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"Yet gleaning grapes shall be left in it, as the shaking of an olive tree, two or three berries in the top of the uppermost bough, four or five in the outmost fruitful branches thereof, saith the LORD God of Israel. At that day shall a man look to his Maker, and his eyes shall have respect to the Holy One of Israel." Isaiah 17:6,7

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Hold! Hold! Hold! Hold!

“And after these things I saw four angels standing on the four corners of the earth, holding the four winds of the earth, that the wind should not blow on the earth, nor on the sea, nor on any tree. And I saw another angel ascending from the east, having the seal of the living God: and he cried with a loud voice to the four angels, to whom it was given to hurt the earth and the sea, Saying, Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, till we have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads. And I heard the number of them which were sealed: [and there were] sealed an hundred [and] forty [and] four thousand of all the tribes of the children of Israel.” Rev. 7:1-4.

The winds of Revelation 7:1 are similar to those of Daniel 7:2. “Daniel spake and said, I saw in my vision by night, and behold, the four winds of heaven strove upon the great sea.”

“The winds of Daniel represent those movements, diplomatic, warlike, political, or otherwise, that were to shape the history of the period. The four winds, being from the four points of the compass, doubtless represent political activity in various parts of the earth.” 7 BC on Daniel 7:2.

“Thus saith the Lord of hosts, Behold, evil shall go forth from nation to nation, and a great whirlwind shall be raised up from the coasts of the earth.” Jer. 25:32.

“John sees the elements of nature—earthquake, tempest, and political strife—represented as being held by four angels.” TM 444.

Troublous Times Right Upon Us

“Four mighty angels are still holding the four winds of the earth. Terrible destruction is forbidden to come in full. The ... winds will be the stirring up of the nations to one deadly combat, while the angels hold the four winds, forbidding the terrible power of Satan to be exercised in its fury until the servants of God are sealed in their foreheads.

“The signs of the times give evidence that the judgments of heaven are being poured out, that the day of the Lord is at hand. The daily papers are full of indications of an intense conflict in the future. Bold robberies are of frequent occurrence. Strikes are common. Thefts and murders are committed on every hand. Men possessed by demons are taking the lives of men, women, and little children. All these things testify that the Lord’s coming is near.

“The restraining Spirit of God is even now being withdrawn from the world. Hurricanes, storms, tempests, disasters by sea and by land, follow one another in quick succession. The signs thickening

around us, telling of the near approach of the Son of God, are attributed to any other than the true cause. . . .

“The time is right upon us when there will be sorrow in the world that no human balm can heal. Even before the last great destruction comes upon the world, the flattering monuments of man’s greatness will be crumbled in the dust. God’s retributive judgments will fall on those who in the face of great light have continued in sin. Costly buildings, supposed to be fireproof, are erected. But as Sodom perished in the flames of God’s vengeance, so will these proud structures become ashes. I have seen vessels which cost immense sums of money wrestling with the mighty ocean, seeking to breast the angry billows. But with all their treasures of gold and silver, and with all their human freight, they sank into a watery grave.... But amid the tumult of excitement, with confusion in every place, there is a work to be done for God in the world.” Maranatha 175

Everything in the world is in an unsettled state. The nations are angry, and great preparations for war are being made. Nation is plotting against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. The great day of God is hasting greatly. But although the nations are mustering their forces for war and bloodshed, the command to the angels is still in force, that they hold the four winds until the servants of God are sealed.

In a vision that especially applies to our generation, Ellen White saw four angels on their way to the earth, and Jesus looked at His people. Many were not ready. He raised His hands, looked at the Father, and exclaimed, “My blood, Father, My blood, My blood. My blood.”

The Father sent a messenger to catch the four angels who were on their way to earth. The messenger had something in his hand that he waved up and down, crying with a loud voice, “Hold! Hold! Hold! Hold!” until the servants of God are sealed in their foreheads.

Ellen White asked her accompanying angel the meaning of what she heard and saw, she especially wanted to know what the four angels were about to do. Her angel replied that God gives His angels charge over things on earth. The four angels had power from God to hold back the four winds. They were about to let them go; but while their hands were loosening, and the four winds were about to blow, the merciful eye of Jesus gazed on the remnant that were not sealed, and He raised His hands to the Father, and pleaded with Him that He had spilled His blood for them. Then another angel was commissioned to fly swiftly to the four angels and bid them hold, until the servants of God were sealed with the seal of the living God in their foreheads. EW 38.

“And they shall take of the blood, and strike [it] on the two side posts and on the upper door post of the houses, wherein they shall eat it. And the blood shall be to you for a token upon the houses where ye [are]: and when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and the plague shall not be upon you to destroy [you], when I smite the land of Egypt.” Ex. 12:7, 13.

“The Israelites placed over their doors a signature of blood, to show that they were God’s property. So the children of God in this age will bear the signature God has appointed. They will place themselves in harmony with God’s holy law. A mark is placed upon every one of God’s people just as verily as a mark was placed over the doors of the Hebrew dwellings, to preserve the people from the general ruin.” The Faith I Live By 287.

Who Will Receive God’s Seal?

For not all are Israelites who come from Israel, only those who have overcome their sins and whose eyes are only directed toward the Lord, are Israelites according to the Bible. Christ also explained to the Jews that they were not true children of Abraham, because they did not do the work of Abraham. John 8:39. Paul again confirms this: “And if ye be Christ’s then are ye Abraham’s seed, and heirs according to the promise.” Gal. 3:7, 28, 29, Rom. 9:6. But all the true children of God belong to spiritual Israel and they, 144,000 in number, will be sealed with the seal of the living God from 1844 to the close of probation.

“The seal of God will never be placed upon the forehead of an impure man or woman. It will never be placed upon the forehead of the ambitious, world-loving man or woman. It will never be placed upon the forehead of men or women of false tongues or deceitful hearts. All who receive the seal must be without spot before God--candidates for heaven.” 5T 216.

“There are many even among those who teach the truth to others who will not receive the seal of God in their foreheads. They had the light of truth, they knew their Master’s will, they understood every point of our faith, but they had not corresponding works. These who were so familiar with prophecy and the treasures of divine wisdom should have acted their faith.” 5T 216.

“The angel is to place a mark upon the forehead of all who are separated from sin and sinners, and the destroying angel will follow.” 5T 505, Ezek. 9:4-6.

“Those that overcome the world, the flesh and the devil, will be the favoured ones who shall receive the seal of the living God.” TM 445.

“Only those who receive the seal of the living God will have the passport through the gates of the Holy City...”

“Let us strive with all the power that God has given us to be among the hundred and forty-four thousand.” 7BC 970, Maranatha 241.

“Abominations” - Sealed Will Not Participate In

“These are they which were not defiled with women; for they are virgins. These are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth. These were redeemed from among men, [being] the firstfruits unto God and to the Lamb. And in their mouth was found no guile: for they are without fault before the throne of God.” Rev. 14: 4, 5.

They “were not defiled with women.” A woman is in Scripture the symbol of a church, a virtuous woman representing a pure church; a corrupt woman, an apostate church.

Thus it is then, a characteristic of this company that at the time of their deliverance they are not defiled with fallen churches of the land, nor do they have any connection with them. Yet we are not to understand that they never had any connection with these churches, for it is only at a certain time that people become defiled by them. In Revelation 18:4 we find a call issued to the people of God while they are in Babylon, to come out lest they become partakers of her sins. Heeding that call, and leaving their connection, they escape the defilement of her sins. So, of the 144,000, though some of them may have once had a connection with corrupt churches, they sever that connection when it would become sin to retain in longer.

“But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.” Rev. 21:8.

“For without [are] dogs, and sorcerers, and whoremongers, and murderers, and idolaters, and whosoever loveth and maketh a lie.” Rev. 22:15. (for extra research, see TM 445, 446; 5T 211, 214, 215)

“When thou art come into the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee, thou shalt not learn to do after the abominations of those nations. There shall not be found among you [any one] that maketh his son or his daughter to pass through the fire, [or] that useth divination, [or] an observer of times, or an enchanter, or a witch, Or a charmer, or a consulter with familiar spirits, or a wizard, or a necromancer. For all that do these things [are] an abomination unto the LORD: and because of these abominations the LORD thy God doth drive them out from before thee.” Deut. 18:9-12.

“The woman shall not wear that which pertaineth unto a man, neither shall a man put on a woman’s garment: for all that do so [are] abomination unto the LORD thy God.” Deut. 22:5.

“These six [things] doth the LORD hate: yea, seven [are] an abomination unto him: A proud look, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood, An heart that deviseth wicked imaginations, feet that be swift in running to mischief, A false witness [that] speaketh lies, and he that soweth discord among brethren.” Prov. 6:16-19.

who sigh and cry for the abominations done in the land.” 5T 212.

“Every one that is proud in heart is an abomination to the Lord.”
Prov. 16:5.

“Divers weights are an abomination unto the Lord, and a false
balance is not good.” Prov. 20:23.

“He that turneth away his ear from hearing the law, even his prayer
shall be abomination.” Prov. 28:9.

Being sealed by God involves more than the outward observance
of God’s Sabbath. It includes, among other things a “settling into
the truth, both intellectually and spiritual.” 4BC 1161.

According to 2 Timothy 2:19, (last part), “And let every one that
nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity.”

Just before God’s people are sealed they will be “pleading for purity
of heart.” 5T 475.

