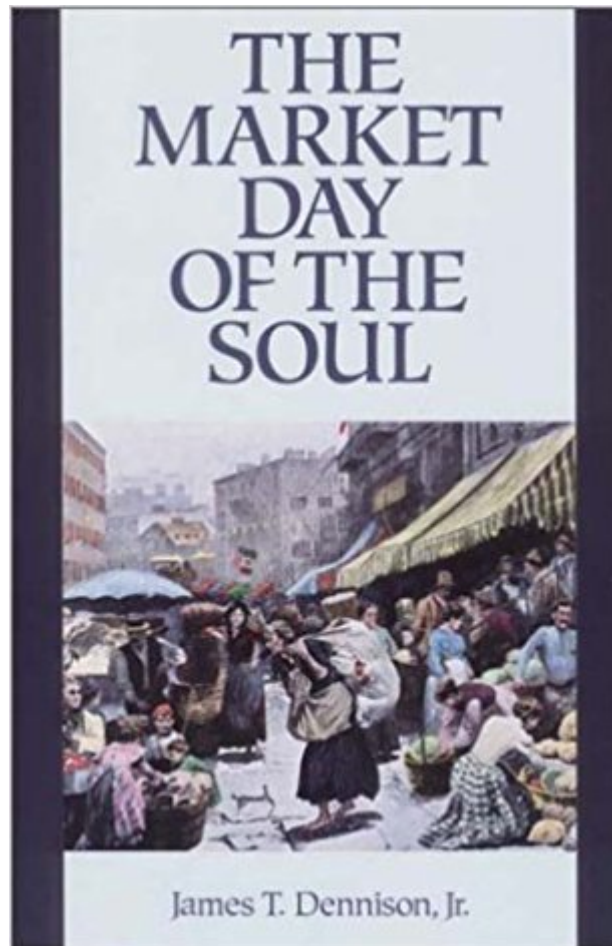




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The Market Day Of The Soul



Synopsis

This is a reprinting of Dennison's book on the Sabbath as understood by the Puritans. Dennison originally wrote this book as a thesis at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary for the late Dr. John H. Gerstner, and it was published in 1983. We have retypeset it from its original edition. In this book, painstakingly researched from original sources, Dennison shows the differing views on the Sabbath between the Anglicans of the 16th and 17th centuries and the Puritans of that same time period. He concludes that the Puritan view of the Sabbath is the biblical one. (209 pages)

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Dennison's detailed, historical study of the Sabbath-particularly the Puritan Sabbath-provides numerous insights that will help Christians today to maintain God-honoring Sabbath-keeping as the market day of the soul. May God use this book to turn many from the soul-damaging result of neglecting to keep the Sabbath day to the conscientious keeping of Sabbath as a delight owed to God (Isa. 58:13-14). --Joel R. Beeke, Puritan Reformed Theological Seminary, Grand Rapids, Michigan --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

"In The Market Day of the Soul, James T. Dennison examines the question of the supreme Christian holy day, the Sabbath. He shows how the Sabbath emerged from the imprecision of the sixteenth century to become a celebrated cause in pre-Revolutionary England. Finally, he demonstrates the

triumph of the Puritan Sabbath during the Revolution, a triumph that continued to make the English Sabbath distinctive into the nineteenth century. In the course of this investigation, Dennison shows that the Puritan view of the Lord's Day became the dominate view - both theologically and practically - by the latter half of the seventeenth century, in spite of challenges it faced from the ""medieval"" position of the Court party and the Seventh-day Sabbatarians. Table of Contents: Preface Introduction Chapter 1 - The Formative Years: The Sabbath and the Desire for a Pure Reformation, 1532-1603 Chapter 2 - The Restless Years: The Sabbath in the Era of the Book of Sports, 1603-1633 Chapter 3 - Years of No Rest: The Sabbath Pamphlet Wars, Laud and the Revolution, 1633-1650 Chapter 4 - Years of Relative Rest: The Sabbath as an English Custom, 1650-1700 Chapter 5 - Conclusion Appendix I - Articles of Visitation Appendix II - The Puritan Attitude Toward Recreation Table Illustrating Doctrinal Differences and Similarities" --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Dennison does a great job tracing the theological and political struggles around the observance of the Lord's Day in Puritan England. From the desecrations occurring in the pre-Reformation English Church to the articulation of the defense of the Sabbath by the Puritans to the political considerations of legal enforcement by the crown to the lower views held by the prelatists (Dennison calls them "Anglicans", my one quibble with the book, as the Puritans were also "Anglicans"). Highly recommended for anyone interested in the history of Lord's Day observance and the theology behind it. Note that this book was cited by J. I. Packer in his "Quest for Godliness". It's serious scholarship written in an accessible and enjoyable manner.

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