

# JUDGMENT HOUR

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[music] It was on the eve of the fourth century, just before the world entered into the period known as the Dark Ages, that two new doctrines were established in the Christian world. These two doctrines have, for the last 1,700 years, become a test of the Christian faith, even to this day. Far from being embraced by Christians through diligent prayer, Bible study, and conviction of truth, these two doctrines were established by force, by inquisition, by torture, and by death penalty. Come now, and let us open God's word and the records of history to uncover the origin of these two doctrines and see what they have to reveal about the future of our world.

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[music] In the Book of Revelation, we read of this final warning to mankind regarding the mark of the beast. It says, "That no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark or the name of the beast or the number of his name." In this verse, we understand there will be laws to control who can buy and sell and that by these laws, the ability to work, pay for bills, pay for groceries, housing, and our basic needs will be taken away from us unless we receive this mark. In short, Satan will use legislation to compel all on earth to worship him. For we read, "All that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world. And they worshipped the dragon which gave power unto the beast, and they worshipped the beast." And we know the dragon is Satan because we read, "The great dragon was cast out, that old serpent called the Devil and Satan." What we all need to understand to safely navigate the world's last crisis, which is a war over worship, is what constitutes the worship of Satan and what constitutes the worship of God. If we could have a definitive answer to this question, we would be equipped to discern the difference between true worship and counterfeit worship.

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One key difference between Satan and God are their principles of operation. God is love, and consequently, God only accepts service motivated by love. Jesus said, "If ye love me, keep my commandments." The condition here being, "if ye love me." Obedience, even to God's Ten Commandments, is of no value to the God of love when the heart is not in it. God's word declares, "My son, forget not my law, but let thine heart keep my commandments." But Satan is not so concerned with the motives or principles of the heart. His desire is not to secure unity of heart and mind but conformity and obedience by any means necessary. And this he will do at the end of time. Through his instrumentalities, we read, "He causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand or in their foreheads." And to secure

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this result, he uses legislation to restrict the ability to buy and sell to those who worship him. And for those who refuse, we read, "He will cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed."

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Through the ages, Satan has been carefully laying a foundation with which to ensnare God's people at the end of time and to secure their worship to himself. His designs are so masterful, so insidious, and so subtle, most Christians, in the last days, will be found worshipping the Prince of Darkness while thinking they are worshipping the Prince of Peace. Jesus warned many would come to him, saying, "Lord, Lord, open unto us. And he shall answer and say unto you, 'I know ye not whence ye are.' Then ye shall begin to say, 'We have eaten and drunk in thy presence and thou hast taught in our streets.' But he shall say, 'I tell you, I know you not whence ye are. Depart from me, all ye workers of iniquity.'" In this video, we will identify right from the Bible exactly how we can be sure we are worshipping the true God and exactly what constitutes the worship of the beast and receiving its mark. The difference is not always apparent, for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. Therefore, it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness. So let us go back to the beginning of time and observe these two doctrines that have become the foundation of Christian worship and examine by what principles they were established, whether by sound Bible doctrine, reason, and the constraint of divine love or whether they were established by force.

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[music] Nearly 6,000 years ago, after God created this world, he provided two ways in which man was to demonstrate his love and worship of God and their allegiance to his government. One of those ways, we read about in Genesis 2, "On the seventh day, God ended His work which He had made, and He rested on the seventh day from all His work which He had made. And God blessed the seventh day and sanctified it because that in it, He had rested from all His work which God created and made." From the very beginning, God sanctified the Sabbath and made it holy. And since then, those who know and follow God have kept it holy according to the Fourth Commandment, which states, "Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labor and do all thy work. But the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord, thy God. In it, thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy Son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates. For in six days, the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is and rested the seventh day, wherefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and hallowed it." In the Book of Genesis and right here in the Fourth Commandment, the day of rest is forever connected with the god who created the heavens and the earth. What this means is that when we observe this rest on the seventh day, this act of worship identifies the god we are worshipping, for this is exactly what the Sabbath is to be a sign of. God declared in Ezekiel, "And hallow my sabbaths, and they shall be a sign between me and you, that ye may know that I am the Lord, your God."

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In these scriptures, the Bible reveals the Sabbath was given by God to be a sign or a symbol by which man might acknowledge and profess his

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belief in the true God. And who is the true God? He is the one that made heaven and earth and rested the seventh day. Therefore, when we observe the Sabbath on the seventh day, it is a sign of the fact that we know and do outwardly declare the true God who made heaven and earth is the God who rested on the seventh day. So the seventh day Sabbath is a sign of the worship of the true God. But the Creator was not alone in his act of creation. In Proverbs 30, the question is asked, "Who hath established all the ends of the earth? What is his name? And what is his Son's name, if thou canst tell?" Here is brought to view that God has a Son and that his Son had a role in establishing all the ends of the earth. We read in Hebrews 1, "God hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom he also made the worlds." So God made the worlds by or through his Son. And it is also through his Son that we are to worship the one true God, for Jesus taught, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No man cometh unto the Father but by Me." Acknowledging his Son was made a condition for the worship of God, for, "No man cometh unto the Father," he said, "but by me."

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John confirmed this, writing, "Whosoever denieth the Son, the same hath not the Father, but he that acknowledgeth the Son hath the Father also." We also see here the true God is the Father. Paul said as much when he wrote, "But to us, there is but one God, the Father, of whom are all things." And Jesus, while in prayer to his Father, said, "This is life eternal, that they might know thee, the only true God." So the observance of the seventh day Sabbath is a sign of the worship of the true God, who made the heavens and the earth through his only begotten Son. This is true worship. The identity and definitions of the Sabbath on the seventh day and of the true God being the Father and Jesus Christ as his only begotten Son are key aspects of true worship.

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With the criteria of true worship defined, let's begin on our journey along this timeline through history and prophecy of Satan's great onslaught against mankind to obscure these key aspects of true worship from the human race that they might be deceived into worshipping the dragon as the prophecy said that they would. Without a doubt, the serpent's warfare against man goes back all the way to the Garden of Eden. Of the whole vast world that God had created, that old serpent called the Devil and Satan was restricted to one single tree. So long as the holy pair refused to eat from that tree, their obedience would testify to their love for their creator. But should they disobey God and obey the serpent, they would become the servants of Satan. For Paul wrote, "Know ye not that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey?" This principle is simple but profound. We worship or show our true loyalty to whoever we obey. Though many profess to be Christians and serve and worship the true God, the Apostle John gives us this test, saying, "And hereby we do know that we know him if we keep his commandments. He that saith, 'I know him,' and keepeth not his commandments is a liar and the truth is not in him."

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Even back in the Garden of Eden, Satan was already seeking ways to establish his kingdom upon the earth and to steal away from God the earth and the worship of its inhabitants. God saw Satan's intentions and

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said, "For thou hast said in thine heart, 'I will ascend into heaven. I will exalt my throne above the stars of God. I will ascend above the heights of the clouds. I will be like the most high.'" And Satan knew all he had to do to gain the worship and service of man was to get man to obey him instead of God. And with all the cunning intellect of his mastermind, he said to Eve, "Yea, hath God said, 'Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?'" By questioning the word of God, Eve's mind was filled with new thoughts and doubts that maybe God didn't mean what he said. As Eve entertained the idea, more questions filled her mind as faith in God's word was pushed out. Then when Eve's mind was flooded with doubt that perhaps God did not mean what he said, the serpent positioned himself as her advocate saying, "Your eyes shall be opened." Then, "She took of the fruit thereof and did eat and gave also unto her husband with her, and he did eat." And this was how Adam and Eve lost their dominion of this world to Satan and became the subjects of his kingdom because they disobeyed God and obeyed the serpent instead.

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[music] Jesus said of Satan, "He is a murderer and he is a liar." Where he does not use lies or deception, he will use force. And the first example of his cruelty we have on record is the first murder ever committed, all because Abel would not be deterred from the worship of the true God through acknowledging his Son. In about 3825 BC, we read how Cain grew jealous of Abel and the favor God showed to Abel because he was obedient, "And in the process of time, it came to pass that Cain brought, of the fruit of the ground, an offering unto the Lord. And Abel, he also brought of the firstlings of his flock and of the fat thereof. And the Lord had respect unto Abel and to his offering, but unto Cain and to his offering, he had not respect. And Cain was very wroth, and his countenance fell." In bringing to God a blood sacrifice from the firstlings of his flock, Abel's offering was a sign of his acknowledging God's Son as the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world. And because, "He that acknowledgeth the Son hath the Father also," Abel's worship was rendered to the true God and accepted by him through the sacrifice that pointed to his son. But Cain refused an offering that would acknowledge the Son of God. And Cain talked with Abel, his brother, and it came to pass, when they were in the field, that Cain rose up against Abel, his brother, and slew him.

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This is not an event merely, but a prophecy foreshadowing the future of a race that would claim to worship the true God but without acknowledging his Son and of the jealousy that will drive them to use force against all who do worship the true God, that they should be killed. Abel did not try to force Cain to obey God's command. It was Cain, inspired by Satan and filled with wrath, who used force. The two parties represented by Cain and Abel will exist to the close of this earth's history. The well-doer, the obedient does not war against the transgressor of God's holy law, but those who do not respect the law of God oppress and persecute other people. It is this spirit that always works in the children of disobedience.

