



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.

An Appeal

Ellen White

I am filled with sadness when I think of our condition as a people. The Lord has not closed heaven to us, but our own course of continual backsliding has separated us from God. Pride, covetousness, and love of the world have lived in the heart without fear of banishment or condemnation. Grievous and presumptuous sins have dwelt among us. And yet the general opinion is that the church is flourishing and that peace and spiritual prosperity are in all her borders.

The church has turned back from following Christ her Leader and is

steadily retreating toward Egypt. Yet few are alarmed or astonished at their want of spiritual power. Doubt, and even disbelief of the testimonies of the Spirit of God, is leavening our churches everywhere. Satan would have it thus. Ministers who preach self instead of Christ would have it thus. The testimonies are unread and unappreciated. God has spoken to you. Light has been shining from His word and from the testimonies, and both have been slighted and disregarded. The result is apparent in the lack of purity and devotion and earnest faith among us.

Let each put the question to his own heart: "How have we fallen into this state of spiritual feebleness and dissension? Have we not brought upon ourselves the frown of God because our actions do not correspond with our faith? Have we not been seeking the friendship and applause of the world rather than the presence of Christ and a deeper knowledge of His will?" Examine your own hearts, judge your own course. Consider what associates you are choosing. Do you seek the company of the wise, or are you willing

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Dear Brothers and Sisters ...

Jerry O'Donnell

When I read this quote, it further confirms that Ellen White was a prophet and the words are still applicable for today beyond encouraging words in devotionals. In fact, we are fulfilling the prophecy right now.

“In the future, deception of every kind is to arise, and we want solid ground for our feet. We want solid pillars for the building. Not one pin is to be removed from that which the Lord has established. The enemy will bring in false theories, such as the doctrine that there is no sanctuary. This is one of the points on which there will be a departing from the faith. Where shall we find safety unless it be in the truths that the Lord has been giving for the last fifty years?” – Review and Herald, May 25, 1905.

We are, and have been, living this “future”. All kinds of deceptions are flying around where even those who have separated from the Conference do not even agree with each other. We are motivated to have solid pillars for the church but are given into “every wind of

doctrine, by the sleight of men, [and] cunning craftiness” (Ephesians 4:14). Not only has a pin been attempted to be removed, but many pins. Ted Wilson telling us that the Mark of the Beast is any day other than Sabbath, when it is clearly Sunday, is one of those pins. The church distancing themselves from the 1844 event, lack of pointing to the proper entity as the antichrist, and lack of encouragement to strive for perfection reveals yet a number of other pins undermined. Attacks on the heavenly sanctuary are regular activities of ministers and media outlets in the church. We even revealed one in our March 2019 issue as stated in *Adventist Today* January 25, 2019 entitled *Progressive “Present Truth” in Daniel 8-12*.

Now the point I want to make is that so many keep quoting, “the sinners in Zion will be sifted out” encouraging people to stay in the conference church and wait until it is purified. The RH quote simply says that there is a departing from the faith. It does not say that

these heretics depart physically with their attendance or membership. In fact, they do more damage to the church by staying in, influencing congregations, influencing the contents of the heretical content of the Sabbath school quarterlies that no one should be studying from, for by beholding such readers are changed, etc.. In fact, if one reads the complete quote regarding the sinners being sifted out, nowhere does it state that they depart physically.

“Satan will work his miracles to deceive; he will set up his power as supreme. The church may appear as about to fall, but it does not fall. It remains, while the sinners in Zion will be sifted out – the chaff separated from the precious wheat. This is a terrible ordeal, but nevertheless it must take place. None but those who have been overcoming by the blood of the Lamb and the word of their testimony will be found with the loyal and true, without spot or stain of sin, without guile in their mouths. We must be divested of

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

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

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

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

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to choose worldly associates, companions who fear not God and obey not the gospel?

Are your recreations such as to impart moral and spiritual vigor? Will they lead to purity of thought and action? Impurity is today widespread, even among the professed followers of Christ. Passion is unrestrained; the animal propensities are gaining strength by indulgence, while the moral powers are constantly becoming weaker. Many are eagerly participating in worldly, demoralizing amusements which God's word forbids. Thus they sever their connection with God and rank themselves with the pleasure lovers of the world. The sins that destroyed the antediluvians and the cities of the plain exist today – not merely in heathen lands, not only among popular professors of Christianity, but with some who profess to be looking for the coming of the Son of man. If God should present these sins before you as they appear in His sight, you would be filled with shame and terror.

And what has caused this alarming condition? Many have accepted the theory of the truth who have had no true conversion. I know whereof I speak. There are few

who feel true sorrow for sin, who have deep, pungent convictions of the depravity of the unregenerate nature. The heart of stone is not exchanged for a heart of flesh. Few are willing to fall upon the Rock and be broken.

No matter who you are or what your life has been, you can be saved only in God's appointed way. You must repent; you must fall helpless on the Rock, Christ Jesus. You must feel your need of a physician and of the one only remedy for sin, the blood of Christ. This remedy can be secured only by repentance toward God and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ. Here the work is yet to be begun by many who profess to be Christians and even to be ministers of Christ. Like the Pharisees of old many of you feel no need of a Saviour. You are self-sufficient, self-exalted. Said Christ: "I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance." The blood of Christ will avail for none but those who feel their need of its cleansing power.

What surpassing love and condescension, that when we had no claim upon divine mercy, Christ was willing to undertake our redemption! But our great Physician requires of every soul unquestioning sub-

mission. We are never to prescribe for our own case. Christ must have the entire management of will and action.

Many are not sensible of their condition and their danger; and there is much in the nature and manner of Christ's work averse to every worldly principle and opposed to the pride of the human heart. Jesus requires us to trust ourselves wholly to His hands and confide in His love and wisdom.

We may flatter ourselves, as did Nicodemus, that our moral character has been correct and we need not humble ourselves before God like the common sinner. But we must be content to enter into life in the very same way as the chief of sinners. We must renounce our own righteousness and plead for the righteousness of Christ to be imputed to us. We must depend wholly upon Christ for our strength. Self must die. We must acknowledge that all we have is from the exceeding riches of divine grace. Let this be the language of our hearts: "Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us, but unto Thy name give glory, for Thy mercy, and for Thy truth's sake."

Genuine faith is followed by love, and love by obedience. All the

powers and passions of the converted man are brought under the control of Christ. His Spirit is a renewing power, transforming to the divine image all who will receive it. It makes me sad to say that this experience is understood by but few who profess the truth. Very many follow on in their own ways and indulge their sinful desires and yet profess to be disciples of Christ. They have never submitted their hearts to God. Like the foolish virgins they have neglected to obtain the oil of grace in their vessels with their lamps. I tell you, my brethren, that a large number who profess to believe and even to teach the truth are under the bondage of sin. Base passions defile the mind and corrupt the soul. Some who are in the vilest iniquity have borrowed the livery of heaven, that they may serve Satan more effectively.

"Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin." He feels that he is the purchase of the blood of Christ and bound by the most solemn vows to glorify God in his body and in his spirit, which are God's. The love of sin and the love of self are subdued in him. He daily asks: "What shall I render unto the Lord for all His benefits toward me?"

"Lord, what wilt Thou have me to do?" The true Christian will never complain that the yoke of Christ is galling to the neck. He accounts the service of Jesus as the truest freedom. The law of God is his delight. Instead of seeking to bring down the divine commands, to accord with his deficiencies, he is constantly striving to rise to the level of their perfection.

Such an experience must be ours if we would be prepared to stand in the day of God. Now, while probation lingers, while mercy's voice is still heard, is the time for us to put away our sins. While moral darkness covers the earth like a funeral pall, the light of God's standard-bearers must shine the more brightly, showing the contrast between heaven's light and Satan's darkness.

God has made ample provision that we may stand perfect in His grace, wanting in nothing, waiting for the appearing of our Lord. Are you ready? Have you the wedding garment on? That garment will never cover deceit, impurity, corruption, or hypocrisy. The eye of God is upon you. It is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. We may conceal our sins from the eyes of men, but we can

hide nothing from our Maker.

God spared not His own Son, but delivered Him to death for our offenses and raised Him again for our justification. Through Christ we may present our petitions at the throne of grace. Through Him, unworthy as we are, we may obtain all spiritual blessings. Do we come to Him, that we may have life?

How shall we know for ourselves God's goodness and His love? The psalmist tells us – not, hear and know, read and know, or believe and know; but – "Taste and see that the Lord is good." Instead of relying upon the word of another, taste for yourself.

Experience is knowledge derived from experiment. Experimental religion is what is needed now. "Taste and see that the Lord is good." Some – yes, a large number – have a theoretical knowledge of religious truth, but have never felt the renewing power of divine grace upon their own hearts. These persons are ever slow to heed the testimonies of warning, reproof, and instruction indited by the Holy Spirit. They believe in the wrath of God, but put forth no earnest efforts to escape it. They believe in heaven, but make no sacrifice to ob-

tain it. They believe in the value of the soul and that ere long its redemption ceaseth forever. Yet they neglect the most precious opportunities to make their peace with God.

They may read the Bible, but its threatenings do not alarm or its promises win them. They approve things that are excellent, yet they follow the way in which God has forbidden them to go. They know a refuge, but do not avail themselves of it. They know a remedy for sin, but do not use it. They know the right, but have no relish for it. All their knowledge will but increase their condemnation. They have never tasted and learned by experience that the Lord is good.

To become a disciple of Christ is to deny self and follow Jesus through evil as well as good report. Few are doing this now. Many prophesy falsely, and the people love to have it so; but what will be done in the end thereof? What will be the decision when their work, with all its results, shall be brought in review before God?

The Christian life is a warfare. The apostle Paul speaks of wrestling against principalities and powers as he fought the good fight of faith. Again, he declares: "Ye

have not yet resisted unto blood, striving against sin." Ah, no. Today sin is cherished and excused. The sharp sword of the Spirit, the word of God, does not cut to the soul. Has religion changed? Has Satan's enmity to God abated? A religious life once presented difficulties and demanded self-denial. All is made very easy now. And why is this? The professed people of God have compromised with the power of darkness.

