



*But in vain do they worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men. -*

**Matthew 15:9**

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## The Seventh is for Jesus

A few days ago Elkanah was cleaning out our pantry while I sat and watched. Supervising might have been a better word for what I was doing but he invited me to advise on what needed to be pitched and how I wanted things organized.

While he was sorting he discovered we had 6 cans of green beans. That's a bit much for us to have and he commented on it. Here's a paraphrase of our conversation:

Him: One, two, three, four, five, six.

Me: For us.

Him: Huh?

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Him: Why did you say that?

Me (singing off-key): One, two, three, four, five, six, for us,  
One, two, three, four, five, six, for us,

Him: (singing on-key) The seventh is for Jesus.

Him: I'm surprised I remember that. How do you know it?

Me: I used to teach cradle roll.

Elkanah then sang the song and stated he was surprised that after all these years he remembered the melody. I responded that I remembered a different melody and attempted to sing it but was unable to find the notes I wanted. I need an instrument to follow if I'm to stay on-key.

Yesterday I was sitting at my computer doing research into bathroom renovations when the song came back to my mind. I thought about the words then yelled out to Elkanah without any context to what I was thinking.

Me: I don't like that!

Him: What don't you like?

Me: I don't like that song.

Him: Neither do I. Those words can denote....

He knew what song I was talking about.

Think about those words. This song is not teaching what we teach our children. This song is telling the kids that for six days we can thumb our noses at Jesus but on the seventh day we must stop our busyness and take time to notice that Jesus is somewhere nearby.

We are supposed to be the bride of Christ. How would we feel if our spouse spent 6 days doing whatever he/she wanted to do without giving any heed to us then being forced to acknowledge our presence on the seventh day?

Treating someone in this way is not only neglectful, it's rude and hurtful. Jesus has feelings too. Love is his DNA. He longs to be with us all seven days, not just the one.

Perhaps it's time to trash the old songs and someone who has a knowledge of what true Love is should get busy and write some new songs. It can be done. But the problem will be getting the church to adapt songs that show Love rather than penal substitution.

It's a sad, sad world we live in.

Love to all,

Hannah.