



# The Four Angels' Messages

## A Monthly Magazine

It is the Three Angels' Message of Revelation 14 empowered by "another angel" (Revelation 18:1) producing the Loud Cry, which is yet future, but now is the time of preparation, which is the purpose of this publication.

### God's People Delivered

Ellen White

As the time appointed in the decree against God's people comes, the inhabitants of the earth unite to destroy the disturbers of their peace. In one night they determine to strike the decisive blow that shall forever silence the voice of the reprove. The waiting ones, in their solitary retreats, are still pleading for divine protection. In every quarter, companies of armed men, urged on by hosts of evil angels, are preparing for the work of death. With shouts of triumph, with jeers and imprecations, they are about to rush upon their prey.

But lo, a dense blackness, deeper than the darkness of the night, falls upon the earth. Then a rainbow, shining with the glory from the throne of God, spans the heavens, and seems to encircle each praying company. The angry multitudes are suddenly arrested. Their mocking cries die away. The objects of their murderous rage are forgotten. With fearful forebodings they gaze upon the symbol of God's covenant, and long to be shielded from its overpowering brightness.

By the people of God, a voice, clear and melodious, is heard, saying,

"Look up," and, lifting their eyes to the heavens, they behold the bow of promise. The black, angry clouds that covered the firmament are parted, and like Stephen they look up steadfastly into Heaven, and see the glory of God, and the Son of man seated upon his throne. In his divine form they discern the marks of his humiliation; and from his lips they hear the request, presented before his Father and the holy angels, "I will that they also, whom thou hast given me, be with me where I am," Again a voice, musical and tri-

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# Dear Brothers and Sisters ...

*Jerry O'Donnell*

I would like to share an amazing miracle or a series of miracles culminating in one big blessing.

As you know, on December 14th, I was informed by my one huge contract relationship which had existed for over five years that he was basically closing his doors, selling off what he could, just to recoup the debt he accumulated in 2020 after such a terrific run the four years prior. This contract represented about 98% of my contracts in providing computer services, primarily programming. This relationship would end on December 31, so I began immediately the search for replacement income, and being in the computer world I placed my resume on numerous job boards in search of any work I could get.

Well, December 31 came and the selling off of his business was delayed about a week, allowing me to gain an extra week of income. He then provided me with two additional weeks of service in a different business he owned, allowing me a total of three extra weeks of income, of which was banked so as to continue for as long

as possible off that income.

That was five weeks of time that I also was submitting resumes in an attempt to secure an interview, of which all of the resumes were rejected for my lack of the modern programming methods being used today. In other words, a lot had changed since the beginning of the relationship I had enjoyed under the "as-many-hours-as-you-can-work,-I-will-pay-you-top-dollar" rule. That left very little room for learning newer methods that would become necessary once COVID wiped this relationship out.

On top of hearing that, there was the age factor as well. Most companies looking for programmers are looking for the 20-somethings and 30-somethings but definitely not looking for one who is up in age, as myself. It was at that time I had announced, after much prayer, that it looked like I would be going into full-time ministry. I had no problem with that, but instead of using 100% of the funds in the print ministry, I would have to live off that instead, restricting the amount of literature

distribution I had become accustomed to doing.

During all of this, daily I would have recruiters sending me emails, even calling me and leaving voicemail messages suggesting I would be perfect for their position, in which I explained that in no wise was I "perfect", not even close. To a few who were persistent, I told them, "Ask the potential employer if the particular style of programming, called object-oriented or frameworks, is required." Every single one reported back to me with an apology for their insistence and dropped me, because that was the requirement and I was not up to date on that technology.

Then on February 9th, I received an email from a recruiter. I recognized one of those key words indicating the modern mode of programming and filed the position away in a junk folder. That recruiter, as several others had done, called me in a follow-up and left a voice mail message insisting that I contact them. I then dug up the email, identified the positives, where I more than

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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.

**About The Four Angels' Messages Ministry**

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umphant, is heard, saying, "They come! they come! holy, harmless, and undefiled. They have kept the word of my patience; they shall walk among the angels;" and the pale, quivering lips of those who have held fast their faith, utter a shout of victory.

It is at midnight that God manifests his power for the deliverance of his people. The sun appears shining in its strength. Startling signs and wonders follow in quick succession. The wicked look with terror and amazement upon the scene, while the righteous behold with solemn joy the tokens of their deliverance. Everything in nature seems turned out of its course. The streams cease to flow. Dark, heavy clouds come up, and clash against each other. In the midst of the angry heavens is one clear space of indescribable glory, whence comes the voice of God like the sound of many waters, saying, "It is done."

That voice shakes the heavens and the earth. There is a mighty earthquake. The firmament appears to open and shut. The glory from the throne of God seems flashing through. The mountains shake like a reed in the wind, and ragged rocks are scattered on every side. There is a roar as of a

coming tempest. The sea is lashed into fury. There is heard the shriek of the hurricane, like the voice of demons upon a mission of destruction. The whole earth heaves and swells like the waves of the sea. Its surface is breaking up. Its very foundations seem to be giving way. Mountain chains are sinking. Inhabited islands disappear with their living freight. The seaports that have become like Sodom for wickedness are swallowed up by the angry waters. Great hailstones, every one "about the weight of a talent," [Revelation 16:21.] are doing their work of destruction. The proudest cities of the earth are laid low. The costly palaces, upon which the world's great men have lavished their wealth in order to glorify themselves, are crumbling to ruin before their eyes. Prison walls are rent asunder, and God's people, who have been held in bondage for their faith, are set free.

Graves are opened, and "many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth" "awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt." [Daniel 12:2.] All who have died in faith under the third angel's message come forth from the tomb glorified, to hear God's covenant of peace with those who

have kept his law. "They also which pierced Him," those that mocked and derided Christ's dying agonies, and the most violent opposers of his truth and his people, are raised to behold him in his glory, and to see the honor placed upon the loyal and obedient.

Thick clouds still cover the sky; yet the sun now and then breaks through, appearing like the avenging eye of Jehovah. Fierce lightnings leap from the heavens, enveloping the earth in a sheet of flame. Above the terrific roar of thunder, voices, mysterious and awful, declare the doom of the wicked. The words spoken are not comprehended by all; but they are distinctly understood by the false watchmen. Those who a little before were so reckless, so boastful and defiant, so exultant in their cruelty to God's commandment-keeping people, are now overwhelmed with consternation, and shuddering in fear. Their wails are heard above the sound of the elements. Demons acknowledge the divinity of Christ, and tremble before his power, while men are supplicating for mercy, and groveling in abject terror.

Said the prophets of old as they beheld in holy vision the day of God: "Blow ye the trumpet in Zion, and sound an

alarm in my holy mountain: let all the inhabitants of the land tremble; for the day of the Lord cometh, for it is nigh at hand." "And the Lord shall utter his voice before his army; for his camp is very great; for he is strong that executeth his word; for the day of the Lord is great and very terrible; and who can abide it?" [Joel 2:1, 11.] "Howl ye; for the day of the Lord is at hand; it shall come as a destruction from the Almighty." [Isaiah 13:6.] "Enter into the rock, and hide thee in the dust, for fear of the Lord, and for the glory of his majesty. The lofty looks of man shall be humbled, and the haughtiness of men shall be bowed down, and the Lord alone shall be exalted in that day. For the day of the Lord of hosts shall be upon every one that is proud and lofty, and upon every one that is lifted up; and he shall be brought low." [Isaiah 2:10-12.] "In that day a man shall cast his idols of silver, and his idols of gold, which they made each one for himself to worship, to the moles and to the bats; to go into the clefts of the rocks, and into the tops of the ragged rocks, for fear of the Lord, and for the glory of his majesty, when he ariseth to shake terribly the earth." [Isaiah 2:20, 21.]

Through a rift in the clouds, there beams a star whose brilliancy is increased fourfold in contrast with the darkness. It speaks hope and joy to the faithful, but severity and wrath to the transgressors of God's law. Those who have sacrificed all for Christ are now secure, hidden as in the secret of the Lord's pavilion. They have been tested, and before the world and the despisers of truth they have evinced their fidelity to Him who died for them. A marvelous change has come over those who have held fast their integrity in the very face of death. They have been suddenly delivered from the dark and terrible tyranny of men transformed to demons. Their faces, so lately pale, anxious, and haggard, are now aglow with wonder, faith, and love. Their voices rise in triumphant song: "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore will not we fear, though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea; though the waters thereof roar and the troubled, though the mountains shake with the swelling thereof." [Psalm 46:1-3.]

While these words of holy trust ascend to God, the clouds sweep back, and the starry

heavens are seen, unspeakably glorious in contrast with the black and angry firmament on either side. The glory of Heaven is beaming from the gates ajar. Then there appears against the sky a hand holding two tables of stone folded together. The hand opens the tables, and there are revealed the precepts of the decalogue, traced as with a pen of fire. The words are so plain that all can read them. Memory is aroused, the darkness of superstition and heresy is swept from every mind, and God's ten words, brief, comprehensive, and authoritative, are presented to the view of all the inhabitants of earth. Wonderful code! wonderful occasion!

It is impossible to describe the horror and despair of those who have trampled upon God's holy requirements. The Lord gave them his law; they might have compared their characters with it, and learned their defects while yet there was opportunity for repentance and reform; but in order to secure the favor of the world, they set aside its precepts and taught others to transgress. They have endeavored to compel God's people to profane his Sabbath. Now they are condemned by that law which they have des-

pired. With awful distinctness they see that they are without excuse. They chose whom they would serve and worship. "Then shall ye return, and discern between the righteous and the wicked, between him that serveth God and him that serveth him not." [Malachi 3:18.]

The enemies of God's law, from the ministers down to the least among them, have a new conception of truth and duty. Too late they see that the Sabbath of the fourth commandment is the seal of the living God. Too late they see the true nature of their spurious Sabbath, and the sandy foundation upon which they have been building. They find that they have been fighting against God. Religious teachers have led souls to perdition while professing to guide them to the gates of Paradise. Not until the day of final accounts will it be known how great is the responsibility of men in holy office, and how terrible are the results of their unfaithfulness. Only in eternity can we rightly estimate the loss of a single soul. Fearful will be the doom of him to whom God shall say, Depart, thou wicked servant.

The voice of God is heard from Heaven declaring the day and hour

of Jesus' coming, and delivering the everlasting covenant to his people. Like peals of loudest thunder, his words roll through the earth. The Israel of God stand listening, with their eyes fixed upward. Their countenances are lighted up with his glory, and shine as did the face of Moses when he came down from Sinai. The wicked cannot look upon them. And when the blessing is pronounced on those who have honored God by keeping his Sabbath holy, there is a mighty shout of victory.

Soon there appears in the east a small black cloud, about half the size of a man's hand. It is the cloud which surrounds the Saviour, and which seems in the distance to be shrouded in darkness. The people of God know this to be the sign of the Son of man. In solemn silence they gaze upon it as it draws nearer the earth, becoming lighter and more glorious, until it is a great white cloud, its base a glory like consuming fire, and above it the rainbow of the covenant. Jesus rides forth as a mighty conqueror, and the armies of Heaven follow him. With songs of triumph, a vast retinue of holy angels escort him on his way. The firmament seems filled with shining forms, ten thousand times ten

thousand, and thousands of thousands. No pen can picture, no human mind conceive, the glory of the scene. As the living cloud comes still nearer, Jesus can be clearly seen. He does not wear a crown of thorns, but a crown of glory rests upon his holy brow. His countenance shines as the noonday sun. Upon his vesture and thigh is a name written, "King of kings, and Lord of lords."