“Those that overcome the world, the flesh, and the devil, will be the
favored ones who shall receive the seal of the living God. Those
whose hands are not clean, whose hearts are not pure, will not have
the seal of the living God. Those who are planning sin and acting it
will be passed by. Only those who, in their attitude before God, are
filling the position of those who are repenting and confessing their
sins in the great anti-typical day of atonement, will be recognized
and marked as worthy of God’s protection.” TM 445

“And the LORD said unto him, Go through the midst of the city,
through the midst of Jerusalem, and set a mark upon the foreheads
of the men that sigh and that cry for all the abominations that be

“Mark this point with care: Those who receive the pure mark of
truth, wrought in them by the power of the Holy Ghost, represented
by a mark by the man in linen, are those ‘that sigh and that cry for
all the abominations that be done’ in the church.” 3T 267

“At the time when the danger and depression of the church are
greatest, the little company who are standing in the light will be
sighing and crying for the abominations that are done in the land.
But more especially will their prayers arise in behalf of the church
because its members are doing after the manner of the world.” 5T
209, 210

Without Holiness No Man Shall See God

“Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man
shall see the Lord.” Heb. 12:14.

“Holiness is wholeness for God; it is the entire surrender of heart
and life to the indwelling of the principles of heaven.” DA 556.

“We are looking for that blessed hope and the glorious appearing
of the great God, and our Saviour Jesus Christ. We may not be
living when Christ shall come in power and great glory, for all are
subject to death at any time, but if we are righteous, in harmony
with the law of God, we shall respond to the voice that will call the
people of God from their graves, and shall come forth to receive
immortality. It is only the blessed and holy who will be ready for
the first resurrection; for when Christ comes, he will not change
the character... The word of God declares that we must be found
blameless, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing.” Signs of the
Times, Feb. 9, 1891

done in the midst thereof.” Ezek. 9:4.

“The seal of God will be placed upon the foreheads of those only

“Christ came to this earth and lived a life of perfect obedience, that
men and women, through his grace, might also live lives of perfect

obedience. This is necessary to their salvation. Without holiness no man shall see the Lord." Review and Herald, March 15, 1906

"Before the believer is held out the wonderful possibility of being like Christ, obedient to all the principles of the law. But of himself man is utterly unable to reach this condition. The holiness that God's word declares he must have before he can be saved is the result of the working of divine grace as he bows in submission to the discipline and restraining influences of the Spirit of truth." AA 532.

"The Lord reproves and corrects the people who profess to keep His law. He points out their sins and lays open their iniquity because He wishes to separate all sin and wickedness from them, that they may perfect holiness in His fear and be prepared to die in the Lord or to be translated to heaven. God rebukes, reproves, and corrects them, that they may be refined, sanctified, elevated, and finally exalted to His own throne.

"God will accept nothing but purity and holiness; one spot, one wrinkle, one defect in the character, will forever debar them from heaven, with all its glories and treasures." 2T 452, 453.

"If you have become estranged and have failed to be a Bible Christian be converted; for the character you bear in probationary time will be the character you will have at the coming of Christ. If you would be a saint in heaven, you must first be a saint on earth. The traits of character you cherish in life will not be changed by death or by the resurrection. You will come up from the grave with the same disposition you manifested in your home and in society. Jesus does not change the character at His coming. The work of transformation must be done now. Our daily lives are determining our destiny." AH 16

"Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord? Or who shall stand in his holy place? He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart." Ps. 24: 3, 5.

"The only character that is of value in the sight of God is that character which is free from every taint of selfishness." Signs of the Times, Sept. 24, 1894.

"You need to die daily, to experience a daily crucifixion of self." 3T 324.

"There is need of decided, daily conversion to God." 6BC 1115.

"The bodies of all who purify their souls by obeying the truth shall be glorified." 3SM 427.

"My dear brethren and sisters, let the commandments of God and the testimony of Jesus Christ be in your minds continually and let them crowd out worldly thoughts and cares. When you lie down and when you rise up, let them be your meditation. Live and act wholly in reference to the coming of the Son of man. The sealing

time is very short, and will soon be over. Now is the time, while the four angels are holding the four winds, to make our calling and election sure." EW 58.

"Many are called, but few are chosen.' Many hear the invitation of mercy, are tested and proved; but few are sealed with the seal of the living God. Few will humble themselves as a little child, that they may enter the kingdom of heaven." 5T 50

Probation Will End

"Be ye therefore ready also; for the Son of Man cometh at an hour when ye think not." Luke 12:40.

"I saw angels hurrying to and fro in heaven. An angel with a writer's inkhorn by his side returned from the earth and reported to Jesus that his work was done, and the saints were numbered and sealed. Then I saw Jesus, who had been ministering before the ark containing the ten commandments, throw down the censer. He raised His hands, and with a loud voice said, 'It is done.'" EW 279

"There will be no future probation in which to prepare for eternity. It is in this life that we are to put on the robe of Christ's righteousness. This is our only opportunity to form characters for the home which Christ has made ready for those who obey His commandments.

"The days of our probation are fast closing. The end is near." COL 319.

"And take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and [so] that day come upon you unawares. For as a snare shall it come on all them that dwell on the face of the whole earth. Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man." Luke 21:34-36.

"Only a few, of the vast number who people the earth will be saved unto life eternal, while the masses who have not perfected their souls in obeying the truth will be appointed to the second death." 2T 401

Finally, dear brethren and sisters, Work while the day lasts, for the night cometh when no man can work. "Go, stand and speak in the temple to the people all the words of this life." Acts 5:20.

"As long as probation continues, there will be opportunity for the canvassers to work... Until in heaven is spoken the word, It is finished. There will always be places for labour and hearts to receive the message." 6T 478. **AMEN.**

Golden Kayawa Hingabantu, Zambia

“And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, if any man worship the beast and his image and receive his mark in his forehead or in his hand, the same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of His indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb.”
Revelation 14:9, 10

CREEPING UP?

Events are moving very rapidly. “The final movements will be rapid ones.” (9T11:2). I have been compelled to speak, write, and exhort one another of the crisis which is slowly creeping up on us; it’s no longer creeping up – it is here! Thus, the Lord has led me to speak of the Loud Cry.

God is allowing confusion and disorder in the world for a “season.” “Something great and decisive is about to take place – that the world is on the verge of a stupendous crisis.” (Marantha 266:4-6). The air is crisp, the storm is gathering, the four winds are soon to be unleashed and burst upon the earth when God shall bid His angels loose the winds! A trouble beyond comparison!

WHAT IS IT?

But what, therefore, is the Loud Cry? Well, the Loud Cry is a summation of cascading events, but climaxing shortly after the successful approval of the National Sunday Law and ends at the close of probation. So then, what does that mean for you and I, in between these periods or time span? It simply means that as soon as the Sunday Law is passed, professed and former Sabbath keepers are the first to knowingly make their decision for or against God’s holy day. This decree will be similar to that issued by the Persian king, in the time of Queen Esther, by Ahasuerus against the Jews, but now to the remnant people of God (Esther 3:8,9).

As one receives the seal, having been judged worthy in heaven, the other receives the mark. Furthermore, the ones receiving the seal have been sealed into the truth – the “unvarnished truth” (GC 423); their sins are blotted out of the book of sin, their names are retained forever in the book of life; by confession and repentance of sins and baptism. The Holy Spirit is poured out on them with power to give the Loud Cry to the world; the final warning to the inhabitants of the earth! This sealing, however, is a progressive work in the lives of men in the entire world. As the Law is passed in their country, they immediately understand the issues and they then can make their decision – a life decision! You see, there is still time – the probationary period still exists... for a while longer.

CHURCH CONDITIONS

Meanwhile, we are told of the terrible corruptions that have entered the churches of the world today, and conditions of the churches of the world since 1844. (Rev 14:8-11; 18:1-4). The minds of people are



The Loud Cry!



darker, their hearts are harder, and stubborn. Yet, in spite of God's warnings, they continue to trample on the fourth commandment, and persecute those who hold it sacred.

Moreover, spiritualism has entered and is accepted by the churches, and the influence of evil angels is felt worldwide; even in the SDA church!

At a time when believers need to be confessing, repenting, praying and uniting, as the disciples did while waiting for the holy spirit to fall upon them at Pentecost, the majority are rejoicing in "celebration movements" with drums, rock music, clapping hands, smoke machines, laser lights, and cappuccino stations in the sanctuaries! "An excitement of the churches will precede the second coming of Jesus Christ!" It is quite evident today; mega churches, and super mega churches.

IT'S LATER THAN YOU THINK!

So what is the message for our time – for today – for the world? It is "come out of her my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues." (Rev 18:4). Come out of the fallen, apostate churches. Come out of your worldliness, your apathy, your indifference, your self sufficiency. This message will swell up to the "Loud Cry!" The world is faced with fearful times, gruesome times. Yet, the churches are sleeping; the pastors are sleeping, the congregations are sleeping, enchanted, duped; a rebellious people saying, "do not prophesy to us right things; speak to us smooth things..." (Isaiah 30:10).

You see, at the time of the end, just before the end of time, a call goes out from God to His people to come out of Babylon, to be not partakers of her sins. I would suggest that our separation from the world is to be a progressive separation, a continual moving forward out of darkness, into the light as it is revealed to us. The complacency which has ever been a stumbling-block of God's people is not the core problem, but it is a symptom of a deeper and more deadly issue. It is telling of a lack of love for the truth, and a refusal to release the things of the world and to embrace the light of God's perfect will. The leaders of the Laodicean church, at the end of time, exhibit this complacency in a sense very similar to the attitude of the impure woman. (Rev 3:17,18)

Babylon, then, is revealed not only to be an institution, but to be an attitude as well; of an overconfident complacency which draws the partaker into a spiral of compromise which ends up in bed with the world, paralyzed with the wine of error! "Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? Whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God." (James 15:14).