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"It wasn't long after the Flood that Satan used Nimrod to set up his own system of false religion in Babylon rooted in the worship of the Sun," said I. A. Sadler in his book *Mystery Babylon The Great*. Nimrod is also

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attributed with introducing the worship of the Sun. As the story goes, the violent death of Nimrod led to a suppression of the false religion. However, it was revived in secret by his wife, Semiramis. She claimed that Nimrod was now a god in the form of the Sun. She later gave birth to a child who was supposedly the reincarnation of the hero Nimrod, now the Sun god. The child is known under various names, of which one of the most important names is Tammuz. The deification of Nimrod, Semiramis, and Tammuz laid the foundation for the worship of a three-in-one god. The ancient Babylonians recognized the doctrine of a trinity or three persons in one god as appears from a composite god with three heads forming part of their mythology and the use of the equilateral triangle also as an emblem of such trinity in unity. These same philosophies that originated with Babylon laid the foundation for the various systems of Sun worship that would stand in rebellion against the one true God and his only begotten Son to the end of time. Not satisfied with the homage of pagan Sun worshippers, Satan turned his attention to his chief objective, compelling the people of God to worship him.

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[music] This brings us to 1446 BC in Egypt, at the time of the Exodus. We read, "Moses and Aaron went in and told Pharaoh, 'Thus saith the Lord God of Israel, "Let my people go, that they may hold a feast unto me in the wilderness.'" And Pharaoh said, 'Who is the Lord that I should obey his voice to let Israel go? I know not the Lord, neither will I let Israel go.'" Pharaoh rejected the request of God because he said, "Who is the Lord that I should obey his voice?" and, "I know not the Lord." Pharaoh was acquainted with many gods, and like the Babylonians, most of them were rooted in the worship of the Sun. Three, in particular, were mentioned in Alexander Hislop's well-known book, *The Two Babylons*, in which he writes of Isis, Horus, Seb, that is, the mother, the child, and the father of the gods. In other words, the Egyptian trinity.

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In order to steal away the worship of the Hebrews from the one true God and secure their worship to himself, Satan did not, in this example, compel them to worship the Sun gods of Egypt. All he had to do was compel them to trample upon the Sabbath, the sign of the worship of the true God. And this he did. "And the king of Egypt said unto them, 'Wherefore do ye, Moses and Aaron, let the people from their works?' that is, he let the people rest, "Get you unto your burdens.' And Pharaoh said, 'Behold, the people of the land are now many, and ye make them rest from their burdens.' And Pharaoh commanded the same day the taskmasters of the people and their officers, saying, 'Ye shall no more give the people straw to make brick as heretofore. Let them go and gather straw for themselves, and the tale,'" that is, the measurement of the bricks, "'which they did make heretofore, ye shall lay upon them. Ye shall not diminish ought thereof, for they be idle.' Therefore, they cry, saying, 'Let us go and sacrifice to our God. Let their more work be laid upon the men, that they may labor therein, and let them not regard vain words.'"

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From this passage, we can see Moses was allowing the Hebrews to rest on the Sabbath, as the word rest in verse five is the word *sabat*, which means to keep Sabbath. So Moses was allowing the Hebrews to keep the Sabbath, designating them as the worshippers of the true God. But



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this infuriated Pharaoh so much so that Pharaoh commanded or passed a law forcing God's people to labor on the Sabbath in violation of the Fourth Commandment. To labor on the Sabbath would be a sin, which the Bible defines for us, saying sin is the transgression of the law. Pharaoh was using the force of his authority to compel God's people to sin against God and transgress his Sabbath. This is the very heart of Satan's strategy in securing worship to himself and establishing the rule of his throne. Remember when Satan said, "I will exalt my throne above the stars of God"? Notice that Satan has a throne. A throne is a representation of his government and his laws. And this is how Satan exalts his throne above God. He legislates sin by law, that is, he passes earthly laws that force God's people to break God's law. We read about Satan's throne in the Psalms, "Shall the throne of iniquity have fellowship with thee which frameth mischief by a law?" His throne is the throne of iniquity, and iniquity is wickedness and sin, the transgression of God's Ten Commandments.

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So when Satan frames "mischief by a law," he devises and frames man-made laws that compel others to sin against God, thereby bringing mischief or trouble or persecution upon God's people. And since, "His servants ye are to whom ye obey," when God's servants obey the laws that compel them to disobey God's law, they become the servants of the one whom they obey instead of God. Since God has commanded his people, "Hallow my Sabbaths, and they shall be a sign between me and you, that ye may know that I am the Lord, your God," it follows that when this commandment is transgressed, those who trample upon the sign of the worship of the true God cannot be identified as his worshippers. But it is in just such cases, when earthly rulers frame laws forcing the people to break God's law, that it is written, "It is time for thee, Lord, to work, for they have made void thy law," meaning when heathen nations make God's law void by passing laws that compel people to sin against God, that is where the omnipotent God has drawn a line. And when that line is crossed, God will work to vindicate himself and his laws and his people that obey them.

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And certainly, this was true in Egypt when Pharaoh commanded a law forcing God's people to transgress the Sabbath. It was at that time, God intervened and sent the plagues against Egypt. Once brought in the wilderness where they could worship God freely, he restated the two commandments that identify the worship of the true God and said, "I am the Lord, thy God, which brought thee out of the land of Egypt from the house of bondage. Thou shalt have no other gods before me. And remember that thou wast a servant in the land of Egypt and that the Lord, thy God, brought thee out thence through a mighty hand and by a stretched-out arm. Therefore the Lord, thy God, commanded thee to keep the Sabbath day." The tendency of man to redefine God and the day he sanctified for worship is shown in the sad story of his own people, who, no sooner than they were led out of Egypt, redefined the one God of the Bible as a multitude of gods. When Aaron said to the people, "These be thy gods," plural, "O Israel, which brought thee up out of the land of Egypt," and no sooner was this done than they instituted a new day of worship to these false gods. "And when Aaron saw it, he built an altar before it. And Aaron made proclamation and said, 'Tomorrow is

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a feast to the Lord."

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Few things must excite Satan more than seeing the professed worshippers of the true God redefine him into an idol of their own imaginations and redefine his day of worship to that of another day. For these two points, the Sabbath and the identity of the true God, have especially been at the center of Satan's endeavors in establishing all his false religions. As the laws of this world become more stringent and hostile to the worship of the true God, we may remember the Exodus and have faith and hope that when laws are passed prohibiting the worship of the true God, that the true God will intervene and deliver his people from this world of bondage and bring them into the heavenly Canaan, for they will be at liberty to worship the Father through the Son on the Sabbath day without any interference.

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[music] About 852 years later, back in Babylon, Satan was, this time, using King Nebuchadnezzar, another heathen Sun worshipper, to enact a law forcing the Jews to worship an idol in rebellion against the true God. Nebuchadnezzar set up a large golden image and demanded all to worship it, as it is written, "Thou, O king, hast made a decree," that is, he made a law, "that whoso falleth not down and worshippeth, that he should be cast into the midst of a burning fiery furnace." In all the vast crowd of professed Jews in Babylon, God had but three loyal servants, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. "Nebuchadnezzar spake and said unto them, 'Is it true, O Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego? Do not ye serve my gods nor worship the golden image which I have set up?'" The king was attempting to force them to break the first and second commandments of the law of their God, which states, "Thou shalt have no other gods before me," and concerning the worship of images, had said, "Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them nor serve them."

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The heathen king had likened the worship of the golden image with the worship of his gods, for he said, "Do not ye serve my gods?" Nebuchadnezzar's gods at this time were primarily Marduk, Anu, and Iya, a Babylonian triad of gods. But the three faithful Jews would not be compelled by force or threat of death to serve and worship multiple gods. That there was one God was the bedrock of their faith. The Apostle Paul wrote, "For though there be that are called gods, whether in heaven or in earth, as there be gods many and lords many, but to us, there is but one God, the Father, of whom are all things." And to this one God defined as the Father, the three captives were faithful, willing rather to lose their lives than to be compelled to sin against him.

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Christ invites us, saying, "Follow me," but we are never forced to walk in his footsteps. Force is the last resort of every false religion. At first, it tries attraction, as the King of Babylon tried the power of music and outward show. If these attractions invented by men, inspired by Satan failed to make men worship the image, the hungry flames of the furnace were ready to consume them. But their eye was single to the glory of God. Their souls were steadfast. The power of the truth held them firmly to their allegiance to God. It is in the power of God alone that we shall be enabled to be loyal to him. Jesus said, "He that hath my commandments and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me, and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him and will manifest myself to him."

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And has not Christ manifested himself to his faithful children? Did he not walk in the furnace with the captives who refused to yield to the golden image, one tittle of the reverence which belonged to God? Those whose loyalty to God cannot be broken may safely trust in the promise, "When thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned, neither shall the flame kindle upon thee."

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Not long after the fiery furnace, Satan yet again attempted to secure to himself the worship of God's people by making a law demanding they pray to no one save King Darius. All the presidents of the kingdom, the governors and the princes, the councilors and the captains, have consulted together to establish a royal statute and to make a firm decree that, "Whosoever shall ask a petition of any god or man for 30 days, save of thee, O king, he shall be cast into the den of lions." Not wanting to give his worship and reverence to another, "Daniel kneeled upon his knees three times a day and prayed and gave thanks before his God, as he did aforetime." Not even through the force of law or the penalty of death could Satan steal to himself the worship of the loyal servant of the true God. As a result of Daniel's faithfulness, despite him being thrown into the den of lions, God preserved him alive. After God asked the question, "Shall the throne of iniquity have fellowship with thee, which frameth mischief by a law?" we read the answer, "They gather themselves together against the soul of the righteous and condemn the innocent blood. But the Lord is my defense, and my God is the rock of my refuge." Innocent blood was condemned to death, but the Lord was Daniel's defense, for he wrote, "My God hath sent his angel and hath shut the lions' mouths that they have not hurt me. Forasmuch as before him, innocency was found in me."

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[music] Next, we come to the time of Christ and the Apostles. The difference in the principles of operation between Christ and Satan are plainly revealed in the difference between the satanic fury of the Jewish leaders who use lies, bribery, manipulation, and deceit to secure and retain their influence. Whereas Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the Gospel of the kingdom, and healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people. Ezekiel foretold of the fury of the Jewish leaders, saying, "The diseased have ye not strengthened, neither have ye healed that which was sick, neither have ye bound up that which was broken, neither have ye brought again that which was driven away, neither have ye sought that which was lost, but with force and with cruelty have ye ruled them." But on the other hand, Jesus employed no miraculous agency to compel men to believe in him. They were free to choose or to reject him of their own free will. No direct power was to force them into obedience and destroy the free moral agency that God has given to men.

