Red Letter Edition

Can You Hear the Sabbath?



The Lord's Supper (Illustration by Leonardo DiVinci)

...Much ado has been made about what is traditionally known as "The Lord's Supper." Some have been taught that participation in such is an essential act without which we may not have everlasting life. Other teachers make no such assurances, but pressure persons under their influence, intimidating through threats of nonconformity, and hinting that a spiritual life is not satisfactory or well founded without participation. The Scriptures do not make such threats nor do they provide any such eternal assurances to those who comply with these teachings.

Sometimes the specifics of the "Lord's Supper Service" -- the bread, the wine, the foot-washing, the time of day, the day of the year, who officiates -- seem endless as new ideas and doctrines arise with every group.

Just what DID happen on that night of Aviv 13, 30 AD, and how do those events affect us today as 20th-Century Christians? ...

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You're Invited to the Passover Remembrance Celebration TRI Headquarters - Pie Town, NM

Arrival: April 19th Passover Meal: April 20th (before sundown) Departure: April 22nd Email: <u>"I'm coming to Pie Town"</u>to get the details. It would be my pleasure to spend this time with you.





OFF THE PUNCH LIST!





Dear Friends,

It's not a new year for us until March/April (pending aviv barley), but we're closing out the books for the fiscal year at TRI and it's a great time to reflect - last year was a busy and productive year at Think Red Ink Ministries. The scope of the work we have to accomplish sometimes causes me dispair. Also, my health struggles make my productivity "in the air" from day to day. Still, in spite of all, here's a report of what we've been up to:

Click to read the list & plans!

The Gospel of Jesus Christ continues to be broadcast around the world from high atop Mt. Concho! Going through this list of accomplishments and future plans is an encouragement to me. I hope it is to you as well. Thanks for your help.

Friendly, Don C Harris

TRI ThINKer's Thoughts ...

Well, weather our country intended it or not, she kept Sabbath today. Our general presidential election should have been conducted today but it was postponed due to logistical errors of the election body. *Imagine first free Saturday ever*...

No wedding

No burial ceremony

No religious activities

No educational/secular activities

*No "owambe" (meaning "parties")

No Celebration and

NO ELECTION!

What a HOLY SATURDAY *in Nigeria*... I hope this meets you well. Best Regards Sir.

~ ThINKer in Nigeria

We had a great time with you. Thanks for letting us stay at your place.

~ ThINKer in NV

I hope you are well (all things considered). As always thank you for any and all materials. Overall Mom is doing well physically, mentally, good days and not so good others. Me, doing good overall. ... I've had some tough luck with my cows this winter. Sometimes it is hard to see the good in such, but in all things give thanks. The Lord YHVH's richest blessing upon you.

~ ThINKer in VA

Much love from me and my family. It is quite a challenge remaining truthful to the message of the true gospel. I have good news that gradually but surely, the truth is being preached in Nigeria, and to my surprise, it is coming from every corner. The spirit of truth is in force as many young men and women are open to God. Not from the Ministry of Obedience alone but from others too. This willingness to know the truth is all over the place. However, the challenge for me remains family tradition as I belong to a family of Pentecostal church tradition. Many older relatives even think I have a demon and in Africa, when the elders speak, the young ones are silent as a form of respect for them. Well, I usually respond with a nod and a phrase like "I will get back to you on that topic sir". But I keep on making videos where I reveal these messages and share to as many as are ready to hear. Think Red Ink Ministries has made my life "difficult" and at the same time I have grown so "old" in so short a time! I hope you understand my use of words? Mr Don, as we see the day approaching, I have full confidence that God is on your side and he will lead us all into Life. Much love...

~ ThINKer from Nigeria

THINKER IN GHANA: Please I would like to request for the following books and mailed to this address [Ghana]. The books are as follows: 1. The Questions of Jesus by Don Harris; 2. The Red Letter Questions by Don Harris; 3. Think Red Ink by Don Harris; Thank you and God bless you.

REPLY FROM DON: My apologies. TRI is not able to ship print books out-of-country at this time. Good news – you can get "The Questions of Jesus" free book online simply by registering at www.ThinkRedInk.com. Also, please avail yourself of the free video teachings at Think Red Ink Ministries Channel on YouTube. Be encouraged, Jesus wants to lead and guide you and your congregation. Keep His 10 commandments – the key to a good life (they reveal who Jesus wants us to be).

THINKER IN GHANA: Please can I have it in an audio CD mailed to me.

