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(Psalm 62:7)



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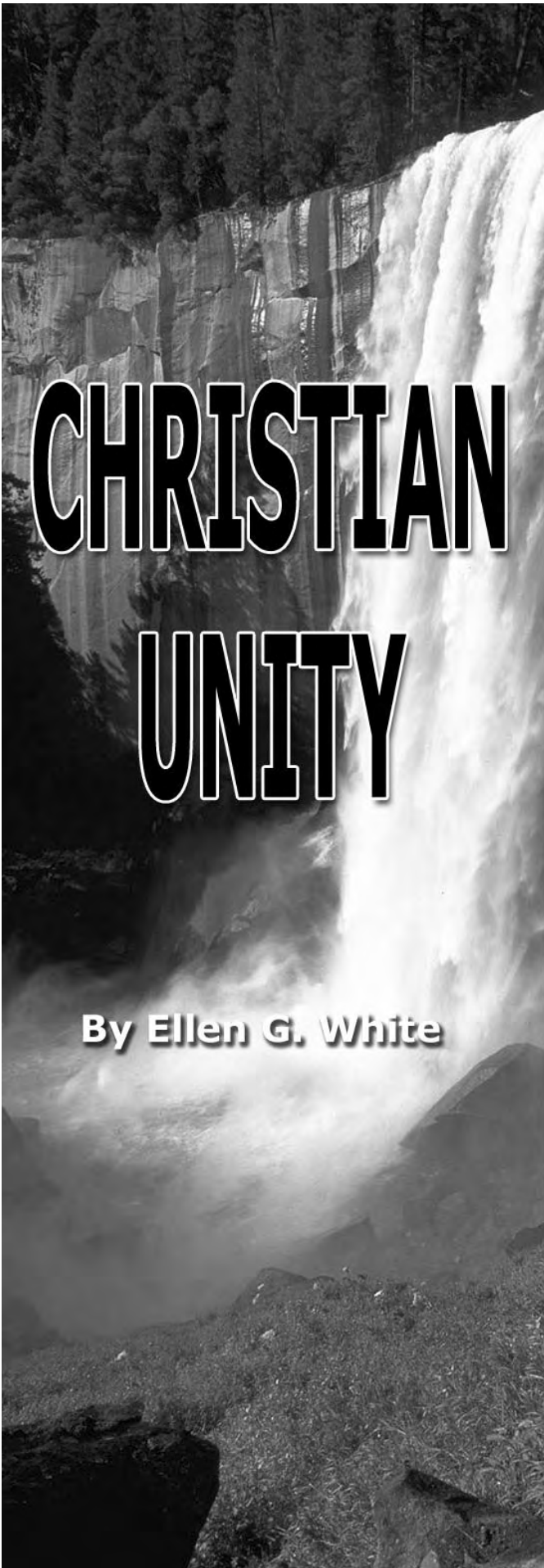
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CHRISTIAN UNITY

By Ellen G. White

I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment.”

Union is strength; division is weakness. When those who believe present truth are united, they exert a telling influence. Satan well understands this. Never was he more determined than now to make of none effect the truth of God by causing bitterness and dissension among the Lord’s people.

The world is against us, the popular churches are against us, the laws of the land will soon be against us. If there was ever a time when the people of God should press together, it is now. God has committed to us the special truths for this time to make known to the world. The last message of mercy is now going forth. We are dealing with men and women who are judgment bound. How careful should we be in every word and act to follow closely the Pattern, that our example may lead men to Christ. With what care should we seek so to present the truth that others by beholding its beauty and simplicity may be led to receive it. If our characters testify of its sanctifying power, we shall be a continual light to others—living epistles, known and read of all men. We cannot afford now to give place to Satan by cherishing disunion, discord, and strife.

That union and love might exist among His disciples was the burden of our Saviour’s last prayer for them prior to His crucifixion. With the agony of the cross before Him, His solicitude was not for Himself, but for those whom He should leave to carry forward His work in the earth. The severest trials awaited them, but Jesus saw that their greatest danger would be from a spirit of bitterness and division. Hence He prayed: Sanctify them through Thy truth: Thy word is truth. As Thou hast sent Me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify Myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth. Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on Me through their word; that they all may be one; as Thou, Father, art in Me, and I in Thee, that they also may be one in Us: that the world may believe that Thou hast sent Me.”

That prayer of Christ embraces all His followers to the close of time. Our Saviour foresaw the trials and dangers of His people; He is not unmindful of the dissensions and divisions that distract and weaken His church. He is looking upon us with deeper interest and more tender compassion than moves an earthly parent’s heart toward a wayward, afflicted child. He bids us learn of Him. He invites our confidence. He bids us open our hearts to receive His love. He has pledged Himself to be our helper.

We should seek for true goodness rather than greatness. Those who possess the mind of Christ will have humble views of themselves. They will labor for the purity and prosperity of the church, and be ready to sacrifice their own interests and desires rather than to cause dissension among their brethren.

Satan is constantly seeking to cause distrust, alienation, and malice among God’s people. We shall be often tempted to feel that our rights are invaded, when there is no real cause for such feelings. Those whose love for self is stronger than their love for Christ and His cause will place their own interests first and resort to almost any expedient to guard and maintain them. When they consider themselves injured by



their brethren, some will even go to law instead of following the Saviour's rule. Even many who appear to be conscientious Christians are hindered by pride and self-esteem from going privately to those they think in error, that they may talk the matter over in the spirit of Christ and pray for one another. Contentions, strife, and lawsuits between brethren are a disgrace to the cause of truth. Those who take such a course expose the church to the ridicule of her enemies and cause the powers of darkness to triumph. They are piercing the wounds of Christ afresh and putting Him to an open shame. By ignoring the authority of the church they show contempt for God, who gave to the church its authority.

Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted. Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ." Here, again, our duty is plainly set before us. How can the professed followers of Christ so lightly regard these inspired injunctions? Not long since I received a letter describing a circumstance in which a brother had manifested indiscretion. Although it occurred years ago, and was a very small matter, hardly worthy of a second thought, the writer stated that it had forever destroyed her confidence in that brother. If that sister's life should show upon review no greater

errors, it would be indeed a marvel, for human nature is very weak. I have been and am still fellowshipping as brethren and sisters those who have been guilty of grave sins and who even now do not see their sins as God sees them. But the Lord bears with these persons, and why should not I? He will yet cause His Spirit so to impress their hearts that sin will appear to them as it appeared to Paul, exceedingly sinful.

We know but little of our own hearts and have but little sense of our own need of the mercy of God. This is why we cherish so little of that sweet compassion which Jesus manifests toward us and which we should manifest toward one another. We should remember that our brethren are weak, erring mortals like ourselves. Suppose that a brother has through unwatchfulness been overborne by temptation and contrary to his general conduct has committed some error, what course shall be pursued toward him? We learn from the Bible that men whom God had used to do a great and good work committed grave sins. The Lord did not pass these by unrebuked, neither did He cast off His servants. When they repented, He graciously forgave them and revealed to them His presence and wrought through them. Let poor, weak mortals consider how great is their own need of pity and forbearance from God and from their brethren. Let them beware how they judge and condemn others. We should

give heed to the instruction of the apostle: "Ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted." We may fall under temptation and need all the forbearance which we are called to exercise toward the offender. "With what judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged: and with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again."

The Lord has given us in His word definite, unmistakable instructions, by obedience to which we may preserve union and harmony in the church. Brethren and sisters, are you giving heed to these inspired injunctions? Are you Bible readers and doers of the word? Are you striving to fulfill the prayer of Christ that His followers might be one? "The God of patience and consolation grant you to be like-minded one toward another according to Christ Jesus: that ye may with one mind and one mouth glorify God." "Be perfect, be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace; and the God of love and peace shall be with you."

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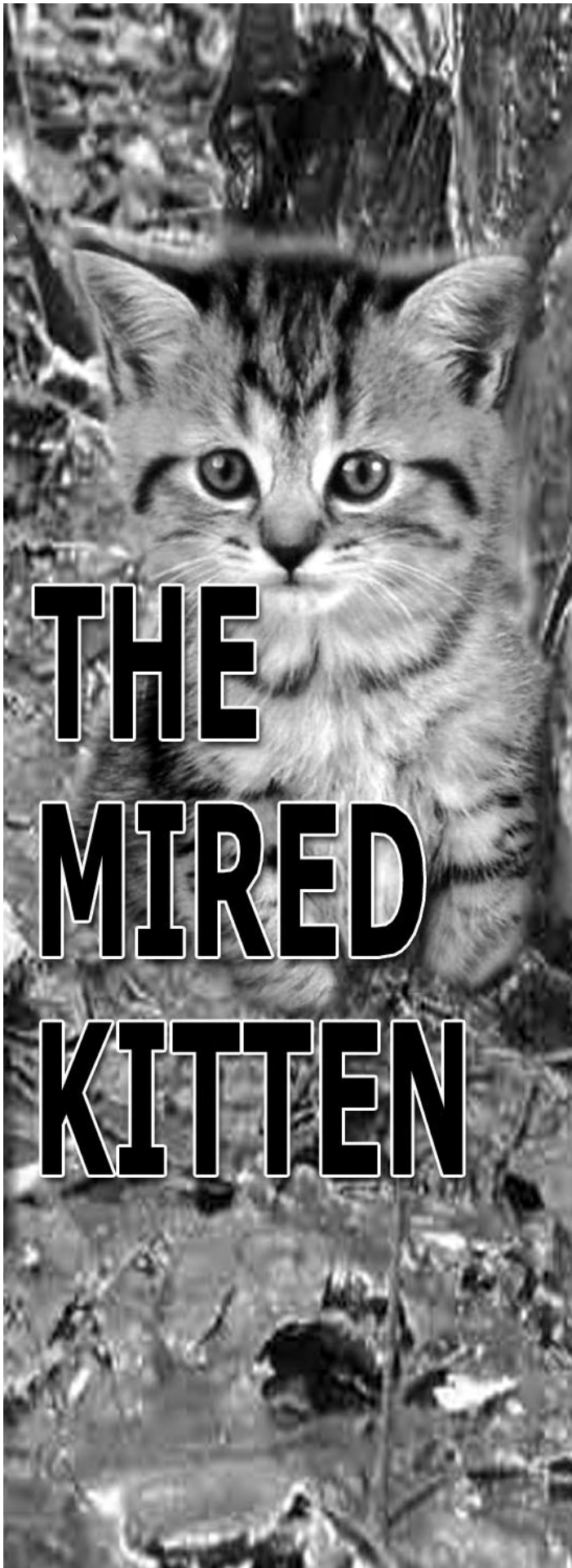
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One day Mum went to town. When she arrived home in the evening she happened to take a walk down by the barn,—and as she was walking she heard a faint “meow”. On searching to find the source of the sound she found a kitten.

But; O, what a plight!!

A man of the farm had a barrel of tar, and for some reason the tar had spilled and become a large black pool of sticky gum on the ground. The kitten had wandered into this muck and become mired—stuck.

Since Mum was dressed in her town clothes she went to get Sis, who immediately went to the scene. Sis was horrified and thought that they would have to kill the kitten—because how on earth could the kitten be delivered from this thick sticky muck that it was buried in?

Nevertheless she reached down and pulled the kitten from the tar, fearing that the kitten would be pulled in pieces as it was sucked out of the thick gooey mess.

Holding the tarred kitten, she went to Mum.

Mum immediately said, “We must clean up that kitten.”

Sis did not know how.

Mum called the vet, who suggested oil.

So together Mum and Sis spent hours rubbing the tar with oil, dissolving it and cleaning it off with paper towels. The kitten was terrified by the whole experience, and its little heart was beating wildly. Finally, towards 2 a.m. the kitten was getting cleaner and cleaner, and Sis was very tired. Mum suggested she go to bed. Mum stayed by the kitten a while longer until it was very clean, and fed, and bedded it down.

The next day the kitten was as playful as ever, and none the worse for its terrifying experience.

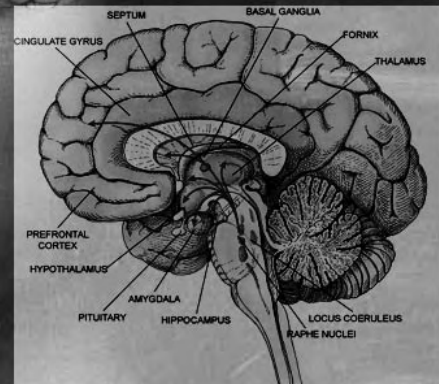
If you ever feel utterly mired in sin, in which struggling does no good, remember, a Higher Power will pull you out and clean you up and set you right.

“I waited patiently for the Lord; and he inclined unto me, and heard my cry. He brought me up also out of an horrible pit, out of the miry clay, and set my feet upon a rock, and established my goings. And he hath put a new song in my mouth, even praise unto our God: many shall see it, and fear, and shall trust in the Lord.” Psalm 40:1-3. **AMEN**

Kathleen Ross, Alberta, Canada

"LET THIS MIND BE IN YOU..."

