

# The Leopard Like Beast's Counterfeit Worship System (Part 3)

We will notice in this lesson that the great controversy between Christ and His followers and Satan and his followers is over the day of worship. The Roman Catholic Church endeavoured to change the day of worship from Saturday the Seventh Day Sabbath to Sunday the first day of the week. But notwithstanding all the efforts to establish Sunday sacredness, papists themselves publicly confessed the divine authority of the Sabbath and the human origin of the institution by which it had been supplanted. In the sixteenth century a papal council plainly declared: "Let all Christians remember that the seventh day was consecrated by God, and hath been received and observed, not only by the Jews, but by all others who pretend to worship God; though we Christians have changed their Sabbath into the Lord's Day."-- Morer, pages 281, 282. Those who were tampering with the divine law were not ignorant of the character of their work. They were deliberately setting themselves above God.

A striking illustration of Rome's policy toward those who disagree with her was given in the long and bloody persecution of the Waldenses, some of whom were observers of the Sabbath. Others suffered in a similar manner for their fidelity to the fourth commandment. The history of the churches of Ethiopia and Abyssinia is especially significant. Amid the gloom of the Dark Ages, the Christians of Central Africa were lost sight of and forgotten by the world, and for many centuries they enjoyed freedom in the exercise of their faith. But at last Rome learned of their existence, and the emperor of Abyssinia was soon beguiled into an acknowledgment of the pope as the vicar of Christ. Other concessions followed. An edict was issued forbidding the observance of the Sabbath under the severest penalties. (See Michael Geddes, Church History of Ethiopia, pages 311, 312.) But papal tyranny soon became a yoke so galling that the Abyssinians determined to break it from their necks. After a terrible struggle the Romanists were banished from their dominions, and the ancient faith was restored. The churches rejoiced in their freedom, and they never forgot the lesson they had learned concerning the deception, the fanaticism, and the despotic power of Rome. Within their solitary realm they were content to remain, unknown to the rest of Christendom. Let us have the same determination to follow Jesus and His word and fight off the yoke of tradition that Satan would be happy for us to wear.

## THE PAPACY MAKES WAR WITH THE SAINTS

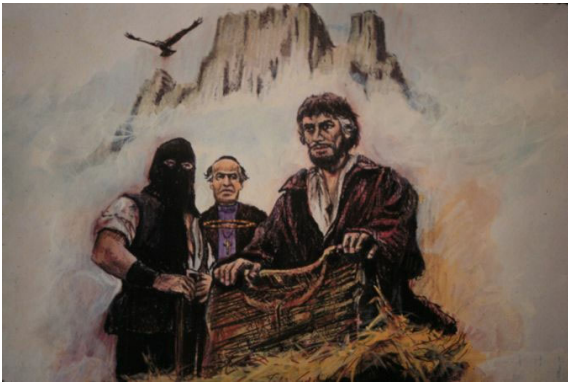
### 1. What other power was given to the Papacy and how was this prophecy fulfilled? Rev 13:7

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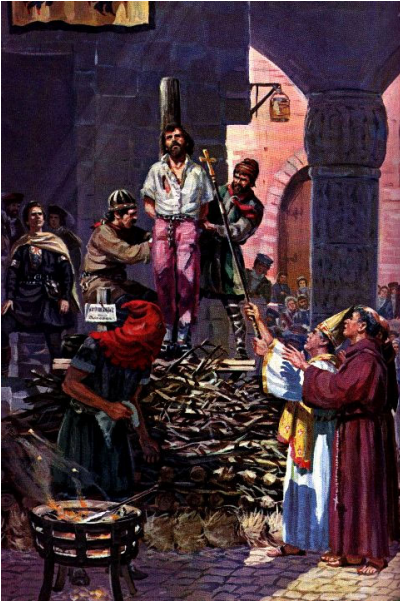
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## **THOSE THAT WORSHIP ON SUNDAY PAY HOMAGE TO THE PAPACY WHO CHANGED THE DAY OF WORSHIP FROM THE SEVENTH DAY TO SUNDAY THE FIRST DAY OF THE WEEK**

### **2. Who shall worship the Beast? Rev 13:8.**

**Ans: a.** <sup>8</sup>And all that dwell upon the earth shall \_\_\_\_\_ him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world. <sup>9</sup>If any man have an ear, let him hear. Rev 13:8.