There must be a revival of the strait testimony. The path to heaven is no smoother now than in the days of our Saviour. All our sins must be put away. Every darling indulgence that hinders our religious life must be cut off. The right eye or the right hand must be sacrificed if it cause us to offend. Are we willing to renounce our own wisdom and to receive the kingdom of heaven as a little child? Are we willing to part with self-righteousness? Are we willing to give up our chosen worldly associates? Are we willing to sacrifice the approbation of men? The prize of eternal life is of infinite value. Will we put forth efforts and make sacrifices proportionate to the worth of the object to be attained?

Every association we form, however limited,

exerts some influence upon us. The extent to which we yield to that influence will be determined by the degree of intimacy, the constancy of the intercourse, and our love and veneration for the one with whom we associate. Thus by acquaintance and association with Christ we may become like Him, the one faultless Example.

Communion with Christ – how unspeakably precious! Such communion it is our privilege to enjoy if we will seek it, if we will make any sacrifice to secure it. When the early disciples heard the words of Christ, they felt their need of Him. They sought, they found, they followed Him. They were with Him in the house, at the table, in the closet, in the field. They were with Him as pupils with a teacher, daily receiving from His lips lessons of holy truth. They looked to Him as servants to their master, to learn their duty. They served Him cheerfully, gladly. They followed Him, as soldiers follow their commander, fighting the good fight of faith. "And they that are with Him are called, and chosen, and faithful."

"He that saith he abideth in Him ought himself also so to walk, even as He walked."

"Now if any man have not the spirit of Christ, he is none of His." This conformity to Jesus will not be unobserved by the world. It is a subject of notice and comment. The Christian may not be conscious of the great change; for the more closely he resembles Christ in character the more humble will be his opinion of himself; but it will be seen and felt by all around him. Those who have had the deepest experience in the things of God are the farthest removed from pride or self-exaltation. They have the humblest thoughts of self, and the most exalted conceptions of the glory and excellence of Christ. They feel that the lowest place in His service is too honorable for them.

Moses did not know that his face shone with a brightness painful and terrifying to those who had not, like himself, communed with God. Paul had a very humble opinion of his own advancement in the Christian life. He says: "Not as though I had already attained, either were already perfect." He speaks of himself as the "chief" of sinners. Yet Paul had been highly honored of the Lord. He had been taken in holy vision to the third heaven and had there received revelations of divine glory which he

could not be permitted to make known.

John the Baptist was pronounced by our Saviour the greatest of prophets. Yet what a contrast between the language of this man of God and that of many who profess to be ministers of the cross. When asked if he was the Christ, John declares himself unworthy even to unloose his Master's sandals. When his disciples came with the complaint that the attention of the people was turned to the new Teacher, John reminded them that he himself had claimed to be only the forerunner of the Promised One. To Christ, as the bridegroom, belongs the first place in the affections of His people. "The friend of the bridegroom, which standeth and heareth him, rejoiceth greatly because of the bridegroom's voice: this my joy therefore is fulfilled. He must increase, but I must decrease. He that cometh from above is above all." "He that hath received His testimony hath set to his seal that God is true."

It is such workers that are needed in the cause of God today. The self-sufficient, the envious and jealous, the critical and faultfinding, can well be spared from His sacred work. They should not be tolerated

in the ministry, even though they may apparently have accomplished some good. God is not straitened for men or means. He calls for workers who are true and faithful, pure and holy; for those who have felt their need of the atoning blood of Christ and the sanctifying grace of His Spirit.

My brethren, God is grieved with your envy and jealousies, your bitterness and dissension. In all these things you are yielding obedience to Satan and not to Christ. When we see men firm in principle, fearless in duty, zealous in the cause of God, yet humble and lowly, gentle and tender, patient toward all, ready to forgive, manifesting love for souls for whom Christ died, we do not need to inquire: Are they Christians? They give unmistakable evidence that they have been with Jesus and learned of Him. When men reveal the opposite traits, when they are proud, vain, frivolous, worldly-minded, avaricious, unkind, censorious, we need not be told with whom they are associating, who is their most intimate friend. They may not believe in witchcraft; but, notwithstanding this, they are holding communion with an evil spirit.

To this class I would say:

"Glory not, and lie not against the truth. This wisdom descendeth not from above, but is earthly, sensual, devilish. For where envying and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work. But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be entreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy. And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace of them that make peace."

When the Pharisees and Sadducees flocked to the baptism of John, that fearless preacher of righteousness addressed them: "O generation of vipers, who hath warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bring forth therefore fruits meet for repentance." These men were actuated by unworthy motives in coming to John. They were men of poisonous principles and corrupt practices. Yet they had no sense of their true condition. Filled with pride and ambition, they would not hesitate at any means to exalt themselves and strengthen their influence with the people. They came to receive baptism at the hand of John that they might better carry out these designs.

John read their motives, and met them with the

searching inquiry: "Who hath warned you to flee from the wrath to come?" Had they heard the voice of God speaking to their hearts they would have given evidence of the fact by bringing forth fruit meet for repentance. No such fruit was seen. They had heard the warning as merely the voice of man. They were charmed with the power and boldness with which John spoke, but the Spirit of God did not send conviction to their hearts and as the sure result bring forth fruit unto eternal life. They gave no evidence of a change of heart. Without the transforming power of the Holy Spirit, John would have them understand that no outward ceremony could benefit them.

The reproof of the prophet is applicable to many in our day. They cannot gainsay the clear and convincing arguments that sustain the truth, but they accept it more as the result of human reasoning than of divine revelation. They have no true sense of their condition as sinners, they manifest no real brokenness of heart; but, like the Pharisees, they feel that it is a great condescension for them to accept the truth.

None are further from the kingdom of heaven

than self-righteous formalists, filled with pride at their own attainments, while they are wholly destitute of the spirit of Christ; while envy, jealousy, or love of praise and popularity controls them. They belong to the same class that John addressed as a generation of vipers, children of the wicked one. Such persons are among us, unseen, unsuspected. They serve the cause of Satan more effectively than the vilest profligate; for the latter does not disguise his true character; he appears what he is.

God requires fruit meet for repentance. Without such fruit our profession of faith is of no value. The Lord is able to raise up true believers among those who have never heard His name. "Think not to say within yourselves, We have Abraham to our father: for I say unto you, that God is able of these stones to raise up children unto Abraham."

God is not dependent upon men who are unconverted in heart and life. He will never favor any man who practices iniquity. "And now also the ax is laid unto the root of the trees: therefore every tree which bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire." {5T 226.4}

Those who laud and

flatter the minister, while they neglect the works of righteousness, give unmistakable evidence that they are converted to the minister and not to God. We inquire: "Who hath warned you to flee from the wrath to come?" Was it the voice of the Holy Spirit or merely the voice of man which you heard in the message sent from God? The fruit borne will testify to the character of the tree.

No outward forms can make us clean; no ordinance, administered by the saintliest of men, can take the place of the baptism of the Holy Ghost. The Spirit of God must do its work upon the heart. All who have not experienced its regenerating power are chaff among the wheat. Our Lord has His fan in His hand, and He will thoroughly purge His floor. In the coming day He will discern "between him that serveth God and him that serveth Him not."

The spirit of Christ will be revealed in all who are born of God. Strife and contention cannot arise among those who are controlled by His Spirit. "Be ye clean, that bear the vessels of the Lord." The church will rarely take a higher stand than is taken by her ministers. We need a converted ministry and a converted people.

Shepherds who watch for souls as they that must give account will lead the flock on in paths of peace and holiness. Their success in this work will be in proportion to their own growth in grace and knowledge of the truth. When the teachers are sanctified, soul, body, and spirit, they can impress upon the people the importance of such sanctification.

To talk of religious things in a casual way, to pray for spiritual blessings without real soul hunger and living faith, avails little. The wondering crowd that pressed close about Christ realized no vital power from the contact. But when the poor, suffering woman, in her great need, put forth her hand and touched the hem of Jesus' garment, she felt the healing virtue. Hers was the touch of faith. Christ recognized that touch, and He determined there to give a lesson for all His followers to the close of time. He knew that virtue had gone out of Him, and turning about in the throng He said: "Who touched My clothes?" Surprised at such a question His disciples answered: "Thou seest the multitude thronging Thee, and sayest thou, Who touched Me?"

Jesus fixed His eyes up-

on her who had done this. She was filled with fear. Great joy was hers, but had she overstepped her duty? Knowing what was done in her, she came trembling and fell at His feet and told Him all the truth. Christ did not reproach her. He gently said: "Go in peace, and be whole of thy plague."

Here was distinguished the casual contact from the touch of faith. Prayer and preaching, without the exercise of living faith in God, will be in vain. But the touch of faith opens to us the divine treasure house of power and wisdom; and thus, through instruments of clay, God accomplishes the wonders of His grace.

This living faith is our great need today. We must know that Jesus is indeed ours, that His spirit is purifying and refining our hearts. If the ministers of Christ had genuine faith, with meekness and love, what a work they might accomplish! What fruit would be seen to the glory of God!

What can I say to you, my brethren, that shall arouse you from your carnal security? I have been shown your perils. There are both believers and unbelievers in the church. Christ represents these two classes in His parable of the vine and its branches.

He exhorts His followers: "Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in Me. I am the Vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in Me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without Me ye can do nothing."

There is a wide difference between a pretended union and a real connection with Christ by faith. A profession of the truth places men in the church, but this does not prove that they have a vital connection with the living Vine. A rule is given by which the true disciple may be distinguished from those who claim to follow Christ but have not faith in Him. The one class are fruit bearing, the other, fruitless. The one are often subjected to the pruning knife of God that they may bring forth more fruit; the other, as withered branches, are ere long to be severed from the living Vine.

I am deeply solicitous that our people should preserve the living testimony among them, and that the church should be kept pure from the unbelieving element. Can we conceive of a closer, more intimate relation to Christ than is set forth in the words: "I

am the Vine, ye are the branches"? The fibers of the branch are almost identical with those of the vine. The communication of life, strength, and fruitfulness from the trunk to the branches is unobstructed and constant. The root sends its nourishment through the branch. Such is the true believer's relation to Christ. He abides in Christ and draws his nourishment from Him.

