



The Four Angels' Messages

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A storm is coming, relentless in its fury. Are we prepared to meet it? We need not say: The perils of the last days are soon to come upon us. Already they have come. We need now the sword of the Lord to cut to the very soul and marrow of fleshly lusts, appetites, and passions. {*Testimonies for the Church Volume Eight*, page 315.2-3}

I am instructed to speak plainly. "Meet it," is the word spoken to me. "Meet it firmly, and without delay." But it is not to be met by our taking our working forces from the field to investigate doctrines and points of difference. We have no such investigation to make. In the book *Living Temple* there is presented the alpha of deadly heresies. The omega will follow, and will be received by those who are not willing to heed the warning God has given. {*Selected Messages Book 1*, page 200.1}

*** SPECIAL EDITION ***

All Main Articles By Ellen White In Full Context

- Decided Action To Be Taken Now
- The Shaking
- An Appeal to Live the Truth and Share It
- Healthy and Delicious Recipe Guidelines
- Health To Live By: Christian Temperance

A Publication By Seventh-day Adventists
For Seventh-day Adventists



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Dear Reader,

As several people have noted, yes, we are just starting out. We are working toward trying to be a ministry that people can use as a resource tool, and at the same time, we are trying to establish proper guidelines for our publication.

Even our website has expanded features that allow you to search the articles, allow contributors to post additional articles, and allow you, as the reader, to comment, like, and even dislike; and more features are planned.

And thank you for all who have sent articles to us both in snail mail format as well as electronically. It will take a little while to address each of them to deem them as acceptable for inclusion in the newsletter or not, as each article is not simply read, but studied. Being a small staff and

limited resources, especially time, it will be awhile before they are published, but do not be discouraged if you do not see such right away.

Speaking of guidelines, one such guideline that we need to retract is the addressing of everyone's questions. It was stated in the previous newsletter that we would address everyone's questions through our publication, however, in light of some recent attacks of character, both personally and on the ministry, I must state that not every question will be addressed now. The reason is stated in the following found in the Spirit of Prophecy:

"Those who were in pursuit of the earthly, mocked them, and threw black balls after them. These did them no injury while their eyes were fixed upon the heavenly crown, but those who turned their attention to the black balls were stained with them." {Testimonies For The Church, Volume One, page 349.1}

Now why is this a special edition? Having the contributors get their material to us by the last day of the prior month seemed to be an easy due date to remember. Then the assembly begins and formatting which we allowed a week to accomplish. After that, the printers get ahold of it and lay it

out for the mailing. They require two weeks from the last correction made. That made the February issue arrive well inside of March. The pressure of not letting this happen again has the easiest solution of all: have all the contributors still provide their material on the same day but instead of it being for the following month, it would be for the month after. In other words, the March 31 deadline now was not for April's newsletter but for May's, which can be fully ready to go into the mail without stress at the end of the prior month, being April, of course. Now to accomplish this, we either skip an issue (April) or we print a special edition.

Having a feeling of being out of place by skipping a month, the special edition featuring mostly Ellen White articles, as they do not need proofed, was chosen. However, quite a few of you probably have access to such resources and may find the newsletter not as interesting as having the regular contributors for you could read such on your own, and probably have. It was felt, though, that if you read a certain collection of articles on a particular subject back to back that it would take on more of an enlightening experience. At

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The mission of The Four Angels' Messages Ministry is to alert as many Seventh-day Adventists as possible to see the need of living the Three Angels' Messages, be well studied in the messages of all four angels, and get ready very soon to go and preach them. It is our belief that not only are we the last generation, but the mark is soon to be forced upon us, and publications like this shall be targeted. So while the presses can run, let us awake to our high calling despite others who want to remain asleep.

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So many are not recognizing *"Only those who are living up to the light they have, will receive greater light. Unless we are daily advancing in the exemplification of the active Christian virtues, we shall not recognize the manifestations of the Holy Spirit in the latter rain. It may be falling on hearts all around us, but we shall not discern or receive it."* {The Review & Herald, March 2, 1897 par. 4}

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issues, and if the Lord impresses you with the means to be able to provide a donation, we definitely would welcome such and put it to proper use including helping pay for subscriptions of those

who cannot afford the cost. The publication is free online in PDF format.

We are a "tithe-worthy ministry" according to clear biblical and Spirit of Prophecy guidelines.

Decided Action To Be Taken Now



Ellen White

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EDITOR NOTE:

*Many over the years have accused us standard bearers (who are crying aloud, showing the apostasy so none be deceived and be lost) as pulling random quotes to just cause trouble. So without human interjection, here is the article on meeting the apostasy, the alpha in her day and the Omega in ours. The alpha was introduced by the book **The Living Temple** which never fully died. Keep in mind that the Books of a New Order used to remove the pillars of our faith began with the introduction of the book, **Questions on Doctrine** in 1957.*

*The article is provided in the original state as found in **Testimonies for the Church Containing Messages of Warning and Instruction to Seventh-day Adventists**, pages 36-42.*

God has permitted the presentation of the combination of good and evil in "Living Temple" to be made to reveal the danger threatening us. The working that has been so ingeniously carried on he has permitted in order that certain developments might be made, and that it might be seen what a man can do with human minds when he has obtained their confidence as a physician. God has permitted the present crisis to come to open the eyes of those who desire to know the truth. He would have His people understand to what lengths the sophistry and devising of the enemy would lead.

Men have given to our leading physician allegiance that is due to God alone; and he has been permitted to show what self-exaltation will lead men to do. Scientific, spiritualistic sentiments, representing the Creator as an essence pervading all nature, have been given to our people, and have been received even by some who have had a long experience as teachers in the word of God. The results of this insidious

devising will break out again and again. There are many for whom special efforts will have to be put forth to free them from this specious deception.

I am now authorized to say that the time has come to take decided action. The development seen in the cause of God is similar to the development seen when Balaam caused Israel to sin just before they entered the promised land. How dangerous it is so to exalt any man that he becomes confused, and confuses the minds of others in regard to the truths that for the last fifty years the Lord has been giving his people.

Few can see the meaning of the present apostasy. But the Lord has lifted the curtain, and has shown me its meaning, and the result that it will have if allowed to continue. We must now lift our voices in warning. Will our people acknowledge God as the supreme Ruler, or will they choose the misleading arguments and views that, when fully developed, make Him, in the minds of those who accept them, as nothingness?

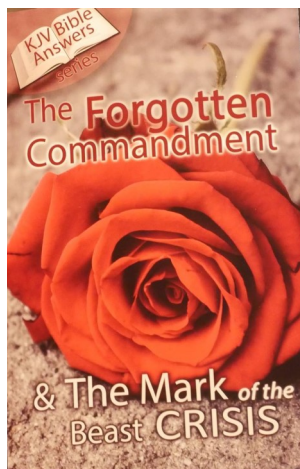
These words were spoken to me in the night season. The sentiments in "Living Temple" regarding the personality of God have been received even by men who have had a long experience in the truth. When such men consent to eat of the fruit of the tree of knowledge of good and evil, we are no longer to regard the subject as a matter to be treated with the greatest delicacy. That those whom we thought sound in the faith should have failed to discern the specious, deadly influence of this science of evil, should alarm us as nothing else has alarmed us.

It is something that can not be treated as a small matter that men who have had so much

light, and such clear evidence as to the genuineness of the truth we hold, should become unsettled, and led to accept spiritualistic theories regarding the personality of God. Those doctrines, followed to their logical conclusion, sweep away the whole Christian economy. They estimate as nothing the light that Christ came from heaven to give John to give to His people. They teach that the scenes just before us are not of sufficient importance to be given special attention. They make of no effect the truth of heavenly origin, and rob the people of God of their past experiences, giving them instead a false science. {SpTB07 37.3}

During the past night, I have been shown more distinctly than ever before that these sentiments have been looked upon by some as the grand truths that are to be brought in and made prominent at the present time. I was shown a platform, braced by solid timbers, the truths of the word of God. Some one high in responsibility in the medical work was directing this man and that man to loosen the timbers supporting this platform. Then I heard a voice saying, "Where are the watchmen that ought to be standing on the walls of Zion? Are they asleep? How can they be silent? This foundation was built by the Master Worker, and will stand the storm and tempest. Will they permit this

The Forgotten Commandment and the Mark of the Beast Crisis



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man to present doctrines that deny the past experience of the people of God? The time has come to take decided action"

I was instructed to call upon our physicians and ministers to take a firm stand for the truth. We are not to allow

atheistic, spiritualistic sentiments to be brought before our youth. God has led us in the past, giving us truth, eternal truth. By this truth

we are to stand. Some of the leaders in the medical work have been deceived, and if they continue to hold fanciful, spiritualistic ideas, they will make many believe that the platform upon which we have been standing for the past fifty years has been torn away. These men need now to see with anointed eyes, with clear spiritual vision, that in spite of all men can do, "the foundation of God standeth sure," and "the Lord knoweth them that are His."

The message to the Laodicean church comes to us at this time with special meaning. Read it, and ask God to show you its import.

Thank God that He is still sending us messages of mercy. Those accepting the theories regarding God that are introduced in "Living Temple" are in great danger of being led finally to look upon the whole Bible as a fiction; for these theories make

for proud boasting and self-exaltation.