**The Waldenses at times had to escape for their lives over the high snow covered mountains where many died from the cold and lack of food.**

**Ans: b. The Papacy, claiming to be the vicegerent of the Son of God,** is in truth the vicegerent of another power. She points to the \_\_\_\_\_ institution as the \_\_\_\_\_ of her \_\_\_\_\_; but in the change of the law and time of God, she is only doing that which Satan tried to do in heaven,--prove the \_\_\_\_\_ of God \_\_\_\_\_, and the Lawgiver \_\_\_\_\_. In boasting of her power above the \_\_\_\_\_ of God, she is but echoing the sentiments of the great \_\_\_\_\_. God instituted the Sabbath as a \_\_\_\_\_ of his authority and power, and the \_\_\_\_\_, acting for the prince of evil, points to the \_\_\_\_\_ as a sign of her power and jurisdiction. The day of the sun, Sunday, was a day devoted to the most vile of the \_\_\_\_\_ worship, for it was celebrated in connection with \_\_\_\_\_-worship. This Sunday-sabbath has been accepted by many who know it to be the founding of heathenism, which has been cherished and nourished by the Church of Rome, and by her clothed in the garments of sanctity. But while many are now aware of its origin, there are \_\_\_\_\_ Christians in \_\_\_\_\_ church who do not know the origin of the Sunday-sabbath, and believe that they are keeping the day which God sanctified and blest. This is \_\_\_\_\_ of worshipers even in the \_\_\_\_\_ Church; and while this ignorance and integrity remain, God accepts of their sincerity; but when light shall fall upon their pathway, God requires them to come into harmony with his law, and to observe the \_\_\_\_\_ of his appointing. See note below.

**Ans: c. We will review the institution of Sunday worship by the Roman Catholic Church. Sabbath, Change of—Canon of Council of Laodicea—Sunday Rest Encouraged, Sabbath Rest Forbidden**

SOURCE: Council of Laodicea, can. 29, trans. in Charles Joseph Hefele, *A History of the Christian Councils*, Vol. 2, trans. and ed. by H. N. Oxenham (Edinburgh: T. and T. Clark, 1896), p. 316. [FRS No. 41.]

Christians shall not Judaize and be idle on \_\_\_\_\_ [Greek  $\nu\lambda\epsilon\delta\alpha\iota\omega\gamma$ , the \_\_\_\_\_] but shall work on that day; but the Lord's day they shall especially honour, and, as being Christians, shall, if possible, do no work on that day. If, however, they are found Judaizing, they shall be shut out from Christ.

[EDITORS' NOTE: The date of this council is unknown, but it is believed to have been held sometime between \_\_\_\_\_ and 381.



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SOURCE: James Cardinal Gibbons, "The Claims of the Catholic Church in the Making of the Republic," in John Gilmary Shea and others, *The Cross and the Flag, Our Church and Country* (New York: The Catholic Historical League of America, 1899), pp. 24, 25. [FRS No. 104.]

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SOURCE: *The Christian Sabbath* (2d ed.; Baltimore: The Catholic Mirror, [1893]), pp. 29–31. [FRS No. 30; original editorials, FRS No. 125.]

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... commanded all, without exception, "to hear His Church,[""] under penalty of being classed by Him as "the heathen and the publican." ...

But the Protestant says: How can I receive the teachings of an apostate Church? How, we ask, have you managed to receive her teaching all your life, *in direct* [p. 30] *opposition* to your recognized teacher, the \_\_\_\_\_, on the Sabbath question?



