

blinded by Prejudice, and obstinate in their Errors ; wiser in their own Conceit than seven Men that can render a Reason. These we may pity and pray for ; and this is all that we can do : for it is the Divine Spirit alone who can bring them to the Knowledge of the Truth. A Man might argue with a Whirlwind, with as great Propriety, and with equal Prospect of Success. But I would hope, my Brethren, that I am now dealing with reasonable Creatures : I would take it for granted that your Ears are open to Conviction ; and that, to you, it will not be an unwelcome Discovery, if, upon the whole, you should find, that the *Christian-Sabbath* is a Divine Institution.

I propose, therefore ;

- I. *Briefly to explain the Nature and Design of the Sabbath.*
- II. *To enquire how far this Command is moral, and of perpetual Obligation.*
- III. *What Reason we have to suppose, that the particular Day, appointed for this End, was altered, at the Resurrection of our LORD.*
and,
- IV. *Why Passages, to this Purpose, are not still more frequent, in the New-Testament ; more positive and express, than at present we find them :*

Under these Four Heads, I think, I shall be able to comprehend the whole of the Controversy.

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As the Word is originally *Hebrew*, it is to this Language that we must apply, for its proper Signification ; and we shall then find that the *English Word*
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