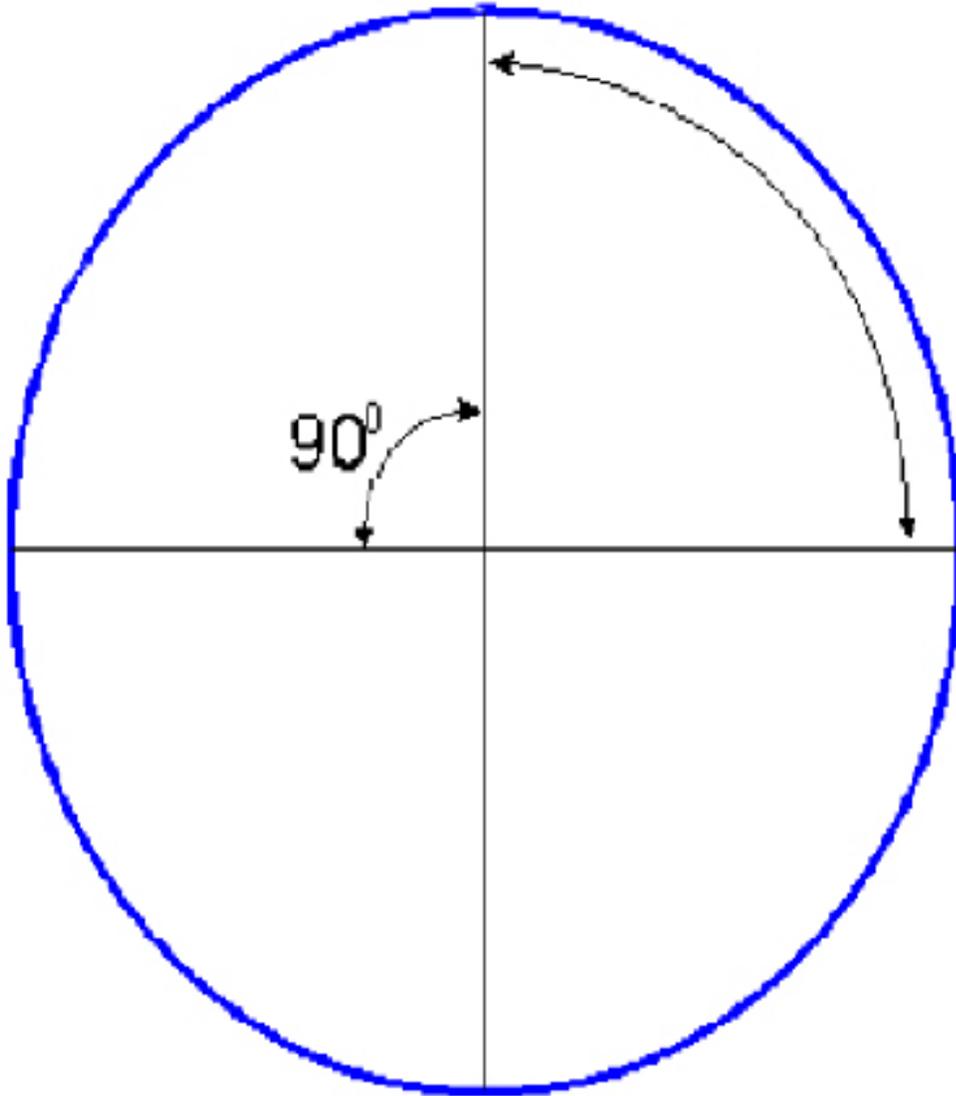


The 91st Day's Doctrine

Is it Biblical Doctrine or another tradition of Man?



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After recent conversations with some close friends and family regarding the doctrine of the 91st days I have it on my heart to write this tract regarding the doctrine. The only written material on the doctrine is a small packet sent out by a ministry in Colorado to its followers when asked and a series of sermons by that ministry's late Pastor that has about as much information on the subject as the packet does. The Pastor who promoted this doctrine has gone to the grave to await the resurrection now. I have no ill intent towards him, only that I believe he was wrong in the teaching of the 91st day's doctrine. The man in question I respect very much, for if not for the Lord using him and other Christian Israel ministers, I would not have a lot of the truth I have today. Also I am not meaning to belittle anyone that holds the belief of the 91st days, but to prove whether or not it is of God. For I don't believe there is any harm taking an extra Sabbath or Day of the Lord to worship him and study His Word, although, the Lord does command us to work 6 days and rest one. Now I do have a problem (and any Christian should) with people contributing something to the Word of God, the Bible, that is not of the Bible. We can read in the last part of Revelation that John gives us a warning about adding things to the Word.