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 [p. 31] The Protestant world at i[t]s birth found the Christian Sabbath too strongly entrenched to run counter to its existence; it was therefore placed under the necessity of acquiescing in the arrangement, thus implying the Church's right to change the day, for over 300 years. The Christian Sabbath is therefore *to this day* the acknowledged \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ Church, as Spouse of the Holy Ghost, without a word of remonstrance from the Protestant world.

**Sabbath, Change of—Catholic Church Made Transfer**

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*Q.* Which is the \_\_\_\_\_ day?

*A.* \_\_\_\_\_ is the Sabbath day.

*Q.* \_\_\_\_\_ do we observe Sunday instead of Saturday?

*A.* We observe Sunday instead of Saturday because the \_\_\_\_\_ Church \_\_\_\_\_ the solemnity from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_.

**Sabbath, Change of, Catholic Substitution Without Scriptural Authority**

SOURCE: Stephen Keenan, *A Doctrinal Catechism* (3d American ed., rev.; New York: T. W. Strong, late Edward Dunigan & Bro., 1876), p. 174. [FRS No. 7.]

*Q.* Have you any other way of proving that the Church has power to institute festivals of precept?

*A.* Had she not such power, she could not have done that in which all modern religionists agree with her;— she could not have \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ the first day of the week, for the observance of \_\_\_\_\_ the seventh day, a \_\_\_\_\_ for which there is no \_\_\_\_\_ authority.

**Sabbath, Change of—Catholics Claim Sunday as Protestant Homage to Papal Authority**

SOURCE: Louis Gaston de Ségur, *Plain Talk About the Protestantism of To-day* (Boston: Patrick Donahoe, 1868), p. 225.

It was the Catholic Church which, by the authority of JESUS CHRIST, has transferred this rest to the Sunday in remembrance of the resurrection of our Lord. Thus the observance of \_\_\_\_\_ by the \_\_\_\_\_ is an \_\_\_\_\_ they pay, in spite of themselves, to the \_\_\_\_\_ of the [Catholic] Church.

**Sabbath, Change of, Cited as Proof of Church's Power**

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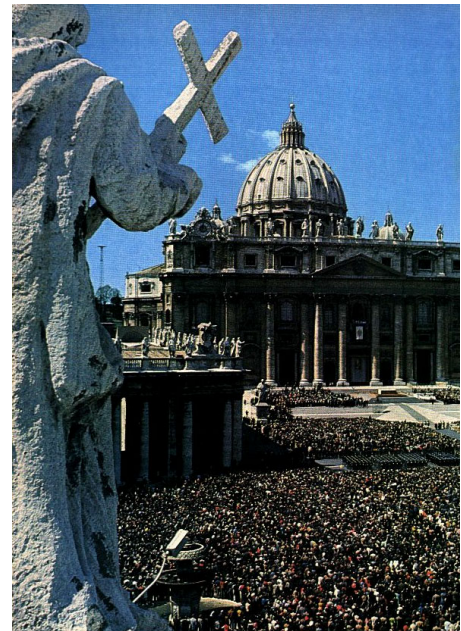
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\_\_\_\_\_ Sunday and made it the \_\_\_\_\_ Sunday. She took the pagan \_\_\_\_\_ and made it the feast we celebrate during this season.

*Sunday* and *Easter* day are, if we consider their derivation, much the same. In truth, all Sundays are Sundays only because they are a weekly, partial recurrence of Easter day. The pagan \_\_\_\_\_ was, in a manner, an unconscious preparation for \_\_\_\_\_ day. The \_\_\_\_\_ was a \_\_\_\_\_ god with heathendom. Balder the beautiful, the White God, the old Scandinavians called him. The sun has worshippers at this hour in Persia and other lands. "Some of you," says Carlyle, "may remember that fancy of Plato's. A man is kept in some dark, underground cave from childhood till maturity; then suddenly is carried to the upper airs. For the first time he sees the sun shining in its splendor overhead. He must \_\_\_\_\_ down, says Plato, and \_\_\_\_\_ it." There is, in truth, something royal, kingly about the sun, making it a fit emblem of Jesus, the Sun of Justice. Hence the church in these countries would seem to have said, "Keep that old, pagan name. It shall remain consecrated, sanctified." And thus the pagan Sunday, dedicated to Balder, became the Christian Sunday, sacred to Jesus.