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The high priest of the Jewish nation urged Christ, saying, "I adjure thee by the living God that thou tell us whether thou be the Christ, the Son of God." Here, Jesus' sonship and his relation to his Father was called into question by the highest authority of the Jewish nation. "And Jesus saith unto him, 'Thou hast said.'" In the custom of those days, this was the same as answering yes. This was the strongest form of an affirmative answer. Jesus added, "Nevertheless, I say unto you, hereafter shall ye



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see the Son of man sitting on the right hand of power and coming in the clouds of heaven. Then the high priest rent his clothes, saying, 'He hath spoken blasphemy. What further need have we of witnesses? Behold, now ye have heard his blasphemy. What think ye?' They answered and said, 'He is guilty of death.'" That Jesus should claim to be the Son of God and to have come from God was, according to their law, blasphemy. And this was enough reason in their minds to put Jesus to death.

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The Apostle John wrote, "Who is a liar but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ? He is Antichrist that denieth the Father and the Son." They who deny the divine sonship of Christ and, by extension, his relation to his Father in heaven are they who have always exemplified the principles of persecution and force in the establishment of their power and influence. But this spirit of Antichrist that denies the Father and the Son and hates the Sabbath day would especially be made manifest with the rise of the Antichrist and its policies in the following centuries. Whether under the oppression of Pharaoh in Egypt or Babylon in the fiery furnace or the lion's den, so long as God's people were faithful to the Father and Son and refused to trample upon his Sabbath, he revealed himself to be the God of their defense. But what Satan could not compel God's people to do in ancient Babylon and Egypt, Satan would seek to accomplish by another means. He would endeavor to bring upon God's people such confusion that they would lose sight of the true Sabbath and, by extension, lose their knowledge of the true God that it points to. Satan knew that if the true Sabbath had been kept, there would never have been an infidel or an atheist, and the observance of the Sabbath would have preserved the world from idolatry. But if he could redefine the identity of the Father and Son and redefine the Sabbath day, he could work with much more success. And this strategy was the secret of the Antichrist's power.

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After the destruction of Jerusalem by the Romans in 70 AD, the animosity of the Jews intensified and led to the Jewish revolts against the Roman Empire in the years following. In 135 AD, Emperor Hadrian responded with an edict prohibiting many Jewish practices by penalty of death, including Sabbath keeping. The Washington Post comments, "The shift in the early church toward worshipping on Sunday began in the second century, during the reign of Emperor Hadrian, who promulgated the most anti-Jewish, anti-Sabbath laws after the Jewish revolts in Palestine. To avoid the repressive laws, Christians moved their celebrations to the first day of creation, the day of the Sun." Here, history reveals that Sunday became adopted as the Christian Sabbath, not because Jesus or the Apostles observed Sunday or commanded it but to avoid persecution.

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The oldest written records speaking of Christians reverencing Sunday comes from Justin Martyr and the writings of Barnabas. But they come not as arguments from Scripture justifying their recognition of Sunday, but as a means of excusing themselves from persecution by the Romans. Justin writes of his reason for observing Sunday, "That being the first day in which God set himself to work upon the dark void in order to make the world and in which Jesus Christ, our Savior, rose again from

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the dead." Bishop Jeremy Taylor reacted to this, saying, "The first of these looks more like an excuse than a just reason." And he calls these efforts to substantiate Sunday as the Sabbath after Christians had already adopted it and after justification, the inference being it was well known Sunday was not the teaching of Christ or the apostles, but any excuse was a welcome means of averting persecution. Regardless of the merit of these arguments or the lack thereof, this was nevertheless how the seventh day Sabbath began to be redefined as the first day of the week. Yet this was just the beginning.

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[music] 175 years later, the Roman Emperor Constantine would allegedly convert to Christianity and use his civil power and influence to bring about the most monumental changes to the Christian faith since the time of Christ. Constantine was a pagan and a devotee of the Sun god, *Sol Invictus*, the Unconquered Sun, but supposedly saw a cross of light in the sky, along with the words, "In this sign, conquer." And that night, Constantine had a dream in which Christ told him he should use the sign of the cross against his enemies. He was so impressed that he had the Christian symbol marked on his soldiers' shields. And when the Milvian Bridge battle gave him an overwhelming victory, he attributed it to the God of the Christians. But we may ask, does God desire to spread the Gospel by conquering and slaying the opposition? Jesus said, "My kingdom is not of this world. If my kingdom were of this world, then would my servants fight that I should not be delivered to the Jews? But now my kingdom is not from hence." Earthly kingdoms rule by the ascendancy of physical power, but from Christ's kingdom, every carnal weapon, every instrument of coercion is banished. This kingdom is to uplift and ennoble humanity. The Savior taught, "The Son of man is not come to destroy men's lives, but to save them."

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According to the plain testimony of the Scripture, Constantine's conversion must be called into question, for it was after his conversion that history divulges that the alleged follower of Jesus murdered an already vanquished rival, killed his wife by having her boiled alive in her own bath, and murdered an innocent son. Even today, many historians and theologians still regard Constantine as a genuine Christian, even though after his so-called conversion, he went on to unite church and state to carry out his tyrannical and bloody ends to establish his state-backed form of Christianity on a solid basis in the fracturing territories of the Roman Empire. Daniel the prophet spoke of a fourth beast whom most scholars correctly identify as Rome. Daniel wrote, "The fourth beast shall be the fourth kingdom upon earth, which shall be diverse from all kingdoms and shall devour the whole earth and shall tread it down and break it in pieces." Rome did break the known world into pieces, 10 specifically, as were represented by the horns of this fourth beast. For we read next, "And the 10 horns out of this kingdom are 10 kings that shall arise, and another shall arise after them. And he shall be diverse from the first, and he shall subdue three kings." The 10 horns that succeeded Rome or came out of this kingdom were the Huns, Ostrogoths, Visigoths, Franks, Vandals, Suevi, Burgundians, Heruli, Anglo-Saxons, and the Lombards. Of these 10 barbarian kingdoms into which Rome was divided, most are still with us today and make up the nations of modern Europe.

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It was at this time when Rome was fracturing that a major religious controversy was taking place, threatening even the stability of the empire. And Constantine once again believed that he could and should bring about unity by any means necessary, even though it would mean redefining the true God and his only begotten Son. Chief among Constantine's rivals was Arius, a priest who believed that Jesus was in reality the Son of God and therefore had a beginning in time. Alexander, a Catholic bishop, fiercely advocated Jesus was without beginning like the Father, and so they were always at odds. In 318, Arius wrote a letter to Eusebius, a fellow Christian, with grievances concerning the persecution they were receiving at the hand of Alexander, "To that most beloved man of God, the faithful and orthodox Eusebius, from Arius, unjustly persecuted by Father Alexander because of the all-conquering truth which you, Eusebius, also are defending. The bishop is severely ravaging and persecuting us and moving against us with every evil. Thus he drives us out of every city like godless men since we will not agree with his public statements that there was always a God, always a Son, as soon as the Father, so soon the Son. We are not able to listen to these kinds of impieties, even if the heretics threaten us with 10,000 deaths. But we are persecuted because we have said the Son has a beginning, but God has no beginning."

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Instead of quelling the opposition, Alexander's persecution of Arius and those like him who believe Jesus had a beginning and was, therefore, a real Son seemed rather to fuel the fires of controversy even more. While new doctrines concerning the sonship of Christ were taking hold, Satan was, at the same time, working to redefine the Sabbath day. Three years later, in 321 AD, Constantine paved the way for an official Christian faith by establishing Sunday as a day of worship in the code of law. Already, it was the day on which the Romans worshipped their Sun god, Sol Invictus, but now it was to be enshrined in Roman law by Constantine as a legally observed day of worship. On March 7, 321 AD, the law was written, "On the venerable day of the Sun, let the magistrate and the people residing in cities rest, and let all workshops be closed." With the seventh day that is a sign of the worship of the true God disappearing as a relic of the past and Sunday now being venerated in its stead and enforced by law, the consequence, logically, would be that the knowledge of the true God the seventh day points to would disappear as well. With the seventh day Sabbath now redefined as Sunday, the way was opened to redefine God himself. And what would happen next can hardly be argued was the most significant change to occur in the Christian religion since the death and resurrection of Christ, establishing a new definition of the Christian God and commencing persecution against such [as did not agree?].

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A mere four years after the seventh day Sabbath that stood as a sign of the worship of the true God was eclipsed by the new Sunday, the God the Sabbath was a sign of suffered the same fate as the day. In 325 AD, Constantine convened the Council of Nicaea with over 300 distinguished theologians, priests, and bishops in attendance. The heart of the discussion was focused on defining the relationship between the nature of the Father and the Son and whether or not the Son had a beginning of existence. Several doctrinal views hinged upon this discussion. Namely,

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if Jesus had a beginning, he was indeed a true Son brought forth from his Father through some means unknown to man. But in the eyes of the Catholic bishops, what made Jesus divine was that he had no beginning, and they commenced accusing Arius and those who believed like him of teaching that Jesus was a created being. Also, up for discussion was how to view and understand the Father and Son relationship. Is God the Father, or is God both Father and Son? Are they one being or two? All these questions hung upon the meaning of a single Greek word. However, a great trouble arose since there are two terms in Greek of historical fame. The first, homos, meaning identical, and the second, homoios, meaning similar or like unto, had both of them a stormy history. The spelling of these words is much alike. The difference in meaning when applied to the Godhead is bewildering to simplehearted believers.

