

LORD'S DAY OBSERVANCE VINDICATED

IV. CONCLUDING VINDICATION.

NO COMMAND TO OBSERVE THE SEVENTH DAY.

In the New Testament there is *not a single command* given to observe the Seventh-Day Sabbath, nor a hint to this effect obligating *Christians as such* to observe it. We cannot think that the apostles in council assembled, as per Acts 15, would have overlooked so weighty a matter, if it were intended, when they considered the relation of believers in general to the Old Covenant and its institutions. They did not overlook any essential feature. They said not a word favoring the observance of that Sabbath. Paul and others disparaged the observance of it as an obsolete thing, as we have already seen.

NO EXAMPLE OF CHRISTIANS OBSERVING THE SEVENTH DAY.

Nor is there a single instance of a Christian congregation, *as such*, meeting for the public worship of God on the Seventh-Day Sabbath. We look in vain for such. There are several instances where Christian congregations, *as such*, met for instruction, worship and holy communion on "the first day of the week," or "the Lord's Day."