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### Sunday, and Pagan Sun Worship—Power of Mithras Cult

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Concerning the power of the Mithras cult we still have evidence in the fact that it is not the Jewish Sabbath that is the sacred week-day, which Christianity, coming out of Judaism, had nearest at hand, but Sunday, \_\_\_\_\_ to the \_\_\_\_\_-god Mithras.

### Sunday, and Pagan Sun's Day

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[p. 257] Modern Christians who talk of keeping Sunday as a “holy” day, as in the still extant “Blue Laws” of colonial America, should know that as a “holy” day of rest and cessation from labor and amusements \_\_\_\_\_ was \_\_\_\_\_ to Jesus... It formed no tenet of the primitive Church and became “sacred” only in \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_.  
Outside the Church its observance was legalized for the \_\_\_\_\_ Empire through a series of \_\_\_\_\_ starting with the famous one of \_\_\_\_\_ in 321, an edict due to his \_\_\_\_\_ and social policies rather than, as Eusebius thought, to \_\_\_\_\_ ones. For he took the day not because of the Christian custom of meeting then to commemorate the Resurrection but from “the venerable day of the \_\_\_\_\_” (Mithra), and especially in order to give to Roman slaves respite from labor which their Semitic brothers had enjoyed for centuries. So much confusion in identifying Sunday and the Sabbath has been inherited by Britain and America through Puritan influence that it seems well to recapitulate the well-known facts...



The face of the sun at the top of one of the giant serpentine pillars of Bernini's canopy in St Peter's Basilica, at the Vatican. The Roman Catholic Church is full of pagan sun god symbols and festivals. Sunday is the one she uses for her authority and power.

As the Jewish element in the Church waned the Christians came to feel the need of a fixed day for [p. 258] meetings to replace the Sabbath. Then Sunday, like other \_\_\_\_\_ festivals such as \_\_\_\_\_, came gradually into being, first as a fit day for worship and later one for rest...

[p. 260] Parallel to the Church movement ... but independent of it another had been developing in the State which after an obscure past culminated in Constantine's decree of 321 when the observance of the “day of the Sun” was imposed on the Empire, a decree marking an epoch in the history of Sunday as the beginning of both civil and later of ecclesiastical legislation. Now \_\_\_\_\_, sacred in various solar \_\_\_\_\_ and notably in Mithraism, was to play a role as the Christian Sunday as Christmas did a little later. See note below.

### Sunday, as Part of Church's Policy of Adopting Pagan Festivals

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The Church made a sacred day of Sunday ... largely because it was the weekly festival of the \_\_\_\_\_; for it was a definite Christian policy to take over the \_\_\_\_\_ festivals endeared to the people by \_\_\_\_\_, and to give them a Christian significance. See note below.

**The Papacy, claiming to be the vicegerent of the Son of God,** is in truth the vicegerent of another power. She points to the Sunday institution as the sign of her authority; but in the change of the law and time of God, she is only doing that which Satan tried to do in heaven,--prove the law of God faulty, and the Lawgiver fallible. In boasting of her power above the law of God, she is but echoing the sentiments of the great deceiver. God instituted the Sabbath as a sign of his authority and power, and the Papacy, acting for the prince of evil, points to the Sunday as a sign of her power and jurisdiction. The day of the sun, Sunday, was a day devoted to the most vile of the heathen worship, for it was celebrated in connection with sun-worship. This Sunday-sabbath has been accepted by many who know it to be the foundling of heathenism, which has been cherished and nourished by the Church of Rome, and by her clothed in the garments of sanctity. But while many are now aware of its origin, there are true Christians in every church who do not know the origin of the Sunday-sabbath, and believe that they are keeping the day which God sanctified and blest. This is true of worshipers even in the Catholic Church; and while this ignorance and integrity remain, God accepts of their sincerity; but when light shall fall upon their pathway, God requires them to come into harmony with his law, and to observe the Sabbath of his appointing.