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Nevertheless, those who would think in terms of homoiousian or similar instead of homoousian or identical were promptly labeled as heretics and Arians by the clergy. Yet, when the Emperor Constantine, in full assembly of the Council of Nicaea, asked Hosius, the presiding bishop, what the difference was between the two terms, Hosius replied that they were both alike. At this, all but a few bishops broke out into laughter and teased the chairman with heresy. You see, the word homoios, meaning similar, would have the following implications. It would mean, one, Jesus is a distinct being separate from the Father. Two, he could have a beginning in time, and therefore, three, be a real Son. The word homoousian, meaning identical, would imply, one, Jesus and the Father are the same being. Two, Jesus could have no beginning, and therefore, three, cannot be a real ontological son. The theological differences between these views is so vast, they are beyond the scope of this video. Suffice it to say, the differences between them are wide enough to warrant each party of accusing the other of heresy and idolatry.

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The Roman clergy claimed that Christianity had found in the Greek word homoiosios, in English, consubstantiality, an appropriate term to express this relationship. Then the papal party proceeded to call those who would not subscribe to this teaching Arians while they took to themselves the title of Trinitarians. An erroneous charge was circulated that all who were called Arians believed that Christ was a created being. This stirred up the indignation of those who were not guilty of the charge. Alexander, Constantine, and the other Catholics made no distinction between the words begotten and created and so accused Arius, who believed Jesus was begotten, with the crime of believing that Jesus was created. To them, there was no difference, and so they accused Arius of denying the divinity of Christ. The 17th-century theologian, Philipp van Limborch, wrote, "And yet, notwithstanding all these things, when Alexander gives an account of the principles of Arius to the bishops, he represents them in all the consequences he thought fit to draw from them and charges him" - that's Arius - "withholding that the Son was made like every other creature, absolutely out of nothing and that therefore, his nature was mutable and susceptible equally of virtue and vice with many other insidious and unscriptural doctrines which Arius plainly appears not to have maintained or taught."

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This is also confirmed by Salamanes Hermias Sozomen, a fifth-century

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historian, which wrote of Arius's true beliefs, "He," Arius, "declared upon oath that he held the doctrine set forth in this exposition. It was as follows. Arius and Euzoius, presbyters, to Constantine, our most pious emperor and most beloved of God. According as your piety, beloved of God, commanded, O sovereign emperor, we here furnish a written statement of our own faith, and we protest before God that we, and all those who are with us, believe what is here set forth. We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, and his Son, the Lord Jesus Christ who was begotten from him before all ages, God the Word, by whom all things were made, whether things in heaven or things on earth. He came and took upon him flesh, suffered and rose again, and ascended into heaven, whence he will come again to judge the quick and the dead. We believe in the Holy Ghost, in the resurrection of the body, in the life to come, in the kingdom of heaven." B. G. Wilkinson adds, "It is doubtful if many believed Christ to be a created being. Generally, those evangelical bodies who opposed the papacy and who were branded as Arians confessed both the divinity of Christ and that he was begotten, not created, by the Father."

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True to form, Constantine finally settled this dispute the way he settled his other disputes, by force. The emperor exerted all his influence toward winning unanimous acceptance and nearly succeeded. Only two bishops stood out against it. But two other senior bishops refused to sign the anathemas against Arius and were exiled. Encyclopedia Britannica wrote, "Overawed by the emperor, the bishops, with two exceptions only, signed the creed, many of them against their inclination." Constantine regarded the decision of Nicaea as divinely inspired. As long as he lived, no one dared openly to challenge the Creed of Nicaea. In the book, A History of Christianity Volume 1, Kenneth Latourette wrote, "To enforce the decisions of the Council of Nicaea, Constantine commanded with the death penalty for disobedience the burning of all books composed by Arius, banished Arius and his closest supporters, and deposed from their sees Eusebius of Nicomedia and another bishop who had been active in the support of Arius."

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[music] Once again, the papal definition of the Christian God as defined by the Nicene Creed of this council established the centrality of the doctrine of the Trinity in the Christian faith. Not by the consensus of pious men in the search for truth or reasoning from the scriptures nor by the teachings of Christ or the apostles, but by penalty of death was this doctrine established. Even for having the writings of Arius, one was sent to the flames. The language of Constantine's actual edict states, "If any writing composed by Arius should be found, it should be handed over to the flames so that not only will the wickedness of his teaching be obliterated, but nothing will be left even to remind anyone of him. And I hereby make a public order that if someone should be discovered to have hidden a writing composed by Arius and not to have immediately brought it forward and destroyed it by fire, his penalty shall be death. As soon as he is discovered in this offense, he shall be submitted for capital punishment."

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Now let us inquire, was this definition of God as defined here at the Council of Nicaea in harmony with the principles of Christ? Was this



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consensus wrought by the blessing of God or by the political ambitions of unconverted men and established by force? Little do most people realize, but so vile was this edict and its consequences upon the faith of Bible-believing Christians that the results of this edict are recorded in the words of Scripture, in the Book of Daniel, written more than 800 years before this event took place. Remember, Daniel wrote about Rome being divided into 10 kingdoms represented by the 10 horns. Now listen to this. Daniel explains in verse nine, "I considered the horns, and behold, there came up among them another little horn, before whom there were three of the first horns plucked up by the roots. And behold, in this horn were eyes like the eyes of a man and a mouth speaking great things." Among the 10 horns or kingdoms that occupied the area of Rome, Daniel saw a little horn come up among them. This little horn, scholars correctly identify as the Antichrist. Regarding the identity of the Antichrist, the protestant reformers wrote in the Westminster Confession of Faith in 1646, "There is no other head of the church but the Lord Jesus Christ, nor can the Pope of Rome, in any sense, be the head thereof. But is that Antichrist, that man of sin and son of perdition, that exalts himself in a church against Christ and all that is called God."

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Charles Spurgeon wrote, "As to what Antichrist is, no sane man ought to raise a question. If it be not the popery in the Church of Rome, there is nothing in the world that can be called by that name. If there were to be issued a hue and cry for Antichrist, we should certainly take up this church on suspicion, and it would certainly not be let loose again, for it so exactly answers the description." Cotton Mather wrote, "The oracles of God foretold the rising of an Antichrist in the Christian Church, and in the Pope of Rome, all the characteristics of that Antichrist are so marvelously answered that if any who read the Scriptures do not see it, there is a marvelous blindness upon them." The prophecy states of the 10 horns, "There came up among them another little horn, before whom there were three of the first horns plucked up by the roots." This means that before the little horn, Antichrist, as the Papal Church would rise to power and have civil power over these 10 kingdoms that made up Rome, that 3 of those kingdoms would need to be plucked up, that is, destroyed, and not only destroyed or plucked up, but specifically plucked up by the roots, meaning they would be so destroyed that there would be nothing or almost nothing left of the kingdoms.

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Now, listen to who these three kingdoms were and why they were destroyed. The three horns plucked up before it were the Heruli, the Ostrogoths, and the Vandals. And the reason why they were plucked up was because they were opposed to the arrogant claims of the papal hierarchy and hence to the supremacy in the Church of the Bishop of Rome. These three kingdoms were Arian. They opposed the teaching of the Trinity and therefore, posed a threat to the rise in supremacy of the Catholic Church. The author adds, "It is evident that the spread of Arianism would check the influence of the Catholics, and the possession of Rome and Italy by a people of the Arian persuasion would be fatal to the supremacy of a Catholic bishop." But the prophecy had declared that this horn would rise to supreme power and that in reaching this position, it would subdue three kings. Therefore, this prophecy in Daniel foretold that these three Arian kingdoms would be subdued or plucked

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up by the roots. And now we know why, because they rejected the Catholic redefinition of God as a Trinity. For this crime, they were so thoroughly destroyed that not even their writings should remain. And with respect to the Arians, he - that's Constantine - banished Arius himself, ordered all his followers as absolute enemies of Christ, ordained that the books written by them should be burnt, that there might be no remains of their doctrine left to posterity, and cruelly commanded that if ever, anyone would dare to keep in his possession any book written by Arius and should not immediately burn it, he should be no sooner convicted of the crime, but he should suffer death.

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Thus the Orthodox first brought in the punishment of heresy with death and persuaded the emperor to destroy those whom they could not easily convert. The Scriptures were now no longer the rule and standard of the Christian faith. And almost as if writing in response to this very prophecy, Scottish Historian Archibald Bower spoke of the destruction of Arius's writings using the very same analogy, "No sooner had he," the Bishop [Melidius?], "been installed than he openly declared for the Homocousion," meaning in favor of the Nicene Creed and the doctrine of the Trinity, "and excommunicated as rotten and incurable members all who held the contrary doctrine. The bishops round about pleaded with him to conduct his office in the spirit in which he had been elected to it instead of making matters worse by his extreme position. It was all of no avail. He declared that nothing should and nothing could make him desist from or relent in the work he had undertaken till he had utterly extirpated the Arian heresy without leaving the least shoot of so poisonous a weed in the field which by divine appointment he was to guard and cultivate."

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And so the prophetic phrase "plucked up by the roots" aptly describes the destruction of these three Arian kingdoms and the burning of both their people and their books because they believed Jesus had a beginning and therefore, truly was the only begotten Son. With the Arian kingdoms and their writings extinguished, the doctrine of the Trinity became firmly established in the Christian world but only because its opposers and their writings were annihilated by the sword and flame and in the words of the prophet, "plucked up by the roots."

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[music] One of the three Arian kingdoms, the Ostrogoths, were destroyed along with their king, Theodoric, in 526 AD. To promote Arianism, the king commissioned a small Arian cathedral, the Hagia Anastasis, which contains the Arian Baptistry. In the Arian cathedral, Theodoric commissioned a mosaic of himself and his court. But even these evidences of the Arian kingdom were erased from history.