This spiritual relation can be established only by the exercise of personal faith. This faith must express on our part supreme preference, perfect reliance, entire consecration. Our will must be wholly yielded to the divine will, our feelings, desires, interests, and honor identified with the prosperity of Christ's kingdom and the honor of His cause, we constantly receiving grace from Him, and Christ accepting gratitude from us.

When this intimacy of connection and communion is formed, our sins are laid upon Christ; His righteousness is imputed to us. He was made sin for us that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him. We have access to God through Him; we are accepted in the Beloved. Whoever by word or deed injures a believer thereby wounds Je-

sus. Whoever gives a cup of cold water to a disciple because he is a child of God will be regarded by Christ as giving to Him.

It was when Christ was about to take leave of His disciples that He gave them the beautiful emblem of His relation to believers. He had been presenting before them the close union with Himself by which they could maintain spiritual life when His visible presence was withdrawn. To impress it upon their minds He gave them the vine as its most striking and appropriate symbol.

The Jews had always regarded the vine as the most noble of plants and a type of all that was powerful, excellent, and fruitful. "The vine," our Lord would seem to say, "which you prize so highly, is a symbol. I am the reality: I am the True Vine. As a nation you prize the vine; as sinners you should prize Me above all things earthly. The branch cannot live separated from the vine; no more can you live unless you are abiding in Me."

All Christ's followers have as deep an interest in this lesson as had the disciples who listened to His words. In the apostasy, man alienated himself from God. The separation is wide and fearful; but Christ has made

provision again to connect us with Himself. The power of evil is so identified with human nature that no man can overcome except by union with Christ. Through this union we receive moral and spiritual power. If we have the spirit of Christ we shall bring forth the fruit of righteousness, fruit that will honor and bless men, and glorify God.

The Father is the vine-dresser. He skillfully and mercifully prunes every fruit-bearing branch. Those who share Christ's suffering and reproach now will share His glory hereafter. He "is not ashamed to call them brethren." His angels minister to them. His second appearing will be as the Son of man, thus even in His glory identifying Himself with humanity. To those who have united themselves to Him, He declares: "Though a mother may forget her child, 'yet will not I forget thee. Behold, I have graven thee upon the palms of My hands.' Thou art continually before Me."

Oh, what amazing privileges are proffered us!

Will we put forth most earnest efforts to form this alliance with Christ, through which alone these blessings are attained? Will we break off our sins by righteousness and our iniqui-

ties by turning unto the Lord? Skepticism and infidelity are widespread. Christ asked the question: "When the Son of man cometh, shall He find faith on the earth?" We must cherish a living, active faith. The permanence of our faith is the condition of our union.

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

from these cherished idols.

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

Believers become one in Christ, but one branch cannot be sustained by another. The nourishment must be obtained through the vital connection with the vine. We must feel our utter dependence on Christ. We must live by faith on the Son of God. That is the meaning of the injunction: "Abide in Me." The life we live in the flesh is not to the will of men, not to please our Lord's enemies, but to serve and honor Him who loved us and gave Himself for us. A mere assent to this union, while the affections are not detached from the world, its pleasures and its dissipations, only emboldens the heart in disobedience.

As a people we are sadly destitute of faith and love. Our efforts are altogether too feeble for the time of peril in which we live. The pride and self-indulgence, the impiety and iniquity, by which we are surrounded have an influence upon us. Few realize the

importance of shunning, so far as possible, all associations unfriendly to religious life. In choosing their surroundings, few make their spiritual prosperity the first consideration.

Parents flock with their families to the cities because they fancy it easier to obtain a livelihood there than in the country. The children, having nothing to do when not in school, obtain a street education. From evil associates they acquire habits of vice and dissipation. The parents see all this; but it will require a sacrifice to correct their error, and they stay where they are until Satan gains full control of their children. Better sacrifice any and every worldly consideration than to imperil the precious souls committed to your care. They will be assailed by temptations, and should be taught to meet them; but it is your duty to cut off every influence, to break up every habit, to sunder every tie, that keeps you from the most free, open, and hearty committal of yourselves and your family to God.

Instead of the crowded city seek some retired situation where your children will be, so far as possible, shielded from temptation, and there train and educate them for usefulness. The

prophet Ezekiel thus enumerates the causes that led to Sodom's sin and destruction: "Pride, fullness of bread, and abundance of idleness was in her and in her daughters, neither did she strengthen the hand of the poor and needy." All who would escape the doom of Sodom must shun the course that brought God's judgments upon that wicked city.

My brethren, you are disregarding the most sacred claims of God by your neglect to consecrate yourselves and your children to Him. Many of you are reposing in false security, absorbed in selfish interests, and attracted by earthly treasures. You fear no evil. Danger seems a great way off. You will be deceived, deluded, to your eternal ruin unless you arouse and with penitence and deep humiliation return unto the Lord.

Again and again has the voice from heaven addressed you. Will you obey this voice? Will you heed the counsel of the True Witness to seek the gold tried in the fire, the white raiment, and the eyesalve? The gold is faith and love, the white raiment is the righteousness of Christ, the eyesalve is that spiritual discernment which will enable you to see the wiles of Satan and

shun them, to detect sin and abhor it, to see truth and obey it.

The deadly lethargy of the world is paralyzing your senses. Sin no longer appears repulsive because you are blinded by Satan. The judgments of God are soon to be poured out upon the earth. "Escape for thy life" is the warning from the angels of God. Other voices are heard saying: "Do not become excited; there is no cause for special alarm." Those who are at ease in Zion cry "Peace and safety," while heaven declares that swift destruction is about to come upon the transgressor. The young, the frivolous, the pleasure loving, consider these warnings as idle tales and turn from them with a jest. Parents are inclined to think their children about right in the matter, and all sleep on at ease. Thus it was at the destruction of the old world and when Sodom and Gomorrah were consumed by fire. On the night prior to their destruction the cities of the plain rioted in pleasure. Lot was derided for his fears and warnings. But it was these scoffers that perished in the flames. That very night the door of mercy was forever closed to the wicked, careless inhabitants of Sodom.

It is God who holds in His hands the destiny of souls. He will not always be mocked; He will not always be trifled with. Already His judgments are in the land. Fierce and awful tempests leave destruction and death in their wake. The devouring fire lays low the desolate forest and the crowded city. Storm and shipwreck await those who journey upon the deep. Accident and calamity threaten all who travel upon the land. Hurricanes, earthquakes, sword and famine, follow in quick succession. Yet the hearts of men are hardened. They recognize not the warning voice of God. They will not flee to the only refuge from the gathering storm.

Many who have been placed upon the walls of Zion, to watch with eagle eye for the approach of danger and lift the voice of warning, are themselves asleep. The very ones who should be most active and vigilant in this hour of peril are neglecting their duty and bringing upon themselves the blood of souls.

My brethren, beware of the evil heart of unbelief. The word of God is plain and close in its restrictions; it interferes with your selfish indulgence; therefore you do not obey it. The testimonies of His Spirit call

your attention to the Scriptures, point out your defects of character, and rebuke your sins; therefore you do not heed them. And to justify your carnal, ease-loving course you begin to doubt whether the testimonies are from God. If you would obey their teachings you would be assured of their divine origin. Remember, your unbelief does not affect their truthfulness. If they are from God they will stand. Those who seek to lessen the faith of God's people in these testimonies, which have been in the church for the last thirty-six years, are fighting against God. It is not the instrument whom you slight and insult, but God, who has spoken to you in these warnings and reproofs.

In the instruction given by our Saviour to His disciples are words of admonition especially applicable to us: "Take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and so that day come upon you unawares." Watch, pray, work – this is the true life of faith. "Pray always;" that is, be ever in the spirit of prayer, and then you will be in readiness for your Lord's coming.

The watchmen are re-

sponsible for the condition of the people. While you open the door to pride, envy, doubt, and other sins, there will be strife, hatred, and every evil work. Jesus, the meek and lowly One, asks an entrance as your guest; but you are afraid to bid Him enter. He has spoken to us in both the Old and the New Testament; He is speaking to us still by His Spirit and His providences. His instructions are designed to make men true to God and true to themselves.

Jesus took upon Himself man's nature, that He might leave a pattern for humanity, complete, perfect. He proposes to make us like Himself, true in every purpose, feeling, and thought – true in heart, soul, and life. This is Christianity. Our fallen nature must be purified, ennobled, consecrated by obedience to the truth. Christian faith will never harmonize with worldly principles; Christian integrity is opposed to all deception and pretense. The man who cherishes the most of Christ's love in the soul, who reflects the Saviour's image most perfectly, is in the sight of God the truest, most noble, most honorable man upon the earth. {Testimonies for the Church Volume Five, pages 217.1 - 235.3}



""What of the Night?""

E. J. Waggoner

"Watchman, what of the night?" is the question asked in the prophecy. The answer is, "The morning cometh, and also the night." What the darkness of that night will yet be before the morning dawns, may be gathered from the following items, taken respectively from the London Morning Herald and the Manchester City News. The first is concerning the class of songs that are picked up by the children at the cheap music halls and sung even by Sunday-school children returning from a day in the country, in spite of the efforts of teachers to stop them:-

They glorify the basest passions of men, they deride honour and purity; elevate drunkenness to a grace of life, profanity to a virtue. The "patriotic" songs – senseless, cowardly, selfish, an insult to every foreigner that may be present – are a by-word among us. There is no wit, no humour, grace, daintiness, poetry, or even mere prettiness of sentiment, to be found in any of these effusions.

But they are sung in the streets – they are the only songs the children

of London seem to know. What notions they put into childish heads; what sordid principles; what mean and miserable ideals! The children of London know no songs that they ought to sing; they pick up the ignoble, despicable views of life that float around them, and who can estimate the affect of these views, taken in conjunction with their environment, upon thousands of children whose homes are in the slums, the miserable backstreets of our city?