The heavenly messenger turned to those professing to be medical missionaries, and said, "How could you allow yourselves to be led blindfold? How could you so misrepresent the name you

bear? You have your Bibles. Why have you not reasoned from cause to effect? You have accepted theories that have led you away

from the truths that are to stamp their impress upon the characters of all Seventh-day Adventists. Your leader has been moving the foundation timbers one by one, and his reasoning would soon leave us with no certain foundation for our faith. He has not heeded the testimonies that God through His Spirit has given. The books of the Bible containing most important instruction are disregarded because they say so much about a personal God. He has not known whither his feet were tending. But in his recent writings, his tendencies toward pantheism have been revealed."

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of no effect the plain word of God.

The tempter is working to gather together at Battle Creek as large a number as possible, hoping that they will receive false ideas of God and His work, and thus make of no effect the impression that God would have made in the minds of those engaged in the medical missionary work and in the gospel ministry. God abhors the great swelling words of vanity that have been spoken by those connected with the Sanitarium. The judgments of God have been visited upon Battle Creek, and these judgments call for humiliation rather than

The enemy of souls has sought to bring in the supposition that a great reformation was to take place among Seventh-day Adventists, and that this reformation would consist in giving up the doctrines which stand as the pillars of our faith, and engaging in a process of reorganization. Were this reformation to take place, what would result? -- The principles of truth that God in His wisdom has given to

the remnant church would be discarded. Our religion would be changed. The fundamental principles that have sustained the

work for the last fifty years would be accounted as error. A new organization would be established. Books of a new order would be written. A system of intellectual philosophy would be introduced. The founders of this system would go into the cities and do a wonderful work. The Sabbath, of course, would be lightly regarded, as also the God who created it. Nothing would be allowed to stand in the way of the new movement. The leaders would teach that virtue

is better than vice, but God being removed, they would place their dependence on human power, which, without God, is worthless. Their foundation would be built on the sand, and storm and tempest would sweep away the structure.

Who has authority to begin such a movement? We have our Bibles. We have our experience, attested to by the miraculous

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working of the Holy Spirit. We have a truth that admits of no compromise. Shall we not repudiate everything that is not in harmony with this truth?

A mind trained only in worldly science fails to discern the deep things of God, but the same mind, converted and sanctified, would see the divine power in the word. Only the mind that is cleansed by the sanctification of the Spirit can discern heavenly things.

The Scriptures, given by inspiration of God, are

"profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works." Let us go to the Word of God for guidance. Let us seek for a "Thus saith the Lord."

We have had enough of human methods.

Brethren, awake to your God-given responsibilities. Your judgment, unless perverted by a long practise of

false principles, will discern the deep things of God, given by the Holy Spirit, and your hearts will be made susceptible to the

teaching of the word.

May God bring His people under the deep movings of His Spirit. The Spirit makes efficient the ordinary means of grace. God teaches that His kingdom is to be established in the earth, "Not by might, nor by power," but by His Spirit. The Spirit is the efficiency of His people.

I am instructed to say that those who would tear down the foundation that God has laid are not to be accepted as the teachers and leaders of His people.

We are to hold the beginning of our confidence steadfast unto the end. Words of power have been sent by God and by Christ to this people, bringing them out from the world, point by point, into the clear light of present truth. With lips touched with holy fire, God's servants have

proclaimed the message. The divine utterance has set its seal to the genuineness of the truth proclaimed.

The Lord calls for a renewal of the straight testimony borne in years past. He calls for a revival of spiritual life. The spiritual energies of His people have long been torpid, but there will be a resurrection from apparent death. {SpTB07 41.3}

In the future, God will call for the gifts and talents of men not now actively engaged in His service. Let these re-

spond to His call, putting their trust in the great Medical Missionary. The power that is the life of the soul has not been seen as it must be. It has been smothered for want of spiritual ventilation.-- the blending of human effort and divine grace.

God is calling upon His

Men may still learn the things that belong to their peace. Mercy's voice may still be heard, calling, "Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. 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. For My yoke is easy, and My burden is light." It is only when spiritual life is given, that rest

is found, and lasting good is secured. We must be able to say, in storm and tempest, "My anchor holds." He who builds upon any other foundation than that which has been laid, builds upon shifting sand. God calls for a reformation. But he who seeks to bring about a reformation without the aid of the Holy Spirit's reviving power, will find himself adrift. Those who turn from human foolishness and frailty, from

man's seductive arts, from Satan's planning, to Christ, the shepherd and bishop of our souls, will stand secure upon the platform of eternal truth.



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of the straight testimony
borne in years past.***

people to work. He comes to them as they idle away the precious, golden moments, and says, "Go work today in My vineyard."

By prayer and confession of sin we must clear the King's highway. As we do this, the power of the Spirit will come to us. We need the Pentecostal energy. This will come; for the Lord has promised to send His Spirit as the all-conquering power.

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The Shaking



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EDITOR NOTE: *Several things you should have picked up from the prior article are:*

- *Ellen White penned a scenario that would reorganize our faith. It was only not a "what if" as since 1957, there has been a progressive agenda to do just that.*
- *Note the result in that the structure, or what we refer to even as the conference, will be swept away.*
- *What causes the division that all aligned with the structure will go with the structure? She said it is "the straight testimony".*

*In this article, we provide more detail regarding "the straight testimony". And without human interjection, here is the article on The Shaking. Please note that all content is provided in the original state as found in **Testimonies For The Church Volume One**, page 179-184.*

November 20, 1857, I was shown the people of God, and saw them mightily shaken. Some, with strong faith and agonizing cries, were pleading with God. Their countenances were pale, and marked with deep anxiety, expressive of their internal struggle. Firmness and great earnestness were expressed in their countenances, while large drops of perspiration fell from their foreheads. Now and then their faces would light up with the marks of God's approbation, and again the same solemn, earnest, anxious look would settle upon

SPARE THY PEOPLE, O Lord, AND GIVE NOT THINE HERITAGE TO REPROACH, THAT THE HEATHEN SHOULD RULE OVER THEM: WHEREFORE SHOULD THEY SAY AMONG THE PEOPLE, WHERE IS THEIR God?" JOEL 2:15-17.

"SUBMIT YOURSELVES THEREFORE TO God. RESIST THE DEVIL, AND HE WILL FLEE FROM YOU. DRAW NIGH TO God, AND HE WILL DRAW NIGH TO YOU. CLEANSE YOUR HANDS, YE SINNERS; AND PURIFY YOUR HEARTS, YE DOUBLE-MINDED. BE AFFLICTED, AND MOURN, AND WEEP:

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them. ["BLOW THE TRUMPET IN ZION, SANCTIFY A FAST, CALL A SOLEMN ASSEMBLY: GATHER THE PEOPLE, SANCTIFY THE CONGREGATION, ASSEMBLE THE ELDERS. . . . LET THE PRIESTS THE MINISTERS OF THE Lord, WEEP BETWEEN THE PORCH AND THE ALTAR AND LET THEM SAY,

LET YOUR LAUGHTER BE TURNED TO MOURNING, AND YOUR JOY TO HEAVINESS. HUMBLE YOURSELVES IN THE SIGHT OF THE Lord, AND HE SHALL LIFT YOU UP." JAMES 4:7-10.

"GATHER YOURSELVES TOGETHER, YEA, GATHER TOGETHER, O NA-

TION NOT DESIRED;
BEFORE THE DECREE
BRING FORTH, BEFORE
THE DAY PASS AS THE
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DAY OF THE LORD'S
ANGER." Zephaniah 2:1
-3.]

Evil angels crowded
around them, pressing

their darkness upon
them, to shut out Jesus
from their view, that
their eyes might be
drawn to the darkness
that surrounded them,
and they distrust God
and next murmur
against Him. Their only
safety was in keeping
their eyes directed up-
ward. Angels of God
had charge over His
people, and as the poi-
sonous atmosphere
from the evil angels
was pressed around
these anxious ones,
the heavenly angels
were continually waft-
ing their wings over
them, to scatter the
thick darkness.

Some, I saw, did not
participate in this work
of agonizing and plead-
ing. They seemed in-
different and careless.
They were not resisting
the darkness around
them, and it shut them
in like a thick cloud.
The angels of God left
these, and I saw them
hastening to the assis-
tance of those who
were struggling with all
their energies to resist
the evil angels, and try-
ing to help themselves
by calling upon God
with perseverance. But
the angels left those
who made no effort to
help themselves, and I
lost sight of them. As

Tell It To The World



- Young adults hitting the streets evangelizing with 5 minute interviews on hot religious topics.
- Interviewees leave with a bag of contents for further reading including the *Great Controversy*, *National Sunday Law*, usually a health article, and other literature.
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the praying ones continued their earnest cries, a ray of light from Jesus would at times come to them, to encourage their hearts, and light up their countenances.

I asked the meaning of the shaking I had seen, and was shown that it would be caused by the straight testimony

called forth by the counsel of the True Witness to the Laodiceans. This will have its effect upon the heart of the receiver, and will lead him to exalt the standard and pour forth the straight truth. Some will not bear this straight testimony.

They will rise up against it, and this will cause a shaking among God's people.

The testimony of the True Witness has not been half heeded. The solemn testimony upon which the destiny of the church hangs has been lightly esteemed, if not entirely disregarded. This testimony must work deep repentance, and all that

truly receive it will obey it and be purified.