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This part of the mosaic that shows you the royal palace-- all this mosaic was made and commissioned by Theodoric. This mosaic has been changed, altered. We could say that it has been vandalized by the Byzantines because some images have been destroyed. Those images that had portrayed Theodoric, members of his court, members of his clergy, and that stood between the columns, now they have been replaced with curtains. But you can still see the hands here. And there is one hand here, another one here, another one here, and another hand here and another hand here. And you can still see the halos here of the

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heads that have disappeared. All these elements tell us that previous images have been destroyed. It was an act of censorship, we could say.

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The returning empire was determined to banish the image of Theodoric from history altogether.

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[music] With Constantine having passed a law protecting Sunday as a day of rest in 321 AD, the transition to Sunday as the new Christian Sabbath was mostly complete but not without the church issuing its own formal decree denouncing those who rejected Sunday. In 364 AD, at the Council of Laodicea, this was accomplished. The Catholic Church Council issued several canons or church rules, saying, "Christians shall not Judaize and be idle on Saturday, but shall work on that day. But the Lord's day, they shall especially honor and as being Christians, shall, if possible, do no work on that day. If, however, they are found Judaizing," meaning keeping the seventh day Sabbath, "they shall be shut out from Christ." Like Pharaoh in Egypt, the Catholic Council made it a moral crime to observe the Sabbath on Saturday and now defined Christians to be those who honored the day of the Sun. Once again, Satan was showing his cards by enacting laws that made it a crime to worship the true God and honor the day he sanctified.

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Citing its authority for such a change, the Catholic Church writes, "The pope has power to change times, to abrogate laws, and to dispense with all things, even the precepts of Christ. The pope has the authority and has often exercised it to dispense with the command of Christ." How appropriately does this claim to change God's law fit the prophetic warning regarding the little horn power? "And he shall speak great words against the Most High and shall wear out the saints of the Most High and think to change times and laws." The Antichrist has fulfilled this prophecy. It has thought to change the Fourth Commandment of God's law, the one commandment regarding time, and to have moved the Sabbath from the seventh day of the week to the day in which the pagans worship the Sun. How sinister and how deceptive is the enemy of truth? The use of brute force in the time of Egypt and ancient Babylon that failed to persuade God's people to transgress his Sabbath or worship the Sun gods was not even half as successful as changing the definition of the Sabbath to mean Sunday or the definition of the true God to that of the Trinity or by redefining the only begotten Son of God to instead [mean?] co-eternal, without beginning, and thereby not even a real Son.

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With these definitions changed, they became the formal creeds of Christendom by those in power, and their dominance was established by plucking up the opposition by their roots. Yet the new definition of God continued to evolve in 380 AD. Theodosius the Great, a Roman emperor, was baptized by a Catholic bishop and immediately afterward issued the following edict, "According to the discipline of the Apostles and the doctrine of the Gospel, let us believe the sole deity of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost under an equal majesty and a pious Trinity. We authorize the followers of this doctrine to assume the title of Catholic Christians, and as we judge that all others are extravagant madmen, we brand them with the infamous name of heretics and declare that their conventicles shall no longer usurp the respectable appellation of

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churches. Besides the condemnation of divine justice, they must expect to suffer the severe penalties which our authority, guided by heavenly wisdom, shall think proper to inflict upon them."

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In November of that same year, we read, "Theodosius soon came to Constantinople and immediately on his arrival, summoned to his palace, Damophilus, the Arian bishop of the city and commanded him to subscribe to the Nicene Creed or else surrender to the Catholics the episcopal palace, the cathedral, and all the churches of the city, which amounted to fully 100. Damophilus refused, and November 24th, AD 380, an edict was issued expelling all the Arians from all their houses of worship and forfeiting the same to the Catholics, who in fact, were barely able to fill the single house of worship which they already owned." The persecution by Theodosius continued in 381 AD and resulted in the Council of Constantinople. At the beginning of the year 381 AD, Theodosius issued an edict expelling from all the churches within his dominions all the bishops and other ecclesiastics who should refuse to subscribe to the Creed of Nicaea. By a commissioned officer with a military force, the edict was executed in all the provinces of the East. Having thus established his religion throughout the empire, the next thing to do was to have a general council endorse his action, compose the disputes which disturbed the Catholic party itself, and again, settle the faith of the Catholic Church. To this end, a general council was called to meet at Constantinople the same year, AD 381.

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What was his religion that was thus established with a military force? It was the Creed of Nicaea, the creed espousing the doctrine of the Trinity that was thus established throughout the empire. Regarding this new council at Constantinople, we read, "The same question which had been so long discussed as to the nature of Christ was now up in regard to the nature of the Holy Spirit. Now the question was whether the Holy Spirit is homoousian," meaning of one substance, "with the Father and the Son. The Macedonians held that he is not. The council decided that he is." Having decided the nature of the Holy Spirit is of one substance or consubstantial with the Father and Son, we read their conclusion from the Encyclopedia Britannica, "The Council of Constantinople declared finally the Trinitarian doctrine of the equality of the Holy Spirit with the Father and the Son." They now believed the Holy Spirit was also a God and of one substance with the Father and Son, which meant the Holy Spirit made a part of the one being of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit and could, therefore, be worshipped and praised as such. The new creed defined the Holy Spirit as the Lord, the Giver of Life, who proceeds from the Father. With the Father and the Son, he is worshipped and glorified. And today, over 1,600 years later, the Catholic Church still maintains this doctrine, saying the mystery of the Trinity is the central doctrine of the Catholic faith. Upon it are based all the other teachings of the church.

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[music] After the Council of Constantinople, the fully defined Trinitarian doctrine was complete. God was no longer a personal spiritual being called the Father, and Jesus was no longer a real Son, begotten of his Father in the express image of his person. And the Holy Spirit was no longer the spiritual indwelling of Jesus' own presence, as the Bible teaches, saying, "The Lord is that Spirit, and Christ in you, the hope of

glory." Instead, the Holy Spirit was now defined as a third separate person called God, the Holy Spirit, and that he is the one in you, not Jesus, and that this God, the Holy Spirit, makes up part of the one Trinitarian being. Theodosius, the emperor, far from ceasing his ruthless edicts, revealed he was just getting started in enforcing the doctrine. In the space of 15 years, he promulgated at least 15 severe edicts against the heretics, more especially against those who rejected the doctrine of the Trinity. In these edicts, it was enacted that any of the heretics who should usurp the title of bishop or presbyter should suffer the penalty of exile and confiscation of goods if they attempted either to preach the doctrine or practice the rights of their [accursed sex?]. A fine of about \$20,000 was pronounced upon every person who should dare to confer or receive or promote the ordination of a heretic. Any religious meetings of the heretics, whether public or private, whether by day or by night, in city or country, were absolutely prohibited, and if any such meeting was held, the building or even the ground which should be used for the purpose was declared confiscated.

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The anathemas of the church were fortified by a sort of civil excommunication which separated the heretics from their fellow citizens by disqualifying them from holding any public office, trust, or employment. The heretics who made a distinction in the nature of the Son from that of the Father were declared incapable of either making wills or receiving legacies. The Manichean heretics were to be punished with death. That these laws might not be vain, the office of the inquisitor of the faith was instituted, and it was not long before capital punishment was inflicted upon heresy. In all this history, the fruit of the dangers of merging church and state is revealed. How vile and malevolent man can become when religious leaders define doctrine that is sanctioned by the power of the state and established by military force? The importance of God's question to man is felt, "Shall the throne of iniquity have fellowship with thee which frameth mischief by a law?"

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Of this turbulent time in Earth's history, Gordon Coulson wrote, "The doctrine of the Trinity was not a teaching of the original Christians, who were either with Jesus himself or taught directly by the surviving Apostles. This explains why it is not found in the Bible. If it was a fundamental core doctrine of such great importance, it would have been clearly and unmistakably stated in Scripture. The fact that the vast majority of professed Christians and church doctrine today maintain a belief in the Trinity does not prove it is correct. Rather, it suggests that corruption of Christian doctrinal truths is widespread and deep."

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Alexander Hislop pointed the formulation of this doctrine back to its original roots, saying, "The Babylonian pagan worship of Nimrod, Semiramis, and the God-Incarnate Son extended throughout the entire world and eventually assumed the name of Trinitarian Christianity." John Newton wrote, "The pagan Trinities had all the prestige of a vast antiquity and universal adoption. The Gentile converts, therefore, eagerly accepted the Trinity compromise, and the church baptized it. Now at length, we know its origin." The Romish Church, uniting the forms of paganism and Christianity, and in a similar manner, misrepresenting the character of God, has resorted to practices no less cruel and revolting. In



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the days of Rome supremacy, there were instruments of torture to compel assent to her doctrines. There was the stake for those who would not concede to her claims. There were massacres on a scale that will never be known to mortals. And it was by this cruel use of force that these two doctrines, the sanctity of Sunday and the doctrine of the Trinity, were established in the Christian faith. The bitter root of these papal doctrines, forged in the Dark Ages and established by the sword, are still firmly enshrined in Christian churches and creeds and hearts and minds to this day. There are dark days still ahead of us into which we are now entering. There are still prophecies to be fulfilled, satanic laws to be enforced, and martyrs to lay down their lives for their faith that others might be inspired by the demonstrations of divine power working in men that are able to withstand the force of death.

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One such notable martyr was Michael Servetus, who was burned at the stake, October 27th, 1553. His crime, publishing his book, Errors on the Trinity, and other works and statements in opposition to the Papal Church. William Farrell, a Protestant reformer in attendance at his execution, wrote this, "At 11 o'clock on the 27th of October, Servetus was led from the prison to the gates of the city hall. The executioner fastens him by iron chains to the stake amidst the fagots, puts a crown of leaves covered with sulfur on his head, and binds his book by his side. The sight of the flaming torch extorts from him a piercing shriek of 'misericordias' in his native tongue, which is Latin for mercy. The spectators fall back with a shudder. The flames soon reach him and consume his mortal frame in the 44th year of his fitful life. In the last moment, he is heard to pray in smoke and agony with a loud voice, 'Jesus Christ, thou Son of the eternal God, have mercy upon me.'" Through the smoke and fire of the burning of his own flesh, he declared to the last his faith that Jesus Christ is the Son of the eternal God. No true Christian will persecute one who conscientiously differs from him in faith. Those who try to force the consciences of their fellow men do it because Christ is not abiding in their hearts. They do not realize that they have the attributes of Satan, but he delights to make them his instruments to bear witness against God's chosen ones. They strive to make them observe rights that have no foundation in the word of God.