Before him every face turns pale, and upon those whom God has rejected, falls the blackness of despair. The righteous cry with trembling, "Who shall be able to stand?" The song of the angels ceases, and there is a period of awful silence. Then the voice of Jesus is heard, saying, "My grace is sufficient for you." The faces of the righteous are lighted up, and joy fills every heart. And the angels strike a note higher, and sing again, as they draw still nearer to the earth.

The King of kings descends upon the cloud, wrapped in flaming fire. The earth trembles before him, the heavens are rolled together as a scroll, and every mountain and every island is moved out of its place. Says the psalmist: "Our God shall come, and shall not keep silence; a

fire shall devour before him, and it shall be very tempestuous round about him. He shall call to the heavens from above, and to the earth, that he may judge his people. Gather my saints together unto me; those that have made a covenant with me by sacrifice. And the heavens shall declare his righteousness; for God is judge himself." [Psalm 50:3-6.]

"And the kings of the earth, and the great men, and the rich men, and the chief captains, and the mighty men, and every bondman, and every freeman, hid themselves in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains, and said to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of Him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb; for the great day of his wrath is come, and who shall be able to stand?" [Revelation 6:15-17.]

The derisive jests have ceased. Lying lips are hushed into silence. The clash of arms, the tumult of battle, "with confused noise, and garments rolled in blood," [Isaiah 9:5.] is stilled. Naught now is heard but the voice of prayer and the sound of weeping and lamentation. The cry bursts forth from lips so lately scoffing, "The great day of His wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?" The wicked pray to be covered by the rocks of the mountains, rather than meet the face of Him whom they have despised and rejected.

Those who mocked Christ in his humiliation are in that throng. With thrilling power come to their minds the Sufferer's words, when, adjured by the high priest, he solemnly declared, "Hereafter shall ye see the Son of man sitting on the right hand of power, and coming in the clouds of heaven." [Matthew

26:64.] Now they behold Christ in his glory, and they are yet to see him sitting on the right hand of power.

That voice which penetrates the ear of the dead, they know. How often have its plaintive, tender tones called them to repentance. How often has it been heard in the touching entreaties of a friend, a brother, a Redeemer. To the rejecters of his grace, no other could be so full of condemnation, so burdened with denunciation, as that voice which has so long pleaded, "Turn ye, turn ye; for why will ye die?" Oh that it were to them the voice of a stranger! Says Jesus, "I have called, and ye refused; I have stretched out my hand, and no man regarded. But ye have set at naught all my counsel, and would none of my reproof." [Proverbs 1:24, 25.] That voice awakens memories which they would fain blot out, –

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warnings despised, invitations refused, privileges slighted.

Those who derided his claim to be the Son of God are speechless now. There is the haughty Herod who jeered at his royal title, and bade the mocking soldiers crown him king. There are the very men who with impious hands placed upon his form the purple robe, upon his sacred brow the thorny crown, and in his unresisting hand the mimic scepter, and bowed before him in blasphemous mockery. The men who smote and spit upon the Prince of life, now turn from his piercing gaze, and seek to flee from the overpowering glory of his presence. Those who drove the nails through his hands and feet, the soldier who pierced his side, behold these marks with terror and remorse.

With awful distinctness do priests and rulers recall the events of Calvary. With shuddering horror they remember how, wagging their heads in Satanic exultation, they exclaimed, "He saved others; himself he cannot save. If he be the King of Israel, let him now come down from the cross, and we will believe him. He trusted in God; let him deliver him now, if he will have him." [Matthew 27:42, 43.]

Vividly they recall the Saviour's parable of the husbandmen who refused to render to their lord the fruit of the vineyard, who abused his servants and slew his son. They remember, too, the sentence which they themselves pronounced: The lord of the vineyard will miserably destroy those wicked men. In the sin and punishment of those unfaithful men, the priests and elders see their own course and their own just doom. And now there rises a cry of mortal agony. Louder than the shout, "Crucify him! crucify him!" which rang through the streets of Jerusalem, swells the awful, despairing wail, "He is the Son of God! He is the true Messiah!" They seek to flee from the presence of the King of kings. In the deep caverns of the earth, rent asunder by the warping of the elements, they vainly attempt to hide.

In the lives of all who reject truth, there are moments when conscience awakens, when memory presents the torturing recollection of a life of hypocrisy, and the soul is harassed with vain regrets. But what are these compared with the remorse of that day when "fear cometh as desolation," when "destruction cometh as a whirlwind!" [Proverbs 1:27.] Those who would

have destroyed Christ and his faithful people, now witness the glory which rests upon them. In the midst of their terror they hear the voices of the saints in joyful strains exclaiming, "Lo, this is our God, we have waited for him, and he will save us." [Isaiah 25:9.] {4SP 462.2}

Amid the reeling of the earth, the flashing of lightning, and the roaring of thunder, the voice of the Son of God calls forth the sleeping saints. He looks upon the graves of the righteous, then raising his hands to heaven he cries, "Awake, awake, awake, ye that sleep in the dust, and arise!" Throughout the length and breadth of the earth, the dead shall hear that voice, and they that hear shall live. And the whole earth shall ring with the tread of the exceeding great army of every nation, kindred, tongue, and people. From the prison-house of death they come, clothed with immortal glory, crying, "O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?" [1 Corinthians 15:55.] And the living righteous and the risen saints unite their voices in a long, glad shout of victory.

All come forth from their graves the same in stature as when they entered the tomb. Adam, who stands among the



risen throng, is of lofty height and majestic form, in stature but little below the Son of God. He presents a marked contrast to the people of later generations; in this one respect is shown the great degeneracy of the race. But all arise from their last deep slumber with the freshness and vigor of eternal youth. In the beginning, man was created in the likeness of God, not only in character, but in form and feature. Sin defaced and almost obliterated the divine image; but Christ came to restore that which had been lost. He will change our vile bodies, and fashion them like unto his glorious body. The mortal, corruptible form, devoid of comeliness, once polluted with sin, becomes perfect, beautiful, and immortal. All blemishes and deformities are left in the grave. The redeemed bear the image of their Lord. Oh, wonderful redemption! long talked of, long hoped for, contemplated with eager anticipation, but never fully understood.

The living righteous are changed in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye. At the voice of God they were glorified; now they are made immortal, and with the risen saints are caught up to meet their Lord in the air. Friends long separated by death are united, never more to part. Little children

are borne by holy angels to their mothers' arms, and together, with songs of gladness, they ascend to the city of God.

On each side of the cloudy chariot are wings, and beneath it are living wheels; and as the chariot rolls upward, the wheels cry, "Holy," and the wings, as they move, cry, "Holy," and the retinue of angels cry, "Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty." And the people of God shout "Alleluia!" as the chariot moves onward toward the New Jerusalem.

Before entering the city, the saints are arranged in a hollow square, with Jesus in the midst. In height he surpasses both the saints and the angels. His majestic form and lovely countenance can be seen by all in the square. Upon the heads of the overcomers the Saviour, with his own right hand, places the crowns of glory. For every saint there is a crown, bearing his new name, and the inscription, "Holiness to the Lord." In every hand is placed the victor's palm and the shining harp. The commanding angels strike the note, and every voice is raised in grateful praise, every hand sweeps the harp-strings with skillful touch, awaking sweet music in rich, melodious strains.

Before the ransomed throng is the holy city.

Jesus opens wide the pearly gates, and the nations that have kept the truth enter in. There they behold the Paradise of God, the home of Adam in his innocence. Then that voice, richer than any music that ever fell on mortal ear, is heard, saying, "Your conflict is ended." The Saviour's countenance beams with unutterable love as he welcomes the redeemed to the joy of their Lord.

Suddenly there rings out upon the air an exultant cry of adoration. The two Adams are about to meet. The Son of God is standing with outstretched arms to receive the father of our race, – the being whom he created, who sinned against his Maker, and for whose sin the marks of the crucifixion are borne upon the Saviour's form. As Adam discerns the prints of the cruel nails, he does not fall upon the bosom of his Lord, but in humiliation casts himself at his feet, crying, "Worthy, worthy is the Lamb that was slain!" Tenderly the Saviour lifts him up, and directs his attention to the Eden home from which he has so long been exiled.

After his expulsion from Eden, Adam's life on earth was filled with sorrow. Every dying leaf, every victim of sacrifice, every blight upon the

fair face of nature, every stain upon man's purity, was a fresh reminder of his sin. Terrible was the agony of remorse as he beheld iniquity abounding, and, in answer to his reproofs, met the reproaches cast upon himself as the cause of sin. With patient humility he bore, for nearly a thousand years, the penalty of transgression. Faithfully did he repent of his sin, and trust in the merits of the promised Saviour, and he died in the hope of a resurrection. The Son of God redeemed man's failure and fall, and now, through the work of the atonement, Adam is reinstated in his first dominion.

Transported with joy, he beholds the trees that were once his delight, – the very trees from which he plucked fruit when he rejoiced in the perfection of innocence and holiness. He sees the vines that his own hands have trained, the very flowers that he once loved to care for. His mind grasps the reality of the scene; he comprehends that this is indeed Eden restored, far more beautiful now than when he was banished from it. The Saviour leads him to the tree of life, and plucks the glorious fruit, and bids him eat. He looks about him, and beholds a multitude of his family

redeemed, standing in the Paradise of God. Then he casts his glittering crown at the feet of Jesus, and, falling upon his breast, embraces the Redeemer. He touches the golden harp, and the vaults of Heaven echo the triumphant song, "Worthy, worthy, worthy is the Lamb that was slain, and lives again!" The family of Adam take up the strain, and cast their crowns at the Saviour's feet as they bow before him in adoration.

This reunion is witnessed by the angels who wept at the fall of Adam, and rejoiced when Jesus, after his resurrection, ascended to Heaven, having opened the grave for all who should believe on his name. Now they behold the work of redemption accomplished, and they unite their voices in the song of praise.

The Saviour's chosen have been educated and disciplined in the school of trial. They walked in narrow paths on earth; they were purified in the furnace of affliction. For Jesus' sake they endured opposition, hatred, calumny. They followed him through conflicts sore; they endured self-denial and experienced bitter disappointments. By their own painful experience they learned the evil of sin, its power, its guilt, its woe; and

they look upon it with abhorrence. A sense of the infinite sacrifice made for its cure, humbles them in their own sight, and fills their hearts with gratitude and praise which those who have never fallen cannot appreciate. They love much, because they have been forgiven much. Having been partakers of Christ's sufferings, they are fitted to be partakers with him of his glory.

The heirs of God have come from garrets, from hovels, from dungeons, from scaffolds, from mountains, from deserts, from the caves of the earth, from the caverns of the sea. But they are no longer feeble, afflicted, scattered, and oppressed. Henceforth they are to be ever with the Lord. They stand before the throne clad in richer robes than the most honored of the earth have ever worn. They are crowned with diadems more glorious than were ever placed upon the brow of earthly monarchs. The days of pain and weeping are forever ended. The King of glory has wiped the tears from all faces; every cause of grief has been removed. Amid the waving of palm-branches they pour forth a song of praise, clear, sweet, and harmonious; every voice takes up the strain, until the

anthem swells through the vaults of Heaven, "Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb." And all the inhabitants of Heaven respond in the ascription, "Amen; blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honor, and power, and might, be unto our God forever and ever." [Revelation 7:10, 12.]