The next shows another phase of city life, which is but too common:-

A little lad, with pinched face and poorly clad, came out of a public-house in London with rum "for his mother" in a teacup. Within a yard he drank some, and in another twenty yards tasted again, and gave a little girl some. The writer prevented two other children from having a taste, and no doubt the mother would have thanked him, not perhaps for preventing young children from drinking raw spirits, but for safeguarding her rum.

If this case may be taken as a fair sample of

what is occurring in thousands of instances every day, it shows the existence of a most powerful agency for the production of the love of drink and habit of drinking at an early age. The boy said that he was nine years old and the girl five, though they both looked younger, as the city slum children often do. The conditions of life in the slums are not conducive to a vigorous childhood, and, if they are supplemented by spirit-drinking, the prospect of seeing a healthy city population grow up is not bright.

It is very easy to see how "darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people"; yet we have the assurance that in the midst of this pitchy darkness "the glory of the Lord" will be seen upon some people, making a light to which those who love light rather than darkness may come. Who will be bearer's of a glory of the Lord, and thus help to usher in the glorious morning? {October 5, 1899 E. J. Waggoner, *The Present Truth [UK] Articles*, pages 640.9 - 640.15}



Isaiah 58, Our Marching Orders (part 2)

Jerry O'Donnell

Isaiah 58:4 “Behold, ye fast for strife and debate, and to smite with the fist of wickedness: ye shall not fast as [ye do this] day, to make your voice to be heard on high.”

A good example of this type of fast is brought out in the book, *The Acts of the Apostles*: “While the Lord encouraged His servant, Paul’s enemies were eagerly plotting his destruction. ‘And when it was day, certain of the Jews banded together, and bound themselves under a curse, saying that they would neither eat nor drink till they had killed Paul. And they were more than forty which had made this conspiracy.’ Here was a fast such as the Lord through Isaiah had condemned – a fast ‘for strife and debate, and to smite with the fist of wickedness.’ Isaiah 58:4. {AA 413.3}.

“It is possible to manifest apparent zeal in the service of God, to offer prayers and observe fasts, and yet not be acknowledged of the Lord. When our prayers are offered in self-confidence, when we fail to watch, and

bring our actions into harmony with our prayers, we are not accounted worshipers in the sight of heaven. We are destitute of the faith that works by love and purifies the soul; for genuine faith will lead the possessor to mortify the deeds of the flesh, and crucify selfishness, self-love, impatience, and self-righteousness. Those who would truly follow Christ must daily learn lessons in meekness and lowliness of heart, that they may speak guardedly, manifest courtesy and kindness, have tender hearts, and bring sympathy and sunshine into the home. All strife, all debate, all smiting with the tongue and the fist of wickedness, must be put away. The overbearing will must be subdued, and gentleness and a disposition to be easily entreated must be cultivated” {RH, June 5, 1894 par. 5}.

Isaiah 58:5 “Is it such a fast that I have chosen? a day for a man to afflict his soul? [is it] to bow down his head as a bulrush, and to

spread sackcloth and ashes [under him]? wilt thou call this a fast, and an acceptable day to the LORD?”

The fasting for show is not the fast the God has chosen.

“This is the special work now before us. All our praying and abstinence from food will avail nothing unless we resolutely lay hold of this work. Sacred obligations are resting upon us. Our duty is plainly stated. The Lord has spoken to us by His prophet. The thoughts of the Lord and His ways are not what blind, selfish mortals believe they are or wish them to be. The Lord looks on the heart. If selfishness dwells there, He knows it. We may seek to conceal our true character from our brethren and sisters, but God knows. Nothing can be hid from Him” {2T 34.1}.

“The Lord sends them a message of positive reproof, showing plainly why they are not visited by His grace. ‘Is it such a fast that I have chosen?’ He asks, ‘a day for a man to afflict his soul? is it to bow down his head as a bul-

rush, and to spread sackcloth and ashes under him? Wilt thou call this a fast, and an acceptable day to the Lord?" {RH, June 25, 1901 par. 6}.

"Will they accept this reproof, and pray for true repentance? Will they put away their sins and ask for pardon? Will they bring the atmosphere of heaven into their families, and into their association with their fellow men?" {RH, June 25, 1901 par. 7}.

Isaiah 58:6-7 "[Is] not this the fast that I have chosen? to loose the bands of wickedness, to undo the heavy burdens, and to let the oppressed go free, and that ye break every yoke? [Is it] not to deal thy bread to the hungry, and that thou bring the poor that are cast out to thy house?

when thou seest the naked, that thou cover him; and that thou hide not thyself from thine own flesh?"

Does this sound familiar? It should. It is an issue in the last days among church members.

Matthew 25:32-40 says, "And before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth [his] sheep from the goats: And he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left. Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: For I was an hungered, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in: Naked, and

ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me. Then shall the righteous answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungered, and fed [thee]? or thirsty, and gave [thee] drink? When saw we thee a stranger, and took [thee] in? or naked, and clothed [thee]? Or when saw we thee sick, or in prison, and came unto thee? And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done [it] unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done [it] unto me."

And you might have thought that the sheep and the goats parable was an original parable by Jesus. In reality, it is an expansion of Isaiah 58:6-7. Now keep in mind, with sheep and goats both considered

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clean animals, Jesus is addressing two groups in the church and not the church versus the world. Now, one group takes care of Christ in the form of other people in need as we notice the parallels between Isaiah and Matthew.

- Isaiah said, “deal thy bread to the hungry” while Jesus said, “For I was an hungered, and ye gave me meat”.
- Isaiah said, “that thou bring the poor that are cast out to thy house” while Jesus said, “I was a stranger, and ye took me in”.
- Isaiah said, “when thou seest the naked, that thou cover him” while Jesus said, “Naked, and ye clothed me”.
- Isaiah said, “that thou hide not thyself from thine own flesh” while Jesus said, “I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me”.

“In these words our duty is outlined. God shows us where we should place our treasures. As we follow in the path of self-denial and self-sacrifice, helping the needy and suffering, we shall lay

up treasure before the throne of God” {1SAT 322.1}.

What happens under a proper fast? That is what we will investi-

gate the next time we pick up the Isaiah 58 study.

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How Do You Resolve It?

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

It Is the Christian Thing to Do

More and more false preachers, teachers, and leaders of all denominations along with politicians addressing Christians are telling the public, “Do the Christian thing. If you love your neighbor (Matthew 22:39), you will get the jab, you will get vaccinated.”

At the same time, we know biblically “that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost” (1 Corinthians 6:19). “If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which [temple] ye are” (1 Corinthians 3:17).

To address this apparent contradiction between loving our neighbor and not defiling the body, we begin with realizing that Satan, when using scripture, uses it out of context. Just look at the second exchange between Christ and Satan during the wilderness tempta-

tions (Matthew 4:6). Satan used scripture on his second attempt to tempt Christ into sinning. Is that reference of Satan in the Bible? Absolutely. But was it substantiated by the rest of the Bible? Absolutely not.

Anyone can find a verse or two to justify just about anything they want. We have a few principles that guide us in justifying or condemning things from God’s perspective. The first principle is the summary of Isaiah 28:9-10, in which we basically gather all of the verses on the subject. In this case, it is more challenging because a general application (love your neighbor) is being applied to a specific action (getting vaccinated or not).

The second principle is that God does not contradict Himself “For God is not [the author] of confusion” (1 Corinthians 14:33). That means that both loving our neighbors and not defiling our bodies with poisons cannot be

pitted against each other. We have to understand that loving our neighbor is limited by not defiling the body.

Some will say, “Love thy neighbor” is in the context of “On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets” (Matthew 22:40), and they would be correct; however, especially from the politicians, non-vaccinators are receiving the title of “murderers”, which adds fuel to the fire.

Again, the only way to resolve this, knowing full well that in the last days, “for by thy sorceries [Greek word of pharmekia where we get the word “pharmaceutical” from] were all nations deceived” (Revelation 18:23), is to use the “not defiling the temple” argument. The current, worldwide effort to vaccinate every single person for free more than smells of a conspiracy with beast, the merchants, and even the daughters of the “mother of harlots”

that fulfills the prophecy.

With that said, God never placed the responsibility of one person's health on another to the detriment of either; nor for that person who refuses the vaccine to then be breaking any of God's commandments so that the vaccinated person can feel better about themselves, nor are we to violate any of God's statutes and precepts. As Seventh-day Adventists, we have the statute to refuse the use of such drugs. The

use of the drugs is even a form of self-killing, called suicide. "The endless variety of medicines in the market, the numerous advertisements of new drugs and mixtures, all of which claim to do wonderful cures, kill hundreds where they benefit one" {HL 245.1}.

If a person has a weakened immune system, it is *their* responsibility to limit their exposure in society, take the necessary precautions when out in public, and overall, accept one-hundred percent of the

responsibility. It is not society's responsibility for any carelessness or risky act on their part.

So, in light of the supposed pandemic that seems to have wiped out flus and colds, we ought to keep ourselves in the best health condition possible so that we are neither a carrier nor susceptible to a virus, which includes not bringing down the immune system by some man-made creation that they want to inject into the body.



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, **“Let not the precious hours of the Sabbath be wasted in bed. On Sabbath morning the family should be astir early. If they rise late, there is confusion and bustle in preparing for breakfast and Sabbath school. There is hurrying, jostling, and impatience. Thus unholy feelings come into the home. The Sabbath, thus desecrated, becomes a weariness, and its coming is**

dreaded rather than loved.” {6T 357.1}

The Sabbath is not a day like the world treats their Saturday mornings. It is not just the weekend where we do not have to get up early, or even at a normal time. Many who have jobs outside of the home look forward to extra sleep on Saturday and Sunday mornings, but that is not

how it supposed to be with Sabbath keepers.

We ought to be up early enough to have our time with God, as should be our practice every day. There should be enough time to have breakfast at a reasonable pace for that even helps with proper digestion. And those who are able to participate in the Sabbath school gathering with others, there should be a calmness surrounding the depart-

ture from the home, the drive to the meeting place, and have a cushion of time to calmly enter the meeting place.

