



The Four Angels' Messages

A Monthly Magazine

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Children, remember that you are the Lord's property. Jesus gave His life that you might be saved. See how much you can do for Him. First give Him your hearts. Accept Him as your personal Saviour, and consecrate yourselves to Him as His children. The most highly-valued treasure which you can give the Lord is the heart. Present to Him a New Year's Offering by giving Him yourself. "Ye are not your own: for ye have been bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's."

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For Seventh-day Adventists**

Dear Brothers and Sisters ...

Jerry O'Donnell

It is hard to believe that we begin a new year, even changing the second to the last digit in the year. Many have thought that after September, 2001, we would see the kingdom in a matter of a few years. I remember my sermon, shortly thereafter, in which I stated that we are in the very last days. I did not set a date, but since that time, the pace towards putting everything in place for the Mark of the Beast has been on rapid speed. All kinds of laws against citizens were put in place, stripping us of our freedoms.

Oh, the Democrats will throw mud at the Republicans uncovering all kinds of secret surveillances on the citizens. Republicans will appear as split between moderates and conservatives regarding the issues raised, but in reality, neither Democrat nor Republican have actually repealed much of what is already established. If they do repeal anything, it is only because something else is in its place. In other words, this Democrat and Republican debate broadcast in the media is nothing more than a drama before the citizens to make them think that the politicians are dealing with these things. In reality,

every electronic device, every text exchange, every email exchange, every Facebook post, every Twitter message sent – everything is scrutinized and stored.

On top of that, there are a number of TV shows, oh, excuse me, I meant news broadcasts that show the fighting that goes on between the NSA and technology companies. Even Facebook and others were brought before committees. It is all for public display with reality being quite different behind closed doors where much cooperation continues.

I laugh sadly at those that think this is just some fringe belief. Such people are ignorant and have short-term memories. The news media, years ago, declared that there is no such super computer retaining any material on its citizens, only to be followed up a couple years after that with an article on how that specific super computer got an upgrade. Wait a moment! If it does not exist, how can it get an upgrade?

What was more alarming was that shortly after 9/11, I became a federal computer contractor. I had top secret clearance with access to numerous computer resources.

One of those resources had the nickname “purple dragon”. Of all names to choose! Yes, it is not “red dragon”, but purple is technically a shade of red, seeing that there are only three primary colors -- red being one of them.

And those that fear to send sensitive material through email or in a text message, just remember, it is not by chance that all communications have been digitized. Every phone conversation is transmitted in 0s and 1s. It is all storable, traceable, and searchable.

Now, I do not open up this issue to create fear and trembling, but rather to simply reveal where we are in time. We are at the point where the tools are in place to track who is complying with the future Sunday law, and who is not. However, those who become anxiety-ridden over these things, remember that we are to be like Daniel. “Now when Daniel knew that the writing was signed, he went into his house; and his windows being open in his chamber toward Jerusalem, he kneeled upon his knees three times a day, and prayed, and gave thanks before his God,

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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, to get ready and be ready very soon to go and preach them, even being active now. 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. Keep in mind, the final movements of the message are described thus:

“Are we hoping to see the whole church revived? That time will never come.” {1SM 122.1}

“We must enter upon the work individually.” {1SM 122.2}

We are not against conference churches as there are some still faithful, but most are not.

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“Bring an Offering Unto the Lord.”

Ellen White (extra article)

“Ye are not your own; for ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God’s.”

We need to realize the importance of consecrating our talents to God. We should give ourselves to Him—body, soul, and spirit—to do His will. Our talents are not of our own creating; they are but lent to us, and they are to be sacredly employed in God’s service. We must not trifle with the responsibility of using them wisely. As we use them, we are ever to remember that God will require them again at our hands. As we use our talents wisely, devoting them to God’s service, they will be increased.

In the parable of the talents, Christ has plainly declared the use He expects us to make of our endowments. “The kingdom of heaven,” the Saviour said, “is as a man travelling into a far country, who called his own servants, and delivered unto them his goods. And unto one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another

one, according to their several ability, and straightway took his journey.” Read carefully the record of use made of these talents. The one who had received five talents and the one who had received ten put their money out to usury, and on the return of their Master, they were able to give back to him the principal and interest. These servants were equally commended. To each the Master said, “Well done, good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things: I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord.”

The servant who had received one talent did not appreciate the gift, but bound up his talent and hid it in the earth. He did not good with that which the lord gave him. With murmuring and complaint he came to his lord, saying, “Lord, I knew thee, that thou art an hard man, reaping where thou hast not sown, and gathering where thou hast not strawed: and I was afraid, and went and hid thy talent in the

earth: lo, there thou hast that is thine. His lord answered and said unto him, Thou wicked and slothful servant, thou knewest that I reap where I sowed not, and gather where I have not strawed. Thou oughtest therefore to have put my money to the exchangers, and then at my coming I should have received mine own with usury. Take therefore the talent from him, and give it unto him which hath ten talents. For unto every one that hath shall be given, and he shall have abundance: but from him which hath not shall be taken away even that which he hath.”

The holiday season is right upon us. At this time much money is spent in buying presents which are of very little use. If those who claim to believe the Bible would consider that the Lord has claims upon them which are unthought of and unacknowledged, they would regard the matter of Christmas and New Year gifts in an altogether different light. Christ has made for us a complete offer-

ing, an offering without defect or blemish. If we make Christmas or New Year offerings, let it be the offering of wholehearted service to God. In the place of using our money to buy presents for friends or relatives who do not need them, let us bring this money to God as a thankoffering for what He has done for us, even as the wise men brought to Christ their offerings of gold and frankincense and myrrh.

I wish to tell you, my dear friends, that as you do your best, making your gift proportionate to your ability to give, God will accept your offering. Remember the offering Christ made—the offering of Himself to a life of suffering, humiliation, and shame in order to save a world perishing in sin. Unless this offering had been made, we must have perished. As we look upon the self-denial and self-sacrifice of Christ, the sacrifices we are called upon to make sink into insignificance. How much do you owe to Him who gave His life for you?

Christ's invitation to the whole world is, "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." Christ has the most precious lessons for us to learn. Strength of purpose and moral courage are obtained through His grace. "Of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom and righteousness and sanctification and redemption; that, according as it is written, He that glorifieth, let him glory in the Lord."

Christ had compassion upon fallen man. He placed Himself in his stead, to suffer the penalty of transgression. Thus He has made it possible for sinners to return to their allegiance to God, to take their place under the royal standard of the Prince of life. Christ has purchased the whole race, to give them an opportunity to become reconciled to God. He placed truth before men with such clearness and simplicity that all who will may find the path to heaven. He is "the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world."

All the words of the

great Teacher are weighty with eternal importance. They are full of dignity and nobility, and are comprehensible to all who wish to understand. Christ presented sublime and beautiful truths with the greatest simplicity. He used the most familiar objects to illustrate His meaning, knowing that when His hearers should afterward see these objects His lessons would repeat themselves to their minds. Thus He inculcated grand and ennobling truths.

These treasures of truth have been opened to us, that we may understand the great love wherewith God has loved us.

"Wherefore, gird up the loins of your mind: be sober, and hope to the end, for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ: as obedient children, not fashioning yourselves according to the former lusts in your ignorance, but as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation. Because it is written, Be ye holy, for I am holy."

Many in this world are perishing in their sins. Careless and worldly,

their hearts have waxed gross. They are proving themselves to be dishonest in dealing with God's property. They love not the truth. They turn away from the righteousness of Christ to the beggarly elements of the world. They trample under their feet the precepts of God's law, especially the Sabbath commandment. The heart of the Saviour is grieved by their conduct. He desires to save every soul whom He has purchased. O that men would understand this, and place themselves in connection with the great Master Worker!

Soon the Lord is coming to this earth with power and great glory, and the work that we are to do now is outlined in the fifty-eighth

chapter of Isaiah. Who is doing this work? Who is building the Lord's altars? Who is preparing the people for the great day of the Lord? Now, just now, every one who claims to be a child of God should bring of their means to God's treasury, that there may be a supply to draw from to provide the workers with facilities for entering new places to present the truth to those who have never heard it. Let there be no dearth in the Lord's treasury. From His treasure God supplies all our necessities. Shall we be only consumers? Shall we not be producers, giving of our means that the truth may be presented to many people, who will acknowledge and accept the message, and in turn give back to

God His own, and themselves be numbered among producers?

There is ever to be in the treasury of the Lord means to be used for the enlarging of His territory and the building of sanctuaries where those who accept present truth may worship Him in the beauty of holiness. God calls upon His people to bring of their means, in tithes and freewill offerings, to Him, that His workers may have facilities wherewith to establish memorials for Him in villages, towns, and cities. These memorials will constantly bear witness that after creating the earth in six days, God gave the seventh day to His people as a day of rest, to be a sign between Him and them, that they might know that He was the Lord who sanctified them.

We are not to be consumers, drawing from the supply, but producers, bringing to the Lord that which He can use to advance His great work. We are not only to receive God's gifts. With a full sense of our accountability we are to bring a return to Him, that there may be in His treasury for the advancement of

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Subscriptions are based on the honor system because we are trying to conserve on the cost by putting God's money to the most efficient means possible as well as precious time.

Sure, that may mean we do not collect more funds, but we would like to trust God to prompt people to do so instead of conducting God's work in a business fashion.

If you do send it in "too early", it will be applied properly.

His work an ample supply of means, a supply from which His workmen may draw to enable them to carry the message from city to city and from country to country. God's self-sacrificing workers should be provided with sufficient facilities to make their work a success. Let us not forget the work in foreign fields. The sight as it is presented to me is deplorable. There is great need of workers and of facilities which will enable the workers to do successful work.

"The earth is the Lord's, and the fulness thereof." This world is the Lord's storehouse, from which we are ever drawing. He has provided fruits and grains and vegetables for our sustenance. For us He makes the sun to shine and the rain to fall. The whole human family, good and evil, are constantly drawing from God's storehouse. It makes every difference with those so highly privileged how they receive the Lord's gifts and how they treat the contract the Lord has made with them. He has made them His almoners, directing them to draw from His storehouse, and then make a return to Him

in gifts and offerings, "that there may be meat in mine house," He says.

In the third chapter of Malachi is found the contract God has made with man. Here the Lord specifies the part He will act in bestowing His great gifts on those who will make a faithful return to Him in tithes and offerings. To the selfish ones God says, "Ye have robbed me, even this whole nation. Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it."

There is no time to lose. Let God's people bring their offerings to Him, that they may worship Him with hearts full of rejoicing. Remember that God has imparted to you of His blessings, that you may have wherewith to give to Him. The Lord's work is now languishing because men do not realize the claims God has upon them. Our institutions in Europe are struggling under a burden of debt.

The work of saving these institutions from failure and ruin must be carried forward. They must not sink under a burden of debt. God will surely be dishonored if they do.

Let the Lord see that His people are willing to make offerings of self-denial for the hour of His work, that they toil, not for selfish ends, but that under His prospering grace they may have wherewith to give to the objects in need of their help. If the institution whose future is now trembling in the balance do not become established, strengthened, and settled, the cause of God will sustain great loss. Satan will have obtained a victory which we cannot afford to let him gain. A sore wound will be given to the work. Shall we not make an effort to "give to him that needeth"? Of what is there greater need than to release the Lord's instrumentalities from debt, and establish them upon a sure basis?