The theme of redemption has but just begun to be understood. With our finite comprehension we may consider most earnestly the shame and the glory, the life and the death, the justice and the mercy, that meet in the cross; yet with the utmost stretch of our mental powers we fail to grasp its full significance. The length and the breadth, the depth and the height of redeeming love are but dimly comprehended. The plan of redemption will not be fully understood, even when the ransomed see as they are seen and know as they are known; but through the eternal ages, new truth will continually unfold to the wondering and delighted mind. Though the griefs and pains and temptations of earth are ended, and the cause removed, the people of God will ever have a distinct, intelligent knowledge of

what their salvation has cost.

The cross of Christ will be the science and the song of the redeemed through all eternity. In Christ glorified they will behold Christ crucified. Never will it be forgotten that He who could command all the powers of nature, who by a word could summon mighty angels to do his will and execute vengeance upon his enemies, – the beloved of God, the Majesty of Heaven, – submitted to insult, torture, and death, that sinners might be redeemed. That the Maker of all worlds, the Arbiter of all destinies, should lay aside his glory, and humiliate himself from love to man, will ever excite the wonder and admiration of the universe. As the nations of the saved look upon their Redeemer, and behold the eternal glory of the Father shining in his countenance; as they behold his throne, which is from everlasting to everlasting, and know that his kingdom is to have no end, they break forth in rapturous song, "Worthy, worthy is the Lamb that was slain, and hath redeemed us to God by his own most precious blood!"

The mystery of the cross explains all other mysteries. In the light that streams from Calvary,

the attributes of God which had filled us with fear and awe appear beautiful and attractive. Mercy, tenderness, and parental love are seen to blend with holiness, justice, and power. While we behold the majesty of his throne, high and lifted up, we see his character in its gracious manifestations, and comprehend, as never before, the significance of that endearing title, our Father.

It will be seen that He who is infinite in wisdom could devise no plan for our salvation except the sacrifice of his Son. The compensation for this sacrifice is the joy of peopling the earth with ransomed beings, holy, happy, and immortal. The result of the Saviour's conflict with the powers of darkness is joy to the redeemed, redounding to the glory of God, throughout eternity. And such is the value of the soul that the Father is satisfied with the price paid; and Christ himself, beholding the fruits of his great sacrifice, is satisfied. {*The Spirit of Prophecy Volume Four*, page 452.1 – 469.2}



# What must I Do to be Saved?

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THIS question is often asked by the honest in heart, who love life and shudder at the thoughts of death. Their disease is death, but they feel that there must be a cure in something. Ancient alchemists searched all the precious metals for a life giving property and failed to find it. Religion seems to be the only thing that offers eternal life to its votaries, consequently we search in her temples for the boon. Christian nations seem to be nearer the prize than others. They are more enlightened in many respects than those who worship sticks and stones, consequently they are selected by the poor pilgrim as the ones among whom to search. They profess to believe the teachings of the Bible, saying, if we obey the divine teachings of this book we shall get eternal life. Come, say they, believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and you shall be saved. The sufferings and death of our Saviour are held up before him; he is told that Christ died to reconcile God to man, and that if we have faith in Jesus we shall be saved. He goes away happy, for he believes he has the faith that is necessary. Again, another mysterious temple is entered

that he may hear more of that precious doctrine; for he has been told that this book is to be explained by a learned man set apart for this purpose. He listens, eager to catch every word that promises him life, and hears that we are justified by grace; again, he goes to another Babylonish school, and learns that we are saved by faith and baptism; to another, and hears salvation by works preached; another says we are saved by the blood of Christ. Sometimes the ingredients of salvation are a little mixed, so that he soon finds over six hundred different mixtures. He turns away in disgust from this tangled mass of confusion, and as a last resort he concludes to study the Bible himself and see what God does teach him to do. Let us go with him and search the sacred pages that we may learn the way also. We wish to learn our whole duty to God and man, knowing that he promises to save us if we obey his directions.

We soon learn that to "fear God and keep his commandments" is the whole duty of man. We now rejoice; but let us be certain that these commandments will give

us eternal life, so that there can be no mistake in so important a matter. "My son, forget not my law, but let thine heart keep my commandments; for length of days, and long life, and peace shall they add to thee." Prov.iii,1,2. See also Eze.xx,11,21,25; Lev.xviii,5; Deut.iv,1; vi,24; xi,21; Luke x,25-28; Rev.xxii,14; Matt.xxv,46; Isa.lvi,4-6; Rom.vi,22; Matt.xix,17. "My son, keep my words, and lay up my commandments with thee; keep my commandments and live; and my law as the apple of thine eye." Prov.vii,1,2.

These precious commandments were written on the doorposts and gates of the houses of God's chosen people. Deut.vi. "Blessed are they that keep my ways. Blessed is the man that heareth me, watching daily (where? in the place they were commanded to write them) at my gates, waiting at the posts of my doors; for whoso findeth me findeth life." Prov.viii,33-35. Obedience to these commands is called righteousness. Matt.v,19,20; Deut.vi,25. Righteousness is the opposite of unrighteousness. All unrighteousness is sin; [1John v,17;]

but sin is the transgression of the law, [1John iii,4; Rom.vii,7,] therefore righteousness must be obedience to that law. "In the way of righteousness is life; in the pathway thereof there is no death." Prov.xii,28. The wages of sin is death, an eternal death; for it is the second, or last death; and as there is no promise of a resurrection from this death, it is everlasting. Rev.xxi,8. But sin and obedience are opposites, therefore the wages of obedience is eternal life.

Thus we find that we get eternal life by obedience to God's holy law. But by Gal.iii,21 we learn that no law can give life; i.e., to the dead; therefore we understand that the law gives us length of days, or perpetuates the life of the living, but cannot give life to the dead. But the righteous and the wicked are alike laid in the grave; why is this? We learn that by one man came death, so by one man came the res-

urrection of the dead. How? By Adam eating poisonous fruit, and his posterity inheriting the seeds of death. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive. 1Cor.xx,22; Rom.v,18; John v,28,29; Acts xxiv,15. Christ is the great Lifegiver. John vi,33. He having conquered him who had the power of death, which is the devil. Heb.ii,14. He has obtained the keys of the grave; (the devil's prison house;) he will set the prisoners free. See Rev.i,18; Isa.xlii,7; xlix,9; Ps.cvii,10-14. Thus Christ is the one that gives life to the dead, while obedience to the law gives length of days, or eternal life. But we have all broken the law; [Rom.iii,23:] we have all failed in some point; [Jas.ii,8-10;] we have all sinned; [1John i,8;] consequently we must all die the second death unless we can produce a substitute. If a man should kill another, the law says he shall die. It demands his life. If he produces a substitute to

die in his place, and the judge agrees to accept of that substitute, the guilty man is free from the claims of the law, while his friend suffers the penalty, death. The judge is not bound to accept of any but the guilty man; but if he should be gracious enough to accept of an innocent man in place of the guilty; it is an act of grace in the judge.

Our substitute is Jesus Christ. We must have faith in his life (or blood, which is the life) offered in our place. God has agreed to accept of him. This was an act of grace in him, for he was not compelled to accept the offering. But faith is necessary before Christ will plead his own life (or blood) in our behalf. If we say we have faith, what does it profit us? Our saying so does not make it so; for our hearts may deceive us. Prov.xxviii,26; Jer.xvii,9. But faith without works is dead. Jas.ii,17. Why? Because by our works we manifest a living

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faith; actions speak louder than words; by our actions we manifest our faith. When our faith is thus manifested, Christ our High Priest remits . . . our sins; i. e., offers to suffer the penalty of a violated law in our place. But how has he told us to manifest our faith in order to get remission of sins?

"Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins." Acts ii,38.

Christ acknowledges baptism as the sign of faith, and our past sins are remitted. We are then esteemed as a chaste virgin espoused to Christ, washed and cleansed from our old sins, having died to sin, (or having crucified our old man,) we are then buried in a typical grave, and rising in a typical resurrection, we then put on the new man, Christ Jesus, or are married to another, [Rom.vi;vii,4,] our first husband, the old man of sin, being dead, or we being dead to him. Now if we let sin work and reign in us after having

been married to Christ, we thereby show that we have been married to another before the death of the old man; consequently we are adulterers and adulteresses in the sight of God. But the law is what convicts of sin, or slays the old man of sin; therefore if we, professing to be married to Christ, are found transgressing the law, we are guilty of adultery. No wonder then that James saw a people in the last days whom he called adulterers. James iv,4.

Thus we see that we are saved, 1. By faith in the blood of Christ. 2. By the grace of God. 3. By the blood of Christ. 4. By works to manifest our faith. All of them are essential to salvation. By these means we can obtain remission of past sins, substitute Christ in our place to satisfy the demands of a violated law. Thus we accept of God's righteousness for past offences, instead of trying to establish our own righteousness. By this means we get eternal life through Christ

indirectly; but all get life through him directly. The wicked not having kept the law, have no means of perpetuating that life eternally, consequently must die the second death. But the righteous will get everlasting life because Christ is the means by which they are made righteous, consequently their righteousness is imputed, not real.

Thus we see a cure has been provided for the disease, death. Christ is the Physician; let us go to him and be healed. Let us follow his prescription to the letter, or we may not recover. Do not fear the bath of baptism, and try to evade it in the Physician's absence by wetting the crown of our heads; nor must we in the absence of our spouse commit adultery with our old man of sin, but follow the prescription of Jesus, and we will be healed of this dreadful malady. {December 30, 1858 UrSe, The Advent Review and Sabbath Herald, 41.7 - 15}



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# Proverbs 7 in Present Truth

Jerry O'Donnell

Personally, I read a Proverb a day, for there are 31 Proverbs and the longest months have 31 days in them. So that means that I read the Book of Proverbs 12 times a year. That is just a personal choice. My point is that people read Proverbs full of comparing the wise, righteous, commandment keeping person as compared to the foolish, unrighteous, commandment breaking person. In the end, we ought to desire to be the wise one, but did you know, especially Proverbs 7, that the verses in Proverbs can be looked upon prophetically?

In prophecy, by now, we ought to realize a "strange woman", especially one of a "harlot" nature, is descriptive of Babylon, for we are told that "upon her forehead [was] a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH" (Revelation 17:5). And harlotry is equivalent to apostasy. Jeremiah 3:6 tells us, "Hast thou seen [that] which backsliding Israel hath done? she is gone up upon every high mountain and under every green tree, and there hath played the

harlot." Backsliding is apostasy.

We also know that "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). So, on one side are God's commandment keeping people while on the other side are those that are in a state of apostasy.

With these eyes on, let us read Proverbs 7 and see how it is prophetic in the present day, and even serves as present truth.

Proverbs 7:1-3 describes the remnant people by stating, "My son, keep my words, and lay up my commandments with thee. Keep my commandments, and live; and my law as the apple of thine eye. Bind them upon thy fingers, write them upon the table of thine heart." That is because in the end Revelation 14:12 reveals God's people as, "Here is the patience of the saints: here [are] they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus."

