



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.

Be Zealous and Repent

Ellen White

Dear Brethren and Sisters: The Lord has shown me in vision some things concerning the church in its present lukewarm state, which I will relate to you. The church was presented before me in vision. Said the angel to the church: "Jesus speaks to thee, 'Be zealous and repent.'" This work, I saw, should be taken hold of in earnest. There is something to repent of. Worldly-mindedness, selfishness, and covetousness have been eating out

the spirituality and life of God's people.

The danger of God's people for a few years past has been the love of the world. Out of this have sprung the sins of selfishness and covetousness. The more they get of this world, the more they set their affections on it; and still they reach out for more. Said the angel: "It is easier for a camel to go through a needle's eye, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God." Yet many who profess to believe that we are having the last note of

warning to the world, are striving with all their energies to place themselves in a position where it is easier for a camel to go through a needle's eye than for them to enter the kingdom.

These earthly treasures are blessings when rightly used. Those who have them should realize that they are lent them of God and should cheerfully spend their means to advance His cause. They will not lose their reward here. They will

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Dear Brothers and Sisters ...

Jerry O'Donnell

Our general publication readers have begun writing in and even calling. We have had some contact us to make sure they remain on the list. Some have sent subscription fees plus donations. One reader was very upset that their copy was smudged through the process and wondered if they could get a fresh copy. We sent a fresh copy, of course. Praise the Lord for the positive activity. However, we did receive a second request for removal, but this time it was due to death. Thank you for your support.

In the category of continuing to praise God regarding my employment and miracles continuing to happen, it seems that the current contract was scheduled to end on May 14th with the expectation of easy renewal, however, the current contractor was outbid or undercut. I was then told that the usual process of the new contracting company is to recruit as much of the current staff as possible. Once the new contracting company realized the money involved, despite initially being personally told that I would be able to retain my position,

none of us program developers were going to be retained. The excuse was that they were heading in a different direction. All 3 of us developers knew it meant that they could not afford us.

I personally began to seek the Lord wondering why I was given this job, the pathway being paved, and for it to terminate in such a short period of time. In that time of employment, my personal computer and another computer needed replacing. To produce the contents of these publications requires an above average computer, which means four figures in the purchase price. If I were to try and replace it through the ministry funds, it would be too large of a purchase and really set us back financially. So, I saw the current job as a means to get us past those expenses, and so it did. At least that was human reasoning.

In the meantime, I started hunting for another position while watching every penny possible. I had sufficient personal funds still because of the current position that it would be a number of months before having to rely

upon the money that comes into the ministry. As stated before, I pay my tithe off of that and have always reinvested all of it and then some back into the ministry. I really did not want to touch those funds personally, though that is what it is for.

While searching for the new position, I came across 2 opportunities. The first position sounded thrilling. It was a contractor to NASA. What came to mind was outer space. After clearing some hurdles, the job duties were then provided. I would be part of a team that supports the raw data regarding climate change and my duty was to make sure that all interested parties that use the data had proper and secure access to it. Hold on one moment! I would be working for the enemy to spread the lie regarding climate change so as to put people under restrictive activity depending upon the data results? No thank you. Initially, I thought I could be a spy getting the inside scoop working with the actual data, but then thought otherwise because I could be told to program lies, and a lie is a

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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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be kindly regarded by the angels of God and will also lay up a treasure in heaven.

I saw that Satan watches the peculiar, selfish, covetous temperament of some who profess the truth, and he will tempt them by throwing prosperity in their path, offering them the riches of earth. He knows that if they do not overcome their natural temperament, they will stumble and fall by loving mammon, worshiping their idol. Satan's object is often accomplished. The strong love of the world overcomes, or swallows up, the love of the truth. The kingdoms of the world are offered them, and they eagerly grasp their treasure and think they are wonderfully prospered. Satan triumphs because his plan has succeeded. They have given up the love of God for the love of the world.

I saw that those who are thus prospered can thwart the design of Satan if they will overcome their selfish covetousness by laying all their possessions upon the altar of God. And when they see where means are needed to advance the cause of truth and to help the

widow, the fatherless, and afflicted, they should give cheerfully and thus lay up treasure in heaven.

Heed the counsel of the True Witness. Buy gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich, white raiment that thou mayest be clothed, and eyesalve that thou mayest see. Make some effort. These precious treasures will not drop upon us without some exertion on our part. We must buy – "be zealous and repent" of our lukewarm state. We must be awake to see our wrongs, to search for our sins, and to zealously repent of them.

I saw that the brethren who have possessions have a work to do to tear away from these earthly treasures and to overcome their love of the world. Many of them love this world, love their treasure, but are not willing to see it. They must be zealous and repent of their selfish covetousness, that the love of the truth may swallow up everything else. I saw that many of those who have riches will fail to buy the gold, white raiment, and eyesalve. Their zeal does not possess intensity and earnestness

proportionate to the value of the object of which they are in pursuit.

I saw these men while striving for the possessions of earth; what zeal they manifested, what earnestness, what energy to obtain an earthly treasure that must soon pass away! What cool calculations they made! They plan and toil early and late, and sacrifice their ease and comfort for earthly treasure. A corresponding zeal on their part to obtain the gold, white raiment, and eyesalve will bring them in possession of these desirable treasures and life, everlasting life, in the kingdom of God. I saw that if any need eyesalve, it is those who have earthly possessions. Many of them are blind to their own state, blind to their firm grasp upon this world. Oh, that they may see!

"Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear My voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with Me." I saw that many have so much rubbish piled up at the door of their heart that they cannot get the door open. Some have difficulties between themselves

and their brethren to remove. Others have evil tempers, selfish covetousness, to remove before they can open the door. Others have rolled the world before the door of their heart, which bars the door. All this rubbish must be taken away, and then they can open the door and welcome the Saviour in.

Oh, how precious was this promise, as it was shown to me in vision! "I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with Me." Oh, the love, the wondrous love of God! After all our lukewarmness and sins He says: "Return unto Me, and I will return unto thee, and will heal all thy backslidings." This was repeated by the angel a number of times. "Return unto Me, and I will return unto thee, and will heal all thy backslidings."

Some, I saw, would gladly return. Others will not let this message to the Laodicean church have its weight upon them. They will glide along, much after the same manner as before, and will be spewed out of the mouth of the Lord. Those only who zealously repent will have favor with God.

"To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with Me in My throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with My Father in His throne." We can overcome. Yes; fully, entirely. Jesus died to make a way of escape for us, that we might overcome every evil temper, every sin, every temptation, and sit down at last with Him.

It is our privilege to have faith and salvation. The power of God has not decreased. His power, I saw, would be just as freely bestowed now as formerly. It is the church of God that have lost their faith to claim, their energy to wrestle, as did Jacob, crying: "I will not let Thee go, except Thou bless me." Enduring faith has been dying away. It must be revived in the hearts of God's people. There must be a claiming of the blessing of God. Faith, living faith, always bears upward to God and glory; unbelief, downward to darkness and death.

I saw that the minds of some of the church have not run in the right channel. There have been some peculiar temperaments that have had their notions by which to measure their brethren. And if

any did not exactly agree with them, there was trouble in the camp at once. Some have strained at a gnat and swallowed a camel.

These set notions have been humored and indulged altogether too long. There has been a picking at straws. And when there were no real difficulties in the church, trials have been manufactured. The minds of the church and the servants of the Lord are called from God, truth, and heaven to dwell upon darkness. Satan delights to have such things go on; it feasts upon him. But these are none of the trials which are to purify the church and that will in the end increase the strength of God's people.

I saw that some are withering spiritually. They have lived some time watching to keep their brethren straight – watching for every fault to make trouble with them. And while doing this, their minds are not on God, nor on heaven, nor on the truth; but just where Satan wants them – on someone else. Their souls are neglected; they seldom see or feel their own faults, for they have had enough to do to watch the

faults of others without so much as looking to their own souls or searching their own hearts. A person's dress, bonnet, or apron takes their attention. They must talk to this one or that one, and it is sufficient to dwell upon for weeks. I saw that all the religion a few poor souls have consists in watching the garments and acts of others, and finding fault with them. Unless they reform, there will be no place in heaven for them, for they would find fault with the Lord Himself.

Said the angel: "It is an individual work to be right with God." The work is between God and our own souls. But when persons have so much care of others' faults, they take no care of themselves. These notional, faultfinding ones would often cure themselves of the habit if they would go directly to the individual they think is wrong. It would be so crossing that they would give up their notions rather than go. But it is easy to let the tongue run freely about this one or that one when the accused is not present.