A young boy was sleeping and was suddenly awakened by the bonging of the grandfather clock in the hall at midnight. The clock, however, continued bonging; one o'clock, two o'clock, three o'clock,

etc. He burst into his mother's bedroom, crying out to his parents, "mommy, daddy, wake up, it's later than you think!" Yes, it's later than you think! You see, no one will feel the wrath of God until the truth contacts the mind and conscience and is rejected!

Many delay and falsely believe in the eleventh hour; the thief on the cross. A pastor was ministering to a young man, when time came for a commitment. The young man resisted, saying, "there's always the eleventh hour. Remember the thief on the cross." The pastor paused a moment in reflection, then answered, "yes, you're right, but there were two thieves on the cross. Which thief are you talking about?"

Ah! But many churches in the United States, "the land of light and knowledge," have never had the opportunity to hear the truth for this time. The Adventist doctrine, too, has been compromised, cloistered, permeated with errors, and omissions; uninspiring. Some Adventist churches are observing the Sunday! The importance of the Sabbath has never been told in the true light. Moreover, the second coming of Jesus is shrouded, least the warnings might cause fears, doubts, or anxieties. Hence, reduced congregations, less income, although there are still some in the Adventist churches that are sincere, and faithful believers, and will come out with the Loud Cry (Rom 14:1). The Spirit of Prophecy says that many in the churches are told to "merely believe and the blessings are yours. It's called instant sanctification!" Or, that all you need is "the love of Jesus."

THE GREATEST TEST

The Sunday Law decree will not be forced on people blindly. Everyone will still have enough light to make a decision intelligently. The Sabbath, for one, is a great test of your loyalty, and most importantly, how you keep it. Satan, on that day, merely wants you break the seal of the Sabbath; a cross word, late for the service, sleeping on the Sabbath, gossiping, dirty dishes left in sink the night before, wearing street clothes to church, traveling on the Sabbath, cooking on the Sabbath, unshaven, not bathed, gas tank low, etc.

"Up to now, those who presented and preached the truth were called alarmists, and fanatics. Their predictions that the church and state would unite to persecute Sabbath keepers, and those who acknowledged the claims of God to obey his law, was groundless, and absurd. They claimed further, that the USA would never change; the land of the free, home of the brave, defender of religious freedom and speech. They even have pity on believers, calling them superstitious, gloomy, unhappy, and narrow minded people" (GC 423). It is true, unfortunately, that some churches look like the Book of Lamentations! Yes, even on the Sabbath Day; a day to rejoice!

PREACH THE WORD!

But, in every generation, God has sent His servants to warn people

regarding their sin in the world and in the church. But, they desired smooth things, refused to change their ways, and rejected the truth. Many early reformers, however, were careful to attack the church and nation. They hoped by their example of a pure Christian life, they could lead people to the Bible. Very noble! But, the Spirit of God came as Elijah preached the plain truth and doctrines of faith, as others before were reluctant to preach. The powerful word of the Lord gave them fearless consequences, and the danger of preaching the truth threatened their souls. Ah! But, today that attitude must not exist, as this is the way the third angel's message is to be proclaimed – with a Loud Cry!

But, you say, I cannot preach. I am a weak, timid soul, full of anxiety, and fear for the future! Ah! But the message of the Loud Cry will work through humble souls, lay people, timid ones, like you and I! You and I, the laborers, will be “qualified” by the moving of the Holy Spirit, and not by training in the Universities, or higher Institutions. Yes, men and women of faith, and prayer, holy zeal, preaching words God gives you. Ah! But, you ask, what shall I preach? What shall I be proclaiming? What shall I declare? Why of course – the sins of Babylon, the fearful results of the union of church and state, the growth of spiritualism and the worship of the dead, the fearsome power and progress of the Papacy, the true Sabbath, the Sanctuary message; exposing all of these to the people, that they may be awakened!

Thousands, millions, have never heard these words! They'll be amazed at this testimony; that Babylon has fallen, the churches have fallen, and rejected the truth. As wickedness grows in abounding leaps, and calamities, corruptions, and immorality is rampant and faces man daily, this testimony can be the answer to many who are troubled and searching for answers and a refuge. Therefore, “preach the word. Be ready in season and out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching.” (1Tim 4:2)

THUS SAITH THE LORD

But, what can happen in response to the testimonies proclaimed in a Loud Cry? Many will eagerly go to their former teachers and pastors, asking, “Are these things so?” The ministers, of course, condemn it as nonsense, or in Greece, heresies! They present fables, prophesize smooth things, or escape by saying, “there are many interpretations” (but have not one of their own). They sooth the fears of many, and quiet their consciences, thus allowing them to continue living in error and sin. They are no longer challenged or threatened! Come as you are!

These poor, unwary souls refuse to question the authority of man and to demand a “thus saith the Lord.” The popular churches and ministry are like the Pharisees of old, condemning the message as from Satan. They, furthermore, stir up the sin-loving multitudes and persecute those proclaiming the truth. “The prophets prophesy falsely, and the priests bear rule by their means; and my people love to have it so: and what will ye do in the end thereof?” (Jeremiah 5:31).

But, as the burgeoning masses continue to accept the lie, and the plagues begin to fall, and the boils of the first plague begin to appear on their bodies, they will quickly return to their ministers, and “not so kindly” ask, “why didn't you tell us the truth; you lied to us!?” They, the ministers, were ignorant from the beginning! The people will tear them to shreds! But, it's too late! The doors of mercy are closed! But then, as more people accept the truth, Satan becomes more angry, knowing his time is short. The clergy and those who oppose the message try everything to suppress the light.

Papists go to the state, and boldly now press the movement for the Sunday Law, helping the Protestants. All now is in an agitated state, but more definite, and directed with greater abandon.

THE SUNDAY LAW

The National Sunday Law is passed. The commandment keepers are threatened; some are fined, others are imprisoned, exiled, or treated like slaves. Others are offered high positions of influence as a reward to renounce their faith. But, what's the answer? Just as Luther pleaded and answered under similar conditions, “show me where I am in error.” Some will be taken to courts to defend the truth. Those that hear will take a stand also, and keep all of the commandments, by the thousands. By this, many will hear that otherwise would never know the truth. The conscientious ones, those obedient to the Word of God are looked on as a rebellion, as sheep, that follow the majority, much as the rebellion of Korah who were all swallowed up by the earth!

Blinded by Satan parents will be hard on believing children, and children will be hard on believing parents, or a master or mistress hard on a commandment keeping servant. This is common today in most churches. Moreover, “love will grow cold” (2Tim 3:12). All of this seems impossible today, in our human wisdom and in this age doesn't it? But, it worsens, “and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed.” (Rev. 13:15). But, as the Holy Spirit slowly disappears from the earth, men will be under the control of Satan. Hearts become crueler when God's fear and love is removed. Yes, it is possible in this age!

So, as the storm approaches, a large class of professed faithful, but not sanctified, abandon the faith, and take a position under the banner of Satan. They unite with the world, the same spirit and light, and choose the easy, popular side. Men of talent use their powers to deceive and mislead souls. Former brethren betray their own brethren and become their bitterest enemies. In courts they accuse Sabbath keepers and stir up rulers against them.

MORE TRIALS!

But, the Lord's servants who faithfully gave the warning, and looked to Jesus and the Word alone, did not look to the consequences or to themselves, or try to preserve their reputations or lives. Yet, when the storm of opposition approaches, Satan tempts them,

and they're threatened with destruction, and consequently, their enthusiasm is gone! But, they can't turn back, and they're helpless to flee to the Mighty One for strength.

Words were spoken; His warnings were given. The same trials were experienced by notable Biblical heroes, men of God, who were tempted and tested: Wycliffe, Huss, Luther, Tyndale, Wesley. They urged that all doctrines be tested by the Bible. All were persecuted and with relentless fury didn't stop declaring the truth. The Lord gives a special truth for people in an emergency, the last invitation of mercy to the world with the Loud Cry – the last chance! Christ's servants are to have nothing to do with the consequences, but to do their duty, and leave the results to God. Remember, no man can serve God without opposition by Satan. Evil men, evil angels, evil elements, will attack! But, as long as Jesus, our intercessor is in the heavenly sanctuary, the restraining influence of the Holy Spirit will be felt by rulers, and the people of the land. Yet, while many rulers are active agents of Satan, God, too, has his agents among leading men of the nation.

SHINING LIGHTS!

When the Loud Cry is given, many of the leading men will accept and stand with the people of God.

The Loud Cry, like the day of Pentecost, will reveal faces lightened up with holy consecration, proclaiming the warning from Heaven. Miracles will be performed, healing and wonders will occur. Satan, too, will bring fire down from heaven, and many will be deceived, duped, lost.

The people of the earth have to make a stand. Light penetrates everywhere. The light of truth will shine on all whose hearts are open to receive it and all children of the Lord who are still in Babylon will hear and heed the Loud Cry to "come out of her, my people."

Honest children of God will cut all ties; family connections, and church relations. Nothing will stop them as the truth is more precious than anything! Many take their stand on the Lord's side. Now, which side are you on? Can you hear the Loud Cry? COME OUT! Change your attitude, change the way you treat others, change the way you worship, change your apathy, and indifference, change the way you speak, change the way you raise your children, change the way you dress, change the way you eat, change the way you think; change, change, change!!

