; but there is much more than this on record. It is written Gen. iv. 26, that at the birth of Enos "then began man to call upon the name of the Lord." Paul would say "How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed" &c. Now this first community of men beginning to worship God acceptably in a regular manner shows that they were taught of God "as it is written in the prophets that they shall all be taught of God," and that their faith in his promises produced this obedience to his commands. Here then you will see that it was their imperative duty to sanctify the Sabbath.

Again, we find that Enoch was a good man "and walked with God," and kept all his commands; and again we find that Methuselah and Lamech transmitted these laws and institutions uncontaminated to Noah; for we find that God testified this "for thee have I seen righteous before me in this generation" Noah being a preacher of righteousness, that he taught his family in the ways of God after the Deluge we cannot doubt; and we are informed that his family as they increased spread themselves into various parts of the earth carrying these laws and institutions with them, and we find that Abraham who lived in Ur of the Chaldees was correctly taught in all the ways of the Lord; for he received the sign of circumcision, a seal of the righteousness of the faith which he had being yet an uncircumcised Gentile, and Jacob when he went down into Egypt with his family, they were all taught of God. It appears that this knowledge was not lost sight of when God took them by the hand to lead them into Egypt, and when they were come into the wilderness of Sin and the food that they brought with them was eaten up, they murmured against Moses. Exo. xvi 4, "Then said the Lord unto Moses, behold I will rain bread from heaven for you, and the people shall go out and gather a certain rate every day, that I may prove them whether they will walk in my law or no," verse 5, "and it shall come to pass" &c, verse 23, "and the Lord said unto Moses, How long refuse ye to keep my commandments and my law. See, for that the Lord hath given you the Sabbath; therefore he giveth you on the sixth day the bread of two days &c." Any person who will take the trouble to examine this chapter will easily see that these commandments and laws are not spoken of as of recent date, but that they are the same that Jacob and his family believed in when they went down into Egypt. Now we have traced