



WORDS FROM
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A woman testified to the mighty transformation that had taken place in her life through her Christian conversion: "I'm so glad I got religion!" she declared. "I have an uncle that I used to hate so much I vowed I'd never go to his funeral! But now - why, I'd be happy to go to it any time!

Well, I was surely happy to get to go to church this past Sunday. The service was everything but a funeral! We were "glad" to be in the "House of the Lord." It was just great to be here!

We had a good crowd and a good number of guests. Most importantly, the Lord was here! His coming makes all the difference! I understand that the Lord is always "with" us, but there are there those special times in which He manifests His presence in a very unusual way. The old song said, "He is here, Hallelujah, he is here, Amen."

These are exciting days. I believe that as a church, we are standing on the very brink of a breakthrough. There is a new feeling in the air. It is a freshness that can only be explained by our God being at work among His people.

Consider:

Psalm 27:4 "One thing have I desired of the Lord, that will I seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to enquire in his temple."

Psalm 84:10 "For a day in thy courts is better than a thousand. I had rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God, than to dwell in the tents of wickedness."

Psalm 29:2 "Give unto the Lord the glory due unto his name; worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness."

Psalm 95:6 "O come, let us worship and bow down: let us kneel before the Lord our maker."

A Nashville newspaper carried a story about Mrs. Lila Craig. Lila had not missed attending church in 1,040 Sundays. The editor commented:

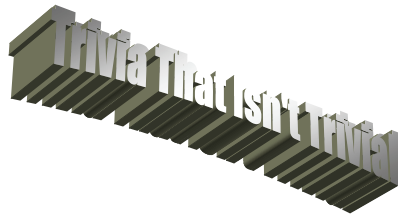
"It makes one wonder, what's the matter with Mrs. Craig? Doesn't it ever rain or snow in her town on Sunday? Doesn't she ever have unexpected company? How is it that she never goes anywhere on Saturday night so that she's too tired to attend the worship service the next morning? Doesn't she ever 'beg off' to attend picnics or family reunions, or have headaches, colds, nervous spells, or tired feelings? Doesn't she ever oversleep or need time to read her Sunday newspaper? Hasn't she ever been perturbed at the Sunday morning message, or had her feelings hurt by someone? WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH MRS. CRAIG ANYWAY?"

I figure that the dear eighty-year-old Mrs. Craig had made church a priority in her life. Serving and worshipping God on the Lord's Day were more important to her than a day spent anywhere else.

Be careful not to catch that strange disease that strikes Church members. It's known as **Morbus Sabbaticus**, otherwise simply called, Sunday Sickness. The symptoms vary, but it never interferes with the appetite. It never lasts more than twenty-four hours. The attack comes on suddenly every Sunday morning. Strangely, no symptoms are felt on Saturday night. The patient sleeps well and wakes up feeling well. He or she eats a hearty breakfast, but about the time it is time to get ready for Church the attack comes on and continues until the morning services are over. The patient eats a hearty lunch and throughout the afternoon he or she feels much better. But then, about the time the evening services are to start, the attack comes on again. When they wake up Monday morning, there remain no symptoms of the sickness and they are able to go to work . . . Oh my!

See ya this Sunday,

Pastor Randy



1. How many years did God give Noah to build the ark?
2. How many people were saved in Noah's ark?
3. Who was the first drunkard to be talked about in the Bible?

ANSWERS

1. 120 years (Genesis 6:3)
2. Eight (Genesis 6:10, 18)
3. Noah (Genesis 9:20-21)