

THE BIBLE ANSWERS

Short Questions

FROM OUR READERS

My employer has told me he will have to fire me if I do not begin working on the Sabbath. Jobs are very hard to find in this locality. Should I keep the Sabbath regardless, and trust God for another job?

The immediate question that always comes into mind when faced with the decision to obey God and keep holy the day He made holy is: "How am I going to support my family?" The answer is that we must not look to the physical circumstances involved, but trust God in BELIEVING FAITH. Have you ever read II Cor. 4:18, 5:7 and Jas. 2:18?

Some of God's people who thought they would lose their jobs have been surprised to learn that their employers changed their minds about firing them. Others, who *have* lost their jobs for refusing to break God's Sabbath Day have soon had equal or better jobs!

We are told in Matthew 6:31-33, "... take no thought [anxious thought or worry], saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed? (For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your

heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things. *But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.*" The person who accepts God at His Word, and is willing to STEP OUT on faith, *exercising* it, and trusting Him to supply every need, is a person upon whom God will look with favor and to whom God will see that work is supplied.

This takes real courage and faith in God; but we know we have His *sure promise* that He will provide for our needs. God may allow you to be temporarily jobless to test your faith, but as long as you obey Him and follow Christ, your perfect example—and *keep looking for a job*—you will find work. God will not forsake you (Deut. 4:30-31). But there is one thing to remember, you must be a hard and trusted worker. God will not intervene for one who is lazy!

Pray for God's guidance and intervention on your behalf, so that you will have His help in finding the right job should you be fired. The chances are that you will keep your job, or find a better one if you do lose your present job.