In this time, so near the close of our and Earth's probation, we need to consider what kind of relationship we have with God. Are we wed to Him in holiness, truth and singleness of heart? Where do our priorities line up? Are we marching forward to Zion? Or back to the fleshpots and bondage of Egypt? If we examine our lives, and see that nothing's been changing, if the same worldly burden is there that was there before; the same habits, failings or sins, it's time to seek again the Lord's marching orders, and for faith to

follow them.

He is faithful who has promised, and is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think. We must, however, purpose in our hearts to be faithful to our calling, as was Abram, when he left his father's house for a country afar off, which he could not see, and for that city, whose builder and maker was God.

PATIENCE!

Remember, that the third angel's message also includes the message of obedience to the Father's Law by faith in the Son's enabling grace. "It's a message of righteousness by faith in Christ; in verity a message of justification by faith" (TM 91-93). "Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus." (Rev 14:12)

In the hour of peril and distress, never forget that "the angel of the Lord encamps round about them that fear Him and delivers them." (Ps 34:7). The Saviour sends help just when you need it.

To all, a testing time is coming. By the sifting, and shaking, the genuine Christian character will be revealed.

Will you cling to the Bible and the Bible only... and the Testimonies? A little girl went to her mother and said, "Mommy, I noticed a big black book on the top shelf of the bookcase with dust on it. What book is that?" Her mother answered, "Oh! My child that is God's book!" The little girl then answered, "Well, Mommy, maybe we ought to give it back to God because I don't see anyone here reading it."

"There are people in the world around us who never open, who never read the Bible. But, they are reading us. Are they able to see God in our lives? Are they able to say of us to others, 'that man – or woman – reminds me of Christ?' Do we let our light so shine that men may see, not us, but our Father in heaven? This is the real test!" W. H. Griffith-Thomas.

"Satan will prevent you from preparing, and entangle you in the cares of this life." (GC 443-4).

Could we be marching backwards from Zion to Egypt?

Stand fast to your allegiance! Listen for that LOUD CRY! **Amen.**

John Theodorou, U.S.A.

DOES THE BIBLE CONTRADICT ITSELF?

In the Bible we can read verses as such:

"For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: [it is] the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast. Ephesians 2:8. "Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith without the deeds of the law."Romans 3:28

On the contrary other verses read:

The Rich Young Ruler asked Jesus what he must do to be saved and the answer was, "if thou wilt enter into life, keep the commandments." Mat. 19:17.

"Ye see then how that by works a man is justified, and not by faith only." James 2:24.

DOES THE SPIRIT OF PROPHECY ALSO CONTRADICT ITSELF ON THIS ISSUE?

First we read:

"We are to do all that we can do on our part to fight the good fight of faith. We are to wrestle, to labor, to strive, to agonize to enter in at the strait gate." FW 48. "We hear a great deal about faith, but we need to hear a great deal more about works. Many are deceiving themselves by living an easy-going, accommodating, crossless religion." FW 50

Then we read:

"There is not a point that needs to be dwelt upon more earnestly, repeated more frequently, or established more firmly in the minds of all, than the impossibility of fallen man meriting anything by his own best good works. Salvation is through faith in Jesus Christ alone." 3MR 420

"The reason so many fail to be successful laborers is that they act as though God depended on them." FW 27

This article will address these verses that seemingly contradict one another and show that they actually harmonize.

THE TWO OARS

And the truth is that, "Faith and works are the two oars with which we are to make our way in the Christian life." {AUCR, October 15, 1905.

In the Religious world two extremes exist. Salvation by faith alone, or salvation by works alone. Between these two extremes you can find all the rest of the religious world. Some teach 80% Christ and 20% works. Others teach 80% works and 20% Christ. And there is a variety of standards in between. Where does God's church fit in? Some say we need to teach 50% faith and 50% works. But is this also correct? Is 50% of our salvation dependent on our faith and



the other 50% on our works? This also is a false theory. It is easy to get unbalanced as there are many seemingly one-sided statements in the Bible and Spirit of Prophecy. To get a proper understanding of the subject it is important to read the Bible and the Spirit of Prophecy as a whole. We need to know when statements and Bible verses were written, why and to whom they were written. Then it is important to read the context of the statement.

If you are rowing a boat and your right oar does 80% of the work and your left only 20%, will you go in a straight line? No, of course not, you will end up going in circles. So also those who are unbalanced in their teaching of faith and works, are only going round and round in their Christian walk and leading others astray. They are not advancing upwards. The majority of the Christian world is unbalanced and there is danger that God's people can also become unbalanced. Both oars must be used equally. Then do we do 50% of the work and leave 50% to God? No, each must put forth 100% effort. We need to exercise 100% of our faith and 100% of our spiritual energy.

In 1888, God's people were a little unbalanced. The teaching of salvation by works had become too prominent in their teaching and preaching. Sister White, enlightened by the Spirit of Prophecy, stated "As a people, we have preached the law until we are as dry as the hills of Gilboa that had neither dew nor rain." RH, March 11, 1890. Elders Jones and Waggoner were impressed by the Holy Spirit with messages to bring the people back to the truth.

JAMES VS. PAUL

The book of James was written to Jews. He wrote "Ye see then how that by works a man is justified, and not by faith only." (2:24) Galatians was written to the Gentiles. "Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of Jesus, Christ." Gal. 2:16. Is there a different standard for Jew or Gentiles? In the Christian world there are a variety of standards and for the majority of the Christians they see no problem with this. In speaking of the Sabbath they often say, "That is your Sabbath but this is mine." "That is your conviction, this is mine." And they feel that both will arrive at the pearly gates on the different roads that they travel. There are many roads to God's kingdom according the common teaching in the Christian world.

In Paul's day, the Gentiles were bombarded with zealous Jews insisting that they keep the Ceremonial Law. The Jewish system was based on law and the Pharisees had degraded religion into a system of ceremonies and traditions only, leaving Christ and faith out of the picture. Paul wrote the Gentiles an encouraging letter telling them that salvation does not come by those works as they had been told, but rather by faith in Christ.

The Jews, upon hearing of this new and living way that Paul was teaching of salvation by faith, and that the Ceremonial Law was nailed to the cross, were in danger of going too far and discarding the

Moral law with the Ceremonial. James writes to them enlightening them with the importance of works in conjunction with faith. The Moral Law was still valid.

MARRIAGE

A good example to illustrate the relationship between faith and works is from marriage. Does a man marry a wife only after she has proven to be a good cook, excellent house cleaner and a wise teacher of children? Do women need to fill out a resume describing their domestic duties that they are efficient at? Is that the criteria men follow when it comes to a marriage partner? No, of course not. It is love. The woman does not need to prove her love by her domestic deeds, nor does a man need to prove his love by his mechanical ability before the woman decides to marry him.

Since works have nothing to do with their decision to be married, what happens after marriage? They say they love each other, but if the woman sits on the sofa watching TV all day long doing no housework, cooking or cleaning, can we say she loves her husband? Oh, she may say she does, but her actions give a different message. If a man says he loves his wife, will he not do his best to find a good job to support her? Yes, he will, even though none of these issues came into consideration before marriage. After marriage these deeds are a proof of their love and if the love is strong, these duties will be a joy to perform.

Likewise Jesus accepts us as we are... We don't have to prove our love initially before Jesus will work with us. "But God commendeth his love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." Rom. 5:8. "He who will lay hold of Christ's righteousness need not wait one moment that he himself may blot out his own sins. He need not wait until he has made a suitable repentance before he may take hold upon Christ's righteousness. We do not understand the matter of salvation. It is just as simple as ABC. But we don't understand it." FW 64

REPENTANCE

Faith is necessary for the Christian journey to commence. Where does repentance fit in? Is it faith? Or is it works? Repentance is works. The Holy Spirit convicts a person of sin, which leads them to repentance. Faith and works go hand-in-hand. "Faith without works is dead."

"Men are educated to think that if a man repents he shall be pardoned, supposing that repentance is the way, the door, into heaven; that there is a certain assured value in repentance to buy for him forgiveness. Can man repent of himself? No more than he can pardon himself." FW 25

"Now, how is it that a man will repent? Is it anything of himself? No; because the natural heart is at enmity with God. Then how can the natural heart stir itself up to repentance when it has no power to

do so? What is it that brings man to repentance? It is Jesus Christ. How does He bring man to repentance? There are a thousand ways that He may do this.” FW 64

“Now you may cling to your righteousness, and you may think that you have tried to do about right, and that, after all, you will be saved in doing this. You cannot see that Christ does it all. ‘I must repent first,’ some say. ‘I must go so far on my own without Christ, and then Christ meets me and accepts me.’

“You cannot have a thought without Christ. You cannot have an inclination to come to Him unless He sets in motion influences and impresses His Spirit upon the human mind. And if there is a man on the face of the earth who has any inclination toward God, it is because of the many influences that are set to work to bear upon his mind and heart. Those influences call for the allegiance to God and an appreciation of the great work that God has done for him.

“Then don’t let us ever say that we can repent of ourselves, and then Christ will pardon. No, indeed. It is the favor of God that pardons. It is the favor of God that leads us by His power to repentance.” FW 73

TWO OPPOSING VIEWS CLARIFIED

In addressing Ephesians 2:8 “For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God”.

The opposing view states “Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling” (Philippians 2:12). Many people stop here and state that we have to “Work”... but they omit the next verse. “For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure.” Phil 2:13.