**We will review the institution of Sunday worship by the Roman Catholic Church. Sabbath, Change of—Canon of Council of Laodicea—Sunday Rest Encouraged, Sabbath Rest Forbidden**



**Many innocent saints were killed by the Catholic Church because of Judaizing or keeping the Seventh Day Sabbath.**

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Christians shall not Judaize and be idle on Saturday [Greek  $\nu\delta\kappa\kappa\delta\omega\rho\gamma$ , the Sabbath] but shall work on that day; but the Lord's day they shall especially honour, and, as being Christians, shall, if possible, do no work on that day. If, however, they are found Judaizing, they shall be shut out from Christ.

[EDITORS' NOTE: The date of this council is unknown, but it is believed to have been held sometime between 343 and 381.]

**Sabbath, Change of, Catholic Authority Claimed**

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SOURCE: James Cardinal Gibbons, "The Claims of the Catholic Church in the Making of the Republic," in John Gilmary Shea and others, *The Cross and the Flag, Our Church and Country* (New York: The Catholic Historical League of America, 1899), pp. 24, 25. [FRS No. 104.]

[p. 24] The Divine institution of a day of rest from ordinary occupations and of religious worship, transferred by the authority of the Church [p. 25] from the Sabbath, the last day, to Sunday, the first day of the week, ... is one of the most patent signs that we are a Christian people.

**Sabbath, Change of, a Catholic Change Accepted by Protestants Against the Bible.**

SOURCE: *The Christian Sabbath* (2d ed.; Baltimore: The Catholic Mirror, [1893]), pp. 29–31. [FRS No. 30; original editorials, FRS No. 125.]

[p. 29] The Catholic Church for over one thousand years before the existence of a Protestant, by virtue of her Divine mission, changed the day from Saturday to Sunday. We say by virtue of her Divine mission because He [who] has so called Himself "the Lord of the Sabbath," ... commanded all, without exception, "to hear His Church,["] under penalty of being classed by Him as "the heathen and the publican." ...

But the Protestant says: How can I receive the teachings of an apostate Church? How, we ask, have you managed to receive her teaching all your life, *in direct* [p. 30] *opposition* to your recognized teacher, the Bible, on the Sabbath question? ...

[p. 31] The Protestant world at i[t]s birth found the Christian Sabbath too strongly entrenched to run counter to its existence; it was therefore placed under the necessity of acquiescing in the arrangement, thus implying the Church's right to change the day, for over 300 years. The Christian Sabbath is therefore *to this day* the acknowledged offspring of the Catholic Church, as Spouse of the Holy Ghost, without a word



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### Sabbath, Change of—Catholic Church Made Transfer

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Q. Which is the Sabbath day?

A. Saturday is the Sabbath day.

Q. Why do we observe Sunday instead of Saturday?

A. We observe Sunday instead of Saturday because the Catholic Church transferred the solemnity from Saturday to Sunday.

### Sabbath, Change of, Catholic Substitution Without Scriptural Authority

SOURCE: Stephen Keenan, *A Doctrinal Catechism* (3d American ed., rev.; New York: T. W. Strong, late Edward Dunigan & Bro., 1876), p. 174. [FRS No. 7.]