Some think it is wrong to try to observe order

in the worship of God. But I have seen that it is not dangerous to observe order in the church of God. I have seen that confusion is displeasing to the Lord, and that there should be order in praying and also in singing. We should not come to the house of God to pray for our families unless deep feeling shall lead us while the Spirit of God is convicting them. Generally, the proper place to pray for our families is at the family altar. When the subjects of our prayers are at a distance, the closet is the proper place to plead with God for them. When in the house of God, we should pray for a present blessing and should expect God to hear and answer our prayers. Such meetings will be lively and interesting.

I saw that all should sing with the spirit and with the understanding also. God is not pleased with jargon and discord. Right is always more pleasing to Him than wrong. And the nearer the people of God can approach to correct, harmonious singing, the more is He glorified, the church benefited,

and unbelievers favorably affected.

I have been shown the order, the perfect order, of heaven, and have been enraptured as I listened to the perfect music there. After coming out of vision, the singing here has sounded very harsh and discordant. I have seen companies of angels, who stood in a hollow square, everyone having a harp of gold. At the end of the harp was an instrument to turn to set the harp or change the tunes. Their fingers did not sweep over the strings carelessly, but they touched different strings to produce different sounds. There is one angel who always leads, who first touches the harp and strikes the note, then all join in the rich, perfect music of heaven. It cannot be described. It is melody, heavenly, divine, while from every countenance beams the image of Jesus, shining with glory unspeakable.

{Testimonies to the Church, Volume 1, pages 141.1 to 146.2}



An Appeal To The Laodicean Church

James White

That there is to be a call to the Laodicean Church, and that the time for that call to be made is at hand, is evident. But who constitute the Laodicean Church? An array of argument on this point seems unnecessary. All Advent believers know perfectly well that the Philadelphia Church, the Church of Brotherly Love, was made up of those who came out of the Sardis, or nominal Church in 1844 under the cry "Babylon is fallen, is fallen." They know, also, that the Laodicean Church is the next in order, and is the seventh and last stage of the Church, as brought to view in Rev. chapters ii, and iii. This church is made up of such as have become "luke-warm", and have left the Philadelphia Church, of brotherly love, and are saying "I am rich and increased in goods, and have need of nothing;" and know not that they are "wretched and miserable, and poor and blind, and naked."

Oh! that you but knew and felt this to be your true condition, and had an "ear to hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches." Then could I hope that you would set about buying "gold tried in the fire, (present truth) that you might be rich, and white raiment,

(righteousness of saints,) that you might be clothed, and that the shame of your nakedness may not appear, and anoint your eyes with eye-salve, that you may see." The "Amen, the faithful and true Witness", is now saying to you – "As many as I love I rebuke and chasten: BE ZEALOUS THEREFORE AND REPENT." Oh! that you but knew the things that now "belong unto your peace", in this time of your visitation. But unless you speedily awake to this subject, and buy gold, white raiment and eye salve, it will be eternally too late, and it will be said of you, "but now they are hid from thine eyes."

Your saying "I am rich and increased in goods, and have need of nothing," does not at all refer to worldly riches or goods. This is clear from the context, viz: "I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich," etc. God counsels no one to buy of him worldly riches; but your riches and increase of goods, referred to in the text, has direct reference to your boasted increase in the knowledge of the truth of the bible. Having learned so much bible truth in your Advent experience, and being so far in advance of the

nominal churches of the present day, you have become exalted, and your soul has become "lifted up," and "is not upright in" you. If you were not destitute of this tried gold, white raiment and eye-salve, the "true Witness" would not counsel you to buy it of him. Let me repeat His testimony again - "thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked," and "knowest" it "not". – Awful delusion! – Your poverty, nakedness and blindness consists in your being destitute of the present saving truth. – Here I will give extracts from an article written by JOSEPH MARSH, VOICE OF TRUTH, for August 13, 1845:

"LAODICEAN CHURCH"

To what period of the church does John's letter to the Laodicean church apply? Evidently to the last. This appears clear from the address in v.14. "Saith the Amen."

V.15. "I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot." – Like the Israelites in the days of Elijah, (1st Kings xviii;21.) – "Halting between two opinions;" undecided whether to serve God or Baal, so the Laodiceans are neither cold nor hot in their work. The two cases are similar; timidi-

ty, doubt, lack of faith, confidence and decision characterize both. Well, what body of professed Christians, in our day, answers this character? Not the nominal church or churches, for they are grounded and settled in their faith, cannot be moved from their position, and acknowledge themselves "dead twice dead". This surely, is far from being neither cold nor hot. No body of religionists answer this description as well as many of the believers in the second coming of Christ. And since the "tenth day", but few, if any of this faith, but that have at times, in a greater or a less degree, borne this character. Certainly many do now. They are wavering on the great question of the immediate coming of the Lord. They have their fears that they are wrong; but the evidences of the near coming of the Lord are so overwhelming, that they dare not abandon the cause altogether. Thus they stand, be-

tween hope and fear, doubting and believing, undecided, halting between two opinions, or do not hold fast the profession of their faith without wavering; and their works of course, correspond with their faith, they are neither cold nor hot, or their engagedness is lost.

"I would that thou wert cold or hot." Decided on a question of this magnitude. The evidences by which you may decide are abundant, clear and weighty. What more could reasonably have been done to convince an understanding mind that it is the true faith which you have professed, than what has already been done? You are without excuse for your doubts, fears and unbelief; God has been lavish in giving the most overwhelming evidences to ground and settle you in this faith, but still you distrust him, slacken your labors in his cause, and turn back, at times, in your heart, to a fallen church, or a perishing

world. Many have already turned back and we fear to their everlasting ruin.

God is long suffering towards his erring children, but still he will not forever bear with their unbelief, back-slidings and luke-warmness; heaven and earth shall pass away, yet his word will never fail. And you who are neither cold nor hot, hear his warning to you; and when you hear, tremble before him, at your certain doom, unless you speedily repent of your luke-warmness. "I will spue thee out of my mouth," is his unchangeable decree. Reject and cast you off forever. The Lord now knocks at your door – "O, hear his voice and live", v.20.

V.17; "Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased in goods, and have need of nothing, and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor and blind, and naked." Here are other striking traits of the Laodicean church

Subscription Renewal

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

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

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

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presented. The goods which they supposed they possess, and made them rich, must be the same that are mentioned in the next verse, which the Lord counsels them to buy of him, that they may be rich, which, evidently, is the durable riches of his word; or which his word imparts to all who believe and obey it. He counsels no one to become rich only in faith, knowledge, grace and every good work. The Laodiceans thought they were rich in these things, but were not.

Humiliating and painful as it is to say it, we believe we as a people, are the subjects of this prophecy. If we are not, most certainly we bear the description which the pen of inspiration has here given. There may, as in the other churches, be some few exceptions, but they are few. Look at which of the different divisions among us you please, and you find each talking, and some boasting of their spiritual riches,

but when weighed in the scale of truth and righteousness they are found greatly wanting. We desire to deal plainly with ourself and with others; the case demands it; and the word of the Lord requires it at our hand.

"Let no one murmur at the chastenings of the Lord; they are designed for our good; "for whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth." Great have been our chastisements for a few months past – and we have been worthy – for as a people, we have departed from the faith, confidence, hope, zeal and lovely spirit of that gospel in which we at first stood. – Our Lord knew we would do it, and made provision for our backslidings in his instructions to the Laodicean church. Read his counsel in verse 18, and hear what he says in verse 19. "As many as I love." Blessed be his name, he loves his honest yet deceived and erring children still.

"I rebuke and chasten." He has done it, and is doing it, as we all well

know; for which we should love him more fervently, and for which, as he commands us we should "be zealous, therefore, and repent." "Zealous," yes, burning hot in repenting of all our backslidings – there is no time to lose. The last offers of mercy are now tendered to you – you are the last church in the seven, and doubtless you are the last that will ever exist before the coming of the Lord. He stands at the door and will soon come and if not ready to meet him you will be lost. But if you are zealous in repenting – obey his counsel - buy of him gold, that you may be rich – white raiment, that you may be clothed – and eye-salve that you may see, and overcome; then you may claim with confidence and joyful hope the following exceeding great and precious promise. "To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne." v.21.

NEED A RECEIPT?

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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.

Mr. Marsh, in giving the language of one portion of Advent believers, says – "We are satisfied with our position: and as a general thing we have the truth – are much better off than the surrounding churches which have rejected the doctrine of the coming of Christ and his kingdom. In short, they suppose they are "increased in goods, and have need of nothing." And what renders their case alarming in the extreme, is, they cannot be made to see and feel their poverty. Or as the Word says, 'knowest not that thou art wretched and miserable', as every one must be who wavers, or does not hold fast the profession of their faith; "and poor", not rich in faith, "and blind". Much of the past has become darkness to them! "And naked"; faith, an important part of their armor, is lost, or is merely nominal. They are not strong in the faith, giving glory to God. That this is the condition of not a few among us cannot be denied."

