

A BIBLE PROPHECY ADVENTURE **REVELATION SEMINARS**

THE PAPACY SPEAKS FOR ITSELF

One day a man picked up Peter Geiermann's **Convert's Catechism of Catholic Doctrine** and read the following on p. 50:

"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".

The man was dumbfounded and supposed there must be some mistake so he wrote a letter to the then famous James Cardinal Gibbons of Baltimore, and asked if the Catholic church did, indeed, change the day of worship from Saturday to Sunday. The Cardinal replied, "Of course, the Catholic church claims that the change was her act. And the act is a MARK of her ecclesiastical power and authority in religious matters".

Notice, also, the following words from **The Catholic Record** of London, Ontario, Canada, September 1, 1923: "Sunday is our MARK of authority . . . the church is above the Bible, and this transference of Sabbath observance is proof of that fact".

Notice this from **A Doctrinal Catechism** by Stephen Keenan:

"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".

The Papacy claims that it changed the day of worship from Saturday to Sunday and that Sunday or Sunday-keeping is its mark of authority and power. God's mark or sign of power, is Sabbath and Sabbath-keeping and the beast's sign or mark of power, is Sunday and Sunday-keeping.

THE PAPACY ASKS A QUESTION

Here is the famous question which the Papacy has repeatedly asked Protestants. And Protestants have remained strangely silent:

"You will tell me that Saturday was the Jewish Sabbath, but that the Christian Sabbath has been changed to Sunday. Changed! But by whom? Who has authority to change an express commandment of Almighty God? When God has spoken and said, 'Thou shalt keep holy the seventh day' who shall dare to say, nay, thou mayest work and do all manner of worldly business on the seventh day, but thou shalt keep holy the first day in its stead? This is a most important question which I know not how you can answer. You are a Protestant, and you profess to go by the Bible and the Bible only; and yet, in so important a matter as the observance of one day in seven as a holy day, you go against the plain letter of the Bible, and put another day in the place of that which He has commanded. The command to keep holy the seventh day is one of the ten commandments; you believe the other nine are still binding; who gave you authority to tamper with the fourth? If you are consistent with your own principle, if you really follow the Bible and the Bible only, you ought to be able to produce some portion of the New Testament in which this fourth commandment is expressly altered", **Library of Christian Doctrine; Burns and Oates, pp. 3-4, London.**

BUT AS WE STUDIED BEFORE, VIRTUALLY ALL CHURCHES ADMIT IN THEIR OFFICIAL WRITINGS THAT THERE IS NO SCRIPTURE FOR SUNDAY SACREDNESS. PROTESTANTISM STANDS GUILTY BEFORE THE JUDGMENT BAR OF GOD OF THROWING OUT THE BIBLE SABBATH! GOD, HIMSELF, GAVE THE SABBATH AS A SIGN OR MARK OF HIS POWER TO CREATE AND HIS POWER TO SANCTIFY OR SAVE, Exodus 31:17 (141); Ezekiel 20:12 (1238). DARE ANY MAN TAMPER WITH THIS SACRED SIGN WHICH REPRESENTS THE GREAT GOD OF HEAVEN AND ALL THAT HE STANDS FOR?

Please review again Exhibit #3 from Lesson 11, if you have time. It is a brief report of what other churches say on this subject.