I have decided to give to the work in Europe all the royalties on the copies sold in that field of the book on Christian temperance which I hope soon to publish.

And I have decided also to give the royalties on the copies of this book sold elsewhere to the building up of sanitariums, that the work of these institutions for suffering humanity may go forward. I will give this book for the use of our sanitariums wherever established. The work of these institutions for the poor and suffering is the work of God, and I desire to have a part in it by dedicating to it the entire profits of this book. Will my brethren and sisters act their part by assisting the publishing houses to pay for the expense of publication?

Just now we need to make special effort to help the lines of God's work which are in need of help. Those who are laboring in new fields should be encouraged to plant the standard in new places, to annex new territory for God. Camp meetings are to be held in many places. Churches are to be raised up and orga-

nized. There is to be a pressing into new territory. Will not my brethren and sisters throughout the world consecrate themselves and their possessions to God? God help them to bring freewill offering to Him who gave His only begotten Son to save them from eternal death. Let the believers in Christ deny self, take up the cross, and follow their Leader. Let them make decided efforts to place themselves under His discipline, to take His yoke upon them, and learn of Him. Those who do this will find rest unto their souls.

Let believers in the truth bring to God a faithful tithe. Let them bring Him peace offerings and thank offerings for the great love wherewith He has loved them. Then there will be no dearth of means in His treasury.

How long shall the apathy remain that is upon the people of God? The words in the fifty-

fourth chapter of Isaiah are for us: "Enlarge the place of thy tent, and let them stretch forth the curtains of thine habitations: spare not, lengthen thy cords, and strengthen thy stakes: for thou shalt break forth on the right hand and on the left: and thy seed shall inherit the Gentiles, and make the desolate cities to be inhabited. Fear not: for thou shalt not be ashamed: neither be thou confounded: for thou shalt not be put to shame: for thou shalt forget the shame of thy youth, and shalt not remember the reproach of thy widowhood any more. For thy Maker is thy husband, the Lord of hosts is his name: and thy Redeemer the Holy One of Israel; the Lord of the whole earth shall he be called."

Our time for work is short. We have not a moment to lose. Let us do something for Christ, and do it now. {Ms73-1900}



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An Open and a Shut Door.

Ellen White (continued regular article)

The subject of the sanctuary was the key which unlocked the mystery of the disappointment, showing that God had led his people in the great Advent movement. It opened to view a complete system of truth, connected and harmonious, and revealed present duty as it brought to light the position and work of God's people.

After the passing of the time of expectation, in 1844, Adventists still believed the Saviour's coming to be very near; they held that they had reached an important crisis, and that the work of Christ as man's intercessor before God, had ceased. Having given the warning of the Judgment near, they felt that their work for the world was done, and they lost their burden of soul for the salvation of sinners, while the bold and blasphemous scoffing of the ungodly seemed to them another evidence that the Spirit of God had been withdrawn from the rejecters of his mercy. All this confirmed them in the belief that probation had ended, or, as they then expressed it, "the door of mercy was shut."

But clearer light came with the investigation of

the sanctuary question. Now was seen the application of those words of Christ in the Revelation, addressed to the church at this very time: "These things saith he that is holy, he that is true, he that hath the key of David, he that openeth and no man shutteth, and shutteth and no man openeth; I know thy works; behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it." [Revelation 3:7, 8.] Here an open as well as a shut door is brought to view. At the termination of the 2300 prophetic days in 1844, Christ changed his ministration from the holy to the most holy place. When, in the ministration of the earthly sanctuary, the high priest on the day of atonement entered the most holy place, the door of the holy place was closed, and the door of the most holy was opened. So, when Christ passed from the holy to the most holy of the heavenly sanctuary, the door, or ministration, of the former apartment was closed, and the door, or ministration, of the latter was opened. Christ had ended one part of his work as our intercessor, to enter upon another portion of the work; and he still

presented his blood before the Father in behalf of sinners. "Behold," he declares, "I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it."

Those who by faith follow Jesus in the great work of the atonement, receive the benefits of his mediation in their behalf; but those who reject the light that brings to view this work of ministration, are not benefited thereby. The Jews who rejected the light given at Christ's first advent, and refused to believe in him as the Saviour of the world, could not receive pardon through him. When Jesus at his ascension entered by his own blood into the heavenly sanctuary to shed upon his disciples the blessings of his mediation, the Jews were left in total darkness, to continue their useless sacrifices and offerings. The ministration of types and shadows had ceased. That door by which men had formerly found access to God, was no longer open. The Jews had refused to seek him in the only way whereby he could then be found, through the ministration in the sanctuary in Heaven. Therefore they found no com-

munion with God. To them the door was shut. They had no knowledge of Christ as the true sacrifice and the only mediator before God; hence they could not receive the benefits of his mediation.

The condition of the unbelieving Jews illustrates the condition of the careless and unbelieving among professed Christians, who are willingly ignorant of the work of our merciful High Priest. In the typical service, when the high priest entered the most holy place, all Israel were required to gather about the sanctuary, and in the most solemn manner humble their souls before God, that they might receive the pardon of their sins, and not be cut off from the congregation. How much more essential in this anti-typical day of atonement that we understand the work of our High Priest, and know what duties are required of us.

Men cannot with impunity reject the warnings which God in mercy sends them. A message was sent from Heaven to the world in Noah's day, and their salvation depended upon the manner in which they treated that message. Because they rejected the warning, the Spirit of God was withdrawn from that sinful race,

and they perished in the waters of the flood. In the time of Abraham, mercy ceased to plead with the guilty inhabitants of Sodom, and all but Lot with his wife and two daughters were consumed by the fire sent down from heaven. So in the days of Christ. The Son of God declared to the unbelieving Jews of that generation, "Your house is left unto you desolate." [Matthew 23:38.] Looking down to the last days, the same infinite power declares, concerning those who "received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved," "For this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie; that they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness." [2 Thessalonians 2:10-12.] As they reject the teachings of his word, God withdraws his Spirit, and leaves them to the deceptions which they love.

But Christ still intercedes in man's behalf, and light will be given to those who seek it. Though this was not at first understood by Adventists, it was afterward made plain as the scriptures which define their true position began to open before them.

The passing of the time in 1844 was followed by a period of great trial to those who still held the Advent faith. Their only relief, so far as ascertaining their true position was concerned, was the light which directed their minds to the sanctuary above. As has been stated, Adventists were for a short time united in the belief that the door of mercy was shut. This position was soon abandoned. Some renounced their faith in their former reckoning of the prophetic periods, and ascribed to human or Satanic agencies the powerful influence of the Holy Spirit which had attended the Advent movement. Another class firmly held that the Lord had led them in their past experience; and as they waited and watched and prayed to know the will of God, they saw that their great High Priest had entered upon another work of ministration, and, following him by faith, they were led to understand also the closing work of the church, and were prepared to receive and give to the world the warning of the third angel of Revelation 14. {*The Spirit of Prophecy Volume Four*, page 268.1 - 271.2}



The Christ of Judea

W. W. Prescott

In Heb. 3:1 we read: "Wherefore, holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling, consider the Apostle and High Priest of our profession, Christ Jesus." There is really but one subject for the Christian to consider, and that is Christ Jesus. But the subject is a large one, and two phases of it are brought up in this text, – the Apostle and High Priest of our profession.

The Apostle of our profession. An apostle is one who is sent forth with a commission, and Christ Jesus was sent of God to this world. We read of it in John 3:17: "For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved." We read also in chapter 5:30, last clause, "I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father which hath sent me." Christ, the High Priest of our profession, who ministers in heaven for us, is the Christ for to day. He is the Apostle of our profession, Christ Jesus, the Christ of Judea, the Christ who was sent of God to this world, and it is he that we shall consider now. How did he come? Let us read Luke 2:10, 11: "And the angel said unto

them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord." That is, the Christ of Judea, our Saviour, came into this world just as we came into this world, by birth. The Saviour was born unto us. This was the fulfilment of the prophecy in Isa. 9:6: "For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given." "God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son." He gave his only begotten Son unto us. Unto us a son is given, and he was given to us, by being born into our family, by taking our humanity upon himself by his birth.

Christ might have come to this world in the glory of the Father, but he did not come to be our Saviour as one outside of us, separated from us; he came to be one with us. And it is our study now to bring out the completeness with which Jesus Christ identified himself with the human family which he came to save. This is the only corner of God's universe where the inhabitants are out of harmony with God. This is

the only place in God's universe where his will has not been done by created intelligences as it is done in heaven; and God, when he devised the plan of salvation for the human family in the days of eternity, provided that there should be a Saviour, even his own Son, who should come and completely and fully identify himself with those whom he came to save. This is the thought that we wish to emphasize now, Behold the man, Christ Jesus.

How did he completely identify himself with those he came to save? By being one with them, and one of them; by being brought into the family just as any other member is brought in, by birth. And so Jesus Christ of Judea came here, and joined this family by birth. He was a member of the divine family, that family of the Father of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named. But he gave up his divine mode of existence, and came to this world, and took upon himself the human mode of existence. We read farther of this in the second chapter of Hebrews: "But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffer-

ing of death, crowned with glory and honor; that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man. For it became him, for whom are all things, and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons unto glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings."

Jesus Christ was perfect as the Son of God, but when he came here and took upon himself our human nature, he entered upon a new mode of existence: and as the Son of man, he was to be made perfect as we are made perfect, through suffering. "For both he that sanctifieth and they who are sanctified are all of one." This is the complete identification of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, with us in our humanity. "For which cause he is not ashamed to call them brethren, saying, I will declare thy name unto my brethren, in the midst of the church will I sing praise unto thee. And again, I will put my trust in him. And again, Behold I and the children which God hath given me. Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil."

Observe the simplicity and yet the clearness of the statement:

"Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood." We know what that means, that is our mode of existence; and as he came to save us and lift us up, "he also himself likewise took part of the same," – the same flesh and the same blood, – "that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil." He became identified with us, subjected to death with us, for this very purpose. "And deliver them, who through fear of death were all the lifetime subject to bondage. For verily he took not on him the nature of angels; but he took on him the seed of Abraham. Wherefore in all things it behooved him to be made like unto his brethren, that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make reconciliation for the sins of the people." How could the thought be set before us more clearly that Jesus Christ identified himself with us, by partaking of our flesh and blood and becoming one with us, a member of the human family, just as we are?

Adam lost God's image and begat sons and daughters in his image rather than in the image

of God. God's purpose is that man shall be born again in his image; and he made a provision for this by Jesus Christ's coming into the world. So he came and joined himself to humanity, that the divine power in him might raise humanity to the place where God designed it should be. He came and connected himself with humanity, and reached out his hand and lifted us up. He became his one with us, and in his lifting up, we were lifted up. So we are what a complete identification there is between Christ, our Saviour, and man, who was to it saved.

It was the Word becoming flesh. The Scripture does not leave us in uncertainty as to what kind of flesh and blood this was. "There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death. For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh." The flesh that Jesus Christ took when he came here was the only flesh that any one could take by being born

of a woman, and that was the flesh of sin. No other flesh could be given. It was impossible that one should be born at that time into the human family, and become a member by birth, without taking flesh of sin. When God made man, he made him in his likeness, he was on an elevated plane, and when he fell, he not only changed his plane of living, but in the fall he became bruised and broken and powerless. Jesus Christ came to lift him up, not by standing aloof and giving him good advice, but by identifying himself with man. He did not take the likeness of man just as Adam was before he fell, but he came down to the very plane to which man had fallen, and identified himself with him, and took upon himself the flesh of sin.