REPLY FROM DON: Yes, my friend. TRI has sent The Questions of Jesus audio book to you today. Will you please let me know when you have received it? It is over 25 hours....

THINKER FROM ARIZONA: Thinking of you and hope you are doing much better... We recently revisited your DVD, "The Parable Paradox". It reinforces a book I'm reading called "Signature in the Cell." (Stephen Meyer, M.D.) "In the beginning was the Word..." John 1:1-3 - Linguistics; The Sower of the Seed - Agriculture; DNA - Biology; The Living Word said, "I am the Aleph & the Tav" - Completeness. If you haven't read the book, "The Writing of God," it is a must. Go to thewritingofgod.com to check it out. The words given at Mt. Sinai are instructions on how we are to live our lives in order to have eternal life. The information rich DNA is our identity, our blueprint (instructions) for our cells to function & provide life. I am praying for the Spirit of Truth to restore our DNA according to His Torah as we seek & desire to fulfill his will.

These 2 books have given me greater insight to the Creator's desire to communicate with his creation. He then sent His Son, the Living Word, to be our example, & then sent us the Comforter to be our Teacher/Guide after Yeshua ascended into heaven. May you find encouragement in these words.... Miracles would be nice, but I wonder if Jehovah & medicine are working together over time in order that the Spirit can perform an even deeper work within us. He knows our hearts & searches the reins. We just might need healing in our relationships (vertical & horizontal) in order for healing to be manifest in our body? Don't know for sure, but I am inclined to think so. Would be interested to know what you think.

PS. You have good understanding as evidenced in "The Parable Paradox."

REPLY FROM DON: Thanks for the book referrals unfortunately reading is something I can no longer do. It takes great concentration to read having only peripheral vision. I have not recovered sight from my stroke in 2014 and resulting eye injury in 2015. I'm not complaining - just explaining my limitations.

Now to your comments and question:

God created the alphabet and wrote the commandments in order to communicate with sinners that cannot hear his voice. He conceded to Moses that His voice was killing mankind. John himself said, "...that the world itself cannot contain the books that SHOULD be written." Our method of communication, since Jesus came is hearing His voice as Adam did in the garden and as was shown by example on the Mountain of Transfiguration; Moses and Elijah (embodying the written laws and admonitions of God) were set aside for the voice of Jesus Christ. "This is my beloved son HEAR HIM." Any language, any alphabet, any rules of grammar stifle communications with God; His fullness will always be found in His voice. I know you know these things - I just say them because from time to time I need to hear them myself.

We have been led to believe that whatever we need from God is just beyond our grasp - requiring just a little more faith, a little more knowledge, a little more sacrifice. If you have a way of searching Sirach, you will find reference to medicines from the earth to heal us. (A portion of Sirach 38 is included.) As for me, I seek out medicine as far as it has been proven to be safe and effective.

Concerning miracles, supernatural healing has been used predominately for signs and wonders and establishments of authority to prove and to teach - not as a general household use; not that it is impossible, but I would wait on the voice of the Lord for it, to know exactly where we are putting our faith. Don't look for supernatural healing to be a formulaic equation. Ask him once, He'll hear you.

Finally, when a relationship problem is brought to the fore, it is always time to deal with it. God can find purpose in our health, in our sickness, in our poverty, in our wealth. Keep looking. It is written that "...all things work together for [our good]..." - but they usually don't; not for lack of God's performance, but for our own. Most of all don't struggle. Do things because they are absolutely the right things to do; in doing so you will eliminate the mental torture of regret, doubt and fear.

SIRACH 38 - Sickness and Medicine

1 Give doctors the honour they deserve, for the Lord gave them their work to do. 2 Their skill came from

the Most High, and kings reward them for it. 3 Their knowledge gives them a position of importance, and powerful people hold them in high regard.

4 The Lord created medicines from the earth, and a sensible person will not hesitate to use them. 5 Didn't a tree once make bitter water fit to drink, so that the Lord's power might be known? 6 He gave medical knowledge to human beings, so that we would praise him for the miracles he performs. 7-8 The chemist mixes these medicines, and the doctor will use them to cure diseases and ease pain. There is no end to the activities of the Lord, who gives health to the people of the world.

