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It was a critical time for God's people. *"On whom dost thou trust? What confidence is this wherein thou trustest?"* (Isaiah 36:5, 4), asked the king of Assyria, the King Hezekiah of Israel.

Two very interesting questions that we should also ask ourselves these days. We are also living in a very critical time in the history of our planet. In a world where there is so much deceit in all aspects of life, whom do we trust? Where do we set our confidence?

Further on, the king of Assyria tells king Hezekiah not to set his trust *"in the staff of this broken reed, on Egypt, whereon if a man lean, it will go into his hand and pierce it"* (Isaiah 36:6); in other words, not to trust the political or military power of a great nation. What happened with the great powers of the old times, Egypt, Babylon, Greece and Rome? Today people travel to visit the ruins of what once were great civilization centers or empires. In our times there is also a great nation and the whole world expects from it a new world order. Is our trust also set in it? When one sees the direction things are taking and how unrighteousness and iniquity abound, one may think that a political power may put everything in order. Isaiah writes: *"None calleth for justice, nor any pleadeth for truth: they trust in vanity, and speak lies, they conceive mischief and bring forth iniquity"* (Isaiah 59:4). No power in this world can offer us the security we need.

But there are religious powers that try to guide people in a spiritual way and that have a great influence to be able to change the course of things. Can't we put our trust in them? Isaiah speaks to us again: *"Behold, the Lord maketh the earth empty, and maketh it waste, and turneth it upside down, and scattereth abroad the inhabitants thereof. And it shall be, as with the people, so with the priest; as with the servant, so with his master; as with the maid, so with her mistress; as with the buyer, so with the seller; as with the lender, so with the borrower; as with the taker of usury, so with the giver of usury to him. The land shall be utterly emptied, and utterly spoiled: for the Lord hath spoken this word. The earth mourneth [and] fadeth away, the world languisheth [and] fadeth away, the haughty people of the earth do languish. The earth also is defiled under the inhabitants thereof; because they have transgressed the laws, changed the ordinance, broken the everlasting covenant. Therefore hath the curse devoured the earth, and they that dwell therein are desolate: therefore the inhabitants of the earth are burned, and few men left."* (Isaiah 24:3-6).

Priests and people are put at the same level in God's eyes because they have changed God's law and transgressed His commandments. As a consequence of this, we live in such a chaotic situation today.

*"On whom dost thou trust? What confidence is this wherein thou trustest?"* We can certainly set our trust upon our family, our friends, on people who believe the same thing we do. Jeremiah warns us: *"Cursed be the man that trusteth in man, and maketh flesh his arm"* (Jeremiah 17:5). Micah's warning is still harder, *"Trust*

ye not in a friend, put ye not confidence in a guide, keep the doors of thy mouth from her that lieth in thy bosom" (Micah 7:5). Hard words! Not to trust even our closest friends or spouse! Even worse is the experience of the psalmist, "For [it was] not an enemy [that] reproached me; then I could have borne [it]: neither [was it] he that hated me [that] did magnify [himself] against me; then I would have hid myself from him: But [it was] thou, a man mine equal, my guide, and mine acquaintance. We took sweet counsel together, [and] walked unto the house of God in company." (Psalm 55:12-14).

Unfortunately, these bitter words are also prophetic. It is terrible to live in a world in which one cannot trust anyone. How can one relate to people in a natural way if one does not trust them? Just like Jesus Christ our Lord related to them, with mercy and love. He was alone in this world full of people, but He had as a trustful, reliable Friend the most powerful and faithful Being in the whole universe, His Father in heaven! We also have God the Father, and Jesus Christ who loved us so much that He gave His life for our sake! What happened to Jesus as He was arrested in Gethsemane? "They all forsook him and fled" (Mark 14:50). But at the foot of the cross there were a few people who really loved Him and did not have any fear because they did not have anything to lose; their whole trust was set upon their Savior. These people were united by the bands of heavenly love and stuck together till the end.

Someone may say, "Ah, well, most people are fickle and vulnerable, therefore the best thing is to assure for ourselves a good position so that we do not need to expect anything from man." But, how many examples are there of people who all of a sudden have become bankrupt or due to other circumstances have lost everything? The word of God tells us, "Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal" (Matthew 6:19).

But there is surely something where we can set our trust, something that nobody can take away from us and that is our intelligence, our talents, our knowledge, our experience; in other words, we ourselves. If we cannot trust any power in this world, any man or our possessions, at least we can have confidence in our own selves and our capacities. "He who trusteth in his own heart (understanding) is a fool" (Proverbs 28:26).

Paul writes to the church in Corinth that he and his co-workers went through many trials in Asia so "that we should not trust in ourselves, but in God which raiseth the dead" (2 Corinthians 1:9).

"On whom doth thou trust? Surely each one of us has experienced what Job says, that if we forget to trust in God "our trust shall be a spider web" (Job 8:14).

Unfortunately our trust in God grows parallel to our disappointment with people, powers or ideologies. But each disappointment is not a defeat for a child of God, but a lesson so that he may set all his trust in the Lord.

The wise Solomon that was not so wise when he abandoned the ways of the Lord, tells us something very important. "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart, and lean not unto thine own understanding, in all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths" (Proverbs 3:5, 6).

"On whom dost thou trust? What confidence is this wherein thou trustest?"

"I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge and my fortress. My God, in him will I trust" (Psalm 91:2).

"For the Lord shall be thy confidence, and shall keep thy foot from being taken" (Proverbs 3:26). Amen.

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# Freedom Or Slavery

Freedom is very precious to people. Men have fought wars for freedom. It is a form of punishment when our freedom is restricted. The prisoners get three meals a day and a bed to sleep in, but for the lack of freedom, they suffer.

A fox caught in a trap by the foot is known to bite its foot off to get its freedom.

Prisoners try to escape by scaling high walls or digging tunnels, but there is one prison so secure that no one has ever escaped it, except by the miraculous help of God, and that is Satan's prison.

Almost the whole world is captive of Satan in his prison, unable to do anything else except his bidding.

"And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him." Rev. 12:9.

Men, women, and children, are helpless victims of Satan, in a lifelong slavery. Even all the professed Christians are not free.

The religious leaders are "wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked." Rev. 3:17.

Satan, who is the most miserable and unhappy person in the whole world, cannot give joy or happiness to his captives.

As I visited the prison giving Bible studies to the inmates, I did not find even one happy person. They were all bitter, complaining and depressed, but then I found outside of the prison the same kind of people, who were bitter, complaining, and depressed. Then I realized that even these people are not free, but are prisoners of Satan. They are held captives by the chains of sin, from which they are unable to break loose. No sinner can ever have peace and joy in his heart.

"There is no peace, saith the Lord, unto the wicked." Isa. 48:22.

Paul cried in desperation, "O wretched man that I am! Who shall deliver me from the body of this death." Rom. 7:24.

He said, "For the good that I would I do not: but the evil which I would not, that I do." Rom. 7:19.

Then he realized the reason for it. "For I delight in the law of God after the inward man: But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members." Rom. 7:23.

The law of sin holds the people captive. Some even delight in the law of God, but are unable to go against the law of sin in their body; and these are professed Christians who go to church and read the Bible.

Judas was always unhappy and complaining. He had a strong desire for money. He thought that money would make him happy, but he was mistaken. Once he had 30 pieces of silver in his pocket, yet he was more miserable than ever before.

Satan offered freedom to the angels in heaven; freedom from the law of God. He offered freedom to Eve to eat of the forbidden tree. He is offering today to the people, freedom to do sin. But in reality he put the angels and the people into terrible slavery.

"While they promise them liberty, they themselves are the servants of corruption: for of whom a man is overcome, of the same is he brought in bondage." 2 Pet. 2:19.

Because of sin, the world has so much sickness. The doctors have proven that the most poisonous thing that causes sickness is unhappiness, misery and bitterness.

"Through defects in the character, Satan works to gain control of the whole mind, and he knows that if these defects are cherished, he will succeed." GC 489.

Our characters place us into Satan's bondage and slavery.

"His own iniquities shall take the wicked himself, and he shall be holden with the cords of his sins." Prov. 5:22.

Sometimes these character defects are hidden until under certain provocation they are revealed.

King Saul was seemingly a good person, until David came along and was more successful than he himself, and jealousy was aroused in his heart to the point that he tried to kill David.

Peter did not know his character defect until he was tested, and his failure caused him great sorrow.

Many seemingly good Christians will fail the test at the Sunday law, unless they overcome these defects before.

Job was tested, and he remained faithful in it. How many Christians will stand the test of Job without complaining.

Abraham was tested and he also did not complain about it, but obeyed the Lord's command.

Every child of God will be tested in all points and the results of these tests will reveal to us our weaknesses of character. And as we are progressing in the Christian life the tests will become stronger and harder to overcome, until we gain the complete freedom from sin.

We do not need to despair, because complete freedom from Satan's slavery has been promised to us.

Jesus said, "And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free... If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed." John 8: 32, 36.

David writes, "And I will walk at liberty: for I seek Thy precepts." Ps. 119:45.

"Inestimable blessings are to be enjoyed only in obedience to the law of God. This law is the preserver of true freedom and liberty." Ed, p. 291.

"Now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life." Rom. 6:22.

"Shall the prey be taken from the mighty, or shall the lawful captive delivered? But thus saith the Lord, Even captives of the mighty shall be taken away, and the prey of the terrible shall be delivered: for I will contend with him that contendeth with thee, and I will save thy children." Isa. 49: 24, 25.