We have seen how by birth Jesus took upon himself our nature. The object of bringing this point very emphatically before the mind is that we may see the nearness of Jesus Christ as our Saviour. He has become one with us, and joined himself to us by ties which will never be broken, because to-day and for eternity Jesus Christ is one with us in humanity, still bearing this human flesh. "For there is one God, and

one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus." 1 Tim. 2:5. He thus connected the human family with God once more.

Our God is a consuming fire. The manifestation of God himself is a glory before which sinful flesh cannot stand; but God gave Christ, who did not exchange his divinity for humanity, but clothed his divinity with humanity, in order that the human family might through his humanity and divinity be connected with the Father in heaven; so that we are brought nigh in Christ Jesus. This is set forth very strikingly in the dream of Jacob. The topmost round of the ladder reached up to heaven, where God was, and the bottom rested on the earth. Christ is the ladder reaching from heaven to earth, connecting sinful humanity with sinless divinity. This is the work of Jesus Christ. In its fallen condition, humanity is weak and bruised, and has no power or strength at all. It is unable to lift itself one inch toward heaven; but we find the divine Saviour right where fallen humanity is. There is none so weak that he cannot reach Jesus Christ, because Jesus Christ has come down. Our work is not to lift ourselves up, but it is simply to lay

hold of Jesus Christ where he is, and he will lift us up to God.

Jesus Christ established a new family, of which he became the head. "And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam was made a quickening spirit. Howbeit that was not first which is spiritual, but that which is natural; and after ward that which is spiritual. The first man is of the earth, earthy: the second man is the Lord from heaven. As is the earthy, such are they also that are earthy: and as is the heavenly, such are they also that are heavenly. And as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall bear the image of the heavenly." 1 Cor. 15:45-49. So Jesus Christ the Lord from heaven, the last Adam, in entering into this relationship with the human family, became the head of this family just as Adam was the head of the divine-human family originally. Jesus Christ was God in heaven, and he came to this world, and was born of the flesh, and thus he who had been born of the Spirit, was afterward born of the flesh, and by this double birth this family was established, – the divine-human family of which he is the head, – in order that we who have already been born of the flesh, may

by his grace and the power of the same Spirit, be born of the Spirit, – that is, every member of this divine-human family is twice born. And Jesus Christ took the same relationship to this family that the first Adam took in the beginning, in whom were found all the members of the family. As in Adam every member was created, when he was given the power to reproduce, so in Christ every member of the family which he established, of which he is the head, was in him, and is gathered into himself the whole family. The same relationship is sustained toward him as was sustained toward the first Adam. As what we receive by birth from flesh is the flesh of sin, with all the tendencies of evil, – for that which is born of the flesh is flesh, – and as by birth of the flesh we enter into all the experiences of Adam, by having his nature; so by this new, this second birth, we enter into the family of God and the nature of Jesus Christ our Saviour, becoming partakers of the divine nature. Jesus Christ identified himself so fully and completely with us in his humanity as our divine Saviour, as well as our brother in the flesh, that he said, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it un-

to me."

Now let us consider what the mission was on which he was sent to this world. We may say that his mission was to reveal God in such a manner that man could understand and comprehend him. "God, having of old time spoken unto the fathers in the prophets by divers portions and in divers manners, hath at the end of these days spoken unto us in his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom also he made the worlds; who being the effulgence of his glory, and the very image of his substance, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had made purification of sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high." Heb. 1:1-3, R. V. Let us notice especially the thought that Jesus Christ is the effulgence of the glory of God, the pouring forth of his glory, the outshining of his glory, the very image of his substance. The relationship between God and the things outside of him, especially the human family, is such that God reveals himself only through his son, Jesus Christ. So complete was this revelation, that he says of himself in John 12:45, "He that seeth me seeth him that sent me." He came in the flesh on a mission to this

world, sent as an apostle to his brethren. He came that those who saw him might see the Father. Jesus Christ was God revealed and manifested in the flesh. When man so completely lost sight of the true character of God, his loving, divine, and compassionate character, even those divinely appointed sacrifice because an offense of him. Christ came in the flesh, and revealed God, that the human family might comprehend the true character of God. While he was human, he was also divine, and he revealed the true character of the true God "Philip saith unto him, Lord, show us the Father, and it sufficeth us. Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? he that hath seen me hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou then, Shew us the Father? Believest thou not that I am in the Father, and the Father in me? the words that I speak unto you I speak not of myself: but the Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works." John 14:8-10. His whole ministry of three and a half years, which was just closing, was for the express purpose of showing the Father to the world; to reveal God in such a manner that the human family, fallen and sinful,

might comprehend him; and Jesus Christ revealed the Father not simply in his words, but his life was a revelation of God's life. When he healed the sick, it was but showing forth the character of the great Healer. When he was lifting up those who had fallen down, he was showing forth the willingness of God to be the mighty Helper. That was the way Christ was revealing to the world the character of God. One purpose of his mission was to reveal God to the world in human flesh, that humanity might have a correct idea of the true character of God the Father.

Christ came as the outflowing of the love of God. "God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son." It was because God loved the world that he gave Christ to die. One purpose of his mission was that he might reveal humanity God's idea concerning humanity—not simply that he might reveal God, but that he might reveal the image of God, as God intended it should be revealed in man. So Jesus Christ, the Christ of Judea, was the ideal man; he was our example of what man should be. In the beginning God said, "Let us make man in our image," and Jesus Christ was the one through whom this was carried

out; for "without him was not anything made that was made." Jesus Christ was the agent of God in creating the nature of man, which he himself was afterward to bear in this world.

The image of God had long been lost, but Jesus Christ came, and has shown to the human family the character of the ideal man. He did not come as a full-grown man, but as a child, a young man, and a man at full age. He was in every stage of life the ideal for humanity. "Even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps." 1 Peter 2:21. He was the example to the world of what God intended humanity should be. "He that saith he abideth in him ought himself also so to walk, even as he walked." 1 John 2:6. The walking of Jesus Christ was the pattern for man's walk. Then a further purpose of Christ's mission to this world was to reveal the possibility of a life wholly dependent upon God, and yet in perfect harmony with the will of God. We are called upon to be perfect, as the Father in heaven is perfect; he also says, "Be ye holy, for I am holy." But the power for perfection and holiness dwells not in man; he cannot of himself do anything, but

Christ was both perfect and holy as the Son of man and the Son of God. Clothing his divinity with humanity, and taking upon himself all the conditions of fallen humanity, he was in his humanity an example to us of what it is possible for humanity to be by dependence on God.

In his work here as the man Christ Jesus, he did not avail himself of his own divine power in order to assist him to live the life of God. He might have done it for himself; but had he done so, he would not have been our example; we cannot do it; we have no divine power of our own. He voluntarily took that place of weakness with us. "For though he was crucified through weakness, yet he liveth by the power of God. For we also are weak in him, but we shall live with him by the power of God toward you." 2 Cor. 13:4. He took a place where he would not obtain strength in any other way than that open to us; and let it be remembered for our encouragement, that our Saviour, when he was here in the flesh, did not use any power for a righteous life which is not at our command to-day. It shows the possibility for humanity. "As the living Father hath sent me, and I live by the Father: so he that eateth me,

even he shall live by me." "Then answered Jesus and said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, The Son can do nothing of himself, but what he seeth the Father do: for what things soever he doeth, these also doeth the Son likewise." John 6:57; 5:19. He voluntarily took that place where he could do nothing of himself. Why did Jesus Christ, the divine Son of God, give up heaven, and come here as the Son of man, and voluntarily put himself in our place?-So that everything he gained as the Son of man might come to us. "To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcome, and am set down with my Father on his throne." And the very place at his own right hand belongs to Jesus Christ as Son of man; and as he won it as the Son of man, that same place belongs to every believer in Jesus. So Jesus Christ came here to reveal to us, in the flesh, what God's ideal for humanity is, and how it may be lived out.

What was accomplished for us by the Christ of Judea, our brother in the flesh, by his life and his death on the earth? "The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which

taketh away the sin of the world." John 1:29. The Christ of Judea came here to provide the sacrifice; not to appease the wrath of God, but to render stable the very foundation of his government, that God might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus. "And ye know that he was manifested to take away our sins; and in him is no sin." 1 John 3:5. He was the I AM as he says, "Before Abraham was, I am;" but it was needful that he should be manifested, in order that he might carry out God's plan, that there might be a sacrifice to take away sin. Angels could praise God; angels could do deeds for God; but only Jesus Christ the Son of God could be God in the flesh. So what was accomplished for us by his being here in the flesh?-A sacrifice was provided to take away the sin of the world, and this Lamb of God was also to be a substitute for us. The law having been broken, it demanded death. "The wages of sin is death." "The soul that sinneth, it shall die." These are the words of God. Christ came to do all this for us.

It was before any one repented that all this was worked out in the mind of God. He was the Lamb slain from the

foundation of the world. Whether one believes on him or not, all this was done for him just as much and just the same as though he repented. "Behold the Lamb of God which beareth [margin] the sin of the world"-not simply the sins of those who believe, but the sins of the world. So he was our substitute, as we read in Isa. 53:2-4: "He shall grow up before him as a tender plant, and as a root out of a dry ground: he hath no form nor comeliness; and when we shall see him, there is no beauty that we should desire him. He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not. Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted." He bore not simply the iniquities of those who believe on him, but the iniquities of us all. He bore them all, and Jesus Christ suffered and died and paid the penalty for the sins of the whole world. "My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous: and he is the propitiation for our sins:

and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world." 1 John 2:1, 2. God took the whole world into account when he gave Christ, and he provided a sacrifice sufficient for all. Every man's sin has been atoned for. "The Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many;" "who gave himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time." Matt. 20:28; 1 Tim. 2:6. The work of Jesus Christ is for all, and if every sinner should to-day repent and accept Christ, no further provision would need to be made: for the penalty has been met, the price paid, and the ransom is sufficient for all. Nothing more could be given; nothing more need be given. He asks us simply to accept what he has done, on the conditions which he has established. Jesus Christ, the divine Saviour, can come in only when self goes out. He says, Take up thy cross, and follow me. Jesus Christ comes in when self goes out, and he takes the place of self. These are the conditions upon which he asks us to receive him.

Not only this, but he has provided for us, by his life on the earth, the righteousness which is wrought into human

flesh. There is the righteousness of God,-God the Father, the eternal God, the everlasting God,-but his righteousness, his glory, and character cannot come to our humanity directly from the divinity of God; there must be a mediator, and Jesus Christ came in his flesh and humanity, and wrought into his humanity, which is ours, the very righteousness and character of God, in order that he might present to us the righteousness which he has wrought into human flesh. "Therefore as by the offense of one judgment came upon all men to condemnation; even so by the righteousness of one the free gift came upon all men unto justification of life." Rom. 5:18. These are some of the results which were accomplished for us in the life and death of the man Christ Jesus, the Christ of Judea.