Concerning these verses, the Spirit of Prophecy states, “Praise God. Now who will be discouraged? Who is going to faint? It is not committed to us, weak, feeble mortals to work out our own salvation in our own line. It is Christ that worketh in you. And this is the privilege of every son and daughter of Adam. But we are to work. We are not to be idle. We are put here in this world to work. We are not put here to fold our arms.” TDG 72

Notice it is God that gives us the WILL (provides the stimulus)... and then He gives us the ability and power to DO. This does not mean that we are a passive entity subject to God’s working, but God provides the stimulus that awakens our desire to be saved and he supplies us with the energy to make the decision effective so that salvation can be accomplished in our lives.

Paul, in Philippians does not endorse the idea of salvation by works, although it may appear as such. Paul repeatedly states that we are saved by grace through faith. (Grace is God’s part and faith is our part). But grace leads to good works. (Rom 6:11-16). Works are an outworking of grace that has affected our salvation. Many people are attracted to Christianity, but most are unwilling to meet

the conditions by which the reward of the Christian may be theirs. If they could obtain salvation without any effort on their part, they would be more than happy to receive all that the Lord is willing to give them. But the Bible teaches that each person must cooperate with the will and power of God. We must “Strive to enter in” (Luke 13:24), we must “Put off the old man” (Col. 3:9) “Lay aside every weight” “Run with patience” (Heb 12:1), “Resist the devil” (James 4:7) and “endure unto the end” (Mat 24:13). Salvation is not of works but it must be worked out.

No man who chooses to be like Christ will live a life that does not produce good works. James 2:24 (quoted earlier) does not deny that a man is declared righteous by faith, however he does deny that a mere profession of faith alone can justify a man. Good works accompany faith and prove the validity of the faith by which a man is justified. If there were no works, then genuine faith would not exist.

FATHI DEMONSTRATED BY WORKS

“The so-called faith that does not work by love and purify the soul will not justify any man... Abraham believed God. How do we know that he believed? His works testified to the character of his faith, and his faith was accounted to him for righteousness. We need the faith of Abraham in our day, to lighten the darkness that gathers around us, shutting out the sweet sunlight of God’s love, and dwarfing spiritual growth. Our faith should be prolific of good works; for faith without works is dead.” FLB 115

“Yea, a man may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works: shew me thy faith without thy works, and I will shew thee my faith by my works.” James 2:18.

The two oars are clearly described in the following statement.

“The part man has to act in the salvation of the soul is to believe on Jesus Christ as a perfect Redeemer, not for some other man, but for his own self.

“Christ imputes His perfection and righteousness to the believing sinner when he does not continue in sin, but turns from transgression to obedience of the commandments.

“While God can be just, and yet justify the sinner through the merits of Christ, no man can cover his soul with the garments of Christ’s righteousness while practicing known sins, or neglecting known duties.

“The apostle James saw that dangers would arise in presenting the subject of justification by faith, and he labored to show that genuine faith cannot exist without corresponding works. The experience of Abraham is presented. ‘Seest thou,’ he says, ‘how faith wrought with his works, and by works was faith made perfect?’ James 2:22. Thus genuine faith does a genuine work in the believer. Faith and obedience bring a solid, valuable experience.” FLB 115

"The Lord calls upon all who think they know what faith is, to be sure that they are not pulling with only one oar, that their little bark is not going round and round, making no progress at all. Faith without intelligent works is dead, being alone. Faith in the healing power of God will not save unless it is combined with good works. Good works and faith are the two oars we need to use." 20MR 8

"When it is in the heart to obey God, when efforts are put forth to this end, Jesus accepts this disposition and effort as man's best service, and He makes up for the deficiency with His own divine merit. But He will not accept those who claim to have faith in Him, and yet are disloyal to His Father's commandment." FW 50

COPARTNERSHIP

When Jesus came to this earth to bear the penalty for our iniquity, did He put forth only a 50% effort? No, He gave 100%.

"The heart of God yearns over His earthly children with a love stronger than death. In giving up His Son, He has poured out to us **all heaven** in one gift." FLB 45. Stop for a moment and contemplate this thought. ALL OF HEAVEN... What does this entail? How many would wish to have even 1% of heaven? Can we imagine the beauty, the glory, the majesty, that exists in heaven and to think that God gave ALL of heaven for us? What have we given in return? A few feeble intermittent efforts? Even when we give our best, what is it? "Our righteousnesses are as filthy rags." Isaiah 64:6. "The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked." Jeremiah 17:9. What a contrast. When we give our best, that is what we are giving. But yet when we give our whole heart, (defective as it is), to God, to Him it is the most precious gift we can give Him. We are partners working together, even though it is an unbalanced partnership. Nevertheless, He is willing to bear our yoke (Mat. 11:28) and pull together with us.

"The work of gaining salvation is one of co-partnership, a joint operation. There is to be co-operation between God and the repentant sinner. This is necessary for the formation of right principles in the character. Man is to make earnest efforts to overcome that which hinders him from attaining to perfection. But he is wholly dependent upon God for success. Human effort of itself is not sufficient. Without the aid of divine power it avails nothing. God works and man works. Resistance of temptation must come from man, who must draw his power from God. On the one side there is infinite wisdom, compassion, and power; on the other, weakness, sinfulness, absolute helplessness." AA 482

"If we are faithful in doing our part, in cooperating with Him, God will work through us to do the good pleasure of His will. But God cannot work through us if we make no effort. If we gain eternal life, we must work, and work earnestly... Let us not be deceived by the oft-repeated assertion, 'All you have to do is to believe.' Faith and works are two oars which we must use equally if we would press our way up the stream against the current of unbelief... The Christian

is a man of thought and practice. His faith fixes its roots firmly in Christ. By faith and good works he keeps his spirituality strong and healthy, and his spiritual strength increases as he strives to work the works of God." RH JUNE 11, 1901.

It is important to remember that works are not a CAUSE but an EFFECT of salvation; the effect of linking up with Christ and working in cooperation. No one will ever be able to say they earned salvation.

CHRIST IN THE LAW

Here is a continuation from the statement quoted at the beginning of the article, where the Seventh-day Adventist church was described as preaching the law until they were dry as the hills of Gilboa. Hence we see the importance of reading the context. "We must preach Christ in the law, and there will be sap and nourishment in the preaching that will be as food to the famishing flock of God. We must not trust in our own merits at all, but in the merits of Jesus of Nazareth. Our eyes must be anointed with eye-salve. We must draw nigh to God, and He will draw nigh to us, if we come in His own appointed way. O that you may go forth as the disciples did after the day of Pentecost, and then your testimony will have a living ring, and souls will be converted to God." RH, Mar 11, 1890

CAIN'S OFFERING

Many regard with disdain the offering made by Cain and state that they would never give such an offering. But consider the following statement:

"But when you are not willing to come to Christ and acknowledge that He does it all, when you feel that you must first take a few steps, and come so far, and then God will meet you; that is just exactly like Cain's offering. He did not know Jesus, and he did not know that the blood of Jesus could cleanse his sins and make his offering acceptable to God." FW 76

"He who is trying to reach heaven by his own works in keeping the law is attempting an impossibility. Man cannot be saved without obedience, but his works should not be of himself; Christ should work in him to will and to do of His good pleasure. If a man could save himself by his own works, he might have something in himself in which to rejoice. The effort that man makes in his own strength to obtain salvation is represented by the offering of Cain. All that man can do without Christ is polluted with selfishness and sin; but that which is wrought through faith is acceptable to God. When we seek to gain heaven through the merits of Christ, the soul makes progress. "Looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith," we may go on from strength to strength, from victory to victory; for through Christ the grace of God has worked out our complete salvation." FW 94

"There is not a point that needs to be dwelt upon more earnestly,

repeated more frequently, or established more firmly in the minds of all than the impossibility of fallen man meriting anything by his own best good works. Salvation is through faith in Jesus Christ alone." FW 19

NOT TWO SEPARATE ENTITIES

Faith and works are not two separate entities. In the Christian life, one is the result of the other. "If by any effort of our own we could advance one step toward the ladder, the words of Christ would not be true. *But when we accept Christ, good works will appear as fruitful evidence that we are in the way of life*, that Christ is our way, and that we are treading the true path that leads to heaven." FW 102

"Christ looks at the spirit, and when He sees us carrying our burden with faith, His perfect holiness atones for our shortcomings. When we do our best, He *becomes our righteousness*. It takes every ray of light that God sends to us to make us the light of the world." FW 102

Obedience to the law is sanctification. If we are willing to surrender all to Jesus; willing to have Him control our lives, He will send us the Holy Spirit and we WILL keep the commandments as long as we are willing to allow Him to continually work through us.

THEN WHAT IS THE STRUGGLE?

If salvation is a matter of resting in Jesus and allowing Him to work in and through us, then where is the struggle?

"A union with Christ by living faith is enduring; every other union must perish. Christ first chose us, paying an infinite price for our redemption; and the true believer chooses Christ as first and last and best in everything. But this union costs us something. It is a union of utter dependence, to be entered into by a proud being. All who form this union must feel their need of the atoning blood of Christ. They must have a change of heart. They must submit their own will to the will of God. There will be a struggle with outward and internal obstacles. There must be a painful work of detachment as well as a work of attachment. Pride, selfishness, vanity, worldliness--sin in all its forms--must be overcome if we would enter into a union with Christ. The reason why many find the Christian life so deplorably hard, why they are so fickle, so variable, is that they try to attach themselves to Christ without first detaching themselves from these cherished idols.