Now Proverbs 7:4,5 immediately brings in the

war scene where we are to "Say unto wisdom, Thou [art] my sister; and call understanding [thy] kinswoman: That they may keep thee from the strange woman, from the stranger [which] flattereth with her words." If we have the wisdom to turn off the TV and avoid being caught up in the worldly attractions of sports and entertainment, if we have the wisdom to spend time with God each and every day, and we develop the understanding of God's intentions, understanding of His Word, no matter what the "strange woman" or any church of Babylon may say, we will not be flattered or influenced by them nor be taken in their snares. So, when we hear from the other denominations that we are legalists, rejectors of faith and grace, Judaisers, etc., we know without a doubt that there is no legalism in loving Jesus who said, "If ye love me, keep my commandments" (John 14:15). We know that we have more faith than those claiming to be Christian because we have faith that Jesus "is able to keep you from falling" (Jude 1:24). In fact, we have faith to be able to "say unto this

mountain” of sin, “Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you” (Matthew 17:20). We know the true purpose of grace is to “pardon our iniquity and our sin, and take us for thine inheritance” (Exodus 34:9) and that grace does not permit us to “continue in sin, that grace may abound” (Romans 6:1). “God forbid. How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein?” (Romans 6:2). And we know that there was not a single Jew around when God told Noah to make a distinction between the animals as being “clean” (allowable for food when necessary) and “unclean” (being God’s garbage disposals) (Genesis 7:2), and we certainly know there was no Jew around when God established the seventh day Sabbath (Genesis 2:2-3). “And on the seventh day God ended his work which he had made; and he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had made. And God blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it: because that in it he had rested from all his work which God created and made.” But those who are “ignorant of his devices”, being Satan’s devices that is, by not reading and studying the Bible and the Spirit of

Prophecy, will lack understanding and fall as their prey. They will hear and be deceived, thinking that the atonement was finished at the cross, when it was not. They will hear and be deceived, thinking that Jesus went to the Most Holy Place instead of the Holy Place when He ascended, which is a lie, for He went to the Holy Place. They will hear and be deceived, thinking that the “there is” in “[There is] therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus” is for everyone when it is for those “who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit” (Romans 8:1). And they will hear and be deceived on many more points.

And just as stated in the opening warning, sadly, many young in the faith who see nothing wrong with the enticements, especially in the form of fanciful messages that justify living in disobedience, will be part of a sad scene that is witnessed by “so great a cloud of witnesses” (Hebrews 12:1). “For at the window of my house I looked through my casement, and beheld among the simple ones, I discerned among the youths, a young man void of understanding, Passing through the street near her corner; and he went the way to her house” (Proverbs 7:6

-8). And a youth in the faith is not only young people or those new to the faith; any that stay on the milk of the Word are considered youth. And those who are void of understanding because they do not devote the time necessary to be in God’s Word and the Spirit of Prophecy see no issue in entering into the ecumenical movement by fellowshipping or worshipping together with people of other denominations in their practices, or worse, inviting them to speak in our pulpits to our people. They see nothing wrong in Seventh-day Adventists allowing other denominations to use our facilities that were dedicated to the spreading of the true gospel while they spread their lies. Oh, I have heard many say, “Well, we [in general] rent from them. It’s only fair!” As stated, such people are youth in the faith. We are to be the influencers. Using Babylonian facilities for our services is permissible in God’s eyes for we are to be conquerors. To allow Babylon to come into our facilities is no different than allowing pagans into the land of Israel, specifically to worship in the temple at Jerusalem. Lost in this generation is the clear distinction that the true Seventh-day Adventists make up Israel while all others are pagans, spe-



cifically, Babylon. In all of paganism, all of Babylon, God's people are scattered out there of which we have a duty to them to warn them "saying, Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues" (Revelation 18:4).

And then it gets worse. "In the twilight, in the evening, in the black and dark night: And, behold, there met him a woman [with] the attire of an harlot, and subtil of heart" (Proverbs 7:9-10). To understand this prophetically, get the mind off of the time of day and onto spiritual darkness. Under spiritual darkness, the ultimate harlot is that of the papacy, who is careful in her words but with subtle movements and speeches, convinces the masses that they have their greater good in mind, when all they are after is to regain their lost power and reinstate the persecutions, for John "saw the woman drunken with the blood of the saints, and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus: and when I saw her, I wondered with great admiration" (Revelation 17:6). What is that attire? "The woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet colour, and decked with gold and precious stones and pearls, having a golden cup in her hand full of

abominations and filthiness of her fornication" (Revelation 17:4).

Listening carefully to the Pope's words connecting one message after another, he is massing the "greater good" concept to eventually create the last great genocide with the minority view of adhering to the strict understanding of the Bible. "For the sake of the common good..." while creating animosity to those that oppose that view, eventually such will lead to "the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed" (Revelation 13:15). He already addressed, as reported in prior issues, those that adhere to the Word of God as fundamentalists and labeled them as being terrorists. Those that oppose vaccines for COVID are against the greater good. Those not working towards the great economic reset are outside of the greater good. And most recently, if one is not working inside the latest encyclical of fraternity, the brotherhood, they are outright enemies. All of these messages and many more are creating the animosity that will spill over to the remnant people as the final target blaming them for the continuing calamities.

**As the Sabbath has become the special point of controversy throughout Christendom, and religious and secular authorities have combined to enforce the observance of the Sunday, the persistent refusal of a small minority to yield to the popular demand, will make them objects of universal execration. It will be urged that the few who stand in opposition to an institution of the church and a law of the State, ought not to be tolerated; that it is better for them to suffer than for whole nations to be thrown into confusion and lawlessness. The same argument eighteen hundred years ago was brought against Christ by the "rulers of the people." "It is expedient for us," said the wily Caiaphas, "that one man should die for the people, and that the whole nation perish not." [John 11:50.] This argument will appear conclusive; and a decree will finally be issued against those who hallow the Sabbath of the fourth commandment, denouncing them as deserving of the severest punishment, and giving the people liberty, after a certain time, to put them to death. Romanism in the Old World, and apostate Protestantism in the New, will pursue a similar course toward those**

**who honor all the divine precepts. {GC88 615.1}**

**The people of God will then be plunged into those scenes of affliction and distress described by the prophet as the time of Jacob's trouble. "Thus saith the Lord: We have heard a voice of trembling, of fear, and not of peace." "All faces are turned into paleness. Alas! for that day is great, so that none is like it; it is even the time of Jacob's trouble; but he shall be saved out of it." [Jeremiah 30:5-7.] {GC88 616.1}**

And if that were not bad enough, "She [is] loud and stubborn; her feet abide not in her house" (Proverbs 7:11). She is not content with leading her parishioners of just the Catholic faith. She has her hands in other denominations, other religions, even non-religions, as well as governments, merchants, and even the pharmaceutical industry (Revelation 17:5, Revelation 18:2, Revelation 18:3, Revelation 18:23). If she is a mother, that means she has daughters, which are the denominations. "The habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird" is every other religion, belief system, ideology, etc. All the nations and all the leaders (kings) are under

her influence. And we have the merchants as well as the sorcerers, which again, in the Greek is "pharmakeia".

"Now [is she] without, now in the streets, and lieth in wait at every corner" (Proverbs 7:12). Everywhere you turn, she has her hands in it; she is involved somehow. She is working with climate change on the left with Sunday being the solution. She is working with the religious right that want Sunday shopping to cease.

"So she caught him, and kissed him, [and] with an impudent face said unto him, [I have] peace offerings with me; this day have I payed my vows. Therefore came I forth to meet thee, diligently to seek thy face, and I have found thee" (Proverbs 7:13-15). She is aggressive. She is targeting those "which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ" (Revelation 12:17). And she will find them. Merchants, especially electronically, are all too willing to assist in the process. Every transaction is scrutinized. Very frequently, new surveillance technology is released and utilized. She is very diligent that none will escape her clutches.

"I have decked my bed with coverings of tapes-

try, with carved [works], with fine linen of Egypt" (Proverbs 7:16). And physically, from Egypt, she has an obelisk right there in the middle of the square at the Vatican along with many other pagan works.

"I have perfumed my bed with myrrh, aloes, and cinnamon" (Proverbs 7:17). To get in bed with her is to commit the fornication that she wants for "she" already has "made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication" (Revelation 14:8). And no matter how the bed is decked out, "in her hand full of abominations and filthiness of her fornication" (Revelation 17:4). And "the kings of the earth, who have committed fornication and lived deliciously with her" (Revelation 18:9). She is just enticing as many as she can.

"Come, let us take our fill of love until the morning: let us solace ourselves with loves. For the goodman [is] not at home, he is gone a long journey: He hath taken a bag of money with him, [and] will come home at the day appointed" (Proverbs 7:18-20). Jesus indeed has gone on a long journey of 1,990 years thus far. In 2031, it will be 2,000 years. He took with Him from "the graves" that "were opened; and many bod-

ies of the saints which slept arose, and came out of the graves after his resurrection, and went into the holy city, and appeared unto many” (Matthew 27:52-53). Jesus will come indeed at the day appointed, but what do those that fall prey to putting off the second coming do? “But and if that evil servant shall say in his heart, My lord delayeth his coming; And shall begin to smite [his] fellowservants, and to eat and drink with the drunken; The lord of that servant shall come in a day when he looketh not for [him], and in an hour that he is not aware of, And shall cut him asunder, and appoint [him] his portion with the hypocrites: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth” (Matthew 24:48-51). And that is exactly what is tearing apart the Seventh-day Adventist Church. We have the majority of the leaders doing this, especially outspoken pastors and teachers, who are making close relationship with the smooth-talking papacy but still having a knowledge of the Three Angels’ Messages. They do not sense the nearness of the second coming, as if there is a great delay yet, and so they smite everyone that is trying to wake up the church with distancing themselves from uncom-

fortable situations, like apologizing for those that distribute the true *Great Controversy* book. They attack outspoken present truth preachers with terms like “fringe”, “fanatics”, and other terms that give the appearance we do not understand the Bible. Oh, we do understand, and we see how our leaders are committing spiritual fornication with Rome. We see the polarization in the churches.

Then “With her much fair speech she caused him to yield, with the flattering of her lips she forced him. He goeth after her straightway, as an ox goeth to the slaughter, or as a fool to the correction of the stocks; Till a dart strike through his liver; as a bird hasteth to the snare, and knoweth not that it [is] for his life” (Proverbs 7:21-23). All those that are involved in the movement back to Rome, working with other denominations for unification, swapping out our ministers with their ministers, allowing them to contribute to the quarterlies, etc. are all not realizing that their eternal life is at stake.

Now, listen up. “Hearken unto me now therefore, O ye children, and attend to the words of my mouth. Let not thine heart decline to her ways, go not astray

in her paths. For she hath cast down many wounded: yea, many strong [men] have been slain by her. Her house [is] the way to hell, going down to the chambers of death” (Proverbs 7:24-27). Protect yourself. Hearken unto God through His Word, the Spirit of Prophecy, and apply them to the daily life. Dismiss nothing. Stop being influenced by the men [humans] in our church known to be misleading.