Said the angel: "List ye!" Soon I heard a voice that sounded like many musical instruments, all in perfect strains, sweet and harmonious. It surpassed any music I had ever heard. It seemed to be so full of mercy, compassion, and elevating,

The careless and indifferent, who did not join with those who prized victory and salvation enough to perseveringly plead and agonize for it, did not obtain it, and they were left behind in darkness, but their numbers were immediately made up by others taking hold of the truth and coming into the ranks.

holy joy. It thrilled through my whole being. Said the angel: "Look ye!" My attention was then turned to the company I had seen, who were mightily shaken. I was shown those whom I had before seen weeping and praying with agony of spirit. The company of guardian angels around them had been doubled, and they were clothed with an armor

from their head to their feet. They moved in exact order, firmly, like a company of soldiers. Their countenances expressed the severe conflict which they had endured, the agonizing struggle they had passed through. Yet their features, marked with severe internal anguish, now shone

with the light and glory of heaven. They had obtained the victory, and it called forth from them the deepest gratitude, and holy, sacred joy.

The numbers of this company had lessened. Some had been shaken out, and left by the way. ["I KNOW THY WORKS, THAT THOU ART NEITHER COLD NOR

HOT: I WOULD THOU WERT COLD OR HOT. SO THEN BECAUSE THOU ART LUKEWARM, AND NEITHER COLD NOR HOT, I WILL SPEW THEE OUT OF MY MOUTH. BECAUSE THOU SAYEST, I AM RICH, AND INCREASED WITH GOODS, AND HAVE NEED OF NOTHING; AND KNOWEST NOT THAT THOU ART WRETCHED, AND MISERABLE, AND POOR,

AND BLIND, AND NAKED." REVELATION 3:15-17.] The careless and indifferent, who did not join with those who prized victory and salvation enough to perseveringly plead and agonize for it, did not obtain it, and they were left behind in darkness, but their numbers were immediately made up by others taking hold of the truth and coming into the ranks.

Still the evil angels pressed around them, but they could have no power over them. ["FOR WE WRESTLE NOT

AGAINST FLESH AND BLOOD, BUT AGAINST PRINCIPALITIES, AGAINST POWERS, AGAINST THE RULERS OF THE DARKNESS OF THIS WORLD, AGAINST SPIRITUAL WICKEDNESS IN HIGH PLACES. [OR, "WICKED SPIRITS IN HEAVENLY PLACES," AS IN THE MARGIN.] WHEREFORE TAKE UNTO YOU THE WHOLE ARMOR OF God, THAT YE MAY BE ABLE TO WITHSTAND IN THE EVIL DAY, AND HAVING DONE ALL, TO STAND. STAND THEREFORE, HAVING YOUR LOINS GIRT ABOUT WITH

TRUTH, AND HAVING ON THE BREASTPLATE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS; AND YOUR FEET SHOD WITH THE PREPARATION OF THE GOSPEL OF PEACE; ABOVE ALL, TAKING THE SHIELD OF FAITH, WHEREWITH YE SHALL BE ABLE TO QUENCH ALL THE FIERY DARTS OF THE WICKED. AND TAKE THE HELMET OF SALVATION, AND THE SWORD OF THE SPIRIT, WHICH IS THE

prevented from hearing the truth, now eagerly laid hold of it. All fear of their relatives was gone. The truth alone was exalted to them. It was dearer and more precious than life. They had been hungering and thirsting for truth. I asked what had made this great change. An angel answered: "It is the latter rain, the refreshing from the pres-

ence of the Lord, the loud cry of the third angel."

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WORD OF God: PRAYING ALWAYS WITH ALL PRAYER AND SUPPLICATION IN THE SPIRIT, AND WATCHING THEREUNTO WITH ALL PERSEVERANCE AND SUPPLICATION FOR ALL SAINTS." EPHESIANS 6:12-18.]

I heard those clothed with the armor speak forth the truth in great power. It had effect. I saw those who had been bound; some wives had been bound by their husbands, and some children had been bound by their parents. The honest who had been held or

My attention was turned to the wicked, or unbelievers. They were all astir. The zeal and power with the people of God had aroused and enraged them. Confusion, confusion was on every side. I saw measures taken against this company, who had the power and light of God. Darkness thickened around them, yet there they stood, approved of God, and trusting in Him. I saw them perplexed. Next I heard them crying unto God earnestly. Through the day and night their cry

ceased not. ["AND SHALL NOT God AVENGE HIS OWN ELECT, WHICH CRY DAY AND NIGHT UNTO HIM, THOUGH HE BEAR LONG WITH THEM? I TELL YOU THAT HE WILL AVENGE THEM SPEEDILY. NEVERTHELESS WHEN THE SON OF MAN COMETH, SHALL HE

FIND FAITH ON THE EARTH?"

LUKE 18:7, 8. SEE ALSO

REVELA-

TION

14:14, 15.]

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these

words:

"Thy will, O

God, be

done! If it can glorify Thy name, make a way of escape for Thy people! Deliver us from the heathen round about us! They have appointed us unto death; but Thine arm can bring salvation." These are all the words that I can bring to mind. All seemed to have a deep sense of their unworthiness, and manifested entire submission to the will of God. Yet like Jacob, every one, without an exception, was earnestly pleading and wrestling for deliverance.

Soon after they had commenced their earnest cry, the angels, in

sympathy, would have gone to their deliverance. But a tall, commanding angel suffered them not. Said he: "The will of God is not yet fulfilled. They must drink of the cup. They must be baptized with the baptism."

Soon I heard the voice of God which shook the

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["THE LORD ALSO SHALL ROAR OUT OF ZION, AND UTTER HIS VOICE FROM JERUSALEM; AND THE HEAVENS AND THE EARTH SHALL SHAKE: BUT THE LORD WILL BE THE HOPE OF HIS PEOPLE, AND THE STRENGTH OF THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL." JOEL 3:16. SEE ALSO HEBREWS 12:26; REVELATION 6:17.]

There was a mighty earthquake. Buildings were shaken down, and fell on every side. I then heard a triumphant shout of victory, loud, musical, and clear. I looked upon this company, who, a

short time before, were in such distress and bondage. Their captivity was turned. A glorious light shone upon them. How beautiful they then looked! All weariness and marks of care were gone; health and beauty were seen in every countenance. Their enemies, the hea-

then around them, fell like dead men.

They could not endure the light that shone upon the delivered, holy ones. This light and glory remained upon them until Jesus

was seen in the clouds of heaven, and the faithful, tried company were changed in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, from glory to glory. The graves were opened and the saints came forth, clothed with immortality, crying: "Victory over death and the grave!" and together with the living saints they were caught up to meet their Lord in the air, while rich, musical shouts of glory and victory proceeded from every immortal tongue. □

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EDITOR NOTE: *Several things you should have picked up from the prior article are:*

- *A shaking comes upon God's people*
- *Those who are careless, which includes all who do not want to hear these types of messages, who try to squash these messages, who excuse the problems in the church, etc. are going to be lost.*
- *The latter rain comes after the shake up, for which we will provide more detail in another article*

*In this article, we will provide more detail regarding the lost (not the saved) who are shaken out. So without human interjection, here is the article on "An Appeal to Live the Truth and Share It" and is provided in the original state as found in **Manuscript Releases Volume 12**, pages 318-328.*

For weeks I have not been able to sleep after half past three o'clock. My mind is deeply exercised in regard to our condition as a people. We ought to be far in advance of any other people on the earth because we have greater light and greater knowledge of the truth, which lays us under increased accountability to advance that light and not only profess to believe the truth but to practice it. When we do practice the truth we are then following Jesus, who is the light of the world; and if we as a people are not constantly elevating, becoming more and more spiritually minded, we are becoming like the Pharisees--self-righteous--while we do not the will of God.

We must have a greater nearness to God. Much less of self and much more of Jesus Christ and His grace must be brought into our everyday life. We are living in an important period of this world's history. The end of all things is at hand; the sands of time are fast running out; soon in heaven it will be said: "It is done." "He that is holy, let him be holy still," "he which is

filthy, let him be filthy still" [Revelation 21:6; 22:11].

Let our testimonies be sharpened up; let us have a firmer hold on God. I cannot refrain from prayer at one, two, and three o'clock in the morning for the Lord to work upon the hearts of the people. I think of all heaven being interested in the work that is going on upon the earth. Ministering angels are waiting about the throne to instantly obey the mandate of Jesus Christ to answer every prayer offered in earnest living faith. I think of how many who profess the truth are keeping it apart from their lives. They do not bring its sanctifying, refining, spiritualizing power into their hearts. I think how this grieves Jesus.

I think of His great sorrow as He wept over Jerusalem, exclaiming, "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, which killest the prophets, and stonest them that are sent unto thee; how often would I have gathered thy children together, as a hen doth gather her brood under her wings, and ye would not" [Luke 13:34]! God forbid that these words shall apply to those who have great

light and blessings. In the rejecting of Jerusalem it was because great privileges were abused, which brought the denunciation upon all who lightly regarded the great opportunities and precious light that were entrusted to their keeping. Privileges do not commend us to God, but they commend God to us. No people are saved because they have great light and special advantages, for these high and heavenly favors only increase their responsibility.

The more and increased light God has given makes the receiver more responsible. It does not place the receiver in any safer position unless the privileges are wisely improved, prized, and used to advance God's glory. Christ said, "Woe unto thee, Chorazin! Woe unto thee, Bethsaida! for if the mighty works which were done in you, had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes" [Matthew 11:21].