Do you inquire "what is the present truth – the gold tried in the fire, the eye-salve", etc.? I answer, "the commandments of God, and the testimony of Jesus Christ." Said John, "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." Rev.xii,17.

"Bind up the testimony, seal the law (the ten commandments) among my disciples." Isa.viii;16. A part of the third angel's message is – "Here is the patience of the saints, here are they that keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus." The commandments here referred to, are those which were engraven in two tables of stone, "written with the finger of God." Nine of them are universally admitted to be binding on mankind. But the fourth, the Holy Sabbath commandment, is trodden under foot and must be restored, and this breach be made up before the third angel finishes his message and before it can be truly said, 'here are they that keep the commandments of God'. It is highly necessary that we also "remember", and confess "all the way" the Lord our God has led us in our Advent experience, which brings us to the keeping of his commandments under the voice of the third angel.

He has humbled us to prove us, to know what was in our heart, whether we would keep his commandments or no. And he has humbled us, that he might make us know that man doth not live by bread only, but by

EVERY WORD that proceedeth out of the mouth of the Lord, doth man live. Therefore thou shalt keep the commandments of the Lord thy God, to walk in his ways and to fear him. [See Deut.viii, 2-6.] But perhaps you are ready to say that this all belonged to the Jews and has nothing to do with us. We will look at this point directly, and try to show you your mistake; and that your position is without foundation in the word of God.

Then I repeat it, let us "remember ALL the way the Lord" our God "led" us, through the proclamation of the hour (or time) of his judgment, the fall of Babylon, and the midnight cry. These messages brought us to the shut door, and an open door, which brought the commandments of God to our view.

"And the temple of God [the most holy place within the second vail] was opened in heaven, and there was seen in his temple the ark of his testament", or ten commandments.

But you say "I do not believe the door is shut, for I believe there has been true conversions since 1844; we are now in the gleanings time after the great harvest has been reaped." To this I answer, after the harvest is reaped, then there

must be a time for the threshing, and then the fanning, and the gathering the wheat into the garner. [See Isa.xxi,10; Matt.iii,12].

But I, with you, want all the standing heads of WHEAT gleaned out of the field, and let them be threshed and winnowed and the wheat be gathered into the garner but remember that when the wheat and the tares were ripe, and the harvest reaped, it was then too late to convert ripe tares into wheat.

We may glean all the standing heads of wheat, and believe in the shut door, too; but let us take good care that we leave the tares in the field, for they are of no value to us.

It is not my design here to enter into the proof of the shut door, but barely state what door is shut, and what door is opened.

The Lord told Moses to make him a Sanctuary, and to make all things according to the pattern showed to him in the Mount. And we learn from Paul that these were patterns of things in the heavens; the figures of the true, into which Christ has entered, and is a minister of the Sanctuary, and of the true Tabernacle, which the Lord pitched, and not man.

In the typical Sanctuary were two apartments; the holy and the most holy places separated by the second veil. The first veil was the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, and the second veil was the door into the most holy place. When this second door was opened, the first thing that was seen was the ARK, which stood right at the entrance of the door; and in that ark were the two tables of stone, tables of the covenant, the ten commandments. And upon the ark was the mercy-seat, shadowed by the cherubims of glory.

"Now when these things were thus ordained, the priests went always [daily] into the first tabernacle, accomplishing the service of God: But into the second went the high priest alone once every year, ["on the tenth of the seventh month,"] not without blood", etc. Again Paul says, these priests "served unto the example and shadow of heavenly things." Now let us follow the example and shadow a little further. – The high priest on the tenth day of the seventh month was arrayed in the holy linen garments, the mitre and the holy crown upon his head, the onyx stones upon his shoulders; on them were graven the names of the children of Israel, and the breast plate of judg-

ment, in which was the Urim and Thummim, and twelve precious stones in four rows, in which was graven the names of the children of Israel. [See Ex.xxviii].

Thus all Israel that were within the reach of salvation were embraced in the twelve tribes, and were borne by the high priest into the most holy place, on the breast plate of judgment, when he went in to make atonement for the blotting out of their sins [See Heb.xii,24; Acts iii,19], and cleansing the Sanctuary from the sins of Israel, and removing them from it, putting them upon the head of the scape-goat. [See Lev.xvi.] They were to afflict their souls in the day of atonement, and "whatsoever soul it be that shall not be afflicted in that same day, he shall be cut off from among his people." [See Lev.xxiii,27-32.] There was to be "no man in the tabernacle of the congregation", when the high priest entered the most holy place. [See Lev.xvi,17.] The DOOR of the tabernacle of the congregation was shut on that day, and the DOOR into the most holy place WAS OPENED.

Now let us hear what Jesus our high priest says to the Philadelphia Church. "And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write; These

things saith he that is holy, he that is true, he that hath the key of David, he that OPENETH and NO MAN SHUTTETH; and SHUTTETH, and NO MAN OPENETH: I know thy works: behold, I have set before thee an OPEN DOOR, and NO MAN CAN SHUT it." [See Rev.iii,7-13.] Here we have a shut door and an open door to the Philadelphia Church. The shut door is the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, and no man can open it, or find admittance in through that door. The open door is the door into the most holy place, within the second vail, called in Rev.xi,19, "the temple of God; and there was seen in his temple the ARK of his TESTAMENT," the ten commandments.

Let it be remembered that in the pattern, the most holy place within the second vail, was the only place where the ark of the ten commandments was kept, and could not be opened or entered only on the tenth day of the seventh month, on pain of death. So also, on the tenth day of the seventh month, 1844, at the termination of the 2,300 days, the time appointed to cleanse the Sanctuary, the most holy place of the Sanctuary, or true Temple in Heaven, was opened under the sounding of the seventh angel, and there was

seen (by faith, by the little flock,) the ark of His testament", the ten commandments. [See Rev.xi,19.] At that time we came to the "blood of sprinkling that speaketh better things than that of Abel." [See Heb.xii,24], and to the blotting out of the sins of the whole house of Israel. [See Acts iii,19-21.]

Christ has not entered the holiest of all, of the heavenly Sanctuary, yearly, since the ascension, to blot out sins, and cleanse the Sanctuary, "for then must he often have suffered since the foundation of the world." "But now ONCE in the end of the world," [at the end of the 2,300 days,] hath he appeared [in the holiest of all] to PUT AWAY sin, by virtue of the sacrifice of himself, [on Calvary.] [See Heb.ix,22-28.] – Jesus, our High Priest, PUTS "AWAY SIN" by blotting it out and removing it from the Sanctuary, to the land of separation on the scape-goat. At the end of the 2,300 days, our high priest bore into the most holy, on the breast plate of judgment, all who were within the reach of salvation.

And among those that were borne in, I believe, were some that had not had the light on the second advent doctrine, and had not rejected it, but were living according to

the best light they had. And I believe also, that there were others who had a sacred reverence for God and his word, and had his fear before their eyes, yet they made no profession of religion, or of conversion, but in the sight of God who sees not as man sees, they were much nearer a state of justification before God, than very many who made a great profession of religion. Again, children who had not arrived to years of accountability were borne in on the breast plate of judgment. These three classes are the standing heads of wheat to be gleaned, and gathered in from the field. The Lord will see that the present truth is given to all these, and if they receive and obey the truth their sins will be blotted out and "put away". But if they reject the present truth, their names will be blotted out, and they will be cut off from the house of Israel forever. Many of the above named will be raised up to take the garments and the crowns of those who have backslidden and become luke-warm. Said Jesus, to the Philadelphia Church, "Behold I come quickly: hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown." Again, "Behold I come as a thief; blessed is he that watcheth and keepeth his garments,

lest he walk naked and they see his shame."

Oh, that you would be entreated to buy gold tried in the fire, and white raiment that the shame of your nakedness do not appear, and anoint your eyes with eye salve, that you may see; and be rebuked and chastened, and be zealous and repent, lest you be spued out of his mouth, and be disinherited, as those were who rebelled in the wilderness of Paran. Those were examples of the Laodicean Church. But Caleb and Joshua, who wholly followed the Lord, were the example of the Philadelphia Church, which follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth. Read with care Num.xiv;11,12,22-24, 37,38.

God's purpose was to take them, at once, into the promised land, but for their rebellion they had to learn and know his breach of promise, (margin, altering of his purpose,) by being disinherited. So also now those who have not kept

their garments, but lost them, and some one else has taken their crowns, instead of their sins being blotted out, their names will be blotted out of the book of life, and they will be cut off from the house of Israel forever. We are in the "wilderness of the people," [See Eze.xx,35-38], where all the rebels will be purged out.

