

city can ever justify either the one or the other. Would we keep a Sabbath then, we must not forsake the assembling of ourselves together, as the Manner of some is. Heb. x. 25.

I might add, under this Head, that besides these two, which appear to be the principal Ends of a Sabbath ; there is another, which seems to be secondary and subordinate. It serves as a *Memorial* of some extraordinary Event, and a standing Testimony that such an Event has in Fact happened ; or at least that it is no modern Invention, but was generally credited at the very Time when it was said to happen. Thus the *Paradisaical* Sabbath was designed as a Memorial of God's creating the World, in six Days ; and rest: upon the seventh. The *Mosaick* was intended, mo. particularly, to commemorate the miraculous Deliverance of *Israel*, from the Land of *Egypt*. And in like Manner, the *Christian*, as we suppose, has a Reference to the Resurrection of *CHRIST*. And I look upon it to be the best Evidence that we have, or that it is possible we should have ; the best Evidence that can be conceived, of the Certainty of that Fact. If the Resurrection of *CHRIST*, as recorded in the Gospel, had not been a Divine Reality ; it appears to me impossible that the Christian Sabbath should ever have been introduced : and I am persuaded it will appear equally so to any impartial Person, that seriously considers the Matter, in all it's Circumstances. From whence also we may gather the *Importance* of this Institution. If *CHRIST* be not risen, says the Apostle, *your Faith is vain*. And as the Resurrection of *CHRIST* is the turning Point, upon which the whole System of Revelation depends ; so the Christian Sabbath is, by much, the most incontestible Evidence of that Resurrection. Those, therefore, who endeavor to overthrow the Sabbath ; they may, as far as I know, be ignorant of what they are about, ('tis probable they are,) and think they are doing God Service : but this is certain, they are sapping the very Foundations, and undermining the principal Bul-