PHIL. 2:5



One of the greatest wonders of God's creation is the human mind. Our body is marvelous in its functions yet it is not much different from animals; but our mind makes us in the image of God.

Scientists are ever studying the human mind, trying to find how it works and how to develop and control it.

Satan has learned much of the human mind in the past thousands of years, and that is the reason why he is so successful in controlling it.

The main avenues to our minds are our seeing and hearing. Whatever enters our mind is first processed, categorized and stored in the memory. Those images and sounds also produce reactions, either favourable or unfavourable.

Man was created with a pure and holy mind, but it did not take long before his mind was corrupted. "And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually." Gen. 6:5.

One thing that God will not do is to control the human mind against his will. Therefore the only thing God could do was to destroy

the corrupted minds in the flood. Noah was preaching to the people, the Holy Spirit was working with them and angels of God did their best **but all their efforts** failed to convert the minds that Satan had corrupted.

After the flood the Lord said, "The imagination of man's heart is evil from his youth." Gen. 8:21. Young children can have their minds polluted in an early age. What they see and hear in the television and Internet quickly erases the innocence and purity of their minds and fills them with vanity and selfishness.

What we see and hear influences our thoughts. "For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he." Prov. 23:7. The longer we think in a certain way, the more obsessed we become and start believing falsehood as truth. Eventually it may lead to drastic actions as divorce, murder and suicide. The minds of suicide bombers have been influenced by others to the point that they are willing to kill themselves for their cause.

The human mind can be controlled by another person. It can be hypnotized. The expert in controlling the mind is Satan. Once a person gives his mind to Satan's control there is no telling how far he can go in evil. Cain killed Abel; the

Jewish leaders crucified Jesus; Catholics persecuted the Protestants. In their own minds they were convinced that they were doing the right thing.

The corruption of the mind begins in small deviations from the truth. Like eating a forbidden fruit, or letting a selfish thought to enter into our minds. By giving to Satan a little finger, he soon takes the whole hand and leads us away from God.

Much of the suffering and sickness in the world is caused by their minds. "Sickness of the mind prevails everywhere. Nine tenths of the diseases from which men suffer have their foundation here. Perhaps some living home trouble is, like a canker, eating to the very soul and weakening the life-forces. Remorse for sin sometimes undermines the constitution and unbalances the mind." Test. Vol. 5, p.444.

One doctor told me that people who harbour bitterness will most likely die from cancer. "Disease is sometimes produced, and is often greatly aggravated, by the imagination. Many are lifelong invalids who might be well if they only thought so." MH p. 241.

"Nothing is so fruitful a cause of disease as depression, gloominess, and sadness.

Mental depression is terrible.” Test. Vol. 1, p. 702.

“Many are diseased physically, mentally, and morally, because their attention is turned almost exclusively to themselves.” Test. Vol. 2, p. 647.

We are health reformers. We are very careful not to eat unhealthy food, but if we let depression or bitterness overtake us we are drinking poison mentally and get physically sick.

Mind Cure

We do not need to continue to suffer from a sick mind. There is a cure available for it. Paul said, “Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus.” Phil. 2:5.

The mind of Jesus was full of love toward the suffering humanity. Love is the best medicine we can give to a sick person.

We also must drive Satan’s spirit out and let God’s spirit control us. “Either the evil angels or the angels of God

are controlling the minds of men. Our minds are given to the control of God or to the control of the powers of darkness; and it will be well for us to inquire where we are standing today—whether under the bloodstained banner of Prince Emmanuel or under the black banner of the powers of darkness.” 6BC, p. 1120.

If you have perfect peace in your mind and love even your enemies, you are under the divine control. But if you feel miserable and do complain and are dissatisfied, then you are certainly under the control of the evil one. If this is the case then we need to pray to God, without ceasing and not to give up until the peace of heaven fills our soul.

Sin causes sickness of mind, which then affects our body. Every known sin in our lives must be overcome. The suffering caused by sin far outbalances the short-lived pleasure of sin.

Bible reading works like a filter to our minds, removing vain thoughts and purifies its motives. There is no limit how far we can develop our minds. We can reach the lofty heights of godliness.

“The Lord has given man capacity for continual improvement, and has granted him all possible aid in the work. Through the provisions of divine grace we may attain almost to the excellence of the angels.” RH, June 20, 1882.

The best way to remove the poison of selfishness from our minds is missionary work. As we are helping others we forget our own problems and worries. For this reason God has left the work of soul-saving to His people. This is the only way to find happiness in our lives in this evil, suffering world.

We all can have the mind of Jesus. It is nothing else than the righteousness of Christ. With this mind we can live a perfect life, without sin and have fullness of joy in our hearts. Also the mind of Jesus is your passport to Heaven, and guarantees you eternal life. May we all attain to it. **AMEN.**

Timo Martin

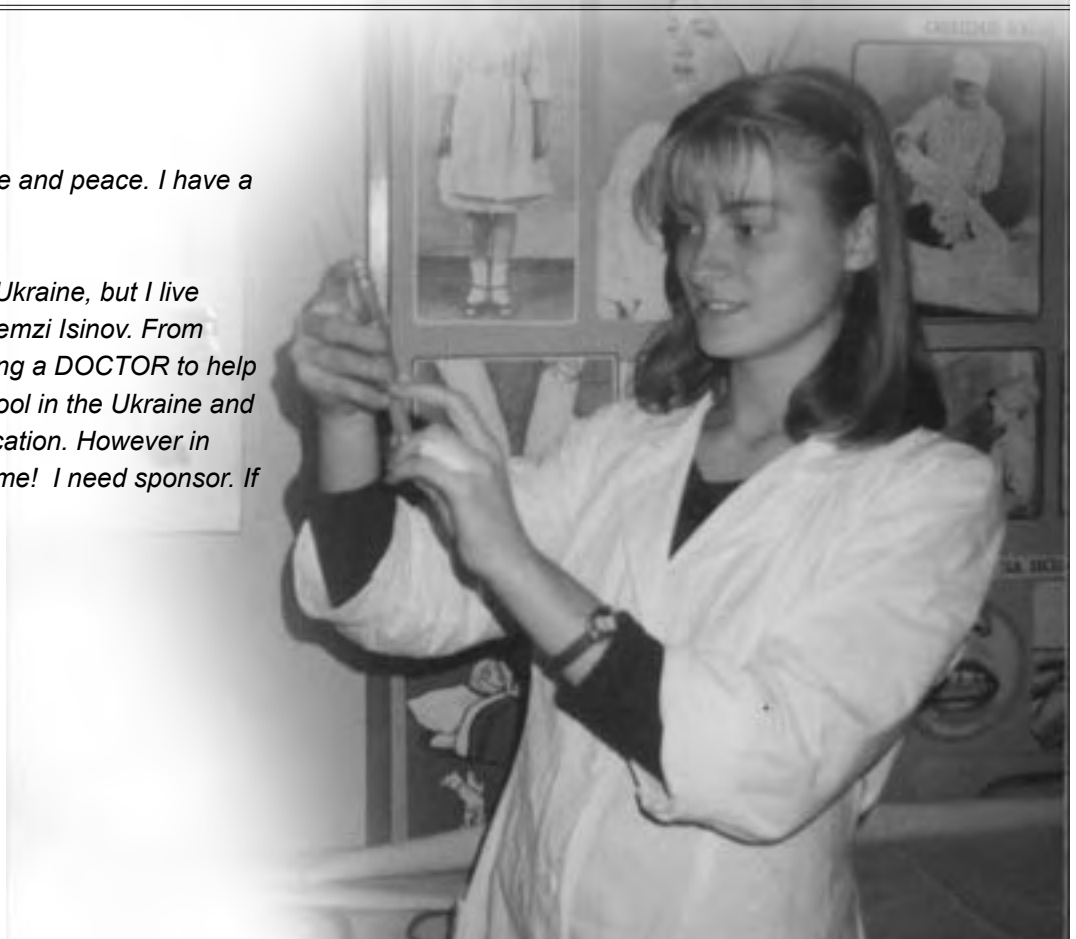
Dear Brothers & Sisters:

Let God bless you with His Love and peace. I have a big request for you.

My name is Olga. I'm from the Ukraine, but I live in Bulgaria with my Husband Remzi Isinov. From childhood I dreamed of becoming a DOCTOR to help people!!! I finished medical school in the Ukraine and now I want to continue my education. However in Bulgaria it is too expensive for me! I need sponsor. If you can please help me.

*With respect,
Olga Isinova*

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PRAYER

During preparation of the Prayer request sheets I noticed something that concerned me quite a bit. As a result of this concern and with Andrew's approval I decided to investigate what the Bible tells us about prayer and how we should approach it. I know there is a lot of different topics to do with prayer but I had one specific train of thought in mind for us all.

After preparing the bulk of this message I suffered from the devil attacking me and I needed to put into practice what I found out and am going to share this with you today.

"Prayer is the key in the hands of faith that unlocks all the resources of heaven for the believer." Do you believe it? Do I believe it? There are so many things that can be said about the subject of prayer, like how to pray, when to pray etc, but in this study I want to look specifically at what we should do when we pray. First of all let us look at some basics of prayer.

What is Prayer?

Getting to know God better means spending time talking with Him just as we would get to know a friend. Prayer is simply talking with Him and enjoying Him.

Prayer can be:

"A cry for mercy and help. - Psalm 31:9

A call for strength and refuge during trouble. - Psalm 46:1

The opening of the heart to our trusted Father in heaven. - Luke 11:2

Coming to Jesus, our Saviour and High Priest, who understands us. - Hebrews 4:15-16

Communing with Jesus, the Friend who never fails. John 15:15." (From the Bible study handbook pg 65.

1. God loves to have intimate and honest conversations with us any-time day or night -- about anything.
2. Prayer is especially good when we are spending time each day reading the Bible and contemplating the things on God's heart.
3. Psalm 55:17 says 'Evening and morning and at noon I will pray'. God wants to hear from us anytime.
4. However, if we haven't been in the habit of praying, then remembering to pray at these times might be a good place to start. We can tell God how much we love Him, thank him for His nearness and His help, and confess our failures to Him.
5. Prayers don't need to be eloquent or long -- we are talking to a friend who loves us deeply. He knows us and wants our honest thoughts.
6. The great news about prayer is that we aren't on our own with it -- Romans 8:26 says that even when we don't know what to pray the Spirit prays for us. When we've failed, Jesus is there, helping us by asking God to forgive us because of His sacrifice. 1 John 2:1
7. We can bring anything to God in prayer and know that he will hear us, and answer in the way that is best for us. Prayer is a conversation with someone we know and we can trust. He may even leave us in the difficult circumstances so that we can grow. Whatever He does, we can trust Him to make us more like Jesus.
8. Even though our prayer life is so much richer than God simply acting on the things we have requested, out of 667 prayers recorded in the Bible there are an amazing 454 specific answers also recorded. What an encouragement!

Prayer is a Resource For Victory

In the book of Ephesians, prayer reaches the highest pinnacle of any place in the Bible. Two of Paul's prayers are recorded in this book. The first prayer (1:15-21) was for the believers to have the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Christ. The second prayer (3:14-21) was for believers to have an experiential knowledge of Christ's indwelling work within the believers.

In connection with the spiritual armour of believers, another reference is made to prayer: "Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints" (6:19). Here we see that in addition to taking on the entire armour of God, believers are to be constantly praying. Prayer is not regarded as part of the armour, but the believer who has on the armour is to persevere in prayer. Romans 13:14 tells us to "put ... on the Lord Jesus Christ", and this is done by prayer, for Christ is made real to us through prayer.

In order for believers to stand victoriously in the conflict -- even with the complete armour -- there must be constant, earnest prayer. Since prayer is associated here with warfare, the indication is that prayer itself is part of the battle.

Our Saviour knew of the battle of prayer, for He agonized in prayer. While He was in the Garden of Gethsemane, He thought about His coming death on the cross "and being in an agony he prayed more earnestly; and his sweat was as it were great drops of blood falling down to the ground" (Luke 22:44). The word translated "agony" refers to a conflict, fight or contest. Here it denotes severe emotional strain and anguish. Jesus was having an intense struggle in prayer because of the cross that loomed before Him.

Prayer is a conflict in itself, and it is vital in the spiritual warfare in which every believer is involved. Notice from Ephesians 6:18 that praying and watching should be done "with all perseverance." However, our agonizing in prayer has to do with our taking our position in Christ as the victorious one. We are to "fight the good fight of faith" (1 Tim. 6:12) by means of prayer.

Praying in the Spirit

Ephesians 6:17 tells of the "sword of the Spirit"; verse 18 tells of praying "in the Spirit." Just as human weapons are of no value in spiritual warfare (2 Cor. 10:4), prayer that is not in the Spirit is also of no value. A prayer that is lovely to listen to may not necessarily be "in the Spirit." Some believers may not know how to express themselves adequately in prayer before others, but they may be effectively praying in the Spirit.

