

Broken Toys

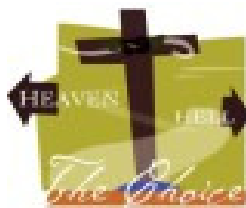
As children bring their broken toys
With tears or us to mend,
I brought my broken dreams to God
Because He was my friend.

But then instead of leaving Him
In peace to work alone,
I hung around and tried to help,
With ways that were my own.

At last I snatched them back and cried,
"How can you be so slow?"
"My child," He said,
"What could I do? You never did let go."

"If any man serve me, let him follow me..."
John 12:26

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Times of Worship:

Sunday Morning:
Bible Class: 10:00 AM
Worship: 11:00 AM

Sunday Evening:
Worship: 6:00 PM

Wednesday Evening:
Bible Class: 7:00 PM

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What Must I Do To Be Saved?

Hear the Gospel (Matthew 7:24-27; Romans 10:14,17) → Believe the Gospel (Mark 16:16; Hebrews 11:6) → Repent of My Sins (Luke 13:3,5; Acts 17:30) → Confess Christ (Matthew 10:32-33; Romans 10:9-10) → Be Baptized (Acts 2:38; 1 Peter 3:21) → Be Faithful Unto Death (Matthew 10:22; Revelation 2:10).

Works of Evangelism:

- ◆ Bible Call
- ◆ Georgia Mission (Soperton Church of Christ, Soperton, GA)
- ◆ Bible Correspondance Courses & Tracts (By Request)

Works of Benevolence:

- ◆ Hospital Benevolence Basket (Orange Park Medical Center)
- ◆ Raintree Village Children's Home (Valdosta, GA)

Works of Edification:

- ◆ The Black Creek Courier
- ◆ Black Creek Christian School
- ◆ Visitation Program
- ◆ Vacation Bible School
- ◆ Bible Classes For All Ages
- ◆ Keenagers Group (Over -50)



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"Are there not twelve hours in the day? If any man walk in the day, he stumbleth not, because he seeth the light of this world." John 11:9

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Should Christians Follow the Jewish Clock? Part 2 of 2

Third, Judaism has been done away (Rom. 7:1-7; Colo. 2:14; Heb. 8:6-7), and Sabbath worship with it. The Sabbath in the Old Testament was a day of rest sanctified to the Lord (Exodus 16:23; 31:15; Deut. 5:14), but Paul lists the Sabbath among the Jewish observances that are not required of Christians (Col. 2:16; Gal. 4:9-10). Sunday is not "the Christian Sabbath," as it is sometimes called. The New Testament never refers to it in this way.

Fourth, since the New Testament day of worship celebrates Jesus' resurrection, which occurred early Sunday morning (Matt. 28:1; Mk. 16:1, 9; Luke 24:1; John 20:1) and not on Saturday night, it follows that worship should be

on Sunday. Sunday was also the day the resurrected Christ made appearances to various disciples (Luke 24:1-43; John 20:19).

Fifth, the first Sunday of worship was conducted when the "day of Pentecost was fully come" (Acts 2:1). The Day of Pentecost was always on the first day of the week (Sunday) (Lev. 23:15-21). According to Strong's Concordance, "day" refers to the space between dawn and dark. Thayer says it means "the interval between sunrise and sunset; in the daytime." "Fully come" means "completely" or "entirely." Thus this phrase means that the assembly was held after dawn on Sunday morning. The early church thus did not meet on Saturday night but on Sunday morn-

ing.

Sixth, the gospel was designed to be a universal religion, not a Jewish religion. Jesus said, "Go ye into all the world...teach all nations" (Mk. 16:15; Matt. 28:19). Although the church was born in a Jewish environment, it was not meant to be tied to the particulars of Jewish culture (Colo. 2:14). As the church moved from Jewish culture to the Roman world, it began using Romans measures. By the end of the first century, when John wrote his biography of Jesus' life, he was using Roman time. For instance, John wrote, "And it was the preparation of the Passover, and about the sixth hour: and he saith unto the Jews, Behold your King!" (John 19:14). When compared to Matthew's account (Matt. 27:45) it is evident that John was



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reckoning time in a different way than Matthew. Further, in commenting, on the phrase "When therefore it was evening on that day" in John 20:19, A.T. Robertson points out that "day" is an old word "for the time from six to nine (John 6:16)." This was the same day as Jesus' resurrection (20:1) and was still being referred to as "that day" after 6:00 PM! Thus John was using Roman time instead of Jewish time. Robertson further points out that the addition of the phrase "the first day of the week" "proves that John is using Roman time, not Jewish, for here evening follows day instead of preceding it."