When Jerusalem was divorced from God it was because of her sins. She fell from an exalted height that Tyre and Sidon had never reached. And when an angel falls he becomes a

fiend. The depth of our ruin is measured by the exalted light to which God has raised us in His great goodness and unspeakable mercy. Oh, what privileges are granted to us as a people! And if God spared not His people that He loved, because they refused to walk in the light, how can He spare the people whom He has blessed with the light of heaven in having opened to them the most exalted truth ever entrusted to mortal man

controlling power over the mind. But let the truth be loved and brought into the life, as well as advocated, and that man or woman will hate sin and will be a living representative of Jesus Christ to the world.

The people claiming to believe the truth will not be condemned because they had not the light, but because they had great light and did not bring their hearts to the test of God's great moral standard of righteousness.

The people who claim to believe the truth must be elevated by living it out. Real Bible religion must

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to give to the world?

We are far from being the people God would have us to be, because we do not elevate the soul and refine the character in harmony with the wonderful unfolding of God's truth and His purposes. "Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people" [Proverbs 14:34]. Sin is a disorganizer. Wherever it is cherished--in the individual heart, in the household, in the church--there is disorder, strife, variance, enmity, envy, jealousy, because the enemy of man and of God has the

leaven the life, refine and ennoble the character, making it more and more like the divine model. Then will the home be vocal with prayer, with thanksgiving and praise to God. Angels will minister in the home and accompany the worshiper to the house of prayer.

Let the churches who claim to believe the truth, who are advocating the law of God, keep that law and depart from all iniquity. Let the individual members of the church resist the temptations to practice evils and indulge in sin.

Let the church commence the work of purification before God by repentance, humiliation, deep heart searching, for we are in the antitypical day of atonement--solemn hour fraught with eternal results.

Let those who teach the truth present it as it is in Jesus. Under the subduing, sanctifying, refining, influence of the truth of God they are as clean vessels. Let them be leavened with Bible religion, and what an influence would go forth from them to the world! Let the individual

members of the church be pure, steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the love of Jesus, and they will then be a light to the world. Let the men standing as watchmen and as shepherds of the flock proclaim the solemn truth, sound the notes of warning to all people, nations and tongues. Let them be living representatives of the truth they advocate, and honor God's law by strict and holy compliance with its requirements, walking before the Lord in purity, in holiness, and a power will attend the proclamation of the truth that will reflect light everywhere.

God never forsakes people or individuals until they forsake Him. Outward opposition will not cause the faith of God's people, who are keeping His commandments, to become dim. The neglect to bring purity and truth into practice will grieve the Spirit of God and weaken them because God is not in their

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midst to bless. Internal corruption will bring the denunciations of God upon this people as it did upon Jerusalem. Oh, let pleading voices, let earnest prayer be heard, that those who preach to others shall not themselves be castaways. My brethren, we know not what is before us, and our only safety is in following the Light of the world. God will work with us and for us if the sins which brought His wrath upon the old world, upon Sodom and Gomorrah and upon ancient Jerusalem, do not become our crime.

The least transgression of God's law brings guilt upon the transgressor,

and without earnest repentance and forsaking of sin he will surely become an apostate. You inquire in regard to the course which should be pursued to secure the rights of our people to worship according to the dictates of our own conscience. This has been a burden on my soul for some time,

whether it would be a denial of our faith and an evidence that our trust was not fully in God. But I call to mind many things God has shown me in the past in regard to things of a similar

character, as the draft and other things. I can speak in the fear of God, it is right we should use every power we can to avert the pressure that is being brought to bear upon our people. I know that were our people spiritualized by the truth the greatest love would be maintained.

[We are] not to provoke those who have accepted this spurious sabbath, an institution of the Papacy, in the place of God's holy Sabbath. Their not having the Bible arguments in their favor makes them all the more angry and determined to supply the place of arguments that are wanting in the Word

of God, by the power of their might. The force of persecution follows the steps of the dragon. Therefore great care should be exercised to give no provocation. And again let us as a people, as far as possible, cleanse the camp of moral defilement and aggravating sins. When sin is making its march upon the people who claim to be elevating the moral standard of righteousness, how can we expect God to turn His power in our behalf and save us as a people that did righteousness?

All the policy in the world cannot save us from a terrible sifting, and all the efforts made with high authorities will not lift from us the scourging of God, just because sin is cherished. If as a people we do not keep ourselves in the faith and not only advocate with pen and voice the commandments of God, but keep them every one, not violating a single precept knowingly, then weakness and ruin will come upon us. It is a work that we must attend to in every one of our churches. Each man must be a Christian.

Let the sin of pride be put away, let all superfluities of dress be over-

come, and repentance toward God be exercised for the highhanded robbery toward Him, which has withheld money that should flow into the treasury to sustain the work of God in its mission fields. Let the work of reformation, of true conversion, be set before and urged upon the people. Let our works,

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our deportment, correspond with the work for this time, that we may say, "Follow me as I follow Christ." Let us humble our souls before God by humiliation, fasting and prayer, repentance of sin, and putting it away.

The voice of the true watchman needs now to be heard all along the line, "The morning cometh, and also the night" [Isaiah 21:12]. The trumpet must give a certain sound, for we are in the great day of the Lord's preparation. All the struggles to carry our appeals to the highest authorities in our land, however earnest and strong and eloquent may be the pleas in our

favor, will not bring about that which we desire unless the Lord works by His Holy Spirit in the heart of those who claim to believe the truth. We may struggle as a mighty man in swimming against the current of Niagara, but we shall fail unless the Lord pleads in our behalf. God will be hon-

ored among His people. They must be pure, they must be divested of self, steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord. The Lord will elevate the

humblest soul that trusts in Him. He will unite His power with human effort if that man will honor Him as did Daniel. But as a people we need the beauty of righteousness, holiness, and truth. The most harmonious theory will not save us. The God that ruled in Babylon is the same God that rules now.

There are many doctrines current in our world. There is many a religion current that numbers its thousands and tens of thousands, but there is but one that bears the superscription and the stamp of God. There is a religion of man and a religion of God. We must have our

souls riveted to the eternal Rock. Everything in God's world, both men and doctrines and nature itself, is fulfilling God's sure word of prophecy and accomplishing His grand and closing work in this world's history.

We are to be ready and waiting for the orders of God. Nations will be stirred to their very center. Support will be withdrawn from those who proclaim God's only standard of righteousness,

the only sure test of character. And all who will not bow to the decrees of the national councils and obey the national laws to exalt the sabbath instituted by the man of sin to the disregard of God's holy day, will feel, not the oppressive power of popery alone, but of the Protestant world, the image of the beast.

Satan will work his miracles to deceive; he will set up his power as supreme. The church may appear as about to fall, but it does not fall. It remains, while the sinners in Zion will be sifted out--the chaff separated from the precious wheat. This is a terrible ordeal, but nevertheless it must take place. None but those who have

been overcoming by the blood of the Lamb and the word of their testimony will be found with the loyal and true, without spot or stain of sin, without guile in their mouths. We must be divested of our self-righteousness and arrayed in the righteous-

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The remnant that purify their souls by obeying the truth gather strength from the trying process, exhibiting the beauty of holiness amid the surrounding apostasy. All these, He says, "I have graven . . . upon the palms of my hands" [Isaiah 49:16]. They are held in everlasting, imperishable remembrance. We want faith now, living faith. We want to have a living testimony that shall cut to the heart of the sinner. There is too much sermonizing and too little ministering. We want the holy unction. We need the spirit and fervor of the truth. Many of the ministers are half paralyzed by

their own defects of character. They need the converting power of God.

That which God required of Adam before his fall was perfect obedience to His law. God requires now what He required of Adam, perfect obedience, righteousness without a flaw, without shortcoming in His sight. God help us to render to Him all His law requires. We cannot do this without that faith that brings Christ's righteousness

into daily practice.

Dear brethren, the Lord is coming. Lift up your thoughts and heads and rejoice. Oh, we would think that those who hear the joyful news, who claim to love Jesus, would be filled with joy unutterable and full of glory. This is the good, the joyful news which should electrify every soul, which should be repeated in our homes, and told to those whom we meet on the street. What more joyful news can be communicated! Caviling and contention with believers or unbelievers is not the work God has given us to do.

If Christ is my Saviour, my sacrifice, my atonement, then I shall never perish. Believing on Him,

I have life forevermore. Oh, that all who believe the truth would believe in Jesus as their own Saviour. I do not mean that cheap faith unsupported by works, but that earnest, living, constant, abiding faith, that eats the flesh and drinks the blood of the Son of God. I want not only to be pardoned for the transgression of God's holy law, but I want to be lifted into the sunshine of God's countenance. Not simply to be admitted to heaven, but to have an abundant entrance.

Are we so insensible as a peculiar people, a holy nation, to the inexpressible love that God has manifested for us? Salvation is not to be baptized, not to have our names upon the church books, not to preach the truth. But it is a living union with Jesus Christ, to be renewed in heart, doing the works of Christ in faith and labor of love, in patience, meekness, and hope. Every soul united to Christ will be a living missionary to all around him. He will labor for those near and those afar off. He will have no sectional feeling, no interest merely to build up one branch of the work over which he presides and there let his zeal end. All will work

with interest to make every branch strong. There will be no self-love, no selfish interest. The cause is one, the truth a great whole.

Well may the question be asked with earnest, anxious heart, "Is envy cherished, is jealousy permitted to find a place in my heart?" If so, Christ is not there. "Do I love the law of God, is the love of Jesus Christ

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in my heart?" If we love one another as Christ has loved us, then we are getting ready for the blessed heaven of peace and rest. There is no struggling there to be first, to have the supremacy; all will love their neighbor as themselves. Oh, that God would open the understanding and speak to the hearts of our churches by arousing the individual members.

