

commanded them "to keep holy the Sabbath day" in gratitude for His having delivered them on a Sabbath from the slavery of Egypt, and chosen them to be His people. But if we will consider the emphatic verb "Remember," used by God in connection with that command, we are led to infer that He thereby wished to call their special attention to the time-honored observance of the Sabbath as a day of divine worship. This obligation was so well understood by the Jews that they are observing it to this very day, though for over nineteen hundred years they have lost their king, their nationality, and their priesthood, have ceased to offer sacrifices, and have been wanderers over the face of the earth.

But for the last nineteen centuries, "the seventh day" of the week, namely Saturday, or the Sabbath, has been superseded by the first day, Sunday, as a day of divine worship. If Saturday was kept holy, because on that day ended the first creation and God rested to sanctify it, Sunday has been from the time of the Apostles kept holy, because on a Sunday, the first day of the week, began the *second creation*, the Redemption of the world. In fact, according to several learned ancient writers, the promised Redeemer, our Lord Jesus Christ, was born on a Sunday, God thus disposing in His all-wise counsels that, as light was made on the first day of creation, namely, on Sunday, "Be light made, and light **was** made" (Gen. 1, 3), so Our Lord Jesus Christ, the Eternal Light to the upright of heart, should be born upon the night of a Sunday. It is also most certain that it was on a Sunday that the glorious Resurrection of Jesus Christ and the Descent of the Holy Ghost took place.

On the first day of the week, on Sunday, God created the world, and on a Sunday He sanctified it. Hence, what inaugurated the Sunday as a day of divine worship, were the events occurring on a Sunday, namely, the Resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the Descent of the Holy Ghost. And most justly so, for if the Jews were commanded to keep holy every Saturday to honor and commemorate the benefit of their deliverance from