Prayer is effective

when it has its origin with God.

God sees the whole battlefield and knows the Devil's plans. God decides the place and part of every soldier in the conflict, and He directs the movements of the entire spiritual army. Since God sets forth definite objectives to be carried out in His eternal purpose, He must also implant in us our prayers for spiritual victory. God communicates to us through the Holy Spirit the prayers we are to pray. The Holy Spirit lays the proper burden on us, motivates us and gives us the thoughts to pray (Rom. 8:26).

Even though we don't know what to pray for, the Holy Spirit will prompt us and will pray through us. The Father, through the Spirit, motivates us to pray for what we should (Rom. 8:26,27). Then we, in the Spirit, present our petitions back to the Father in the name of Christ. Even in prayer, we can expect God to work in us to give us the desire to pray and then to energize us as we pray (Phil. 2:13).

Praying Constantly



The words "praying always" (Eph. 6:18) suggests alertness as well as praying at all times under all conditions. This is unbroken communion with the Lord, not just set times of coming to Him in prayer.

Praying constantly in the Spirit has two significant implications: First, it is an admission of our ignorance and impotency in spiritual conflict -- we don't know what to do and we don't have the power, of ourselves, to do anything. Such prayer is heeding the words of Proverbs 3:5-6. Second, it reveals to the Enemy that we are totally depending on God because we don't have supernatural wisdom and power. By means of prayer, we are "strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might" (Eph. 6:10).

The prayer warrior is a paradox: Toward Christ he shows conscious weakness and seeks strength and wisdom; toward Satan he shows strength in Christ and stands firm in the place of victory.

In ourselves we can do nothing, as is evident from Christ's words in John 15:5. However, in Christ we can do all things, as Paul stated in Philippians 4:13. As we claim our position in Christ through prayer, He will always cause us to triumph (2 Cor. 2:14).

What To Do When We Pray

Now to the theme for this study, Let us read Psalm 55:22. (from KJV) What does the work 'cast' mean -- I suggest that it is used in many ways in English, but in the context of this verse, And I got these out of "The Ultimate Crossword Companion" it is to fling, heave, hurl, propel, shed, sling, throw. (read Amplified version). Can we get the idea of the meaning?

If we throw something can we still have it? Can we still keep hold of it? Can the commercial fishermen catch anything in the net if he casts it into the boat? No! ... the net has to be let go of, of course the ropes on the net are kept so that the net can be drawn back into the boat, but the net is let go of. So it is for us, myself included, when we want God to help us through a difficult period, healing or what ever it may be in our lives we have to leave the concern with HIM.

Let's now look at Ps 37:5; (from KJV)... It tells us to commit our way to the Lord,

but, what is the original meaning of the English word 'commit' in the context of this verse? Let me read the same verse from Amplified Bible "Commit your way to the Lord roll & repose each care of your load on Him; trust lean on, rely on and be confident also in Him and He will bring it to pass." 1 Peter 5:7 says "Casting the whole of your care all your anxieties, all your worries, all your concerns, once and for all on Him, for He cares for you affectionately and cares about you watchfully."

In Matt 6:25-34 & Luke 12:22-31 Jesus is talking about worrying about what we will eat, drink and wear. I'm sure that this can also be related to the problems that we face every day, be they related to health, relationships, employment, family and so on. Jesus goes on to tell us that the birds in all their beauty are looked after by God; and so is the "grass and the lilies of the field." (Read Matt 6:25-34 & Luke 12: 29-31 from Amplified). How can we say that we rely on God to provide answers to our requests when we try to resolve the issues that concern us in our own strength



and our own way? Don't these passages we have looked at clearly show us that we need to LEAVE our troubles, cares, worries, our frustrations and everything else on Jesus our provider and the author and finisher of our salvation?

Let's look at some more passages, James 1:2-8; (read Amplified version) ask in faith – NO doubting. If we doubt God we will not let go of the thing that is troubling us. 1 Peter 5:7 (read Amplified version).

The Bible tells us in a number of places that God loves us and wants us to have His best for us. How can we have His best for us when we continually try to do things on our own? So often we pay

lip service. But, how often do we really let go of the things we are trying to do in our own strength Instead of giving it to God and letting HIM look after it for us? Giving our concerns to God releases us! Isn't that something to ponder on?

What do the hymn writers have to say about the theme of our little study? We have perhaps sung this hymn many times but have we really considered the words? Let's look at some of the words, and I want you to really contemplate the meaning of these words:

"From every wind that blows, from every swelling tide of woes, There is a calm, a sure retreat, Tis found beneath the mercy seat. There is a place where Jesus sheds the oil of gladness on our heads, A place than all besides so sweet; It is the blood-bought mercy seat.

There is a scene where spirits blend, Where friend holds fellowship with friend; Though sundered far, by faith they meet Around one common mercy seat. There, there, on angel's wings we soar, And earthly cares molest no more, And heaven comes down our souls to greet, And glory crowns the mercy seat." "From Every Stormy Wind" No. 540 in the Church hymnal.

There are, no doubt many other hymns and choruses that tell us about the things we have looked at, but I chose these because to me they really tell us about leaving, letting go of and not keeping the load of our burdens to ourselves.

In closing I'd like to read a short item that was sent to me in an email, I hope you enjoy it.

He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High, shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge and My fortress, My God, in Him I will trust. Psalm 91:1-2

There is a secret place of peace. One our heart longs for and seeks. In the still night hours when everything seems magnified in its worry and despair we find that there is a refuge that refreshes our soul.

A place that is higher than us. A hope, a refuge for our very soul.

As we lift our hearts and eyes to the Lord

above, we see a refuge that is beyond our wildest hopes. A complete secure place where no harm can reach us.

It is in the shadow of the wings of God. Tucked in with God, how blessed we are. Asleep, in His arms. The cares of the world pushed away by the nurturing care of an Abba Father, who loves us and gave His only son for us.

A refuge, an abiding place for those who seek Him, and allow His peace to wash over them till they feel the cares of the day wash away from their spirit with a cleansing and refreshing from the Holy Spirit. The refreshing water, cleansing, renewing us, till we feel released from our burdens, our sins, new, clean, pure before God.

Oh, if only we could tarry in prayer, till we feel a release. Only if we could find a refuge away from the world, where the noise and clatter of the world fade away and the voices of angels sing in our ears.

To feel ourselves surrounded with the warmth of the wings of God. Tucked in, comforted, childlike in our trust, and finally, falling asleep as we feel safe.

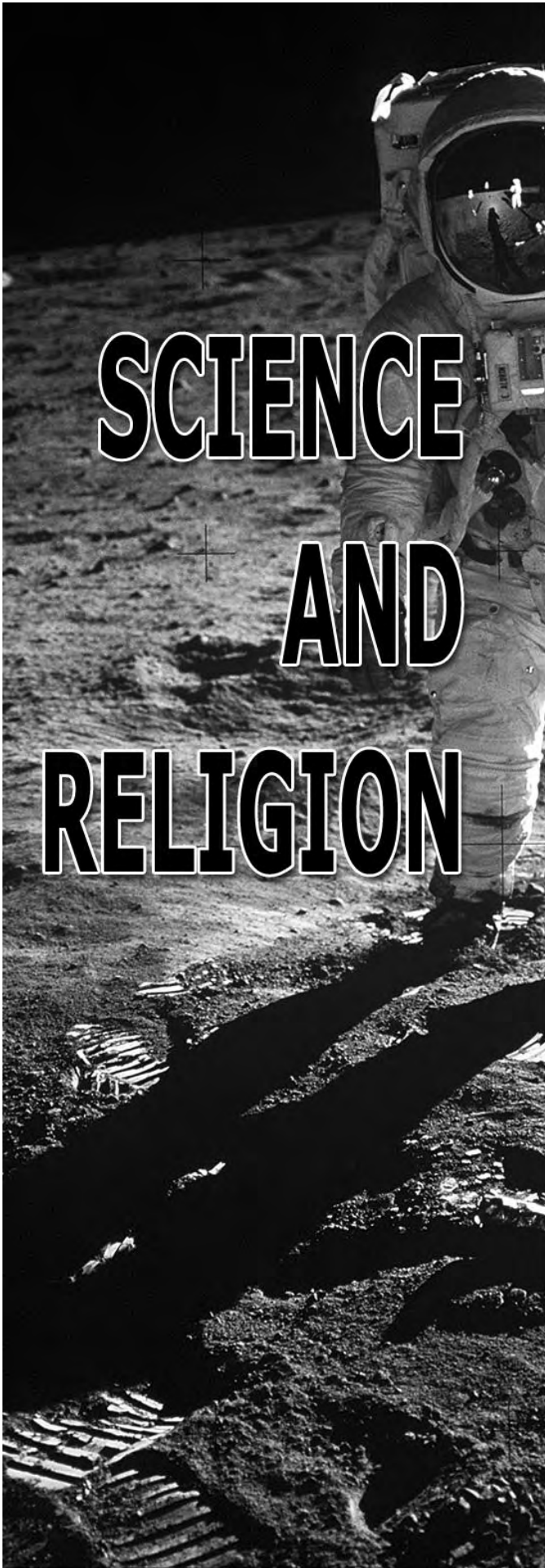
If we could only picture this in our mind every night, how it would release us from the cares of the day! If we only believed that God was working out all the things in our life. If only we could have a glimpse of how very much God loves us, we would rejoice and sing and dance before the Lord. We would see we are truly loved, truly forgiven, and nothing would harm us.

We are safe now. We can relax. God is here. Isn't He so Awesome?

Do we want the kind of peace we have been talking about? I'm sure that we all do, but we can only have it when we "bring ALL our anxieties and cares to the mercy seat, and, leave them there.

My prayer for us all is that we will be able to leave our cares, at the feet of Jesus and let God in His infinite wisdom look after the things that concern us most. **Amen.**

Malcolm Grebert, Melbourne, Australia



Since the beginning man has been seeking for meaning in nature. From the learned philosopher to humble peasants, men have tried to find answers to its origin and purpose. And as a result, many theories, vastly different from one to another have been created. Many of these theories which men believed once have been changed as new discoveries have been made which have forced these theorists to alter or abandon their interpretation what once seemed well established.

Today man has probed the secrets of nature from the minutest atom to the planets and stars, and has acquired great knowledge of which scientists only one hundred years ago did not even dream of. Yet there remains questions unanswered and problems unsolved. It seems that the more men study into the secrets of nature, the more questions arise which again require study and research. Yet all the knowledge that man has from the creation of God is like a child touching the water at the sea shore while there remains an ocean beyond unexplored.

Evolution Theories

Most of the modern day scientists deny the existence of God and the Bible record of creation and therefore they have established theories of evolution. Some explain that there was a great catastrophic action which formed the planets by violence. Others believe that the world and man evolved from the unloving in the course of millions of years.

Darwin collected a great amount of knowledge to prove that there has been a gradual evolution from simpler organisms to more complex, by “natural selection” by the survival of the best adapted forms in the struggle of existence, which finally produced the advanced species called the human race. In order to prove their theory, the scientists are still looking for the missing link, a being between man and gorilla.

The Bible says that God created each “kind” as different species. These species may develop to suit various environmental conditions but they still remain the same species as made by God. Different varieties of wheat can be crossed, but wheat will not cross breed with corn, because they are different species. Rabbits may vary in size and colour according to the environment but they still remain rabbits. Therefore the natural selection does not produce anything new but merely adjusts that which is already existing to changing conditions. The fossils on which scientists base many of their theories

give no evidence that one animal or plant has changed from one species to another.

The Flood

The nonbelieving scientists are not willing to accept the Bible record of the flood. Yet it puzzles them to find fossils out of place, in places where they could not have been possibly living. The only answer to this they have is that it must have happened millions of years ago. Large animals have been found in Arctic ice well preserved, still having grass in the mouth. Deep underground, below layers of sand and rock, animal bones have been excavated. The existence of coal, oil, and natural gas also is a mystery to the evolutionists.

The Bible record of the flood explains to us how these things happened. When large amounts of vegetation, and dead animals floated in the waters and finally came to a stop against a mountain side or fell in a valley as the waters receded and then were covered either by an

earthquake or sediment and therefore could not decay but turned into coal, oil, and gas. Sometimes trees, animals or rocks were carried away large distances by the flood waters. The vast differences in the theories of one evolutionist to another makes it evident that they are not based on facts but are merely speculations. To believe them requires more faith than the simple story of creation where we learn that God made them all.

Evidence of A Creator

When you see footprints in the sea shore you come to a conclusion that someone has been there. A building gives evidence that carpenters and bricklayers have been there. The same thing can be said of earth and life that someone has made them, and for some particular purpose.

When we consider the fine structures of the retina of the eye or the complicated organ of the ear or the mechanism of speech, it is hard to believe that they all evolved by random selective action as Darwin explained.