I cannot tell you how many times I see in my little circle on FaceBook people who are all about supporting irregular lines and yet post a message quoting Ted Wilson. It might have been a good message, but he is a Jesuit! He is a betrayer! He is working from within to destroy the doctrines and the people spiritually. The most active betrayer is Ganoune Diop. And if anyone is trusting the graduates from our colleges, who are being influenced even by Dwight Nelson, they are very much in contradiction to being a true Seventh-day Adventist. And sadly, add to the list, no matter how much he pushes against the conference in various matters, even Doug Batchelor who went against counsel to build that 28-million-dollar facility, who tore up in a public sermon the


writings of Ellen White to encourage people to vote, combatted another denomination's minister on the Sabbath subject before a live SDA audience displaying the spirit of competitiveness and overall ignorance of counsel from Ellen White, and to recently promoted the acceptance of vaccines on his question and answer program (all of which has been documented over the years in this publication), needs to stop being listened to. Just remember, 95% good food is still 5% deadly and will kill. The 95% lulls people into comfort and then the 5% is not understood or excused away.

If a person seriously wants to make it through to the end of Proverbs 7, into the Kingdom of God, they will cease making excuses from these influential people and many others. They will seriously harken unto God's voice through scripture, through the Spirit of Prophecy, even through careful selection of messages from reputable sources known and tested to be uplifting the true Seventh-day Adventist teachings and doing so in all of the messages.

May God help us to stop playing games, to stop playing church, and realize that each one of us

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# 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.*

## **Do We Still Have to Keep the Ten Commandments?**

**Ephesians 2:8-9 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: [it is] the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast.**

According to the quick readers of the Bible, or even worse, sermon-only listeners, they read into this verse that any effort put forth to obey, to do good works, and especially keep the literal Ten Commandments is a rejection of grace. In other words, this verse is used to make commandment keeping null and void.

What must be established first in resolving this verse, specifically the understanding of it, is the realization that salvation has two parts that cannot be separated. The one is called justification while the other is called sanctification. Those are big terms for most “Christians” to simply convey the act of forgiveness and being made holy. It is like being given a free trip as compared to being made ready to go on the trip.

The verses in Ephesians 2:8,9 does not cover both parts. It only covers the forgiveness part, which will be expanded upon in a moment from the scriptures. This does not mean grace is not part of the second half of salvation, but in the verses we are considering, we as Seventh-day Adventists completely agree with the verse. There is no donation amount, no sacrifice, no number of canned prayers, no act of anything on our part to make up, take care of, cancel out our sins. If we could add an extra \$100 to the plate to be forgiven of our sins, we would boast in a sense. Basically, “If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us [our] sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness” (1 John 1:9). That is it! He just forgives us freely.

How do we know this verse is referring to the justification in which our record of committing the sin, or sins, has been simply wiped away? It is because if we “have found grace” it is to “pardon our iniquity and our sin, and take us for thine inher-

itance” (Exodus 34:9). Grace is the pardoning of our iniquity and sin allowing us the opportunity to receive of the inheritance, specifically, eternal life.

But it is not given out with the intention to continue sinning. And that is where we differ from most others who call themselves Christian. The Bible itself asks and answers the question, “What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound? God forbid. How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein?” (Romans 6:1-2).

In fact, it states specifically, “For not the hearers of the law [are] just before God, but the doers of the law shall be justified” (Romans 2:13). We do not do the Ten Commandments to earn grace, but grace is given to those truly born again who realize that every sin excused and committed glorifies Satan. With the desire to glorify God every moment of the day, we still have the issue of having committed sins in the past. That is where grace

comes in. Upon the heartfelt confession with all sincerity, we are forgiven. In fact, Jesus goes as far as to “present [you] faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy” (Jude 1:24).

The true born-again person is defined in 1 John 3:9 as, “Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God.” It is not that the born-again person wants to sin but physically cannot. It is that they have the spirit that was in Joseph, “How then can I do this great wickedness, and sin against God?” (Genesis 39:9).

Finally, verses of the Bi-

ble cannot be used to cancel out other verses. This has to be the proper understanding regarding grace covering the first part of salvation – justification – and not being applied to the second part, for the Bible says, “Follow peace with all [men], and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord” (Hebrews 12:14). Without holiness, the sanctified life in which there is complete obedience to the commandments of God, we will not see the Lord. We will not be saved. So, for the two verses (Ephesians 2:8-9, Hebrews 12:14) to be accepted, grace of Ephesians 2:8-9 refers to the justification while Hebrews 12:14 refers to the sanctification.

So again, we agree that it is by complete faith in God’s grace that we are saved as it is a gift from God, however, after receiving that free gift, He sets us upon the path to live a holy life from now on. “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” (1 John 2:1). The intent is not to sin, but if we do slip, we just confess; He forgives us; and we continue the holy sanctified life. This in no wise is to be used to permit a little sinning here and little there. God is doing everything to save us, even being patient in our growth.



## 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 penned, **“While preparation for the Sabbath is to be made all through the week, Friday is to be the special preparation day. Through Moses the Lord said to the children of Israel: “Tomorrow is the rest of the holy Sabbath unto the Lord: bake that which ye will bake today, and seethe that ye will seethe; and that**

**which remaineth overlaid up for you to be kept until the morning.” “And the people went about, and gathered it [the manna], and ground it in mills, or beat it in a mortar, and baked it in pans, and made cakes of it.” Exodus 16:23; Numbers 11:8. There was something to be done in preparing the heaven-sent**

**bread for the children of Israel. The Lord told them that this work must be done on Friday, the preparation day. This was a test to them. God desired to see whether or not they would keep the Sabbath holy.” {6T 354.4}**

So, at least by Friday, all food that will be used for cooking should be

gathered. That includes all errands to the store should be completed, as well as harvested from the garden.

The Sabbath meal should be prepared as far as possible on Friday, only to be reheated on the Sabbath day, for we are told, "While cooking upon the Sabbath should be avoided, it is not necessary to eat cold food. In cold weather let the food prepared the day before be heated" {6T 357.3}. And reheating food in those days was no easy task, yet it was permissible.

Just because boiling pasta, rice, and many other grains seem simple to us, where at all possible, it should be done the day before. Many a fellowship meal has been observed where people brought in the boxes of pasta and dropped them off expecting those who prepare the meal to leave the church service and boil the pasta and heat other food. If that is the case, then fellowship meal to continue in this manner is sinful. If a

church thinks it is more important to eat together while breaking the "no cooking rule" they are no different than "laying aside the commandment of God, ye hold the tradition of men" (Mark 7:8). Jesus says, "in vain do they worship me, teaching [for] doctrines the commandments of men" (Mark 7:7).

In general, Sabbath is to be prepared for ahead of time, and even all through the week. If one can do their grocery shopping before Friday, it is probably best to do so. Those tasks not related to Sabbath that have been put off until the end of the week will just have to wait.

Satan enjoys nothing more than interrupting preparation for the Sabbath on the preparation day. Loading up the last working day of the week, especially during winter Sabbaths, with so much to do, all it takes is one slight interruption, one unexpected emergency task to address, and either the necessary

preparations are not completed or they are excused as being permissible and are still conducted inside the Sabbath hours, claiming that the emergency made it acceptable. Again, as stated, preparation should be made all week long.

Fill up the car with gas on Thursday, if that works for most Sabbath keepers. Those jobs that require the use of the vehicle all day long of course would be an exception. Find other tasks that can be done earlier in the week and make preparation then instead of later. Reserve the preparation day as the final touches for Sabbath and doing those things that just cannot be done earlier.

Do keep in mind that the preparation day begins Thursday evening at sunset, so for those who just have to wait until preparation day, do not forget to get an early start the night before.



## ***NEED A RECEIPT?***

We will be happy to provide you with a receipt but please indicate that you would like to receive one. Many give without claiming it on their taxes.

Personally, I would so as to have more to give. But for us to mail a receipt to those that do not use such would be a waste of God's funds. So do not hesitate to ask, and even if you already gave, we have record of it, so if you still want a receipt, just ask.

# 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.*

## Be Careful of the Use of Spices

*[Publisher comment: What is considered as spices today may not be in the class that Ellen White was referring to. Do avoid the use of those spices that excite the body or irritate the stomach. Personal investigation is going to be required.]*

In this fast age the less exciting the food the better. Temperance in all things and firm denial of appetite is the only path of safety. {3T 561.2}

Our food should be prepared free from spices. Mince pies, cakes, preserves, and highly-seasoned meats, with gravies, create a feverish condition in the system, and inflame the animal passions. We should teach our children to practice habits of self-denial; that the great battle of life is with self, to restrain the passions, and bring them into subjection to the mental and moral faculties. {SA 65.1}

God has furnished man with abundant means for the gratification of

an unperverted appetite. He has spread before him the products of the earth, — a bountiful variety of food that is palatable to the taste and nutritious to the system. Of these our benevolent heavenly Father says we may freely eat. Fruits, grains, and vegetables, prepared in a simple way, free from spice and grease of all kinds, make, with milk or cream, the most healthful diet. They impart nourishment to the body, and give a power of endurance and a vigor of intellect that are not produced by a stimulating diet. {CTBH 47.1} [“The time will come when we may have to discard some of the articles of diet we now use, such as milk and cream and eggs” - {CD 208.1}]

The tables of Christian parents should never be loaded down with food containing condiments and spices. They are to study to preserve the stomach from any abuse. Fathers and mothers may do much in giving right characters to their children by controlling their own appetites

and passions. {RH, June 27, 1899 par. 5}

While upon the cars, I heard parents remark that the appetites of their children were delicate, and unless they had meat and cake, they could not eat. When the noon meal was taken, I observed the quality of food given to these children. It was fine wheat-en bread, sliced ham coated with black pepper, spiced pickles, cake, and preserves. The pale, sallow complexion of these children plainly indicated the abuses the stomach was suffering. {HR, December 1, 1870 par. 7}

Spices at first irritate the tender coating of the stomach, but finally destroy the natural sensitiveness of this delicate membrane. The blood becomes fevered, the animal propensities are aroused, while the moral and intellectual powers are weakened, and become servants to the baser passions. The mother should study to set a simple yet nutritious diet before her family. {CTBH 46.3}



You have perhaps seen a picture of the stomach of one who is addicted to strong drink. A similar condition is produced under the irritating influence of fiery spices. With the stomach in such a state, there is a craving for something more to meet the demands of the appetite, something stronger, and still stronger. {CTBH 17.3}

But it is not thus alone that the appetite is perverted and made a snare. The food is often such as to excite a desire for stimulating drinks. Luxurious dishes are placed before the children,—spiced foods, rich gravies, cakes, and pastries. This highly seasoned food irritates the stomach, and causes a craving for still stronger stimulants. Not only is the appetite tempted with unsuitable food, of which the children are allowed to eat freely at their meals, but they are permitted to eat between meals, and by the time they are twelve or fourteen years of age they are often confirmed dyspeptics. {CTBH 17.2}

Some have so indulged their taste, that unless they have the very article of food it calls for, they find no pleasure in eating. If condiments and spiced foods are placed before them, they make the stomach work by applying this

fiery whip; for it has been so treated that it will not acknowledge unstimulating food. {CD 340.1}

You need to carry out the health reform in your life; to deny yourself and eat and drink to the glory of God. Abstain from fleshly lusts which war against the soul. You need to practice temperance in all things. Here is a cross which you have shunned. To confine yourself to a simple diet, which will preserve you in the best of condition of health, is a task to you. Had you lived up to the light which heaven has permitted to shine upon your pathway, much suffering might have been saved your family. Your own course of action has brought the sure result. While you continue in this course, God will not come into your family, and especially bless you, and work a miracle to save your family from suffering. A plain diet, free from spices, and flesh meats, and grease of all kinds, would prove a blessing to you, and would save your wife a great amount of suffering, grief, and despondence. . . . {CD 83.1}