Some suppose that if the door is shut, there can be no more repentance unto life, or forgiveness of sins. – This is certainly a mistake. All who were borne in on the breast plate of judgment, and have not sinned wilfully, may repent and find forgiveness. Jesus says to the Laodiceans, "as many as I love I rebuke and chasten, be zealous, therefore, and repent." Again, in the type, on the tenth day of the seventh month, the daily, the morning and evening sacrifice, and other offerings for the forgiveness of sins were kept up. [See Num.xxix,7-11].

But we will come again to the Sabbath truth; and we hope that you will lay aside all prejudice, and lose sight of the humble writer, and not reject the truth of God on account of the unworthiness of the feeble instrument, through which it may be brought before your mind. And, oh, may the Lord guide us into his truth, that we may see it in all its clearness and simplicity.

But, as I said before, when we urge the claims of the Sabbath, you are ready to give all that is written in the bible on this subject to the Jews; and say it was given to them as a peculiar people, under peculiar circumstances, and that the Sabbath was binding upon them; but not on us Gentiles. You call it the Jewish Sabbath, or Sabbath of the Jews. But the seventh day Sabbath is no where in the bible called the Jewish Sabbath. It is called the Sabbath of the Lord thy God. He calls it "MY HOLY DAY". Jesus says, "The Sabbath was made for

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MAN." We are men;
then it was made for us.

But the principle which leads you to take the position that those scriptures relating to the Sabbath, have nothing to do with us, or are not binding upon us, if carried out, would aim a deadly blow at the foundation, and unsettle and evade the force of all truth. In the days of the first advent, the scribes and pharisees could say, if we had been in the days of our fathers, we would not have been partakers with them in the blood of the prophets; but Jesus told them that they filled up the measure of their fathers, and that all the righteous blood shed upon the earth from the blood of righteous Abel, unto the blood of Zacharias, whom ye slew between the porch and the altar. Verily I say unto you, all these things shall come upon this generation. This was fulfilled in the destruction of Jerusalem, A. D. 70. This was but a figure or an example of what will befall the professed church of these last days, called

"Babylon". "And in her was found the blood of prophets and of saints and of all that were slain upon the earth." Again said Jesus, "Suppose ye that those Galileans were sinners above all the Galileans, because they suffered such things," etc? "or those eighteen upon whom the tower in Siloam fell, and slew them," etc. "I tell you nay, but except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish." The principle by which you reject the Sabbath, contradicts the testimony of the prophets and of Jesus Christ, and his apostles.

Said the Son of God, "Think not that I am come to subvert the law, or the prophets; I am not come to subvert, but to ratify. For verily I say unto you, till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled. Whosoever, therefore, shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, shall be in no esteem in the reign of heaven." (See Camp-

bell's translation.) James says, "Whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all. So speak ye, and so do, as they that shall be judged by the law of liberty." Said Paul – "As many as have sinned in the law, shall be judged by the law. For not the hearers of the law are just before God, but the doers of the law shall be justified." Again, "Whatever [that is, ALL that] was written afore time, was written for our learning; that we, through patience, and comfort of the scriptures might have hope." Once more, "ALL scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable," etc.

How can these testimonies be true, on the principle by which you reject the Sabbath truth? {The Advent Review, September, 1850, The Advent Review Extra, pages 1 - 4}



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Let No Man Deceive You (1 John 3:7)

Jerry O'Donnell

The deceivers against Seventh-day Adventists are not so effective in having people obey a different set of commandments. Yes, throwing out the second commandment, changing the holy day from the seventh day to the first day, and splitting of the tenth commandment into two have deceived billions of people, but that is not going to deceive Seventh-day Adventists very much.

Why are we concerned about deception? In Matthew 24, Jesus warned about things that would occur in the last days. Every item is mentioned once, except for deception. Interestingly, it was not just mentioned twice or even three times but four times: "Take heed that no man deceive you" (Matthew 24:4), "For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many" (Matthew 24:5), "And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many" (Matthew 24:11), and "For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs

and wonders; inasmuch that, if [it were] possible, they shall deceive the very elect" (Matthew 24:24). And, adding on to that list, Paul wrote, "For such [are] false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ" (2 Corinthians 11:13).

Many feel that they are above the deception of false Christs because they know that Jesus does not touch the ground when He returns. Therefore, they conclude, this deception is not so effective upon themselves. Is it about false Christs, even the false return of Christ? For Jesus to give the warning four different ways means that there is more to it than simply people claiming to be Christ, and the situation would be very serious. It is so serious that nearly the "very elect", the most aware, the most studious, the truest to the faith people, if it were possible, could fall for the deception, which means that it goes beyond false prophets and false Christs. The de-

ception must be in the messages preached in which it gets incorporated, smoothed out, slipped in, and finally disseminated to the people to be accepted as gospel.

The reason that it is possible for Seventh-day Adventists to actually become deceived despite those four warnings is that they think those warnings are for the general public, maybe for Christianity in general. That is not true. The warning is towards God's followers – the elect, even the very elect. Satan has already deceived most of Christianity into Sunday worship. Satan's target now is Seventh-day Adventists that are true to the faith, for those that are Seventh-day Adventists in name only are already deceived.

Please note that Mark uses similar wording of what Jesus warned about but includes the word "seduce". "For false Christs and false prophets shall rise, and shall shew signs and wonders, to seduce, if [it were] possible, even

the elect” (Mark 13:22). Looking up other forms of the word “seduce”, like “seducing”, “seduced”, etc., we find, “Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils” (1 Timothy 4:1), “But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived. But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned [them]” (2 Timothy 3:13-14), and “Notwithstanding I have a few things against thee, because thou sufferest that woman Jezebel, which calleth herself a prophetess, to teach and to seduce my servants to commit fornication, and to eat things sacrificed unto idols” (Revelation 2:20)

We see that the seduction involves listening to the spirits providing doctrines of devils, a pulling away from the teachings, and lead God’s people into spiritual fornication, which includes the mixing of godly reasons with worldly ways. Though, this is not a deception for us, here is an exam-

ple of one: “Jesus rose on the first day of the week therefore we ought to keep a new day holy instead.” It gets worse when they infer that that Bible calls it the “Lord’s day”, as they twist Revelation 1:10. That is a godly reason, even using a “Bible reason” for doing what they do.

Being more direct now and getting back to our title based upon 1 John 3:7, we are told “ungodly men”, especially false teachers and preachers that do not want to submit to the obedience of God’s Ten Commandments, are “turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness,” (Jude 1:4) where they expand grace to the point that it covers unconfessed sins as well as currently practicing sins, “and denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ” by telling us that when Jesus walked this earth 2,000 years ago, He did so as God on earth, even being a man that lived as prior to the fall of Adam. This, of course, allows for the notion that we are saved in our sins instead of from our sins. “The Sabbath of course, would be lightly regarded, as also the God who created it” {1SM

204.2}. God says of such, “For many deceivers are entered into the world, who confess not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh. This is a deceiver and an antichrist” (2 John 1:7).

“We shall meet with false doctrines of every kind, and unless we are acquainted with what Christ has said, and are following His instruction, we shall be led astray. One of the most dangerous of these doctrines is that of false sanctification. There are those who claim to be holy, and yet are breaking God’s commandments. Their assertion that they are sinless is false and should not be received... {Ev 595.2}.

“Another doctrine that will be presented is that all that we have to do is to believe in Christ--to believe that He has forgiven our sins, and that after we are forgiven, it is impossible for us to sin. This is a snare of Satan. It is true that we must believe in Christ. He is our only hope of salvation. But it is also true that we must work out our individual salvation daily in faith, not boasting but with fear and trembling. We are to use every power

of our being in His service, and after we have done our utmost, we are still to regard ourselves as unprofitable servants. Divine power will unite with our efforts, and as we cling to God with the hand of faith, Christ will impart to us His wisdom and His righteousness. Thus, by His grace, we shall be enabled to build upon the sure foundation. – Manuscript 27, 1886.” {Ev 595.3}.

“Strive to enter in at the strait gate” (Luke 13:24). “Yea, a man may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works: shew me thy faith without thy works, and I will shew thee my faith by my works” (James 2:18). “(For not the hearers of the law [are] just before God, but the doers of the law shall be justified” (Romans 2:13), keeping in mind that “by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight: for by the law [is] the knowledge of sin” (Romans 3:20).

So, what is going on is that from the outside, we are accused of keeping the Sabbath to earn our way to Heaven. Provided with two options of either working our way to Heaven or not working our

way, some weak in the faith choose the “not working” option not realizing that there is a third option that supports the fact that we do not keep the Sabbath to earn Heaven, but because Jesus has saved us from our sins. This is a form of trying to deceive us from doing righteousness, for no one wants to be guilty of trying to earn Heaven.

