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**PECA Sermon Outline on Amos 8:4-5; Mal. 1:13 (WLC Q&A 119, Pt. 1), April 14, 2013**

***Intro:***

READ WLC Q&A 119 through “profaning the day by idleness”. Things forbidden; starts with heart.

Main Point of Text: When God's people only keep up appearances in Sabbath worship, their hearts are dark on the inside, they hurt others on the outside, and their faking it is unacceptable to the God of heaven above.

Sermon Point: *Watch Your Sabbath Attitude*

***Move 1: Do your duty on the Christian Sabbath.***

LC: “all omissions of the duties required” (LC 116): Sanctify it. Keep the Lord's Day holy (Ex. 20:8, 11). READ Ezekiel 22:26. Set apart Lord's Day especially for Him: Ex. 20:10a. LC: “all profaning the day by idleness”. Not inactivity: holy activity. Not private resting: corporate worshipping.

***Move 2: Do your Christian Sabbath duty with due diligence.***

LC: “all careless, negligent, and unprofitable performing of them”: Sanctifying shouldn't be sloppy. READ Ezekiel 33:30-32. Showing up w/ body, mind somewhere else. Can be fatal: Acts 20:7-9.

***Move 3: Do your due diligence with delight on the Lord's Day.***

LC: “and being weary of them”: Dread coming, have to be drug, can't wait to drive away:

- Amos 8:4-5: “When can we get this over with?” Wasting time/money. Corrupt thinking also of others.
- Malachi 1:13: To worship the Lord His way is a weariness (hardship) to them rather than a delight:
  - Isaiah 58:13-14. Delight in the Sabbath to be able to delight in the Lord and have His blessing.
  - They snuff at it. Don't delight in Lord's Day; disdain it.
- Both Amos 8:5 and Malachi 1:13 show what people's hearts say about Sabbath/worship. Probably like Ez. 32:30-32. In Malachi, God asks a rhetorical question about whether He should accept their lame sacrifice/their worship: No! Heb. for “accept” is “be pleased with”:
- 1 Peter 2:5; Romans 12:1-2; Deuteronomy 6:5; Psalm 84:1-10.

***Conclusion:***

Have this heart: Psalm 122:1: “I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the LORD”.

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