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As the end of the Dark Ages drew near, Puritan Christians, so burdened and persecuted in Europe, fled to the New World. And landing on the shores of America, they longed for the freedom to worship God according to their conscience. But as the Puritan colonies settled and grew, even they, in an endeavor to secure and protect their faith, were led on by the adversary of souls to enact religious laws and condemn others for noncompliance. In 1649 AD, a law of Maryland concerning religion was passed, also known as the Maryland Toleration Act. As you can imagine, the religious laws enforced two doctrines, in particular, Sunday sacredness as the Christian Sabbath and the doctrine of the Trinity. The law made it a crime to blaspheme God, the Holy Trinity, the Virgin Mary, or the early Apostles and Evangelists. It also forbade one resident from referring to another's religion in a disparaging way, and it provided for honoring the Sabbath, which, of course, in the Catholic settlement of Maryland meant Sunday. The consequence for violating the Sunday Sabbath reads as follows, "And be it further likewise enacted by

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the authority and consent aforesaid that every person and persons within this province that shall, at any time hereafter, profane the Sabbath or Lord's day called Sunday by frequent swearing, drunkenness, or by any uncivil or disorderly recreation or by working on that day when absolute necessity does not require it shall, for every such first offense, forfeit 2 shillings and 6 pence sterling or the value thereof."

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For subsequent violations, there were more fines, imprisonment until they publicly confess, or being publicly whipped. And then foremost within the same legislation, there was the blasphemy law, which stated that, "Whatsoever person or persons within this province and the islands thereunto belonging shall, from henceforth, blaspheme God, that is, curse him or deny our Savior, Jesus Christ, to be the Son of God, or shall deny the Holy Trinity, the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, or the Godhead of any of the said three persons of the Trinity or the unity of the Godhead or shall use or utter any reproachful speeches, words, or language concerning the said Holy Trinity or any of the said three persons thereof shall be punished with death and confiscation or forfeiture of all his or her lands and goods to the Lord Proprietary and his heirs." It is not without significance that both of these false doctrines, the counterfeit day of worship and the counterfeit God, are both found in the same legislation. As history has shown, they always go together, and as time went on, so did the number of ways one could be punished for breaking these laws.

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In Massachusetts, in 1695, anyone found exercising laboring or participating in business or games, sports, or recreating on the Lord's day or any part thereof could be put in the cage or set in the stocks for up to three hours. In 1705, the penalty for blasphemy or to deny the Holy Trinity, "He or she shall, for the first offense, be bored through the tongue and fined 20 pounds sterling to the king towards defraying the county charge where the offense was committed. Or if the party hath not in a state sufficient to answer that sum, then to suffer six months imprisonment. For the second offense, he or she shall be stigmatized in the forehead with the letter B and fined 40 pounds sterling to the uses aforesaid or imprisonment for one whole year. And for the third offense, he or she so offending and thereof legally convicted shall suffer death with confiscation of all their goods and chattels to the king." Being stigmatized in the forehead with the letter B meant being branded like cattle, having the letter B for blasphemy literally burned in the flesh of your forehead.

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In Pennsylvania, the same year, we read in an act to restrain people from labor on the first day of the week that one of the purposes in such legislation was for the ease of the creation. At present and for the last number of years, this has been one of the leading reasons for individuals and organizations who are advocating for Sunday laws. The world needs a day of rest, they say, to ease climate change or curb pollution and natural disasters. Yet this reasoning was written in the laws of Pennsylvania all the way back in 1705. Yet no such laws or barbaric penalties, as written into the laws of the colonial states, have their part in Christ's kingdom. In the establishment of his government, no carnal weapons were to be used, no coercion practiced, no attempt would be

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made to force the consciences of men. These are the principles used by the Prince of Darkness for the government of his kingdom. His agents are actively at work, seeking, in their human independence, to enact laws which are in direct contrast to Christ's mercy and lovingkindness.

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Far from being a relic of ancient times or the Dark Ages, history reveals that even in colonial America, the observance of the seventh day Sabbath on Saturday in honor and worship of the one true God was, for all intents and purposes, replaced by Sunday as the day of rest and worship in honor of the Trinity God and established by law. How different are these methods from those of Christ, who commanded his disciples, "Love your enemies. Bless them that curse you. Do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you and persecute you, that ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven," or the counsel of Paul, who said, "Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good"? Fortunately, the Maryland Toleration Act was repealed in 1654, but this was, by no means, the end of Satan's war against the worship of the true God.

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Throughout the 18th and 19th century, America continued to be plagued with civil laws enforcing both Sunday observance and punishing blasphemy against the Trinity. But the Constitution of the United States of America was signed in 1787. And the First Amendment states, "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion or prohibiting the free exercise thereof or abridging the freedom of speech or of the press or of the right of the people peaceably to assemble and to petition the government for a redress of grievances." This effectively put an end to the tyranny of religious laws and guaranteed people the right to worship freely as they so choose. Thomas Jefferson wrote of this law in 1802, saying, "Believing with you that religion is a matter which lies solely between man and his god, that he owes account to none other for his faith or his worship, that the legitimate powers of government reach actions only and not opinions, I contemplate with sovereign reverence that act of the whole American people which declared that their legislature shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion or prohibiting the free exercise thereof, thus building a wall of separation between church and state."

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Many, today, believe the First Amendment and the separation of church and state was to protect the church from the state. But the history of colonial America and over 1,000 years of inquisitions and torture of Christians throughout the Dark Ages shows that the separation of church and state was rather to protect the state from the church, in particular, to safeguard against such terrible persecution and prevent it from ever happening again. With the formulation of the First Amendment, the religious laws of the Dark Ages were now waning, and the principles of religious liberty, winning out. In researching these early days of America's fight for religious liberty, William Blakely authored a book titled *American State Papers Bearing on Sunday Legislation* and wrote, "The early colonial laws and documents especially contain numerous provisions against heretics, infidels, and dissenting sects. They also abound in recognitions of God, the Trinity, and the like and provide for the punishment of persons daring to speak or act contrary to the

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prevalent ideas on the subject of religion." He concludes, "These laws were the result of erroneous ideas brought over by the colonists from the Old World."

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Speaking of these American principles, he adds, "The equal rights characteristic of our institutions is absolutely incompatible with the forfeiture of property because one may refuse to go to church or to observe a day which certain other persons consider sacred or with the hanging of Quakers, the lashing of women with bared backs through the streets in midwinter, or with the banishment of such men as Roger Williams, all on account of exercising their God-given rights in matters of conscience. American principles are the principles that frowned down that religious principles, bigotry and intolerance, which had held the world captive for ages." And thus it was that after the reign of papal supremacy lasting over 1,200 years, America came onto the scene with new Christlike principles of religious freedom in fulfillment of the prophecy which states, "And I beheld another beast coming up out of the earth. And he had two horns like a lamb, and he spake as a dragon."

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The lamb in the scriptures is a symbol of the character of Christ. This lamblike beast, therefore, is a striking figure of the rise and growth of our own nation. And the lamblike horns, emblems of innocence and gentleness, well represent the character of our government as expressed in its two fundamental principles, Republicanism and Protestantism. The Christian exiles who first fled to America sought an asylum from royal oppression and priestly intolerance. And they determined to establish a government upon the broad foundation of civil and religious liberty. These principles are the secret of our power and prosperity as a nation. Millions from other lands have sought our shores, and the United States has risen to a place among the most powerful nations of the earth. With the freedom to worship according to one's conscience, light from the scriptures was increased also. Thomas Jefferson, the third president of the United States, wrote in 1820, "When we shall have done away the incomprehensible jargon of the Trinitarian arithmetic, that three are one and one is three, when we shall have knocked down the artificial scaffolding reared to mask from view the simple structure of Jesus, when, in short, we shall have unlearned everything which has been taught since his day and got back to the pure and simple doctrines he inculcated, we shall then be truly and worthily his disciples. And my opinion is that if nothing had ever been added to what flowed purely from his lips, the whole world would, at this day, have been Christian."

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Despite the added light shining from God's word and the newfound constitutional laws and amendments to protect the rights of all to worship in peace and according to their conscience, the right of lawmakers to enforce a day of rest was again challenged in 1888 in what was known as the Blair Bill. But with the introduction of the National Sunday Rest Bill by Senator Blair of New Hampshire in 1888, the question was again revived. And for a number of years, this and other similar measures before Congress were discussed and widely agitated throughout the country. Its purpose is said to be a bill to secure to the people the enjoyment of the first day of the week, commonly known as the Lord's day, as a day of rest and to promote its observance as a day

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of religious worship. This Sunday legislation prohibited secular work, labor, or business to receive pay for labor or service performed or rendered. There could be no mail, no unnecessary labor performed or permitted in the military or naval service, and stated, "It shall be unlawful to pay or to receive payment or wages in any manner for service rendered or for labor performed."