The Lord appoints and sends forth ministers not only to preach, for this is a small part of His work, but to minister, to educate the people not to be fighters but to be examples of piety. There are workers in every

department appointed to do their work. When Jesus ascended on high He gave some apostles, and some prophets, and some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers. Some have entered the work with a human commission rather than the divine. They have educated themselves as debaters, and the churches under their care show the character

of their work. They were not ready, they were not fitted for the work. Their hearts are not right with God. In short, they have a theory but not true conversion and

sanctification through the truth. The great issue so near at hand will weed out those whom God has not appointed, and He will have a pure, true, sanctified ministry prepared for the latter rain.

Our prayer should ascend to the throne of grace with fervor for the Lord of the harvest to send forth laborers into His vineyard. My heart aches as I look around upon the mission fields and see so feeble efforts to get the truth before the people. No censure can be attached to our leading men. I believe, brethren, you are one with me in heart, in sentiment, in regard to our great need, and in the

earnest desire and earnest efforts to meet the mind of the Spirit of God in these things.

Those who are at ease in Zion need to be aroused. Great is their accountability who bear the truth and yet feel no weight or burden for souls. Oh, for men and women

and in the proclamation of truth. I tell you, a new life is proceeding from satanic agencies to work with a power we have not hitherto realized. And shall not a new power from above take possession of God's people? The truth, sanctifying in its influence, must be

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professing the truth to arouse, to take on the yoke of Christ, to lift His burdens. There are wanted those who will not have merely a nominal interest but a Christ-like interest, unselfish--an intense ardor that will not flag under difficulties or cool because iniquity abounds.

I want to speak to the ears of our people in America in every church. Awake from the dead, and Christ will give you life. Souls are perishing for the light of truth as it is in Jesus. We are standing upon the very borders of the eternal world. Fair-weather Christians will not be wanted for this work. The sentimental and tasteful religion is not needed for this time. There must be intensity brought into our faith

urged upon the people. There must be earnest supplications offered to God, agonizing prayer to Him, that our hopes as a people may not be founded on suppositions, but on eternal realities. We must know for ourselves, by the evidence of God's Word, whether we are in the faith, going to heaven or not. The moral standard of character is God's law. Do we meet its requirements? Are the Lord's people bringing their property, their time, their talents, and all their influence into the work for this time? Let us arouse. "If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God" [Colossians 3:1]. -- Letter 55, 1886. (Written from Basel,

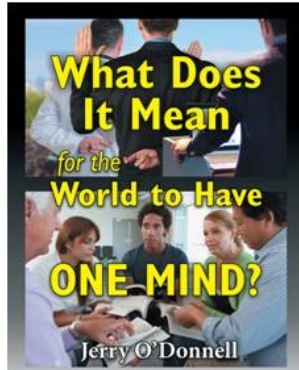
Switzerland, to G. I. Butler and S. N. Haskell, December 8, 1886.). □

When we have entire, whole-hearted consecration to the service of Christ, God will recognize the fact by an outpouring of his Spirit without measure; but this will not be while the largest portion of the church are not laborers together with God. God cannot pour out his Spirit when selfishness and self-indulgence are so manifest; when a spirit prevails that, if put into words, would express that answer of Cain,-- "Am I my brother's keeper?" {The Review and Herald, July 21, 1896 par. 2}

I saw that all things are intensely looking and stretching their thoughts on the impending crisis before them. The sins of Israel must go to judgment beforehand. Every sin must be confessed at the sanctuary, then the work will move. It must be done now. The remnant in the time of trouble will cry, My God, My God, why hast Thou forsaken me?

The latter rain is coming on those that are pure -- all then will receive it as formerly. {Spalding and Magan Collection, pages 2-3}

News And Comments



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March 6, 2017, Yahoo News, Pope says carry and read bible as if it were a mobile phone

HIGHLIGHT: Pope Francis on Sunday called on people to carry and read the bible with as much dedication as they do their mobile phones.

COMMENT: "But he said, Yea rather, blessed [are] they that hear the word of God, and keep it" (Luke 11:28). That is what Jesus said. So carrying it around and reading it is NOT good enough. We must KEEP IT too. And for all the Catholics in the world, if you think you keep it, you don't. I know as a former Catholic. And to the vast majority of Protestants,

if you think you keep it, you don't. I know because even the Catholic Church taunts Protestants on certain subjects that Protestants follow yet there is no scripture for it. The biggest one is Sunday sacredness. The Catholic Church instituted it by the self claimed power to be able to change the commandments. Even Lent is not a practice of the Bible but an institution of the Catholic Church. Easter and Christmas are additional scriptureless practices or dates as Christ was crucified on Passover, which does not always coincide with Easter weekend.

March 7, 2017, Vatican Insider, "Let's get rid of prejudices and walk together"

HIGHLIGHT: On behalf of Catholics and Anglicans, Pope Francis then expressed his gratitude "because, after centuries of mutual suspicion, we are now able to recognize the fruitful grace of Christ is at work also in others." "We thank the Lord - he adds - because among Christians has grown the desire for a closer relationship, which manifests itself in praying together and in a common witness to the Gospel, especially through various forms of service."

COMMENT: When prejudice comes down to "Whosoever transgres-

seth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son. If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into [your] house, neither bid him God speed" (2 John 1:9-10), no thank you pope! I will keep my prejudices unless you start teaching the doctrines of Christ instead of all the errors and apostasy that you teach. Of course Rome will not change, therefore, prejudices will remain.

March 7, 2017, Columbian Missionaries Britain, A Sabbath for the Earth and the Poor: The Challenge of Pope Francis

HIGHLIGHT: "Sunday, like the Jewish Sabbath, is meant to be a day which heals our relationships with God, with ourselves, with others and with the world."

COMMENT: What Pope Francis is aiming for, Sunday recognition world wide, continues to be championed by other denominations. And why not? To be "THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS" (Revelation 17:5) one needs daughters and so they are.

March 7, 2017, Express, Divine intervention! EU leaders

will turn to the POPE over plans to revive struggling bloc

HIGHLIGHT: Brussels chiefs are hoping the Pontiff can provide them with the "leadership" they are lacking to help solve the debilitating crises tearing the bloc apart.

COMMENT: This line in the article is most concerning: "I do think he [Pope Francis] is the ultimate world leader that within the circumstances has the skills and the vision to say things that transcend the obvious and banalities we all say in politics."

"And power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations" (Revelation 13:7). "That great city, which reigneth over the kings of the earth" (Revelation 17:18). "For all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies" (Revelation 18:3).

March 8, 2017, Yahoo, 'Day Without a Woman' strike seeks to continue legacy of massive D.C. march

HIGHLIGHT: The Women's March on Washington and its sister marches showed the power of women coming together in one place, leading to the largest single-day demonstrations in American history. Now

the group behind the march is looking to showcase women's workplace and purchasing power through their absence.

COMMENT: Although discrimination of any sort is uncalled for and unchristian, nonetheless, no Christian should be involved in these demonstrations. Among the list of living for the flesh is "revellings" (Galatians 5:21) in which issues get people worked up and feel that they need to parade and rally for their cause. That is not a Christian activity. All these unfair acts are going to happen and have been happening. Attitudes are not going to change unless people are converted. And that is the only commanded method we are to use. "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, [even] unto the end of the world. Amen" (Matthew 28:19-20). The world will always be dealing with these distractions. We have a mission to go and "hasting unto the coming of the day of God" (2 Peter 3:12) for "this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come" (Matthew 24:14), which is not just any gospel but is "having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation,

and kindred, and tongue, and people" (Revelation 14:6).

March 8, 2017, LA Times, In Theory: How should religion take on climate change?

HIGHLIGHT: Panelists at the annual conference of the American Assn. for the Advancement of Science recently discussed how to talk to religious people about the effects of climate change, the Religion News Service reports.

COMMENT: First the pope uses the encyclical in 2015, then he encourages strongly for all nations to sign the Paris agreement in the end of 2015, then he gives marching orders to the priests around the world to start preaching more sermons pushing the agenda as of the beginning of 2017, and now other religious organizations have gotten on board. Eventually the people will cry for the solution which has already been laid out in the encyclical. It is Sunday observance by both religious and non-religious. Give the earth a day of rest! But God said that the rest day of the people is the Sabbath day, Friday sundown to Saturday sundown, not the man-made day of Sunday, which is on the pagan cycle not once but twice by also running from mid-night to mid-night. That is why God describes antichrist as to "think to change times and laws" (Daniel 7:25). Plural use of TIMES.

Sunday is a pagan day and the cycle of time is a pagan time. All those who follow this change will receive the Mark of the Beast as she brags that it is her mark and there is not an iota of scripture to support her. It is pure recognition that she has the power to change it. And on October 31, 2017, Protestantism will be dead in the eyes of the world. Don't let it happen to you.

March 20, 2017, Catholic News Service, Pope Presides Over Lenten Penance Ser-

vice At Vatican

HIGHLIGHT: A few hours after urging priests to be generously available for the sacrament of penance, Pope Francis went to confession, then offered the sacrament to seven Catholics.