Your appetites are morbid, and because you do not relish a plain, simple diet, composed of unbolted wheat flour, vegetables and fruits pre-

pared without spices or grease, you are continually transgressing the laws which God has established in your system. While you do this, you must suffer the penalty; for to every transgression is affixed a penalty. Yet you wonder at your continued poor health. Be assured that God will not work a miracle to save you from the result of your own course of action. . . . {CD 123.4}

Condiments and spices used in the preparation of food for the table aid in digestion in the same way that tea, coffee, and liquor are supposed to help the laboring man perform his tasks. After the immediate effects are gone, they drop as correspondingly below par as they were elevated above par by these stimulating substances. The system is weakened. The blood is contaminated, and inflammation is the sure result. {CD 339.4}

Every mother should carefully guard her table, and allow nothing to come upon it which will have the slightest tendency to lay the foundation of intemperate habits. Food should be prepared in as simple a manner as possible, free from condiments and spices, and even from an undue amount of salt. {Te 157.3}

In many circles it is customary to serve a varie-

ty of highly seasoned dishes at a meal. In this way much time and money are spent unwisely. An unnecessary expense is imposed on the provider, and great care and weariness on the cook who prepares the food, when a few simple dishes, free from condiments and spices, would be much more

healthful, and would soon be enjoyed with a keener relish. We commit sin when we indulge appetite at the expense of physical and mental soundness, or sacrifice health and comfort for the sake of outward show; for the physical and mental powers are God's gifts, and like all the blessings that he

bestows, should be used to his glory, instead of being made to minister to pride or perverted taste. "Ye are not your own. Ye are bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's." {RH, February 24, 1885 par. 5}



## *Healthy And Delicious Recipes*

### **Roasted Sweet Potatoes with Tahini Sauce**

**Ingredients:**

- Sweet Potatoes, as many as you want
- Olive Oil
- Salt

**Preparation:**

- Preheat oven to 425°
- Scrub, then cube

- unpeeled potatoes into uniform chunks; place in a bowl.
- Drizzled with olive oil, making sure oil lightly coats all potatoes by mixing with your hands.
- Spread cubes on a parchment paper lined baking sheet

- with space between them and sprinkle with salt.
- Roast for about 25 minutes till potatoes are brown around edges. Time will depend on how thick your cubes are.



### **Tahini Sauce**

**Ingredients**

- ¼ cup smooth tahini
- 3 tablespoons water, more if needed
- 2 tablespoons fresh lemon juice
- 2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
- 1 tablespoon maple syrup

- 1 teaspoon toasted sesame oil
- 1 small garlic clove, grated
- ¼ teaspoon salt

**Preparation**

- In a small bowl, whisk together the tahini, water, lemon juice, olive oil, maple syrup, sesame oil, garlic,

- and salt until smooth.
- If the sauce is too thick, add more water, ½ tablespoon at a time, until it's a desirable consistency.

Drizzle sauce over sweet potato cubes and enjoy!



# Natural Vitamins

## Chamomile

It looks pretty in your garden, and it is also beneficial to your health. The antioxidants in Chamomile boost the immune system and help fight against mood disorders. Drank as a tea in the evening, it will help promote relaxation and sleep.

Chamomile is great for digestion as well. It helps with gastrointestinal issues such as diarrhea, indigestion, gas and reflux. It also helps with relaxing to ease cramping.

Its anti-inflammatory properties will help

ease congestion and promote healing.

\*Note: If congestion is due to seasonal allergies it might make them worse if you have an allergy to flowers in the daisy family.



# Natural Remedies

**COMMENT:** *In these times we live in, even access to natural supplements will become increasingly difficult to access, so we are going to try our best to use the most natural means possible to deal with health situations.*

## Anemia Recipe

Excellent for pregnancy; and thick, strong, healthy hair growth

- 1 cup Figs, dried
- 1 cup Prunes
- 1 cup Apricots
- 1 cup Black strap Molasses

- 2 – 64-ounce Jars of Grape Juice
- 1 cup Raisins
- 1 teaspoon Anise Seed, whole

Mix all in a pitcher (glass jar). Let sit for a day in a warm place.

Take 4 ounces (1/2 cup) morning and evening.

Refrigerate. Will last for seven days in the refrigerator.



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# Authorized KJV vs Catholic Bible

*If you are using anything but the KJV, you are using a Catholic influenced Bible, which strategically twists and leaves out key words and verses so as to make even the ecumenical movement between religions outside of Christianity possible. And Ellen White does identify not to use them for reliability: "Wycliffe's Bible had been translated from the Latin text, which contained many errors." {GC 245.1}. Latin is Catholic or which most modern versions rely upon.*

The verse found in Matthew 17:21 is missing from many versions of the Bible. Mark 9:29, with similar wording, is found but many still are missing a key word – fasting. Fasting before God is still an acceptable activity to God and should not be dismissed.

## **King James Version:**

Mark 9:29 And he said unto them, This kind can come forth by nothing, but by prayer and fasting.

## **In Error:**

**American Standard Version:** And he said unto them, This kind can come out by nothing, save by prayer.

**Amplified Bible:** He replied to them, "This kind [of unclean spirit] cannot come out by anything but prayer [to the Father]."

**Berean Literal Bible:** And He said to them, "This kind is able to go out by nothing except by prayer."

**Berean Study Bible:** Jesus answered, "This kind cannot come out, except by prayer."

**Christian Standard Bible:** And he told them, "This kind can come out by nothing but prayer."

**Contemporary English Version:** Jesus answered, "Only prayer can force out this kind of demon."

**English Revised Version:** And he said unto them, This kind can come out by nothing, save by prayer.

**English Standard Version:** And he said to them, "This kind cannot be driven out by anything but prayer."

**Godbey New Testament:** And He said unto them, This kind is able to come out by nothing, but by prayer.

**GOD'S WORD® Translation:** He told them, "This kind of spirit can be forced out only by prayer."

**Good News Translation:** "Only prayer can drive this kind out," answered Jesus; "nothing else can."

**NET Bible:** He told them, "This kind can come out only by prayer."

**New American Standard Bible:** And He said to them, "This kind cannot come out by anything

except prayer."

**New International Version:** He replied, "This kind can come out only by prayer."

**New Living Translation:** Jesus replied, "This kind can be cast out only by prayer."

**Weymouth New Testament:** "An evil spirit of this kind," He answered, "can only be driven out by prayer."

**Worrell New Testament:** And He said to them, "This kind can come out by nothing, except by prayer."

## **Correct This Time:**

**A Faithful Version:** Then He said to them, "This kind cannot be made to go out by anything except prayer and fasting."

**Anderson New Testament:** And he said to them: This kind can go out by nothing, but by prayer and fasting.

**Aramaic Bible in Plain English:** He said to them, "This sort cannot come out by anything except by fasting and by prayer."

**Bishops' Bible:** And he saide vnto them: This

kynde can come forth by nothing, but by prayer and fastyng.

**Catholic Public Domain Version:** And he said to them, "This kind is able to be expelled by nothing other than prayer and fasting."

**Coverdale Bible:** And he sayde: This kynde ca go out by no meanes, but by prayer and fastyng.

**Darby Bible Translation:** And he said to them, This kind can go out by nothing but by prayer and fasting.

**Douay-Rheims Bible:** And he said to them: This kind can go out by nothing, but by prayer and fasting.

**Geneva Bible:** And he saide vnto them, This kinde can by no other meanes come forth, but by prayer and fasting.

**Haweis New Testament:** And he said to them, this kind can be driven out by nothing but prayer and fasting.

**Holman Christian Standard Bible:** And He told them, "This kind can come out by nothing but prayer and fasting."

**International Standard Version:** He told them, "This kind can come out only by prayer and fasting."

**Lamsa Bible:** He said to them, This kind cannot be cast out by anything, except by fasting and prayer.

**Literal Standard Version:** And He said to them, "This kind is able to come forth with nothing except with prayer and fasting."

**Mace New Testament:** Jesus answered, such a miracle is not effected but by prayer and fasting.

**New Heart English Bible:** And he said to them, "This kind can come out by nothing, except by prayer and fasting."

**New King James Version:** So He said to them, "This kind can come out by nothing but prayer

and fasting."

**Smith's Literal Translation:** And he said to them, This kind can go, out by nothing, but by prayer and fasting.

**Tyndale Bible:** And he sayde vnto them: this kynde can by no nother meanes come forth but by prayer and fastyng.

**Webster's Bible Translation:** And he said to them, This kind can come forth by nothing, but by prayer and fasting.

**World English Bible:** He said to them, "This kind can come out by nothing, except by prayer and fasting."

**Worsley New Testament:** And He said unto them, This kind cannot be cast out, but by prayer and fasting.

**Young's Literal Translation:** And he said to them, 'This kind is able to come forth with nothing except with prayer and fasting.'



## Questions And Answers

**QUESTION:** In your publication you said that the doctrines are the focus, yet the church has changed them. And then you have also mentioned that it is not good to be using the Sabbath School quarterlies. Why should anyone join the church?

**ANSWER:** The doctrines of the Bible have not changed. The place where God placed the revelation of them beginning in 1844 and continuing afterward has not changed. There is no other denomination that God has blessed with a prophet teaching the

complete biblical doctrines of Jesus Christ, though there are other Sabbath keeping denominations. There are others that have the correct understanding of the state of the dead. But it is the Seventh-day Adventist church where all of the doctrines are re-

vealed and applied to prophecy properly. And the single most important doctrine that is held alone by Seventh-day Adventists is that of Jesus' ministry in the heavenly sanctuary.

When we join "the church", we are not joining for the sake of denomination, but sure, our names may or may not be recorded somewhere in the conference files. If we do join by conference church, which is the regular line, it is physically recorded, but if we join through irregular lines, it is not physically recorded; that is insignificant. What we are then joining is to be part of they "that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son" (2 John 1:9).

Now, who I fellowship with, be it with conference paid pastors or "irregular line" pastors, is up to us individually. Every message, no matter the source, has to be evaluated by the standards of God. There are a number of irregular line ministers that I no longer listen to because they speak other falsehoods. I also choose very carefully who I listen to from the conference because of the falsehoods they speak, or the lack of meaty messages. If a minister is preaching messages acceptable in other denominations, they are a false preacher, even if there is

"nothing wrong" with the message.

The ultimate false preacher, because of his responsibility, is Ted Wilson who lies. He lied about preaching the "Three Angels' Messages" to the group of multiple denominations when in fact, he just referenced the title of "Three Angels' Messages". He does not tell us what the Mark of the Beast is; according to his teaching it is any day but the Sabbath. Additionally, he is surrounded by numerous false preachers and officers because one does not hold office with those not part of the agenda. Therefore, everything conference must be questioned.

So, when it comes to the Sabbath School lessons, we have to ask if they are of God? Absolutely not. When Jesuits can be uplifted, quoted, and permitted to give opinions along with other denominational ministers' contributions, known atheists, science falsely so-called, and the list goes on, it is nothing short of a tool to draw the faithful from the true doctrines.