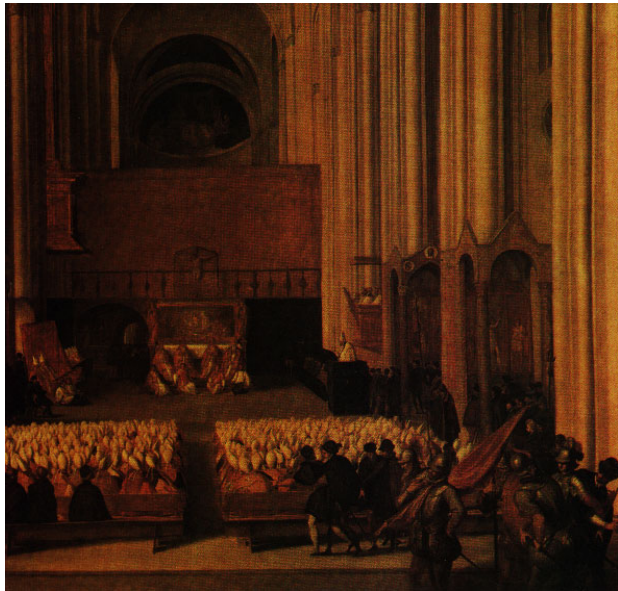
Q. Have you any other way of proving that the Church has power to institute festivals of precept?

A. Had she not such power, she could not have done that in which all modern religionists agree with her;— she could not have substituted the observance of Sunday the first day of the week, for the observance of Saturday the seventh day, a change for which there is no Scriptural authority.

### Sabbath, Change of—Catholics Claim Sunday as Protestant Homage to Papal Authority

SOURCE: Louis Gaston de Ségur, *Plain Talk About the Protestantism of To-day* (Boston: Patrick Donahoe, 1868), p. 225.

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### Sunday, and Pagan Sun's Day

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[p. 257] Modern Christians who talk of keeping Sunday as a "holy" day, as in the still extant "Blue Laws" of colonial America, should know that as a "holy" day of rest and cessation from labor and amusements Sunday was unknown to Jesus... It formed no tenet of the primitive Church and became "sacred" only in course of time. Outside the Church its observance was legalized for the Roman Empire through a series of decrees starting with the famous one of Constantine in 321, an edict due to his political and social policies rather than, as Eusebius thought, to religious ones. For he took the day not because of the Christian custom of meeting then to commemorate the Resurrection but

from "the venerable day of the Sun" (Mithra), and especially in order to give to Roman slaves respite from labor which their Semitic brothers had enjoyed for centuries. So much confusion in identifying Sunday and the Sabbath has been inherited by Britain and America through Puritan influence that it seems well to recapitulate the well-known facts...

As the Jewish element in the Church waned the Christians came to feel the need of a fixed day for [p. 258] meetings to replace the Sabbath. Then Sunday, like other pagan festivals such as Christmas, came gradually into being, first as a fit day for worship and later one for rest...

[p. 260] Parallel to the Church movement ... but independent of it another had been developing in the State which after an obscure past culminated in Constantine's decree of 321 when the observance of the "day of the Sun" was imposed on the Empire, a decree marking an epoch in the history of Sunday as the beginning of both civil and later of ecclesiastical legislation. Now ~~the~~ sacred in various solar cults and notably in Mithraism, was to play a role as the Christian Sunday as Christmas did a little later.

### Sunday, as Part of Church's Policy of Adopting Pagan Festivals

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The Church made a sacred day of Sunday ... largely because it was the weekly festival of the sun; for it was a definite Christian policy to take over the pagan festivals endeared to the people by tradition, and to give them a Christian significance.



Face of the child within the fertility symbol of the sun's rays on a Roman Catholic altar.

3. Does the Papacy realize that her practice of Sunday worship is Pagan which in effect is

**speaking with the mouth of the Lion?**

**Ans: a.** <sup>2</sup>And the beast which I saw was like unto a leopard, and his feet were as *the feet* of a bear, and his \_\_\_\_\_ as the mouth of a \_\_\_\_\_: and the dragon gave him his power, and his seat, and great authority. Rev 13:2.

<sup>5</sup>And there was given unto him a \_\_\_\_\_ speaking great things and blasphemies; and power was given unto him to continue forty *and* two months. Rev 13:5.