9 My child, when you feel ill, don't ignore it. Pray to the Lord, and he will make you well. 10 Confess all your sins and determine that in the future you will live a righteous life. 11 Offer incense and a grain offering, as fine as you can afford. 12 Then call the doctor — for the Lord created him — and keep him at your side; you need him. 13 There are times when you have to depend on his skill. 14 The doctor's prayer is that the Lord will make him able to ease his patients' pain and make them well again. 15 As for the person who sins against his Creator, he deserves to be sick.

THINKER FROM W. VIRGINIA: ...introduced me to your website and your "teachings". This was very early in my Journey where I believed in God, but did not know our Lord Jesus. Now, approximately 7 years later, I have "matured" in my understanding and knowledge of Jesus. I have to say, that I respect your theology, which is very unconventional then modern churches today. I believe you see through this illusion that the evil powers that be have created. I tend to agree with a lot of your philosophy.

...Having said that, in my Journey, I perceive that something has taken ahold of me and will not let go. Schizophrenia runs in my family.... (hearing and perceiving voices). I ask that you pray in the Name of the Lord, for my Family and I for whatever evil spirit that runs in my family to be banished.

I also wanted to ask your opinion on the "Song of Songs" or the Song of Solomon. This interesting book is more of a poem than scripture. I have read many other gospels/texts. Apocrypha, book of Mormon, KJV, Gnostic Bible, etc. etc. And it seems that the Song of Solomon is unique. Why is that?

I consider myself more Gnostic than Christian, although my faith is built on Jesus, I consider Jesus my Brother in my Journey rather than my Master. I consider God The Father my master, while God the Son is my Brother.

REPLY FROM DON: You have been very honest with me. Myriads of people are in the same situation and don't even know it. People who doubt themselves - thinking differently – are no more lost than anybody else. Most people are Gnostics. I will further address your questions and concerns anonymously on <u>Sunday's Red Letter Edition program (2/10/19)</u>. This show will be recorded at 9 am MT and broadcast LIVE on YouTube (Think Red Ink Ministries Channel). There is a call-in portion to the show at 10:00 am MT. You are welcome to call in at 575-772-2588, if you wish. Thanks for reaching out.

FROM THE BROADCAST: ...The powers of the devil are much exaggerated, granted he is very old. Lucifer is wild, psychotic being who has been living under a mandate of tortureous punishment for 6,000 years that we know of. The Lord Jesus said, "I saw Satan fall like lightning..." (Luke 10) Lucifer does not have god-like attributes of omniscience or omnipresence. The Scriptures state, "We know that whosoever is born of God sins not; but he that is begotten of God keeps himself, and *that wicked one touches him not.*" 1 John 5:8

Jesus might be your brother, but God has never looked at another man and said "Thou art my son, this day have I begotten you..." or "Thy throne oh, God is forever" two things God the Father DID say to Jesus. God, your Father, turned everything over to Jesus Christ. In our vernacular we might hear from God, *"Go to HR, I'm the President."* We must apply hierarchy to the Kingdom of God. There is royalty in the Kingdom.

Heb. 1: 5 For unto which of the angels said he at any time, Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee? And again, I will be to him a Father, and he shall be to me a Son? 6 And again, when he bringeth in the firstbegotten into the world, he saith, And let all the angels of God worship him. 7 And of the angels he saith, Who maketh his angels spirits, and his ministers a flame of fire. 8 But unto the Son [he saith], Thy throne, O God, [is] for ever and ever: a sceptre of righteousness [is] the sceptre of thy kingdom.

THINKER FROM W. VIRGINIA: Thank you. I will be sure to catch the recording (probably not live though). Another question that I need some physical and spiritual guidance (need 2 to agree) in: So you are my physical. My situation is this: I've been seeking the kingdom for a while now. But before started my seeking in earnest, I was baptized multiple times by water as a young child and young adult, but this was before my true sincere request for repentance and true search. I feel as if I should have one last Baptism by water, since this time it would be after my search for the Kingdom started. Do you agree that this might be the right call for me to have one more baptism in earnest? My previous baptisms were in good faith, but this one would be after I've done some works and with a serious heart in addition to my sincerity.

REPLY FROM DON: In my view, many water baptisms (mikvahs) should be expected and practiced. You should follow your conscience and acknowledge your commitment to continue in your journey. Works matter. Frankly, I don't think conventional Chiristian water baptism has any value at all in a person's life. We are to be baptised (immersed) into the life and nature (name) of Jesus Christ. When John explained

himself as the Immerser, he said, "I indeed (merely, only) baptise in water, but the one who comes after me baptises in the Spirit." If we take it as read, as Paul said, "There is one baptism...", which will you choose?