However, that deception trying to draw us away from doing righteousness, is not as effective as those within. In fact, our worst enemies are from within. “We have far more to fear from within than from without. The hindrances to strength and success are far greater from the church itself than from the world. Unbelievers have a right to expect that those who profess to be keeping the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus, will do more than any other class to promote and honor, by their consistent lives, by their godly example and their active influence, the cause which they represent. But how often have the professed advocates of the truth proved the greatest obstacle to its advancement! The unbe-

lief indulged, the doubts expressed, the darkness cherished, encourage the presence of evil angels, and open the way for the accomplishment of Satan's devices” {1SM 122.3}.

If a person is not careful, undermining of the doctrines is done in a subtle way. Sometimes it takes on the form of, “Don't be so serious.” When others do not want to participate in the reforms (diet, dress, etc.) they usually dismiss it away and even jab at those that are “into the reforms”. It gets worse when it comes from trusted sources.

In one meeting that we conducted recently, a number of members mentioned that their pastors or teachers would pit the practices against one another. An example would be, “God would rather have a person be loving and caring more than being a vegetarian or even one that gives up all of the dairy products, but is not so loving.” Why can we not have a vegetarian or health reformer (not the same as a Vegan) also be loving and caring? Here is another example: “God would rather have a soul daily communing with Him

in prayer more than one that is dressed in the dress reform who does not pray often.” Why can we not have a dress reformer who communes with God in prayer on a daily basis? This pitting “this against that” simply undermines the stance the reformers have taken, but worse, it encourages those that are not participating in the reforms to remain as they are and go as far as poking fun and ridiculing those practitioners of the reforms.

Of course, you know our position with the quarterlies. If there is ever an attack against doing righteousness, it is found in just about every quarter, maybe in just about every lesson. The quarterly breaks down every barrier against sin and Satan. It does this by elevating that which it should not and ignoring that which it should be uplifting. Ellen White is not as authoritative in the quarterly as are preachers from other denominations along with psychologists and so called scientists. We can only imagine that it has gotten worse since the last quarterly we used. “Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain de-

ceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ” (Colossians 2:8).

Here is another undermining method. 1 John 1:8 is usually presented in a twisted manner. “If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.” And then they say, “See, if you think you can stop sinning, you are deceived.” That is not what the verse means. It means, “all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God” (Romans 3:23). Besides, how can “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), which means we have no sin on record at that point, fit into their explanation? If we are cleansed, we have no sin, yet the perpetrators of the lie say that we are deceived into thinking that. They basically have us pit the back-to-back verses against each other. We are so glad that 1 John 1:10 answers it all: “If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us” (1 John 1:10). It is truly a past issue. If we say that we have

never sinned, we are deceived, but if we have confessed our sins, there is then no sin presently in us, and we are not deceived for thinking that. If there is anyone deceived, “be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves” (James 1:22). “And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved” (2 Thessalonians 2:10).

Again, “Little children, let no man deceive you: he that doeth righteousness is righteous, even as he is righteous” (1 John 3:7). “Let no man deceive you by any means: for [that day shall not come], except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition” (2 Thessalonians 2:3). “He that saith he abideth in him ought himself also so to walk, even as he walked” (1 John 2:6). “To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne” (Revelation 3:21).



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.

Whosoever Is Saved or Lost?

The word “whosoever” appears to apply to anybody and everybody. Romans 10:13 tells of a way to be saved, while in Luke 12:10, it looks like no matter what one does, if they are guilty of speaking against the Holy Spirit, they can call upon the name of the Lord all they want, but it will be useless. In other words, Romans 10:13 appears to not apply to “whosoever” but actually excludes people – those of Luke 12:10.

Romans 10:13 For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.

Luke 12:10 And whosoever shall speak a word against the Son of man, it shall be forgiven him: but unto him that blasphemeth against the Holy Ghost it shall not be forgiven.

The problem comes from the misunder-

standing of blaspheming the Holy Ghost as well as misunderstanding what it means to call upon the Lord. With a proper understanding of what the blaspheming of the Holy Ghost is, it will then be safe to say that such a person would never attempt to fulfill Romans 10:13, and therefore Romans 10:13 does not exclude the guilty.

Saying something derogatory to the Holy Spirit is not the sin discussed in Luke 12:10, meaning, if one were to hit their thumb with a hammer and shout out a cursing use of the Holy Spirit, which people usually go for the second Person of the Godhead instead, that is not blaspheming the Holy Spirit.

Let us approach it first by defining the role of the Holy Spirit, which is to “guide you into all truth” (John 16:13) and “reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment” (John 16:8). If we reject the truth,

reject the conviction of sin, reject the conviction of righteousness, and reject the preparation for the judgment, we are blaspheming the Holy Ghost. When we excuse away sins in our lives and teach others to do the same thing as well, that is the act of blaspheming the Holy Spirit. As “sin is the transgression of the law” (1 John 3:4), “Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven” (Matthew 5:19). Thankfully, blaspheming the Holy Spirit is not a single act and we can cease this and be forgiven. But if we live the life of sinning and teaching others to do the same and die in this state, that is when we shall not be forgiven.

Likewise, if we declare that there is no truth and teach others how silly it is to think that there is a single correct religion and even denomination, then we

again, dying in that state will have committed the sin of blaspheming the Holy Spirit. If we lead people away from doing that which is right, for “he that doeth righteousness is righteous, even as he is righteous” (1 John 3:7), that is when we commit the blaspheming of the Holy Spirit. Finally, if we downplay the judgment, we are agents against the Holy Spirit. All people in this state of mind will not call upon the name of the Lord for they have no interest in the true God.

Now, the second issue is in misunderstanding what it means to call upon the name of the Lord. It is not just the words involved that so many Christians think it is. It is not like, “Well, I called and He didn’t

answer, so I left a message.” To call is to commit one’s life unto God. “Lord, I have lived a life of sin. Save me please! I don’t want this sinful life anymore.” That is the type of calling that is referred to in Romans 10:13. In fact, we do not of ourselves call upon God “For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing” (Romans 7:18). With that in mind, Jesus said, “I am not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance” (Matthew 9:13). Notice that with calling, repentance, which is repentance from sin, is involved.

And we are told “him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out” (John 6:37). Praise the Lord! But do notice that a synonym to “call” is “come”. In oth-

er words, “Whosoever shall come to the Lord shall be saved.” And the expectation of understanding is “that all should come to repentance” (2 Peter 3:9).

Therefore, Romans 10:13 and Luke 12:10 are not opposites or excluding anyone. Someone who repents of their sins would not be guilty of also blaspheming the Holy Spirit for the Holy Spirit is leading people into truth, hating sin, obeying righteousness, and preparing for the judgment. And one has not blasphemed the Holy Spirit by a single act but does so with a life time of resistance. If resistance to the Holy Spirit is the lifestyle, they would not call upon the Lord.



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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 wrote,
“There is another work that should receive attention on the preparation day. On this day all differences between brethren, whether in the family or in the church, should be put away. Let all bitterness and wrath and malice be expelled from the soul. In a humble spirit, ‘confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed.’ James 5:16” {6T 356.1}

How can anyone commune with Jesus on His holy Sabbath day while having a difference with another, especially one that is also trying to keep the Sabbath day holy? Jesus died for that person as much as He died for us personally.

I will tell you how such differences are allowed in the life. It is by keeping the Sabbath holy in a lifeless manner. When we reduce the Sabbath to merely the day that we do not labor, when we focus on

the physical aspect and leave off the spiritual aspect outside of worshipping God through church attendance, the hours being kept holy do not bring in relational characteristics.

This does not mean that the difference will cease, as both parties need to come to an agreement, however, let no effort to rectify the situation be missing on our part.

Now, just because two people with differences claim to be Sabbath keepers, even church members, that does not mean that both are converted. Many keep the commandments as if they are simply obligations instead of them being written in the heart. Therefore, if the difference is actually over a broken commandment, statute, or precept of God, the difference may be unresolved if the other person is unconverted. But, with that said, again, let it not be because our heart is hardened towards the other person. May every effort of reconciliation

be made during the six days of labor. Let us labor to be reconciled. People have been seen sitting on opposite sides of the church because of such differences. How can we be striving for unity with such attitudes?

If the fault lies with us, may we seek forgiveness. If the other person is willing to forgive, then all is well, however, if the person wants to hold onto the grudge no matter what is offered to address the situation, there is nothing more a person can do.

And God forbid if the difference is actually in the family. How can two abide in the same household and go through the Sabbath hours with such a difference in the heart. Shall the two stay on opposite sides of the home? Will one stay in their bedroom while the other has access to the other rooms with coldness exchanged in the infrequent need to be in each other’s presence? This truly is not Sabbath keeping.

And here is a thought, literally: what is on the mind during the Sabbath if the difference is known and remembered. Obviously, it is the grievance and not so much on the Sabbath thoughts.