Let us add one more; and that is, by the work of the Christ of Judea in his life and death on behalf of the human family, that which otherwise would have been eternal death, is changed into sleep: "For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive." 1 Cor. 15:22. When Paul was preaching, he preached that there would be a resurrection both of the

just and the unjust. When Christ spoke to his disciples concerning Lazarus, he said, "Our friend Lazarus, sleepeth." So by the life, death, and resurrection of the man Christ Jesus, the Christ of Judea, in our flesh, that which otherwise would have been eternal death has been changed into a sleep for every son and daughter of Adam; and so all shall come forth from the grave. The work of Jesus Christ does not save us from this death, but it changes it into a sleep. At the resurrection we are rewarded according to our works, according as we have continued in Adam, or have been translated into the kingdom of Christ.

This is something of the work of Jesus of Nazareth, the man Christ Jesus in our humanity, the Christ of Judea. It is beyond the human mind to enter into it fully; but God designs that we shall enter into the experience, even though we are not able to enter into the philosophy of it.

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Why Do We Think It Is Different in Our Day?

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"Alas, that in the history of God's chosen people the sorrowful story of apostasy and its punishment must be so oft repeated! Forty years of peace elapsed after the destruction of Sisera and his host, and again 'the children of Israel did evil in the sight of the Lord, and the Lord delivered them into the hand of Midian seven years.' Heretofore the hand of the oppressor had fallen but lightly on the tribes dwelling east of the Jordan, but in the present calamities they were the chief sufferers" {ST, June 23, 1881 par. 1}.

"Ever since the death of Solomon the evil of idolatry had been spreading among the Israelites. The glory of the earlier years of Solomon's reign had made a profound impression on the heathen world, and many had been led to worship Jehovah. But the apostasy that followed the division of the kingdom caused the name of the God of Israel to be dishonored in the eyes of the heathen. In the days of Ahab the tide of corruption threatened to overflow the land like a flood. No barrier, it seemed, could prevail against its ruinous influence, or prevent the torrent of idolatry from sweeping all before it" {RH, August 14, 1913

par. 1}.

So, back in the days of ancient Israel, Solomon, and those prior, led Israel into apostasy where they worshipped idols. This did not happen overnight. Step-by-step, month after month, inching toward full apostasy, those weak in the faith, which usually are the majority, turned to the more exciting expression of worship, yet, like of old, "These [be] thy gods, O Israel" (Exodus 32:4), when they were not.

We look back and shake our heads of how such apostasy could ever happen to people exposed to God most directly and to fall into such apostasy over and over. There were still manifestations of God, like the movement of God after the dedication of the temple that Solomon built. So, it was not like complete faith was necessary, yet, like the Israelites in the desert, they still apostatized.

But it did not stop with Solomon. Other kings arose and we know what the majority did: "he did evil in the sight of the LORD, and walked in the way of his father, and in his sin wherewith he made Israel to sin" (1 Kings 15:26). That is called apostasy once again. The apostasy was

so strong that a division came between the northern kingdoms and the southern ones.

As stated, during King Ahab's rule, great apostasy continued. It was so bad that priests and prophets were slaughtered physically (1 Kings 19:1).

Now the southern kingdoms were not guilt free. "In the third year of the reign of Jehoiakim king of Judah came Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon unto Jerusalem, and besieged it" (Daniel 1:1). Jerusalem was not besieged because they were worshipping God properly; they were besieged because they were in apostasy, despite the numerous warnings from Jeremiah.

"The apostasy of Israel had developed gradually. From generation to generation, Satan had made repeated attempts to cause the chosen nation to forget 'the commandments, the statutes, and the judgments' that they had promised to keep forever. Deuteronomy 6:1. He knew that if he could only lead Israel to forget God, and to 'walk after other gods, and serve them, and worship them,' they would 'surely perish.' Deuteronomy 8:19" {PK 296.2}.

Fast forward, we come

to the time of Jesus. Surely the precautions against apostasy were well established and no such failure would occur again, right? They certainly wanted to avoid another Babylonian captivity; however, the story ends very sadly. The apostasy was so engrained even in conservative methods that they crucified the Savior!

Continuing on in time, we know that one of the greatest apostasy periods was that during the time of Constantine, bringing in Sunday along with Christianizing much of the pagan idols and practices, which are performed by many Christians of today in ignorance, as well as on purpose, being indifferent towards what God says in His Word.

But, "God always has men to whom He entrusts His message. His Spirit moves upon their hearts and constrains them to speak. Stimulated by holy zeal, and with the divine impulse strong upon them, they enter upon the performance of their duty without coldly calculating the consequences of speaking to the people the word which the Lord has given them. But the servant of God is soon made aware that he has risked something. He finds himself and his message made the subject of criticism. His manners, his life, his property, are all inspect-

ed and commented upon. His message is picked to pieces and rejected in the most illiberal and unsanctified spirit, as men in their finite judgment see fit. Has that message done the work that God designed it should accomplish? No; it has signally failed because the hearts of the hearers were unsanctified" {ST 299.2}.

Now, despite the efforts of Luther, Wesley, and others, apostasy quickly continued in the denominations that followed. They did not continue in the light, therefore their candles burned out.

"The world and the church are both standing in a position of rebellion against God in casting aside his law, and trampling upon his holy commandment. The larger proportion of the Christian world accept the observance of Sunday, knowing that it is an institution of the Papacy, and keep the day, that they may be in harmony with the customs and practices of the world, thus choosing to honor the tradition of men rather than the commandment of God. To this state of apostasy the words of Moses under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit are appropriate,--'He is the Rock, his work is perfect; for all his ways are judgment, a God of truth without iniquity, just and right is he. They have corrupted

themselves; their spot is not the spot of his children; they are a perverse and crooked generation. Do ye thus requite the Lord, O foolish people and unwise?' God chose his people, and planted them a noble vine; how is it that they are turned into a degenerate vine? The description that has been given of the apostasy of Israel, has an application to the churches that have made void the law of God. Isaiah says, 'Hear, O heavens, and give ear, O earth; for the Lord hath spoken, I have nourished and brought up children, and they have rebelled against me. The ox knoweth his owner, and the ass his master's crib; but Israel doth not know, my people doth not consider. Ah sinful nation, a people laden with iniquity, a seed of evil doers, children that are corrupters; they have forsaken the Lord, they have provoked the Holy One of Israel unto anger, they are gone away backward'" {ST, October 2, 1893 par. 5}.

Now, why do we, as a people, think it is any different in our church? Apostasy has always been brought in by leadership, spread far and wide by the liberal segment of the church, which usually outnumber those that are called conservative, yet the conservatives are not without fault. They try to counteract it by going

too far bringing in other heresies and apostatizing. Frequently is quoted, or should I say, misquoted of the words of the pioneers to justify this or that. Just about every wind of doctrine can be pulled in from the writings of the pioneers, forgetting that despite being led of God in one

manner, they were not prophets, but were erring souls.

In plain terms, the denominations that are not in the truth are in apostasy. And to win favor from them, to seek advice from them, to become partners with them in any manner, to join the ecumenical move-

ment, are all acts of apostasy on our church's part.

In regards to the church, it has been predicted that it will fall into apostasy: "Be not deceived; many will depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of devils. We have now before us the alpha of this danger. The omega will be of a most startling nature" {1SM 197.4}.

Now the structure in place with conferences, divisions, unions, etc., are all suspect. Even the movements and official sub-organizations, including even *Pathfinders*, are all suspect. In other words, just about all of them have given themselves over to the apostasy so much so that both the physical as well as the non-physical structure will not continue much into the Sunday law time. In fact, she, the church, is now preparing many souls to depart from the truth permanently, and when she is swept away, so will be so many others. Do keep in mind, the sweeping away does not mean they physically leave. They will be recorded in the judgment as the enemies of God and the brethren.

"As the storm approaches, a large class who have professed faith in the third angel's message, but have not been sanctified through obedience to the truth, aban-

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don their position and join the ranks of the opposition. By uniting with the world and partaking of its spirit, they have come to view matters in nearly the same light; and when the test is brought, they are prepared to choose the easy, popular side. Men of talent and pleasing address, who once rejoiced in the truth, employ their powers to deceive and mislead souls. They become the most bitter enemies of their former brethren. When Sabbathkeepers are brought before the courts to answer for their faith, these apostates are the most efficient agents of Satan to misrepresent and accuse them, and by false reports and insinuations to stir up the rulers against them" {GC 608.2}.

"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" {1SM 204.2}.

This is why it is so important to lay down the truth before the people quoting a "Thus Saith the Lord", and whoever hears, a blessing will be bestowed. Those who do not, shake the dust off and move on.

"The efforts of Nehemiah to restore the worship of the true God had been crowned with success. If Israel would be true to the oath they had taken, a bright future was before them; for the Lord has always magnified his law before his people, pouring rich blessings upon them so long as they have been obedient. The history of God's

ancient people is full of instruction for the church of today. While the Bible faithfully presents the results of their apostasy as a warning to all future generations, it portrays, as a worthy example, the deep humiliation and repentance, the earnest devotion and generous sacrifice, that marked their seasons of returning to the Lord. There is encouragement, too, in the record of God's willingness to receive his backsliding but repentant people. It would be a scene well-pleasing to God and angels, would his professed followers in this generation unite, as did Israel of old, in a solemn covenant to 'observe and do all the commandments of the Lord our Lord, and his judgments and his statutes'" {SW, June 7, 1904 par. 11}.

"That night I was up at one o'clock, writing as fast as my hand could pass over the paper. For the next few days I worked early and late, preparing for our people the instruction given me regarding the errors that were coming in among us" {1SM 206.2}.

So, are you an apostasy denier, or do you recognize the startling nature that it is, where it is almost impossible to combat, but you are willing to lay your life down for the sake of the truth?



Keep the Sabbath Holy

This regularly scheduled column is to enlighten us to proper keeping of the Sabbath through the writings of Ellen White and then additional comments by us, the publishers of this publication since we have so many surface readers as well as those that do not know how to apply certain statements.

Ellen White writes regarding the Sabbath, **“When the Lord delivered His people Israel from Egypt and committed to them His law, He taught them that by the observance of the Sabbath they were to be distinguished from idolaters. It was this that made the distinction between those who acknowledge the sovereignty of God and those who refuse to accept Him as their Creator and King. ‘It is a sign between Me and the children of Israel forever,’ the Lord said. ‘Wherefore the children of Israel shall keep the Sabbath, to observe the Sabbath throughout their generations, for a perpetual covenant.’” Exodus 31:17, 16. {6T 349.2}**

Now, in our case, Egypt is our old life just as the

Israelites coveted their old life in Egypt with the flesh pots that they could freely eat from instead of the journey forward to the Promised Land. So, once God delivers His people, individually, from their old life of sin, we see that the Sabbath observance is to set us apart then from the rest of the world.

Idolaters especially include those who keep Sunday who simply go to church and then use the rest of the day to enjoy yard work, going shopping, going to the movies, and even watching sporting events. True observance of the Sabbath allows nothing of the world to encroach upon the day. Therefore, there is no quick stop on the way home from church to pick up anything at the store. There is no radio station or TV station playing. Of course, if there are true Seventh-day Adventist messages on those devices, that is different. We are referring to the secular use of them on the Sabbath day. That alone, by actually keeping the whole day holy, sets us apart from the way idolatrous Sunday

keepers keep their day.

Further, Sunday keepers are used to making exceptions. Most try not to go into work on Sunday, but if the boss really pressures them, then they will. Unfortunately, some Sabbath keepers claim the ox in the ditch and comply with the rare request of the boss not realizing that upon the first allowance, they then have given up all future excuses of not working on Sabbath.

