

## Sabbath Selah's

*The Hebrew word selah, found often in the Psalms, has a number of meanings. Since it comes from the root, "to measure," it means to meditate upon and weigh the preceding verses. In a similar way, the Sabbath is a weekly time to pause in order to weigh and consider the words and ways of our God of love. The Sabbath is our time to cease our weekly striving, to be still and know that God is God, that He is Love. Before each chapter, we will present a fact, truth and/or Bible verse(s) regarding the Sabbath for the reader to ponder. Here is the first:*



Christians are in too much of a hurry today. They need to heed the lyrical admonition, "Slow down! You move too fast." They are in a rat race for riches, but they have forgotten to rest in Jesus.

### ***Rush-Rush vs. Hush-Hush***

Cease striving [be still] and know that I am God [Love]; I will be exalted among the nations. I will be exalted in the earth (Ps. 46:10).

So there remains a Sabbath rest [margin of KJV: "keeping of the Sabbath"] for the people of God. For the one who has entered His rest has himself also rested from his works, *as God did* from His. Therefore let us be diligent to enter that rest, so that no one will fall, through following the same example of disobedience (Heb. 4:9-11).

*We live in a rush-rush society that is wrapped in busyness and business 24/7. It's time we slowed down and limited our busyness to 24/6, leaving the seventh day for resting in Jesus, meditating on His Word and doing His work. Selah*

## CHAPTER ONE

### *Breaking News! Bible Code Breaker Unleashes Earthshaking Power!*

CNN doesn't report it. Few know about it. But news filters back from pastors who have returned from China.

Many know that the church is persecuted around the world. What many do not know is that many Christians die unnecessarily. Their lives are destroyed because of a lack of knowledge. Of the 100 million believers in China, about ten million have discovered a truth that most Western Christians neglect, rebel against, or simply choose to ignore.

Many Christians around the world are becoming aware of a gateway to intimacy, love, and power in Jesus that has been lost for centuries. Millions of these believers in China have discovered this key and have brought fear into government authorities because of amazing miracles God is doing through them. If you are willing to put the simple truth of God's Word over human tradition, you too can see the love and power of Jesus released in your life. When Christians begin to meet with Jesus the way He instructs, we believe the church will shake this world with the power of Jesus!

A small percentage of those ten million Chinese Christians have even gone even higher in their level of faith because of their obedience to the whole Word of God as revealed in the sequel to this book.

Armed government militia attacked this church group and murdered their pastor in front of their eyes. But these stalwart Christians didn't stand for it! In the

name of Jesus, they called for the pastor to rise and be healed, and he was! He was raised to life before the incredulous eyes of the military men who looked on. Now they don't know what to do with this group. They stand in awe and fear of them. These believers walk in power!

The question is why. Why do they have such power? Why don't we have this power in the western world of Christianity? The answer will surprise you.

While the Christian world has been conditioned to resist the simple answer, it has been right there in the Bible for thousands of years. It is no secret. The Roman Catholic Church openly admits this truth. They declare that their tradition and the pronouncements of popes take precedence over what the Bible plainly says. At the end of the nineteenth century, several eminent Catholic scholars wrote to the Protestants regarding this biblical teaching. In essence, they told them: "You got your practice and tradition from *us* – not from the Bible!"

Protestant and Catholic leaders alike have gone on record to admit that their way of meeting with God is not the biblical way. No wonder we are not walking in the power Jesus said we should have (John 14:12).

The answer is so simple that it has eluded, or been explained away by, the theologians and commentators of the church.

The deceptive excuses of pastors and teachers have kept the church from this simple truth – this gateway to intimacy, love, and power in Jesus.

The apostle John knew this truth and obeyed it. History even records that his disciple Polycarp and Polycarp's successor, Polycrates, knew and kept this simple biblical instruction. Paul knew this truth and obeyed it. When he warned about the possibility of the Bride of Jesus not being ready as a pure, spotless virgin for Jesus to marry, he may not have realized that Satan would deceive the church on such a simple truth that Paul and the other apostles took for granted.