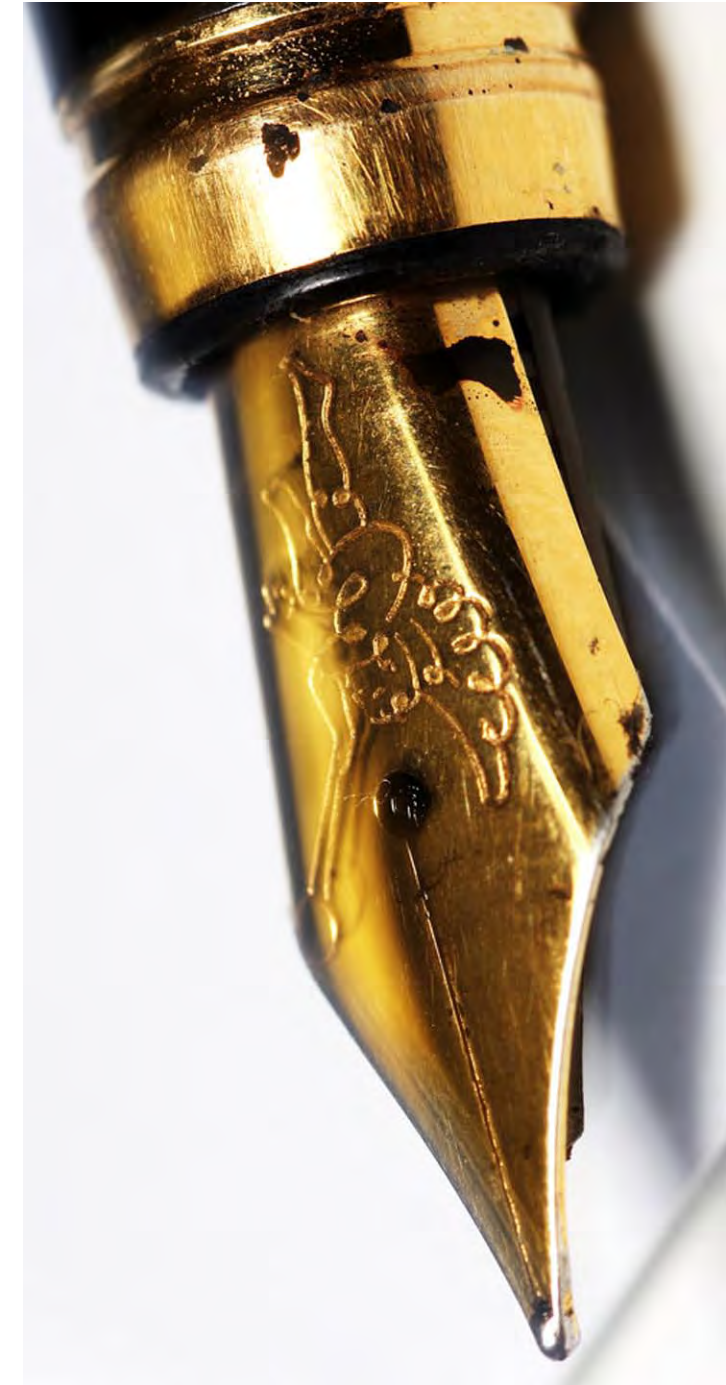
In this glorious freedom we have fullness of joy, perfect peace and happiness that the world does not know. Now we can live a sinless life. No more selfishness, covetousness, envy, pride or love of the world. Our service to God and our obedience to His commandments are our expression of love to Him, and all what we want to do we are able to accomplish, and this is the God-given freedom that every true child of God do enjoy. **AMEN.**

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Recently, we obtained the 2007 EG White CD that includes many documents from the White Estate that were previously hard to obtain, and one of these was the Fannie Bolton Story.

If you haven't heard this name before, she was one of Sis. White's literary helpers for a brief period, and she also wrote the hymn, "Not I, but Christ". Unfortunately, as you will see from the narrative, she did not carry out in her life the good sentiments expressed in that song, and yet Sis. White loved her and tried in so many ways to help her to be saved in truth.

I became a bit more familiar with this name after I read the book, *The White Lie*, by an ex-SDA pastor, which is supposedly an expose of Sis. White's plagiarism. Well, the way he uses the Fannie Bolton story is like a metaphor for the whole book, for he takes all of the accusations made by Fannie's unbalanced mind and uses them just as if they were fact. He does similar things in the false accusations made against Sis. White by J.H. Kellogg, A.T. Jones and various different ones who left the faith, once they had left it.

Fannie Bolton was a young woman of good ability, but of nervous temperament. She would work very hard until her mind would become overwrought, and then she would start to misrepresent her work and make untrue statements about her editing of Sis. White's words. She would state that Sis. White's writing was not "polished," that she couldn't put two sentences together to make any sense, things like that, and she would go to those especially new in the faith who didn't know any better, nor did they have the means to disprove her accusations. (This was after she had already tried with different leaders of the faith, who could disprove her accusations and did disprove her accusations by showing in Sis. White's own handwriting the very things that Fannie said she had written.)

Take a good case in point and I quote from the "The Fannie Bolton Story," the EG White Estate Document: "Brother Starr came to me and talked with me in reference to things Fannie had said to him. He said he was reading from the testimonies, and making remarks in regard to the clear light presented before them for us in these last days, and spoke of the beautiful language used in a certain testimony. Fannie took him after meeting and asked him if he thought it was right to give all the credit to Sister White, and make no mention of the workers, Marian [Marian Davis, a regular literary helper] and herself. She said the ideas and preparations of the articles were almost entirely changed from the writings of Sister White, that her writings came in such a shape that they had to be made all over and that she got all the credit; and those who were engaged in fitting up these articles received no recognition. Elder Starr said he met her squarely, and said, "What do you mean by saying these things to me?"

"...I have endeavoured to find out other parties with whom she had talked. From one of our ministering brethren, I learned that while at the school she opened her grievances to Brother and Sister Malcolm, who were then new in the truth. She presented the matter

## The Fannie Bolton Story

to them in such a way that they thought injustice had been done to Fannie and Marian. They knew nothing of me and my work, and Fannie represented that she and Marian had brought all the talent and sharpness into my books, yet you were both ignored and set aside, and all the credit came to me.

"She had underscored some words in a book, 'Christian Education,' 'beautiful words,' she called them, and said that she had put in those words, they were hers. If this were the truth, I ask, Who told her to put in her words in my writings? She has, if her own statement is correct, been unfaithful to me.

"Sister Prescott however says that, in the providence of God that very article came to them (Brother and Sister Prescott) uncopied and in my own handwriting, and that these very words were in that letter. So Fannie's statement regarding these words is proved to be untrue.

"Well, I felt like a wounded stricken deer, ready to die. I had been warned of this before, twice in Preston and three times in New Zealand. A similar warning was given me as in the case of Mary Clough, [Sr. White's niece who also helped her for a short period] but this did not fully arouse me to the danger, and to the real situation. I will not take time to explain these warnings. Not long before I left New Zealand, while in camp meeting, it was represented to me. We were gathered in a room of quite a company, and Fannie was saying some things in regard to the great amount of work coming from her hands. She said, 'I cannot work in this way. I am putting my mind and life into this work, and yet the ones who make it what it is, are sunk out of sight and Sister White gets the credit for the work.' I said some very pointed things. I said, 'Your ambition to be first and do some great thing is doing you harm; you will certainly lose your soul if you are not thoroughly transformed in character, and after hearing your words which you did not mean I should hear, I understand your spirit. It is not Christ you are following, but another leader, and I dare no longer place my writings in your hands.'

"Again I was listening to earnest talk between herself and Marian, and it was of that character that gave me great pain of heart. A voice spoke to me, 'Beware and not place your dependence upon Fannie to prepare articles or to make books. She cuts out words that should appear, and places her own ideas and words in their stead, and because she has done this she has become deceived, deluded, and is deceiving and deluding others. She is your Adversary. Additions and subtractions are made that do not represent your simplicity. She is not true to her duty, yet flatters herself that she is doing a very important work.'

"One thing I know, that you have placed a much higher estimate upon your capabilities and attainments than would be truly realized by yourself or others, for your work is deficient in the very essentials that would make it complete. We are engaged in a work that is weighty with eternal results. To have oil in our vessels with our lamps is the great daily necessity for every soul, and this cannot

safely be neglected.

"Truth, eternal, testing, must be not only professed, but acted. The vials of wrath are to be poured upon the inhabitants of the world who would not be drawn to Christ, and would not be molded into His likeness. Self exaltation was so strongly impregnating the whole character that God would not use them, and His curse is to come upon all such, who have not been beholding Christ, being changed into His image. God has 'loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him, should not perish, but have everlasting life.' All are chosen who through obedience to all the commandments of God will become loyal subjects of His kingdom."

Fannie Bolton had already had problems with her health, mentally; **secondly, she started to have problems with her health physically:**

"She has urged, and begged, and cried, for me to take her back again into my service. But I said, 'No, for you make false statements in regard to your preparing the articles for papers and books, which I deny. With all apparent sincerity and honesty you state to others and to me, that you think the Lord has inspired you to change the words I have traced, and substitute your own for them. I call this a strange fire of your own kindling.'

"We soon heard that Fannie was in broken health, sick in bed, and had decided to return to America. Next, one week ago last Friday, she sent a telegram, that she would come to Morriset station about nine o'clock at night.

"My horses and carriage went for her four miles and a half. The school building took her in that night, and she has been near me here only to see to her things in the tent. **She appears, I hear, almost as a nervous wreck. She consulted physicians in Melbourne, who prescribed for her to eat largely of eggs. She says she must have meat and oysters and such things in order to build up.** She is now at Brother and Sister Shannon's who have taken a small home of four rooms, which is built upon a hill where it is very difficult for a carriage to approach, but is a retired, healthful location. She is in no condition to go on the long sea voyage to America, but will remain until she has better health.

"There are too large and important interests at stake in this matter to be lightly imperiled. Should I consent that Fannie remain in connection with the work, there would be a constant burden of foreboding upon me, for these elements of character are not easily changed. The work which she has handled, she does not always appreciate as necessary or essential, and if she dared, would mold them all over.

"The Lord God is a discerner of the thoughts, as well as a hearer of every word that falls from human lips. He can make crooked things straight by disconnecting certain elements from His work.



**But should I attempt to vindicate my course to those who do not appreciate the spiritual character of the work which is laid upon me; it would only expose myself and the work to misconception and misrepresentation. To present the matter before other minds would be useless, for there are but few who are really so connected with God [who] see beneath the surface appearance as to understand it. This work is one that I cannot explain.**

#### **And then Fannie Bolton started to have moral problems**

*Letter 17, 1895, pp. 1, 3-6. [To Bro. Caldwell, who was a married man, with a wife and two children in the United States] September 6, 1895.)*

"This morning, as, I came from the school ground, I saw your horse fastened to a tree before the tent occupied by Fannie Bolton. After a while I went to the tent. A lady from New Castle and Jessie Israel were visiting Fannie. You were sitting down, writing on the typewriter. Why did you not take the typewriter at once into the dining tent? What impression can such a course make upon the mind of the young girl visiting at the school? It made an impression that was anything but favourable.

"Your freedom with young women is improper, but it is so natural and common to you that you think nothing of it. The word of God has told you that you are to abstain from the very appearance of evil; but do you? You are a married man, with a wife and two boys, whom you have left in America, and this fact should be sufficient, without further prompting, to lead you to cultivate sobriety and carefulness in your association with others... I write these things to you because you are deceiving Fannie, and she is apparently totally blind and infatuated...

"Placing yourself in the society of Fannie as much as you did while at Melbourne had not only the appearance of evil, but was evil. You enjoyed it, but you should have had discernment to understand that by your course of action you were encouraging others in the same path.

"I am now going to Tasmania, and you and Fannie will remain at Avondale. After my absence, you will feel inclined to associate together more freely, because I am not present to hold the fort. I fear you will dishonour the truth by your familiarity. I decidedly protest against this. Keep yourself out of Fannie's tent, or else a scandal will be created...

"When you expressed your desire for Fannie to move her things into my tent and become a member of my family, I knew that you did not know what you were talking about. The idea was inconsistent; but I felt that I must keep quiet, or I would speak very strongly. Then you stated plainly that you wanted Fannie to help in the cooking, 'for your stomach's sake,' because you liked her cooking, and enjoyed the food she prepared. I said to myself, 'Poor, foolish, selfish man.'

You demonstrated what had been laid before me in clear lines,—that you were selfish, and would work in any way to accomplish your ends.