There are few scientists who believe in God and in the Bible, to them nature has a new meaning. They see God through His handiwork. And the many questions that the scientists cannot answer they learned through the word of God. To them the origin of man and the earth are no more a mystery.

God is the author of science. When correctly understood the Bible and science agree, giving light to each other. Science proves the existence of God and the Bible confirms it. Actually apart from the Bible, geology proves nothing. Its theories and facts are only speculation. Man can learn by science how the nature works but cannot explain its origin or its purpose.

The evolution theory is one of the greatest deceptions of Satan. It is calculated to lead man away from his Creator, and away from the salvation and the eternal life. It places man as the supreme being in the universe, and therefore not accountable to anyone else. This was the desire of Lucifer in the beginning and it caused his downfall. He did not want to be accountable to God but rather be his own master. This is the reason also why men do not want to acknowledge the existence of God. As soon as man realizes that there is God who created all things the next

To a true scientist the voice of nature is the voice of God. In the tiniest blade of grass as well as in the highest mountain he sees the wisdom and the greatness of God. And the more he studies the book of nature, the more he realizes his dependence upon Him and learns to trust and love Him as the only one in the whole universe who can help and save him.

Once I read a book on astronomy where the writer explained the magnificent universe. The immense size of stars and galaxies and their innumerable number. Then in the last page, he exclaimed, "to think that He who created them all once hung upon the cross for man's sins, is a scene before which all human greatness disappears."

May the Lord help you to find the meaning in the nature and learn to trust the hand that guides the billions of stars and galaxies to guide also your life to greater understanding of the true meaning of life here. *AMEN*

Timo Martin

question comes, "what does He want me to do?" if He made me, then I belong to Him. And then we ask, for what purpose did He make me?

BRICKS WITHOUT STRAW

EXODUS 5:6-10

“...Thus says Pharaoh, I will not give you straw.” Ex. 5:10

This is “straw justice”! There is no justice! Bricks without straw! Today, there is a “perversion of justice, too a lack of justice, which is a sign of the times.” 9T 11.

“During Manassas wicked reign, there was, also, a perversion of justice,” (PK 381) in Isaiah’s time, and in the world of Noah.” PK 306.

But, before proceeding further, what do we mean by “justice”? It’s a quality of being right, correct, sound of reason. Some use authority and power to uphold what is right, just, or lawful, often by force or violence, and according to their standards or desires. Also, it means to treat with due appreciation, to enjoy properly; do oneself justice; to do something in a manner worthy of one’s abilities... to be fair to yourself. Are you being fair to yourself? “There are many people who lack the sense of justice in the smallest matters.” 3T 25. But, remember, “Jesus is the foundation of God’s throne.” Justice, true justice emanates from it unceasingly.

Theologically, justice is spoken of often as justification by faith. This is an act by which a sinner is freed, and is no longer a slave, through faith from the penalty of sin and is accepted by God as righteous.

So, whether you can imagine yourself as a poor slave in Egypt, treading on mud or frantically searching “stubble”, as there was no more straw, or wherever you may be now or where God sends you and places you, remember that He will guard our lives!

The Israelites had nothing, no possessions, whatsoever. We too, with

our own personal property and possessions, need to be looked upon indifferently; to be unaffected by these things. We need to sit loosely, regarding them. Why? If we do not, there will be panic, distress, heartbreak, fretfulness. These are shadows in our lives; blots, stains, in our journey to deliverance.

In the Sermon on the Mount, it was clear that we are to be His servants... His messengers... Furthermore, we are called by Him. We have a mission, a message!

We are important! What happens, then, if we are called on these errands of God? Well, there is no time to stand up for ourselves, to look to ourselves. We look outward, and “upward”.

What does Jesus say to us in effect? “Do not be bothered with whether you are being ‘justly dealt with or not’... bringing justice, doing justice to others, or do oneself justice.” If we look for justice, what happens to us? It is a sign of deflection, bending, or turning away from our trust or devotion to Him. Isaiah tells us, (2:8) their land is full of idols...” “The courts of justice are corrupt.” (GC 586). Yet, we see this quality of justice prominently displayed before all courts of justice; usually by a blindfolded goddess, holding scales and a sword. But, we see a “lack of justice prevailing today.” 9T 91.

Never look for justice in this decaying world! But, never cease to give it, being fair with people, doing what is right with them and to them, everywhere, and without being partial to one or another; no one-sidedness, bias, or prejudice, to favour one or another unfairly.

What happens to us if we look for

justice in this tilted world? We will begin to complain, grumble, murmur, and then to indulge in self-pity, give way to our selfish desires, and discontent. Can’t you hear it now? “Why should I be treated in this way? There is no justice!” Yes, there is “no straw in the bricks”!

Malachi, in the cruel days of Nehemiah, at a time when the people were plagued by wickedness, and a false sense of security, the people loudly cried out, “Where is the God of justice?” Mal. 2:17. have you ever cried out like this in your agony or trial, or has anyone called out to you with these words?

If we are devoted to Jesus Christ, we have nothing to do with what happens, whether it be just or unjust. Our Lord Jesus says in effect, again, “go steadily on with what I have told you to do and I will guard your life. If you try to guard it yourself, you remove yourself from My deliverance.”

Many believe this way and then, lose faith in God. They no longer believe! Some leave. Many turn to their own understanding and wisdom, instead of trusting God with all their hearts, mind, body and soul.

Soon, the throne of justice will be established here on earth, and it will be seen by the entire universe. The universe, too, will be witness to the justice of God, in His punishment of Satan.

“He will not fail or be discouraged, Till He has established justice in the earth, and the coastlands shall wait for His law.” Isa. 42: 4.

Do not fail or be discouraged, brethren. Wait, for there’s more Bricks Ahead, Without Straw.”

This is “straw justice.” **AMEN**

John Theodorou
USA



CHRONOLOGY OF LAST DAY EVENTS

1. Time of the End

- from 1798 to destruction of wicked, Dan. 12:4-10; GC 356:0-3

2. 1798, Events Connected With:

- Papal wound. End 1260 years, Dan. 7:25; Rev. 13:3,5; GC 356:1; 439:2
- Knowledge increased after this date, Dan. 12:4; GC 356:0
- Book of Daniel unsealed, Dan. 12:4, 9-11; Rev. 10:2; GC 356:2
- U.S. rising to power, Rev. 13:11; GC 440:1,2
- Second Advent proclaimed after 1798, Dan. 7:25-27; GC 356:1

3. First Angel's Message, Rev. 14:6,7

- Given 1831-1844 to every mission, Rev. 14:6,7; GC 405:2; GC 611:1
- Designed to separate saints from world, GC 379:1; GC 405:2

4. Second Angel's Message, Rev. 14:8

- First preached in summer of 1844, GC 603:2

5. Midnight Cry, Matt. 25:5-7

- Given from summer to autumn of 1844, GC 398:3; GC 426:2
- United with 2nd angel's message, gave power, EW 238:1,2; GC 402:1
- Separated God's people from fallen churches, EW 238:2; GC 402:1
- A preparation for 3rd angel's message and sanctuary truth, EW 260:1

6. Great Disappointment, Oct. 22, 1844

- Predicted, Rev. 10:2, 8-10; (Zech. 9:9, Matt. 21:1-9); GC 403:1, GC 405:2
- Designed by God to prove and test His people, EW 246:2,3
- Mistake found, Prophecy again with Sanctuary truth, Rev. 10:11, 11:1-3, 18-19; GC 403:1 to 405:2; GC 409:1 to 413:3, GC 423:1

7. Third Angel's Message, Rev. 14:9-12

- Began in 1844 as Jesus entered Most Holy place, EW 254:1
- Embraces 1st and 2nd Angel's messages, 8T 197:2
- To select wheat from tares and seal them, EW 118:1
- The sealing time is very short, Rev. 7:1-4; EW 58:0
- Ends at close of probation, GC 613:2

8. Investigative Judgement, Eccl. 12:14; Matt. 12:36-37; Mal. 3:1

- Cleansing of Sanctuary began in 1844, Dan. 7:13; GC 400:0
- Christ entered Most Holy place to begin judgement, Heb. 8 & 9; Rev. 11:1-3, 18,19; 3:7,8; GC 424:1-3
- Cleansing—Investigative Judgement, Rev. 14:6,7; Heb. 10:23-27; GC 422:0
- Only professed people of God considered, 1 Pet. 4:17; GC 480:1
- Ends at close of probation, Rev. 22:11; GC 428:2

9. Shaking Time, Heb. 12:27; EW 269-273

- Has already started, Continues till close of probation, 1T 429:1
- Purpose to purify church, Eph. 5:25-27; Mal. 3:1-3; 1T 99:3
- Causes: Heresies, 1 Tim. 4:1; 5T 707. Straight Testimony, 1T 181
- Those shaken, GC 608:2; CDF 428-9; EW 50:3; 5T 80:0-81:1
- Great proportion shaken, Matt. 22:14; 5T 136:1; 2T 445:2-446:0; GC 608

10. Counterfeit Reformation

- Among false churches before Loud cry, Isa. 2:2,3; Micah 4:1-5; EW 261
- Cause of, GC 464:1

11. National Sunday Law, Rev. 13:14-17; (Compare Daniel 3)

- Church appeals to civil to enact, Rev. 13:14-17; GC 607:1
- Brings National Apostasy, 5T 451:1; Then National Ruin, 7BC 977; 2SM 373.
- This law marks Union of Protestants and Catholics, 5T 712:0; GC 607:1
- Image to beast formed, Rev. 13:13,14; GC 445:1,2
- Final Test to man, Acts 5:29; Rom. 6:16; GC 605:2; GC 602:1; 5T 81:1
- Sign to leave large cities, Micah 3:10; 5T 464:3 to 465:0
- Every other country follows U.S. with Sunday law, Rev. 13:3; 6T 18:2
- Sign that probation soon to close, 5T 451:2
- Completes fall of Babylon, Rev. 14:8; GC 389:2 to 390:0

12. Short Time of Trouble

- Coincides with Latter Rain just before plagues, EW 85:3 to 86:0
- Causes, 2 Tim. 3:12; GC 606:2 to 608:1

13. Latter Rain and Loud Cry, Hos. 6:3; Zech. 10:1,4,6; Acts 2:17,3:19

- Coincides with short time of trouble, EW 33:2; EW 85:3 to 86:0
- Latter Rain develops 3rd message into Loud Cry, Rev. 18:1-4; EW 277
- Lights world, Ripens harvest, Rev. 18:1; GC 611:2; GC 612:2; EW 277:1
- Miracles—Sick healed, EW 278:1; GC 612:1
- Prepares saints for plagues, Ends at close of probation, EW 86:0

14. Marvelous Working of Satan

- Begins after Sunday law, 5T 451:1,2
- Through spiritism impersonates dead perfectly, GC 552:1; 560:1
- Wonders, Miracles, Healings, Rev. 13: 13,14; 16:13,14; GC 588:2 to 589
- Brings war, disease, disaster, storms, Rev. 16:14; GC 589:1 to 590:0
- Claim saints cause trouble by violating Sunday, GC 589 to 590:1
- World, headed by papacy, unites and opposes saints, Rev. 13:3,4,8; 7T 182

15. Satan Counterfeits Christ's Coming

- Crowning Act, Matt. 24:23-27
- As angel of light, claims changed Sabbath, 2 Cor. 11:14; GC 624:2
- Not permitted to counterfeit manner of coming, GC 625:2,3

16. Mark of the Beast Received, Rev. 13:16,17; 14:9-11

- After truth made plain to all, GC 449:1; GC 604:3; GC 605:2

17. Sealing Time, Rev. 7:1-4; Eze. 9:3-6

- Sabbath is seal, Eze. 20:20; GC 640:1; 8T 117
- Qualifications: Reflect image of Jesus fully, no sin, EW 71:1,2
- Not remember sin, blotted out, Heb. 10:14-17; 5T 475,476; GC 485, 620; PP 202
- Complete just before probation closes, Eze. 9:1-7; EW 279:2 to 280:1

18. Marriage of the Lamb, Rev. 19:7-9 (Lamb=Christ—John 1:29)

- Lamb's wife=Holy City, Rev. 21:9,10; GC 426:2 to 427:1
- Receives Kingdom at close of mediation, Dan. 7:13,14; GC 480:0
- Guest's (saints) garments inspected = Investigative Judgement, Matt. 22:14; GC 428:1

- Wedding garment=Robe of Christ's Righteousness, Rev. 19:6; GC 428:1
- Wedding conducted in sanctuary, Most Holy Place, EW 251:1; 280:1
- Saints attend marriage by faith, Matt. 25:10; GC 427:1
- Returns for wedding feast with us, Luke 12:35-37; Matt. 26:29; GC 427:1

19. Close of Probation, Rev. 22:11; Zeph. 2:1-3; Mark 13:33-37; 2T 190-191

- Every case settled, Spirit withdrawn, Gen. 6:3; GC 612:2; GC 614:1; PP 201:2
- Exact time not perceived by world, Continue form of religion, GC 615:1
- Jesus leaves Most Holy and lays confessed sin on Satan, Dan. 12:1; EW 280
- Changes from priestly to kingly attire, plagues, Isa. 59:17, 18; EW 281
- Day of the Lord begins, Joel 2:11; Amos 5:18, 20; Zeph. 1:14, 18; GC 310,311.