We basically need to accept the Sabbath as a holy day while guarding the edges. That means proper Sabbath keeping is more than 24 hours for us. It can easily stretch to 25 or 26 hours instead.

And no, we do not have a minister or priest to run to in order to receive an allowance to step on the Sabbath, which is another thing that separates us from the idolaters of Sunday keeping.

Keeping the Sabbath acknowledges God as Creator, especially of the Sabbath day for He commanded such recognition of creation right in the commandment. Sabbath observance further recog-

nizes God as King. Therefore, keeping any other day acknowledges them as the creator of the day as well as king in one's life. So, Sunday keeping acknowledges the pope as their creator and king. Of course, keeping no day makes people atheists, technically, because they recognize no creator and no

king, despite even attending church and participating in it.

Remember, "Moreover also I gave them my sabbaths, to be a sign between me and them, that they might know that I [am] the LORD that sanctify them" (Ezekiel 20:12). Sabbath keeping simply acknowledges that God

sanctifies us, makes us holy; while keeping Sunday acknowledges the way the pope does these things. And again, keeping no day means we are not sanctified because we do not acknowledge any power to do so, and we certainly cannot sanctify ourselves.



How Do You Resolve It?

It is one thing to know some verses that help a person stay in the faith, but it is another thing to know the Word in such a way that when a verse seems contradictory to know how to resolve it. True Seventh-day Adventists do not ignore verses. It is our hope that this section will help answer some of those challenges that we may come across personally or be used by others against our beliefs.

To wear, or not to wear, jewelry.

Isaiah 61:10 says, "I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my soul shall be joyful in my God; for he hath clothed me with the garments of salvation, he hath covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a

bridegroom decketh [himself] with ornaments, and as a bride adorneth [herself] with her jewels."

1 Timothy 2:9-10 says, "In like manner also, that women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with shamefacedness and sobriety; not with broided hair, or gold, or pearls, or costly array; But (which becometh women professing godliness) with good works."

The principle of the Bible is to avoid "the pride of life", which "is not of the Father, but is of the world" (1 John 2:16). Therefore, we conclude that the wearing of sparkly things, fake and real jewels, is nothing more than attention to the outward appearance,

which is prideful. Further, the same God, yesterday, today, and always, already stated, "I will come up into the midst of thee in a moment, and consume thee: therefore now put off thy ornaments from thee, that I may know what to do unto thee" (Exodus 33:5). So, to defend the wearing of jewelry is simply not learning the lesson, and even being bold about it, as well as being stubborn.

And God was not pleased with the family of Jacob over jewelry either: "And they gave unto Jacob all the strange gods which [were] in their hand, and [all their] earrings which [were] in their ears; and Jacob hid them under the oak

which [was] by Shechem” (Genesis 35:4). Besides, the woman of Revelation 12 is praised for natural beauty while the woman of Revelation 17 is identified with being “decked with gold and precious stones and pearls” (Revelation 17:4). Clearly God does not want His people wearing jewelry here.

Some declare that modesty in jewelry is alright, but who is going to regulate that? Would a sixteenth of an inch size pearl in the ears be fine while an eighth inch is not? One piercing in the ear is fine but two are not? A simple thin necklace is fine but multiple ones or thicker ones are not? And besides that, we know full well each generation would expand the number and size of usage, and everything would be permitted. Oh, that is exactly where we are. No! God took the safe way and stated that it should all be put off.

Now, let us address Isaiah 61:10 more directly. First, the use of the word “as” for both the bridegroom and the bride is a comparison and not necessarily an endorsement. Further, who says that God approves when the bridegroom and bride

decked themselves out? And one more point is that the bridegroom and bride are attending an event, that of marriage. It is not showing an everyday practice. So, to use this verse to justify everyday use of jewelry is beyond stretching the intention of the verse.

With that said, do keep in mind that certain face value statements are not the intent of God for us to use. For instance, the story of the rich man and Lazarus is used quite often to justify immediate life after death, however, as intelligent Bible students, we know that such is not the conclusion of those verses. [In August 2019 issue of this regularly appearing article, we addressed numerous reasons that the parable on the rich man and Lazarus is not to justify immediate life after death, and we refer you to that issue for more details.] So, the symbolism or deeper meaning, is in this case.

First, to be clothed in salvation and wearing the robe of righteousness, both of which are spiritual matters, is what we are to deck ourselves with and adorn ourselves with, which goes along with 1 Peter 3:3-4, which

says, “Whose adorning let it not be that outward [adorning] of plaiting the hair, and of wearing of gold, or of putting on of apparel; but [let it be] the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, [even the ornament] of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price.”

Besides, who is the bridegroom? Luke 5:33-35 declares that Jesus considered Himself the Bridegroom. The bride is the church; in fact, all those who belong to the church of the living God, will eventually be found in the New Jerusalem, the bride fully adorned. “And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband” (Revelation 21:2). Then Malachi 3:17 reveals what the ornamentation, even the jewels, specifically, really are: “And they shall be mine, saith the LORD of hosts, in that day when I make up my jewels; and I will spare them, as a man spareth his own son that serveth him.” They are the individuals who make up the church.



Healthy Living

Ellen White

Periodically, we need reminded that our bodies are not our own. And sometimes we need to get back to the basics. We need to hear from the words of inspiration, the Spirit of Prophecy.

Benefits of Pure Water

In health and in sickness, pure water is one of Heaven's choicest blessings. Its proper use promotes health. It is the beverage which God provided to quench the thirst of animals and man. Drunk freely, it helps to supply the necessities of the system, and assists nature to resist disease. {MH 237.1}

I should do a very unwise thing to enter a cool room when in a perspiration; I should show myself an unwise steward to allow myself to sit in a draft, and thus expose myself so as to take cold. I should be unwise to sit with cold feet and limbs and thus drive back the blood from the extremities to the brain or internal organs. I should always protect my feet in damp weather. I should eat regularly of the most healthful food which will make the best quality of blood, and I should not work intemperately if it is in my power to avoid doing so. And when I violate the laws God has established in my being, I am to repent and reform, and place myself in the most favorable con-

dition under the doctors God has provided--pure air, pure water, and the healing, precious sunlight. {CG 367.1}

The more liquid there is taken into the stomach with the meals, the more difficult it is for the food to digest; for the liquid must first be absorbed. Do not eat largely of salt; give up spiced pickles; keep fiery food out of the stomach; eat fruit with the meals, and the irritation that calls for so much drink will cease to exist. But if anything is needed to quench thirst, pure water is all that nature requires. Never take tea, coffee, beer, wine, or any spirituous liquor. {CTBH 51.3}

Drug medication, as it is generally practiced, is a curse. Educate away from drugs. Use them less and less, and depend more upon hygienic agencies; then nature will respond to God's physicians--pure air, pure water, proper exercise, a clear conscience. Those who persist in the use of tea, coffee, and flesh meats will feel the need of drugs, but many might recover without one grain of medicine if they would obey the laws of health. Drugs

need seldom be used. {2SM 281.4}

There are many ways of practicing the healing art; but there is only one way that Heaven approves. God's remedies are the simple agencies of nature, that will not tax or debilitate the system through their powerful properties. Pure air and water, cleanliness, a proper diet, purity of life, and a firm trust in God, are remedies for the want of which thousands are dying; yet these remedies are going out of date because their skillful use requires work that the people do not appreciate. Fresh air, exercise, pure water, and clean, sweet premises, are within the reach of all, with but little expense; but drugs are expensive, both in the outlay of means, and the effect produced upon the system. {HL 225.3}

Indulging in eating too frequently, and in too large quantities, overtaxes the digestive organs, and produces a feverish state of the system. The blood becomes impure, and then diseases of various kinds occur. A physician is sent for, who prescribes some drug which gives present re-

lief, but which does not cure the disease. It may change the form of disease, but the real evil is increased tenfold. Nature was doing her best to rid the system of an accumulation of impurities, and, could she have been left to herself, aided by the common blessings of Heaven, such as pure air and pure water, a speedy and safe cure would have been effected. {2SM 450.3}

Thousands have died for want of pure water, and pure air, who might have lived. And thousands of living invalids, who are a burden to themselves and others, think that their lives depend upon taking medicines from the doctors. They are continually guarding themselves against the air, and avoiding the use of water. These blessings they need in order to become well. If they would become enlightened, and let medicine alone, and accustom themselves to outdoor exercise, and to air in their houses, summer and winter, and use soft water for drinking and bathing purposes, they would be comparatively well and happy, instead of dragging out a miserable existence. {2SM 456.2}

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Pure water to drink, and fresh air to breathe, to invigorate the vital organs, purify the blood, and help nature in her task in overcoming the bad conditions of the system. These valuable remedies which Heaven has provided, without money and without price, were cast aside, and considered not only as worthless, but even as dangerous enemies, while poisons, prescribed by physicians, were in blind confidence taken. {2SM 456.1}

It would be well to secure a place as a home for our mission workers outside the city. It is of great importance that they have the advantages of pure water, free from all contamination. For this reason, it is often well to consider the advantages of loca-

tions among the hills. And there should be some land, where fruit and vegetables might be raised for the benefit of the workers. Let it be a mission in as healthful a place as possible, and let there be connected with it a small sanitarium. A place in the city should also be secured where simple treatments might be administered. {Ev 386.2}

Pure air, pure water, and healthful exercise should be employed in the treatment of the sick.-- U. T., 1892. {HL 247.1}

The grace of God is always reformatory. Every human being is in a school, where he is to learn to give up hurtful practices, and to obtain a knowledge of what he can do for himself. Those who ignore these things, who take no precautions in regard to getting pure air to breathe and pure water to drink, cannot be free from disease. Their systems are defiled and the human structure injured. {MM 226.2}

The people must be taught to depend on the Lord's remedies, pure air, pure water, simple, healthful foods. {BLJ 298.2}

Health reformers profess to believe in the hygienic agencies of pure air, pure water and strict cleanliness. These are the most efficient remedies for disease. {PH104 14.3}



Healthy And Delicious Recipes

Broccoli, Roasted Red Peppers and Olives

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Ingredients:

- ½ red bell pepper
- 1 teaspoon extra-virgin olive oil
- 1 large head broccoli, cut into florets (about 3 cups chopped)
- 10 kalamata olives, quartered
- 1 clove garlic, thinly sliced

- 2 teaspoons fresh marjoram, finely chopped (or ½ teaspoon dried)
- salt, to taste

Directions:

- Preheat the oven to 400°F.
- Brush both sides of the bell pepper with olive oil and place cut side down

- on a sheet pan.
- Roast the red pepper in the oven for 10 minutes.
- While the peppers are roasting, steam the broccoli in a bit of water until tender, but still crunchy, then set aside.
- When the pepper has cooled, peel off the skin and discard. Dice the pepper into small cubes, and set aside.
- Heat oil in a skillet, and sauté the garlic slices over medium heat until they're browned.
- Add the steamed broccoli, quartered olives, roasted bell pepper, and marjoram, and sauté until vegetables are heated through.
- Salt to taste. 

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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.

Authorized KJV vs Catholic Bible

If you are using anything but the KJV, you are using a Catholic influenced Bible [see June 2017 issue for details], which strategically twists and leaves out key words and verses so as to make even the ecumenical movement between religions outside of Christianity possible.