If this is not practiced and various members are allowed to roll out of bed as desired, Ellen White clearly pens that this causes confusion and bustling. "Where's my lesson?" "Where are my shoes?" "Who has the butter?" "Hurry up! We're going to be late!" "Why aren't you dressed yet?"

All this running around and pointing fingers and expecting things to be in a certain place, but are not, creates a hurried, jostled, impatient attitude. The situation is compounded when more than one thing goes differently than originally planned or expected. Worse, is when the situation is complicated by an accident. "Oh no! I spilt the milk and it is all over

the table, chairs, and even the floor. I don't have time for this!" And that would be a correct statement, however the lack of time was not because of the spilling of the milk. The lack of time was because the morning was encroached upon due to those wasted numerous minutes, even an hour, or hours, in bed. This caused a hurried attitude, which resulted in a careless action of grabbing for something and accidentally hitting the container of milk that was in the pathway.

But it does not stop there, and maybe none of those things happen often enough to be an issue for everyone, but entering into the vehicle with a hurried attitude creates a hurriedness in driving, impatience by the passengers, and possibly leading to riskier behavior

on the road, potential annoyances in the car, and arguments or even lashing out between family members.

Overall, instead of keeping the Sabbath holy, the mind has already become unholy. And "as he thinketh in his heart, so [is] he" (Proverbs 23:7). Therefore, even if we present ourselves as a Sabbath keeper, technically we are desecrating the Sabbath. On top of that, this frequent practice leads to the Sabbath activities being irritable leading to something not looked forward to, and eventually dreaded.

So, allow plenty of time for the use of the Sabbath hours and all shall be as well as you can control the situation, for even in all carefulness, milk will still be spilt on some mornings.



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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.

In Light of the Current Pressures

My dear friends, instead of taking a course to baffle disease, you are petting it and yielding to its power. You should avoid the use of drugs and carefully observe the laws of health. If you regard your life you should eat plain food, prepared in the simplest manner, and take more physical exercise. Each member of the family needs the benefits of health reform. But drugging should be forever abandoned; for while it does not cure any malady, it enfeebles the system, making it more susceptible to disease. {5T 311.1}

People need to be taught that drugs do

not cure disease. It is true that they sometimes afford present relief, and the patient appears to recover as the result of their use; this is because nature has sufficient vital force to expel the poison and to correct the conditions that caused the disease. Health is recovered in spite of the drug. But in most cases the drug only changes the form and location of the disease. Often the effect of the poison seems to be overcome for a time, but the results remain in the system and work great harm at some later period. {MH 126.3}

Drugs never cure disease; they only change its form and location. . . . When drugs are introduced into the system,

for a time they seem to have a beneficial effect. A change may take place, but the disease is not cured. It will manifest itself in some other form. . . . The disease which the drug was given to cure may disappear, but only to reappear in a new form, such as skin diseases, ulcers, painful, diseased joints, and sometimes in a more dangerous and deadly form. . . . Nature keeps struggling, and the patient suffers with different ailments, until there is a sudden breaking down in her efforts, and death follows. – H. to L., Chap. 3, p. 60. {HL 243.3}

The endless variety of medicines in the market, the numerous advertisements of new

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drugs and mixtures, all of which claim to do wonderful cures, kill hundreds where they benefit one. . . . Yet people keep dosing, and continue to grow weaker until they die. Some will have medicine at all events. Then let them take these hurtful mixtures and the various deadly poisons upon their own responsibility. God's servants should not administer medicines which they know will leave behind injurious effects upon the system, even if they do relieve present suffering. Every poisonous preparation in the vegetable and mineral kingdoms, taken into the system, will leave its wretched influence, affecting the liver and lungs, and deranging the system generally. – F. of F., p. 140. {HL 245.1}

They prescribe drugs to cure a disease which is the result of indulging unnatural appetites, and two evils are produced in the place of removing one. {MM 225.2}

Then shall physicians continue to resort to drugs, which leave a deadly evil in the system, destroying that life which Christ came to restore? Christ's

remedies cleanse the system. But Satan has tempted man to introduce into the system that which weakens the human machinery, clogging and destroying the fine, beautiful arrangements of God. The drugs administered to the sick do not restore, but destroy. Drugs never cure. Instead, they place in the system seeds which bear a very bitter harvest. . . . {2SM 288.3}

Those who make a practice of taking drugs sin against their intelligence and endanger their whole afterlife. There are herbs that are harmless, the use of which will tide over many apparently serious difficulties. But if all would seek to become intelligent in regard to their bodily necessities, sickness would be rare instead of common. An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure. – Manuscript 86, 1897 (General Manuscript, "Health Reform Principles," written from Cooranbong, Australia). {2SM 290.2}

Poisonous drugs have not killed them outright, for nature is loath to give up her hold on life. She is unwilling to cease her struggles. Yet these drug-takers are

never well. {2SM 453.2}

The patients could live out of doors a large part of the time. The land will serve as a school for the education of patients. By outdoor exercise and working in the soil, men and women will regain their health. Rational methods for the cure of disease will be used in a variety of ways. Drugs will be discarded. {SpTB03b 14.2}

It is true, it kills if it does not cure; but drugs never cure. They change the order of difficulties, but never heal them, never remove the cause. {15MR 275.1}

[If you have been convinced to discard your drugs, do so in a careful and responsible manner. Certain drugs need weaning. Additionally, until a proper and healthy lifestyle has been in place for a significant period of time, instant removal of drugs can be harmful and even deadly.]



Healthy And Delicious Recipes

French Onion Dip

Ingredients

- 1 recipe Cashew Sour Cream (see last month's magazine)
- 1/2 packed cup chopped Caramelized Onions, chilled or at room

temperature

- 1/4 teaspoon onion powder
- 1/2 teaspoon sea salt
- 2 tablespoons chopped chives

together the cashew sour cream, caramelized onions, onion powder, salt.

- Cover and chill for one hour.
- Serve and enjoy!

Instructions

- In a small bowl, stir



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.*

Turmeric for Minor Wounds

A compound called curcumin found in turmeric, which has strong anti-inflammatory and antioxidant properties can help with the cleansing and healing of wounds. A study in the Biochemical Journal even found that curcumin has the ability to

stop bacteria from spreading. So if you don't have any antibiotic ointment on hand, try dabbing a little turmeric on your cut or scrape instead, but only for minor or superficial wounds. Using turmeric powder with a few drops of water to make

a paste, apply it directly to the wound, or if the wound is still bleeding a bit, you can apply the powder without water to stop the bleeding. After the area is dry, cover with an appropriate bandage.



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Calendula

Calendula, also known as Marigold, has many wonderful uses. From stimulating tissue growth in wounds to decreasing swelling, fighting inflammation, infections and rashes.

A great reason to keep calendula handy is its healing abilities. Applying flower oil to your cuts, scrapes, bruises, and insect bites, can help to quickly speed the healing process, partially due to its anti-inflammatory properties, in addition to the unique antioxidant compounds found in this plant.

This flowering plant can also significantly reduce the discomfort of inflammation. Calendula

tea is wonderful in helping to relieve a cough or congestion. Do you have arthritis or gout? Just add some calendula oil to a skin balm and enjoy a rapid reduction in pain. Finally, if your stomach is upset, it can help normalize your gastrointestinal system and eliminate any inflammation that may be causing discomfort.

Calendula also has certain antibacterial properties. It is often found on the ingredients list of various herbal health and hygiene products, including toothpaste, mouthwashes, soaps, and shampoos. Toothpaste and mouthwashes that contain calen-

dula are very effective in killing bacteria that cause everything from gingivitis to cavities

There are also some anti-spasmodic properties of calendula. If you suffer from a nervous system disorder, have painful cramping in relation to menstruation or some other type of spasmodic condition, adding calendula to your diet could improve these conditions.

As always, check with your medical professional before using calendula. Some people have shown allergic reactions to the use of calendula oil if it is used in high doses and concentrations.



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.*

Jude 24, only one chapter, teaches us about the power of God, specifically Jesus, Who can keep us from sinning and turn around to present us to the Father as

if we had not sinned. Praise God for this. Now, the part about keeping us from sinning or even going into false doctrines is described in different versions as

either falling or stumbling. It may not sound like a big deal, but technically it is a big deal. If a person were to run a race, which is the example Paul uses, and

stumble, there would still be forward motion, a slight slow down until fully recovered from the stumble. Many athletes have stumbled in a race to come back impressively and either win or nearly win the race.

Falling, on the other hand, is very difficult to recover from. It usually results in a complete stop of forward motion, especially while sprawled out on the ground. Getting up from such an incident takes extra effort. Few athletes have ever been able to catch up to the pack of runners after such a fall. Many athletes have fallen seriously resulting in severe injury preventing them from continuing on.

In 2 Thessalonians 2:3, we have a Biblical answer to the question of which word is appropriate. It says, "Let no man deceive you by any means: for [that day shall not come], except there come a falling away first...". That is what we need to be kept from happening. Therefore, the word "stumble" is just too weak of a word in Jude 24, not giving the proper picture of things.

King James Bible: Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy.