Sr. White's teaching on divorce and remarriage – in harmony with the Bible

*Letter 19, 1896, pp. 1, 4, 5. (To W. F Caldwell, c. September, 1895, sent June 11, 1896.)*

"I have had very little help from Fannie for many months, not because she cannot work, but her association with you has caused her to have an experience which has unfitted her to do anything in my work. I feel deeply over another matter, and that is your visiting Fannie in her tent. I have already decided that you two cannot work together. You are a married man, father of two children. **If your wife has obtained a divorce from you that does not leave you free to marry again, as I read my Bible. . .**

"Before leaving I must lay down some rules. There is no call for Caldwell to visit Fannie's tent. Fannie has not been in working order for some time. Her association with you is largely the cause of this. I know this to be so, and therefore I say, keep away from her tent. When I am away you will feel that you have a fine opportunity to get into her society whenever you can; and I cannot go without warning you and charging you to keep yourself to yourself. I want no reproach brought upon me nor upon this community, by imprudent, careless habits or practices.

"With it all there has been a lovesick sentimentalism for Caldwell. The affair had been carried on as they thought, in secrecy, but it was not thus. Those whose perceptive faculties were not dimmed know all they wished to know. Caldwell is a married man, with two children, the eldest about ten years old. He has been absent from his wife three years, and from the light the Lord has been pleased to give me, he has been anything but a patient, kind, thoughtful husband. His wife has not written him a line for the three years he has been absent. I think she hated him.

**"She has obtained a divorce from him, but before this was done the attachment and love had been pledged to one another Fannie to Caldwell, and Caldwell to Fannie. They supposed that if they were married, they could be united in taking the supervision of my place and my writings. After the wife had obtained a divorce, then he said she was not true to him, and he was free to marry whom he would.**

**"When you placed your love upon another woman [Fannie Bolton], even though your wife had obtained a divorce, you transgressed the seventh commandment; but you have done worse than this.** You loved another women before your wife obtained a divorce, and you have said to one, 'How hard it is to be bound to a woman I do not love, when there is one I love, yes, the very ground she walks on.'

"He became attached to [Fannie], and the matter was carried on under a deception before he learned that his wife had obtained a divorce. When he heard this, he seemed greatly relieved; for his heart was fully weaned from her; but the Lord gave me light in regard to the matter. I consider that he is far more to blame than his wife in view of the fact that he claims to believe sacred truth, and she makes no such profession. He has not been a kind, tender husband; he has not been patient and forbearing, but very critical and overbearing if his wife displeased him in any way. I cannot see how his wife, in contact with his temperament and disposition, could feel drawn toward the truth. She has opposed him, and has made it hard for him, but not a whit harder than he has made it for her by his course of action. He has not taken opposition patiently, or as a Christian should. He did wrong when he left his home and his wife and children. A few months ago I learned that he had done nothing for their support.

**"As matters were unfolded to me, it was a most serious matter for him to allow his affections to center upon another woman when he had a wife living, whom he had promised to love and cherish as long as they both should live.**

Perhaps you, as I, have been perplexed to offer a cogent explanation of the teaching of Sr. White concerning divorce and remarriage in the light of the clear stand of the Bible, for what she has written and taught have seemingly been muddled. But in the following explanation you may receive some insight on this topic, as I did.

### The Case of Walter H

"When I put the case of Walter Harper in your hand to copy, but felt as if an arm was stretched between you and me, I did not understand what it meant, but I do now. I could not harmonize your statements of nothing existing between you and Caldwell, and the light which the Lord was giving me. I must take the word of God, and I had no harmony with you.

"Harper's case is not a parallel. Both cases have been presented to me at different times. Harper felt love, deep love, for his wife, and he has done everything a mortal man could do to save a divorce, for said he, 'She will lose her soul.' He spent any amount of money on her. He tried to persuade her, but to no account. And she finally sent for him to visit her, and he was warned to be on guard. She locked the door on him and commenced to solicit a sum of money, and he knew she had an accomplice waiting by. He felt now was his time to need the Lord. He watched his opportunity and suddenly escaped—just how I do not remember—but she told him there was no escape for him. I think this was his last effort made in her behalf. He may have tried once more. I advised him, when she tried to get a divorce because of desertion, not to appear, for in no way could God be glorified by the statements coming into court. There was nothing like lust in the case, for he had not physical ability, so it was not in any way a comparison with your case, or with Caldwell's.

Walter Harper was a eunuch, apparently, and had entered into marriage with his wife, and though both of them were in the faith, they both went against the counsel of Sis. White. Afterward, his wife wanted to obtain a divorce, and again Sis. White counselled against this move, for they had been united in marriage, but it was not a physical oneness. Could this be the eunuch's case mentioned in so many of Sis. White's letters taken out of context in the different compilations of her writings? I believe so.

### An Angel's admonition

"About 4:00 o'clock in the morning, we were aroused by something falling in the front room, occupied by Sister White. Mrs. Starr inquired, 'What is the matter, Sister White?' Sister White replied, 'O, nothing; only something fell down here, and I am trying to find what it is.' Mrs. Starr assured her that we could find it later, and not to mind about it, if she was only well. She replied, 'Yes, Nellie, I am very well, and very happy this morning. I have had a visitor here.' 'O, indeed! Who was it?' Mrs. Starr inquired. 'Why,' said she, 'it was an angel of God. While I was sitting writing, I felt a presence by my side, and I thought one of you had stepped into the room. But upon looking up to greet you, I saw that it was an angel of God. He stood quite speechless for a little while, and I broke the silence by saying, "Well?" And he replied, 'Well, Fannie Bolton is asking you to take her back, isn't she?' She replied, 'Yes.' 'Well,' said the angel, 'what are you going to do about it?' 'Why, that is just what I want to know,' she said. 'What shall I do about it?' 'What do you think Jesus would do,' inquired the angel, 'if He were here?' 'O,' Sister White replied, 'I suppose He would take her back 70 times 7.' 'Well, what are you going to do?' he asked. 'Well,' she said, 'I am going to take her back again, and I am not going to ask W. C. White nor G. B. Starr whether I shall do it or not. I am going to stop the mouth of the enemy forever. He shall never say that I sent her from my home. I will keep her and board her and clothe her as long as she lives, and she is to remain with me if she is never able to do another stroke of work on my writings.'

"This vision led to the receiving of Fannie Bolton back into her home for the third and last time. Miss Bolton afterward left of her own accord, in response to the call of her mother to settle up a family estate. Sister White never dismissed her from her service.

"Notwithstanding all these experiences and the effort to help Miss Bolton to gain an experience that was in harmony with the work of God and true character building, she cherished her own views of the subject, and gave free utterance to them after returning to America. This we know personally has had an influence to shake the confidence of many individuals with whom she has talked, as they naturally supposed that her intimate connection with Sister White's family would give her a correct view of the subject. This, however, we know to be far from correct, as Miss Bolton was under the influence of the adversary of the testimony of Jesus, and not



under the influence of the Spirit of the author of the testimonies.

"While in this state of mind, of opposition to Sister White and her writings, Miss Bolton for a time became insane at Battle Creek, Michigan, and became violent, breaking window panes, etc. She was confined in the asylum at Kalamazoo, Michigan, for several years. After leaving Sister White's writings, she attempted to use her gift, as she regarded it, of ability to write original matter. Its real value, however, was not apparent to any who read it. The facts above stated are given wholly with regard to the interests of truth, and without any malice whatever toward dear Miss Bolton, whom the writer and his wife regarded as one whom the Lord was seeking to save, and one whom they earnestly desire to see saved in the kingdom of God, but who unadvisedly listened to the suggestions of the enemy and received them as truth.

"Those who receive these writings which have for so many years guided the remnant people of God in their world-wide work, and which have corrected so many errors and saved the people from irreparable blunders, and which have, in the writings of so many volumes of the most precious matter ever given to this world, outside of the Holy Scriptures themselves, comforted thousands upon thousands of people and led them to put their trust, not in man, but in Jesus Christ, the Redeemer of mankind,—these persons really have the testimony of Jesus. Those who doubt, and regard them as man-made, do not and cannot to my mind have the testimony of Jesus." [Written by G.B. Starr]

In Fannie Bolton, this poor, unfortunate's souls story, we see several things:

Sr. White's work vindicated from false accusation.

Our stand on marriage and divorce vindicated by Sr. White's teaching.

And the final thing – did you catch it? Don't waste time in trying to vindicate yourself against false accusation.

Fannie Bolton, poor, deluded soul, also deluded others, but God's cause will stand forth, complete and whole regardless of the accusations made by her. To this day, there are some that will take this poor soul's words as truth, but that is always the way that it has been. A lie will go right around the world, while truth is still putting on its shoes.

In conclusion, I would like to briefly refer to another of those White Estate Documents, *What became of A.T. Jones and E.J. Waggoner?*

This document tells the sad story of A.T. Jones and E.J. Waggoner being deceived by J.H. Kellogg, pantheism and the spiritualistic sophistries that he advocated and their subsequent falling into apostasy, though Sis. White counselled them beforehand not to

place themselves under the subtle but very powerful influence of John Harvey Kellogg. They went on in self-confidence, and unfortunately all of Sis. White's counsel went unheeded.

"In 1906 Elder Waggoner, after his wife had divorced him because of his attentions to a nurse with whom he had become acquainted in England, married the lady. **This, of course, terminated his connection with the church.**"

Finally, we see in these narratives the original position of the S.D.A. Church about divorce and remarriage.

God's people should now be able to put in perspective all of the different compilations and the references to them in light of this insight from the E.G. White Estate Documents. We are now, and have always taught the truth about divorce and remarriage. And thus, we are helping others to be repairers of the breach and restorers of paths to dwell in. Isn't the marriage institution one of those things that are to be restored?

"The prophet here describes a people who, in a time of general departure from truth and righteousness, are seeking to restore the principles that are the foundation of the kingdom of God. They are repairers of a breach that has been made in God's law--the wall that He has placed around His chosen ones for their protection, and obedience to whose precepts of justice, truth, and purity is to be their perpetual safeguard. {PK 677.3}

"In words of unmistakable meaning the prophet points out the specific work of this remnant people who build the wall. 'If thou turn away thy foot from the Sabbath, from doing thy pleasure on My holy day; and call the Sabbath a delight, the holy of the Lord, honorable; and shalt honor Him, not doing thine own ways, nor finding thine own pleasure, nor speaking thine own words: then shalt thou delight thyself in the Lord; and I will cause thee to ride upon the high places of the earth, and feed thee with the heritage of Jacob thy father: for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.' Isaiah 58:13, 14." {PK 678.1}

**"In the time of the end every divine institution is to be restored. The breach made in the law at the time the Sabbath was changed by man, is to be repaired. God's remnant people, standing before the world as reformers, are to show that the law of God is the foundation of all enduring reform and that the Sabbath of the fourth commandment is to stand as a memorial of creation, a constant reminder of the power of God. In clear, distinct lines they are to present the necessity of obedience to all the precepts of the Decalogue. Constrained by the love of Christ, they are to co-operate with Him in building up the waste places. They are to be repairers of the breach, restorers of paths to dwell in. See verse 12."** {PK 678.2}

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# John Harvey Kellogg



*Yours truly,  
J. H. Kellogg*

From a young age, John Harvey Kellogg was a diligent worker, putting in long hours in his father's broom factory, helping out at the publishing house, and also successfully taught grade school. James White saw potential in this young man and encouraged him to become a medical doctor. John was initially reluctant to become a doctor, but with James White's encouragement, enrolled in medical school at Dr. Trall's Hygieo-Therapeutic College. He was very diligent in his studies, often spending six or seven hours a day poring over books and notes, sometimes well into the night.