The verse of concern this time is Micah 5:2, which is a reference to Jesus, but some versions of the Bible hint that Jesus had a starting point, even possibly hinting at being a created being. The words "ancient times" frequently is referred to as a time on earth long, long ago. The word "everlasting", on the other hand, shows no beginning, strongly implying that Jesus always was.

King James Bible: But thou, Bethlehem Ephrathah, [though] thou be little among the thousands of Judah, [yet] out of thee shall he come forth unto me [that is] to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth [have been] from of old, from everlasting.

In Error:

Christian Standard Bible: Bethlehem Ephrathah, you are small among the clans of Ju-

dah; one will come from you to be ruler over Israel for me. His origin is from antiquity, from ancient times.

Contemporary English

Version: Bethlehem Ephrath, you are one of the smallest towns in the nation of Judah. But the LORD will choose one of your people to rule the nation--someone whose family goes back to ancient times.

English Standard Ver-

sion: But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, who are too little to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel, whose coming forth is from of old, from ancient days.

GOD'S WORD® Transla-

tion: You, Bethlehem Ephrathah, are too small to be included among Judah's cities. Yet, from you Israel's future ruler will come for me. His origins go back to the distant past, to days long ago.

Good News Translation:

The LORD says, "Bethlehem Ephrathah, you are one of the smallest towns in Judah, but out of you I will bring a ruler for Israel, whose family line goes back to ancient times."

JPS Tanakh 1917: But thou, Beth-lehem Ephrathah, Which art little to be among the thousands

of Judah, Out of thee shall one come forth unto Me that is to be ruler in Israel; Whose goings forth are from of old, from ancient days.

Jubilee Bible 2000: But thou, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be Lord in Israel; and his goings forth are from the beginning, from the days of the ages.

NET Bible: As for you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, seemingly insignificant among the clans of Judah--from you a king will emerge who will rule over Israel on my behalf, one whose origins are in the distant past.

New International Version: "But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from of old, from ancient times."

New Living Translation: But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, are only a small village among all the people of Judah. Yet a ruler of Israel, whose origins are in the distant past, will come from you on my behalf.

Young's Literal Translation: And thou, Beth-Lehem Ephrathah, Little to

be among the chiefs of Judah! From thee to Me he cometh forth -- to be ruler in Israel, And his comings forth are of old, From the days of antiquity.

Correct This Time:

American Standard Version: But thou, Bethlehem Ephrathah, which art little to be among the thousands of Judah, out of thee shall one come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth are from of old, from everlasting.

Berean Study Bible: But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, who are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will come forth for Me One to be ruler over Israel, whose origins are of old, from the days of eternity.

Brenton Septuagint Translation: And thou, Bethleem, house of Ephratha, art few in number to be reckoned among the thousands of Juda; yet out of thee shall one come forth to me, to be a ruler of Israel; and his goings forth were from the beginning, even from eternity.

Darby Bible Translation: (And thou, Bethlehem Ephrathah, little to be among the thousands of Judah, out of thee shall he come forth unto me [who is] to be Ruler in Israel: whose goings forth are from of old, from the days of eterni-

ty.)

Douay-Rheims Bible: AND THOU, BETHLEHEM Ephrathah, art a little one among the thousands of Juda: out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be the ruler in Israel: and his going forth is from the beginning, from the days of eternity.

English Revised Version: But thou, Beth-lehem Ephrathah, which art little to be among the thousands of Judah, out of thee shall one come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth are from of old, from everlasting.

Holman Christian Standard Bible: Bethlehem Ephrathah, you are small among the clans of Judah; One will come from you to be ruler over Israel for Me. His origin is from antiquity, from eternity.

International Standard Version: "As for you, Bethlehem of Ephrathah, even though you remain least among the clans of Judah, nevertheless, the one who rules in Israel for me will emerge from you. His existence has been from antiquity, even from eternity.

New American Standard 1977: "But as for you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, Too little to be among the clans of Judah, From you One will go forth for Me to be ruler in Israel. His goings forth are from long ago, From the days of eternity."

New American Standard Bible: "But as for you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, Too little to be among the clans of Judah, From you One will go forth for Me to be ruler in Israel. His goings forth are from long ago, From the days of eternity."

New Heart English Bible: But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, being small among the clans of Judah, out of you one will come forth to me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth are from of old, from everlasting.

New King James Version: "But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, Though you are little among the thousands of Judah, Yet out of you shall come forth to Me The One to be Ruler in Israel, Whose goings forth are from of old, From everlasting."

Webster's Bible Translation: But thou, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though thou art little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth to me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting.

World English Bible: But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, being small among the clans of Judah, out of you one will come forth to me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth are from of old, from everlasting.



Go Ye Therefore, And Teach

INTRODUCTION REPEATED: This article is intended to train Seventh-day Adventists to be able to quickly “[be] ready always to [give] an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear” (1 Peter 3:15). These are topics that Adventists should know, but we find that many cannot teach it to others. Now, we do not want to provide every verse possible to share because first, an Adventist cannot easily commit such to memory plus this generation that we will be sharing the message with, no matter how old they are, are only looking for snippets of information and not a session, if they are even open to being taught. Therefore, you may have a verse in mind that would be great to share but do not be surprised if it is not included because all of us have our favorite verses on a given subject. It will not hurt if you would like to include it though.

With that said, make sure you have a Bible that permits placing notes in it. A wide margin Bible with note pages in the back is perfect for this. On one of the note pages, jot down the information we are

going to share, then throughout the Bible, chain link each of the verses together. For instance, on the first verse I share with someone, I circle the verse number, and write in the margin the next verse to go to, plus I write some key words to share.

TOPIC: Revelation’s Two Witnesses

Ask, what is the context for the two witnesses? Then read Revelation 11:1-2 bringing out that non-Gentiles are in the temple to worship God while Gentiles are outside to do whatever they want for a period of 42 months. Then do the math of 42 months times 30 days to a month and realize that it is a period of 1,260 days.

Ask, who else gets to do what they want for that amount of time? Then read Revelation 13:5 finding out that it is actually a reference to antichrist (the beast) rule.

Ask, how long is the period of time literally, keeping in mind that the 42 months are prophetic or symbolic?

Then remind them of Numbers 14:34 and Ezekiel 4:6 that states “each day for a year”. Therefore, it is really a period of 1,260 years.

Ask, how long do the two witnesses preach? Then read Revelation 11:3 helping them realize that it is the same amount of time. Then ask, how many people have ever lived that long, expecting the answer to be “none”.

Ask, what does it mean to preach in “sackcloth”? Then read Genesis 37:34 finding out that it is a period of mourning or sadness, which is equivalent to the dark age period where antichrist had full reign, unchecked power.

Ask, who are the two witnesses? Then read Revelation 11:4 bringing out that most people who study this topic ignore the symbolism because all they want to do is reveal an easy interpretation by skipping to verse 5, which implies Moses and Elijah.

Ask, what do “two olive trees” and “two

candlesticks” refer to? Then read Zechariah 4:11-14 realizing that they are “the two anointed ones, that stand by the Lord of the whole earth” (Zechariah 4:14). Now, before it is actually revealed in plain-speak, let us continue on to get more information. But do stress that they are in the earth, meaning, not in Heaven. Moses and Elijah are in Heaven, so it cannot be them.

Ask, what further description of the two witnesses do we have? Then read Revelation 11:5-6, bringing out that fire proceeds from

their mouths; they can shut up the heavens so it does not rain, and ability to turn water into blood as well as bring plagues. Then tell them that though Moses and Elijah are well known for the water into blood and a drought occurring, respectfully, bring out that other prophets did the same. Joseph experience 7 years of drought. Amos is another that called for a lack of rain (Amos 8:11). David was used with a fire display (1 Chronicles 21:26) as well as Amos again (Amos 7:4).

Ask, what witnesses or

testifier is for God? Then read Deuteronomy 32:46, John 3:11, Romans 9:1, Isaiah 8:20, Acts 2:40, Acts 8:25, Revelation 1:2, Revelation 22:18, bringing out that the overall witness is God’s Word. Basically, it is the Word of God from Adam until the end of time, but it is written in the Old Testament and in the New Testament, being two witnesses. And they both speak explicitly against the anti-christ, especially in Daniel of the Old Testament, and Revelation of the New Testament.



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Questions And Answers

Question: Do you have a better quote to declare that the treasury is not at the Conference as compared to what you shared in your publication a number of issues ago?

Answer: Ask yourself this: Where did the tithe go between 1844 and 1863? The year 1863 is when we became an officially recognized denomination as opposed to the loosely held band also recognized in Heaven before the name was pronounced – Seventh-day Adventists. Tithe certainly was not held by handful of people. It was given to the ministers proclaiming the Three Angels' Messages. And from 1863 through the early 1900s, were tithes and offerings placed in envelopes and sent to Battle Creek, where Seventh-day Adventism was headquartered for most of that time? Very doubtful, especially since funds were being misused to make a modern Israel out of Battle Creek, a thing condemned time after time through Ellen White until God burnt down the publishing house and sanitarium.

Now, each of us ought to "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth" (2 Timothy 2:15). If you have access to a computer and Ellen White's writings, look up the word "storehouse" and then either the word "conference" or even "Battle Creek" or similar words. There are zero references.

Then look up the words "control", "few", and "men" or just leave off the word "men". You will see countless admonitions against a few men controlling the work and having more of a distribution of responsibility. This was not an encouragement of our current structure with divisions and conferences. It goes even further. But what power do a few people have if they do not control the funds? None. They can plead all they want for the work to be built up in Philippines, but if no money is going there, no work will be done except that of the locals. But put money in people's hands and tell

them to go work in the Philippines, the work will go there.

On top of that, if you read carefully the article by Ellen White printed in this issue called "*Bring an Offering Unto the Lord*", without reading into it more than is there, even the title tells us where the storehouse is. It is with the Lord. In other words, when a person supports a minister (including the medical minister) of truth and not just the system, that money is in God's storehouse. When they provide offerings to a ministry that is not sanctioned by the conference but is doing according to the Spirit of Prophecy and the Bible, those offerings are in God's storehouse. People are not allowed to freely choose to send their money anywhere but are restricted to supporting the furtherance of the work. Supporting the Red Cross with tithe is wrong. Supporting the Cancer Society with tithe is wrong. It must go to teachers and preachers in the Three Angels' Messages. Therefore, supporting an ordained female pastor, even

outside of the conference, is wrong. Supporting a female teacher is a different story. Those preachers on the payroll that tear down God's truths are not to be supported by tithe, and in fact, are robbing the storehouse – not the General Conference, but funds in general.

Let no one tell you otherwise for they are supporters of control, ignorantly or on purpose. Even if on purpose is because paid conference personnel have to call for funds to be sent to the conference or risk losing their paycheck.

Basically, support the forward motion of truth and not heresies of women's ordination, lower standards, the worldly music, and more.

Question: We are told to not ignore the holidays completely. What is wrong in participating in a sunrise service at Easter showing that we believe in a risen Saviour? It is not like keeping Sunday holy but simply attending a church service with relatives that invited me.

Answer: According to John 20:1, the Bible

says, "The first [day] of the week cometh Mary Magdalene early, when it was yet dark, unto the sepulchre, and seeth the stone taken away from the sepulchre." Therefore, the notion of attending a sunrise service in itself is a rejection of scripture. Jesus rose before the rising of the sun. Therefore, as the name implies, a sunrise service is a worship of the sun for even according to Ezekiel 8:15-16, worshipping the sun towards the east is an abomination before God. The east is where the sun rises. And the prophet Ezekiel was shown that such would take place right in God's church.