“For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book.” Revelation 22:18

At this point many will say “91st days? What's that?” Well the reason you haven't heard of it is because it has only been taught by a small group of people over the past 15 years. I myself was once a blind believer in the doctrine without questioning, trusting the man that was teaching it because he had a lot of other Biblical truths. I was wrong not to be a Berean Christian like in Acts 17:11 and search the scriptures to

see if what I was being taught was so. This is not saying the man that taught this was misleading on purpose, because I don't believe that; what I do think is that he was misled by someone else into believing the doctrine and ultimately teaching it. He said in part two of a series of messages on the 91st days that he hoped he could be correctible if he was wrong concerning this doctrine. The man is dead, so there is no correcting him now, although it is possible to correct those that have followed him and believed this doctrine to be right. The following is a summary of the doctrine from a 2001 publication from this ministry promoting the doctrine titled "OBSERVE THE FIVE SACRED DAYS AND LIVE".

"...there are five days you must observe to gain the power and protection of Psalm 91. There are four "91st" days in the year and then the most important day, the Passover day, which is the 14th day of Abib. *This is the most important day because it is the "door" or "thumb" day and is the only day of the year you can enter into the covenant that gives you the protection of Psalm 91* (and you could well need that protection in the very near future). That day is the 14th day of Abib, which is calculated by the spring equinox, and was April 2, 2001. This pastor, and a handful of his men, discovered this the day before, which was a Sunday, and I delivered a Sunday message on it and we observed the day the next day. Believe this pastor when he tells you there was a power infused into all of us. (Interestingly enough, on that day one of the largest solar flares observed in 25 years occurred)."

Later in the publication, after talking about the Passover for some length he says:

"As for the other four special Sabbath days known as the "91st" days

(Which give you the power and protection of the 91st Psalm) for 2001, they are June 19, 2001, September 18, 2001, December 18, 2001, and March 20, 2002. Take them from noon to noon as a Sabbath. I tell much, much more and explain much more in the five messages preached on the first Easter weekend in this millennium, but I can't tell you much more in this writing as I've written it right after and must get it printed and mailed to you. I've done the best that I can in the limited time and feel I am free of the blood described in *Ezekiel 3:17-20*: "*However if you have warned the righteous man that the righteous should not sin, and he does not sin, he shall surely live because he took warning; and you have delivered yourself.*" – *Ezekiel 3:21*. **I'M WARNING YOU**. You need to do it and it will be **SIN** not to. I can only pray that you will and that this will reach you in time." (**Emphases was not added**)

This was the first publication regarding the 91st days that I am aware of by this Church or anyone for that matter. This is also the first piece of the material sent out in what they call their "91st day packet". Notice how the author makes the statement that we cannot obtain the power and protection of Psalm 91 unless we partake of these 4 special Sabbath days, as well as Passover (I do not wish to address the Passover at this time, since that is a subject in itself, and is very well documented in the scriptures). Where is the scriptural proof that we have to follow this ritual to be protected? The author makes no reference to any scripture regarding this in any of his work. Since there is nothing to support it in the Bible, does that make it of God or man? Is being baptized, repenting, believing, and confessing the Lord's name not enough? The author states that we don't just have to take these say for special protection, but it is a sin if we do not. What is sin? According to 1 John 3:4 says

"Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law". Now, nowhere in scripture is there a law given to observe these four days. Therefore there is no sin in not observing them. Plain and simple.

The next publication sent out concerning this doctrine was titled **“CONCERNING THE OBSERVANCE OF FIVE SACRED DAYS”** which was written from material the author used in his sermon series on the matter.