He furthered his education by attending Bellevue Hospital Medical School in New York, where he graduated in 1875. As a student, he had little money, and ate very frugally. For breakfast he would have an apple and seven graham crackers. For his evening meal, he would eat potatoes and oatmeal, with a coconut for dessert. With minimal cooking facilities, he found it difficult to prepare cereal grains properly. This is what spawned his creation of a ready-to-eat breakfast cereal, which bears his name to this day.

After returning to Battle Creek from his studies, Dr. Kellogg was appointed medical director of the Western Health Reform Institute. He travelled to Europe to observe the techniques of the renowned surgeons of the day, and he established himself as a skilled surgeon. He changed the name of the facility to the Medical and Surgical Sanitarium.

Of top priority to Dr. Kellogg was the field of nutrition; he studied to provide his patients with the most beneficial diets. He experimented with meat substitutes. He invented and sold a tasty non-meat protein loaf that he called Nuttose.

Another important food in the North American diet that Kellogg introduced was peanut butter. After a kitchen helper, in a fit of anger, clobbered some roasted peanuts, the doctor tasted the gooey mash, and an idea came to him. Perhaps this could be a substitute for dairy butter. He experimented by roasting a batch of peanuts, and grinding them to a paste, then steam cooking them. This perfected product soon found its place in grocer's shelves around America.

His experience with a patient breaking her tooth on a tough piece of zwieback sparked another brainstorm. That night he found himself dreaming of a way to make flaked foods. The next morning he boiled some wheat, ran it through a machine his wife used for rolling out bread dough, and baked it in the oven. He then broke these into small pieces, but it still had a long way to go before he could call it flakes. He discussed this with his younger brother, and together they experimented in the sanitarium kitchen, until they invented a product that could be served for breakfast in the dining room. Dr. Kellogg named his discovery "Granose Flakes." Commercial production began in 1895. Many rival companies began producing similar products, all referred to as "miracle foods for the brain," that could cure consumption, malaria, and loose teeth.



In addition to 75 varieties of healthful foods, Dr. Kellogg's active mind invented numerous mechanical devices to benefit his patients. Some of these included: a vibratory bar to provide stimulation for the hands, arms, upper spine, and head; a mechanical kneading machine for stimulating the abdomen to relieve chronic constipation; a moving belt for weight loss; a revolving ribbed cylinder designed to apply friction to the bottom of the feet. He also devised passive exerciser, that, when used for 20 minutes, provided the patient with the stimulation of a brisk four-mile walk.

One of his most successful inventions was the electric light cabinet. Fifty-two electric lamps could radiate any colour desired, which scientists claimed had curative effects on certain ailments.

Dr. Kellogg also addressed the issue of clothing. He determined that the "wasp waists" in women's fashion were damaging their internal organs. He also claimed that white clothing was more healthful as they could better transmit the beneficial rays of the sun to the skin.

A normal 18 hour workday would include four or five hours of dictation, including 25 to 50 letters, often reviewing other medical articles while dictating his own, four or five hours of surgery, several hours of consultation, plus an evening lecture. In 1892, he suffered a physical collapse and was ill for 6 months before returning to the same gruelling pace of work. He often dictated notes to his secretary while riding a bicycle for exercise. He would eat dried fruit and nuts that he kept in his pockets.

Surgery was his specialty, during his life-long practice, he performed 22,000 surgeries. He was respected for his bedside manner; no matter how busy his day, he talked with his patients in a relaxed, unhurried way. He took time to answer their questions and gave them counsel on healthful living.

John and his wife were unable to have children of their own. They took into their home many underprivileged and needy children. In 1894, they purchased a 20-room house and took in 42 children, five of whom they legally adopted. Many of these children went on to become doctors, teachers and nurses.

During the night hours, at the expense of his own health, John Kellogg took time to write. Besides authoring more than 50 books in the field of health and medicine, he edited four periodicals.

Without warning, tragedy struck the Sanitarium. On February 18, 1902. Early that morning a fire, originating in the neighbourhood of the pharmacy, spread rapidly. By daylight, the entire main building with its two wings, the charity hospital, and the several small adjacent structures lay in ruins. Quick work by the Sanitarium staff and the fire department ensured that all 400 patients were evacuated safely. Dr. Kellogg, who was away at the time, when he heard the news, was already making plans for a new building.

But Ellen White counselled, "Last night I was instructed to tell you that the great display you are making in Battle Creek is not after God's order. You are planning to build in Battle Creek a larger sanitarium than should be erected there." E. G. White letter 125, 1902.

Despite this counsel, Dr. Kellogg designed a six-story building, 525 feet long, and seven-acres of floor space. Visitors were awed by its multicolumned front, expansive flower and fern-decked lobby, and marbled floors. With the announcement that the new building was nearing completion, a flood of patients applied for admittance. The institution was staffed by 30 doctors, 500 trained nurses, and an equal count of other employees. The sanitarium was considered a mecca for invalids from all over the world.

During the previous decade, Dr. Kellogg had become enamoured with an erroneous Eastern philosophy called pantheism, that taught that God pervaded all of nature and that He is in the grass, the trees and the vegetation eaten by man and animals. He went on to state that every cell of the human body contained God's divine presence. To help finance the new sanitarium, Kellogg proposed sale of his book, "The Living Temple," which espoused pantheism. The General Conference leaders did not agree to this, stating that the church cannot sell a publication that taught these ideas.

Dr. Kellogg began a rebellion within the church, trying to gain control of all the sanitariums around the country, saying they were all subsidiary units of the Battle Creek Sanitarium. After a few years, Dr. Kellogg gained full control of the sanitarium in Battle Creek. Much was done to help Dr. Kellogg see his error, but in vain. The doctor was dropped from church membership.

To live up to his reputation, Dr. Kellogg and his close associates dreamed up a \$4 million, 14 story addition known as The Towers, with facilities to accommodate 1,300 more patients. A few years later, when the Great Depression struck and his patient census plummeted to just a few hundred, the debt-ridden empire of John Harvey Kellogg became bankrupt.

Dr. Kellogg had thoroughly loved his work and had put his heart and soul into bettering conditions for his patients and educating the public in healthful nutrition. He still practiced what he preached, and at the age of 91 still ran three miles a day.

What a different story might have been told had he accepted the counsel of Sis. White and cooperated with the Adventist leaders. Ellen White sent him nearly 200 letters of counsel, which he respected but did not follow. She was well qualified to understand his character traits, for he had lived in her home and was treated as a son while learning the printing trade.

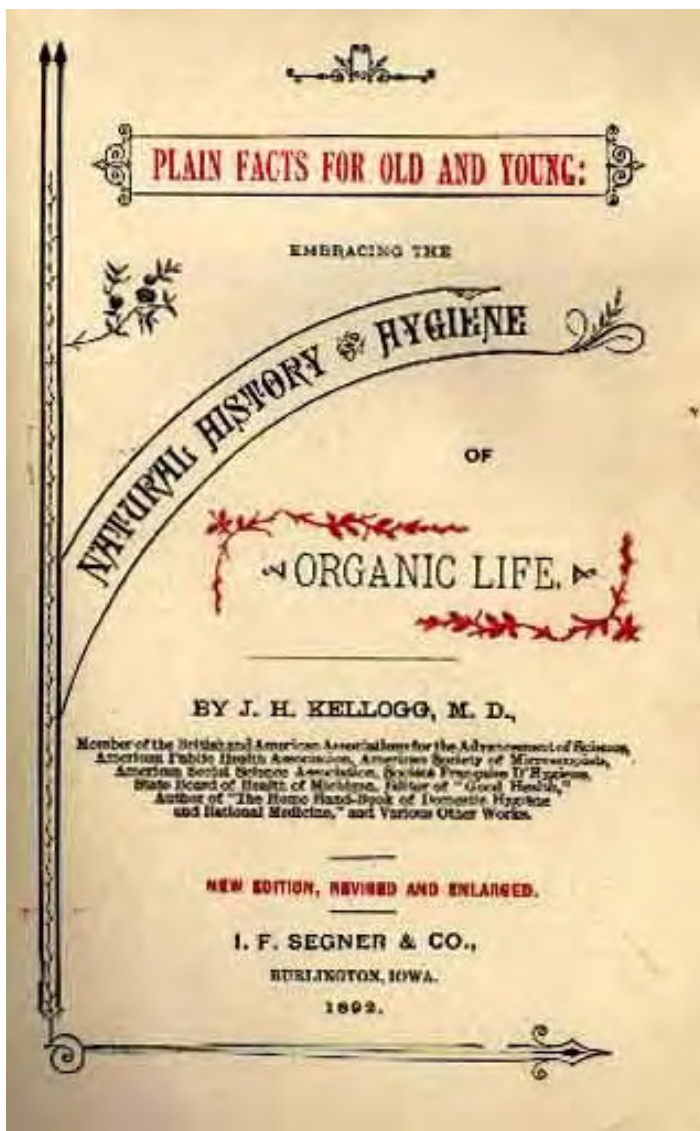
Some of her letters included: "I have knowledge of you as a boy, and the Lord instructed me in regard to the dangers that threatened you, even in your childhood years, because of hereditary and cultivated

tendencies... You need to be converted, to be born again, before you can cooperate with the Lord Jesus... A mother could not hold more firmly to a child that she dearly loves than I shall hold to you. I expect to see you engaged in the work that God has given you, and I pray for you constantly." E.G. White letter 174, 1902.

"When you make Christ your example, your pride and self-assurance will be removed... When you are converted, your masterly spirit, which leads you to judge and condemn and censure will be changed." E.G. White letter 65, 1903.

Dr. Kellogg did express appreciation for Sis. White's motherly concern, and to her alone, he admitted his pride, stubbornness, and self-will. However, he attributed these failings to overwork and lack of sleep and proper food.

During his connection with the church, Dr. Kellogg did much work in the area of health and brought renown to the church before the world. Sadly, his refusal to listen to the counsel of God brought to him by His prophet, Ellen White led him down a path away from the Adventist truths he once held firm, to financial ruin and shame.



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# Temptation To Quit!

"And Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, also how he had executed all the prophets with the sword." (1Kings 19:1)

DARKNESS

I wonder whether there are those here today or read this, who can recall an hour in their lives when they have been overwhelmed with the temptation to despair (lose hope), a temptation to give up... to quit, (GR paraito - to leave, abandon), and there seemed to be no light but only darkness within? I believe this is a true experience of the soul from time to time. But, this is not just a memory of the past, but something happening now in your spiritual experience! You have reached a point where you are overwhelmed with darkness within, and despair, and a feeling to give up... to quit!

Continually, we come across Christians who have given up, and more so as the end approaches. Isn't that so? The path narrows and becomes more tortuous. True characters surface as the trials worsen: missionaries who have not returned to their field; ministers who have given up the standard with which they set out in their high sense of their calling, abandoning the pulpit; Christians who at one time played a vital part in the life of their church. Oh, the wreckage that marks the pathway of God's true church – those who have given up... quit; those who have dropped out, those ruined souls who have found themselves lost in the darkness of despair; "a black despair, like the pall of death" (2T 210).