Question: Can Satan read minds?

Answer: First, regarding humans, "We are human, we can not read the mind or heart or know the secrets of your life" {SpM 5.4}. Now keep in mind, Jesus was made "a little lower than the angels" (Psalms 8:5). That means that there is not a stark contrast between us and angels. Yes, they can fly and quickly, too, at the moment, but so will we {EW 18.2}. They are more powerful than

humans, but maybe we will be also once we are translated or resurrected. My point is that we are so close in existence with angels, or will be, therefore, they should have the same limitations regarding the reading of minds, too. And that would include Satan, a fallen angel. "Satan has his evil angels around us; and though they cannot read men's thoughts, they closely watch their words and actions" {RH, April 8, 1884 par. 2}.

Now do keep in mind Satan and the fallen angels have studied humans for nearly six thousand years. They have all but perfected their entrapments, their expectations, their results. In addition to the number of years, there is also the number of specimens they have studied. This is why future telling of events can be pretty accurate. They know the expected outcome with high probability, and then share it with the false prophet.

Take for instance, Jean Dixon, a supposed psychic. There is no such thing, of course, but the evil angels relayed the plans that were being laid out to one another regarding John F. Kennedy's assassina-

tion, and then formulated an expected outcome. The angels knew all of the details, and then handed an impression to Jean, and she appeared to have finally gotten one right. It was the one she needed to become famous.

This is just one example of how the evil network operates on the spiritual realm, and appear to read minds, but they cannot.

Question: Leave money to kids?

Answer: Although we have a responsibility to our family so they are not a burden to society, we must be careful in what the funds are used for. Grown children who are unconverted ought not to be expecting to get a free payout upon the death of their parents. And the parents ought not be storing their “excess funds” in preparation to benefit their children. Although we have heard that the Lord is coming soon for a long time but generations later we are still here, now is very much the last generation. Funds waiting in bank accounts and other deposits solely as a death benefit is a misuse of those funds

even if a faithful tithe and offering has always been made. The Lord does not bless people with funds to encourage giving it away after death for selfishness, governments to take a huge chunk, and overall worldliness.

The church has appeared to fall and awaits its rise, though it is still falling and at a faster pace every year. The predicted heresies and apostasy are here. Persecution of the faithful by church members will only continue to increase. So, prophetically, the church is continuing their fulfillment. The world is united on climate change across merchants, religions, and even governments. They are only waiting, as it were, for a few more moments before releasing the mark of the beast. Immorality has increased so rapidly that the craziness cannot be outdone anymore. Legalizing and protecting all forms of sexuality and declaring the insanity that there are over 100 different genders when God created but two just cannot be outdone, making society ripe. Forced public schooling is on the increase along with

forced vaccinations, so the government is ripe. The media is in complete influential control where they can easily scare the people and cause the people to demand specific solutions, of which one of them will be for a Sunday law, so the media is ripe. The religious right has the church and state influence and will only await the moment to start implementing the religious laws as predicted leading to the Sunday law. In other words, everything is ripe. All they wait for is the angel to call out to those four angels holding the winds of strife back to be told, “Release!”

So, shall we plan to store funds for some future date that may be twenty, thirty, even forty years away, when Sunday law could be in 2020, 2021, 2022?

“To those who love God sincerely and have means, I am bidden to say: Now is the time for you to invest your means in sustaining the work of the Lord. Now is the time to uphold the hands of the ministers in their self-denying efforts to save perishing souls. When you meet in the heavenly courts the souls you have helped to

save, will you not have a glorious reward?" {9T 131.3}.

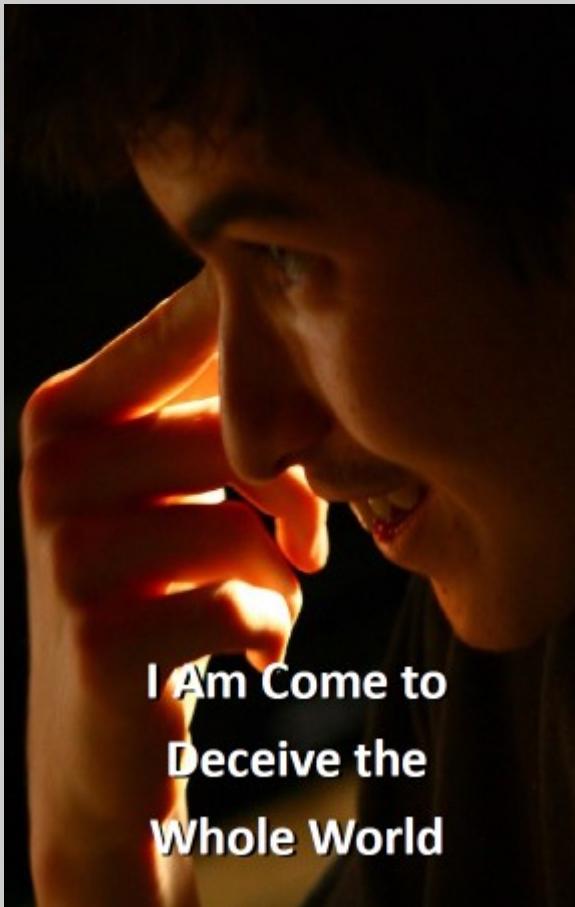
Question: How do you explain Daniel 8:9?

Answer: The verse

states, "And out of one of them came forth a little horn, which waxed exceeding great, toward the south, and toward the east, and toward the pleasant [land]."

So, from the goat (Daniel 8:8), which represents Grecia (Daniel 8:21) comes this little horn. The fact that it moves south and east even to the "pleasant land" of Israel reveals

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the horn is north, referring to one of the four generals that came to power after Alexander the Great. Now, I do not mean a person. It is a succession which eventually becomes pagan Rome that conquers south, east, and even Israel. Pagan Rome would eventually become Papal Rome, and continues to this day, and will be so until the end of time, commanding greatness, being pompous, and more. The subsequent verses show the switch from pagan Rome to Papal Rome.

Question: [After a discussion on Revelation 14:12 regarding the words “of” versus “in”, this statement was made.] I myself use the KJV, NASB, NIV, and NLT to understand the truth in the Bible. I would not use only one of these translations by itself. Because there are errors in all of the above translations.

Answer: The fact that the NIV is in the list at all reveals the complete ignorance of the agenda of Satan to reword the Bible. Are the Bible versions above being tampered with? Would Satan let it alone? Oh, of course, a

person will point to the Gay Bible and the non-gender or female Bible as works of Satan, but is Satan that obvious? He is obvious to get people to not suspect the other translations.

We have supplied numerous examples in the KJV monthly article that clearly shows an anti-Seventh-day Adventist theology, and that modern translations do not just contain simple translation errors, but specific attacks on our doctrines. They include sending Jesus to the Most Holy place right after His ascension, the cleansing of the sanctuary timeline, the keeping of the Ten Commandments not a requirement, and lacking the conditional salvation as opposed to providing blanket grace, supporting “once saved, always saved”, just to name a few examples.

Yes, the KJV does contain some words that should be better rendered than they are, but the context usually works itself out to know what the word chosen really means. For instance, to write that “have seen the end of the Lord” (James 5:11) is confusing because God never ceases. Using the word

“result” would have been a better choice, but that does not justify the use of modern translations.

Anyone who freely uses modern versions for the purpose of doctrine will be misled. There is absolutely an agenda to get all denominations and other religions to accept the NIV teachings. That alone should be alarming enough to cease using it at all.

Now, did I say other versions outside of the KJV should never be read? No. But for doctrinal purposes, absolutely not. They should not influence the decision on doctrine. As long as the meaning of the verse does not change as compared to the KJV, but simply explains the verse better, that, too, would be allowed. Unfortunately, though, too many think they know the meaning of a verse when they really do not, and they just willy-nilly accept modern translation versions. So overall, a person is much safer with the version that was used in reformation times – KJV.



Watchman, Let Him Declare What He Seeth

Watch Out Saints!

The purpose of this section of the newsletter is “Them that sin rebuke before all, that others also may fear” (1 Timothy 5:20). “If thou dost not speak to warn the wicked from his way, that wicked [man] shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at thine hand” (Ezekiel 33:8). We want to have those Adventists that are unaware of these things being error and to avoid them. And “whosoever shall do and teach [them], the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven” (Matthew 5:19).

“And when they succeed in bringing together a large number of people they must bear messages of a character so out of the usual order that the people will be aroused and warned. They must make use of every means that can possibly be devised for causing the truth to stand out clearly and distinctly. The testing message for this time is to be borne so plainly and decidedly as to startle the hearers and lead them to desire to study the Scriptures” {9T 109.2}.

November 22

Advent Messenger

An Ecumenical Choir that includes Seventh-day Adventists is Bringing Us to Rome’s Sunday Eucharistic Mass

In a video, the priest declares “Behold the Lamb of God which takes away the sins of the earth”, and what is seen is the members of the Adventist choir mouthing the typical Catholic response back to the priest acknowledging that the priest indeed has transformed a wafer and alcoholic wine into the body and blood of Christ and sacrificed Christ afresh.

EGW: “Rome never changes. Her principles have not altered in the least. She has not lessened the breach between herself and Protestants; they have done all the advancing. But what does this argue for the Protestantism of this day? It is the rejection of Bible truth which makes men approach to infidelity. It is a backsliding church that lessens the distance between itself and the Papacy.”

{ST, February 19, 1894 par. 4}

November 7

Advent Messenger

Worldliness and Paganism are on Full Display at Spicer Adventist University, India

SUMMARIZING VIDEOS AND PICTURES:

“Freshers Night” and “Cultural Day” are two annual events that take place at Spicer Adventist University. Videos show rappers not only rapping, but grabbing their crotches while on stage, painted up, and putting on a completely worldly presentation. Dance routines mimicked satanic rituals, full-on worldliness, and definitely applause-seeking accolades. Young girls then got on stage shaking their bottoms and thrusting out their fronts. Pagan ritualistic dance with drum beats took place circling around food and plant offerings. Hindu “godmen” were found walking around in the crowd. And all of this took place during a visit by Ted Wilson!

Bible: “His watchmen [are] blind: they are all ignorant, they [are] all dumb dogs, they cannot bark; sleeping, lying down, loving to slumber.” (Isaiah 56:10).

Comment: So many question how the Israelites went into paganism and even sacrificed their children to pagan gods. This is how! By simply excusing this away. It is apostasy! It is blatant apostasy. It is apostasy at the highest approved level! Both the website and Ted Wilson speak right words, but in actions they deny Christ!

November 11

Advent Messenger

A General Conference Executive Sings the Traditional Roman Catholic Song for Mass – In Latin

Ganoune Diop is the director of the General Conference's Public Affairs and Religious Liberty Department for the Seventh-day Adventist Church, and here he is singing a famous Latin song used during Catholic mass. Ganoune Diop is actually singing the famous song called "Laudate

Omnes Gentes" which is an old traditional, Roman Catholic, Latin Mass song used by Rome. The song is used as a chant and the words are repeated over and over again.