The author states in this publication “The truth of the matter is if Pastor (***) and other Christians become convinced to observe these days and they do so they have done no wrong (even if Pastor (***) is completely wrong about the days). On this the Scriptures are clear:

“Who are you to judge the servant of another? To his own master he stands or falls; and stand he will, for the Lord is able to make him stand. One man regards one day above another, another regards every day alike. Let each man be fully convinced in his own mind. He who observes the day, observes it for the Lord, and he who eats, does so for the Lord, for he gives thanks to God; and he who eats not, for the Lord he does not eat, and gives thanks to God. For not one of us lives for himself, and not one dies for himself; for it we live, we live for the Lord, or if we die, we die for the Lord; therefore, whether we live or die, we are the Lord’s. For to this end Christ died and lived again, that He might be Lord both of the dead and of the living. But you, why do you judge your brother? Or you again, why do you regard your brother with contempt? For we shall all stand before the judgment seat of God.” – Romans 14:4-10.”

I want to make something clear; I am not coming out against anyone that chooses to take a certain day as their Sabbath. I have no problem with that, nor do I believe the Bible teaches against it. We are commanded to work 6 days and rest 1 as a Sabbath. This is about attributing something to the Word of God and to God that is not of God, or saying it is a sin or a law of God when it is not.

The author goes on in the publication to talk about how we are destroyed for a lack of knowledge, as it says in Hosea, which is true, however he then suggests that *Daniel* 12:4 “But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, *even* to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased.” means people will go to and fro from books in the Bible and even books outside the Bible and knowledge will increase. I do not believe this is true. I believe Daniel is talking about high speed of travel like a jet plane, and that our knowledge increases in just a short period of time as has happen in the past few 100 years. But it doesn’t really matter if I am right or not on this, the fact remains that the authors teaching suggests it’s okay to go to other books that are not in the Bible to create doctrine or support theories that people can’t find in the Bible.

The author said in his sermon series part 2 “There is nothing wrong traveling outside the scriptures if you have too, because we know the scriptures make reference to other works. Like the Book of Jasher, does that mean there is something wrong by looking at the book of Jasher, no. What about Enoch? Well whatever that was, there is some arguments about whatever that was. Never the less, it makes a reference to an outside source”.

I don’t think there is anything wrong in looking at these books within reason, but we must compare them with the Bible, not add them to it. It’s whenever we use them to create doctrine and support our theories that we start walking on thin ice. We as Christians are to use the Bible itself for doctrine. Let us read 2 Timothy 3:16 “All scripture *is* given by inspiration of God, and *is* profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness.” Thus we are to use scripture for doctrine; not going outside the Bible. There are dangers in “going outside the Bible” because that is how we introduce destructive heresies

into our home and to our family. Let's take a look at, the book of Enoch. I have read the book with interest and thought it to be very hard to follow and confusing, because it largely contradicts the Bible on big subjects. One big contradict that really opened my eyes to the fact that it was not inspired is in Chapter 40 of the book, and it reads.

“And after that I saw thousands of thousands and ten thousand times ten thousand, I saw a multitude beyond number and reckoning, who stood before the Lord of Spirits. And on the four sides of the Lord of Spirits I saw four presences, different from those that sleep not, and I learnt their names: for the angel that went with me made known to me their names, and showed me all the hidden things. And I heard the voices of those four presences as they uttered praises before the Lord of glory. The first voice blesses the Lord of Spirits for ever and ever. And the second voice I heard blessing the Elect One and the elect ones who hang upon the Lord of Spirits. And the third voice I heard pray and intercede for those who dwell on the earth and supplicate in the name of the Lord of Spirits. And I heard the fourth voice fending off the Satans and forbidding them to come before the Lord of Spirits to accuse them who dwell on the earth. After that I asked the angel of peace who went with me, who showed me everything that is hidden: ‘Who are these four presences which I have seen and whose words I have heard and written down?’ And he said to me: ‘This first is Michael, the merciful and long-suffering: and the second, who is set over all the diseases and all the wounds of the children of men, is Raphael: and the third, who is set over all the powers, is Gabriel: **and the fourth, who is set over the repentance unto hope of those who inherit eternal life, is named Phanuel.**’ And these are the four angels of the Lord of Spirits and the four voices I heard in those days.”