## WHERE IS THIS FOUND?

In the story concerning Elijah, however, it may be there is a soul here that wants to be led out of the darkness into the glorious light and liberty of the children of God. But, what are the kind of people to whom this might happen, and when is this thing likely to happen? Well, we have a sense of shock and surprise. We're staggered to find it is happening in **such a man...** Elijah; one of the spiritual giants of the Old Testament, who just achieved one of the most remarkable victories for the cause of his God! You see, the temptation to give up... to quit; despair (lose hope), is rising up in the soul, not of a pygmy or insignificant man, but one of the great giants of God! "A colaborer with Christ and faithful steward of God." (DA 422; SD279)! "The greatest prophet since Moses." (PK 224) It's amazing, startling!

Ah! But I wonder whether the dark hours are not more common than we think? The Scriptures and the Testimonies bear ample testimony to their existence. Listen to the Psalmist, "Oh that I had wings like a dove! For then would I fly away, and be at rest." (Ps. 55:6). There's a hint of shadow there on the spirit. Here is a person that wants to run away; give up... quit! Is there a Christian here wanting to run away? The prophet says, "Oh that I had in the wilderness a lodging place... that I might leave my people, and go from them!" (Jer. 9:2).

Well, is there a prophet here, and you are tired of the burden of your people; that congregation, that mission field, that church,

that school, that family? Listen to the preacher, Jonah, who just witnessed a great revival, "Therefore now, O Lord, take, I beseech Thee, my life from me; for it is better for me to die than to live."(Jonah 4:3). In such a man!

Yes, the temptation to give up... to quit is more common than we think. Looking further into Christian biography, we find John the Baptist assailed by despondency in prison; King Saul passed from frenzy, mental derangement, to despair; Moses' despaired when sent by God to the Pharaoh; Judas Iscariot despaired after betraying Jesus; there was the "crushing weight of despair of Christ on the cross" (1TT 228-30); Paul's suffering, "we were burdened beyond measure, above strength, so that we despaired even of life." (2Cor 1:8).

"Ellen G. White erred in yielding to despair" (3T292), and "regarding the work God called her to do." (2SG 128-9), and fell under feelings of great despair" (2SG15-21); "depressed and grieved greatly." (1T 576-577). Also, "Ellen G. White despaired in her childhood accident." (2SG 9-12). In addition "Ellen G. White despaired when her last baby died" (1T 246). She even despaired "regarding praying in public." (ER 11-12).

Furthermore, Ellen G. White was distressingly sickly, feeble, and with constant bodily suffering, in very poor health, first "injured when nine years old" (LS 17-18); and, "at 17 years old, small, frail, unused to society, and naturally timid and retiring." (EW 20); suffering from: "poverty and impoverished diet" (2SG 160-1). Besides this, she had a "weak heart, diseased lungs, dropsical consumption and hemorrhage through the mouth, suffered five shocks of paralysis, suffered pain in heart and nerves centering in brain, and had malarial fever." (1T 38, 55; 2SG 30; 2T 371; LS 227, 256).

It was the dark hour of the soul; and the thing that's staggering is that it's in **such a man, in such a woman!** Elijah was a man whose obedience has been proved and tested; a man whose communion with God was real, who stood in front of God and an apostate nation and said as far as God's will is concerned, "I have done it all," saying, "As the Lord God liveth, before whom I stand," not an empty claim, and it was in **such a man** that darkness fell, despair, the feeling to give up... quit!

#### WHEN DID THIS HAPPEN?

How surprising, too, since it is at **such a moment!** When did this temptation to give up... to quit, break into the soul of this giant of faith? Well, it was at a time of unparalleled opportunity. There was unmistakable evidence of God's working with him! There were the provisions at the brook of Cherith; there had been the cruse of oil that failed not; the staggering, amazing miracle, God's presence and power when the fire of the Lord fell and the people cried out, "The Lord, He is the God." Here's unmistakable evidence of God's working with him. Is there such a life here? Are there Christian men and women here or read this that are possibly old in the service

of the King, and the whole testimony of your life right up to now is evidence of God's power working with you? The "breath of heaven" is around you.

Also, not only God's evidence of God working with him, but the experience of answered prayer! Thousands were touched by God, by the faithfulness of one man, saying, "Hear me, that this people may know." God heard, and the people knew. The drenching rain came, and the apostasy of a nation and apathy had been broken, and the door of opportunity for God was wide open.

Ah! But, in **such an hour** that darkness fell, an hour of victory, of opportunity; yet, Elijah was thinking in terms of an hour of defeat! He faced a thousand hostile priests, dared the hatred of the whole royal court, but trembled before the threat of a woman! Extraordinary, isn't it? Darkness fell over such a small matter, compared to the obstacles he faced. It's often a small matter, isn't it? One person, one incident, one word, and it's over – many give up... quit! Strange how darkness can fall over such a small thing; suddenly the light has gone right out of the sky!

A man named, S. Gordon, said once, "You can shut out the light of the sun with a penny, if you hold it close enough to your eye." It doesn't take much to cloud the sun in your life of the soul. Notice, again, in **such a man, in such a moment, and such a matter!** Elijah was a giant not a pygmy. Is there someone here listening, or reading that's going through the dark hours of the soul, in despair, no hope, ready to give up... quit? That is where it is found, and when it happens. You see it's more common than you think. We can go a step further; not only where and when but –

#### HOW IT WAS DEVELOPED

What do we find in the thinking and heart of this man, Elijah? What exposed him; endangered him? What condition was he in? How did this darkness develop in his soul? Well, we can learn something from what he said, "Now, O Lord, take away my life; for I am not better than my fathers." (v-4). So, the first thing that developed this darkness was a **sense of sinfulness in the sight of God.** "I am not better than my fathers." At a time when all around there was faith rekindled, when in every house there were altars built; when the name of Elijah was on everyone's lips; at that very hour Elijah, himself was on his face wrapped up in his own sin. There had been **failure!** He had **run away!** "Reviewing past failures causes despondency."(3T60). Is there someone here like that? The one thing in your heart is a sense of failure, and you know you are not better than anyone else? You are overwhelmed with a sense of your own sin, your faults, shortcomings, the things you might have done but have not done. Ah! But, there's a solid base of fact for that! You aren't imagining things. They are real, there has been failure! Maybe this awareness of failure you are carrying in your heart is just crushing you down. Yes, you feel like you are done, you are finished, have given up...quit.



Ah! Now that is surely the point of danger for the Christian today; when failure comes. It need not come but if it does, what is the particular danger? Surely, the danger is simply this; that we move off the ground of grace (the good will and favour of God). Although the "most heroic faith may be shaken by despair, (loss of hope), and the most steadfast will may be weakened, there is no excuse for it, and no need for despair in God's service." (PK 174, 387; 7T 213). Yet, still, many Christians recognize that we are justified by grace, and then having been justified by grace we move off that territory, and start reckoning in terms of our righteousness, our faithfulness, our goodness, our experience, our understanding, our record, our knowledge, our position; and we move off the ground of grace.

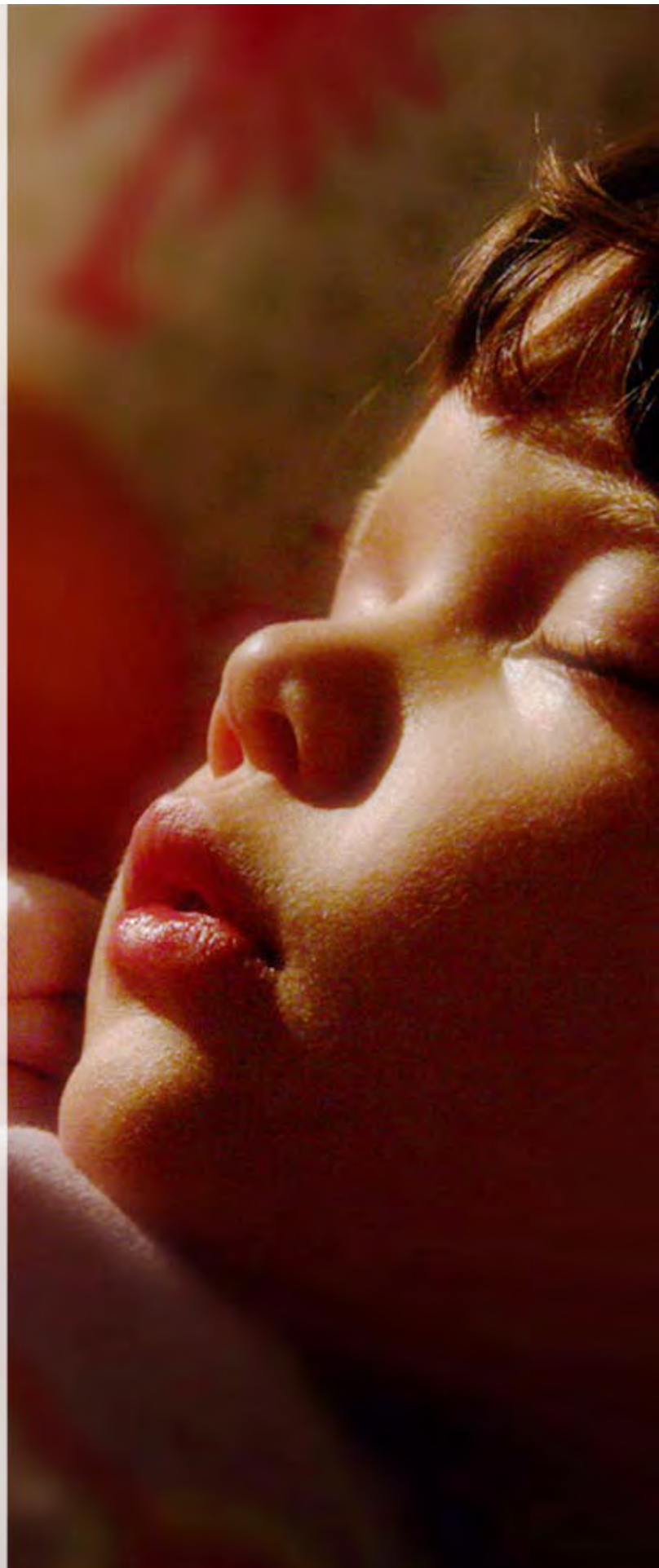
Ah! But never does any Christian get off that ground as far as God is concerned. There is never any moment when we have any claim upon God based upon anything in ourselves. You see, it's still true that "all our righteousness are as filthy rags," (Isa. 64:6) even if our righteousnesses are Christian ones. Have you moved off the ground of grace, and are you lost and discouraged and despairing because of your own sinfulness? Dear friends, you will never get beyond the stage of being "accepted in the Beloved." You see, there is never any moment when we are ever accepted by God because of anything in us, but because of what is in Christ. If you start moving off the ground of grace, and think that God must use you, and God has used you because of what you are, then you are exposed to danger!

## LONELINESS

So, Elijah was filled with a sense of his sinfulness in the sight of God. "I am no better than my fathers." But, another thing developed a darkness in this man's soul; not only his sinfulness, but **his loneliness in the will of God**. He says, "I, even I only, am left; and they seek my life, to take it away." (1 Kings 19:10). Loneliness can be a dangerous and difficult thing to cope with. It's a chief concern for seniors in health care facilities. I wonder how many Christians have given up... quit; dropped out of the fight, the race, because of loneliness? Then, too, "Lack of appreciation by others causes despondency." (3T292).