Now, in this time while the church is going through the shaking, polarizing one another to being a tare or a wheat, care for that soul who holds onto

the difference as a tare. Keep the communication open to allow for healing if the tare rises up.

When it comes to obedience to God, where the other person is upset because you are not compromising, stand the ground. Too many think that putting away the differences for the sake of agreement means compromising God's way. Yes, people

are at different places in their walk but never is compromising God's way to be sacrificed for reconciliation.

To the best of our ability, search the soul and see if there be any hard feelings and then find a way to make things right as the Sabbath is to also be healing time.



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.

Breakfast is Truly the Most Important Meal of the Day

Your child has a nervous temperament, and her diet should be carefully guarded. She should not be allowed to choose that food which will gratify the taste without affording proper nourishment. . . . Never let her go from home to school without her breakfast. Do not venture to give full scope to your inclinations in this matter. Place yourself entirely under the control of God, and He will help you to bring all your desires into harmony

with His requirements. {CG 390.1}

It is the custom and order of society to take a slight breakfast. But this is not the best way to treat the stomach. At breakfast time the stomach is in a better condition to take care of more food than at the second or third meal of the day. The habit of eating a sparing breakfast and a large dinner is wrong. Make your breakfast correspond more nearly to the heartiest meal of the day. {CD 173.2}

I was thoroughly convinced that many in the establishment were suffering with indigestion because of eating this kind of food. The digestive organs were enfeebled and the blood impoverished. Their breakfast consisted of coffee and bread with the addition of prune sauce. This was not healthful. The stomach, after rest and sleep, was better able to take care of a substantial meal than when wearied with work. {CD 105.3}

We breakfast at seven, and take our dinner at one. It is seldom I have a faint feeling. My appetite is satisfied. My food is eaten with a greater relish than ever before. {CD 483.1}

In our family we have breakfast at half past six o'clock, and dinner at half past one. {CD 490.4}

At the small hotel at which we were staying, there was little sign of life before seven o'clock. We asked for breakfast at six, but were told that it would be impossible to furnish anything so early. By previous experience we had learned that usually at this hour the fires were not built, nor were the doors unlocked. So, to carry out our plan, we purchased bread, fruit, and milk in the evening, and asked for dishes to be brought to our rooms that we might prepare our own breakfast. {HS 167.1}

After a wholesome and well-prepared breakfast... {BEcho, January 1, 1892 par. 17}

In the family, order should prevail. The

members should be trained to regular habits. There should be a fixed time for rising, a time for breakfast, and a time for worship, either directly before or directly after the morning meal. {PUR, May 22, 1902 par. 5}

We were introduced into a plain, simply furnished, but comfortable home, in accordance with our faith, and were soon seated at the table whereon was a wholesome, well-prepared breakfast, which we all enjoyed very much. {3MR 250.5}

My breakfast this morning was plenty of well-cooked mush, one gem, and two raw apples. {5MR 385.3}

Took our breakfast this morning with good appetites. {11MR 118.5}

We again prepared our breakfast, making a nice hot broth. {11MR 144.2}

[COMMENT: We usually simply supply Ellen White writings, but this time this collection may need an explanation of why, out of the 150+

references, these were included. Basically, breakfast ought not be skipped or something as being lightly treated, like grabbing a piece of toast on the way out the door. It should not consist of junk food but be hardy and wholesome. It should provide energy. Those that turn in early, as we are counseled to do, ought to be able to rise early, put in some time even on chores, and take breakfast still early enough in the day. (Unlike other ministries, do not beat yourself up if you can only find certain employment that may not allow for an early turn in or may have to work two jobs to provide for the family, though it would not be a sin as those that are up late wasting time, it would still have affects upon the body.) Warm meals are highly encouraged along with fruit. Be careful not to eat too late at night as that shall have adverse effect upon the appetite for breakfast, which ought to be very much present. And breakfast ought to be kept each day at a near consistent time as possible.]



Healthy And Delicious Recipes

Veggie Cobb Salad with Coconut "Bacon"

Ingredients

- 1 small head romaine lettuce, chopped
- ½ cup halved cherry tomatoes
- 1 small cucumber, thinly sliced
- 1 medium zucchini, spiralized or peeled into ribbons
- 1 ear of corn, grilled, kernels sliced off cobb
- 1 avocado, pitted and diced
- 12 to 14 ounces extra-firm tofu, patted dry and cubed
- ½ cup coconut "bacon" (recipe below)

Coconut "bacon"

- 1½ cups unsweetened coconut flakes
- 1½ teaspoons garlic and onion powders (mixed together in maple syrup)
- 2 tablespoons maple syrup
- ½ teaspoon smoked paprika (optional)

Cashew "buttermilk" dressing: (this makes extra)

- 1 cup raw cashews, soaked in water 3 to 4 hours, preferably overnight, drained and rinsed
- ½ to ¾ cups fresh water
- 2 tablespoons fresh lemon juice
- ¼ teaspoon onion powder
- ¼ teaspoon garlic powder
- ¼ to ½ teaspoon sea salt

Instructions

- In a blender, combine the cashews, ½ cup water, lemon juice, onion powder, garlic powder and ¼ teaspoon of sea salt. Blend until creamy, adding more water if necessary. Taste and season with additional salt as needed. Chill until ready to use.
- Preheat the oven to 350°F and line a baking sheet with parchment paper. Place the coconut

flakes along with the maple syrup, garlic & onion powders, and smoked paprika (if using) on the pan and toss gently to coat. Spread in a thin layer on the pan and bake until dark golden brown and slightly crispy, about 8-10 minutes. Watch it closely, it will burn.

- Increase the oven temperature to 400°F and line a baking sheet with parchment paper. Place the tofu cubes on the pan and toss with a drizzle of olive oil and generous pinches of salt. Bake for 15 to 17 minutes or until golden brown around the edges.
- In a serving bowl, assemble the salad with the romaine, cherry tomatoes, cucumber, zucchini, corn, avocado and tofu. Top with the coconut "bacon" and serve with the dressing on the side.



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.*

Ginger Tea for Menstrual Cramps

Ginger is a natural anti-inflammatory agent, and can improve blood flow while reducing inflammation in your muscles, including those in the uterus

where these cramps originate.

To make 3 cups of tea (so you will have some for later), bring to a boil 3 cups of water and add 3 tablespoons of grated fresh ginger.

Cover saucepan and lower temperature so the tea can steep for about 10 or 15 minutes. Strain the tea and add a little honey if you wish.



Natural Vitamins

Aloe Vera

Aloe vera is a beautiful succulent plant but did you know it has many uses other than brightening up a room?

Aloe vera gel is great for relieving sunburn. You can buy pure aloe vera gel or if you have the plant, simply cut open one of its leaves and scoop the gel out. Simply spread the gel over the burn to help relieve pain and speed up healing.

Aloe Vera has also been known to help with GERD. Simply take 1-3 ounces of aloe vera with your meal to help reduce heartburn.

Have some fruit or veggies in the fridge that you are not going to use immediately? A study

published by the Cambridge University Press showed that coating the food (such as tomatoes, apples, etc) with the gel helped keep it fresher longer and blocked the growth of some harmful bacteria.

Studies have also shown that two tablespoons of aloe vera helped lower the blood sugar levels of people with Type 2 Diabetes. However, it should be noted that people who take glucose lowering medications should use extreme caution as taking both the medication and aloe vera together could lower glucose levels to dangerous levels.

Having issues with constipation? Take aloe

vera!! Just a tiny bit will help relieve constipation. Again, extreme caution should be taken if you use this method. Only a tiny bit is needed. If you suffer with Crohn's disease, colitis, or hemorrhoids DO NOT USE.

Aloe Vera is great to use in your skin care routine. It is great for hydrating the skin and as a pain reliever.

Aloe Vera has a very low toxicity and is generally considered safe, however, always check with your doctor before starting any herbal supplement especially if you are currently on medications as it can cause adverse reactions.



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.

There is a difference between the word "commands" and "commandments". Most people who hear the word "commandments" think of God's Ten Commandments. When a person hears the word "commands", that usually refers to a generic command, even as simply commanding that water be fetched. So, when we read 1 John 2:4, is a liar one that does not keep the Ten Commandments or is it one who does not do as commanded? Connected with the word "keep" or "keepeth", the Bible usually associates with the Ten Commandments, therefore, once again the King James Version is our standard.

King James Version: He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him.

In Error:

Amplified Bible: Whoever says, "I have come to know Him," but does not habitually keep [focused on His precepts and obey] His commandments (teachings), is a liar, and the truth [of the divine word] is not in him. [Although the correct word "commandments" is present, the fact that they influence the reader to think it just means "general teachings" is why it is in error.]

Christian Standard Bible: The one who says, "I have come to know him," and yet doesn't keep his commands, is a liar, and the truth is not in him.