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Though said to promote Sunday rest, it came with consequences in that any person or corporation who shall willfully violate this section shall be punished by a fine of not less than 10, nor more than 1,000 dollars. After much discussion and debate between Senator Blair and religious liberty advocates A. T. Jones and J. O. Corliss, the bill died for the reason, "The proposed legislation entered the realm of conscience and the field of religious controversy." Once again, this effort too was short-lived, as another Sunday bill was proposed just two years later, in 1890, for the District of Columbia. In the process of discussing the new Breckinridge Bill in 1890 before the House committee, it was pointed out that Sunday legislation had already existed, but it just wasn't being enforced. J. O. Corliss, in arguing against the constitutionality of the bill, wrote, "Taking this to some lawyers, they told us that the old law we had found was still binding. This is a very strict law and provides that the offender shall pay a fine of 200 pounds of tobacco. But that which makes this law appear so strange is that it is found in direct connection with another statute which provides that anyone who publicly denies the Trinity as commonly held shall, for the first offense, have his tongue bored through and for the third offense, suffer death without the benefit of the clergy. Possibly the reason why the promoters of the present Sunday law ignore the one now on the statutes is because it is in the company of another law so barbarous in its makeup, thus showing the nature of the company Sunday laws of the past have always kept."

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Whether in Egypt, ancient Babylon, the Dark Ages, or even the newly formed United States, it is no wonder that Sunday laws and Trinity laws should be found in direct connection with each other since the day on which we worship is a sign that designates the God we worship. It is no wonder they should retain a close relationship throughout all history and no wonder then that they will continue to maintain a close relationship to each other in the future. Corliss also added, "But it is this kind of company in which Sunday laws were originally found, and that is where they belong, for they are but a relic of the old system of church and state. Indeed, this law, now in force in the district is as near to representing a church and state power as it could well be." As we have seen in America's early history, Satan was at work, endeavoring, once again, to unite church and state to commence his persecuting power against those who would obey God instead of the state's religious laws. The Breckinridge Bill did not become law, but various Sunday laws, also called blue laws for the blue paper they were written on, have been on the books for a long time. In this 1911 map from the book *American State Papers Bearing on Sunday Legislation*, we see all but two states had Sunday laws already in place. And we read a stark warning above the map which says, "It was Sunday legislation which plunged Europe into the Dark Ages and the Inquisition." And this is where it will lead the world again today if it starts once more on this backward road.



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[music] Throughout the 20th century, Sunday laws have always had their advocates. There are organizations, like the Lord's Day Alliance in the United States and the European Sunday Alliance, still advocating for a return to the enforcement of Sunday rest. Yet chief among the advocates for Sunday rest have always been the popes, such as John Paul II, who wrote in his apostolic letter *Dies Domini* or the Day of the Lord, saying, "Also, in the particular circumstances of our own time, Christians will naturally strive to ensure that civil legislation respects their duty to keep Sunday holy." It may hardly seem like this country that embodies religious liberty could ever stoop to the persecution of the Dark Ages. After all, this lamblike beast in Revelation 13:11 represents the United States of America, the nation that provided an asylum not only for persecuted Christians fleeing the papal tyranny of the Dark Ages but for all people of faith. We saw John wrote of this country, saying, "And I beheld another beast coming up out of the earth. And he had two horns like a lamb. But the stern tracings of the prophetic pencil reveal a change in this peaceful scene." John then adds the warning, "And he spake as a dragon. What will the United States of America do that will consist of speaking as a dragon?" We read in the next words, "And he exerciseth all the power of the first beast before him," that is, the papacy, "And he causeth," or forces, "the earth and them which dwell therein to worship the first beast whose deadly wound was healed."

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In these words, the prophecy from the Bible reveals the spirit of persecution manifested by paganism and the papacy is again to be revealed, but this time in America as well. Prophecy declares that this power will say to them that dwell on the earth that they should make an image to the beast. By this first beast is represented the Roman Church, an ecclesiastical body clothed with civil power, having authority to punish all dissenters. The image to the beast represents another religious body clothed with similar power. The formation of this image is the work of that beast whose peaceful rise and mild professions render it so striking a symbol of the United States. Here is to be found an image of the papacy. When the churches of our land, uniting upon such points of faith as are held by them in common, shall influence the states to enforce their decrees and sustain their institutions, then will Protestant America have formed an image of the Roman hierarchy.

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When you talk about Pentecostals, Charismatics, Evangelicals, Fundamentalists, Catholics, a Methodist, Baptist, Presbyterian, on and on and on and on, well, they would all say, "We believe in the Trinity."

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So many world religions sitting together around a table sends a strong message of unity.

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Christian nationalism.

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We should be Christian nationalists.

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The movement is known to many as Christian nationalism.

S9: 01:37:42

The belief that the United States should be ruled by Christians.

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You use them to change the spiritual atmosphere of this nation.  
[applause]

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- S11: 01:37:52 But in a country deeply divided, the Christian right has found a new voice.
- S12: 01:37:56 We desire to live in a Judeo-Christian nation with Judeo-Christian values.
- S13: 01:38:02 My Bible says that the church of the living God is an institution, that the gates of hell shall not propel against it. And the Bible says they will take it by force. That's what the Bible says.
- S14: 01:38:16 Wow.
- S1: 01:38:18 Almost every century furnishes examples of what bigotry and malice can do under a plea of serving God by protecting the rights of church and state.
- S15: 01:38:27 The Church is supposed to influence government.
- S16: 01:38:28 [crosstalk].
- S17: 01:38:30 You cannot separate God from politics. You can't take him out of our government.
- S1: 01:38:36 Protestant churches that have followed in the steps of Rome by forming an alliance with worldly powers have manifested a similar desire to restrict liberty of conscience.
- S18: 01:38:46 Whereas we, the Church, are God's governing body on the earth, whereas we have been given legal power from heaven and now exercise our authority, we will never stop fighting. We will never, ever, ever give up [inaudible]. We will bring our country back.
- S1: 01:39:12 And as history has always shown, persecution always follows religious favoritism on the part of secular governments. Will Protestant Christians in America push for a union of church and state? Will the oppressive laws of this modern age, coupled with revivals in America fuel the zeal of Christians to restore Sunday laws and blasphemy laws? Will this swelling of Protestantism in America find its way into the courts of government and use the power of the state to enforce Sunday laws and blasphemy laws once again?
- S19: 01:39:47 We're going to protect Christianity. And I can say that. I don't have to be politically correct.
- S20: 01:39:52 The Founding Fathers never intended for church and state to be completely separate.
- S21: 01:39:57 Growing belief by some on the far right that there is not and never has been an actual wall of separation separating between church and state.
- S22: 01:40:05 The church is supposed to direct the government. The government is not supposed to direct the church. That is not how our Founding Fathers intended it. And I'm tired of this separation of church and state junk that's not in the Constitution.
- S23: 01:40:19 I believe in an America where the separation of church and state is absolute.
- S24: 01:40:24 Evangelical Christian agenda in this country, it's using state legislatures

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as its tools.

- S19: 01:40:31 We are Americans and Americans kneel to God and God alone.
- S25: 01:40:36 Both institutions were distinct, but both were to be ruled - here it is - by God's law.
- S26: 01:40:43 [inaudible] with speed limits.
- S27: 01:40:44 Yes, [crosstalk].
- S26: 01:40:45 But they lost you on Sabbath laws.
- S27: 01:40:46 Yes, Sabbath laws.
- S26: 01:40:47 But we'll come back. That's all right.
- S27: 01:40:49 I mean, we haven't got the--
- S26: 01:40:49 It's a teaser for--
- S27: 01:40:50 Never got to blasphemy yet, blasphemy laws.
- S26: 01:40:53 Is Joe Biden really supposed to be punishing me for heresy?
- S27: 01:40:58 But if what the guy-- let's say it actually is heresy just in principle, the pastor-- not the pastor, the magistrate can say, "Silence. Be silent." And because the moment you outwardly say something, it becomes a matter of the public, it leaves the private and becomes public. And so it becomes then a matter of the jurisdiction of, we can say, the state or just say the magistrate. That being said, when I say heresy, I'm talking about anti-Trinitarianism heresy. You're suppressing it because that act threatens the soul of the [hearers?] of the people who are around there. It normalizes heresy in public to let it go. But if you suppress it through civil action or kind of social custom, that normalizes opposition to those things. We're ordering this life to the next. So how do you order people-- how do you order Christians to eternal life? Well, in an outward way, you do what you can so that they can worship God. In particular, how would you do that? You'd have Sabbath laws. And Sabbath laws are not simply to punish violations of Fourth Commandment, but they're provide the-- but to provide the conditions in which people can worship God without distraction. That's the purpose.
- S1: 01:42:21 This brings us to the inevitable question, where is all this going? Are we headed for the mark of the beast? If Satan has instigated legislation forcing the people of all ages to worship him on his day and to disregard the true God and his day, what does this mean for the future? Will the world today ever take that backward road to religious persecution of the Dark Ages and again pass legislation enforcing Sunday laws and blasphemy laws? Does Bible prophecy reveal that this is where we are headed? The short answer is absolutely, but not in just one country this time, but the whole world. When examining the mark of the beast prophecy, it is self-evident that whatever the mark of the beast represents, it is a sign or mark of the worship of or obedience to the beast. This is interesting as we have already considered the sign of the worship of God and saw he declared it to be his Sabbath, "And hallow my Sabbaths, and they shall be a sign between me and you, that ye may know that I am the Lord, your God." Just as the seventh day Sabbath is

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a sign of the worship of the true God through his only begotten Son, so too the observance of Sunday is a sign of the worship of the Trinity which denies Jesus to be the literal Son of God.