"After the union with Christ has been formed, it can be preserved only by earnest prayer and untiring effort. We must resist, we must deny, we must conquer self. Through the grace of Christ, by courage, by faith, by watchfulness, we may gain the victory." 5T 231

Jesus prayed in John 17 that the believers would become one in Christ, but one branch cannot be sustained by another. The nourishment must be obtained through the vital connection with the vine. We must feel our utter dependence on Christ. We must live by faith in the Son of God and he will give us the will and ability

to repent and keep the commandments.

May God help us to understand, and preach this message in a balanced manner and not become unbalanced by using one "oar" more than the other, like the rest of the Christian world. **AMEN**

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On September 24th I left from my home in Ontario bound for Canada's west to visit the cities of Calgary and Vancouver. As many of you know, these Western Canadian cities have been booming with growth due to a rapidly expanding oil and mining sector. And spiritually, we have prayed for growth in our church in the West for many years and finally those prayers were to be answered.

With some of the souls who had attended in Ontario and Quebec moving to Alberta and British Columbia, there has been provided an excellent foundation for our work to expand in Canada's West. Also, Br. Fernando Hidalgo and his family had recently moved to Canada from the United States, and he had expressed a definite desire to be baptised when he witnessed his sister-in-law baptised in London, Ontario last July. At that time, he wasn't quite ready, so he was encouraged to continue to prepare so that when I came to Calgary, he would be ready.

When I studied with Fernando and his wife, Marcella, I was happy to see that they had both made progress, and he was ready to take his stand with God's people (with his wife to follow in the New Year, Lord willing). Please pray for them that they can be faithful to the Lord Jesus until He comes again.

It was with great joy that our group in Alberta gathered to witness

the baptism of Br. Fernando. Afterwards we had the Lord's Supper and their church was organized with nine members. We also have one member in Edmonton, Br. Normand Hamel, who moved there from Montreal.

After being in Calgary for one week, I went on to Vancouver, where I was happy to see many old friends, and make some new friends. While we didn't have a baptism while I was there, I was happy to see souls attending church there who are preparing for baptism. It is amazing what four faithful people can accomplish, and we saw souls respond to the message of Christ and His righteousness in wondrous ways. Praise God that the Lord is answering our prayers for the work in Western Canada, and let us continue to pray for the faithful in the West to be united in spirit and truth with the rest of God's people in this vast country. If we will include them in our prayers, then I know that we will be all be united.

***Your brother in Christ,
Jerry Eaton***

Pride Goes Before Destruction



Pride is a spiritual sickness that has caused spiritual death to millions of professing Christians. It has broken many friendships and marriages.

"Pride turned angels into demons." CG 178.

"It was pride that caused Satan to fall." PP 612.

Pride destroys nations and causes wars between them. Pride has caused more damage in the world than all the weapons of war together.

Pride destroys unity movements, therefore churches and congregations are separated and cannot work together in harmony.

"Only by pride cometh contention." Prov. 13:10.

"Pride of Pharisees, priests and rabbis grew into hatred against Christ, so far that they were ready to put Him to death." DA 63.

"Disappointment and discontentment are results of pride." PP 612

"By pride God's presence is shut out." Test. Vol. 4, p. 610.

Much more can be added to the list of damages that pride causes, yet many do not seem to be afraid of it, or even realize its presence. It is so deceptive that a person can be very proud of his pretended humility.

The results of pride are always the same. "Pride goeth before destruction and an haughty spirit before a fall." Prov. 16:18.

Solomon, who wrote these words fell into this deception. His prosperity caused his heart to be filled with pride which made him miserable and unhappy. In the end he made a confession, "Therefore I hated life; because the work that is wrought under the sun is grievous unto me: for all is vanity and vexation of spirit." Eccl. 2:17.

Sister White comments on this: "Affliction and adversity bring disappointment and sorrow; but it is prosperity that is most dangerous to spiritual life." MH 212.

It was prosperity in David's life that caused him to fall into sin. David who wrote that he loved the law of God, it was his meditation day and night, could not resist temptation, when his life was peaceful and prosperous.

To overcome pride is not an easy battle to a Christian. Sister White writes: "Pride is most hopeless and incurable sin." COL 154.

King Nebuchadnezzar was very prosperous and in a high position and this filled his heart with pride. In order to remove the pride from him, God had to do drastic measures with him. Daniel writes

about it. "But when his heart was lifted up, and his mind hardened in pride, he was deposed from his kingly throne, and they took his glory from him: and he was driven from the sons of men; and his heart was made like beasts, and his dwelling was with the wild asses; they fed him with grass like oxen, and his body was wet with the dew of heaven; till he knew that the most high God ruled in the kingdom of men, and that He appointeth over it whomsoever He will." Dan. 5:20, 21.

After seven years of this humiliating experience, he gave glory to God and his pride was gone. It is possible to overcome pride if it is our desire. When we behold the Creator of the whole universe, the eternal God dying on the cross for the sins of the fallen human beings; before this scene all human greatness and pride disappears.

He is the one who can teach us humility and how to overcome human pride. He said, "Take My yoke upon you, and learn of Me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls." Matt. 11:29.

Sister White writes, "If pride and selfishness were laid aside, five minutes would remove most difficulties. Angels have been grieved and God displeased by the hour which have been spent in justifying self." EW 119.

Sister White also writes about the workers who finish the work of

God on the earth. Only one qualification is mentioned. "God is finishing His work on the earth with humble men and women who never have sought position."

Opposite to pride is humility and its effect is also different. "Before honour is humility." Prov. 15:33.

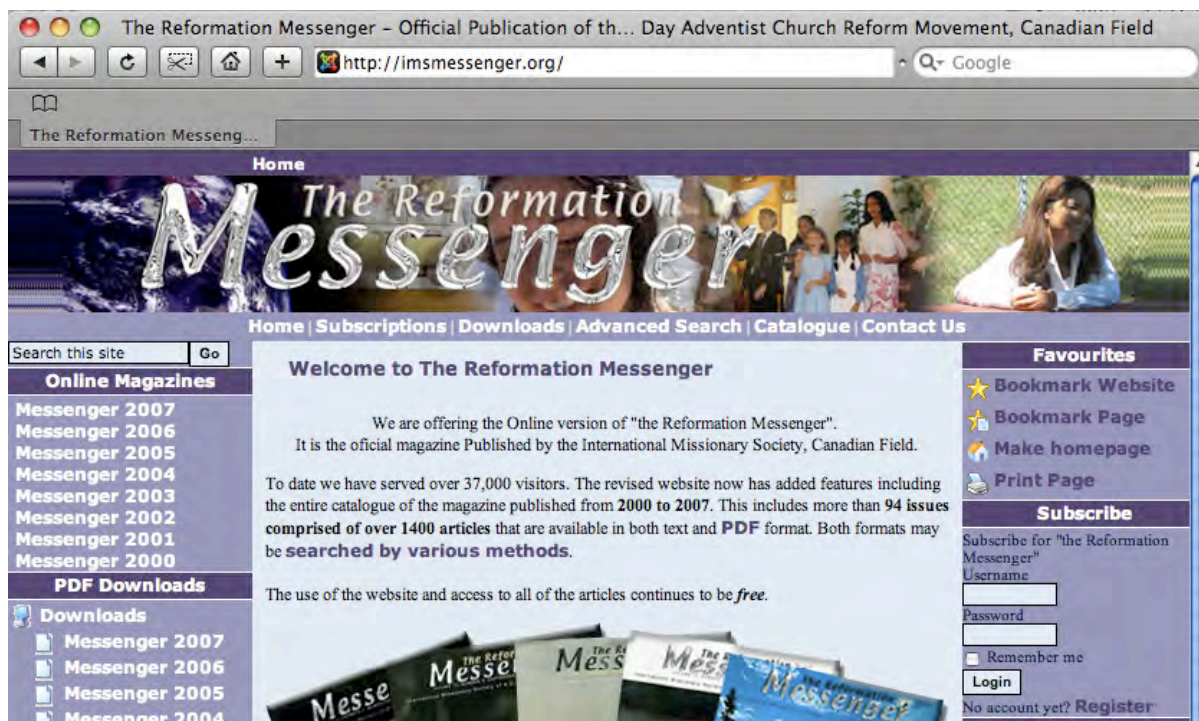
Peter writes, "Be clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble. Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time." 1 Pet. 5:5, 6.

A humble person is never offended. He will never raise his voice in anger. You may hurt him, and abuse him and he still loves you. A proud person, on the other hand is very touchy and easily offended. Pride has kept many people from confessing their sins, and offended pride kills our love to others very quickly.

By pride cometh self-pity, accusing others, and self-defense.

Therefore, let us cast our human glory to dust, and fight against this terrible enemy that may be embedded in our hearts, and ask God to help us to remove this pollution from our characters. We need to be broken and fall upon the Rock, Jesus Christ and learn of Him. Then only can we be useful to our Lord, and feel true joy and happiness in our Christian life, and be fit to live in heaven. **AMEN.**

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Sanctification - Part 3

No Sanctification Without Self-Denial

So far, we have studied that sanctification consists on daily dying to self and putting God's will as a priority in our life. Therefore we should be watchful and keep our new heart clean from defilement. Before us there is a narrow path that leads to perfect freedom and to a glorious eternal future. There are some aspects of our daily life that play an important role in our sanctification.

"Those who would gain the blessing of sanctification must **first learn the meaning of self-sacrifice**. The cross of Christ is the central pillar on which hangs the 'far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory.' 'If any man will come after Me,' Christ says, 'let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me.' 2 Corinthians 4:17; Matthew 16:24." (AA, p. 560).