Contemporary English Version: But if we claim to know him and don't obey him, we are lying and the truth isn't in our hearts.

Good News Translation: If we say that we know him, but do not obey his commands,

we are liars and there is no truth in us.

Holman Christian Standard Bible: The one who says, "I have come to know Him," yet doesn't keep His commands, is a liar, and the truth is not in him.

Literal Standard Version: he who is saying, "I have known Him," and is not keeping His commands, is a liar, and the truth is not in him;

New International Version: Whoever says, "I know him," but does not do what he commands is a liar, and the truth is not in that person.

Smith's Literal Translation: He saying, I have known him, and not keeping his commands, is a liar, and in him is not the truth.

Weymouth New Testament: He who professes to know Him, and yet does not obey His commands, is a liar, and the truth has no place in his heart.

Young's Literal Translation: he who is saying, 'I have known him,' and his command is not keeping, a liar he is, and in him the truth is not;

Correct This Time:

A Faithful Version: The one who says, "I know Him," and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him.

American Standard Version: He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him;

Anderson New Testament: He that says, I know him, and keeps not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him.

Aramaic Bible in Plain English: For he who says, "I know him", and does not keep his commandments, is lying and the truth is not in him.

Berean Literal Bible: The one saying, "I have known Him," and not keeping His commandments, he is a liar, and the truth is not in him.

Berean Study Bible: If anyone says, "I know Him," but does not keep His commandments, he is a liar, and the truth is not in him.

Bishops' Bible of 1568: He that sayth I knowe hym, and kepeth not his commaundementes, is a lyer, and the veritie is not in hym:

Catholic Public Domain Version: Whoever claims that he knows him, and yet does not keep his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him.

Coverdale Bible of 1535: He that sayeth: I knowe him, and kepeth not his commaundemetes, is a lyar, and the trueth is not in him,

Darby Bible Translation: He that says, I know him, and does not keep his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him;

Douay-Rheims Bible: He who saith that he knoweth him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him.

English Revised Version: He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him:

English Standard Version: Whoever says "I know him" but does not keep his commandments is a liar, and the truth is not in him,

Geneva Bible of 1587: Hee that saith, I knowe him, and keepeth not his commaundements, is a liar, and the trueth is not in him.

Godbey New Testament: The one saying, I have known him, and keeping not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him;

GOD'S WORD® Translation: The person who says, "I know him," but doesn't obey his commandments is a liar. The truth isn't in that person.

Haweis New Testament: He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and in him the truth is not.

International Standard Version: The person who says, "I have come to know him," but does not continually keep his commandments is a liar, and the truth has no place in that person.

Lamsa Bible: He who says, I know him, and does not keep his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him.

Mace New Testament: he that says, he knows him, and does not keep his commandments, is a lyar, and an enemy to the truth:

NET Bible: The one who says "I have come to know God" and yet does not keep his commandments is a liar, and the truth is not in such a person.

New American Standard Bible: The one who says, "I have come to know Him," and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him;

New Heart English Bible: One who says, "I know him," and does not keep his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him.

New King James Version: He who says, "I know Him," and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him.

New Living Translation: If someone claims, "I know God," but doesn't obey God's commandments, that person is a liar and is not living in the truth.

Tyndale Bible of 1526: He that sayth I knowe him and kepeth not his commaundementes is a lyar and the veritie is not in him.

Webster's Bible Translation: He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him.

World English Bible: One who says, "I know

him," and doesn't keep his commandments, is a liar, and the truth isn't in him.

Worrell New Testament: He who says, "I have known Him," and does not keep His com-

mandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him;

Worsley New Testament: He that saith, I know Him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the

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Questions And Answers

QUESTION: Why do we refer to the antichrist and her children as a mother and her daughters' relationship when antichrist is also known as the "son of perdition"? Why do we not also talk about her sons?

ANSWERS: The primary identifying title is what is written upon the woman that rides upon the beast – "And upon her forehead [was] a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH" (Revelation 17:5). It defines that she is the mother of harlots, which are daughters. There is no mention of sons. Further, the male reference, or references, refers to "the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her" (Revelation 18:3).

When it comes to a church, or a collection of God's people, the Bible refers to them as "a chaste virgin to Christ" (2 Corinthians 11:2), "the bride, the Lamb's wife" (Revelation 21:9), and God says, "I have likened the daughter of Zion to a comely and delicate [woman]" (Jeremiah 6:2).

When a church goes into apostasy, we see a female reference again: "And I saw, when for all the causes whereby backsliding Israel committed adultery I had put her away, and given her a bill of divorce; yet her treacherous sister Judah feared not, but went and played the harlot also" (Jeremiah 3:8).

The "son of perdition" (2 Thessalonians 2:3) reference is a purposeful connection with Judas, also known as the "son of perdition" (John 17:12). Judas was a type of antichrist.

When the Bible does get specific regarding the character, like "it is the number of a man; and his number [is] Six hundred threescore [and] six" (Revelation 13:18), as well as "in this horn [were] eyes like the eyes of man, and a mouth speaking great things" (Daniel 7:8), that is referring to the physical representation that only males run this nation.

QUESTION: It was predicted that thousands would join this church in a day. We have reached that level, where, according to the General Conference,

three thousand per day join on average. Does that not point to the conference as God's church by fulfilling prophecy?

ANSWER: First, we need to stop putting our trust in man. God's church is not with structure, but a joining upon individual basis. Sure, we become organized and may form a structure, but the structure itself is not "God's church". In fact, as Sunday law approaches, the structure is going to be swept away {1SM 204.2}. That does not mean we go and form other structures or systems of hierarchy. That, once again, puts our trust in man. We simply go on where God is our leader:

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

use to bring about and perfect his work of righteousness. Those who are accounted good workers will need to draw nigh to God, they will need the divine touch. They will need to drink more deeply and continuously at the fountain of living water, in order that they may discern God's work at every point. Workers may make mistakes, but you should give them an opportunity to learn caution by leaving the work in their hands" {PC 381.1}.

Now, to your point of the prediction, Ellen White actually penned, "God will soon do great things for us, if we lie humble and believing at His feet. . . .More than one thousand will soon be converted in one day, most of whom will trace their first convictions to the reading of our publications." – Review and Herald, Nov. 10, 1885. {Ev 693.3}. The quote says nothing about one thousand joining the church. It is about being converted, specifically, converted to the truth. But as the conference church teaches that homosexuality is acceptable, that we do not know who the antichrist really is, that any version of the Bible is acceptable, that the Mark of the Beast is

any day of worship outside the Sabbath, etc., the people joining the church are not hearing the truth. So, how can they be converted to it?

What we are adding to the church is fodder, souls that will probably end up in the flames of hell because there is no conversion. You can recognize this in their reactions. Ask how much of Ellen White they have read, and they either get upset for mentioning the name, or just refer to her devotionals. Ask them about any of the reforms, and they get irked. And the reforms include dress, jewelry, diet, etc.

We are not saying that there are not honest conversions happening, but certainly when hundreds are baptized in a large gathering, not all of them are converted. In fact, many church members are members because they cannot argue against the doctrines. Given an opportunity to leave, they would be willing to do so.

So, no, adding over 3,000 souls a day to the church does not make the conference God's church. In fact, this prophecy probably will not be fulfilled until the church is cleansed and the replacement souls come in.

STATEMENT: Pastor _____ is doing a wonderful work. Look at all of the people he draws to his meetings.

ANSWER: Be very careful. Though this quote is from a minister's perspective, many members are making decisions on identifying ministers – those being God-sent vs. those who God is not blessing, based upon the criteria stated.

"Some ministers make the mistake of supposing that success depends on drawing a large congregation by outward display, and then delivering the message of truth in a theatrical style. But this is using common fire instead of the sacred fire of God's kindling. The Lord is not glorified by this manner of working. Not by startling notices and expensive display is His work to be carried to completion, but by following Christ-like methods. 'Not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit, saith the Lord of hosts.' [Zechariah 4:6.] It is the naked truth which, like a sharp, two-edged sword, cuts both ways, arousing to spiritual life those who are dead in trespasses and sins. Men will recognize the gospel when it is brought to them in a

way that is in harmony with God's purposes" {GW 383.2}.

Worldly people will always flock to those that use worldly means to draw them. Simple Bible studies hardly draw a crowd, yet God is more in the Bible studies than He is with those being drawn by skits, dynamics, and other means that the world uses to draw people.

QUESTION: You seem to uplift the KJV. Is the KJV without error?

ANSWER: "I saw that God had especially guarded the Bible; yet when copies of it were few, learned men had in some instances changed the words, thinking that they were making it more plain, when in reality they were mystifying that

which was plain, by causing it to lean to their established views, which were governed by tradition. But I saw that the Word of God, as a whole, is a perfect chain, one portion linking into and explaining another. True seekers for truth need not err; for not only is the Word of God plain and simple in declaring the way of life, but the Holy Spirit is given as a guide in understanding the way to life therein revealed" {EW 220.2}.