Bible: "Woe unto them! for they have gone in the way of Cain, and ran greedily after the error of Balaam for reward, and perished in the gainsaying of Core." (Jude 1:11)

Comment: For this to simply be a form of showing one's self to be friendly so as to draw people into discussion is something that was never practiced by Jesus. In fact, in several interactions we see Jesus being "exacting". To one, He said, "sell all that thou hast, and distribute unto the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come, follow me" (Luke 18:22) instead of trying to appear like that "certain ruler" (Luke

18:18). This is basically being a traitor, which means, unless Diop repents, he is going to be a Judas and turn in true Seventh-day Adventists over to authorities when the time comes. It is one thing that an Adventist would do this, but such an executive, which means even Ted Wilson is guilty for not preventing such things in his own office, is another matter.

October 31

Adventist Today

Merger of Adventist/ Catholic Hospitals Rejected by California Attorney General

EGW: "Even in business relations we cannot, without involving principle, connect ourselves with those who are not loyal to God. What the one party feels that conscience forbids, the other allows. And this not merely in regard to religious matters, but in

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business transactions. The one acts from selfish motives, regardless of God's law or the salvation of the soul; and if the other sincerely loves God and the truth, there must be either a sacrifice of principle or frequent and painful differences. It will require a continual struggle to resist the worldly influence and example of his ungodly associate. He has great difficulties to meet; for he has placed himself on the enemy's ground. The only safe course is to give heed to the inspired injunction: "Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers; for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness?" "Come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean; and I will receive you." {HS 215.4}

October 11

The Exponent Telegram

Gospel group from Washington, D.C., to perform at All Saints Catholic Church

The gospel group will also sing earlier in the day for the 11 a.m. Sunday Mass at All

Saints. The group is represented by various denominations, including: Roman Catholic, Seventh-day Adventist, Baptist, Church of God in Christ and non-denominational. The Sunday concert will feature genres of songs sung that include a mix of traditional, modern and contemporary gospel.

EGW: "It is a backsliding church that lessens the distance between itself and the Papacy." {ST, February 19, 1894 par. 4}

October 1

Adventist Today

Kenyan High Court Judge Urges Prayer and Out-of-Court Mediation as GC Sues Nairobi Cosmopolitan Conference

The General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists is suing the Nairobi Cosmopolitan Conference over the use of the Adventist trademark and logo. According to the Standard Digital, the GC, via the East Kenya Union Conference (EKUC), is asking Kenya's High Court to ban the NCC from operating as a religious entity. The legal argument is that the NCC should not be able to operate as a religious organization because it is registered

as a private company.

Bible: "But brother goeth to law with brother, and that before the unbelievers. Now therefore there is utterly a fault among you, because ye go to law one with another. Why do ye not rather take wrong? why do ye not rather [suffer yourselves to] be defrauded?" (1 Corinthians 6:6-7).

EGW: "I call upon you in the name of Christ to withdraw the suit that you have begun and never bring another into court. God forbids you thus to dishonor His name. You have had great light and many opportunities, and you cannot afford to unite with worldlings and follow their methods. Remember that the Lord will treat you according to the stand that you take in this life. . . ." {3SM 304.1}

Comment: The GC is basically telling this body to become subject to government regulations, making the government head over the church, just like the GC in the United States is a 501c3, which is subject to many non-discriminatory regulations including equal rights for women, homosexuals, etc.



News And Comments

October 15

MSNBC

Facing crises, Team Trump takes aim at the church-state line

Here is yet another sign that the US is readying to fulfill "he spake as a dragon" (Revelation 13:11).

October 31

NY Times

Paula White, Trump's Personal Pastor, Joins the White House

"Paula White, a televangelist based in Florida and personal pastor to President Trump, whom he has known since 2002, has joined the Trump administration in an official capacity, according to a White House official. As Mr. Trump campaigns for a second term, he cannot afford to lose support from the religious conservatives who voted for him in 2016 in significant numbers. Without their backing, his path to re-election would be significantly narrower." And the mindset is ready to fulfill this prophecy: "Political corruption is destroying love of justice and regard for truth; and even in free America, rulers

and legislators, in order to secure public favor, will yield to the popular demand for a law enforcing Sunday observance. Liberty of conscience, which has cost so great a sacrifice, will no longer be respected. In the soon-coming conflict we shall see exemplified the prophet's words: 'The dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.;" [Revelation 12:17.] {GC88 592.3}

November 1

Free Beacon

Poll: Majority of Americans Want First Amendment Rewritten

"51 percent of Millennials want fines or jail time for 'hate speech'". Just remember, hate speech is in the eyes of the beholder, so identifying the antichrist, speaking on LGBTQ+, speaking out against climate change, etc. can all be considered hate speech. The US citizens are being groomed to fulfill this prophecy very easily: "When Protestantism shall stretch

her hand across the gulf to grasp the hand of the Roman power, when she shall reach over the abyss to clasp hands with spiritualism, when, under the influence of this threefold union, our country shall repudiate every principle of its Constitution as a Protestant and republican government, and shall make provision for the propagation of papal falsehoods and delusions, then we may know that the time has come for the marvelous working of Satan and that the end is near." {5T 451.1}

November 1

The Guardian

A recession is coming. When it does, we need to demand a Green New Deal

Is this the game plan? Bring on a recession, scare the people, demand a Green New Deal, and then implement the solution? "We ought now to be heeding the injunction of our Saviour: 'Sell that ye have, and give alms; provide yourselves bags which wax not old, a treasure in the heavens that faileth not.' It is now that our brethren should be cutting down

their possessions instead of increasing them. We are about to move to a better country, even a heavenly. Then let us not be dwellers upon the earth, but be getting things into as compact a compass as possible. {5T 152.1}

"The time is coming when we cannot sell at any price. The decree will soon go forth prohibiting men to buy or sell of any man save him that hath the mark of the beast. We came near having this realized in California a short time since; but this was only the threatening of the blowing of the four winds. As yet they are held by the four angels. We are not just ready. There is a work yet to be done, and then the angels will be bidden to let go, that the four winds may blow upon the earth. That will be a decisive time for God's children, a time of trouble such as never was since there was a nation. Now is our opportunity to work." {5T 152.2}

November 5

Bloomberg

Earth Needs Fewer People to Beat the Climate Crisis, Scientists Say

Sure, they suggest that

we have fewer babies, but instilled into people is the promotion of abortion, and then on the other end, kill off the elderly with assisted suicide. But it will prove to be not enough, therefore, as

should be killed" (Revelation 13:15).

November 5

Breitbart

Christian Hymn Society Releases 'Queer

I saw the necessity of the messengers, especially, watching and checking all fanaticism wherever they might see it rise. Satan is pressing in on every side, and unless we watch for him, and have our eyes open to his devices and snares, and have on the whole armor of God, the fiery darts of the wicked will hit us. There are many precious truths contained in the Word of God, but it is "present truth" that the flock needs now. I have seen the danger of the messengers running off from the important points of present truth, to dwell upon subjects that are not calculated to unite the flock and sanctify the soul. Satan will here take every possible advantage to injure the cause.

{*Early Writings*, page 63.1}

they have stated already, climate deniers ought to be eliminated. "And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast

Hymns' for LGBTQIA2S+

To call "queer hymns" "Christian" is hypocritical, oxymoron, and plainly, error. "For there are certain men crept in unawares, who were before of old ordained to this condemnation, ungodly men,

turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness, and denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ" (Jude 1:4).

November 6

The Telegraph

Yoga teacher barred from using church hall as practice not 'compatible' with Christianity

"In one of my classes I have a female vicar and they don't seem to have concerns, so I struggle to understand what the problem is." The problem is that the female vicar is already a compromised supposed Christian. She ought not have such a position if she truly believed God's Word. "If ye continue in my word, [then] are ye my disciples indeed" (John 8:31). On this point, St. Mary's is doing the right thing by rejecting yoga, despite the mainstream acceptance, because St. Mary's knows it to be a religious-spiritual connection.

November 8

Crux Now

Pope asks Catholics, Salvation Army to spread God's love through service

"Holiness transcends denominational boundaries," the pope said."

"THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH" (Revelation 17:5) works well with one of her daughters.

November 10

Daily Mail

Pope Francis leads Holy Mass in Rome a day after Italian friend accused him of 'denying the physical resurrection of Christ'

"And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that [spirit] of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world" (1 John 4:3).

November 9

The Washington Standard

Rome: Giant Statue Of Molech Erected At Entrance To The Colosseum

"And what makes this even more shocking is that the Colosseum is actually controlled by the Vatican." Exodus 20:3-6 says, "Thou shalt have no other gods before me. Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness [of any thing] that [is] in heaven above, or that [is] in the earth beneath, or that

[is] in the water under the earth: Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God [am] a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth [generation] of them that hate me; And shewing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments."

November 15

Catholic New York

Pope Calls on Leaders, Tech Giants to Protect Children Online

"The merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies" (Revelation 18:3). The papacy is wielding their influence upon the merchants once again. Of course, it is in the guise of something that one cannot really argue against. Child trafficking, child exploitation, and many other dangers regarding children are found on the Internet, and something ought to be done. We do not question that. What we question is the ability for the papacy to so easily bring "together religious leaders, academics, policymakers and tech industry leaders from around the world to

discuss ways to combat the exploitation of children online." She could not do such if she did not have authority over them.

November 19

Vatican News

Pope comes to Thailand to promote peace and understanding

Regarding peace, Daniel 8:25 says, "And through his policy also he shall cause craft to prosper in his hand; and he shall magnify [himself] in his heart, and by peace shall destroy many: he shall also stand up against the Prince of princes; but he shall be broken without hand."

November 21

Japan Times

With visit to Japan, Pope Francis will fulfill decades-old dream of teaching the faith in Japan

The article states: "After touching down in Tokyo on Saturday evening, Pope Francis will head to Nagasaki on Sunday morning to deliver a peace message, according to the Roman Catholic Church. He will then visit a monument to 26 martyrs who were crucified in Nagasaki in 1597 at the order of warlord Toyotomi Hideyoshi."

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November 20

Watauga Democrat

God is calling not only upon the ministers, but also upon physicians, nurses, canvassers, Bible workers, and other consecrated laymen of varied talent who have a knowledge of present truth, to consider the needs of the unwarned cities. There should be one hundred believers actively engaged in personal missionary work where now there is but one. Time is rapidly passing. There is much work to be done before satanic opposition shall close up the way. Every agency must be set in operation, that present opportunities may be wisely improved.

{*The Review & Herald*, April 7, 1910}

Your view: Greta's weekly climate strikes ask for return to Sabbath

Of course, the Sabbath referred to here is that of the Christianized one

called Sunday, for anti-christ will make all "think to change times and laws" (Daniel 7:25).

November 15

National Catholic Register

Francis' biggest reform is to shift church from Eurocentric to universal

As the process continues to fulfill, "his deadly

wound was healed: and all the world wondered after the beast" (Revelation 13:3), we see more and more that we are so close to all being fulfilled.



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as he did aforetime” (Daniel 6:10). In other words, do not be looking for ways to alter your activities. Yes, do as Ellen White penned and find acceptable work on Sunday {9T 233.1}, but be like Daniel and keep the Sabbath holy no matter what, but do *not* try to keep Sunday holy, too.

The mark is coming soon, but fear more that we have not done all we should have done to tell others. Do not only keep the faith, but share what you can while time lasts. It is not much longer, my family.



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