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The Rabbi's Corner  
The Most Important  
Commandment—Part V

By Oswald Garagorry

Over the past four months we have been discussing the subject of the Most Important Commandment and arrived at the question last month: “Why have you never heard a teaching about the Most Important Commandment proceeding from the *Gospel of Mark 12:28-30*”? Last month, I promised to offer you my opinion...however, I am hereby asking that you don’t take my opinion; to the contrary I am encouraging you to research and study the subject to arrive at your own opinion. I will be praying to the living God of Israel that he will lead you in researching and studying the initial question and the following facts relating to this subject.

The New Testament *Gospel of Mark 12:28-30*, is in complete harmony with the teachings of Moses in *Deuteronomy 6:4*, where we have one verbatim statement written exactly the same in both places. Moses statement came first: “God is One.” Then we have Mark reporting Messiah’s own words also stating “God is One.” I hereby propose to you the only reason you have never heard a teaching about the Most Important Commandment proceeding from the *Gospel of Mark* is because the Lord Jesus Christ himself stated that “God is One,” which is contrary to the man-made Doctrine of the Trinity.

On July 4, 325 A.D., 318 bishops assembled in the City of Nicea (located in today’s Turkey) under the hospitality of Emperor Constantine the First for a meeting that lasted just over two months. At this very first council of church leaders, two major changes were made to God’s written instructions:

1. God was defined as Triune (three in one) God-head (Trinity)
2. Sunday was made the day of rest instead of Saturday because God changed his mind

They reasoned together how the mystery of God could be explained to humans in a proper and better way by using a more comprehensive language than the description used by God himself. Because as has been pointed out up to this time, God was saying through the teachings of Moses that God is One and through Jesus stating the same thing in the *Gospel of Mark*. Even so, they created the Doctrine of the Trinity.

These same wise bishops didn’t disagree with the concept of having one day in seven separated for rest. Yet, they disagreed with the purpose of the day: “Remember the Sabbath to set it apart for God”. *Exodus 20:8*.

In today’s culture, it is typical for Sabbath (changed to the calendar name, Saturday) to be a day for shopping, running errands, watching or playing sports, getting together with friends, doing odd jobs around the house, and generally catching up with life. And immediately someone may say who is God to impose His purpose on our lives and tell us what to do on Saturday? Yet the purpose of God for the Sabbath was to keep it “Holy.” And yes, each one of us needs an answer about what to do with our Saturdays. I personally found my answer in His word: “Keep the Sabbath Holy...” *Exodus 20:8-11, Genesis 2:3, Leviticus 23:3, Mark 2:27-28*.

Shalom to you.  
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