20. Great Time of Trouble

- Begins at close of probation, Dan. 12:1; GC 614:1
- Whole world involved in ruin and destruction, GC 614:1,2
- Saints blamed for trouble, GC 614:3; (compare 1 Kings 17:1; 18:17,18)
- Not store food, God provides with bread and water, Isa. 33:16; EW 56:2; 1T 206:1
- Righteous live without intercessor, Isa. 59:16; GC 614:1
- Ends at 2nd coming with 7th plague, Job 38:22,23

21. Seven Last Plagues, Rev. 15,16; Isa. 28:21; 26:20,21, 59:16-18.

- Begin at close of probation, GC 627:3; EW 52:1
- Plagues are not universal, GC 628:2
- Most awful scourges ever known to mortals, GC 629:0
- Wicked search in vain for truth, Amos 8:11,12; GC 629:2
- Saints suffer but not perish, Ps. 121:5-7; 91:3-10; Isa. 26:20; GC 629
- Shortened for elect's sake, GC 631:0 (compare Matt. 24:21,22)

22. Death Decree, Rev. 13:15 (compare John 11:50; Dan. 3:5, 10, 11)

- Passed after close of probation, GC 615:1,2
- Plagues enrage wicked against saints and pass decree, EW 36:2 to 37:0
- Passed throughout world, Rev. 13:3; PK 512; EW 282:2; EW 283:0; GC 604:2
- Sign to leave all cities and villages and flee to mountains, GC 626:1
- Determined to strike in one night, but saints delivered, GC 635, 636
- No righteous will die after decree, 9T 17:1
- Angels fight for saints in form of men, GC 631:1; EW 283:0
- Decree begins time of Jacob's trouble, GC 615, 616; LS 117:1

23. Time of Jacob's Trouble, Jer. 30:7

- Begins at death decree, GC 615:2 to 616:1
- A time of mental anguish, fear every sin not confessed, GC 616:2; GC 619
- Angels provide saints with food and water, Isa. 33:16; EW 282:2
- Saints cry day and night for deliverance, Ends trouble, EW 283:2

24. Armageddon, Begins at 6th plague, Rev. 16:12; 19:11-19;

Joel 3:2, 9-16

- Earth is battlefield, Rev. 16:14; R & H, May 13, 1902
- All take sides, God and law keepers or Satan and apostates, 7BC 982,983
- Religious phase, Rev. 12:17; 16:14-17; 7BC 983; GC 583. between good and evil
- Angels fight for righteous, Rev. 19:14; GC 631:1; 6T 406
- Military phase, Nation's armaments, 7BC 967; GC 642; 6T 14
- God's artillery, hail stones 57 lbs, Rev. 16:21; Job 38:22, 23
- Ends at Second Advent, GC 641, 642

25. Deliverance of God's People, Mal. 3:17; Ps. 27:5

- Saints cry day and night for deliverance, EW 283:1 to 285:0
- Comes as time to carry out death decree nears, GC 635:0
- Delivered at midnight, Job 34:20; GC 636:2
- 144,000 living saints at that time, EW 15:0
- Sun shines at midnight, moon stands still, GC 636:2; EW 285:1
- Earthquake of 7th plague frees imprisoned saints, GC 637
- Wicked turn on one another and on ministers, Jer. 23:1, 2; GC 655, 656

26. Special Resurrection, Dan. 12:2

- Righteous who died in 3rd angel's message since 1844, GC 637:2
- Those who pierced Him, Rev. 1:7; GC 643:1, 2
- Most violent opposers of truth, GC 637:2

27. Tables of the Law Appear in the Sky

- During the 7th plague (earthquake), Rev. 11:19 (16:8); GC 639:1

28. Day and Hour of Christ's Coming Announced

- Announced by voice of God, Joel 2:11; GC 640:2

29. Second Coming of Christ

- Small black cloud appears in Eastern sky, GC 640:3 (Orion—EW 41)
- Jesus appears in clouds, Rev. 1:7; GC 641:0-1

30. First Resurrection, Righteous Dead

- Voice of God calls dead to awaken, 1 Thess. 4:15-17; 1 Cor. 15:21-23
- Come from grave, same stature as died, but no blemishes, little children placed in mother's arms. 1 Cor. 15:51; GC 644:2 to 645:1

31. Wicked Slain by Brightness of His Coming

- 2 Thess. 2:8; Isa. 11:4; GC 656:2; 657:2

32. Saints Taken to Heaven

- Resurrected and living saints meet Christ in air, 1 Thess. 4:17
- Taken to heaven in cloudy chariot in 7 days, EW 16:2; 288:0
- On sea of glass, saints receive crowns and harps, James 1:12; EW 288:1
- Jesus opens Holy City gates and saints enter, Rev. 22:14; EW 288:1
- Gather before white throne and see those won for Christ, GC 647:1
- The two Adams meet, GC 647:2
- Marriage supper, Table miles long laden with fruit, EW 19:1

33. Millenium, 1000 years

- Earth desolate, Jer. 4:23-27; Rev. 20:1-3; GC 658:3 to 660:2
- Satan bound, Banished as scapegoat, Lev. 16:21; GC 658
- Saints in heaven judging wicked, 1 Cor. 6:2, 3; Rev. 20:4; EW 291:0

34. Events at End of Millenium

- Jesus and redeemed return to earth, Zech. 14:5; GC 662:1; EW 291:1
- Wicked dead raised (2nd resurrection), John 5:28, 29; Rev. 20:5
- Christ descends upon Mount of Olives, Zech. 14:4; GC 662:3; EW 291:1
- Holy City descends to Mount of Olives, Rev. 21:2; GC 663:0; EW 291:1
- Christ and saints enter Holy City, Rev. 22:14; GC 663:0
- Devil looses and gathers wicked for battle, Rev. 20:7, 9; GC 663:1; 664:1
- Skillful men make implements of war, EW 293:2; GC 664:2
- Gates of city closed by Christ's command, GC 664:3
- Christ's coronation on throne above city, GC 665:1; 666:1
- Books of judgement opened, Rev. 20:11, 12; GC 666:2
- Panoramic scenes of Great Controversy in sky, GC 666:3 to 668:4
- Satan bows to Christ's supremacy, GC 670:2
- Wicked turn against Satan and his agents, Eze. 28:6-8, 16-19; GC 672
- Hell fire devours Satan and wicked, Ps. 11:6; Rev. 20:9, 10, 13-15; Jude 1-15; Jude 14, 15, Mal. 4:1, 3; 2 Pet. 3:7; GC 672:1 to 673
- Some suffer days, some a moment, Rev. 20:10; Luke 12:47-49; GC 673; EW 294
- Satan suffers greater and much longer than people, Rev. 20:10; EW 291:0
- Earth purified and re-created, 2 Pet. 3:12, 13; GC 674:1; EW 295:1
- Saints inherit earth, Ps. 37:9-11, 29; Isa. 45:18; Rev. 21:7
- Conditions of New Earth, Rev. 21:1-7; Isa. 65:17-25; 35:1-10; Rev. 22:1-5
- Space travel to other worlds by saints, EW 40:0
- One reminder remains, Christ's wounds, Heb. 3:4; Zech. 13:6; GC 674:2

Dear Reader,

May this subject help you and me to understand that our salvation is near at hand.

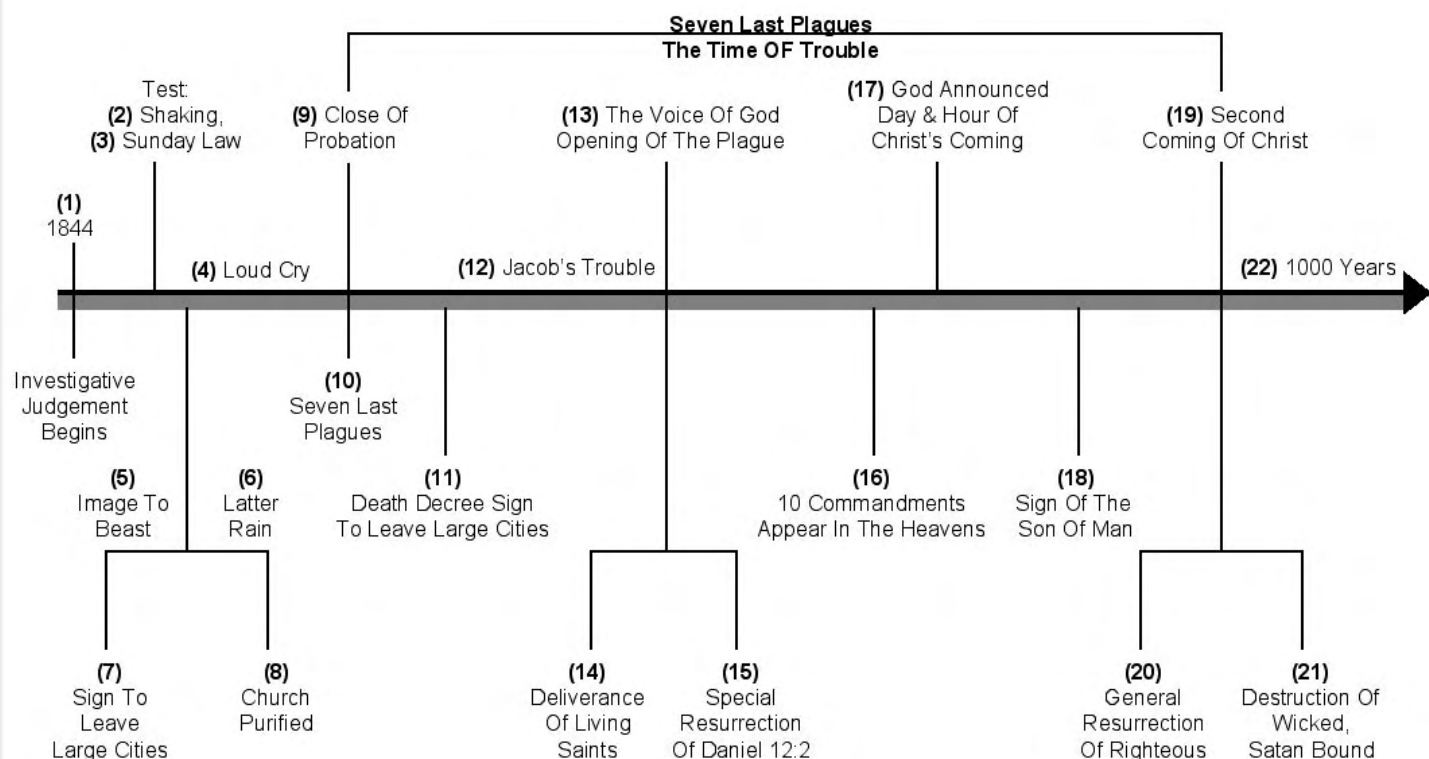
The Latter Rain is about to be given to the saints, and the angel with the inkhorn writer is preparing his wings to go to Jesus and report that his work is complete and that all the saints have received the seal of God and the Latter Rain. Then probation will close.

But I must leave this subject for the present and close with the exhortation of the prophet.

"Seek ye the Lord, all ye meek of the earth, which have wrought his judgement: Seek righteousness, seek meekness: It may be ye shall be hid on the day of the Lord's anger." Zech. 2:3

*From your Brother in the blessed hope,
**Pastor Golden Kayawa Hingabantu
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FINAL EVENTS SUMMARY CHART



INTERNATIONAL YOUTH CONFERENCE

WHEN: DECEMBER 27, 2004 to JANUARY 2, 2005.

WHERE: SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA

The Australian Field would like to invite young people from around the world to attend a Youth Conference in the middle of our summer at the end of this year.

Spaces are limited in Sydney as our facilities can only accommodate approximately 60 young people. Therefore it is recommended that you reserve your space early.

Reservations must be received by September 1st, 2004.

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We look forward to seeing as many of you as we are able to do so at the end of this year.



DIET FOR LIFE HEALTH SEMINAR

Mad Cow, Avian Flu outbreaks, Stress, Depression, Anxiety and dangerous levels of obesity within children have prompted people to look for practical, healthier alternatives to their diet and lifestyle.

On Sunday March 21, 2004 the church in Toronto, Canada introduced a new seminar series called “Diet For Life” that is designed to introduce people to healthy alternatives that can easily be integrated to their hectic North American lifestyle. The Diet For Life series consists of seminars by industry experts in the fields of medicine, nutrition and fitness. Each event includes vegetarian cooking demonstrations, lectures, including Q&A, on a wide variety of health subjects. Free Vegetarian samples are provided and additional literature available.