Paul warned: "For I am jealous for you with a godly jealousy; for I have betrothed you to one husband, so that to Christ I might present you as a pure virgin. But I am afraid that, as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, your minds will be led astray from the *simplicity* and purity of devotion to Christ" (II Cor. 11:2-3).

It's so simple: Jesus said that if we love Him, we will obey Him.

Paul knew that the "mystery of lawlessness" (II Thes. 2:7) was already at work at that time. He had thought the end would come in his time, and was surprised to see that Jesus had more to do on earth before He came back. I think he would have been and is now surprised to see what law Christians have done away with today.

Law. What do you think when you hear that word. "Yuck?" "Bondage?" "Bad?" *Law* is a bad word for many Christians. Yet God's law is the embodiment of who He is – Love (I John 4:8). Why would Paul warn against lawlessness if he himself were against the law of God?

# Know What Satan Knows

Even if Christians do not know what is important to God, Satan does! Although believers may not know the *gateway to intimacy with Jesus*, which opens the path to His love, His righteousness, and His power, Satan does! Christians don't know why they are not walking in power and stepping on the devil's head, but Satan does!

Isn't it about time that we began to know the devices of Satan, as Paul commands us? Isn't it about time that we know what he knows – and more than he knows? As you will discover in this book, it is indeed about time. It's all about time, in a double sense. For the key to end-time power that is prophesied is a matter of time. It has to do with the time on the clock. It has to do with giving Jesus “the time of day.” One of our working titles was “It's Time to Meet with Jesus!” But not our way, His way! Not on our timing, but on His!

We encourage you to read this book attentively and humbly, because Satan does not want you to know what he knows. He does not want this truth out. He will do all he can to stop it. He will do all he can to get you to call on religious prejudice and tradition to keep you from reading further.

Satan is a liar. This book which, like the Bible may seem naively simple to some, dares to speak the truth. It's a truth that Satan will try to make unwelcome. And he will succeed when it comes to the majority, who will not be lost forever as many teach but who will have the truth opened to them in a future resurrection (Rev. 20:5,12). He is about to foist the mystery of lawlessness on the whole world through a “beast” power in Europe ridden by a woman representing a false church. He has already convinced most Christians that this gateway to power is done away. Soon he will enforce that concept with a mark that will identify your acceptance or refusal of this key to intimacy and power in Jesus.

You can, however, escape the wrath of this false system if you choose to meet with Jesus the way He commanded. That's not a fear tactic. It's the truth. Even if you choose not to accept this blessing now, you will not lose out because our Father Love is merciful. He always has a plan of redemption. We hope to accentuate in this book the priceless blessings you will receive when you break the Bible code.

# Rest and Relish

God saw all that He had made, and behold, it was very good (Gen. 1:31).

Ever completed a project and sat back and simply enjoyed the finished work, relishing the beauty of the work done? That's part of the Hebrew concept of rest that Jesus enjoyed when He had finished undoing the damage Satan's original rebellion had produced on the earth. By His word He created order out of confusion, light out of darkness, beauty out of an ugly mess (Gen. 1:1-3; John 1:1-18). He sat back in His Sabbath "easy chair" and relished His creation. We can do the same. The Sabbath is a day to relax and enjoy God's creation, since recognizing God as Creator is one of the purposes of the day. What do we learn from creation?

- God loves variety.
- He has a sense of humor and is full of joy (witnessed by the song of birds).
- God has made the plants and animals to teach us many lessons. They respond to love. They perform feats by their instinct that only God could produce. They sense when we are walking in love, have no fear, and respond accordingly.
- God is a God of order and loves beauty.
- The principle of interdependence reigns, as in the body of Christ.
- We look forward to the change of violent animal nature, initiated by Satan, to the lion dwelling with the lamb in the coming millennial rule of Jesus on earth.
- God is a God of seed time and harvest; the Sabbath is a day to wait on a harvest as God did when he rested.
- God is a God of detail.
- He is a God of provision.
- He is a God of seasons and timing.