COMMENT: "And there was given unto him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies; and power was given unto him to continue forty [and] two months. And he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme his name, and his tabernacle, and them that dwell in heav-

en" (Revelation 13:5-6). "Why doth this [man] thus speak blasphemies? who can forgive sins but God only?" (Mark 2:7) □

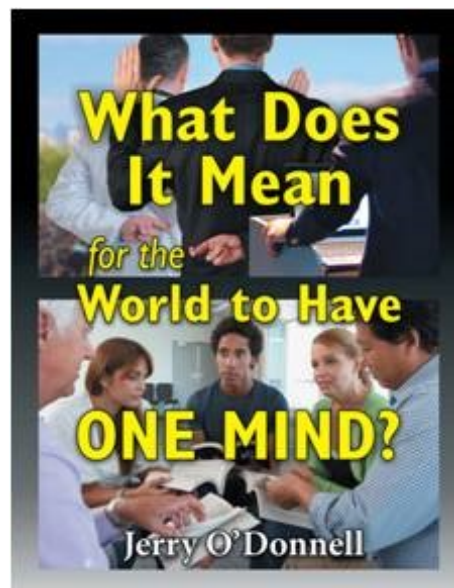
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Healthy And Delicious Recipe Guidelines



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The Lord will teach many in all parts of the world to combine fruits, grains, and vegetables into foods that will sustain life and will not bring disease. Those who have never seen the recipes for making the health foods now on the market will work intelligently, experimenting with the food productions of the earth, and will be given light regarding the use of these productions. The Lord will show them what to do. He who gives skill and understanding to His people in one part of the world will give skill and understanding to His people in other parts of the world. It is His design that the food treasures of each country shall be so prepared that they can be used in the

countries for which they are suited. As God gave manna from heaven to sustain the children of Israel, so He will now give His people in different places skill and wisdom to use the productions of these countries in preparing foods to take the place of meat.

{*Testimonies for the Church Volume Seven*, page 124.3}

One night I seemed to be standing before a company of people, telling them that nuts are used too freely in their preparation of foods; that the system cannot take care of them when used as in some of the recipes given; and that, if used more sparingly, the results would be more satisfactory. {*Testimonies for the Church Volume Seven*, page 126.2}

God will give His people ability and tact to prepare wholesome food without these things. Let our people discard all unwholesome reci-

pes. Let them learn how to live healthfully, teaching to others what they have learned. Let them impart this knowledge as they would Bible instruction. Let them teach the people to preserve the health and increase the strength by avoiding the large amount of cooking that has filled the world with chronic invalids. {*Testimonies for the Church Volume Seven*, page 135.2}

The first chapter of Daniel teaches the lesson that what we eat and drink has an influence upon the powers of the mind, and that if we would have healthful bodies and clear minds, we must be careful of our diet. If we are careless in this matter, and eat simply to gratify taste, the digestive organs are impaired, and the brain is confused, and neither can act their parts as fully as God intended they should. *Manuscript 73 {Sermons and Talks Volume Two*, page 314.1} □

Health To Live By



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Christian Temperance

We are living in an age of intemperance. Health and life are sacrificed, by very many, to gratify their appetite for hurtful indulgences. These last days are characterized by depreciated morals and physical debility, in consequence of these indulgences and the general unwillingness to engage in physical labor. Many are suffering today from inaction and wrong habits.

The majority of the youth of this generation are fond of amusements and afraid of work. They generally lack moral courage to deny appetite and respond to the claims of duty. They have but little self-control, and become excited and passionate on the slightest occasion. Idleness and plenty of mon-

ey to spend in amusements, exciting pleasures, wines, liquors and tobacco, lay the foundation for disease and ruin. Manhood and virtue are sacrificed upon the altar of lust. Very many of every age and station in life are without principle or conscience, and with spend-thrift habits are rushing into all vices, and are corrupting society, until our world is becoming a second Sodom.

Gluttonous feasting and the indulgence of narcotics and stimulants, are carried to great lengths even by the Christian world. How many close their last precious hours of probationary time, in scenes of gaiety, feasting and amusement, where serious thoughts are not allowed to enter, where the spirit of Jesus would be unwelcome! Their last precious hours are passing while their minds are benumbed with tobacco and alcoholic liquors. There are not a few who pass directly from the dens of infamy to the sleep of death; they close their life-record among the associations of dissipa-

tion and vice. What will the awakening be at the resurrection of the unjust!

The eye of the Lord is open upon every scene of debasing amusement and profane dissipation. The words and deeds of the pleasure-lovers pass directly from these halls of vice to the Book of final records. What is the life of this class worth to the world, except as a beacon of warning to those who will be warned, not to live like these men, and die as the fool dieth. The apostle thus entreats, "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God."

When we pursue a course of eating and drinking that lessens physical and mental vigor, or become the prey of habits that tend to the same results, we

dishonor God, for we rob him of the service he claims from us. Those who acquire and indulge the unnatural appetite for tobacco, do this at the expense of health. They are destroying nervous energy, lessening vital force and sacrificing mental strength.

Those who profess to be the followers of

Christ yet have this terrible sin at their door, cannot have a high appreciation of the atonement and an ele-

vated estimate of eternal things. Minds that are clouded and partially paralyzed by narcotics, are easily overcome by temptation, and cannot enjoy communion with God.

Those who use tobacco can make but a poor plea to the liquor inebriate. Two-thirds of the drunkards in our land created an appetite for liquor by the use of tobacco. Those who claim that tobacco does not injure them, can be convinced of their mistake by depriving themselves of it for a few days; the trembling nerves, the giddy head, the irritability they feel, will prove to them that this sinful indulgence has bound them in slavery. It has overcome

will power. They are in bondage to a vice that is fearful in its results.

The love of tobacco is a warring lust. Means are thereby squandered that would aid in the good work of clothing the naked, feeding the hungry, and sending the truth to poor souls out of Christ. What a record will appear when the accounts of life are bal-

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anced in the book of God! It will then appear that vast sums of money have been expended for tobacco and alcoholic liquors! For what? To ensure health and prolong life? Oh, no! To aid in the perfection of Christian character and a fitness for the society of holy angels? Oh, no! But to minister to a depraved, unnatural appetite for that which poisons and kills not only the user but those to whom he transmits his legacy of disease and imbecility. God does not propose to work a miracle to preserve our health and strength which we are daily injuring by vice and habits of hurtful indulgence.

Food prepared with condiments and spices

inflames the stomach, corrupts the blood and paves the way to stronger stimulants. It induces nervous debility, impatience and lack of self-control. Tobacco and the wine-cup follow.

We have seen that the victories gained by the "Temperance Crusade" are not often permanent. In those places

where the excitement ran highest and apparently the most was accomplished in closing liquor saloons and reclaiming inebriates, after the lapse

of a few months, intemperance prevailed to a greater extent than before the effort to suppress it was made.

The reason of this is evident. The work is not deep and thorough. The axe is not laid at the root of the tree. The roots of intemperance lie deeper than mere liquor drinking. In order to make the temperance movement a success, the work of reform must begin at our tables. Eating flesh-meat does not increase physical, mental, or moral health, but, on the contrary, frequently causes diseases of a very aggravating character. The use of highly seasoned meats creates an appetite for stronger

stimulants such as tobacco and liquor.

The immediate results of meat-eating may be apparently to invigorate the system, but this is no reason for its being considered the best article of diet. The moderate use of brandy will have the same effect for the time being, but when its exciting influence is gone there follows a sense of languor and debility. Those who depend upon simple and nutritious food, that is comparatively unstimulating in its effects, can endure more labor in the course of months and years than the

meat-eater or the liquor-drinker. They who work in the open air will feel less injury from the use of flesh-meats than those of sedentary habits, for sun and air are great helps to digestion, and do much to counteract the effect of wrong habits of eating and drinking.

All stimulants hurry the human machinery too fast, and although, for the time, activity and vigor may seem to be increased, in proportion to the irritating influence employed, there must be a reaction; a debility will follow corresponding in degree to the unnatural excite-

ment that has been produced.

When this debility is felt, something to stimulate and tone up the system is again used to give immediate relief from disagreeable languor. Nature is gradually educated to rely upon this oft-repeated remedy, until her powers are enfeebled by being often aroused to unnatural action. All persons should become acquainted with the

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laws of their being. It should be an important subject of study, how to live, how to regulate labor, and how to eat and drink in reference to health.

The more simply and naturally we live the better shall we be able to resist epidemic and disease. If our habits are good and the system is not weakened by unnatural action, Nature will furnish all the stimulus that we require.

If men and women perseveringly live in accordance with the laws of life and of health, they will realize the

blessed results of an entire health reform. But many make a mistake at the very commencement of their reform. They go to extremes. They carry their ideas too far. Their views in regard to healthful diet are too narrow. They have the same articles of food upon their tables, with scarcely a variation, from week to week, and from month to month.

They take no pains to prepare fruits and grains in an inviting as well as healthful manner, and, after this course has been rigidly followed for a while, they decide that they cannot follow out the principles of health reform, and go back to their former manner of living.

Those who set out from impulse and pursue a radical course for a time and then go back, do great injury to the cause. Many make too great and sudden changes in their diet. As the light of health reform comes to them, conscience is aroused in regard to their eating and drinking, and in their effort to change their habits of living they do not preserve a safe medium, but go to an extreme at once.

They reduce the quantity and quality of their food. This abstemiousness reduces their strength, and really injures their health. They finally conclude that they cannot live the health reform. The real facts in the case are, they never did carry out its principles. Health reform as we understand it, does not consist in an impoverished diet. The table should be well provided with fruits and grains prepared in such a manner that they are not only nutritious but inviting.