**Ans: b.** **“The sun was the foremost god with heathendom...**The \_\_\_\_\_ has worshippers at this hour in Persia and other lands...There is, in truth, something royal, kingly about the sun, making it a fit emblem of Jesus, the Sun of Justice. Hence the Church in these countries would seem to have said, ‘Keep that old \_\_\_\_\_ name; it shall remain consecrated, sanctified, and thus the pagan \_\_\_\_\_, dedicated to Balder, became the \_\_\_\_\_ Sunday, sacred to Jesus.’” “The Catholic World, March , 1994, p. 809.

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### 4. Who will not worship the beast, following the tradition of Sunday worship, and many other Babylonian Sun worshipping practices?

Rev 13:8.

**Ans: a.** <sup>8</sup>And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not \_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world. Rev 13:8.



Jesus pleads before the Father on the sinners behalf.

**Ans: b. Christ says of the overcomer,** "I will not blot out his name out of the book of life." (Rev 3:5). The \_\_\_\_\_ of all those who have once given themselves to God are written in the book of life, and their characters are now passing in \_\_\_\_\_ before him (Rev 14:7, Eccl 12:14; Rev 20:12). Angels of God are weighing moral worth. They are watching the development of \_\_\_\_\_ in those now living, to see if their names can be retained in the book of life. A probation is granted us in which to \_\_\_\_\_ our \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ and make them white in the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Lamb (Rev

7:14). Who is doing this work? Who is separating from himself \_\_\_\_\_ and selfishness? "Ye are dead," says the apostle Paul of the true followers of Christ, "and your life is hid with Christ in God." (Col 3:2). When we are alive to God, we are dead to \_\_\_\_\_. May God help us to die to self. Whose names will not be blotted out of the book of life? Only the names of those who have \_\_\_\_\_ God with all the powers of their being, and their \_\_\_\_\_ as themselves (Mt 22:37-40). See note below.

**Ans: c. Before the Father He pleaded in the sinner's behalf**, while the host of heaven awaited the result with an \_\_\_\_\_ of interest that words cannot express. Long continued was that mysterious communing--"the counsel of \_\_\_\_\_" (Zechariah 6:13) for the fallen sons of men. The plan of \_\_\_\_\_ had been laid before the \_\_\_\_\_ of the earth (Eph 1:3,4; 1 Pet 1:18-20); for Christ is "the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world" (Revelation 13:8); yet it was a \_\_\_\_\_, even with the King of the universe, to yield up His Son to die for the guilty race. But "God so loved the world, that He gave His only-begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." John 3:16. Oh, the mystery of redemption! the \_\_\_\_\_ of God for a world that did not love Him! Who can know the depths of that love which "passeth knowledge"? (Eph 3:19). Through endless ages immortal minds, seeking to comprehend the mystery (Eph 3:9) of that \_\_\_\_\_ love, will wonder and adore. See note below.

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**5. How important did Jesus consider it to understand this message of the Beast representing the Papacy? Rev 13:9.**

**Ans: a.** <sup>9</sup>If any man have an \_\_\_\_\_, let him \_\_\_\_\_ . Rev 13:9.

**Ans: b. This is similar to the term used in the messages to the Seven Churches** where \_\_\_\_\_ was speaking through the Holy \_\_\_\_\_ to all of us (Rev 2:7,11,17,29; 3:6,13,22). Christ calls upon us to hear His words, that we may \_\_\_\_\_ Him (Jn 17:3). "He that hath ears to hear, let him hear." We are not to hear as did those of whom the apostles said, "The Word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with \_\_\_\_\_ in them that heard it." (Heb 4:2). Those who hear savingly are those who hear in faith, and who give earnest \_\_\_\_\_ to the things which they have heard, lest at any time they should let them slip (Heb 2:1). See note below.

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**6. Would you like to gain more faith in Jesus by heeding His word and not following the Traditions that come from Babylon? \_\_\_\_\_**