QUESTION: When do you think Jesus will return?

ANSWER: "Christ is waiting with longing desire for the manifestation of Himself in His church. When the character of the Saviour shall be perfectly reproduced in His people, then He will come to

claim His own. It is the privilege of every Christian, not only to look for, but to hasten, the coming of our Lord. Were all who profess His name bearing fruit to His glory, how quickly the whole world would be sown with the seed of the gospel! Quickly the last great harvest would be ripened, and Christ would come" {CT 324.3}.

QUESTION: When do you think Sunday will law happen?

ANSWER: When the angels "have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads" (Revelation 7:3).



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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.

April 21

The Sentinel

Adventist Health joins forces with FEMA and Tulare County to vaccinate Valley locals

Bible: ... by thy sorceries were all nations deceived (Revelation 18:23).

Comment: Of course, most of us know that the Greek word is “pharmakeia”, which means the verse can easily be read as, “... by thy pharmaceuticals were all nations deceived”. So, why is Advent Health participating in the worldwide deception that furthers the power grab of the papacy?

April 27

Central Florida News

AdventHealth Doctors Urge Religious Leaders To Preach Vaccination From The Pulpit

“You know if you want to be able to worship in spirit and in truth as

the word says, get vaccinated, right? It’s just that simple. And then bring a friend to church, right? Bring a friend to get vaccinated and then bring them to church with you.”

Bible: Silent

EGW: Silent

Comment: Nowhere is there a statement that says we are to be vaccinated to assemble.

Bible: “Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some [is]; but exhorting [one another]: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching” (Hebrews 10:25).

Comment: No additional requirements. No exceptions. It does not say, Unless you are not vaccinated.

May 13

Advent Verlag

RETHINK: Sustainability Camp 2021

From July 9th to 11th, 2021, the Advent Youth, the Seventh-day Adventist Church, the Zeltplatz Friedensau gGmbH and the aid organization ADRA Deutschland eV will jointly organize the RETHINK. Sustainability Camp. The event is funded by the Catholic Fund for universal church and development-related educational and public relations work. More information about the Sustainability Camp 2021: www.umhaben.camp.

Comment: They proudly declare that they are receiving funds from the Catholics!

Bible: 2 Corinthians 6:15, “And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel?”



News And Comments

April 28

NY Post

USPS admits to spying on Americans' social media posts: report

So much for privacy. Are they mounting material for control? James 2:6 says, "But ye have despised the poor. Do not rich men oppress you, and draw you before the judgment seats?"

May 10

Market Watch

Opinion: The FBI just got permission to break into private computers without consent so it can fight hackers

There is always a good reason behind the invasion of our privacy, and to do so without permission is even scarier. The United States does not have to actually make a law or make an announcement to have "spake as a dragon" (Revelation 13:11). Allowing overreaching laws to be put into place giving permission to spy on the populous is just wrong. The constitutional rights are being dismissed under good excuses. What happens if something else is discovered while performing such allowance to find hackers? Where is the search warrant to bring

that evidence into question, or worse, will that actually allow the FBI to create the warrant while keeping silent and then bust in to confiscate the equipment to keep it legal? We are in big trouble.

May 10

Yahoo News

How Big Pharma and D.C. Politicians Got Millions of Americans Hopelessly Addicted to Heroin

It is not just Americans. Many are hooked on it around the world. "For by thy sorceries were all nations deceived" (Revelation 18:23), where "sorceries" is the Greek word "pharmakeia".

May 11

Fox News

Colonial Pipeline CEO warns of possible fuel shortages

following cyberattack

With this coming from a hacker of a foreign nation, Matthew 24:7 says, "For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom". All of this is part of the great financial crisis that is soon to thrust the world in the very end events.

May 13

Yahoo News

'Partly Constitutional' Isn't Enough: Senate Should Reject the 'For the People Act'

The fact that this legislation would even be suggested shows the mindset of what was predicted. The article states, "The bill's sponsors aren't willing to drop parts of their bill that courts have already declared unconstitutional. It's no way to treat a Constitution." Ellen White penned, "Our country shall repudiate every principle of its Constitution as a Protestant and republican government, and shall make provision for the propagation of papal falsehoods and delusions" {5T 451.1}.

May 20

In order to go maskless into business or church in Oregon, individuals must first present proof of COVID-19 vaccination

This is just the training for the Mark of the Beast, where a person must show proof that they participated in a non-financial transaction, in this case, having a vaccine, or it will be difficult to buy and sell. Revelation 13:17 states, "And that no man might

buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name."

May 24

Reuters

Future virus 'more deadly' than Covid-19 will spark new pandemic, WHO chief warns

Revelation 18:23 says, "... for thy merchants were the great men of the earth; for by thy sorceries were all nations deceived." Sorceries or "pharmakeia" will

be gearing up to deceive the world even more.

May 28

CBN

Brits Turn to Occult to Contact the Dead, Grieve Pandemic Losses: 'Invariably Leads to Bondage and Suffering'

1 Timothy 4:1 states, "Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils."



Ellen White Abbreviations In this Issue

- 1SM—Selected Messages Volume 1
- 3MR—Manuscript Releases Volume Three
- 5MR—Manuscript Releases Volume Five
- 11MR—Manuscript Releases Volume Eleven
- 5T—Testimonies for the Church Volume 5
- 6T—Testimonies for the Church Volume 6
- BEcho—Bible Echo and Signs of the Times
- CD—Counsels on Diet and Foods
- CG—Child Guidance
- CT—Counsels to Parents, Teachers, and Students
- EV—Evangelism
- EW—Early Writings
- GC—The Great Controversy
- GW—Gospel Workers
- HS—Historical Sketches of the Foreign Missions of the Seventh-day Adventists
- PC—The Paulson Collection of Ellen G. White Letters
- PUR—Pacific Union Recorder

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lie even when unspoken.

Another opportunity arose that financially sounded terrific. It was being a programmer in the banking industry. It provided an extra \$20,000 to \$30,000 more annually as compared to the current salary. It sounded great. The second step in the process was taking a programming test that lasted 2 hours. It seemed simple but I failed it. It did not reveal that I was poor at programming, but it revealed that I did not program according to their expectation. I was beside myself. Even the recruiter was surprised but said that this is not the first time it happened to really smart programmers. In fact, he said he did not agree with the testing process.

So, May 14th was approaching and unemployment from my secular position looked like a reality once again, then God moved. It seems that the new contracting company found some money and could afford one of us 3 programmers to be retained. Being the newest person, I was the unlikely candidate. So, starting with the most senior person on our

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Why the Bible is So Important!

Matthew 7:24 Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock:

Matthew 22:29 Jesus answered and said unto them, Ye do err, not knowing the scriptures, nor the power of God.

Luke 4:4 And Jesus answered him, saying, It is written, That man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God.

Luke 11:28 But he said, Yea rather, blessed [are] they that hear the word of God, and keep it.

John 5:39 Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me.

John 14:24 He that loveth me not keepeth not my sayings: and the word which ye hear is not mine, but the Father's which sent me.

John 8:31 If ye continue in my word, [then] are ye my disciples indeed;

John 17:17 Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.

Acts 17:2 And Paul, as his manner was, went in unto them, and three sabbath

days reasoned with them out of the scriptures,

Acts 17:11 These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so.

Romans 10:17 So then faith [cometh] by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

Romans 15:4 For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope.

Ephesians 1:13 In whom ye also [trusted], after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise,

Ephesians 6:17 And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God:

2 Thessalonians 3:14 And if any man obey not our word by this epistle, note that man, and have no company with him, that he may be ashamed.

2 Timothy 2:15 Study to shew thyself approved

unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

2 Timothy 3:16-17 All scripture [is] given by inspiration of God, and [is] profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.

2 Timothy 4:2 Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine.

James 1:22 But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.

1 Peter 1:23 Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever.

1 Peter 1:25 But the word of the Lord endureth for ever. And this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you.

1 John 2:5 But whoso keepeth his word, in him verily is the love of God perfected: hereby know we that we are in him.



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team who paved the way for all of the project existing, he chose to stay loyal to the current contracting company and refused the offer. The second person in line made a mistake. He had accidentally bragged to the government, which was the clients, about a side gig that generated significant income. That created a question in the mind of his honesty in working the work he was tasked to do. The government clients, having influence on the decision, said that they did not want to retain that developer. That left

me. The new contracting company and I reached a financial agreement and the reaction of the government staff when I told them that I was staying was a resounding joy.

Therefore, I get to keep my employment position after all.

Praise the Lord with overwhelming joy!



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