Some get the idea that to adopt the health reform is to subsist upon the very cheapest food prepared with the least labor. This is not true. It is a libel on the principles of health reform. The human system must have nourishment, and all cannot relish the same dishes. So when the table is spread with the same article of food, prepared in the same way, meal after meal and day after day, some members of the family may be well satisfied and enjoying their food very much, while others may be only able to eat sparingly of one dish and the wants of the system

will not be met; for it is a fact that some persons cannot relish, or be nourished by articles of food which others enjoy and thrive upon. But every person may do much towards educating the taste and appetite to relish plain and healthful food, such as graham bread and oat-meal gruel, and var-

verted. It is unnatural to have a craving for flesh-meats. It was not thus in the beginning. The appetite for meat has been made and educated by man. Our Creator has furnished us, in vegetables, grain, and fruits, all the elements of nutrition necessary to health and strength. Flesh-meats composed

no part of the food of Adam and Eve before their fall. If fruits, vegetables and grains are not sufficient to meet the wants of man, then the Creator made a mistake in

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The rule which some recommend, is to eat whenever there is a sense of hunger, and to eat until satisfied. This course will lead to disease and numerous evils. Appetite at the present day is not generally natural, therefore is not a correct index to the wants of the system. It has been pampered and misdirected until it has become morbid and can no longer be a safe guide. Nature has been abused, her efforts crippled by wrong habits and indulgence in sinful luxuries, until taste and appetite are alike per-

providing for Adam.

The habits of the age are serious obstacles to the perfecting of Christian character. Physically we are composed of what we eat, and our minds are greatly influenced by our bodies. If we subsist largely upon the flesh of animals, the animal nature is increased in like proportion. Man is sufficiently animal in his nature without cultivating those propensities by the eating of food which stimulates and excites the animal organs to activity. As these propensities are strengthened the mental and moral powers are diminished.

God did not withhold

meat from the Hebrews in the wilderness simply to show his authority, but for their good, that they might preserve physical and moral strength. He knew that the use of animal food strengthens the animal passions and enfeebles the intellect. He knew that the gratification of the appetite of the Hebrews for flesh

-meats, would weaken their moral powers, and induce such an irritable disposition that the vast army would become insubordinate, that they would lose the high sense of their

moral obligations, and refuse to be controlled by the wise laws of Jehovah. Violence and rebellion would exist among them, making it impossible for them to be a pure and happy people in the land of Canaan. God knew what was best for the children of Israel, therefore he deprived them in a great measure of flesh-meats.

Satan tempted them to consider this unjust and cruel. He caused them to lust after forbidden things, because he saw that through the indulgence of perverted appetite they would become carnally-minded

and could be easily brought to do his will; the lower organs would be strengthened, while the intellectual and moral powers would be weakened.

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drinking, he has gained, in a great degree, the control of their minds and baser passions. In the beginning man ate of the fruits of the earth, but sin brought into use the flesh of dead animals as food. This diet works directly against the spirit of true refinement and moral purity. The substance of that which is taken into the stomach, passes into the circulation, and is converted into flesh and blood.

Those who subsist largely upon flesh-meats inflame the stomach thereby, the blood becomes torpid and impure, head-aches

and indispositions follow. The system is filled with humors; fevers, scrofula and cancers are the consequences. Especially is this true of those who eat swine's flesh. Yet so great is the tendency to ignore these evils, that few can be brought to realize the true effects of this sort of diet upon the

human system.

God requires that his people should be temperate in all things. The example of Christ, during that long fast in the wilderness, should teach his followers to re-

pulse Satan when he comes under the guise of appetite. Then may they have influence to reform those who have been led astray by indulgence, and have lost moral power to overcome the weakness and sin that has taken possession of them. Thus may Christians secure health and happiness, in a pure, well-ordered life and a mind clear and untainted before God.

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Questions And Answers



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QUESTION:

Is the Holy Spirit a Third Person?

COMMENT:

That is basically what a number of readers have asked. And so we have collected all comments and questions to be answered under this one question title, but here is a sampling of the actual questions posed to us:

QUESTION:

Are you a Trinitarian? Such is not in the Bible.

QUESTION:

Why did the Father and Son not speak to the Holy Spirit? Why did the Holy Spirit not speak to the Father or Son? Do we have two intercessors?

QUESTION:

Can God be the Son also? The Holy Spirit is NOT a person. [Editor's comment: Evidently this anti-third person also does not believe Jesus to be God in addition to the Father, meaning, only the Father is God and the Son is not, which makes only one God in the Godhead despite that Matthew 1:23 states, "God with us".]

QUESTION:

Isn't the Holy Spirit simply the impression of truth?

QUESTION:

Isn't the Holy Spirit simply the presence of Jesus' Spirit with us (Galatians 4:6)?

QUESTION:

Isn't the Holy Spirit simply God's [the Father] presence with us for the Holy Spirit is referred to as the Spirit of God?

QUESTION:

By elevating the Holy Spirit to be equal with the Son and the Father, does that not make the Holy Spirit an intercessor as well when we have only ONE intercessor?

ANSWER:

Before we begin answering the questions, first, our apologies if we have not summarized your specific question in the list of questions above. Second, hopefully we do not lose your focus by choosing to address all of these questions in one answer. To build up an answer to some of the questions above will eventually be repetitive and space consuming. We will be starting out in almost in a bullet point manner but eventually get deeper into the Holy Spirit topic.

As you see from the questions, many have different beliefs of the Godhead, different roles of the Holy Spirit, and many do not agree with each other except that they do not believe the Holy Spirit to be a person. So if all those that are against the third person cannot agree, how can we, then, be in agreement that there is no third person? Which option do we choose? Is the Holy Spirit God the Father or the Son or both? Or is the Holy Spirit just an impression of truth, inanimate?

Admittedly, the word "trinity" is pagan; the Biblical term is God-head, and we ought to use the biblical term instead of the ecumenical or Catholic term. Evidently, there is an agenda in the conference to bring us in line with the use of "trinity" as many prominent speakers use it and the hymnal words were adapted to accept it. If one simply compares the song "Holy, Holy, Holy" in the 1941 hymnal to the 1985 hymnal, one would see how "God in three persons, blessed trinity" replaced "Perfect in power, in love and purity" just to note one of the changes.

Next, let us address the Holy Spirit simply being truth. It is assumed the statement is based upon John 14:17, which says, "Spirit of truth". If the Spirit is a mere object (truth), then Jesus would also be nothing more than an object as well for Jesus declared, "I am the way, the truth, and the life" (John 14:6). So the Spirit simply being truth is not accurate at all.

Then let us address the reference of "one intercessor". The Bible clearly teaches that "For [there is] one God, and one mediator between God and men,

the man Christ Jesus" (1 Timothy 2:5). It does not say only one intercessor, especially since a human may even be an intercessor. Jeremiah was told to stop his practice of intercession (Jeremiah 7:16) only when Judah had gone too far. Every prayer we offer regarding others is an intercessory prayer. Elijah was commended for offering such prayers (Romans 11:2). Paul practiced intercessory prayer as well (1 Timothy 2:1). Even Moses stood for the people. But there is only one that is THE Intercessor – "[There is] ... one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus" (1 Timothy 2:5). Of all those who intercede, there is only One who can mediate because it is by the blood that He shed that makes it possible for mediation. He alone brings peace between us and the Father since sin separated us. So, believing in the Holy

Spirit as a type of intercessor does not take away from Jesus' ministry whatsoever, nor does it set us up to be on the side of anti-christ, which leads us into the next point.

Speaking of antichrist, I, being a former Catholic, understood that the Trinitarian belief is that the God of the Old Testament was the Father; Jesus was "God with us" but now sits at the right hand physically just waiting to return; and the Holy Spirit has been the God ever since – as if they really do not all agree. This poison has infiltrated Protestant beliefs, for they believe that the Ten Commandments were a creation of God the Father, but Jesus came and replaced them with love – just love God and love your neighbor. And the Holy Spirit simply gifts people to enjoy Christianity. Of course, we reject such theology.

Interjecting a different

NEED A RECEIPT?

We will be happy to provide you with a receipt but please indicate that you would like to receive one. Many give without claiming it on their taxes. Personally, I would so as to have more to give. But for us to mail a receipt to those that do not use such would be a waste of God's funds. So do not hesitate to ask, and even if you already gave, we have record of it, so if you still want a receipt, just ask.

thought for a moment before moving onto the next point, Satan's own counterfeit reveals a three person Godhead for as Satan counterfeits, it is usually on equal terms. Take for instance that there is one baptism. Although there are fourteen or more counterfeit choices, only one of them is ever chosen for use in baptism, be it sprinkling, triple immersion, rose petals, mass sprinkling, photograph dunking, or other means. So one baptism and one choice of counterfeit. There is one truth about death counterfeited also multiple ways, but only one is chosen, be it immediate Heaven or Hell, re-incarnation, floating spirits on the earth, another dimension, etc. So if one does not believe in soul sleep, they choose to believe one of the counterfeits. Again, a one-to-one relationship. Likewise for each of the Godhead, Satan has replaced them specifically maintaining the one-to-one counterfeit. The Bible says, "And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs [come] out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet" (Revelation 16:13).

The dragon (Satan) replaces the Father, the beast (antichrist or Vatican) replaces Jesus Christ, and the false prophet (Protestant America) replaces the Holy Spirit. If there were only two persons to the Godhead, there would not be three replacements.