It's so easy to let things slide when there is no one else to keep us up to the mark. So easy to become discouraged when there is no one to share the burden with us, to pray the thing through. It could be in a church, a new job, or school, and we're the only Christian there and the thing that has developed this spiritual situation is the loneliness of it. We don't have anybody to stand alongside; nobody seems to care! No recognition – an unbearable loneliness!

To the believers and members of the churches who are praying for the ministers, workers, or those in the mission fields; when did you last write or call one of these servants of God? Many suffer a desperate loneliness that overwhelms those who are at the forefront of the battle, and fiercer battles, plagues, and trials that are shortly to come upon us all. But, many say, "We'll pray for you, we'll think of







you." But, no evidence of either of these occurs. Many do not care to pray or write. This means a lot to some desperately discouraged lonely soul fighting temptation to quit. You think that because they are in the service of God, that they are a kind of "super-Christian" and it's easy for them.

Many have entered the work of serving the Lord, trained, with zeal, and love for the Lord, consecrated, and they return from their field or mission – wrecked, ready to give up... quit! Why? Often the church is to blame; apathy, indifference, "Speak comfort to them, kind words and sympathy is as a cup of cold water." (OHC 259-4; HP 207:3). But, remember, too, the time is near when there will be, "not a famine of bread or thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the Lord." (Amos 8:11). Christians, too need help, those that leave home, leave the fellowship of a living Bible preaching church, and find themselves desperately lonely. Elijah felt so alone, and his loneliness in the will of God was one of the things that brought on his dark hour.

### WEARINESS

Elijah suffered not only in his sinfulness, and loneliness but his **weariness in the work of God**. He said, "I have been very jealous for the Lord God of hosts." What an achievement, emotional stress, physical hardship, what spiritual results he had seen. The man was **exhausted!** Then Satan came in, as with the Lord after fasting forty days; when you are weary, exhausted, and tired out! Is there somebody here, utterly weary, exhausted, tired? That's when Satan enters in. You're at the end. You're not going back to that field, that church, that mission, that Sabbath school direction, those Bible study classes, teaching, that family, preaching, or to that job God called you to. You are done! You want to give up... quit! Tired out!

A recent article entitled, "**New Demands of the Pulpit Create Clergy Health Crisis**" – "Clergy of all faiths are facing such intense demands and job pressures that it has spawned a health-care crisis. Congregations raise their expectations of religious leaders; demanding more programs for families, conferences, meetings, and efficiency. A growing number of clergy are also over 55 raising the risk of health problems putting a strain on the church's overall finances." (W. St. Jour. 12/7/07).

Where it was found, when did it happen, how it developed and now –

### HOW IT WAS FACED

Elijah did not finish his ministry here, although he wanted it to. Maybe you are making your mind to finish your ministry and witness, and give up the fight, the race; and just relax, settle back, become an ordinary Christian ("pew polisher"). You're ready to give up... quit! It's God's mercy that He does not answer all our prayers. "Oh Lord, take away my life." (v-4). He did not, you know. He gave it back to him.



God gave Elijah tokens of His presence. What were these? Well, Elijah, the man, was spent, exhausted, in need of attention as well as soul; so God began with sleep and food. Maybe that's the blessing you need; a few good nights of sleep. An angel did it; bringing a "cruse of oil, and a baked cake on the coals." In John Wesley's Journal, he went to bed early and awakened early. God's will is concerned with our souls and bodies as well. God in essence, said to Elijah, "You need sleep and food, food and sleep." An angel came and looked after the tired man until his strength returned. This might be the first step out of darkness into light; rest for our tired bodies and food.

There's not only a practical ministry, but a **very personal message**: "The Word of the Lord came to him."

Now, dear friends, if ever we needed the Word of God, it is in an hour like this. If ever you want the light of the truth of God, it is when there is darkness in your soul. Take your Bible, pray, read, and see if the Word of the Lord does not come to you, too. How tender and gentle God was with Elijah. No earthquakes, no rent mountains, and rocks, no fire now – Elijah was beyond the reach of these things – but just a quiet voice, a gentle rebuke, and a still small voice spoke. Is there a voice that wants to speak with you? Just the quiet voice of the Lord.

What does He want to speak to you about? Well, a mission, that's all. Some work He has for you to do. You see, there's no discharge from the service of the King. And this man, who was running away, heard a voice saying, "**Go, return.**" So, return, back to that field, that church, that Sabbath school class, back to that family, that job, that fellowship, that Bible study; back – back – go, return, go, return; there's no release, no discharge. Go back! But, why? Because you have not finished your work, and God has not finished with you. There may be an Elisha waiting for your return; a life waiting, a bigger work, a better work; a thirsting soul you have not met yet to "pluck out of the fire," a life you have not seen yet. "You ran well. Who hindered you from obeying the truth?" (Gal 5:7). You have done well, but you will do better than anything you have done. For the Law will be written in your heart again.

What else will you find again? The guidance of God directing your way and bringing you into touch with lives you can bless. You will find the evidence of God's power manifest; a fellowship that at last ends the loneliness. Now, I know this, that if you go back you will find the surprise of your life. You will find, like Elijah that there is a reward coming that far exceeds anything you have ever thought or dreamed of.

"Stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain." (1Cor 15:58).

"Let us dare to read, think, speak and write!" - John Adams, 1765

**Go! Return!** God's cure for this man who wanted to run away was to give him more work to do. How was it faced? Very practically; that ministry, that message, that word of the Lord coming to him. It would be wonderful, if somebody took their Bible, and if the Word of the Lord should come through it, and into the darkness would come the first gleam of light, and you suddenly realize that you are not cast off, you are not done yet. **It's not over until God says it's over!** He always causes us to triumph. Live the life of victory God has in store for you!

The Psalmist says, "Yea, though I walk through the valley of darkness, I will fear no evil, for Thou art with me." The valley of darkness is merely one green pasture to another; that is all. You may have been going through that dark hour, but you're not alone. Giants of faith have been there. You are found in it, but just one pasture to another. It's dark for awhile, the sun has gone out of the sky; but keep close to the Shepherd, and he will lead you through and lead you out. Paul writes, "We are hard pressed on every side, yet not crushed; we are perplexed, but not in despair." And, "For our light affliction which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory." (2Cor. 4:8, 17).

Is anyone wanting to die? No, God did not want Elijah to die at all; and he never did! A chariot of fire came and took the tired but faithful servant home to glory. "Ministers today need the courage of Elijah." (PK142). May that day soon come when God will say to you, "Well done, good and faithful servant." (Matt. 25:23).

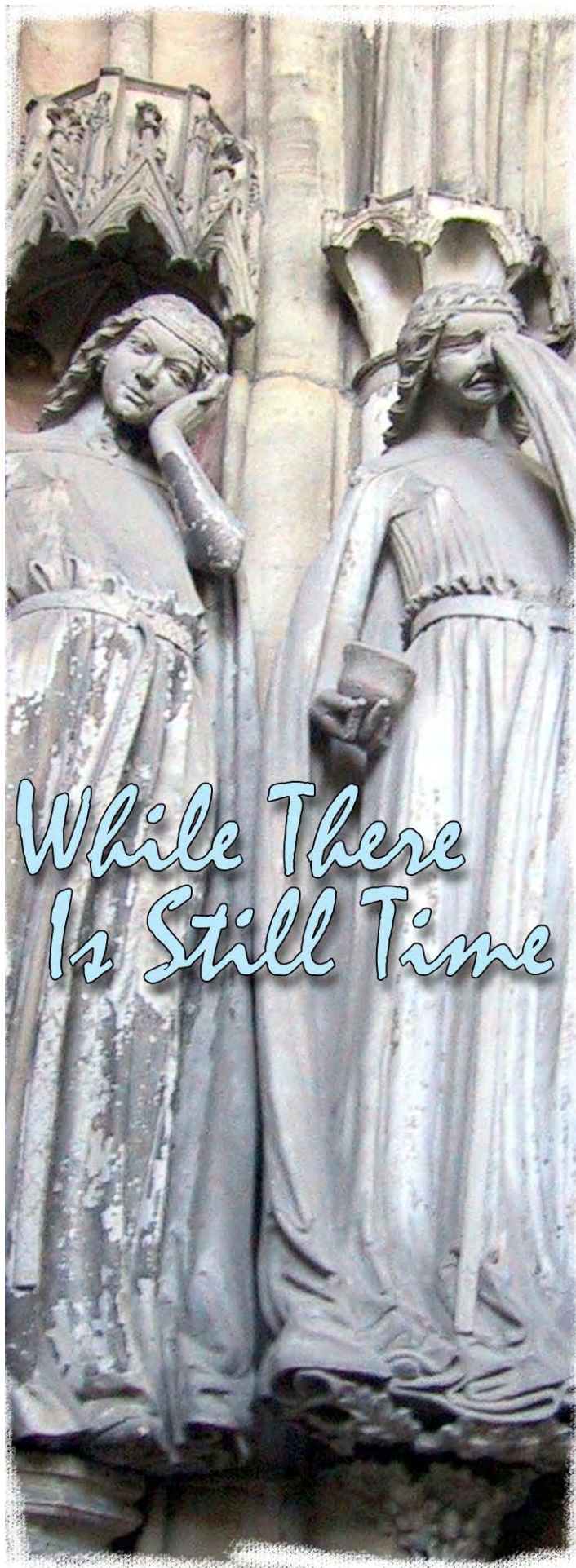
Elijah's message is still our message for today as calamitous times are rapidly, and noiselessly approaching, like a thief in the night, "And Elijah came to all the people, and said, "How long will you falter between two opinions? If the Lord is God, follow Him, but if Baal, follow him. But the people answered him not a word." (1Kings 18:21).

**"Only those who dare to fail greatly can ever achieve greatly."**  
- John Kennedy

Finally, "For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a shout with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord." (1 Thess 4:16,17).

What wonderful promises, and welcome when we see His Face, and we realize that when the dark hour came, we did not despair; did not have the **TEMPTATION TO QUIT!**

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## While There Is Still Time

*My youth is filled with time, why then should I mind?  
Prophecy is delaying, the Sunday law has not yet come.  
And all the while the truth I know, yet I don't bother because  
my eyes are closed.*

*Call after call I have ignored my time of mercy soon runs low.  
Raised in the church I grew comfortable in sleep. A foolish  
virgin my future title will be.*

*How imprudent will I be when I realize what could have  
been?*

*That Jesus took my sin and bared it on Calvary.  
Now I must take that dreadful lot, and serve my sentence for  
what I've done.*

*My judgment came and I was late, my mind repented my  
heart stayed away.*

*The world I cherished and all my friends, could it be I was so  
blinded to not understand,*

*That I was giving up my only true friend?*

*Bewildered and amused I spent my youth, dialogue with God  
I refused to use.*

*Yet the emptiness inside testified of my path, happiness in  
the world only lasts but a short time.*

*Yet it wasn't too late God still did call, my stubborn ears I  
closed and went on.*

*And now dear youth listen to my plea, if you are saying  
"tomorrow is the right time for me."*

*For we don't know what the future holds, time is running out,  
do not let the door close.*

*Come back today while there is still time, listen to that voice  
you have locked outside.*

*Before the tears come rushing down because you did not  
make it while knowing how.*

*Dear youth,*

*My heart fills with sorrow when I see that we have not yet realized  
what it is we are losing, and for those who do know what can be  
lost, what are you doing to prevent it? It is worse for those of us  
that have known the truth for so long, for those of us who have  
loving parents that try to guide us. Why have we grown to such a  
comfortable state? Why do we seek the approval of our friends*



when they will not be there to advocate for us in the judgment? We concentrate so much on things of no importance, of no relevance to our salvation. Many times we violate the Sabbath by talking about things without substance. Have we no regard for the day of the Lord? Why is it that we are more concerned over a brother or sister hearing what we say than Jesus and the angels who are with us always? Please youth, realize that time is short and these are precious moments that construct our destiny.