Conclusion: Since Christians are to worship God on the first day of the week, could we worship at 6:00 PM on Saturday nights?

No, we should worship according to the clock and calendar of the world in which we live. The first day of our week begins at 12:00 PM, not 6:00 PM Saturday night.

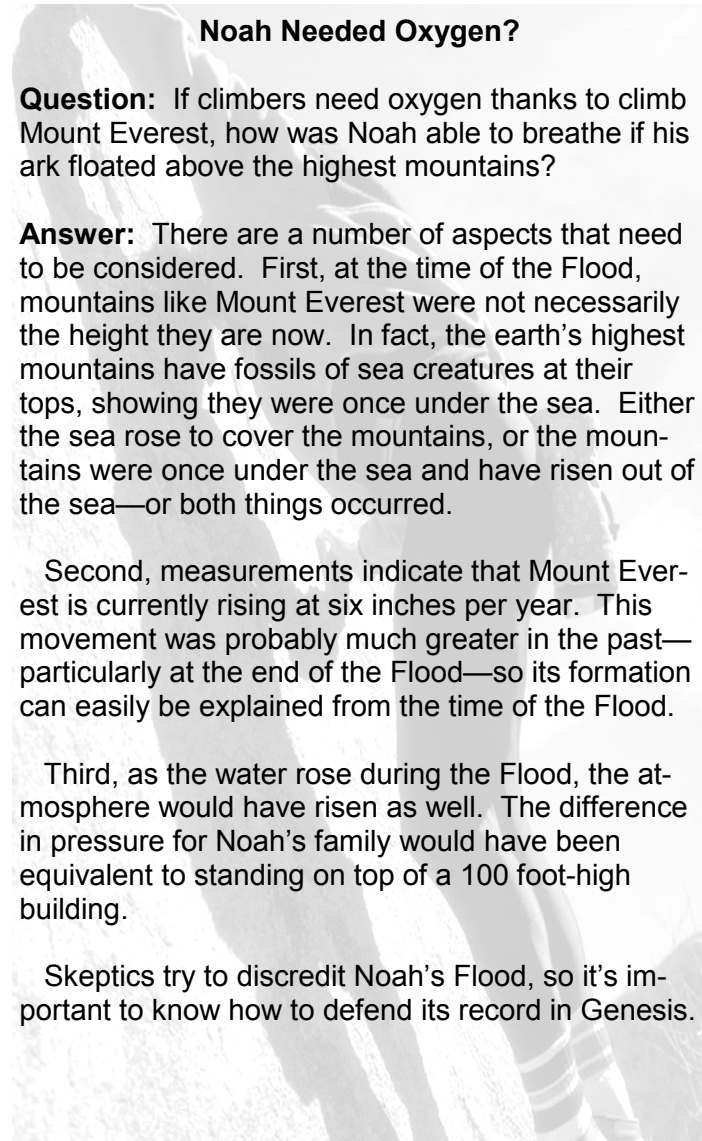
Lipscomb and Sewell answered this question this way:

There is nothing more certain than that the division of time which made the day begin at six p.m. was not continued in the New Testament times, and especially among the Gentile nations. The third hour was nine o'clock, the sixth hour was twelve, and the ninth hour was three p.m. This may have been only the divisions for the day, not including the night. My opinion is that the Savior and the apostles adopted the divisions of the people among whom they lived. Smith's Bible Dictionary says: "The Babylonians reckoned the day from sunrise to sunrise; the Umbrians, from noon to noon; the Romans, from midnight to midnight; the Athenians, from sunset to sunset." The Jews early adopted the last, but it is thought after the captivity they held to the Babylonian division, or from sunrise to sunrise. This seems to me to be the division recognized in the New Testament. Matthew 28:1 and Mark 16:1-2 fix the end of the Sabbath at sunrise.