In Error:

American Standard Version: Now unto him that is able to guard you from stumbling, and to set you before the presence of his glory without blemish in exceeding joy,

Anderson New Testament: Now to him that is able to keep you free from stumbling, and to present you blameless in the presence of his glory with exceeding joy,

Berean Literal Bible: Now to Him being able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless in the presence of His glory, with exultation--

Berean Study Bible: Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you unblemished in His glorious presence, with great joy—

Christian Standard Bible: Now to him who is able to protect you from stumbling and to make you stand in the presence of his glory, without blemish and with great joy,

Darby Bible Translation: But to him that is able to keep you without stumbling, and to set [you] with exultation blameless before his glory,

English Revised Version: Now unto him that is able to guard you from stumbling, and to set you before the presence of his glory without blemish in exceeding joy,

English Standard Version: Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy,

Haweis New Testament: Now to him who is able to guard you from stumbling, and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with exultation,

Holman Christian Standard Bible: Now to Him who is able to protect you from stumbling and to make you stand in the presence of His glory, blameless and with great joy,

Literal Emphasis Translation: Now to Him being able to keep you from stumbling and to present you unblemished with exuberant joy in the very presence of His glory,

Literal Standard Version: And to Him who is able to guard you without stumbling, and to set [you] in the presence of His glory unblemished, in gladness,

New American Standard Bible: Now to Him who is able to protect you from stumbling, and to make you stand in the presence of His glory, blameless with great joy,

New Heart English Bible: Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory in great joy,

New International Version: To him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you before his glorious presence without fault and with great joy --

New King James Version: Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, And to present you faultless Before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy,

Weymouth New Testament: But to Him who is able to keep you safe from stumbling, and cause you to stand in the presence of His glory free from blemish and full of exultant joy -

World English Bible: Now to him who is able to keep them from stumbling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory in great joy,

Worrell New Testament: Now to Him Who is able to guard you from stumbling, and to set you without blemish, in gladness, before the presence of His glory,

Young's Literal Translation: And to Him who is able to guard you not stumbling, and to set you in the presence of His glory unblemished, in gladness,

Correct, This Time:

A Faithful Version: Now to Him Who is able to keep them from falling, and to bring them into the presence of His own glory, blameless in exceeding joy,

Amplified Bible: Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling or falling into sin, and to present you unblemished [blameless and faultless] in the presence of His glory with triumphant joy and unspeakable delight,

Bishops' Bible of 1568: Unto him that is able to keep you free from

sinne, and to present you faultlesse before the presence of his glory with ioy,

Catholic Public Domain Version: Then, to him who has the power to keep you free from sin and to present you, immaculate, with exultation, before the presence of his glory at the advent of our Lord Jesus Christ,

Coverdale Bible of 1535: Vnto him that is able to kepe you, that ye faule not, and to present you fautlesse before ye presence of his glory with ioye,

Douay-Rheims Bible: Now to him who is able to preserve you without sin, and to present you spotless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy, in the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ,

Geneva Bible of 1587: Nowe vnto him that is able to keepe you, that ye fall not, and to present you faultlesse before the presence of his glorie with ioy,

Godbey New Testament: But to him who is able to keep you from falling, and to establish you blameless in the presence of his glory with rejoicing.

GOD'S WORD® Translation: God can guard you so that you don't

fall and so that you can be full of joy as you stand in his glorious presence without fault.

Good News Translation: To him who is able to keep you from falling and to bring you faultless and joyful before his glorious presence--

International Standard Version: Now to the one who is able to keep you from falling and to make you stand joyful and faultless in his glorious presence,

Lamsa Bible: Now unto him who is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy,

Mace New Testament: Now to him that is able to keep you from falling, and make you ap-

pear in his glorious presence, without defect, and full of joy:

NET Bible: Now to the one who is able to keep you from falling, and to cause you to stand, rejoicing, without blemish before his glorious presence,

New Living Translation: Now all glory to God, who is able to keep you from falling away and will bring you with great joy into his glorious presence without a single fault.

Smith's Literal Translation: And to him able to watch yourselves from falling, and to place blameless before his glory with transport of joy,

Tyndale Bible of 1526: Vnto him that is able to kepe you that ye faule not and to present you

fautlesse before the presence of his glory with ioye

Webster's Bible Translation: Now to him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy,

Worsley New Testament: Now unto Him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy:

Close:

Aramaic Bible in Plain English: But to him who can keep us without offense and without defilement and present us without a flaw



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Questions And Answers

QUESTION: Where should our membership be?

ANSWER: At this late stage in earth's history, I would not worry about where it is. Many want to show their displeasure with the Conference and take God's time, even if it is a simple letter, to have the membership removed. Others try to move their membership to another organization.

Since Jesus is truly our example, do what He did. There is no record of Him requesting that His name be struck off the books. Let the leaders strike the name. Do not be wasting God's precious minutes.

Now, those that idolize the name being registered, do consider:

"Let church members bear in mind that the fact that their names are registered on the church books will not save them. They must show themselves approved of God, workmen that need not be ashamed. Day by day they are to build their characters in accordance with Christ's directions. They are to abide in Him, constantly exercising faith in Him" {9T 48.1}.

"We are to be doers of Christ's words, and not hearers only. Having our names registered in the church books will not save us. We are to be saved as individual members of Christ's body. We are to be individual workers with Christ in the great plan of salvation, and partakers at last with him in his glory. We are not to follow the customs and traditions of men; for they are far from the ways of God. We are ever to seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness" {YI, June 28, 1894 par. 10}

And if someone is baptized by non-conference officials, do not be in a hurry to get registered but simply go to work. We are not saying you cannot, but at this point, we are too close to the end to go through the paperwork, hoops, and whatever else is necessary to achieve that goal of conference acceptance. In many cases, it is just a game.

In regards to moving it to another "denomination", though it be called by some form of Seventh-day Adventist as another organization, shows that our

trust is in man and not God. "In the last great conflict of the controversy with Satan those who are loyal to God will see every earthly support cut off" {DA 121.3}. We are nearing that time.

Besides, there is coming a time real soon where people will go forth under the loud cry and not be baptizing people into some registry. Remember Jesus' words, "[Ye] fools and blind: for whether is greater, the gold, or the temple that sanctifieth the gold?" (Matthew 23:17). "[Ye] fools and blind: for whether [is] greater, the gift, or the altar that sanctifieth the gift?" (Matthew 23:19). And we add, "[Ye] fools and blind: for whether [is] greater, the church, or the message that sanctifieth the church?" Or at least it is supposed to have that affect. In other words, do not practice Catholicism and place the church any higher than intended for the message supersedes it all.

QUESTION: Does not the Holy Spirit pour out on the church, as you

refer to, even the Conference?

ANSWER: Combining these next two quotes shows how the Conference will never receive the Holy Spirit.

“When we have entire, wholehearted consecration to the service of Christ, God will recognize the fact by an outpouring of His Spirit without measure; but this will not be while the largest portion of the church are not laborers together with God” {Ev 699.2}.

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

The Conference churches will never become converted. Be careful to not quote “The sinners of Zion will be sifted out” as if then what is left in the Conference will only be converted people. The full discussion of what that quote really means is in the editorial of this issue. It is not a physical departure.

The vast majority of the church is involved in ecumenicalism (joining in acceptance and in efforts together with other denominations, especially with Rome). All of these people are not going to make an

exit. Those that are putting their faith in a structure, a system, are going to be greatly disappointed. God is taking the reins. “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” {Ev 118.1}.

Having those who give up the faith remain physically in the church but have departed spiritually is the only way that the scriptures can be fulfilled where Matthew 10:17-18 says from Jesus, “But beware of men: for they will deliver you up to the councils, and they will scourge you in their synagogues; and ye shall be brought before governors and kings for my sake, for a testimony against them and the Gentiles.” That was not just for back in the day of the apostles.

Ellen White comments upon the verse as present truth:

“We read in the Scriptures, ‘But beware of men: for they will deliver you up to the councils, and they will scourge you in their synagogues: and ye shall be brought before governors and kings for my name’s sake, for a testimony against them and the Gentiles.’

Kings, governors, and councils are to have a knowledge of the truth through your testimony. This is the only way in which the testimony of light and truth can reach men of high authority. ‘But when they deliver you up, take no thought how or what ye shall speak: for it shall be given you in that same hour what ye shall speak. For it is not ye that speak, but the Spirit of the Father that speaketh in you.’ Christ stood by the side of Luther, and by the side of all the Reformers whom he commissioned to go forth and make aggressive moves to advance the message of God in our world. He did not send them forth alone. Jesus has promised to be at your right hand. What a gracious promise is this, and it will be fulfilled; for he is faithful that hath promised.

Jesus is yours, and all things in heaven and earth are his, and yours because you believe in him” {RH, April 15, 1890 par. 6}.

“This does not mean simply that you will be scourged in the synagogues with the tongue, as many of you are today in the pulpits of the land, but that men making high professions will treat you with violence” {RH, April 26, 1892 par. 7}.

In our own church, we will be brought before councils, and physically scourged. Even the mask mandates along with the vaccinations are causing people within the church to reach that level – to do physical harm.

If the sinners of Zion were to physically leave, then there would be none in the synagogues (churches) to do those things along with turning us over to the government, betraying us. Therefore, the sinners of Zion physically remain and persecute the faithful, just as Bible example after Bible example after Bible example has portrayed throughout history.

QUESTION: With Apple scanning for illegal chil-

dren’s photos, should there be a concern for Seventh-day Adventists with such technology?

ANSWER: With the Bible quote of “the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies” (Revelation 18:3) working in conjunction with the Beast (antichrist) and acknowledging that tech companies are in collusion with the merchants, it is a big concern.

Life in the tech world has many conveniences. If a person gets a new device, with everything stored on computers outside of their device (the cloud), swapping a phone, a tablet, even a computer has become easy and quick to get back up and running where one had left off. In the olden days, it would be hours, days, even a weeks before getting back up and running while hoping that nothing of importance was lost.

What came to light recently is that not only is Apple wanting to scan photos for illegal images, the use of their abilities for good, they revealed practices of all tech companies that many may not have been aware of. Images

are already scanned at the storage level (the cloud), and if a certain number of suspicious photos are discovered, authorities become involved by the tattling process. Again, illegal images ought to be dealt with – there is no question about that. But there is nothing stopping these companies from extending beyond the illegal into the legal, even against people’s rights, and beyond.

Those who use social media, like Facebook and Twitter among many other outlets, already have seen the rights of people taken away. It is called “Freedom of speech”. Unless one is part of the agenda, messages and what are called posts are being censored and even their accounts are being closed. Mention the word COVID, and red flags fly up back at tech headquarters.

What Apple took heat for is the desire to scan for these illegal photos before they are uploaded, catching the child abuser pretty much in the act by notifying local authorities.

