

SABBATH..SABBATH'S TRANSLATION ERROR

Col. 2:16-17 *“Therefore let no one act as your judge in regard to food or drink or in respect to a festival or a new moon or a **Sabbath** day — things which are a {mere} shadow of what is to come; but the substance belongs to Messiah.”* (NAS)



The “Sabbath” in the NAS translation is incorrect, it should read “Sabbaths” as in the KJV. In the King James it says *“Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of an holyday, or of the new moon, or of the sabbath days.”* (KJV) Many misled people try to use this verse to prove that no day is better than any other day (referring to the Sabbath), and no food is better than any other food etc. Paul was talking to the God-fearing Gentiles of Colosse, (referred to as “YOU”) in a city in the Roman province of Asia (Western Turkey). Paul was telling them (the God-fearing Gentiles), not to worry about being criticized for the Biblical festivals, clean foods, new moon (Rosh Hadosh), Sabbaths, etc., that they were accustomed to keeping according to the Law of Yahveh. *“Therefore let no one be your judge”* meant that they were being judged by following the Torah. Paul was telling them not to worry about it, they were to be a holy people (1Pet. 1:15-16). He said let “no one” or (KJV) “no man” be your judge, meaning that the word/Torah (Yahveh’s revealed will) was the judge of their actions, not mankind. They were to follow Torah not man. The Colossians were keeping numerous regulations, many man-

made: “do not touch, do not taste, do not handle”, which all concern things which perish with the using..”according to the commandments and doctrines of men” (Col. 2:20-22).

“Things which are a {mere} shadow of what is to come;” was referring to Yeshua. He was the body needed to cast the shadow of things to come. There has to be a body to make a shadow. He was the Torah become flesh. Yeshua was the shadow (representative) of things to come being foretold in the Feasts, holy days etc. that Yahveh commanded us to keep. The sabbath is a shadow of what is to come. The sabbath keepers stand out from the others who claim to follow the Bible.

Paul was saying that the Feasts, in and of themselves, don't really mean anything, what matters is that they are pointing to something. They all point directly to the Messiah. Back then they pointed to the coming Messiah, now they point back to when He came as well as His return. They are simply shadows of things to come. We should learn about the Feasts not because they point to a system or a religion, we should celebrate them because every Feast points to Yeshua. Anything that points to Yeshua, His followers should be anxious to participate in. Don't worry about the practices, traditions, rituals, and terminology's, what really matters is that they all point to Yeshua.

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