I have seen many youth caught up in the things of this world, and I cannot help but feel sorry for them. Having been there myself I know the emptiness that soon they will feel (that is, if they're not feeling it already). The world is empty without any real wisdom. You yourself know that the world will not do for you as the Lord has done. Let us not turn away from right counsel to be a light in the world, and be darkness in our own home.

How many of you that have turned to the world have already experienced the bitter price it costs. How many of you have been disappointed time after time and yet continue waiting for something to fill the gap. Nothing in the world will fill the gap. Not friends, education, money, music, food, sports, fashion, parties, movies and all the other things the world offers. They may fill gaps of time and keep you occupied a season, but what happens when it's over? Only God can fill that gap in our hearts.

Dear youth, we still have time, but only God knows for how long it will last. Delay is the worst thing we can do. Why are we delaying? We should ask this question to ourselves and analyze if it is worth losing heaven. Let us reflect upon our lives and come to our senses. Even if we feel like we can't, we can with Jesus. Let us not allow the devil to deceive us out of our inheritance. I pray that we all take more seriously the time that we live in and realize that God loves us and He wants our happiness. Do not settle for temporal satisfaction; seek eternal satisfaction and joy. When you hear the devil say, "it's too late, the time of mercy is done for you," remember that the fact he is telling you this is enough to let you know there still is time! May God grant us wisdom and may He give us the power to use it according to His will. Do not give up, do not be a foolish virgin.

Wise Virgins, Cathedral of Magdeburg  
*Anonymous*





# Sunday Law Prayer Alert!!



POPE BENEDICT XVI, PRESIDENT BUSH  
AND HOUSE SPEAKER NANCY PELOSI

"Pray without ceasing."(1Thess 5:17)

## Prayer

Prayer is sorely needed at this time for God's people, more than ever before, as wicked people in high places are devilishly and insidiously plotting to pass a National Sunday Law. "Our land is in jeopardy." (GC 410). But, prayers that are "earnest, fervent, and sincere, will always be heard when offered with faith, in humility, and in Christ's name and merits." (TMK 270:3; UL 17). Also, in "simple, earnest petition from the soul." (TMK 260:1).

## Safety First!

PRAYER! "**This is our only safety.**" (TMK 252:2). Furthermore, we need to be "watchful unto prayer to be kept from evil, and when Satan is ready to rob your integrity to God." (TMK41:2; OHC126:1). Moreover, to be "watchful unto prayer as our souls and that of others are in grave danger." (UL 117:4). That day is **now!** "The agencies of evil are combining their forces and consolidating. They are strengthening for the last great crisis. Great changes are soon to take place in our world, and the final movements will be rapid ones." (9T 11).

Any delay in preparing for the second coming of Jesus Christ and to receive the latter rain, "may prove fatal, and which is required, to live in the mansion Jesus prepares."(TMK 363:4).

We need to study the Bible and the Testimonies, and pray as never before in our lives!

## Bible First!

Let your Bible be your **chief study**, and the Testimonies (GC—last 290 pages). "Christians should be preparing for what is soon to break upon the world as an overwhelming surprise, and this preparation they should make by diligently studying the word of God and striving to conform their lives to its precepts." (PK 626). "Bind up the testimony, seal the law among my disciples."

That, realistically and downright means, **no T.V.,radio, Video, DVD, i-Pods, games, parties, novels, magazines, newspapers, ungodly music, gluttony, pleasures, amusements, showiness, and extravagances... worldliness!!** Hard?

These are Satan's **allures** to draw you away from your final preparations and to receive the latter rain in order to face the challenges that lie ahead and carry you through the last plagues!

## Hard Sayings?

The disciples were tested on the doctrine of the Lord's Supper, "many, therefore, of His disciples, when they heard this said, This is an hard saying. Who can hear it?"(John 6:60). Jesus answered



their murmurings, "It is the spirit that giveth life; the flesh profiteth nothing." (v-63). When many disciples turned away from Jesus, "... Jesus said to the twelve," Do you also want to go away?" (v-67). Peter said, "Lord to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life." (John 6:68)

### Testing Time!

This is the testing time again! Precious probationary time! It is a time to live by faith! Will you also turn away?

"There are many, however, that are at ease, who are, as it were, asleep. They say, "If prophecy has foretold the enforcement of Sunday observance the law will surely be enacted," and having come to this conclusion they sit down in a calm expectation of the event, comforting themselves with the thought that God will protect His people in the day of trouble. But God will not save us if we make no effort to do the work He has committed to our charge...

As faithful watchmen you should see the sword coming and give the warning, that men and women may not pursue a course through ignorance that they would avoid if they knew the truth." – RH Extra, Dec. 24, 1889.

"We are not doing the will of God if we sit in quietude, doing nothing to preserve liberty of conscience. Fervent, effectual prayer should be ascending to heaven that this calamity may be deferred until we can accomplish the work which has so long been neglected. Let there be most earnest prayer and then let us work in harmony with our prayers." – 5T 714 (1889).

"It is our duty to do all in our power to avert the threatened danger... A vast responsibility is devolving upon men and women of prayer throughout the land to petition that God may sweep back this cloud of evil, and give a few more years of grace to work for the Master." –RH Extra. Dec. 11, 1888.

"Those who are now keeping the commandments of God need to

bestir themselves that they may obtain the special help which God alone can give them. They should work more earnestly to delay as long as possible the threatened calamity." – RH Dec. 1888.

"Let not the commandment keeping people of God be silent at this time as though we gracefully accepted the situation." – 7BC 975 (1889)

"...We should now be doing our very best to defeat this Sunday law." – CW 97, 98 (1906).

### Exhort One Another!

Based on the astounding but genuineness of the above Testimony statements, I exhort you to **pray and fast** (if possible) on **Thurs., April 17, 2008**, a decisive day in our faith! On this sinister day, Pres. Bush and Pope Benedict XVI will meet in Washington, D. C. in the Senate Office Building with three professed religious groups, various members of the U.S. Senate, House of Representatives, and the House speaker, Ms. Nancy Pelosi, a vociferous Catholic, and strong advocate of Sunday Law enactment. Their object is to secretly win favor for Sunday sacredness. But the "Law" is stealthily disguised as the spurious National Rest Day on their seductive agenda.

Therefore, continually pray these coming days and weeks **"without ceasing."** (1 Thess 5:17).

### Fight!

Finally, "Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life to which you were also called and have confessed the good confession in the presence of many witnesses."(1 Tim 6:12) Also, believe, "For whatever is born of God overcometh the world; and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith."(1 John 5: 4) **Amen.**

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**CROWD WAVE AMERICAN AND VATICAN FLAGS**

# THE SIGN OF LOYALTY

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*Signs Of The Times, March 22, 1910, By Mrs. E. G. White*

In the issue of the great contest between the forces of good and of evil, two parties are to be developed,--those who "worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark," and those who receive "the seal of the living God," and have "the Father's name written in their foreheads."

In the fourth commandment is found the seal of God's law. This only, of all the ten, brings to view the name and the title of the Lawgiver. It declares Him to be the Creator of the heavens and the earth, and thus shows His claim to reverence and worship above all others. Aside from this precept, there is nothing in the Decalogue to show by whose authority the law was given.

The Sabbath enjoined by the fourth commandment was instituted to commemorate the work of creation. Had the seventh day always been kept, there would never have been an idolater, and atheist, or an infidel. The sacred observance of God's holy day would have directed the minds of men to their Creator, the true and living God. Everything in nature also would have brought Him to their remembrance; and would have borne witness to His power and love.

## **The Seal Of God**

The Sabbath of the fourth commandment is the seal of the living God. It points to God as the Creator, and is the sign of His rightful authority over the beings He has made. Those who obey this law will bear the seal of God, for He has set apart this day as a sign of loyalty between Himself and His people. To Moses on Mount Sinai He said, "Speak thou also unto the children of Israel, saying, Verily My Sabbaths ye shall keep; for it is a sign between Me and you throughout your generations; that ye may know that I am the Lord that doth sanctify you."

The mark of the beast is the opposite of this,--the observance of the first day of the week as the sabbath enforced by human law. This mark distinguishes those who acknowledge the supremacy of the papal authority from those who acknowledge the authority of God.

## **Claimed As Her Mark**

As the sign of the authority of the Catholic Church, papist writers cite "the very act of changing the Sabbath into Sunday, which Protestants allow of, . . . because by keeping Sunday strictly they acknowledge the church's power to ordain feasts, and to command them under sin."

The Roman church thus declares that by observing the first day of the week as the sabbath, Protestants are recognizing her power to legislate in divine things. And it is true that those who, understanding the claims of the fourth commandment, choose to observe a false sabbath in the place of the true, are thereby paying homage to that power by which alone it is commanded.

The Roman church has not relinquished her claim to supremacy; and when the world and the Protestant churches accept a sabbath of her creating, while they reject the Bible Sabbath, they virtually admit this assumption. They may claim the authority of tradition and of the Fathers for

the change; but in so doing they ignore the very principle which separates them from Rome,--that "the Bible, and the Bible only, is the religion of Protestants." The papist can see that they are deceiving themselves, willingly closing their eyes to the facts in the case. As the movement for Sunday enforcement gains favor, he rejoices, feeling assured that it will eventually bring the whole Protestant world under the banner of Rome.

With rapid steps we are approaching this period. When the Protestant churches shall unite with the secular power to sustain a false religion, for opposing which their ancestors endured the fiercest persecution: when the state shall use its power to enforce the decrees and sustain the institutions of the church,--then will Protestant America have formed an image to the Papacy, and there will be a national apostasy which will end only in national ruin.

## **God Rather Than Man**

The laws of nations should be respected as long as they do not conflict with the laws of God; but when there is collision between them, every true disciple of Christ will say, as did Peter when commanded to speak no more in the name of Jesus, "We ought to obey God rather than men."

Paul wrote to the Romans, "If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men." But there is a point beyond which it is impossible to maintain union and harmony without the sacrifice of principle. Separation then becomes an absolute duty.

Christ never purchased peace and friendship by compromise with evil. The life of Jesus, the suffering which He endured from a perverse nation, demonstrate to His followers that there must be no sacrifice of principle. Peace is too dearly obtained if purchased by the smallest concession to Satan's agencies. The least surrender of principle entangles us in the snares of Satan.