This first Seminar “Introducing Balance Into Your Lifestyle”, included talks by industry experts Dr. Cornelia Radulovisi MD (Europe) ND (Canada) PT (USA) and Ruth Tapia, Fitness Trainer (Canada). Vegetarian cooking demonstrations performed included Juices, Indian cuisine and effective use of Soya.

The goal of the first seminar was to get visitors and members thinking about the alternatives that are available to make informed choices in their life. It introduced the concept of balance that is essential for the human being to maintain health in body, mind and spirit especially in context of an over processed food supply and increased stressors.

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Nations on earth today are seeking power. The United States of America has become quite a strong power on this earth today. They have their soldiers in many different countries, with the notion of keeping peace in these countries, however that is not their only motive. In the latest war that was conducted against Saddam Hussein in Iraq, the United States of America did not go alone. They called upon the nations of the world to join in, acknowledging the fact that there is more power in the united forces of many nations. The war went on with relative success and it was not long before the nation was taken over by the foreign powers, deposing the existing rulers.

What I want to illustrate here is the fact that the united forces had great power. If the British got into a squabble with the Americans over some trivial matter, and started to fight against the Americans, the power would have been broken. Even if there are mistakes made, such as when the Americans shot and killed some Canadian soldiers in Afghanistan, the Canadians still supported the Americans in the military effort. Yes, united together they have great power on this earth.

How much greater power can the church of God have if we showed the same kind of unity in our midst? For the most part, this unity does exist and it is getting stronger as time continues, since the half-hearted, unconverted ones are slowly being shaken out. Those of us that are remaining, must do all in our power to preserve this unity and it is not easy since we all come from a variety of different backgrounds. We have different cultural customs, different religious backgrounds, and social backgrounds. Some of us grew up in happy, well-adjusted homes. Some have come from poverty stricken or broken homes, causing emotional scars. Each individual though, is a soul for whom Christ has died and each one of us should be doing our utmost for the good of others – for the good of the church – the body of Christ.

“Union is strength; division is weakness. When those who believe present truth are united, they exert a telling influence. Satan well understands this. Never was he more determined than now to make of none effect the truth of God by causing bitterness and dissension among the Lord’s people.” 5T 236

“Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity! It is like the precious ointment upon the head, that ran down upon the beard, even Aaron’s beard: that went down to the skirts of his garments; As the dew of Hermon, and as the dew that descended upon the mountains of Zion: for there the LORD commanded the blessing, even life for evermore.” Psalm 133

David sang this Psalm when he was hiding in the cave of Adullam with his relatives and friends (PP 658). David was alone, fleeing from King Saul. He thought he was all alone in the cave of Adullam, however some of his family and friends heard of his hideout and came to support him. He had 600 supporters and they were a mighty army – they easily eluded the army of King Saul and regularly protected the borders of Israel – as seen in the case of Nabal – wife of Abigail. David knew, first hand, how pleasant it was for brethren to dwell together in unity.

“And if one prevail against him, two shall withstand him; and a threefold cord is not quickly broken.” Eccl. 4:12. A rope with

three strands can support a considerable amount of weight. In unity there is power.

JESUS PRAYED FOR UNITY AMONGST HIS FOLLOWERS

“That union and love might exist among His disciples was the burden of our Saviour’s last prayer for them prior to His crucifixion. With the agony of the cross before Him, His solicitude was not for Himself, but for those whom He should leave to carry forward His work in the earth. The severest trials awaited them, but Jesus saw that their greatest danger would be from a spirit of bitterness and division. Hence He prayed:

“Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth. As thou hast sent me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth. Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word;

That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me.’ John 17:17-21.” 5T 237

“Christian unity is a mighty agency. It tells in a powerful manner that those who possess it are children of God. It has an irresistible influence upon the world, showing that man in his humanity may be a partaker of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust. We are to be one with our fellow men and with Christ, and in Christ one with God.” ML 276.

There is a mighty power in unity. When the Latter Rain is poured out, God’s church will be fully united and a marvellous work will be done – a work that far exceeds the Early Rain. During the Early Rain the believers were, “all with one accord in one place.” Acts 2:1. When the Holy Spirit was poured out upon them in the upper room, thousands were baptized in one day. So many people, and other churches look at God’s church today and they see a small church, with few members. They criticize God’s church as having no impact in the world. It is impossible to have any effect anywhere with such few numbers.

However they are only looking from the outside. When God’s people are fully united – a mighty work will be done. God is not dependent on large numbers – He is looking for a united group of believers to pour out His Spirit with great power.

UNITY DEFINED

From these following Bible verses I am going to define unity.

“Can two walk together, except they be agreed?” Amos 3:3

“That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us: and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ.” 1 John 1:3

“But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanseth us from all sin.” 1 John 1:7

“Take my yoke upon you,” Matthew 11:29.

Unity means to be with someone with whom you agree. It means to have fellowship with others, also to be yoked together with Christ. And finally it means to be “one” as written in John 17.

Therefore disunity means to be separate. Perhaps not physically separate, but separate in our thoughts, purposes of life and direction our lives are headed.

In Jesus’ prayer in John 17, He prayed for unity for His followers, but He mentioned whom they were to be united with. They were to be united with each other as well as with Christ.

Now here is a Bible verse giving more details about whom we should unite with and whom we should not.

“Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and

I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you,” 2 Cor 6:14 – 17.

We are to be united with: Believers, Jesus, righteousness, Temple of God, and not with: Infidels, unrighteous, idols.

These verses talk concerning any close relationship that you may have, whether it is a very close friend, marriage partner, business partner or church. Many churches unite with Governments placing themselves in Babylon. Only in uniting with the appropriate people, and with God’s church, will we have a power in the world, and power to resist and overcome sin.

WHAT DESTROYS UNITY

“The cause of division and discord in families and in the church is separation from Christ. To come near to Christ is to come near to one another. The secret of true unity in the church and in the family is not diplomacy, not management, not a superhuman effort to overcome difficulties--though there will be much of this to do--but union with Christ.

“Picture a large circle, from the edge of which are many lines all running to the centre. The nearer these lines approach the centre, the nearer they are to one another.

“Thus it is in the Christian life. The closer we come to Christ, the nearer we shall be to one another. God is glorified as His people unite in harmonious action.” AH 179.

“Nothing so manifestly weakens a church as disunion and strife. Nothing so wars against Christ and the truth as this spirit.

“He in whose heart Christ abides recognizes Christ abiding in the heart of his brother. Christ never wars against Christ. Christ never exerts an influence against Christ. Christians are to do their work, whatever it may be, in the unity of the Spirit, for the perfecting of the whole body.” ML 276

“Satan works to make the prayer of Christ of none effect. He makes continual efforts to create bitterness and discord; for where there is unity there is strength, a oneness which all the powers of hell cannot break. All who shall aid the enemies of God by

bringing weakness and sorrow and discouragement upon any of God's people, through their own perverse ways and tempers, are working directly against the prayer of Christ." 6T 151

"Reformers are not destroyers. They will never seek to ruin those who do not harmonize with their plans and assimilate to them. Reformers must advance, not retreat. They must be decided, firm, resolute, unflinching; but firmness must not degenerate into a domineering spirit. God desires to have all who serve Him firm as a rock where principle is concerned, but meek and lowly of heart, as was Christ. Then, abiding in Christ, they can do the work He would do were He in their place. A rude, condemnatory spirit is not essential to heroism in the reforms for this time. All selfish methods in the service of God are an abomination in His sight." 6T 151

SOCIAL RELATIONS

We cannot hide ourselves away from society for fear that we will be offended, or that we will offend someone else. It is by the social contacts that the world will be warned – the world will be reached. Jesus could have sent His angels to minister to the needy and to bring the message of salvation for those who are seeking for the truth, but rather He decided to use you and I. We will meet all kinds of people during our life. Some people we will

befriend easily and enjoy their company, but we will also meet people who are disagreeable to us. Some are disagreeable due to their unconverted habits, speech and attitudes. Others are disagreeable simply because of the way they are. Their character is contrary to ours and our spirits often chafe when we are in their company. Yet, we must love them all with the love of Christ.

Are we all perfect in the church? Who can say that they have never made mistakes? Have you seen mistakes and errors in your brethren? I am sure we can all say that we have seen mistakes and errors in our brethren. It is impossible to not see them, however in order to maintain unity we must associate with each other in the spirit of Christ. We must seek to help our brothers when we see mistakes, rather than seek to destroy or separate them. Our social contacts within the church must be Christ-centred, in order for Christ to work His mighty power in our midst.

Jesus said that there would be tares in the church and it would be almost impossible to tell the difference between the wheat and the tares. Yet we cannot try to figure out who is

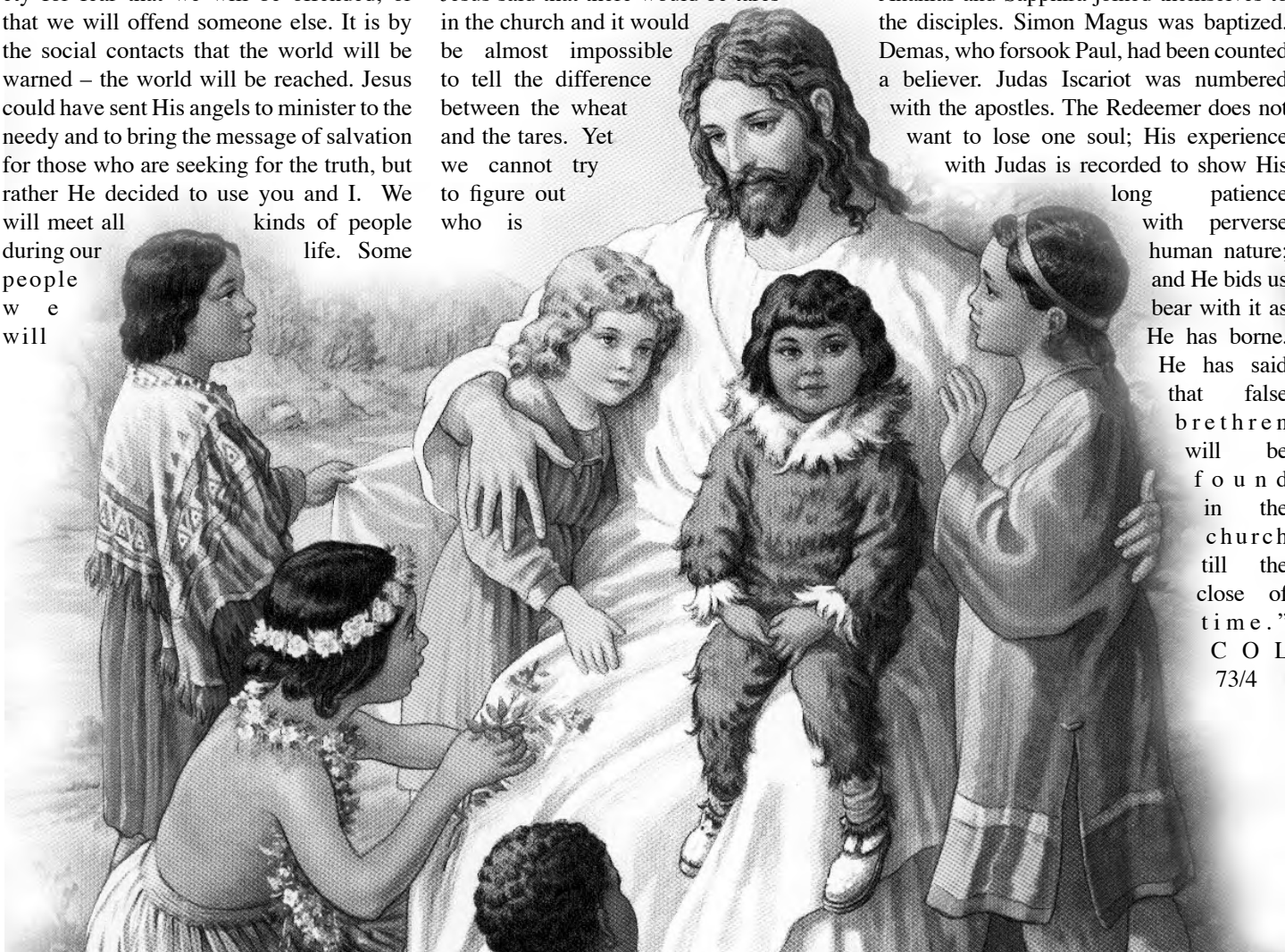
who. The separation of wheat and tares is left to Christ in His good time. Our social relations must be Christ centred with everyone in the church, whether they are the best of Christians or the ones who are struggling strongly with sin.

"Often we regard as hopeless subjects the very ones whom Christ is drawing to Himself. Were we to deal with these souls according to our imperfect judgment, it would perhaps extinguish their last hope. Many who think themselves Christians will at last be found wanting. Many will be in heaven who their neighbours supposed would never enter there. Man judges from appearance, but God judges the heart. The tares and the wheat are to grow together until the harvest; and the harvest is the end of probationary time..."