The Bible never speaks of an angel Phanuel, not even once! Or an angel that is set over the repentance of those who inherit eternal life. That statement in itself contradicts everything the Bible teaches regarding Jesus and repentance, and is blasphemy! How can we take something

out of the Book of Enoch like doctrine about the 91st days in one area and say this is inspired by God, and then in another area that is the opposite of what the Bible teaches, and then over look it! We read in 1st Timothy 2:5 that Jesus Christ is the ONLY Mediator between God and men, not some angel named Phanuel... "***For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus.***" Repentance is strictly between a man and Jesus Christ alone. Only Jesus died for our sins, and shed His blood to pay for them. This is basic! 1 John 2:22 states clearly that anyone who denies Jesus Christ is a liar. "**Who is the liar but the one who denies that Jesus is the Christ? This is the antichrist, the one who denies the Father and the Son.**" so I would say that Enoch did not write this book and whoever did is a liar. Another contraction is in Enoch, 69:8-12...

"...And the fourth was named Penemue: he taught the children of men the bitter and the sweet, and he taught them all the secrets of their wisdom. And he instructed mankind in writing with ink and paper, and thereby many sinned from eternity to eternity and until this day. For men were not created for such a purpose, to give confirmation to their good faith with pen and ink. For men were created exactly like the angels, to the intent that they should continue pure and righteous, and death, which destroys everything, could not have taken hold of them, but through this their knowledge they are perishing, and through this power it is consuming me.

This passage states that evil came into the world from an angel named Penemue. Do you think if this was true God would have had it mentioned at least once in one of the 66 books in our Bible today? It says in Romans 5:12 "**Therefore, just as through one man sin entered into the world, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men, because all sinned**" that one man being Adam.

The Book of Enoch is found nowhere in the Bible. Most point out Jude 1:14-15 where it says "**It was also about these men that Enoch, in the seventh generation from Adam, prophesied, saying, "Behold, the**

Lord came with many thousands of His holy ones, to execute judgment upon all, and to convict all the ungodly of all their ungodly deeds which they have done in an ungodly way, and of all the harsh things which ungodly sinners have spoken against Him.” They then quote Enoch chapter 2 where it says **"And behold! He cometh with ten thousands of His holy ones To execute judgment upon all, And to destroy all the ungodly: And to convict all flesh Of all the works of their ungodliness which they have ungodly committed, And of all the hard things which ungodly sinners have spoken against Him."** There argument is that Jude is quoting the Book of Enoch, therefore it must be scripture. This logic is not sound. I have no doubt that Enoch said these things, but there is nothing about this being written in a Book of Enoch. It can just as easily be said that the Book of Enoch is a later book and was quoting Jude. So this does not stand strong in an argument that the Book of Enoch is endorsed by scripture.

After the author makes his statement regarding books line Enoch that are outside of the Bible to prove things “if you have to”, he goes on to quote scripture regarding revelations that the Lord gives his people concerning certain truths. Then he says “In the first part of our tape series, I used, in my search and study, the writings outside the Bible to prove that the 91st days were observed and called “appointed times.” (*Enoch 82, Jubilees 6, 29, 49*). Now I can present to you two witnesses, that is, two Bible passages that identify the 91st days as the “appointed times” and as having been observed. “*Let our leaders represent the whole assembly and let all those in our cities who have married foreign wives come at appointed times (emphasis added) together with the elders and judges of each city, until the fierce anger of our God on account of this matter is turned away from us. Only Jonathan the son of Asahel and Jahzeiah the son of Tikvah opposed this, with Meshullam and Shabbethai the Levite supporting them. But the exiles did so. And Ezra the priest selected men who were heads of fathers’ households for each of their father’s households, all of them by name. So they convened on the first day of*

the tenth month (emphasis added; note, this is a 91st day) *to investigate the matter. And they finished investigating all the men who had married foreign wives by the first of the first month.*” (Emphasis added; note this is a 91st day). – *Ezra 10:17-17.*”

The author says the above statement and goes directly into talking about the Passover day and when to keep it. No more about the “91st days” in the packet in the way of facts and explanation. Just to do it, when and how. The “*appointed times*” in the above passage is far from proof and far from a scriptural reference. There is no way of knowing that these people were keeping these 91st days in this passage, and even if they were, it is far from a law of God which would make it a sin if we didn’t observe it. If we are to observe the 91st days we must then prove it with scripture, and facts. If there is some important information I left out, please let me know. But I believe the lack of evidence for this doctrine speaks loudly enough.

So, with that being said, heed the Word, read your Bible daily, and pray for Christian America.