In the future, this technology, as demonstrated politically, will be fully influenced by the

Beast and will reveal those who make up the resistance, this time, religiously. And when people make use of the cloud today, despite removing the contents personally, that content is technically still up there in a form of archived locations, backups, and possibly other locations.

A lot of spying on citizens and control of citizens are introduced in the form of something good, desired, and beneficial. Do not give in to it.

So, from one technical person to those who may not be so technically savvy, be very careful what one takes advantage of that other, unintended people, can have access to, especially merchants of the world. Today, they may offer a wonderful service, like those video doorbells, while tomorrow they can repurpose those doorbells into undesired uses, which is currently happening, but that is a different story, and all of it done without the owner's ability to stop it.

Keep your content as close as possible to your own equipment is the bottom line. Do keep in mind, you may not be concerned how authorities use the information they collect from yourself, but it can be used as evidence against other Seventh-day Adventists. Those who say, "I have nothing to hide" are ignorant, thinking that the content is "not illegal" today, but may become, and will become illegal, eventually.



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.

July 30

**Pastor David Cuke
Letter**

This communication is to inform you that I have been contacted by my conference president and he indicated that the zoom program scheduled for Saturday, July 31, 2021 at 8pm (The Right to Choose) does not reflect the position of the Northeast-

ern Conference, Beacon Light Tabernacle nor the General Conference of the SDA. In fact, he indicated that the General Conference is in support of the COVID 19 vaccination program and further said that a house divided against itself cannot stand. Therefore, he mandated that the program be canceled since the name of the Beacon

Light Tabernacle, a Northeastern Conference of the SDA church, was given as the one sponsoring the program.

EGW: "My dear friends, instead of taking a course to baffle disease, you are petting it and yielding to its power. You should avoid the use of drugs and carefully observe the laws of

health. If you regard your life you should eat plain food, prepared in the simplest manner, and take more physical exercise. Each member of the family needs the benefits of health reform. But drugging should be forever abandoned; for while it does not cure any malady, it enfeebles the system, making it more susceptible to disease.” {5T 311.1}

August 6

Fulcrum 7

Despite Opposition Village Church In Berrien Springs Will Host Covid, Coercion & Conscience Meeting

Despite underground efforts to ban this meeting, on August 20-21, the Village Church in Berrien Springs will host a symposium on Covid coercion and conscience.

EGW: “In every crisis they will then have moral independence to breast the storm of op-

position sure to assail those who take their stand in favor of true reform.” {HR, May 1, 1877 par. 10}

August 10

Fulcrum 7

Sexual Confusion At [SDA] Nebraska Youth Rally and College View Academy

“Below is the copy of a letter that was sent to the CVA (College View Academy) Principal, CVA School Board Chair, Union Education Superintendent, and Conference Education Directors, after witnessing morally troubling events at the Youth Blast youth rally and College View Academy. There is also a lesbian couple in CVA high school that is being affirmed; one of the lesbians is the daughter of a Nebraska pastor.”

EGW: “It is opening a door through which Satan will rush in many errors to divert the mind from the importance of the truth

for this time. Brethren, as an ambassador of Christ I warn you to beware of these side issues, whose tendency is to divert the mind from the truth. Error is never harmless. It never sanctifies, but always brings confusion and dissension. It is always dangerous. The enemy has great power over minds that are not thoroughly fortified by prayer and established in Bible truth.” {5T 292.2}

August 11

Loma Linda Letter

Loma Linda University Health Website

In compliance with the CDPH order, all hospital visitors are required to show either proof of COVID-19 vaccination or a negative test (obtained within the last 72 hours).

Bible: “We ought to obey God rather than men” (Acts 5:29).

EGW: “People need to be taught that drugs do

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

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

not cure disease" {MH 126.3}.

August 25

Fulcrum 7

Andrews University Listed On Critical Race Training Website

<https://criticalrace.org/schools/andrews-university/>

EGW: "We are not to compromise principle by yielding to the opinions and prejudices which we may have encouraged before we united with God's commandment-keeping people. We have enlisted in the army of the Lord, and we are not to fight on the enemy's side, but on the side of Christ, where we can be a united whole, in senti-

ment, in action, in spirit, in fellowship. Those who are Christians indeed will be branches of the true vine, and will bear the same fruit as the vine. They will act in harmony, in Christian fellowship. They will not wear political badges, but the badge of Christ." {GW 392.1}

"What are we to do, then? – Let political questions alone. "Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? and what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel?" [2 Corinthians 6:14, 15.] What can there be in common

between these parties? There can be no fellowship, no communion." {GW 392.2}

August 27

Advent Messenger

While Adventist Leaders Refuse to Offer Covid-19 Exemption Letters to their Members, Roman Catholic Bishops are Giving them to their Flockenger

EGW: "They become the most bitter enemies of their former brethren." {GC88 608.1}

Comment: Though this is a future event quote in context, one does not become a bitter enemy overnight. The seeds are seen now.



News And Comments

August 2

The Washington Examiner

GOP report says evidence 'proves' COVID emerged from Wuhan lab

That is what we have said from the beginning, and, as usual fashion, confirmation is coming in way too late. Those who believe the GOP are more on the right side than Democrats may want to wake up to

the fact that they are both working against the people. The damage has already been done and continues to be done. Real defensiveness needs to be put in place, but it will not be as that is not part of the agenda. "We cannot with safety take part in any political schemes" {FE 475.2}

August 2

The Washington Examiner

New Mexico Supreme Court rules gas stations can be liable for drunken driving accidents

The Bible says, "Who shall give account to him that is ready to judge the quick and the dead" (1 Peter 4:5). So, what happened to individual responsibility? In other words, why are they allowing the family, who the drunk may have killed in an accident, be able to sue a gas station? It is a

source of money, because to sue the family of the drunk, or the drunk themselves, who may have lost their insurance, has little to no money in many cases. But, most stations allow payment by card and cannot be easily evaluated by an attendant, who may not be looking at the customer but may be stocking shelves, waiting on another customer, or other distraction. Further, if cash is involved, many attendants are not of the age to successfully identify a drunk without possibly insulting an innocent person and are reluctant to make that call. Again, society is simply trying to blame various industries by individuals' irresponsibility. God had a whole set of laws dealing the society all pointing to either deliberate or careless acts of the individual without expanding to other industries or processes.

August 3

Reuters

Four officers who responded to U.S. Capitol attack have died by suicide

According to Addiction Center, September 14, 2019, police officers do experience higher rate of suicide at approximately 17 per 100,000 officers. The capital police, according to United

States Capital Police, have a total of 2,300 staff and officers. That means, approximately .39 of an officer is at risk of committing suicide in that group alone. Just so that we are clear, we are stating that statistically, not even one whole person but just over a third of a person are at risk, yet we have four officers now down and who knows how many more are about to "commit suicide". That percentage goes down even further when we look at the number of those 2,300 who were on duty that day, for not every officer was deployed. According to their own documents, there were 500 on duty that day. That means the likelihood of suicide would be less than a tenth. The point is, did these officers know something more than what is being reported. We are not high on conspiracy theories, but four suicides and counting is a red flag. Conspiracies to silence people is not new. Not only was there a conspiracy against Christ, but the voice of Paul needed to be silenced as well: "And they were more than forty which had made this conspiracy" (Acts 23:13). It may be nothing, and we are open to that, but do keep in mind, the government is about self-preservation – not for

the defense of the people.

August 8

The Hill

Missouri taxi company refuses vaccinated, masked customers

Although this is not a religious organization, more and more people and organizations need to "Resist the devil" (James 4:7). Once the end goal is achieved with the agenda, it will be too late. There will be no going back, no recovering of our surrendered freedoms, no effective resistance. We must put the hyped-up fear aside and not surrender our freedoms.

August 10

The Washington Post

Ted Cruz calls for 'zero' coronavirus mandates, while Rand Paul urges defiance amid delta variant surge

We commend these two for standing up and encouraging others to stand as well. We are to "Resist the devil" (James 4:7) despite the odds against us. The Bible says, "they loved not their lives unto the death" (Revelation 12:11). With that said, admittedly, our efforts are futile but stand anyways. That is the difference between being faithful as opposed to

those who go along with the masses. It is one thing to resist but when every business is in compliance it makes it hard to shop without a vaccine or mask. It makes it hard to go to work without a vaccine or mask. It is hard to face the fines. It is hard to deal with people knocking on the door to make sure the vaccine was taken. But then again, it was hard for Christ to go the cross, too. It was hard for the numerous martyrs to face death for their faith. Be a martyr if called to be!

August 10

Yahoo Finance

Won't get a COVID vaccine? Some bosses may charge you \$20 to \$50 more for health insurance on every paycheck

"Tyson Foods, United Airlines, CNN, the U.S. military. A wide variety of employers such as those four are imposing COVID vaccine mandates on their workers, and experts believe they'll have a lot more company soon after the Food and Drug Administration gives the shots its full approval." We do our best to not speculate or use articles about things that "could happen". If we did that, we would be alarmists, and we would be chasing numerous articles that suggest such non-sense.

With that said, since four companies already have implemented such, it technically is a reality. Whatever happened to the HIPAA regulations? The agenda does not care. Revelation 13:11 says, "And I beheld another beast" [kingdom or nation – Daniel 7:17, 24] "coming up out of the earth" [rising from the opposite of water that represents populated places and many nations – Revelation 17:15, so that means not so populated and not really any nations] ; "and he had two horns " [two distinct powers – Daniel 8:6, 7; Habakkuk 3:4] "like a lamb," [Christ-like in nature – John 1:29, 36] "and he spake " [past laws – Isaiah 8:20] "as a dragon" [satanically – Revelation 12:9].

August 10

Fox News

CDC adjusts Florida COVID-19 numbers after health department call-out

"The state took to Twitter on Monday to ask the CDC to update its COVID-19 case tracker because it incorrectly combined 'MULTIPLE days into one.' The Sunday total was the state's worst ever, according to the CDC data." There are way too many mistakes being made that exaggerate the infor-

mation and taking way too long to correct the information and do so only when exposed. It truly smells of the global agenda to keep the populations under scared submission. And interestingly, these mistakes usually happen where resistance in one form or another is taking place, as the governor is well outspoken against mandates. The CDC, who recommends intense push for vaccines and masks, are indirectly part of the predicted pharmaceutical deception. Once again we refer to Revelation 18:23, which says, "by thy sorceries [Greek word ... pharmakeia] were all nations deceived."