"The world has no right to doubt the truth of Christianity because there are unworthy members in the church, nor should Christians become disheartened because of these false brethren. How was it with the early church? Ananias and Sapphira joined themselves to the disciples. Simon Magus was baptized. Demas, who forsook Paul, had been counted a believer. Judas Iscariot was numbered with the apostles. The Redeemer does not want to lose one soul; His experience with Judas is recorded to show His

long patience with perverse human nature; and He bids us bear with it as He has borne. He has said that false brethren will be found in the church till the close of time."

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What will win some people to the truth? It is love in the midst of God's people. This will be a mighty power that will draw people to the Saviour.

HOW CAN WE PRESERVE UNITY?

It is quite simple. The way to preserve it is to think of others before ourselves and help them.

“Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves. Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others.” Phil. 2:3

“Judge not that ye be not judged” –“Judge not, that ye be not judged. For with what judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged: and with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again.” Mat. 7:1,2

“Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another;” Rom. 12:10.

“Every association of life calls for the exercise of self-control, forbearance, and sympathy. We differ so widely in disposition, habits, education, that our ways of looking at things vary. We judge differently. Our understanding of truth, our ideas in regard to the conduct of life, are not in all respects the same. There are no two whose experience is alike in every particular. The trials of one are not the trials of another. The duties that one finds light are to another most difficult and perplexing.

“So frail, so ignorant, so liable to misconception is human nature, that each should be careful in the estimate he places upon another. We little know the bearing of our acts upon the experience of others. What we do or say may seem to us of little moment, when, could our eyes be opened, we should see that upon it depended the most important results for good or for evil.” MH 483. Be careful and think of helping others, more than thinking of helping yourself.

“FOREBEARANCE UNDER WRONG.”

It is times when we have been wronged that we often get upset or offended. When we try to do what is right and our motives are

misinterpreted, it tends to hurt our feelings. These things happen on occasion in our associations with others. Satan will do his utmost to bring divisions because he knows that he will have more power and influence in the church this way, rather than God. And God allows it also to test our characters. Are we in the church to seek the approval of Christ or to seek the approval of our fellow man? However, “We cannot afford to let our spirits chafe over any real or supposed wrong done to ourselves. Self is the enemy we most need to fear. No form of vice has a more baleful effect upon the character than has human passion not under the control of the Holy Spirit. No other victory we can gain will be so precious as the victory gained over self.

“We should not allow our feelings to be easily wounded. We are to live, not to guard our feelings or our reputation, but to save souls. As we become interested in the salvation of souls we cease to mind the little differences that so often arise in our association with one another. Whatever others may think of us or do to us, it need not disturb our oneness with Christ, the fellowship of the Spirit. “What glory is it, if, when ye be buffeted for your faults, ye shall take it patiently? but if, when ye do well, and suffer for it, ye take it patiently, this is acceptable with God.” 1 Peter 2:20.

“Do not retaliate. So far as you can do so, remove all cause for misapprehension. Avoid the appearance of evil. Do all that lies in your power, without the sacrifice of principle, to conciliate others. ‘If thou bring thy gift to the altar, and there rememberest that thy brother hath aught against thee; leave there thy gift before the altar, and go thy way; first be reconciled to thy brother, and then come and offer thy gift.’ Mat. 5:23, 24.” MH 485

Stop thinking of yourself, start thinking of the salvation of souls. Days when you feel discouraged (and we all have them) get up and do something for someone else.

Retaliation in anger. Some people retaliate in anger. This is the wrong way to handle situations when you have been treated wrongly. Anger does not show how much power you have. It shows how weak you are in that you are unable to control your passions. Christ's power does not dwell in you. “You have repeatedly said: “I can't keep my temper.” “I have to speak.” You

lack a meek, humble spirit. Self is all alive, and you stand guard continually to preserve it from mortification or insult. Says the apostle: ‘For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God.’ Those who are dead to self will not feel so readily and will not be prepared to resist everything which may irritate. Dead men cannot feel. You are not dead. If you were, and your life were hid in Christ, a thousand things which you now notice, and which afflict you, would be passed by as unworthy of notice; you would then be grasping the eternal and would be above the petty trials of this life.” 2T 425

“Christ has given us His life as a pattern, and we dishonour Him when we become jealous of every slight, and are ready to resent every injury, supposed or real. It is not an evidence of a noble mind to be prepared to defend self, to preserve our own dignity. We would better suffer wrongfully a hundred times than wound the soul by a spirit of retaliation, or by giving vent to wrath.” 2T 426/7

“If impatient words are spoken to you, never reply in the same spirit. Remember that ‘a soft answer turneth away wrath.’ Proverbs 15:1. And there is wonderful power in silence. Words spoken in reply to one who is angry sometimes serve only to exasperate. But anger met with silence, in a tender, forbearing spirit, quickly dies away.” MH 486

“Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good.” Rom. 12:21

“Great peace have they which love thy law: and nothing shall offend them.” Ps. 119:165

“For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps: Who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth: Who, when he was reviled, reviled not again; when he suffered, he threatened not; but committed himself to him that judgeth righteously:” 1 Pet 2:21-23. Jesus is our perfect example and when He suffered wrongly He left, committed Himself to His Father, who took care of things.

“Cultivate the habit of speaking well of others. Dwell upon the good qualities of those with whom you associate, and see

as little as possible of their errors and failings. When tempted to complain of what someone has said or done, praise something in that person's life or character. Cultivate thankfulness. Praise God for His wonderful love in giving Christ to die for us. It never pays to think of our grievances. God calls upon us to think of His mercy and His matchless love, that we may be inspired with praise.

"Earnest workers have no time for dwelling upon the faults of others. We cannot afford to live on the husks of others' faults or failings. Evil-speaking is a twofold curse, falling more heavily upon the speaker than upon the hearer. He who scatters the seeds of dissension and strife reaps in his own soul the deadly fruits. The very act of looking for evil in others develops evil in those who look. By dwelling upon the faults of others, we are changed into the same image. But by beholding Jesus, talking of His love and perfection of character, we become changed into His image. By contemplating the lofty ideal He has placed before us, we shall be uplifted into a pure and holy atmosphere, even the presence of God. When we abide here, there goes forth from us a light that irradiates all who are connected with us.

"Instead of criticizing and condemning others, say, 'I must work out my own salvation. If I co-operate with Him who desires to save my soul, I must watch myself diligently. I must put away every evil from my life. I must overcome every fault. I must become a new creature in Christ. Then, instead of weakening those who are striving against evil, I can strengthen them by encouraging words.' We are too indifferent in regard to one another. Too often we forget that our fellow labourers are in need of strength and cheer. Take care to assure them of your interest and sympathy. Help them by your prayers, and let them know that you do it." MH 492. As we help and strengthen one another, we will all have a greater power for good.

If a brother is in fault – what should we do? Condemn their evil character traits? Push them away? Separate from them? No, it is our duty to help them. Jesus said, "Father forgive them for they know not what they do" when they nailed Him to the cross.

"Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in

the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted." Galatians 6:1

"For if ye love them which love you, what thank have ye? for sinners also love those that love them. And if ye do good to them which do good to you, what thank have ye? for sinners also do even the same. And if ye lend to them of whom ye hope to receive, what thank have ye? for sinners also lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love ye your enemies, and do good, and lend, hoping for nothing again; and your reward shall be great, and ye shall be the children of the Highest: for he is kind unto the unthankful and to the evil." Luke 6:32-35

"Therefore if thine enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink: for in so doing thou shalt heap coals of fire on his head." Romans 12:20

"So long as we are in the world, we shall meet with adverse influences. There will be provocations to test the temper; and it is by meeting these in a right spirit that the Christian graces are developed. If Christ dwells in us, we shall be patient, kind, and forbearing, cheerful amid frets and irritations. Day by day and year by year we shall conquer self, and grow into a noble heroism. This is our allotted task; but it cannot be accomplished without help from Jesus, resolute decision, unwavering purpose, continual watchfulness, and unceasing prayer. Each one has a personal battle to fight. Not even God can make our characters noble or our lives useful, unless we become co-workers with Him. Those who decline the struggle lose the strength and joy of victory." MH 487

"We need not keep our own record of trials and difficulties, griefs, and sorrows. All these things are written in the books, and heaven will take care of them. While we are counting up the disagreeable things, many things that are pleasant to reflect upon are passing from memory, such as the merciful kindness of God surrounding us every moment and the love over which angels marvel, that God gave His Son to die for us." MH 487

"But and if ye suffer for righteousness' sake, happy are ye: and be not afraid of their terror, neither be troubled;" 1 Peter 3:14. If ye suffer for righteousness sake? Be happy.

Be HAPPY! When people treat you badly for doing good. It sounds strange, but that is what Jesus did and that is how many are won to the faith. This is how the power of God is felt in the midst of God's people.

"For it is better, if the will of God be so, that ye suffer for well doing, than for evil doing" 1 Peter 3:17

"Satan is constantly seeking to cause distrust, alienation, and malice among God's people. We shall be often tempted to feel that our rights are invaded, when there is no real cause for such feelings. Those whose love for self is stronger than their love for Christ and His cause will place their own interests first and resort to almost any expedient to guard and maintain them. When they consider themselves injured by their brethren, some will even go to law instead of following the Saviour's rule.

"The world is against us, the popular churches are against us, the laws of the land will soon be against us. If there was ever a time when the people of God should press together, it is now. God has committed to us the special truths for this time to make known to the world. The last message of mercy is now going forth. We are dealing with men and women who are judgment bound. How careful should we be in every word and act to follow closely the Pattern, that our example may lead men to Christ. With what care should we seek so to present the truth that others by beholding its beauty and simplicity may be led to receive it. If our characters testify of its sanctifying power, we shall be a continual light to others--living epistles, known and read of all men. We cannot afford now to give place to Satan by cherishing disunion, discord, and strife." 5T 236.

"And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not." Galatians 6:9. As we all do our duties faithfully and in unity in the church, then God will pour out His Spirit with great power upon His people. There is power to be had and may we all be able to access that power.

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EXPERIENCES IN AUSTRALIA



Ellen G. White spent nine years in Australia, from the year 1891 to 1900. Here are a few experiences that she made while she was in Australia.

A woman from the city of Melbourne decided to obey God's teachings and to observe the Sabbath after hearing Sister White speak. Her decision made her husband terribly angry. "You either give up this silly seventh-day Sabbath notion or get out of here," he shouted after she tried to explain what she was going to do. When she refused to stop worshipping on the Sabbath, he ordered her to leave their home. Although she was a timid woman, she had enough faith to help her stay by her decision. She left. A little later her sixteen-year-old daughter also decided to join the church. The girl told her mother about her plans, and her mother promised to come and take the teenager to live with her.

When she appeared at the house to pick up her daughter, the angry husband saw her and exclaimed, "Well, you have decided to give up that Sabbath nonsense, have you? And you have come back to live with me?"

She shook her head. "No," she answered, "I have come for my daughter, whom you have also driven out of the house."

Confused, the man did not know what to reply. "What are you going to do now?" he demanded after thinking a moment.

"I am going to support myself and my daughter," his wife said simply. "She will help me all she can. Somehow we'll manage."

The husband's conscience began to trouble him. He realized that as a father and husband he should support his family. In a melodramatic gesture typical of the nineteenth century, he dropped to his knees and begged his wife to give up her "terrible doctrines" and return to him.

For a moment the wife's will and courage wavered, but God strengthened her to keep her vow. "No," she said firmly, "I shall never give up the Sabbath. I shall observe it as long as I live. Although I have a duty to obey you, I have a greater duty to obey God."

Seeing that he could not force his wife to change her mind, he became worried and tried another approach. "If you will come back to me," he offered, "you may keep the Sabbath. But only promise me that you will never go to any Adventist meetings again."

She sadly shook her head, tears in her eyes. "I cannot make such a promise, though I will be a faithful wife in everything else. But you don't understand. You want me to be a faithful wife, yet you also want me to disobey God. If I ignore His will for me, how can anyone ever say I was being a faithful wife? Could I possibly be a good wife then?"

"Now I don't know what to do," he groaned. Dropping into a nearby chair, he sat for several moments holding his head. "Will you go with me to see our minister about this?" he asked, glancing up at her.

The woman hesitated before answering. Something about the idea bothered her. But because her husband begged her to go, she finally consented.

Hitching the horse to the family buggy, they drove through the dark Melbourne streets and reached the minister's house about ten o'clock.

The minister had gone to bed, but their knocking woke him up. Sleepily he invited them in and listened to their problem. The husband told the preacher how he made his wife leave because she had kept the Sabbath. "Now," he asked in puzzlement, "did I do the right thing?"

The minister's eyes blinked in the light of the kerosene lamp. Setting it on the table,

he replied, "You did perfectly right under the circumstances."

For a moment the husband stared in amazement at the minister. Suddenly angry, he told him, "You're wrong. I didn't do right. I abused my wife. I failed as a husband and father. I mistreated my oldest child. I have acted terrible, and you should have told me so. Instead you approved of what I did. What kind of minister are you?"

Turning to his wife, he asked her forgiveness. Together they went out to the carriage and drove home. Never again did he try to control how she worshipped. His wife found peace and happiness. But something still troubled the man – his relationship with God – made him feel guilty. He wanted a life like hers. Sister White, learning about the case, wrote in a letter that after the night at the minister's house, the man began to show a real interest in Adventism.

The more Sister White spoke, the greater her reputation as an evangelist grew. It spread to Broken Hill, a silver mining town about 600 kilometres northwest of Melbourne. Mrs. Roberts, a Sabbath keeper, learning about the woman prophet and preacher, wanted to hear her speak. She spoke constantly to her friends and neighbours about Ellen G. White until some of them knew almost as much about her as Mrs. Roberts did. One day Mrs. Roberts mentioned to a neighbour woman that she planned to visit Melbourne and hear Mrs. White.

The neighbour – who owned a local shop – had listened to Mrs. Roberts talk so much about Sister White that she became sceptical that anyone could possibly have the talents and abilities Mrs. Roberts claimed she had. She particularly doubted that Sister White could hold the attention of a large audience for several hours and often expressed her belief on the matter to Mrs. Roberts.

As Mrs. Roberts described her planned trip, the woman suddenly remarked, "You know, I've always wanted to take a holiday to Melbourne. If you don't mind, I will go with you."

"What about you shop?" The Adventist asked in surprise.

"I'll arrange for someone to run it."

The journey to Melbourne was long. No direct train connection existed between Broken Hill and the larger city. They had to follow a longer route that swung west, then south.

In Melbourne they learned that Sister White was scheduled to speak in one of the city's larger halls. Hiring a carriage, they arrived at the hall and found it crowded.

When Sister White walked onto the platform, the neighbour noticed her small size. "That's the woman you're always talking about?" She whispered to Mrs. Roberts. "That little lady?"

After the introduction and preliminaries, Sister White rose to speak. Momentarily she stood looking around at the audience, something she usually did before each sermon. Occasionally her gaze rested on a particular person. Nervously the woman whispered to Mrs. Roberts. "I'm afraid."

"Afraid of what?" her friend asked.

"That woman is looking straight at me. I'm sure of it. She knows all about me."

Sister White began her sermon. Her voice, which some said reminded them of the clear tones of a bell, reached each person in the large crowd. The people sat attentive throughout the long meeting. The neighbour seemed as interested in it as everybody else. At its close, as the people filed out of the hall, she turned to Mrs. Roberts and said, "I must send a telegram to Broken Hill immediately."

"What's our hurry?"

"I want to notify those at home to close my shop on the Sabbath."

Besides speaking to large groups, Sister

White also did personal evangelism. Near her home in Cooranbong, New South Wales – which she called Sunnyside – lived a farmer who owned a large fruit farm. She had a great interest in the family. The father raised excellent oranges and lemons. An avid reader, he had learned much about Adventist doctrines, but he never fully accepted them. Although he knew better, he clung to many of his old habits. Sister White felt disappointment that the farmer and his family did not join the church.

In a



vision one night an angel stood by her bed and directed her to visit the citrus grower with copies of her books. THE books, the angel said, would help convert him. Obeying the instructions, the next day she collected a few of her longer books and placing them on the buggy seat beside her, drove over to the fruit farm. Although the man was working out in the orchards, he came up to the house when he learned that she had stopped by.

In a few minutes Sister White turned the conversation to religion. Speaking to him as she would to a Seventh-day Adventist church member, she said, "You have great responsibilities. Here are your neighbours all around you." She motioned to the distant farms with her hand. "You are accountable for every one of them because you have Biblical knowledge they don't have. If you love what you know and follow it, you will help convert many to Christ."

He looked at her strangely. His expression seemed to be trying to tell her that he had long ago given up those points of Adventist belief that he had accepted. But Sister White knew it already. Ignoring his expression, she continued to talk to him as if he were an Adventist. "We are going to hold

you to begin to convert your neighbours." She balanced the books on her lap. "I want to give you a present of some books you can use."

The farmer politely tried to refuse them. "We have a local library from which to get books," he protested, trying to think of a way to change the subject.

She looked around the room. "I don't see any here. Apparently you have returned all those you have borrowed. Perhaps you don't like to go to the bother of taking out books from the public library." Libraries then had much stricter rules about who could take books and how they could do it.

"I have brought some books for you and your children to read." By ignoring his protests, she silenced them, and he finally accepted the books.

Before she left, Sister White knelt down and prayed with him.

When they stood again, tears rolled down his leathery cheeks. "I'm glad you came to see me. I thank you for the books," he repeated over and over again.

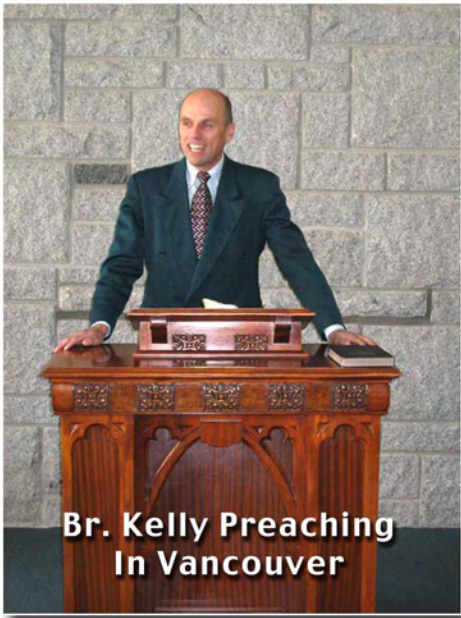
The next time she visited the fruit farm, the man told her that he had read part of Patriarchs and Prophets.

"There is not one syllable I could change," he commented. "Every paragraph speaks to the soul."

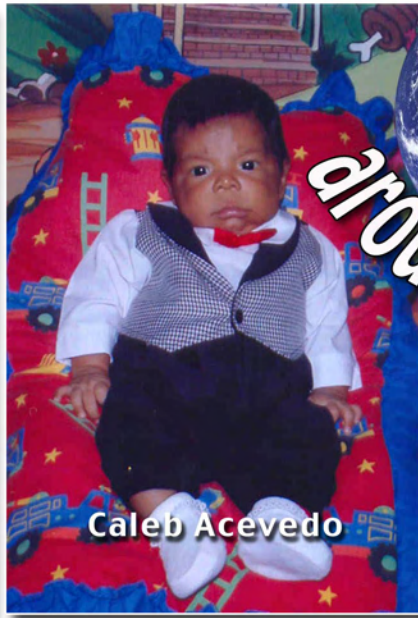
"Which book do you consider the most important?" she asked.

"I lend them all to my neighbours, and the hotelkeeper thinks The Great Controversy is the best." Suddenly his lips began to quiver. "But I think Patriarchs and Prophets is the best. It is the one that has pulled me out of the mire."

Sister White understood human nature. She knew that a person becomes most interested in those things he is actively involved in. Getting the farmer to work for his neighbours by lending them books made him interested in Adventism again. Reading Sister White's books also touched his heart. He and his family joined the church, and together they helped bring in several neighbouring families. Sister White's influence on one man had far reaching results.

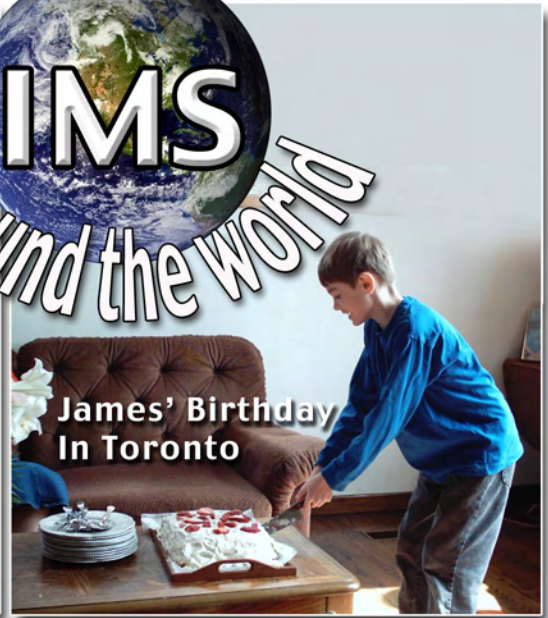


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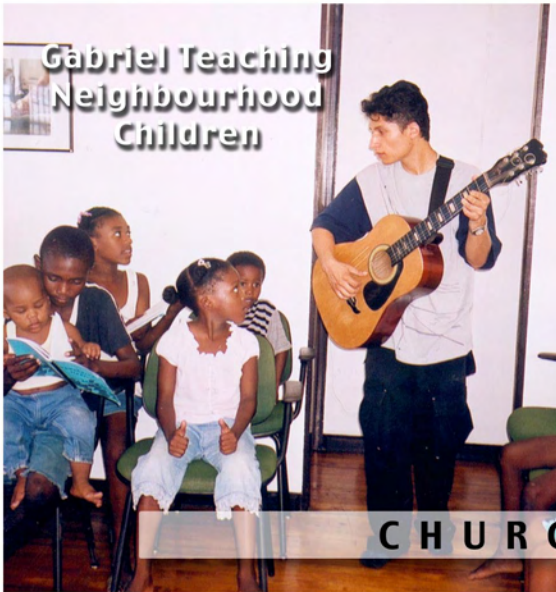


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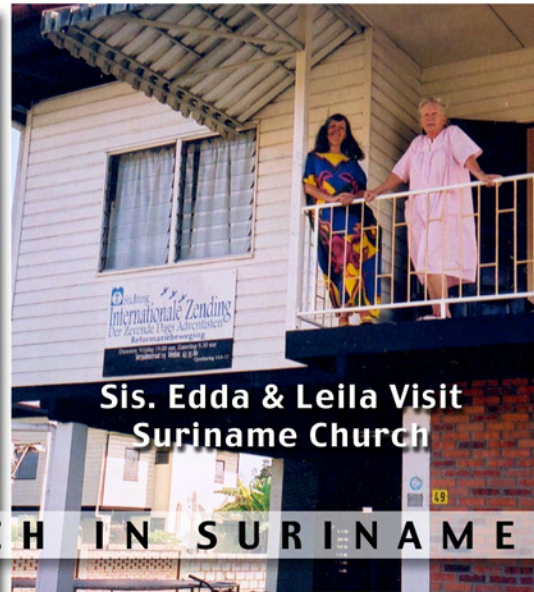
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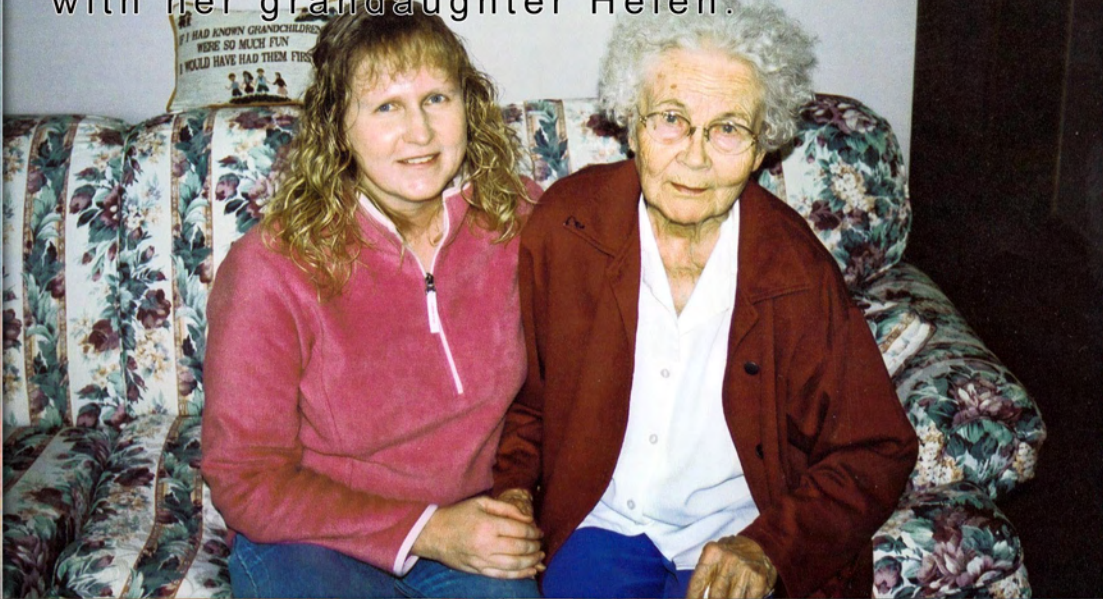


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