"The directions laid down in the word of God leave **no room for compromise with evil**. The **Son of God** was manifested that He might draw all men unto Himself. **He came** not to lull the world to sleep, but to point out **the narrow path**, in which all must travel

who reach at last the gates of the City of God. His children must follow where He has led the way; at whatever sacrifice of ease or selfish indulgence, at whatever cost of labor or suffering, they must maintain a constant battle with self." (AA, p. 565).

"When the apostle appeals to his brethren to present their bodies 'a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God,' he sets forth **the principles of true sanctification**. It is not merely a theory, an emotion, or a form of words, but a living, **active principle, entering into the everyday life**. It requires that our habits of eating, drinking, and dressing be such as to secure the preservation of physical, mental, and moral health, that we may present to the Lord our bodies, not an offering corrupted by wrong habits, but 'a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God.'" (SL, p. 27).

The Role Of Appetite In Sanctification

"He who cherishes the **light which God has given him upon health reform has an important aid** in the work of becoming sanctified through the truth, and fitted for immortality." (CD, p. 59).

“He who is being sanctified by the truth will be self-controlled, and will follow in the footsteps of Christ until grace is lost in glory.” (MYP, p. 35).

“The heart cannot possibly maintain consecration to God while the lustful appetite is indulged. A diseased body and disordered intellect, because of continual indulgence in hurtful lust, make sanctification of the body and spirit impossible.” (Te, p. 147).

“Wherever they may be, those who are truly sanctified will elevate the moral standard by preserving correct physical habits, and, like Daniel, presenting to others an example of temperance and self-denial. Every depraved appetite becomes a warring lust. Everything that conflicts with natural law creates a diseased condition of the soul.... With what care should Christians regulate their habits that they may preserve the full vigor of every faculty to give to the service of Christ. If we would be sanctified in soul, body, and spirit, we must live in conformity to the divine law. The heart cannot preserve consecration to God while the appetites and passions are indulged at the expense of health and life.” (CH, p. 69).

The Role Of The Sabbath In Sanctification

“Purified by obedience to the law of God, sanctified by a perfect observance of His holy Sabbath, trusting, believing, patiently waiting, and earnestly working out our own salvation with fear and trembling, we shall learn that it is God that worketh in us to will and to do of His good pleasure. --Manuscript 6, 1900.” (Ev, p. 289).

“He said, ‘I gave them My Sabbaths, to be a sign between Me and them, that they might know that I am the Lord that sanctify them,’--make them holy. Ezek. 20:12. Then the Sabbath is a sign of Christ’s power to make us holy. And it is given to all whom Christ makes holy. As a sign of His sanctifying power, the Sabbath is given to all who through Christ become a part of the Israel of God.” (DA, p. 288).

“The Sabbath given to the world as the sign of God as the Creator is also the sign of Him as the Sanctifier. The power that created all

things is the power that re-creates the soul in His own likeness. To those who keep holy the Sabbath day it is the sign of sanctification. True sanctification is harmony with God, oneness with Him in character. It is received through obedience to those principles that are the transcript of His character. And the Sabbath is the sign of obedience. He who from the heart obeys the fourth commandment will obey the whole law. He is sanctified through obedience.” (6T, p. 350).

Sanctification Is Perfect Love

Having experienced the bitterness of sin and its consequences, we have learned to hate it and to love God’s law. The law of God is the expression of His character, and since “God is love”, His law is the law of love, therefore, “True sanctification comes through the working out of the principle of love. ‘God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him.’ 1 John 4:16. The life of him in whose heart Christ abides, will reveal practical godliness. The character will be purified, elevated, ennobled, and glorified. Pure doctrine will blend with works of righteousness; heavenly precepts will mingle with holy practices.” (AA, p. 560).

“True sanctification means perfect love, perfect obedience, perfect conformity to the will of God.” (AA, p. 560)

“Love is the basis of godliness. Whatever the profession, no man has pure love to God unless he has unselfish love for his brother. But we can never come into possession of this spirit by trying to love others. What is needed is the love of Christ in the heart. When self is merged in Christ, love springs forth spontaneously. The completeness of Christian character is attained when the impulse to help and bless others springs constantly from within--when the sunshine of heaven fills the heart and is revealed in the countenance. It is not possible for the heart in which Christ abides to be destitute of love. If we love God because He first loved us, we shall love all for whom Christ died.” (COL, p. 384). **Amen.**

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Vegetarian Cooking Class Toronto, Ontario



Portland Spurge

On October 26, 2008, over 30 people came together to attend a cooking class was held at the Toronto church. The need to learn new recipes and different ways to prepare foods comes directly from the Spirit of Prophecy. In Counsels on Diet and Foods, Sis. White says, "The cook should tax her inventive powers to vary the dishes she prepares for the table, and the stomach should not be compelled to take the same kinds of food meal after meal." CDF 109 When we eat a variety of foods, we then are assured that we obtain all the different nutrients our bodies need. No food on its own is perfect. Therefore, God provided man with a diet made of a variety of foods, originally given to Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden. If we adhere to this diet, we will have health of body, mind and soul.

After Sis. Helen Martin welcomed everyone to the cooking class, Br. Jerry Eaton opened the meeting with a talk on an herb with wonderful healing properties called the Portland Spurge. His gave a personal testimony on how this herb helped with his own healing. This plant grows in the wild in many countries and may even be growing in your own backyard. Br. Eaton found the plant growing in his driveway.

Then the demonstrators took the stage. Sis. Wendy Eaton demonstrated her famous pizza casserole made from tofu. Sis. Eaton showed us how to prepare tofu for cooking by first freezing it and then thawing it. Once the tofu is thawed, it develops a spongy consistency which then readily picks up the flavours of the other ingredients in the dish. Sis. Helen Martin then showed how a complete meal of protein, carbohydrates and fats can be obtained without cooking, by making a salad that included foods from each of the 3 main food groups. Sis. Wendy Eaton then made 2 salad dressings that can be used with the salad, one that was made with tofu and parsley and the other with a tomato base. It is very difficult to find ready-made salad dressings without vinegar, so these dressings are a nice addition to any salad. Sis. Helen Martin gave a brief talk on how we can obtain adequate protein with a vegan diet. Then the class was turned over to Sis. Gloria Ferguson. She showed us how to make a number of recipes, all with a Caribbean flair. Sis. Ferguson showed us how to make coconut milk, an ingredient which she uses in many of her recipes. As the cold weather is approaching in Canada, she demonstrated two soups to keep us warm, leek potato cream soup and split pea soup. She also made a dish of rice and peas. Her cabbage and corn fritters can be used on sandwiches. She also showed us how to make sunflower carrot balls, which is a great combination of all 3 important food groups. Br. Eaton ended with 2 dessert recipes, made tasty by using only natural sweeteners. He demonstrated how to make sunflower seed balls and carob granola squares.

While the cooks prepared the dishes for all the spectators to sample, Br. Jerry Eaton talked about several harmful food additives. Sis. Helen Martin also spoke about the dangers of High Fructose Corn Syrup, an additive found in many processed foods, which can lead to liver damage and heart disease. Then the floor was opened

to questions and answers. Various people asked about their own health concerns and Br. Jerry provided them with some examples of natural remedies. The food was then ready and we all were able to sample these wonderful recipes.

Cooking is a talent that improves with practice and knowledge. This cooking class provided people with new ideas for preparing food that is wholesome and nutritious. Sis. White tells us, "Knowledge in regard to proper food combinations is of great worth, and is to be received as wisdom from God." CDF 109



Sis. Wendy Eaton



Sis. Gloria Ferguson



TOFU PIZZA CASSEROLE

Crust:

2 cups whole wheat flour
1 tsp salt
½ cup oil
¼ cup cold water

Mix crust ingredients together and press into bottom of dish. Pre-cook for 15 min at 350 degrees.

Tofu filling:

2 Pkgs of regular tofu
Salt to taste
¼ cup lemon juice
2 tsp basil
½ tsp garlic powder
3 tbsp oil

Tofu needs to be in freezer for approx. 24 hrs prior to use. Shred tofu after thawing it out and mix the rest of the ingredients into tofu mixture. When crust is finished pre-cooking, add tofu on top.

Topping:

Tomato sauce
Chopped vegetables (i.e. tomatoes, onions, green peppers, olives, mushrooms, etc.)

Add vegetables on top of tofu and cover with sauce. Bake at 350 degrees for 30 minutes.

LEEK POTATO CREAM SOUP

1 small carrot
2 stalks celery
2 leeks, washed and finely chopped
2 Tbs. olive oil
2 sprigs thyme
2 cups coconut milk (opt.)
2 cloves garlic
¼ cup onion
2-3 small potatoes, diced
2 Tbs. fresh parsley, chopped
1 Tbs. seasoning
salt to taste

Sauté onion, garlic, celery, and leek in oil. Add water and cook until tender. Add potato, thyme, and seasoning. Cook until potatoes are done, remove from heat, and discard the thyme. Place soup in a blender and liquefy. Return soup to the stove top and add coconut milk. Bring to a gentle boil.

(all other recipes are available by e-mail. Send requests to hmarttinen@yahoo.com)

THE VELVET DRESS



CHILDREN'S CORNER

Mary was a young woman, filled with dreams of love for God and His service. John, restless and impatient in his new pastorate in the farmlands of Wisconsin, longed for the libraries and the action of New York City or Chicago, where he had attended school. John's brilliant mind craved books. Mary saw beauty in everything – the

smell of the freshly ploughed fields, the song of a bird, the first signs of spring, crocuses and violets. Mary sang to the wind and laughed with the birds. But she had one secret longing, a new dress for spring. Not the sombre brown or black dresses that a minister's wife was expected to wear, but a long soft velvet dress.