The Sabbath question is to be the issue in the great final conflict, in which all the world will act a part. Men have honored Satan's principles above the principles that rule in the heavens. They have accepted the spurious sabbath, which Satan has exalted as the sign of his authority. But God has set His seal upon His royal requirement. Each Sabbath institution, both true and false, bears the name of its author, an ineffaceable mark that shows the authority of each.

The great decision now to be made by every one is, whether he will receive the mark of the beast and his image, or the seal of the living and true God. And now, when we are on the very borders of the eternal world, what can be of so much value to us as to be found loyal and true to the God of heaven? What is there that we should prize above His truth and His law? What is so necessary as a knowledge of "what saith the Scripture?"



# A DANGEROUS CROSSING ON ICE



## CHILDREN'S CORNER

It was midnight. Ellen White stood at the window, looking out into the darkness. She was hoping and praying that the rain would stop before it melted the snow.

The Whites had been holding meetings with a new company of Sabbathkeepers in Round Grove, Illinois. Now the meetings were over. The two preachers, Josiah Hart and Elon Everts, who had been giving Bible lectures there, had promised to take my grandparents on a trip to Waukon, Iowa. Preparations had been made to start the following day, but falling rain was fast melting the snow, making sleighing impossible.

"It looks as though we shall have to give up the trip," James said. And why not? Why make a two-hundred-mile journey by open sleigh in midwinter? The reason was that Ellen had been shown in vision that the Adventists in Waukon needed help, and she must go to them as soon as possible.

About the time when the Review family moved from Rochester to Battle Creek, John Andrews' father left his rocky farm in Maine and moved west. He wrote back to his friends, "Come and join us. Land is cheap, and there is plenty of timber. You can build homes for yourselves and get a new start in life, and you can carry the Sabbath truth to the people here who have never heard it." Before long there was quite an Adventist colony in Waukon.

Worn out with constant studying, writing, and preaching, John Andrews gladly accepted an offer to come to Waukon and clerk in his uncle's grocery. After his arrival he wrote for his friend John Loughborough to come. Loughborough was discouraged. For several years he had been preaching while trying to support himself and his wife on the slim offerings given him. This was his opportunity, he thought, to make a little money. He hurried to Waukon, bought a set of tools, and began earning regular wages as a carpenter.

That night in the Hart home Ellen White slept fitfully. She was thinking of how much these two young men were needed in God's work. If only their faith could hold out a little longer! Men of means were accepting the message and beginning to support the Review office. Soon they would be able to help the young preachers. These

two workers must be brought back.

Before retiring that night, Mr. Hart asked, "Sister White, what about the trip to Waukon?"

"We shall go!" she answered.

"Yes," he replied. "If the Lord works a miracle, we shall go."

Many times during the night she stood at the window watching for the miracle to happen. About daybreak snow began to fall, and it continued all day. This was the miracle they were praying for. By late afternoon there was sufficient snow for sleighing, and the group decided to start.

We are not told where they stopped that first night or whether they stopped at all. The following evening they reached a family of Adventists in Green Vale and spent the night with them. The next morning the roads were blocked by heavy snowdrifts, and they were compelled to wait several days. Even when they did start, they had to stop often and dig through deep drifts.

At last they were only a few miles from the Mississippi River. About four o'clock in the morning they heard the sound of rain on the roof of their hotel. At that time there was no bridge across the river. They would have to cross on the ice. And now rain was falling on that ice, making it soft and weak.

Before daybreak they were up and on their way, knowing that every hour of rainfall increased the danger of the crossing. The horses broke through the snow crust at almost every step. As they passed people on the way, Mr. Hart stopped and asked, "How about the river? Will the ice hold us up?" The responses gave little encouragement. "I wouldn't try it for all the money in the world," said one. And another, "They say one team broke through the ice, and the driver nearly lost his life."

The travelers reached the riverbank. Standing up in the sleigh, Mr. Hart asked, "Is it on to Iowa, or back to Illinois? We have come to the Red Sea. Shall we cross?"



Without hesitation, Mrs. White answered, "Go forward, trusting in Israel's God."

Mr. Hart drove cautiously onto the ice, which was covered by a foot of water and melting snow. Everyone in the sleigh was praying. The ice held! As the sleigh ascended the opposite bank, a cheer went up from the men standing along the river's edge. They had expected every moment to see the team break through. Praises ascended to God from those in the sleigh. Had they taken such a risk on their own responsibility, they could not have claimed the protection of Heaven. But, going at God's bidding, they could trust Him to keep them safe.

On Friday they stopped at a hotel to rest over the Sabbath. In the evening when they gathered in the parlor to sing hymns, the hotel guests came in and nearly filled the room. Mr. Everts hung up his chart and gave a Bible study. As the party was leaving, the hotelkeeper said, "Stop again on your way home and hold another meeting with us." The weather turned bitterly cold. Riding in the open sleigh, the travelers watched the faces of their companions. Occasionally someone would exclaim, "I see a white spot on your cheek; you'd better rub it with snow."

On the last day of the journey Ellen White wrote in a letter home: "Here we are, fourteen miles this side of Waukon. We are all quite well. Have had quite a tedious time thus far. Yesterday for miles there was no track. Our horses had to plow through snow, very deep, but on we came. . . .

"Oh, such fare as we have had on this journey! Last Monday we could get no decent food, and tasted not a morsel with the exception of a small apple from morn till night. We have most of the time kept very comfortable, but it is the bitterest cold weather we ever experienced.

"Last night we slept in an unfurnished chamber where there was an opening for the stovepipe, running through the top of the house, a large space, big enough for a couple of cats to jump out of." The cold wind blew in through that large opening.

The company at Waukon were amazed to see their visitors. No one had thought it possible for anybody to make the journey from Illinois in such weather. John Loughborough was working on a store building when he heard Brother Everts call, "Come down, John! Brother and Sister White and Brother Hart are here to see you." He clambered down the ladder and stood beside the sleigh.

Looking at him, Mrs. White asked solemnly, "What doest thou here, Elijah?"

"I'm doing carpentry work with Brother Mead," John Loughborough answered.

Mrs. White's voice was more solemn than before. "What doest thou here, Elijah?"





John dropped his head.

A third time Mrs. White said, "What doest thou here, Elijah?" There was nothing John could say.

On the night before Christmas all the Adventist families in Waukon met in the Andrews home. For a week meetings were held every night. The group studied the message to the Laodicean church, the last Christian church on earth before Jesus comes. They had thought that the rebuke it contained was intended only for the churches that had rejected the message of Jesus' soon coming. But now they saw that they themselves also were "lukewarm," that they were "wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked."

They realized that many among them who had taught the truth very earnestly in times past were now forgetting to share their faith with neighbors. When talking with other Waukon settlers, they had much to say about their farms and the houses they were building. But they said little about the glorious new earth and the mansions Jesus was building for them over there.

Now they remembered the old times when they had been on fire for God. Many wept aloud. Jesus saw how sad they were and sent them a message of cheer. In one of the evening meetings, Ellen White was given a vision, during which she slowly and solemnly repeated the words, "Return unto Me, and I will return unto you. I will heal your backslidings and love you freely. Tear down the rubbish from the door of your hearts and open the door, and I will come in and sup with you and you with Me." The words reminded the repentant group that God still loved them, and everyone felt encouraged.

Mary Loughborough stood up and said, "Brother and Sister White, I thought we had gotten where you could not find us; but I am glad you have come. I have sinned, and I have made my husband to sin. God forgive me! I clear away the rubbish. I open the door of my heart. Lord Jesus, come in!"

One of the men confessed that at times there had been so much farm work that he had used the sacred Sabbath hours for weekday toil. Another said he had cut down his offerings because he had wanted more money to invest in land. One after another the members made wrongs right and asked forgiveness for unkind things they had said and done.

Mrs. Loughborough stepped to her husband's side. "John," she said, "I complained because you were away preaching so much of the time and I was left at home alone. Forgive me! Go back, trusting in God, and do His work."

"I have laid down my hammer and driven the last nail," her husband answered.

John Andrews also renewed his promise to return to the special work to which God had called him.

The meeting continued till midnight. At ten o'clock in the morning, the Adventists met for seven more hours without even stopping for lunch.

During the meetings one brother prayed especially for his son, who had denied any faith in the Bible. The father's prayer was answered. A short time afterward, as that young man was traveling by steamer along the Mississippi, he was detained at a place called Rock Island. He went ashore. With nothing else to do, he began to think seriously. Was there really a God? How could he know? Then he heard a voice speaking in real words that he could hear with his ears, "Believe the Bible; it is the Word of God." At once he answered aloud, "Yes, Lord, I will."

Back at the ship he knelt in his cabin and gave his heart to God. After that he returned home and helped with the farming, at the same time giving Bible lectures and holding studies with his neighbors. Later he became a full-time minister. That young man was George I. Butler, who for many years was president of the General Conference.

When the Waukon company waved good-bye to their visitors from Illinois, tears were falling. Every one of them had pledged to make God first in all things. Never again would they allow the "cares of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches" to hide His face from them.

John Loughborough returned with the Whites, forsaking his carpentry work with its good wages and not knowing what lay before him. He was willing to go anywhere and do anything for Christ.

Starting with the others on the two-hundred-mile journey through storm and cold, he was thinking not of himself, but of Mary, his wife. Bravely she must now face the hardships of pioneer life without his companionship and help. During the remainder of the winter he spent much time visiting scattered believers. In a few months Mary joined him. For a time they traveled and worked with Elder and Mrs. White. During the summers Elder Loughborough would go out with a tent, conducting evangelistic meetings in new places.

John Andrews remained in Waukon until he had regained his health. Then he came back again into God's work. Never again did any difficulties cause either of these men to leave the gospel service.

As the sleigh sped homeward over the snow, Elder White said, "I feel many times repaid for facing the prairie winds and storms." His companions drew their overcoats closer around them and tucked in their lap robes. Truly, God had blessed them. His love warmed their hearts.

# The Lamb

One night I had a dream.  
Before mine eyes I saw as if it was a Lamb  
yet far, far away.  
A Lamb that appeared battered; one that was  
bruised.  
It was in so much pain one could never  
imagine.  
I drew closer yet; as I stopped and looked I  
beheld another scene, one that made me  
cringe as I stared in shock.  
It was as if millions of hands were striking  
this Lamb, with each heinous whip I saw only  
a quick wince.  
Yet He stood there not a word, just a look  
that said this too I'll take.

I dared to draw even closer; the closer I drew  
the greater the wince the greater the bruise.  
There was no one to rescue no one cared.  
The scene seemed unrelenting.  
My eyes spanned what seemed as if it  
included the whole world. But it's His look  
that I will never forget.

Stop! Stop! Someone finally cried. It was a  
minute too late. He breathed His last breath.

Dismayed I walked over; this brought me face  
to face with them that had no mercy.  
I was about to ask why when something  
caught my eye.  
It was a mirror that stood between Him and I  
who struck the last blow.  
As I looked closer at the figure, I noticed that  
when I lifted up my hand he too lifted up his  
hand.

Astonished, I bowed my head and sank to  
ground.  
Oh! It was self that killed the Lamb.

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