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God is the Creator of all things. That fact constitutes His right to rule. “Know ye that the Lord He is God; it is He that hath made us, and we are His.” Psalm 100:3. “The Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods. In His hand are the deep places of the earth; the strength of the hills is His also. The sea is His, and He made it; and His hands formed the dry land. O come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord our Maker. For He is our God.” Psalm 95:3-7. The last proclamation of the everlasting Gospel which is to be preached just before the end, “to every nation, and kindred, and tongue and people” as a witness to all nations, the announcement the fulness of which is to make ready a people prepared for the coming of Christ, is this: “Fear God, and give glory to Him, for the hour of His judgment is come; and worship Him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters.” Revelation 14:7. But this knowledge is just that which the Sabbath is designed to keep in our mind. “He hath made a memorial for His wonderful works.” Through His work we have salvation; in the works of His hands we triumph; therefore the Sabbath, which makes known to us the wonderful, finished works of the Lord, is that which reveals to us to the full the sanctifying power of God. Thus it is the seal of God, which the Holy Spirit will put upon all true believers who live till the coming of the Lord. And as the forgiveness of sins, when fully appreciated, brings with it the healing of all diseases, and the healing of the body is the outward, visible sign of Christ’s power to cleanse from sin, it was most fitting that some of the most wonderful works of healing should take place on the Sabbath day. It was to show that the Sabbath brings God’s perfect root to both soul and body. Whatever God blesses He makes a means of blessing. “God blessed the Sabbath day, and hallowed it.” He sent it forth on its mission of carrying blessing to mankind. It is a truth that God has poured out His blessings freely on all men; the very possession of life is the blessing of the Creator; but it is the Sabbath that makes known to mankind the fulness of God’s blessing. It brings with it to all who accept it for just what it is, the knowledge of such a blessing as they never before dreamed of, no matter how long they have had experience as Christians. It was given in Eden, and pertains to Eden, and brings the joy of Eden with it. It is, in fact, a remnant of Eden left in this sin-cursed world, to win us to Eden restored. In it we find the power of the world to come. “If thou turn away thy foot from the Sabbath,” says the Lord, “from doing thy pleasure on My holy day; and call the Sabbath a delight, the holy of the Lord, honourable; and shalt honour Him, not doing thine own ways, nor finding thine own pleasure, nor speaking thine own words; then shalt thou delight thyself in the Lord; and I will cause thee to ride upon the high places of the earth, and feed thee with the heritage of Jacob thy father [and that heritage is Christ]; for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.” Isaiah 58:13, 14. Oh then, “taste, and see that the Lord is good.” Accept His perfect rest,—His Sabbath,—and keep it, and know now the joy of the Lord. E. J. WAGGONER. {BEST December 10, 1900, par. 1}