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The Catholic Church claims of Sunday in the Catholic Catechism, "Question, 'What is Sunday or the Lord's day in general?' Answer, 'It is a day dedicated by the Apostles to the honor of the most holy Trinity. It is also called Sunday from the old Roman denomination of Dies Solis, the day of the Sun, to which it was sacred.'" So here is a choice then between two days, the seventh day Sabbath and the one true God or the Sunday and the three-in-one idol fashioned by the Antichrist that denies the Father and the Son, each day being a sign of the authority and worship of the one who gave it. We read in the Catholic record of the authority upon which Sunday observance rests, "The Bible still teaches that Sabbath or Saturday should be kept holy. There is no authority in the New Testament for the substitution of Sunday for Saturday. Surely it is an important matter. It stands there in the Bible as one of the 10 Commandments of God. There is no authority in the Bible for abrogating this commandment or for transferring its observance to another day of the week. For Catholics, there is not the slightest difficulty. We have in the authoritative voice of the church, the voice of Christ himself. The church is above the Bible, and this transference of Sabbath observance from Saturday to Sunday is proof positive of that fact." The authority of Sunday observance, therefore, rests upon the authority of the Catholic Church, the beast of Bible prophecy which has placed itself above the authority of Christ and his word. How appropriate is the descriptive warning of the Antichrist power? "And he shall speak great words against the Most High and shall wear out the saints of the Most High and think to change times and laws."

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In the Book of Revelation, we read of the second beast representing the United States, that, "He causeth the earth and them which dwell therein to worship the first beast." As through all the past ages, the last war will be over the same question as the first war between Cain and Abel. It will be over the issue of worship, and Satan's strategy will be the same as it has been in past ages. He will pass a law demanding all on the earth to reverence the Sunday in opposition to the God of heaven. "Only by changing God's law could the papacy exalt itself above God. Whoever should understandingly keep the law as thus changed would be giving supreme honor to that power by which the change was made. Such an act of obedience to papal laws would be a mark of allegiance to the pope in the place of God."

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So the mark of the beast's question comes down to this. Who do you worship? Remember, "To whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey." So in the last great war over worship, will you obey God's law or man's law? The day you choose to observe will be a sign of your worship of the one true God or a sign of your worship of the Trinity God. The enforcement of Sunday laws at the end of time will be the mark of the beast. It is the crisis that will bring all the inhabitants of Earth to make their final choice, whom they will worship before Jesus returns. The records of history through all ages and the prophetic record stand as a warning to those of us now alive on the brink

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of this crisis. There is a saying that those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it. Let us remember then the lessons learned by those who have lived through such religious enactments and consider the warnings they have uttered concerning the future.

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Let governmental recognition of religion once be established, and there will always be religious organizations ready to take advantage of it and turn the power and influence of the government to their own ends and aggrandizement. Such has been the history of religion allied with civil government from the remotest ages.

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The doctrine of the Trinity, which was established in the church by the Council of Niece, AD 325. This doctrine destroys the personality of God and his Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. The infamous measures by which it was forced upon the church, which appear upon the pages of ecclesiastical history, might well cause every believer in that doctrine to blush.

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The doctrine that Jesus Christ, the Son of God, was God the Son was decreed by worldly and ecclesiastical powers. Men were forced to accept it at the point of the sword or else. Thus the error of the Trinity was propounded to the end that ultimately, people believed it to be the truth. Thus Christianity became, in essence, like Babylonian heathenism, with only a veneer of Christian names.

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What more was ever required by the papacy itself than that the Christian religion should be the national religion, that the discipline of the church should be maintained by the civil power, that the religious test oath should be applied to all, that the public should be taxed for the support of religion and religious worship, that there should be required a belief in the doctrine of the Trinity and the inspiration of the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testament, that the guilt of blasphemy should be visited upon everyone who should speak or act in contempt of the religion professed by almost the whole community, and that everybody should be required by law to observe Sunday? Indeed, what more than this could be required or even desired by the most absolute religious despotism that could be imagined?

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Most Christians would be horrified to learn the two most fundamental doctrines of their church creeds were fashioned by the Antichrist and established by force through centuries of inquisitions, torture, and bloodshed, rooting out the opposition of all such as would not comply. Yet these two doctrines have become the foundation of modern Christianity and erroneously regarded as the teachings of the Bible. Yet there are two ways by which we might ascertain the true origin of these two doctrines. The Bible test is to the law and to the testimony. If they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them. To this test, every doctrine must be brought. Most Christians today, being themselves victims of deception, do not know God's law and therefore, do not discern their fearful predicament. Jesus said, "You shall know them by their fruits." And here it is, the fruit of the Spirit behind the doctrine of Sunday worship and the Trinity.

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[music] The history of man through all ages has furnished an indelible record of cruelty, persecution, and death against those who dared to



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violate the most cruel laws, creeds, and policies prohibiting the worship of the true God through his only begotten Son on the seventh day. Still, today, while you are watching this video, Christians are being put out of their churches, shunned, mocked, and reported to the police because they wish to worship the true God according to their conscience.

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Just come clean right now. Just get up and walk out because if you don't believe in the Trinity, you are not welcome in this church. This church is not a free for all. This isn't an open mic. This isn't a karaoke bar. Okay? I'm the man of God here. I meet the qualifications. I run this church. And if you don't like it, then get out. And I don't care if 90% of people get up and walk out or 50% of people walk out. I don't care. Because you know what? I'm not going to pastor a oneness cult. He'd say, "Well, it's just [inaudible] sweetness and light. Can't we all get along?" We could all get along if people would actually believe the Bible, but they don't. So sometimes we have to crack some heads.

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There is a form of Christianity rising to prominence in America, but it is only a form of godliness without the power. To supply the lack, this form of apostate Christendom will instead appeal to the power of the state to enforce its counterfeit day of worship.

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Because we have Jesus Christ that we're serving here. He's guiding and directing our steps. And in November, we're going to take our state back. My God will make it so.

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Taking America back for God, Christian Nationalism in the United States.

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Christian nationalism is a desire to see the national identity of America closely fused with a particular strain of Christian identity.

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My personal feeling is there's no such thing as separation of church and state.

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It never has been and never will be the duty of the church to compel others by force, even to embrace the teachings of the Bible. The church may warn, counsel, and admonish, but it cannot compel any to take a right course. Whosoever persists in disregarding the word of God must bear his own burden, answer to God for himself, and suffer the consequences of his own course. God's law does not call for man to persecute those who disobey his commandments. Jesus never placed upon man the burden of upholding his teachings by force. All this is the work of Satan. This is what the Jews did in the days of Christ and what the church has done ever since, whenever she has lost the grace of Christ. Finding herself destitute of the power of love, she has reached out for the strong arm of this state to enforce her dogmas and execute her decrees. Here is the secret of all religious laws that have ever been enacted and the secret of all persecution from the days of Abel to our own time.

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Those who live during the last days of this earth's history will know what it means to be persecuted for the truth's sake. In the courts, injustice will prevail. The judges will refuse to listen to the reasons of those who are loyal to the commandments of God because they know that arguments in favor of the Fourth Commandment are unanswerable. They will say, "We have a law, and by our law, he ought to die." God's law is nothing to

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them. Our law with them is supreme. Have you ever wondered which laws Jesus was condemned to death for breaking? The Jews, responding to Pilate, said, "We have a law, and by our law, he ought to die because he made himself the Son of God." "Then the high priest rent his clothes, saying, 'He hath spoken blasphemy. What further need have we of witnesses? Behold, now ye have heard his blasphemy. What think ye?' They answered and said, 'He is guilty of death.'"

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The Jewish law, like the doctrine of the Trinity, forbade the recognition of Jesus as the literal Son of God. According to them, this was blasphemy. And for breaking their blasphemy laws, they said, "He is guilty of death." But this was not the only law for which they put Christ to death. "But Jesus answered them, 'My Father worketh hitherto, and I work.' Therefore, the Jews sought the more to kill him because he had not only broken the Sabbath but said also that God was his Father, making himself equal with God." Here, the inspired word of God shows us the Jews had a man-made law that demanded the death of Jesus for three reasons, because he said God was his Father, because he said he was the Son of God, and because they said he had broken the Sabbath. For these crimes, the religious leaders employed the power of the state to carry out the penalty of death against the divine Son of God for transgressing their laws. And very soon, the history of the trial and death of our Savior that has been repeated in all ages will, in these last days, be repeated again in all lands.

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[music] If you are a Christian and, like myself, have been taught to reverence the Sunday and worship God as a Trinity, how does this make you feel, that these two doctrines were established in Christendom by such satanic methods? It must be disturbing, to say the least. But know that God has not brought these revelations to you to make you feel oppressed or to be a burden, but to the contrary, to liberate you from the snares that Satan has laid for your feet, that you may have an opportunity to repent, turn away from idolatry, and be counted among those who worship the Father and the Son in spirit and in truth. Make no mistake, deny the fatherhood of God or the sonship of Christ is to call God a liar. Said John, "Who is a liar but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist that denieth the Father and the Son." Jesus said, "As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten." If this information comes as a rebuke to you, know that it is because Jesus loves you and has endeavored at this moment in time, through this video, to bring this information before you, that you may experience the joy and rest of worshipping the true God through his only begotten Son on the seventh day.

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Understandably, most Christians are not aware the doctrine of Sunday observance and the Trinity were established by force. They are not aware the enemy of souls is intercepting the worship they intend the true God and his Son to receive. But now you know. Now you must study these things for yourself. Now it is time to repent and to return to the heartfelt obedience of God's law. Hear, in this very moment, the voice of your Creator pleading with you, saying, "Now for a long season, Israel hath been without the true God and without a teaching priest and without law. But when they, in their trouble, did turn unto the Lord God of Israel and

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sought him, he was found of them." Satan is about to make his final stand. The battle over worship that began in heaven and has been carried out in conflicts from ancient times will, in our day, reach its final culmination. The love of God will govern his people and their endeavors to proclaim the true Sabbath as a sign of loyalty to him. And the character of Satan will fully govern his servants in the proclamation of Sunday as a sign of loyalty to earthly powers.

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The character of both will be on full display, that men and women may plainly see the distinction of principles between him that strives at the cost of his own life to proclaim the God of love and his kingdom of grace and him that will take the life of his fellow man to serve the God of this world in the final effort to establish his throne of iniquity by force. And for this reason, I leave you with the words of John, "That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us. And truly, our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ. And these things write we unto you, that your joy may be full." [music]