August 10

USA Today

Many parents are saying no to sleepovers. At what cost?

We do not say at what cost, but at what savings! "Neighbors may permit their children to come to your house to spend the evening and the night with your children. Here is a trial and a choice for you, to run the risk of offending your neighbors by sending their children to their own home, or gratify them, and let them lodge with your children, and thus expose them to be instructed in that

knowledge which would be a lifelong curse to them" {CG 114.4} .

August 11

The Blaze

Colonial Williamsburg aims to tell the 'queer history' of America's founding

In the establishment of Williamsburg back in the late 1600's, the focus was not upon relationships. The focus was in establishing the colony. That is what has been taught and should be taught. This is yet another distraction away from simple historical lessons and moving into unnecessary political content being another step to make prominent that has such a minor aspect. That is what is meant by "feet that be swift in running to mischief" (Proverbs 6:18).

August 15

MSN

3 volcanoes located along Alaska's Pacific 'Ring of Fire' are erupting at the same time

"Everything in the world is in agitation. The signs of the times are ominous. Coming events cast their shadows before. The Spirit of God is withdrawing from the earth, and calamity fol-

lows calamity by sea and by land. There are tempests, earthquakes, fires, floods, murders of every grade. Who can read the future? Where is security? There is assurance in nothing that is human or earthly. Rapidly are men ranging themselves under the banner they have chosen. Restlessly are they waiting and watching the movements of their leaders. There are those who are waiting and watching and working for our Lord's appearing. Another class are falling into line under the generalship of the first great apostate. Few believe with heart and soul that we have a hell to shun and a heaven to win." {DA 636.1}

August

Nashville Scene

State Investigation Says Fired Vax Chief Bought Infamous Muzzle Himself

"We cannot with safety vote for political parties; for we do not know whom we are voting for. We cannot with safety take part in any political schemes." {FE 475.2}

August 16

Barrons

As Covid Cases Spread, Vaccines Won't Be Enough

The Bible says, "for by thy sorceries were all nations deceived" (Revelation 18:23). Is it not obvious yet? Politicians and media are pushing the COVID issue as if it were the plague when in fact it barely registers on effects so low as compared to the non-existent flu or even colds. The number of cases and deaths are quite low. Nothing is ever going to be good enough because there is a worldwide control agenda working towards one goal... re-seat the antichrist power. "And I saw one of his heads as it were wounded to death; and his deadly wound was healed: and all the world wondered after the beast" (Revelation 13:3). A beast is always a nation (Daniel 7:17, 23). And, the world is working up to "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" (Revelation 13:17). Show your vaccination card or not be employed is practice for this. Penalizing employees is practice for this. Creating hatred towards unvaccinated is practice for this. Blaming with lies upon the vaccinated as the reason for the spread is practice for this. Going door-to-door to encourage vaccina-

tions is practice for this. The world governments working in unison is practice for this. Religions and denominations being arms for the government is practice for this. In other words, every angle that the Mark of the Beast will exercise is happening right now, though the vaccine or proof is not the Mark – just the trial run.

August 17

Myrtle Beach Online

If you drank alcohol to cope with pandemic stress, you weren't alone, study finds

"Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: Whom resist stedfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world" (1 Peter 5:8-9). Christians are to handle afflictions, issues, completely different than the world. In fact, if Christians actively look for escapes of reality, they are falling for the devil's devouring means. This is alcohol. There are many other means of escape as well, including video games, binge watching, etc. Christians are to always be alert, especially under stressful conditions.

Do not follow even Noah's example where "he drank of the wine, and was drunken" (Genesis 9:21). Noah did not handle very well the stress of all the population being wiped out. It is in the Bible not just for regarding the incident that happened next, but as an example to avoid the failure of being sober, of looking for that escape. "Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand" (Ephesians 6:13).

August 16

The Washington Examiner

Photo of Biden in national security meeting raises accuracy and security questions

How can such a dismal move be made? Why the lies of it looking like Biden was in control during it all when there are so many inaccuracies of the released photo of the day during the evacuation? That is because someone else is actually pulling the strings. "And the woman which thou sawest is that great city, which reigneth over the kings of the earth" (Revelation 17:18). And it is not just the current presidency, either. Even the GOP beloved Reagan had his

strings pulled. They are all puppets.

August 18

Yahoo News

Teen mom comes to dead stop on graduation stage to finish walking with 3-year-old daughter: 'This gave me goosebumps'

Right up front, before we get the biblical response on this, it is great that Natalie endured her challenges and graduated instead of just being a statistic. With that said though, this act of trying to inspire endurance also glorifies sin by teaching that "See, you engage in sexual activity, even get pregnant, and life still is good. On top of that, look at all of the attention I'm getting for my act of sin to begin with." Basically, sin does not appear to be so sinful. "Woe unto them that call evil good" (Isaiah 5:20).

August 18

The Telegraph

Double-jabbed people carry same levels of Covid as unvaccinated

Therefore, the blame for the spread of COVID cannot be easily traced to unvaccinated people making it a lie to be doing so. "These six

[things] doth the LORD hate: yea, seven [are] an abomination unto him: ... A false witness [that] speaketh lies..." (Proverbs 6:16-19).

August 20

The Inquirer

Philly's archdiocese advised priests not to help Catholics seeking exemptions from vaccine mandates

Religious exemption is permitted so far by the government. For a religious organization to turn their backs on their members for legitimate exemption is no different than a symbolic representation of Jesus' words: "[some] of them shall ye scourge in your synagogues, and persecute [them] from city to city" (Matthew 23:34).

August 25

In the Know

Mom tricks veggie-hating toddler into eating cauliflower with a little white lie: 'whatever works'

What the mother did with the food is not unusual and is not a lie. A mom is just flavoring something to make it more palatable. Kids thinking it is something else is a misunderstanding. Our concern is on the acceptable phrase called a "little white lie".

White represents purity (Daniel 7:9). Even the smallest lie makes it impure, therefore, it is no longer white creating a hypocritical statement right away. Basically, there is no such thing as a "white lie". As for it being considered little, just remember, a little coveting of God's throne and position (Isaiah 14:13-14) created this satanic mess. A little bite of the forbidden fruit (Genesis 3:1-6) plunged this world into a lost state. A little taking of some booty by Achan caused a battle loss as well as a loss of lives (Joshua 7). There is no such thing as a little sin. Any sin kept in our lives unconfessed, unforsaken, shall cause loss of eternal life.

August 26

The Insider

Japan temporarily halted the use of 1.63 million Moderna vaccine doses over claims that tiny particles were found floating in unused vials

Many other articles on the topic dismiss the particles as simple contamination. Contamination and tiny particles imply two separate facts. Contamination is similar to spoilage, but these are unidentified particles that gives a little credence to the conspiracy theories,

substantiated by the Bible, where we ought to have memorized by now, "By thy sorceries [Pharmakeia in Greek] were all nations deceived" (Revelation 18:23), and this is done under the approval of the antichrist.

August 28

News Week

Tate Reeves Says Mississippians 'Less Scared' of COVID Because They 'Believe in Eternal Life'

The rest of the world fulfill the prophecy, "Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken" (Luke 21:26). Let us trust in God as this governor correctly stated.

August 28

Fox News

Cook County judge strips mother of parental rights because she is not vaccinated

The vaccine unofficially being required is completely out of control. When Australia can do what they do to kids and now this judge is ruling regarding custody, it is just going to escalate to more scenes just like physical Babylon did back in the day and spiritual Babylon in Revela-

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tion is in the process of copying. Government officials were told to "bring [certain] of the children of Israel" (Daniel 1:3) "whom they might teach the learning and the tongue of the Chaldeans" (Daniel 1:4) or reeducate. So, make sure our children are educated in the Lord like Daniel was so they, too, can stand like Daniel and keep the faith.

August 30

Fox News

Teacher who suggested pledging allegiance to gay pride flag in classroom now under investigation

And much of society does not see anything wrong with indoctrination of this sort. "Come, ye children, hearken unto me: I will teach you the fear of the LORD" (Psalms 34:11). Parents, it is time, if you are not already, to be teaching your children. Actually, it has been time for awhile now, but we wanted to explicitly state it again. There is no way a parent can undo 8 hours a day of exposure to this nonsense.



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1SAT—Sermons and Talks Volume One

1SM—Selected Messages Book 1

2SM—Selected Messages Book 2

2T—Testimonies for the Church Volume Two

5T—Testimonies for the Church Volume Five

6T—Testimonies for the Church Volume Six

9T—Testimonies for the Church Volume Nine

15MR—Manuscript Releases Volume Fifteen

CG—Child Guidance

DA—The Desire of Ages

EV—Evangelism

FE—Fundamentals of Christian Education

HL—Healthful Living

HR—Good Health

GC—The Great Controversy (1911)

GC88—The Great Controversy (1888)

GW—Gospel Workers

MH—The Ministry of Healing

MM—Medical Ministry

RH—The Review and Herald

SpTB03b—Letters from Ellen G. White to Sanitarium Workers in Southern California

ST—The Signs of the Times

YI—The Youth's Instructor

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our self-righteousness and arrayed in the righteousness of Christ” {2SM 380.2}.

What is the church? It certainly is not any earthly organization. Those who are part of the church are those who have been “overcoming by the blood of the Lamb and the word of their testimony will be found with the loyal and true, without spot or stain of sin, without guile in their mouths.” Physical location is not referred to nor is membership. Connection with the truth, as defined, is

what determines if we are in the faith or not, in the church or not. So, do not be afraid to defy the brainwashing concept that “if you do not attend the conference church you are lost”. Those sinners of Zion

can all stay in the conference church and be lost, in fact, eventually will be lost.

God helps us to be John the Baptists and stand, even alone if need be.



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