Basically, no one should submit themselves to listening to, or reading, falsehoods. To do so is to be influenced. Those that brag that they can see through the errors are lying to themselves. So, those that listen to liberal preachers and

challenge them afterwards on spoken errors are not acting in accordance to God.

And while we are on the subject, someone else had declared that every single conference church is compromised. I challenge that position because we are told that the events in the first coming are represented of the second coming (1SM 406.1). In the conference of that day, which was corrupt and taught error, of which in essence Jesus said not to listen to (Matthew 16:12), there were two faithful who came forth – Nicodemus and Joseph. So, I believe there are still, maybe only two, faithful conference churches that are not going along with the agenda of heading back to Rome.

And when we speak of the doctrine, we are talking about living it. Head knowledge on the state of the dead is proper, but better yet, is to know how to comfort those who have lost a loved one. Knowing the proper form of baptism is one thing, but to convey the spiritual aspect to others is another.

**QUESTION:** What does "every unclean and hateful bird" refer to in Revelation 18:2?

**ANSWER:** The word unclean refers to unholy, as one spiritually referred

to in Leviticus 10:10, which says, “put difference between holy and unholy, and between unclean and clean”.

The “hateful” part, already being unholy, unclean, refers to hating God’s people. Christianity in general is despised. It will wax worse and worse until it narrows down to God’s people specifically, and they “make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ” (Revelation 12:17).

The remaining part then to understand is the use of the word “bird”, as it is not to be literally understood as the creature having feathers. Lamentations 3:52 states, “Mine enemies chased me sore, like a bird, without cause.” Therefore, the birds are God’s enemies. And if one sees that Babylon has indeed included God’s enemies, we easily recognize every belief that is accepted under the papacy that works against God and His Word. They include the obvious atheism, of which such serve on various boards of the Vatican’s scientific panel, including the most notable ones of recent times, Stephen Hawking. But also included in the unclean and hateful bird are the many gods, specifically, the religion of the Hindus. It includes also the religion of Islam,

secularism, socialism, and many more.

Further, Proverbs 7 relates the word “bird” in the context of adultery, and we know spiritually, “Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God” (James 4:4). Therefore, mingling the ways of the world with religion is also inclusive of the “bird” reference in Revelation 18:2, for the people who claim religion and yet cling to the world are quite hateful to those that call them out of the world. These are the ones who yell the loudest, “Don’t judge me!”

So, the unclean and hateful birds are all those who work against God, teaching beliefs contrary to the Word of God. In fact, it is so inclusive that everything is accepted, including the Jewish religion, yet pure Seventh-day Adventist teachings are not. It is not accepting of true Protestant teachings, either, hence the reason they are given up and become Evangelicals.

**QUESTION:** Is Cannabis something we ought to avoid, or since it does not have the properties typically found in the marijuana plant, can it now be used in health practices?

**ANSWER:** “Satan will sow his seed, and a harvest of briars and thorns will be produced” {RH, March 30, 1897 par. 10}.

As we see, Satan, the masterful scientist, has worked the seeds in such a way to produce plants that are not of God, much like the animal amalgamations of old. To be able to say today, “Hey, we took Satan’s plants and extracted only that which is good by leaving behind the contents that induce the effects from marijuana” is like rummaging through an animal’s feces for that which is eatable. In other words, it is still Satan’s plant. It is no different than trying to pull the good out of evil from anything when it was a satanic creation in the first place. “Oh, I know there is sex, violence, and foul language in this show, but it teaches a good moral lesson.” What utter nonsense! Just because Cannabis comes from a plant does not substantiate the principle against trying to extract good from evil.

Can God work good out of an evil situation? Sure, but that is for our salvation, and is referring to the consequences of sin of a human. God does everything for the salvation of humans – not plants.



# Watchman, Let Him Declare What He Seeth

*This section is not about revealing the apostasy and creating ill feeling towards the conference. It is to make sure that no one is caught up in those that participate in the apostasy. That is what it means to "Declare What I See" because God says, "When I say unto the wicked, Thou shalt surely die; and thou givest him not warning, nor speakest to warn the wicked from his wicked way, to save his life; the same wicked [man] shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at thine hand" (Ezekiel 3:18). We have enough to worry about our own life; we do not need your (in general) blood to be on us too.*

## January 1

### Loma Linda University

#### Michael Hogue, PharmD, FAPhA, FNAP

Dean Michael Hogue became the Dean of the School of Pharmacy in January 2019, after serving in several administrative and clinical roles at Samford University, Birmingham, Alabama. His Bachelors and Doctoral degrees are from Samford University. He is the 165th President of the American Pharmacists Association, the oldest and largest pharmacy association in the U.S. Dr. Hogue is nationally known for his expertise and work in immunizations/vaccines. In 2020, he was appointed by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) COVID-19 Vaccine Workgroup.

**EGW:** "You are not to unite with unbelievers in medical work. Neither is this the Lord's plan. His word to you is, "Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers:

for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel? And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them, and I will be their God, and they shall be My people." . . . {MM 44.5}

## February 6

### AdventHealth

#### Magic windows and characters part of new patient experience as Disney transforms AdventHealth for Children

Magic windows will provide mesmerizing views into the active, living worlds found in Disney stories. Magic Portals will engage patients and families with games and favorite characters.

**EGW:** "The magicians wrought not by their own science alone, but by the power of their

God, the devil, who ingeniously carried out his deceptive work of counterfeiting the work of God." {1T 292.2}

## February 7

### The Kansas City Star

#### Miley Cyrus vows crowd of healthcare workers in Tampa before Super Bowl

Miley shouted out Tampa General Hospital, AdventHealth, Bayfront Health, Moffitt Cancer Center, BayCare, Johns Hopkins All Children's Hospital, HCA Healthcare, Florida Cancer Specialists, James A Haley Veterans' Hospital, and Sarasota Memorial Hospital. She dedicated her song Angels Like You to them.

**Bible:** "Abstain from all appearance of evil." (1 Thessalonians 5:22).

## February 7

### News 4 JAX

#### Jacksonville church hosts drive-in watch party for Super Bowl



New Life International Seventh-Day Adventist Church held a drive-in watch party for Sunday's big game, allowing people to watch the matchup between the Kansas City Chiefs and the Tampa Bay Buccaneers together but safely.

**Bible:** "Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God." (James 4:4).

## February 11

### WAFF48

**Oakwood University hoping to be future vaccination site; applying for state grant**

**EGW:** "In the movements now in progress in the United States to secure for the institutions and usages of the church the support of the State, Protestants are following in the steps of papists." {GC88 573.1}

**Bible:** Revelation 18:23, "And the light of a candle shall shine no more at all in thee; and the voice of the bridegroom and of the bride shall be heard no more at all in thee: for thy merchants were the great men of the earth; for by thy sorceries were all nations deceived." Revelation 18:3, "For all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, and the kings of the earth have com-

mitted fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies."

**Comment:** The word "sorceries" in the Bible is the Greek word "pharmakeia". Knowing full well that in the last days, pharmaceuticals and governments of the world would be linked up with the antichrist, why would we want to submit to the bribe of money to further the agenda, to be an outpost for the agenda?

## February 23

### Adventist Today

**Unclobber: Rethinking Our Misuse of the Bible on Homosexuality • 27 February 2021, 1:30 PM Eastern (1830 GMT)**

The Christian church has, for too long, used a handful of verses to justify discrimination against LGBTQ individuals.

**EGW:** "Our energies should be devoted to the publication of literature of the purest quality and the most elevating character. Our periodicals must go forth laden with truth that has a vital, spiritual interest for the people." {CW 11.1}

**Comment:** The publication of Adventist Today is trash. No one should be reading it. It is not publishing the pure quality, and is publishing content that is not form-

ing everlasting character. And besides, there is no misuse of the scripture. It is quite plain that the act between two men is an abomination (Leviticus 20:13). Bestiality is worthy of death, at least the second death (Leviticus 20:16). Men wearing women's clothing is an abomination (Deuteronomy 22:5). And when people just have to have each other, according to Romans 1, God has basically given them up to their sins. It is a rare thing to ever recover from once God gives them over to it. Further, by the Adventist Today offering such a placement among the articles that it publishes, just shows how worldly the church has become. The structure of the church does not seek to save souls from sin. It is up to those in the pew to pick up the calling and finish the work.

## February 8

### Advent Messenger

**Adventist Churches and Educational Institutions are Promoting Roman Catholic Mysticism and Eastern Meditation**

## February 8

### Fulcrum 7

**AdventHealth Whole Life Church Promoting The Mystical Practice Of Lectio Divina**

**EGW:** "There are many who shrink with horror from the thought of con-

sulting spirit mediums, but who are attracted by more pleasing forms of spiritism, such as the Emmanuel movement. Still others are led astray by the teachings of Christian Science, and by the mysticism of theosophy and other Oriental religions.” {Ev 606.1}

## February 25

### Pulse

**‘COVID-19 vaccine is not the mark of the beast, get vaccinated’ – SDA to members**

The Seventh Day Adventist (SDA) Church has called on its members to take the COVID-19 vaccine when its distribution begins.

**Comment:** Correct. It is not the mark of the beast, however, that

does not justify taking the vaccine.

**EGW:** “By the use of poisonous drugs, many bring upon themselves lifelong illness, and many lives are lost that might be saved by the use of natural methods of healing. The poisons contained in many so-called remedies create habits and appetites that mean ruin to both soul and body.” {MH 126.4}

## February 26

### Adventist Today

**Q:** Aunty, is the government lying to us about vaccine safety?

**A:** And all the experts say that the vaccine is safe, reliable, and critical to ending this pandemic.

**Bible:** Revelation 18:23, “And the light of a can-

dle shall shine no more at all in thee; and the voice of the bridegroom and of the bride shall be heard no more at all in thee: for thy merchants were the great men of the earth; for by thy sorceries were all nations deceived.”

**Comment:** The word “sorceries”, as most of you know, is “pharmakeia” in the Greek, where we get words connected to the pharmaceutical industry. When the whole world is involved in an exploited agenda, causing a global reset controlled by the papacy, and vaccine side affects are known everywhere, plus being the “universal solution”, why would “aunty” be in support? That is because “aunty” is a betrayer of the brethren.



# News And Comments

## December 21

### United Nations

**General Assembly Declares International Day of Human Fraternity in Response to Growing Religious Hatred amid Pandemic, Adopts 3 Other Texts on Myriad Issues**

The UN represents every nation on earth. For them to adopt this means “all the world wondered after the beast” (Revelation 13:3).

Although the concept is not bad, it places those that hold to unique truths in an awkward position, which will eventually grow into being looked upon in a hostile way. When we have the union of all religions and nations agreeing on everything to keep the “peace and safety” and we have pockets of people adhering to a different set of God-ordained principles, it creates nothing short of discrimination leading

to considering those individuals as outcasts.

## January 31

### The Guardian

**Denmark sermons law could stifle free worship, warns C of E bishop**

If this continues, Amos 8:12 states, “And they shall wander from sea to sea, and from the north even to the east, they shall run to and fro to

seek the word of the LORD, and shall not find [it]."

## January 31

### Rolling Stone

#### How the Christian Right Helped Foment Insurrection

And we ought to expect that they "shall say all manner of evil against you falsely" (Matthew 5:11). We are in the fight of our lifetime. Christianity is under siege.

