

# Giving Glory and Honor to God

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When God first called me (and I responded) there were two major decisions I had to make. To begin keeping the Sabbath (to begin keeping the holy days). There were also a few other loose ends (I made a donation to the salvation army). The Sabbath—Friday night/Saturday morning/Saturday afternoon (poker game). The Holy days—I read the booklet on Christmas in January.

Alexander Hislop (the two Babylons) Ralph Woodrow (Babylon mystery religion)  
The blending of pagan customs and traditions with Christian observances and worship.

My faith was not based on either of those books (but I believe their premise was true).  
Over time pagan customs and traditions became Christian customs and traditions.  
I was born a Catholic and raised a Protestant (Sunday/Holidays was all that I knew).

Keeping the Sabbath (here) could be weekly or yearly.  
The Holy days being Sabbaths are addressed in the book of Leviticus

Sunday worship (and the related holidays) are not God's Sabbaths.  
Historically they were elements of sun worship.

Pagan customs and traditions do not give glory and honor to God.  
Billboard keep Christ in Christmas.

Amos 5:21-27 I despise your Feast days...says YHWH, whose name is the God of Hosts.

Isaiah 58:13-14 If you turn away your foot from the Sabbath.

The Sabbath is both a memorial of the creation and recognition that YHWH is the creator.  
Jesus Christ is never referred to in scripture as the "creator".

Isaiah 40:18-31 The everlasting God, YHWH, the Creator of the ends of the earth.

Isaiah 42:5-9 I am YHWH, that is my name; and my glory I will not give to another.

The glory of God the Father is greater than the glory of Jesus Christ (humility).

Sunday observance (holidays) is in direct opposition to Sabbath observance (Holy days).

There are eight holiday periods (variety of names and dates—solstice, equinox).  
Each of the holidays called a Sabbat (comes from Sabbath).

Wicca and Witchcraft for Dummies (366 books in the series)

Yule (Christmas—Winter Solstice)

Lupercalia (Valentines Day) between the winter solstice and the spring Equinox.

Easter—spring Equinox

May Day (between the spring Equinox and the summer Solstice)

Midsummers (summer Solstice)

Harvest home (between the summer Solstice and the autumn Equinox)

A festival of rest (Labor Day—autumn Equinox)

Halloween (between the autumn Equinox and the winter Solstice)

We don't honor God with holiday customs and traditions.

A song I learned "Come to God's own Temple, come, rain the song of harvest home."

Do you know where I learned that song? The COG hymnal.

Read from Britannica

How do you go from being called out of this world, from walking away from this world's holiday customs and traditions to sitting in the COG singing praises to God, referencing a pagan religious festival?

1 Corinthians 10:14, 21 You cannot drink the cup of the Lord and the cup of demons.

False worship isn't like buying cigarettes (there is no warning label). Comes by recommendation.

Genesis 3:5 God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, you will be like God, knowing good and evil.

Exodus 32:4 This is your God, O Israel, that brought you out of the land of Egypt.

1 Kings 12:28 Here are your gods, O Israel, which brought you up from the land of Egypt.

The example of King Hezekiah—Judah—2 Chronicles 29. Cleanses the Temple, restores Temple worship.

2 Chronicles 29:1-5 Hezekiah...did what was right in the eyes of YHWH.

2 Chronicles 30:1-12 They laughed at them and mocked them.

The purpose of shepherds is to feed the sheep—to protect them from danger; physical and spiritual.

Psalms 23:1-6 YHWH is my Shepherd.

John 21:14-19 Feed my lambs..tend my sheep...feed my sheep.

Not tending to the sheep, not feeding them, is a very serious matter.

Ezekiel 34:7-10 I am against the shepherds...I will cause them to cease feeding the sheep.

We are to give glory and honor to God in everything that we think, say and do.

Daniel 4 God warned Nebuchadnezzar (dream) that he was going to be reduced to a beast.

Daniel 4:34-37 I blessed the Most High and praised and honored Him.

The COG (from one corporation to the next) is denying the Most High God.  
Jesus Christ did not say, let there be light and neither did He say, you shall have no other gods before Me, or I am YHWH your God.

How do you honor God the Father while attributing His glory to someone else?

Malachi 1:6-11 Where is My honor?

Malachi 2:1-2 If you will not take it to heart, to give glory to my name.

The example of King Asa (Judah)

2 Chronicles 14:1-5 Asa did what was good and right in the eyes of YHWH his God.

2 Chronicles 15:1-2 YHWH is with you while you are with him.

At the Feast I had planned to address Zechariah 14—I said I would address it later, this is later.

Consider what has traditionally been superimposed on Zechariah 14  
Consider whose glory is being given to another

The day of YHWH is the day of Jesus Christ (Jesus Christ being YHWH)  
It is Jesus Christ's feet that will stand on the mount of Olives  
Jesus Christ is YHWH my God and all the saints are with Him  
Jesus Christ is the YHWH who will be king over all the earth (He is YHWH of Hosts)  
Those coming to Jerusalem will be coming to Jesus Christ's house to worship Jesus Christ.

Zechariah 13:7 My shepherd...says YHWH of Hosts—we don't get to pick and choose who YHWH is.

Zechariah 14 The setting is the day of YHWH after the resurrection of the saints.

1. The return of Jesus Christ (the resurrection of the saints—the 7th trumpet).
2. The saints in heaven before God's throne—the seven last plagues.
3. The battle of the great day of God Almighty.
4. The new heavens and the new earth—the new Jerusalem.

Zechariah 14:1-3 The day of YHWH—then YHWH will go forth and fight against those nations.

Psalms 110:1 YHWH said to my Lord, sit at my right hand and I will make your enemies your footstool.

Revelation 16:12-14 The battle of that great day of God Almighty (a future event)

Zechariah 14:4-5 His feet will stand on the Mount of Olives and all the saints with you.

Jude 1:14-15 Lord (Kurios, YHWH) comes with ten thousands of His saints.

Zechariah 14:6-11 Living waters shall flow from Jerusalem.

Ezekiel 47:1-12 There was water, flowing from under the threshold of the Temple.

Revelation 22:1-5 A pure river of water of life.

Zechariah 14:12-15 The plague with which YHWH will strike all the people who fought.

Jeremiah 7:32-33 The corpses of this people will be for food for the birds.

Jeremiah 46:10 The Lord God of Hosts has a sacrifice...by the river Euphrates.

Revelation 19:17-18, 21 The supper of the Great God...all the birds were filled with their flesh.

Zechariah 14:16 Everyone...shall go up from year to year to worship the King, the Lord of Hosts.

Revelation 21:22-27 The Kings of the earth bring their glory and honor into it.

Conclusion: Keeping the Sabbath and the Holy days is where most of us began. Their proper observance is fundamental to our relationship with both God the Father and Jesus Christ.

The record of history with both physical and spiritual Israel is one of continual restoration. At some point the wheels always seem to come off the cart. I once expressed in frustration—I am trying to throw a stick in the spokes.

We need to keep the first commandment—we need to put God the Father first. We must not attribute His glory to another. We need to keep God's Temple clean.