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**SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST (SDA): "I'VE HEARD IF YOU DON'T KEEP THE SABBATH (SATURDAY) YOU WON'T GO TO HEAVEN - IS THAT CORRECT?"**

**CHRISTIAN (C): Oh!**

**SDA:** O yeah! It says so in the Bible you know!

**C:** Oh! Really?

**SDA:** Yep! Every Saturday we all go to church.

**C:** Powerful brother! That's commitment!

**SDA:** Oh yes, we don't miss a Saturday.

**C:** May I ask you a question?

**SDA:** Sure!

**C:** What else do you do on a Saturday after church?

**SDA:** Nothing mate! We all just sit around, watch TV, have a few drinks and basically just relax, enjoy the family, like it says in the Bible. The big thing is not to do any work on Saturday.

Well I mean that's what God did, didn't he? He worked his backside off for six days and then took Saturday off. Makes sense doesn't it?

I mean we all love God, he created the world, and what we like about God is this, he doesn't just say 'Do what I say', he sets the example of NO WORK ON SATURDAY. That's what he did ... and we do likewise.

**C:** What about Jesus?

**SDA:** Yep! He did the same. No work. Had a complete break from work on Saturday. It's all there in the Bible you know. God's truth ... right there ... written down. He was a carpenter you know, downed the tools, and put his feet up just like God his Father. 'Like father like son' – there's a lot in that saying you know?

**C:** Powerful!

**C:** So let's see if I got this straight? To get to heaven all I have to do is go to church on Saturday and do no work.

**SDA:** Yeh, pretty much brother.

**C:** So what about sin? Have you ever sinned? You know, done the wrong thing?

**SDA:** Ah yeah! You know wink-wink nudge-nudge! Can't help it really. Look I wouldn't tell the Missus what I get up to, if you know what I mean? But God's a God of love and he forgives our sins! It all there in the Bible. And like father like son, Jesus went around forgiving our sins too.

**C:** You seem to have an amazing grip on the Bible?

**SDA:** Thanks Pal!

**C:** So what line of work are you in again?

**SDA:** A carpenter – just like Jesus. How about that? I mean when I get to the pearly Gates, he'll be there checking our bona fides, and I reckon ... look he knows I'm not perfect ... but he'll take pity on me and let me in because I'm in the same line of work as he was. Know what I mean? Mates rates and all that.

**C:** So what you're saying is that on Saturday you don't do any carpentry work?

**SDA:** "Absolutely not brother! It says so in the Bible!

**C:** So I see you have a Ford Monaro car in the garage there. Do you ever come out when sick of watching TV on Saturdays and work on the engine?

**SDA:** No worries mate! But I don't call it work you see? I not doing my day job of carpentry. The car is just fun. I do it because I enjoy it. Carpentry isn't fun. In fact I hate it. So I have fun with the car! It's not work so I'm not breaking any rules in the Bible.

Now put it this way, if my six day a week job was as a Car Mechanic, then I would be doing work on a Saturday wouldn't I? I see where you're going with all this brother.

But I'm not. Yes, the Car Mechanic working on his car, indeed, someone else's car on Saturday would be guilty? I mean is the Pope a Catholic?

**C:** I see. Let me ask you another question if I may? The man they caught picking up sticks on the Sabbath, they ended up stoning the poor blighter! What do you make of that? Have you ever picked up sticks on Saturday?

**SDA:** All the time Pal! See that BBQ over there, we need wood for a cook up on Saturday lunch.

**C:** So what's the difference between you and the stoned man in the Bible?

**SDA:** That was his profession, his actual day job. He was a professional wood gatherer and he was doing his day job on Saturday and he got caught out! I don't earn my living from collecting wood – he did! He deserved to get it in the neck, if you get my drift?

**C:** Amazing! Where do you get this insight into the Bible?

**SDA:** The elders champion! The church elders! They're great. They just explain any part of the Bible to us, so we don't have to read it. I mean that's their job. We give them money to tell us what the Bible means. It makes sense doesn't it? You don't go and defend yourself in court do you? Of course not, you hire a professional lawyer who does this week in and week out. That's what the church elders are there to do for us.

**C:** I can see where you're coming from. So what about the part where ... and look I just happen to have a Bible here ... and if I might quote it word for word

*"And on the **sabbath day two lambs of the first year without spot, and two tenth deals of flour for a meat offering, mingled with oil, and the drink offering** thereof: This is the **burnt offering of every sabbath**, beside the continual burnt offering, and his drink offering. ([Numbers 28:9-10](#))"*

So this is what your elders do as well on the Sabbath?

**SDA:** Technically, you are correct, but the elders came up with a solution. I mean for starters, it's against the law to go around killing animals to spill their blood, and anyhow, God looks at the heart of his people. We don't have to kill any animals if we're sorry. Anyhow, no church is slitting animals throats out the back are they? I mean, that's juts inhumane isn't it?

**C:** So let me ask you another question. Is Jesus your Saviour?

**SDA:** No worries champion. He just went around doing good to everyone? You couldn't get a nicer bloke could you? He saved the world doing this out of love. I mean, we are just trying to save the world too. He saved the world

and being our father, he shows us how to save the world as well. Look we're not perfect but we do our best not to harm anyone?

And we give to the Christmas Bowl appeal every year, we got a little orphan in Africa we send money to every month, and look, we give to the Scouts, Red Cross and Brownies all the time they knock on the door. And you know something brother, we wouldn't have it any other way – it just makes you feel good.

I think the question will be when we all get to the Pearly Gates will be "Did you try and save the world?" Rather than the emphasis being on Jesus to save us, did we follow his example and be like him and save the world?

So I think a lot of churches have just missed the mark and are avoiding their responsibilities right at their front door. You know the old saying don't you "They're too spiritually minded to be of any earthly good."

No brother, we put our money where our mouth is?

**C:** What about where it says you have to be perfect to get to heaven and never have done one sin?

**SDA:** The Elders said, the Greek word is "anas-top-po-lopo-lo-us" which means "Do your best and leave the rest" in the common jargon of today. I mean can you get better than that. After all the Bible was just written by men who were passing down spiritual information the best they knew how?

I mean, no plumber uses hemp rope to seal up pipe joints anymore do they?

Of course not, it's the finished product is what counts. Things change. Is the world perfect? Of course not, but we all have to have done our bit when we 'pop-off'.

That will be the question "What did you try and do to make the world a better place." Well, I got to get on with it, nice having a chat. You seem like a good bloke. Might catch up with you sometime."

### **WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY ABOUT ALL THIS?**

***"For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast." (Ephesians 2:8-9)***

***"But to him that worketh not, but believeth on him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness." (Romans 4:5)***

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