## February 1

### Evangelical Focus

#### Pope Francis, the Chaplain of the United Nations?

"A day of great intellectual darkness has been shown to be favorable to the success of popery. It will yet be demonstrated that a day of great intellectual light is equally favorable for its success. In past ages, when men were without God's Word, and without the knowledge of the truth, their eyes were blindfolded, and thousands were ensnared, not seeing the net spread for their feet. In this generation there are many whose eyes become dazzled by the glare of human speculations, "science falsely so-called;" they discern not the net, and walk into it as readily as if blindfolded. God designed that man's intellectual pow-

ers should be held as a gift from his Maker, and should be employed in the service of truth and righteousness; but when pride and ambition are cherished, and men exalt their own theories above the Word of God, then intelligence can accomplish greater harm than ignorance. Thus the false science of the nineteenth century, which undermines faith in the Bible, will prove as successful in preparing the way for the acceptance of the papacy, with its pleasing forms, as did the withholding of knowledge in opening the way for its aggrandizement in the Dark Ages." {GC88 572.3}

## February 1

### Vatican News

#### Pope to participate in first International Day of Human Fraternity

"The Holy Father will mark the International Day of Human Fraternity in a virtual meeting on 4 February, the date set by the United Nations General Assembly for this new annual occasion. He will do so together with the Grand Imam of Al-Azhar, Ahmad Al-Tayyeb. The event will be hosted in Abu Dhabi, in the presence of the Sheikh Mohammed Bin Zayed." And we have "the kings of the earth have committed fornication, and the inhabitants of the earth have been made

drunk with the wine of her fornication" (Revelation 17:2).

## February 2

### The Burkean

#### ROXANNE: Ireland's New Anti-Hate Speech Surveillance Technology

Just more surveillance in prep for enforcing the Mark of the Beast (Revelation 13:17).

## February 18

### AP News

#### UN: Huge changes in society needed to keep nature, Earth OK

ARTICLE: This report uses the word "must" 56 times and "should" 37 times. There should be 100 more because action is so crucial, said former U.N. climate chief Christiana Figueres, who wasn't part of the report. BIBLE: "All the world wondered after the beast" (Revelation 13:3).

## February 5

### NY Post

#### Calls for Bank of America boycott grow after data given to FBI

The fact that Bank of America went on an electronic search of private data and handed it over to the authorities to help investigate innocent people that were in the Capitol area on January 6, shows how easy it is

to enforce "no man might buy or sell" (Revelation 13:17). All they had to do was pull up purchases made in the area, especially from those out of the area, and provide the list of names and addresses. Just imagine the opposite being true. The lack of information appearing on one's account could show lack of participation in receiving the Mark of the Beast.

## February 7

### Jewish News Syndicate

#### 'IBM and the Holocaust': Twenty Years of Corporate Denial

So big tech influencing the world goes back a long way. And by the help of Antichrist, "the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies" (Revelation 18:3).

## February 8

### Vatican News

#### Pope to diplomats: Fraternity, the true remedy to crises and divisions

"While they are bent upon the accomplishment of their purpose, Rome is aiming to re-establish her power, to recover her lost supremacy. Let history testify of her artful and persistent efforts to insinuate herself into the affairs of nations; and having gained a foothold, to

further her own aims, even at the ruin of princes and people. Romanism openly puts forth the claim that the pope can pronounce sentences and judgments in contradiction to the right of nations, to the law of God and man." [THE "DECRETALIA."] {GC88 580.2}

## February 8

### Christianity Today

#### Evangelical Christians Must Take Action to Love Thy Neighbor

The Bible is not to be pitted against itself. We are not to do something based on one theme, but all of it. That includes 1 Corinthians 6:19-20, which says, "What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost [which is] in you, which ye have of God, and 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." Put nothing into the body that risks death, alteration, or any damage. "Love thy neighbor" does not include doing harm to one's self. Be in health, Build up the immune system. Besides, this thing does not affect everyone and the recovery rate is so high that people are better off enduring the two weeks of discomfort. The media has exploited everything about it for the sake of

the agenda. "Give ear to his commandments, and keep all his statutes, I will put none of these diseases upon thee, which I have brought upon the Egyptians: for I [am] the LORD that healeth thee" (Exodus 15:26). That is the way to help thy neighbor. But most people rather take a shot instead of taking care of one's health.

## February 9

### Sunstar

#### 'Sunday lockdown' in Guadalupe extended

"This time, when there is such an effort made to enforce the observance of Sunday, is the very opportunity to present to the world the true Sabbath in contrast to the false. The Lord in His providence is far ahead of us. He has permitted this Sunday question to be pressed to the front that the Sabbath of the fourth commandment may be presented before the legislative assemblies. Thus the leading men of the nation may have their attention called to the testimony of God's Word in favor of the true Sabbath." {2MR 197.2}

## February 13

### The Guardian

#### Fury at 'do not resuscitate' notices given to Covid patients with learning disabilities

Part of the agenda is revealed between the supposed pandemic along with their solution. What was practiced under Hitler was a test run. Now the weak are being weeded out beyond the walls of Germany. "And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold" (Matthew 24:12). Because of greed in money and power, the compassion, the love is gone.

## February 22

### Catholic World Report

#### **How a religious White House office could promote the common good—or politicize religion**

EGW: "The lamb-like horns and dragon voice of the symbol point to a striking contradiction between the professions and the practice of the nation thus represented. The "speaking" of the nation is the action of its legislative and judicial authorities. By such action it will give the lie to those liberal and peaceful principles which it has put forth as the foundation of its policy. The prediction that it will speak "as a dragon," and exercise "all the power of the first beast," plainly foretells a development of the spirit of intolerance and persecution that was manifested by the nations represented by the dragon

and the leopard-like beast. And the statement that the beast with two horns "causeth the earth and them which dwell therein to worship the first beast," indicates that the authority of this nation is to be exercised in enforcing some observance which shall be an act of homage to the papacy." {GC88 442.1}

## February 17

### NBC News

#### **New York City waitress fired after not getting the Covid-19 vaccine**

And Axios reports "Indonesia announces punishments for those who refuse COVID vaccines" (2/17/2021). That may not be a buy and sell issue but being fined and even losing a job certainly, although indirectly, does affect buying and selling. And once again, we will see where people will have to display some form of identification indicating that they received the vaccination, which is merely a tracker. Everyone is worried about the Mark of the Beast being physically in the hand and forehead while what is in the hand and forehead may be merely the tracker that reveals compliance to the unrelated physical object. Again, the vaccine, or lack thereof, is not the Mark, but serves as an example. Regarding Revelation 13:17, search the

scriptures realizing that the contents of Revelation have been "signified" or "symbolized". Therefore, even the Mark has spiritual application that without seeing it that way, people are not realizing what the true Mark happens to be because they are looking at objects that directly allow people to buy and sell, limiting the options all the while the antichrist is just sneaking in before their eyes the true Mark.

## Feb. 21—Cope

#### **More than 20 years following the Vatican news:**

"Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird" (Revelation 18:2). "The last great conflict is before us, but help is to come to all who love God and obey His law, and the earth, the whole earth, is to be lighted with the glory of God. 'Another angel' is to come down from heaven. This angel represents the giving of the loud cry, which is to come from those who are preparing to cry mightily, with a strong voice, 'Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird'" (Re-

velation 18:1, 2). {3SM 412.1}

## Feb. 13—News Break

### UN human rights office prepares global 'LGBT hate groups' blacklist

Blacklisting groups for any restriction on religious freedom is just instigating a hatred towards those who simply want to practice their faith, and working towards the attitude that "the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed" (Revelation 13:15). Remember, the image of the beast is the image of antichrist, which is against the doctrines of Christ (2 John 1:7-9).

## February 23

### Christian Post

#### 63% of Biden voters reject that God is 'all powerful,' 'perfect and just' creator: survey

And this is why this administration will not be instituting a Sunday law. Though climate change could be a reason for Sunday law, Ellen White says it comes into existence in a different manner: "The church appeals to the strong arm of civil power, and in this work, papists and Protestants unite. As the movement for Sunday enforcement becomes more bold and

decided, the law will be invoked against commandment-keepers. They will be threatened with fines and imprisonment, and some will be offered positions of influence, and other rewards and advantages, as inducements to renounce their faith." {GC88 607.1}.

"The dignitaries of church and State will unite to bribe, persuade, or compel all classes to honor the Sunday. The lack of divine authority will be supplied by oppressive enactments. 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}.

"Yet this very class put forth the claim that the fast-spreading corruption is largely attributable to the desecration of the so-called 'Christian Sabbath,' and that the enforcement of Sunday

observance would greatly improve the morals of society. This claim is especially urged in America, where the doctrine of the true Sabbath has been most widely preached. Here the temperance work, one of the most prominent and important of moral reforms, is often combined with the Sunday movement, and the advocates of the latter represent themselves as laboring to promote the highest interest of society; and those who refuse to unite with them are denounced as the enemies of temperance and reform. But the fact that a movement to establish error is connected with a work which is in itself good, is not an argument in favor of the error." {GC88 587.1}.

Sunday from the people is to combat immorality. That is not the Biden or Democrat movement. They legislate the immorality, allow cities to burn, promote real terrorists like BLM, encourage LGBTQ+, and much more. The current administration is to cause the religious right to actually become the dragon and fight back. This does not require a Republican president, but it sure does need to allow for the Protestants to take over the government. They will do this with union of the Catholic right.



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matched the requirements, but made sure I was very clear about certain areas where I was not even close to being qualified, especially on those “modern trigger words”. I basically was trying to demonstrate to yet another recruiter the reason why the job was not for me. They then insisted on a phone call to discuss it and get my permission anyways to submit application to the job. I had nothing to lose so I called her and permitted her to submit my resume.

The reply from the employer was that they would like to schedule a five-panel interview over the computer on February 11th. Again, I had nothing to lose. During the interview, I was more than honest with my answers.

Where I was weak, I made sure they knew it. I told them I do not know how to program in the style of being object-oriented or with frameworks, not that such is important to understand by the average reader. I told them clearly that I program in a method which is called procedural, one line of coding after another. Their reply was that such was their methodology as well. I then made sure they knew everything they needed to know about me so that they knew what they were getting. After the interview, I thanked them for their time, and did the typical follow-up communications afterwards.

I also followed up with the recruiter and was informed that they were planning on interviewing up to the point

they found someone. They had no intention of interviewing a number of people and choosing the best. It was to be an immediate acceptance or dismissal. It seemed that I was number two on the list. They had already dismissed the first one days ago.

Two hours later, I was informed that I had the position if I wanted it. I was also asked for the desired salary. I quoted the typical rate, sufficient for our needs, only to find out that it was rejected. Instead, they offered me much more than my asking.

So, not only was there employment out there that matched my style of programming, not only did I get the job, not only did I get what compensation is actually necessary for personal needs, plus some to

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continue to contribute to the ministry, it turns out that the position is 100% remote, and on top of that, I did not need to dip into the ministry funds during the remaining weeks of unemployment. When God acts in His time, He acts quickly. To go from being content as a person retired from the programming world to being employed in less than 48 hours is amazing.

Thank you for all of your support in prayers, as well as some contributions which provided a little extra to the minis-

try to help us. It was all appreciated. Of course, if you need to offset that “extra” by pulling back on your regular giving to average out your annual contribu-

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