Guy N. Woods wrote:

Are we then bound by the Jewish mode of counting time and must we regard the day as beginning and ending at sundown? No. There is nothing in the New Testament which designates

any specific arrangement for computing this matter. The allegation that the Jewish method was "God's method," and that this arrangement is binding on the church today, is fanciful and false. Christians properly follow the method prevailing where they live. There are three hours difference between Eastern Standard Time and Pacific Standard Time. A meeting, to partake of the Lord's Supper at 1 a.m., Sunday, in New York would be scriptural; a similar meeting at the same time in Los Angeles would be unscriptural, because it would be at 10 p.m., Saturday night. I once partook of the Lord's Supper in Tiberias, on the shore of the historic Sea of Galilee at 8 a.m. on Sunday morning. At that moment, it was 11 p.m. Saturday night, in Memphis, Tennessee.



Noah Needed Oxygen?

Question: If climbers need oxygen thanks to climb Mount Everest, how was Noah able to breathe if his ark floated above the highest mountains?

Answer: There are a number of aspects that need to be considered. First, at the time of the Flood, mountains like Mount Everest were not necessarily the height they are now. In fact, the earth's highest mountains have fossils of sea creatures at their tops, showing they were once under the sea. Either the sea rose to cover the mountains, or the mountains were once under the sea and have risen out of the sea—or both things occurred.

Second, measurements indicate that Mount Everest is currently rising at six inches per year. This movement was probably much greater in the past—particularly at the end of the Flood—so its formation can easily be explained from the time of the Flood.

Third, as the water rose during the Flood, the atmosphere would have risen as well. The difference in pressure for Noah's family would have been equivalent to standing on top of a 100 foot-high building.

Skeptics try to discredit Noah's Flood, so it's important to know how to defend its record in Genesis.

Black Creek... This Week

Servants For the Month of February

	A.M.	P.M.
Announcements	Larry Russell	Larry Russell
Scripture Reading	Gordon Richau	Gordon Richau
Song Leader	Sam Sipper	Steve Atnip, Jr.
Opening Prayer	Tim Gotkiewicz	Sam Sipper
Lord's Table	Don Miller	Don Miller
Assistant	Justin Workman	
Assistant	Stephen Hedgecock	
Assistant	Frazier Blair	
Assistant	Gordon Richau	
Sermon	Steve Atnip, Sr.	Steve Atnip, Sr.
Closing Prayer	Ted Copeland	Ted Copeland

Prepare Communion (For Feb.) Sally G. (Mar.) Cindy Copeland



Prayer Requests

Black Creek Family:

Tim Gotkiewicz, Cindy Copeland, Eula Morgan, Malissa Dasher, Gloria & Valerie Shaw, Sonny Best, Vernon Newsome, Ann Grace, John Moore, the Dennard family, Wanda Cheek and Pope family, Herbert & Marie Dix, Kay Van Horn, Gary, Donald Williams (Bernices' Dad) & Gloria Evans and Ann Maloy.

Away:

Cindy Anderson, James Smith, Kay Taylor, Dorothy Wilson, Eileen Lacy, Amy McCrea, Jean Odom, Donald Petteway, Robert Vaughn, Gerri West,



We are so happy that you have chosen to worship with us today. If you are visiting with us, please remain a bit after services so we can become acquainted and let you know how special you are to us. Also, if you have any questions concerning anything you saw in our services today, please ask any one of us here today. We will be more than happy to answer any of your questions.

Announcements

Volunteer Work Lists: There is a list on the bulletin board for anyone who could volunteer to watch the little ones during service if the need is present. Also, there is a list for doing the communion and building cleanup. If you could spare some time and could help us out, please sign up to do so.

Mailboxes: Please remember to check your mailboxes weekly.

Hospital Basket: We need to restock our snacks for the Hospital basket. If anyone can contribute, please see Billy Smith or Mary Register.

Finger Food Fellowship: There will be a finger food fellowship after the evening services next Sunday. Please join us for our time of food and fellowship.



Condolences and Sympathy: Our deepest sympathy and condolences go out to the Pope and Cheek family for the passing away of Tommy Cheek, Jr. on the morning of February 6.

We wish to send out a special note to Don Miller for filling in for Steve Atnip last week.