Now let us address the Holy Spirit being referred to as God's Spirit, His Spirit, My Spirit, etc. It is no different than Jesus being referred to as, "This is my beloved Son" (Matthew 17:5) or "Son of God" (Daniel 3:25).

Again, let us interject another point of the implication that God sends His Spirit to us being some type of entity from within. If we believe that, then since we are made in the image of God, then our spirit should be referred to on equal terms, and that gives credence to the belief that we have a floating entity being released from within us upon death. It also opens up the belief of out-of-body experiences, which is some type of spirit floating around when we are unconscious or nearing death. Both of those beliefs are nothing short of spiritualism.

Now addressing that

neither the Father nor the Son spoke to the Holy Spirit, or the other way around, the Bible says, *"Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, [that] shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come"* (John 16:13). Just who is the Holy Spirit listening to? The devil? The Holy Spirit is listening to someone and it is not angels or humans, either. That pretty much leaves probably the Father, maybe the Son. But overall, how does the Holy Spirit speak? The Holy Spirit speaks through promptings and impressions guiding us into all truth. We are not to have conversation with the Holy Spirit. All glory goes to the Father.

And look carefully again at John 16:13. For the Holy Spirit to actually be the Father or the Son, that means the Father or Son would be talking to themselves. The Holy Spirit is told what to speak. He speaks what He hears. The proper understanding is that the Holy Spirit has a message from the Father and the Son; whatever is told to Him, He repeats to us.

Now we have not mentioned the numerous pronouns of "He" referring to the Holy Spirit as evidence of being a person from that verse, but someone is bound to quote, "*The Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered*" (Romans 8:26). The use of "itself" implies that all of the uses of "He" should be cancelled, especially since most of them are not in the original Greek, but are added words to make sense of the verse. However, since when does an "it" groan? Persons groan. According to the Bible Lexicon, "itself" in the Greek is "autos". The Greek word "autos" can be interpreted as 1) *himself, herself, themselves, itself*, 2) *he, she, it*, 3) *the same*. But even the words of "He" being dismissed from John 16:13 does not remove the translated word of "himself" in the same verse, which is not an added word. [As a side note, I hated referring to the Greek because now we are taking the understanding of the Bible from just a simple understanding as it reads to a so-called higher level of education. So I do not want to get into a Greek and Hebrew de-

bate.]

Now let us turn to Ellen White's writings on this matter since many have sent us quotes using Ellen White to convince us that she did not believe in the third person, nor did the pioneers. I believe there is room for disagreement of what she believed and did not believe.

"Sin could be resisted and overcome only through the mighty agency of the Third Person of the Godhead, who would come with no modified energy, but in the fullness of divine power. It is the Spirit that makes effectual what has been wrought out by the world's Redeemer. It is by the Spirit that the heart is made pure. Through the Spirit the believer becomes a partaker of the divine nature. Christ has given His Spirit as a divine power to overcome all hereditary and cultivated tendencies to evil, and to impress His own character upon His church." {*The Desire of Ages*, page 671.2}

I have heard from previous encounters with anti-third-person people that they simply throw away the quote. The reason they throw it away is because they believe *The Desire of Ages* to be somewhat

plagiarized and in the process, the error was not caught. Although Ellen White does make a statement that some things she wrote, not necessarily *The Desire of Ages*, were copied because other authors wrote it out better than she could pen. God does not work on the human level nor was plagiarism an issue then, so it was permitted. But it is hard to believe that a prophet who is so hard against using infidel authors to spread error would permit such a grand error in her writings, especially in light of today when so many denounce a three person Godhead as heresy, apostasy, and of the antichrist. Then they ought to denounce Ellen White as a heretic for allowing such to be published, not once, but multiple times.

Again, as an important interjection that is unrelated to our topic but must be stated, when we get to the point of throwing out some of Ellen White's writings, we then have placed us (uninspired people) above the Spirit of Prophecy. It is no different than the many people who criticize even the King James Version of the Bible as containing some heretical content sneaked in

by erroneous copyists and even papal infiltrators. Once we start undermining pieces of the Bible it becomes untrustworthy, which should reveal Satan's agenda. Just how does one think Satan is going to fulfill the prophecy among conservatives that states, *"The very last deception of Satan will be to make of none effect the testimony of the Spirit of God"* {Selected Messages Book 1, page 48}. The deception is to argue evidence that shows a small group of people being privileged to holding the purest form of the Spirit of Prophecy as well as the Bible.

Continuing on with the quote:

"Of the Spirit Jesus said, 'He shall glorify Me.' The Saviour came to glorify the Father by the demonstration of His love; so the Spirit was to glorify Christ by revealing His grace to the world. The very image of God is to be reproduced in humanity. The honor of God, the honor of Christ, is involved in the perfection of the character of His people." {The Desire of Ages, page 671.3}

Other quotes include:

"The prince of the power of evil can only be

held in check by the power of God in the third person of the Godhead, the Holy Spirit." {Special Testimonies for Ministers and Workers. -- No. 10, page 37.1}

"Evil had been accumulating for centuries and could only be restrained and resisted by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, the Third Person of the Godhead, who would come with no modified energy, but in the fullness of divine power. Another spirit must be met; for the essence of evil was working in all ways, and the submission of man to this satanic captivity was amazing." {Testimonies to Ministers and Gospel Workers, page 392.2}

"What does God require? Perfection, nothing less than perfection. But if we would be perfect, we must put no confidence in self. Daily we must know and understand that self is not to be trusted. We need to grasp God's promises with firm faith. We need to ask for the Holy Spirit with a full realization of our own helplessness. Then when the Holy Spirit works we shall not give self the glory. The Holy Spirit will graciously take the heart into His keeping, bringing to it all

the bright beams of the Sun of Righteousness. We shall be kept by the power of God through faith." {12MR 52.1}

Ellen White specifically used the pronoun "His" when referring to the Holy Spirit, and was not even quoting scripture at the time. I say that because many could easily say that where Ellen White used "He" and "Him", she was just repeating the Bible. But even so, in quoting the Bible as being in error by using the pronoun "He", would she then be promoting the error herself? Would she not have been used to correct the error? Since she corrected no error on the use of personal pronouns that means that there is no error in the Bible when the Holy Spirit is referred to by "He", "Him", etc.

Continuing with the quotes from *Manuscript Releases Volume Twelve*:

"When we are daily under the control of God's Spirit, we shall be commandment-keeping people. We may show to the world that obedience to God's commands brings its own reward, even in this life, and in the future life eternal blessedness. Notwithstanding our profession of faith, the Lord by whom our ac-

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tions are weighed, sees but an imperfect representation of Christ. He has declared that such a condition of things cannot glorify Him." {12MR 52.2}

Now many may quickly say, "See, it is God's Spirit". Yes, just like Jesus is God's Son.

"It means much to commit the keeping of the soul to God. It means that we are to live and walk by faith, not trusting in or glorifying self, but looking to Jesus our advocate as the author and finisher of our faith. The Holy Spirit will do its work upon the heart that is contrite, but never can He work upon a self-important, self-righteous soul. In his own wisdom such a one would mend himself. He interposes between his soul and the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit will work if self will not interpose." {12MR 52.3}

Again, we have the word "its" used, but then one cannot dismiss the words "never can **He** work...". That "He" is the Holy Spirit.

"Where is our dependence? Where is our help? God's Word tells us: 'The Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in My name, He

shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you' (John 14:26). The Holy Spirit is ready to cooperate with all who will receive Him and be taught by Him. All who lay hold on the truth and are sanctified through the truth are so united with Christ that they can represent Him in word and action. They have put on Christ, and they possess a power that enables them to reveal the truth to others. May the Holy Spirit speak to the hearts of God's chosen people, that their words may be as choice as gold, as they give the bread of life to those in transgression and sin." [John 14:21, 23, 24, quoted.] {12MR 53.1}

In using the word "Him" twice along with the Bible quote of "He", Ellen White is referring to a person. Further, if the Holy Spirit was not separate, why, then, is she writing, "May the Holy Spirit speak to the hearts of God's chosen people" when she should have written "May the God speak to the hearts of His chosen people"?

The bottom line is that there is enough evidence to say that the conference is going too

far to accommodate with the word "trinity" while at the same time the devil is appealing to conservatives too far to the other side by abandoning altogether the Third Person. The middle ground of truth appears to be believing in a three person God-head, not trinity. □

As you read this, could things like ASI requirements, people wanting to know if a ministry is conference approved, be fulfillment of control?

There will be those among us who will always want to control the work of God, to dictate even what movements shall be made when the work goes forward under the direction of the angel who joins the third angel in the message to be given to the world. God will use ways and means by which it will be seen that He is taking the reins in His own hands. The workers will be surprised by the simple means that He will use to bring about and perfect His work of righteousness.--

Testimonies to Ministers and Gospel Workers, p. 300.

least that is what we are hoping for – to wake up the church to the fact that we have little time left, and we need to be busy both inside and outside of the church. We are to meet the apostasy inside the church and be planting seeds to pull people out

of Babylon, which are the other denominations. Besides, are we not supposed read and reread certain content of her writings? Of course we are.

"The volumes of Spirit of Prophecy, [THE GREAT CONTROVERSY] and also the Testimonies, should

be introduced into every Sabbathkeeping family, and the brethren should know their value and be urged to read them. It was not the wisest plan to place these books at a low figure and have only one set in a church. They should be in the library of every family and be read again and again. Let them be kept where they can be read by many." [VOL. 4, P. 390 (1880).] {*Testimonies for the Church Volume Five*, page 681.2}

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