There was no money. Carefully she laid plans. She would put pennies into a box until there was enough money to buy a new kerosene lamp for John and material for a new dress. Someday she would make a blue velvet dress also for her baby, Louise.

The day came when the sewing machine purred like music while Mary sang and sewed. Golden-haired Louise played with empty spools and clothes pins. The small house shone clean. The new lamp had a place of honour on John's reading table.

In a happy mood, Mary brushed her long brown hair in the morning sun. Then she put on her new soft blue velvet dress. She swung around to the delightful squeals of Louise. It was spring. She was young, just 23, with another new life within her and Louise to rock and love. The wilderness church, the sombre immigrants tilling the land, and the severe harshness of the long winter had isolated the young wife into her world of poetry and song. But she had grown to love the faithful people and shared their joys and sorrows. Today, she was filled with joy.

With a flash of summer lightning, Mary was whirled around by an angry John, whose storm of frustration unleashed the fury within him. "Money for foolishness! No libraries, no books – no one to talk to about anything except cows and chickens, planting and harvest."

Like a smouldering volcano, John erupted with rage and ripped the dress to shreds. Just as suddenly the storm was over, and the galloping hoofs of John's horse broke the quiet terror. As he rode into the wind, he unleashed the remainder of his fury on the passing fields and their wide-eyed cows and clucking chickens. He longed to gallop from Wisconsin to the heart of New York – his beloved library.

Huddled in a corner, Mary clutched Louise and the shredded



dress. Trembling with fear and anger she remained motionless. Too drained to weep, she was sick with an emptiness and an unutterable longing for her mother. She remembered Psalm 34:4. "I sought the Lord, and He heard me, and delivered me from all my fears." Then she wept, long and deep, and cried unto the Lord.

Mary set her heart to seek a way of escape. She would make a bed up in the loft and take Louise to sleep with her. John would sleep alone. Then she folded the shredded dress in a small package and hid it in her trunk. Pastor Hansen was coming to visit the near churches and Mary decided to bide her time, to quietly wait and show the dress to Pastor Hansen, then ask for assistance to leave John and return to her mother. With quiet determination she put on her dark dress and combed her hair into a severe knot, befitting a minister's wife. She set the table for supper. When John returned late in the night his supper was still in the oven. Mary was asleep in the loft with Louise curled in her arms.

Quietly John ate his supper and looked for Mary. When he found her in the loft, he ordered her back to their bed and put Louise in the crib. Mary gently tucked Louise in her crib and obediently went to bed. John's storm had passed, but he was unaware of the debris in its wake.

Life went on as usual, but the song was gone and Mary's steps were weighted with bitterness. She quietly waited and thought out her plans.

The arrival of Pastor Hansen brought a new exuberance to John as the two ministers discussed books and theology and the work of the church conference. Mary served quietly. No one would have guessed the anguish behind her gentle face as she worshipped with the faithful congregations, but heard little of the sermons.

The final service was drawing to a close and, as yet, Mary had not had the opportunity to see Pastor Hansen alone. She had to find the opening, perhaps this Sunday afternoon, when John would visit a shut-in member while Pastor Hansen would meditate on the evening message. With a quickened mind she decided to listen to the sermon and perhaps use his comments as an opening.

"The text this morning is found in Mark 11:25. 'When ye stand praying, forgive.' Forgiveness is not optional, but a definite act of the will to forgive, in obedience to God's command. The feeling comes later, the feeling of peace. When we offer to God our hurts and despair, God will pour His love and compassion into wounds, and His healing will come."

"Oh, no," Mary cried inside. "I can't forgive, and I can never forget."

The sermon continued, "Someone may be thinking, I can never forget, even if I could forgive. You are right, you can't forget, but you do not need to be devastated by remembering. God's love and

His forgiveness can and will cushion the memory until the imprint is gone. When you forgive you must destroy the evidence, and remember only to love."

John and Pastor Hansen rode home with Deacon Olsen. Mary stepped into her buggy, tied her wide black hat with a scarf and carefully secured Louise around her waist. As the horse, Dolly, trotted briskly down the country road, Mary's scalding tears poured forth.

She knew what she must do. She would obey God. Without waiting to unhitch Dolly, she fled from the buggy and placed Louise in her crib. With trembling hands, Mary took out of the trunk the package with the torn dress, but she couldn't let go.

Dinner was warming in the oven; Mary poked the fire and added more wood. Automatically she put on the tea kettle and set the table. "The evidence must go," rang in her memory. "I forgive you, John." She finally picked up the tattered dress with one hand and the stove lid with the other. Tears splashed on the fire as she watched the dress burn slowly.

"True forgiveness destroys the evidence," pounded so loudly in her heart that she failed to hear John's footsteps. "Mary, what are you doing?" Trembling with sobs, she said. "I am destroying the evidence."

To herself she said, "My offering to God."

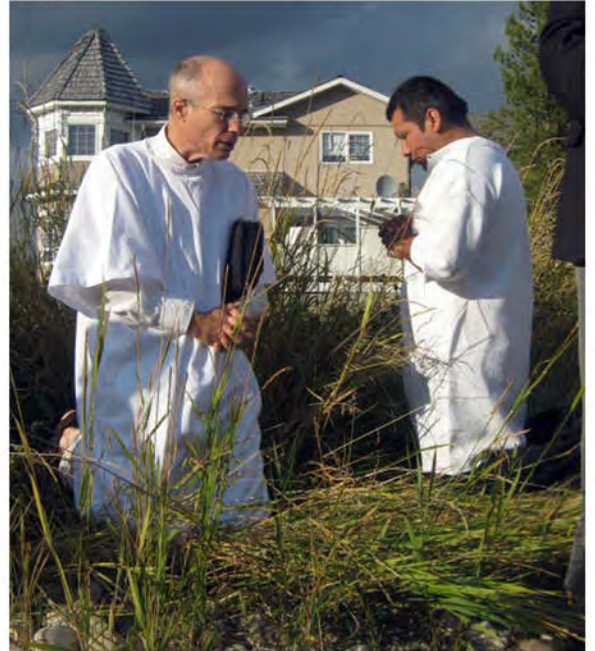
Then John remembered! Pale and shaken he murmured. "Please forgive me."

Fifty-eight happy years they spent together after this occasion and when John had finally finished his life work on earth and passed away, she missed him terribly. How thankful she was that she had learned to forgive. She looked forward to the day when Jesus would come again and she would be reunited with her beloved John.





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The Loud Cry (1858 Great Controversy)

I saw angels hurrying to and fro in heaven. They were descending to earth, and again ascending to heaven, preparing for the fulfilment of some important event. Then I saw another mighty angel commissioned to descend to earth, and unite his voice with the third angel, and give power and force to his message. Great power and glory were imparted to the angel, and as he descended, the earth was lightened with his glory. The light which went before and followed after this angel, penetrated everywhere, as he cried mightily, with a strong voice, saying, Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird. The message of the fall of Babylon, as given by the second angel, is again given, **with the addition of the corruptions which have been entering the churches since 1844.** The work of this angel comes in at the right time, and joins in the last great work of the third angel's message, as it swells into a loud cry. And the people of God are fitted up everywhere to stand in the hour of temptation which they are soon to meet. I saw a great light resting upon them, and they united in the message, and fearlessly proclaimed with great power the third angel's message.

Angels were sent to aid the mighty angel from heaven, and I heard voices which seemed to sound everywhere, Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues; for her sins have reached unto heaven, and God hath remembered her iniquities. **This message seemed to be an addition to the third message, and joined it, as the midnight cry joined the second angel's message in 1844.** The glory of God rested upon the patient, waiting saints, and they fearlessly gave the last solemn warning, proclaiming the fall of Babylon, and calling upon God's people to come out of her; that they might escape her fearful doom.

The light that was shed upon the waiting ones penetrated everywhere, and those who had any light in the churches, who had not heard and rejected the three messages, answered to the call, and left the fallen churches. Many had come to years of accountability since these messages had been given, and the light shone upon them, and they were privileged to choose life or death. Some chose life, and took their stand with those looking for their Lord, and keeping all his commandments. The third message **was** to do its work; all **were** to be tested upon it, and the precious ones **were** to be called out from the religious bodies. A compelling power moves the honest, while the manifestation of the power of God holds in fear and restraint relatives and friends, and they dare not, neither have they power to, hinder those who feel the work of the Spirit of God upon them. The last call is carried even to the poor slaves, and the pious among them, with humble expressions, pour forth their songs of extravagant joy at the prospect of their happy deliverance, and their masters cannot check them; for a fear and astonishment keep them silent. Mighty miracles are wrought, the sick are healed, and signs and wonders follow the believers. God is in the work, and every saint, fearless of consequences, follows the convictions of his own conscience, and unites with those who are keeping all the commandments of God; and they sound abroad the third message with power. **I saw that the third message would close with power and strength far exceeding the midnight cry.**

Servants of God, endowed with power from on high, with their faces lighted up, and shining with holy consecration, went forth fulfilling their work, and proclaiming the message from heaven. Souls that were scattered all through the religious bodies answered to the call, and the precious were hurried out of the doomed churches, as Lot was hurried out of Sodom before her destruction. God's people were fitted up and strengthened by the excellent glory which fell upon them in rich abundance, preparing them to endure the hour of temptation. A multitude of voices I heard everywhere, saying, Here is the patience of the saints; here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus.