



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.

The Guide Book

Ellen White

This is a time when the question with all propriety may be asked, "When the Son of Man cometh shall He find faith on the earth?"

Spiritual darkness has covered the earth and gross darkness the people. There are in many churches skepticism and infidelity in the interpretation of the Scriptures. Many, very many, are questioning the verity and truth of the Scriptures, and human reasoning and the imaginings of the human heart are undermining the inspiration of the Word of God, and that which should be received as granted is surrounded with a cloud of mysticism. Nothing stands out in clear and distinct lines, upon rock bottom. This is one of the marked signs of the last days.

This Holy Book has stood the assaults of Satan, who has united with evil men to make everything of divine character shrouded in clouds and darkness. But the Lord has preserved this Holy Book

by His own miraculous power in its present shape—a chart or guide book to the human family to show them the way to heaven.

But the Oracles of God have been so manifestly neglected that there are but a few in our world, even of those who profess to explain it to others, who have the divine knowledge of the Scriptures. There are learned men who have a college education, but these shepherds do not feed the flock of God. They do not consider that the excellencies of the Scriptures will be continually unfolding their hidden treasures as precious jewels are discovered by digging for them.

There are men who strive to be original, who are wise above what is written; therefore their wisdom is foolishness. They discover wonderful things in advance, ideas which reveal that they are far behind in the comprehen-

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Dear Brothers and Sisters ...

Jerry O'Donnell

It seems that the papacy is really playing both sides of the parties in the United States to try to fulfill prophecy. Ellen White states, "The 'image to the beast' represents that form of apostate Protestantism which will be developed when the Protestant churches shall seek the aid of the civil power for the enforcement of their dogmas. The 'mark of the beast' still remains to be defined" {GC88 445.2}.

Under Obama and then Trump, we saw blatantly conservative (Republican) Protestants "reach over the abyss to clasp hands with the Roman power" as predicted {GC 588.1} and then become well entrenched in the White House to encourage certain activities, dictates of law, etc., including the removing of enforcement of the Johnson Amendment. It was not repealed, but the IRS was told to not enforce it.

Now, we have behind the scenes cooperation from the liberal (Democratic) Protestants who are in full cooperation with the papacy, a type of clasping the hand as well, but all back stage, and not being so blatant. Further, by accepting the COP27 new Ten Commandments on climate change, of which one of them is the enforcement of Sunday as a solution, are they also behind the scenes now appealing to the civil power for enforcement?

Several people on our mailing list believe that it is the Democratic party that brings about the enforcement when we resisted by stating that it is the Republican party. One key reason is that of the use of "moral restoration" is the excuse to be used.

However, with the terms and definition of words being confused on purpose today, like using moral restoration to refer to the fact that adhering to the new Ten Commandments would be a

moral restoration to the planet over the issue of climate change, we see, as stated above, how the papacy is playing both sides quite well – one blatantly and the other behind the scenes.

Is the overt path a distraction? Is behind the scenes what Ellen White saw, or will real Bible morality be restored through the blatant activities of the likes of Trump running again in 2024, Christian Nationalism being pushed, the conservative justices overturning Roe V. Wade with eyes set on other immoral legislation, and much more from the religious right?

That is one thing about fulfilling prophecy, we technically do not know until it is fulfilled. It is a good thing that our job is to simply get the message out there despite the restrictive schemes that are played by both sides. If there is anything we have learned through this, it is to let prophecy fulfill itself.

Prophecy is not for us to guess at and predict how it shall be fulfilled, but rather to reveal where we are in time as it reaches fulfillment. We know that the world makes void the law of God and if the new Ten Commandments are accepted by every nation, we will be very close to reaching that point. The completion comes when they make void the Sabbath and make it universal. That is when the law becoming void is fulfilled. Of course, when that happens, we will not be worried about much else because if we think it is hard to present the truth without censorship today, just wait until Sunday as the Sabbath hits the governments.

Truly we can say, Maranatha (Lord Jesus, Come)!



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

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

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

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

About The Four Angels' Messages Ministry

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sion of the Divine will and purposes of God.

In seeking to make plain or to unravel mysteries hid from ages from mortal man, they are like a man floundering about in the mud, unable to extricate himself, and yet telling others how to get out of the muddy sea they themselves are in. This is a fit representation of the men who set themselves to correct the errors of the Bible. No man can improve the Bible by suggesting what the Lord meant to say or ought to have said.

Some look to us gravely and say, "Don't you think there might have been some mistake in the copyist or in the translators?" This all is probable, and the mind that is so narrow that it will hesitate and stumble over this possibility or probability would be just as ready to stumble over the mysteries of the inspired Word because their feeble minds cannot see through the purposes of God. Yes, they would just as easily stumble over plain facts that the com-

mon mind will accept and discern the Divine, and to which God's utterance is plain and beautiful, full of marrow and fatness. All the mistakes will not cause trouble to one soul or cause any feet to stumble that would not manufacture difficulties from the plainest revealed truth.

God committed the preparation of His divinely inspired Word to finite man. This Word, arranged into books, the Old and New Testaments, is the Guide-book to the inhabitants of a fallen world, bequeathed to them, that by studying and obeying the directions not one soul would lose its way to heaven.

Those who think to make the supposed difficulties of Scriptures plain, in measuring by their finite rule that which is inspired and that which is not inspired, had better cover their faces as Elijah [did] when the still small voice spoke to him; for they are in the presence of God and holy angels, who for ages have communicated to men light and knowledge, telling them what to do

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And He [God] has not, while presenting the perils clustering about the last days, qualified any finite man to unravel hidden mysteries or inspired one man or any class of men to pronounce judgment as to that which is inspired or is not. When men, in their finite judgment, find it necessary to go into an examination of Scriptures to define that which is inspired and that which is not, they have stepped before Jesus to show Him a better way than He has led us.

I take the Bible just as it is, as the Inspired Word. I believe its utterances in an entire Bible. Men arise who think they find something to criticize in God's Word. They lay it bare before others as evidence of superior wisdom. These men are, many of them, smart men, learned men; they have eloquence and talent, the whole lifework [of whom] is to unsettle minds in regard to the inspiration of the Scriptures. They influence many to see as they do. And the same work is passed on from one to another, just as Satan designed it should be, until we may see the full meaning of the words of Christ, "When the Son of Man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth?" Luke 18:8.

Brethren let not a mind or hand be engaged in criticizing the Bible. It is a work that Satan delights to have any of you do, but it is not a work the Lord has pointed out for you to do.

Men should let God take care of His own Book, His living Oracles, as He has done for ages. They begin to question some parts of revelation and pick flaws in the apparent inconsistencies of this statement and that statement. Beginning at Genesis, they give up that which they deem questionable, and their minds lead on, for Satan will lead to any length they may follow in their criticism and they see something to

doubt in the whole Scriptures. Their faculties of criticism become sharpened by exercise, and they can rest on nothing with a certainty. You try to reason with these men, but your time is lost. They will exercise their power of ridicule even upon the Bible. They even become mockers, and they would be astonished if you put it to them in that light.

Brethren, cling to your Bible as it reads, and stop your criticism in regard to its validity, and obey the Word, and not one of you will be lost. The ingenuity of men has been exercised for ages to measure the Word of God by their finite minds and limited comprehension. If the Lord, the author of the living Oracles, would throw back the curtain and reveal His wisdom and His glory before them, they would shrink into nothingness and exclaim as did Isaiah, "I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips" Isaiah 6:5.

Simplicity and plain utterance are comprehended by the illiterate, by the peasant, and the child as well as by the full grown man or the giant in intellect. If the individual is possessed of large talents of mental powers, he will find in the Oracles of God treasures of truth, beautiful and valuable, which he can appropriate. He will also find difficulties, and secrets and wonders which will give him the highest satisfaction to study during a long lifetime, and yet there is an infinity beyond.

Men of humble acquirements, possessing but limited capabilities and opportunities to become conversant in the Scriptures, find in the living Oracles comfort, guidance, counsel, and the plan of salvation as clear as a sunbeam. No one need be lost for want of knowledge, unless he is willfully blind.

We thank God that the Bible is prepared for the poor man as well as for the learned man. It is fitted for all ages and all classes. {Manuscript 16, 1888}



The Law of Moses - Part 3

Owen Russell Loomis Crosier

THE PRIESTHOOD OF CHRIST

The priesthood of the worldly Sanctuary of the first covenant belonged to the sons of Levi; but that of the heavenly, of the better covenant, to the Son of God. He fulfills both the Priesthood of Melchizedek and Aaron. In some respects the Priesthood of Christ resembles that of Melchizedek; and in others that of Aaron or Levi.

1. He was "made an High Priest forever, after the order of Melchizedek." Taxis, rendered order, properly signifies "series, succession". Christ, like Melchizedek, had no priestly descent of pedigree; Hebrews 7:3 (margin) i.e. He never followed nor will have a successor in office; and "because He continueth ever, hath an unchangeable Priesthood," (which passeth not from one to another; margin) verse 24. The Priesthood of Levi to be continuous had many and a succession of priests, "because they were not suffered to continue by reason of death;" verse 23.

2. Being after the order of Melchizedek, He is superior to the sons of Levi; because He blessed and received tithes from them in Abraham; verses 1,7,9,10.

3. He is King and Priest; a King by birth, being from the tribe of Judah, and a Priest by the oath of His Father; verses 14, 21.

4. Being Himself perfect, and His priesthood unending, He is able to "perfect forever" and "save them to the uttermost that come unto God by Him, seeing He ever liveth to make intercession for them."

He was not called after the order of Aaron; i.e. not in his succession; but

this does not at all prove that the Priesthood of Aaron was not typical of the Priesthood of Christ. Paul distinctly shows that it is:

After calling upon us to "consider the Apostle and High Priest of our profession (or religion), Christ Jesus," he lays the foundation of the investigation by drawing the analogy between Moses over his house (oikos, people) and Christ over His,

(1) (Hebrews 3:1-6) and says: "Moses verily was faithful in all his house, as a servant, for a testimony of those things which were to be spoken after." This clearly shows that the Mosaic economy was typical of the divine.

(2) He shows that He was called of God to be an High Priest "as was Aaron;" Hebrews 5:1-5.

(3) Like Aaron and his sons, He took upon Him flesh and blood, the seed of Abraham, "was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin," was made "perfect through suffering," and "in all things it behooved Him to be made like unto His brethren; that He might be a merciful and faithful High Priest in things pertaining to God, to make reconciliation for the sins of the people;" Hebrews 2:4.

[# 4 WAS SKIPPED – THIS IS THE NUMBERING OF THE ORIGINAL ARTICLE]

(5) Both were ordained for men in things pertaining to God: that (they might) offer both gifts and sacrifices for sins;" Hebrews 5:1; 8:3.

(6) Paul evidently considered the Levitical priesthood typical of Christ's from the pains he takes to explain

the analogies and contrasts between them;

(7) "And they truly were many priests, because they were not suffered to continue by reason of death: but this Man, because He continueth ever, hath an unchangeable priesthood."

(8) "Who needeth not daily, as those high priests to offer up sacrifices, first for His own sins, and then for the people's; for this He did once when He offered up Himself."

(9) "For the law maketh men high priests which have infirmity; but the word of the oath which was since the law, maketh the Son who is consecrated (perfected, margin) for evermore;" Hebrews 7:23-28.

(10) "But now hath He obtained a more excellent ministry" than theirs; Heb 8:6.

(11) "By how much also He is the mediator of a better covenant" than theirs; Hebrews 8:6.

(12) "But Christ being come an High Priest of good things to come, by a greater and more perfect tabernacle" than theirs; Hebrews 9:11.

(13) "Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by His own blood, He entered in once into the holy place." verse 12.

(14) "For if the blood of bulls and of goats and the ashes of an heifer sprinkling the unclean sanctifieth to the purifying of the flesh; how much more shall the blood of Christ, who, through the eternal spirit offered Himself without spot to God purge your conscience;" verses 13, 14.

(15) "For Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands, which are the figures of the true; but into heaven itself; verse 24.

(16) "Nor yet that He should offer Himself often, as the high priest entereth into the holy place every year with blood of others;" but now once in the end of the world hath He appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself;" verses 25, 26.

(17) "And as it is appointed unto (the) men (priests) once to die, but after this the judgment: so Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for Him shall He appear the second time without sin unto salvation." verses 27, 28.

(18) "For the law having a shadow of good things to come, and not the very image of the things can never with those sacrifices which they offered year by year continually, make the comers thereunto perfect;" but "by one offering He hath perfected forever them that are sanctified;" Hebrews 10:14.

(19) "It is not possible that the blood of bulls and of goats should take away sins;" "but a body hast Thou prepared Me;" verses 4, 5.

These are a part of the contrasts or comparisons the Apostle draws between the Levitical priesthood and Christ's, and there is a resemblance in every instance, but Christ's is superior to Levi's. – I add one more. Hebrews 8:4,5. "For if He were on earth He should not be a priest, seeing that there (many, they) are priests that offer gifts according to the law: Who serve unto the example and shadow of heavenly things."

The features of the substance always bear a resemblance to those of the shadow, hence the "heavenly things" referred to in this text must be priestly service "in the heavens" (verses 1,2) performed by our High Priest in His Sanctuary; for if the shadow is service, the substance is service also.

As the priests of the law served unto the example and shadow of the heavenly service we can from their service learn something of the nature of the heavenly service. "Moses was admonished of God when he was about to make the tabernacle; for, see (saith he) that thou make all things according to the pattern showed to thee in the Mount."

None can deny that, in obedience to this admonition, Moses made or instituted the Levitical priesthood; it was then "according to the pattern" which the Lord showed him, and that pattern was of heavenly things, Hebrews 9:23. If there was not another text to prove that the Levitical priesthood was typical of the Divine, this would abundantly do it. Yet some are even denying this obvious import of the priesthood; but if this is not its import, I can see no meaning in it. It is an idle round of ceremonies without sense or use, as it did not perfect those for whom it was performed; but looked upon as typical of the heavenly, it is replete with the most important instruction. As this is the application made of it by the New Testament, so we must regard it, while we examine the atonement made under the Levitical priesthood.

"Now when these things (the worldly Sanctuary with its two apartments and the furniture in each) were thus ordained, the priests went always (daily, Hebrews 7:27; 10:11) into the first tabernacle, accomplishing the service of God. "But into the second went the high priest alone once every year, not without blood, which he offered for himself, and for the errors of the people." Hebrews 9:6,7.

Here Paul divides the services of the Levitical priesthood into two classes – one daily in the Holy, and the other yearly in the Holy of Holies. Their stated daily services, performed in

the Holy and at the brazen altar in the court before the tabernacle, consisted of a burnt-offering of two lambs, one in the morning and the other at even, with a meat-offering which was one tenth of an ephah of flour mingled with the fourth part of an hin of beaten oil, and a drink-offering which was one-fourth of an hin of strong wine. The meat-offering was burnt with the lamb, and the drink-offering was poured in the Holy; Exodus 29:38-42; Numbers 28:3-8. In connection with this, they burned on the golden altar in the Holy, sweet incense, which was a very rich perfume, when they dressed and lighted the lamps every evening and morning. Exodus 30:34-38; 31:11; 30:7-9. The same was afterwards done at the Temple. 1 Chronicles 16:37-40; 2 Chronicles 2:4; 13:4-12; (13:3 see 2 Chronicles 31:3) Ezra 3:3.

This did not atone for sins either individually or collectively. The daily service described was a sort of continual intercession; but the making of atonement was a special work for which special directions are given. Different words are used both in the Old Testament and New, to express the same idea as At-one-ment.

Examples. – The italicized words are, in the text, synonymous with atone or atonement.

Exodus 29:36; "Thou shalt *cleanse* the altar when thou hast made an atonement for it." - Leviticus 12:8; "The priest shall make an atonement for her and she shall *be clean*."

Leviticus 14:2; "This shall be the law of the leper in the day of his *cleansing*."

Verse 21; "The priest shall make an atonement for him and he shall *be clean*." The atonement could not be made for him till after he was *healed* of the leprosy,

Leviticus 13:45,46. Till he was *healed*, he had to dwell alone without the camp.

Then Leviticus 14:3,4; "The priest shall go forth out of the camp; and the priest shall look, and behold if the plague of the leprosy be *healed* in the leper; then shall the priest command to take for him that is to be *cleansed* two birds alive and clean," etc.

The law was the same in cleansing a house from the leprosy.

Verses 33-57; The stones affected with the plague were removed and the house "scraped within round about" and then repaired with new material.

Physical uncleanness is now all removed and we would call it clean; but not so; it is only just prepared to be cleansed according to the law.

Verse 48; "And he shall take to *cleanse* the house two birds" etc.

Verse 49; "And he shall *cleanse* the house with the blood of the bird" etc.

Verses 52, 53; "And make an atonement for the house, and it shall *be clean*."

Leviticus 16:18,19; "And he shall go out unto the altar that is before the Lord, and make an atonement for it." "And he shall sprinkle of the blood upon it with his finger seven times, and *cleanse* it and *hallow* it from the uncleanness of the children of Israel."

Leviticus 8:15; "And Moses took the blood, and put it upon the horns of the altar round about with his fingers and *purified* the altar, and poured the blood at the bottom of the altar, and *sanctified* it, to make *reconciliation* upon it."

2 Chronicles 29:29; [see 2 Chronicles 29:24] "And they made *reconciliation* with their blood upon the altar, to make an atonement for all Israel,"

Jeremiah 33:8; "I will *cleanse* them from all their iniquities," "and I will *pardon* all their iniquities."

Romans 5:9-11; "Being now *justified* by His blood," "by whom we have now received the atonement,"

2 Corinthians 5:17-19; "Who hath *reconciled* us to Himself by Jesus Christ."

Ephesians 2:16; "And that He might *reconcile* both unto God,"

Hebrews 9:13,14; "The blood of bulls *sanctifieth* to the *purifying* of the flesh; but the blood of Christ shall *purge* our conscience from dead works." He is the Mediator for the "*redemption* of the transgressions," and to "*perfect* forever them that are *sanctified*,"

Hebrews 10:14; Ephesians 1:7; "In whom we have *redemption* through His blood, the *forgiveness* of our sins,"

Acts 3:19; "Be *converted* that your sins may be *blotted out*."

From these texts we learn that the words atone, cleanse, reconcile, purify, purge, pardon, sanctify, hallow, forgive, justify, redeem, blot out, and some others, are used to signify, the same work, viz., bringing into favor with God; and in all cases blood is the means, and sometimes blood and water.

The atonement is the great idea of the Law, as well as the Gospel; and as the design of that of the Law was to teach us that of the Gospel, it is very important to be understood. The atonement which the priest made for the people in connection with their daily ministration was different from that made on the tenth day of the seventh month. In making the former, they went no further than in the Holy; but to make the latter they en-

tered the Holy of Holies – the former was made for individual cases, the latter for the whole nation of Israel collectively – the former was made for the forgiveness of sins, the latter for blotting them out – the former could be made at any time, the latter only on the tenth day of the seventh month. Hence the former may be called the daily atonement and the latter the yearly, or the former the individual, and the latter the national atonement.

The individual atonement for the forgiveness of sins was made for a single person, or for the whole congregation in case they were collectively guilty of some sin. The 1st chapter of Leviticus gives directions for the burnt-offering, the 2nd for the meat-offering, the 3rd for the peace-offering, and the 4th for the sin-offering, which, as its name implies, was an offering for sins, in which he who offered it attained forgiveness of his sins. The trespass-offering, Leviticus 5; 6:1-7, was similar to the sin-offering, "If a soul sin through ignorance," Leviticus 4:2, "when he knoweth of it, then shall he be guilty," Leviticus 5:3, "And it shall be when he shall be guilty in any of these things, that he shall confess

that he hath sinned in that thing," verse 5.

From Numbers 5:6-8, it appears that confession and restitution are necessary in all cases before the atonement could be made for the individual. "When a man or woman shall commit any sin that man commit, to do a trespass against the Lord, and that person be guilty," then they shall confess their sin which they have done, and he shall recompense his trespass with the principle thereof, and add unto it the fifth part thereof, and give it unto him against whom he hath trespassed." Then he or the elders (if it was for the congregation) brought the victim for the sin or trespass-offering to the door of the tabernacle of the congregation on the north side of the altar of burnt-offering in the court, Leviticus 4:24; 1:11; 17:1-7, there he (or the elders) laid his hand on its head and killed it, Leviticus 4:2-4, 13-15, 22-24, 27-29. Then, the victim being presented and slain, the priest that was anointed took some of the blood into the Holy, and with his finger sprinkled it before the veil of the Sanctuary and put some of it upon the horns of the altar of incense, then poured the remainder of the blood at the bottom of the

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altar. Thus he made an atonement for the individual, and his sin was forgiven, Leviticus 4:5-10, 16-20, 25, 26, 30-35. The carcasses of the sin-offering were taken without the camp and burned "in a clean place," Leviticus 4:11,12,21.

It should be distinctly remembered that the priest did not begin his duties till he obtained the blood of the victim, and that they were all performed in the court (the enclosure of the Sanctuary), and that the atonement thus made was only for the forgiveness of sins. These points are expressly taught in this chapter and the following one on the trespass-offering. Here is an atonement, to make which, the priests only entered the Holy, and to make it they could enter that apartment "always" or "daily". "But into the second (the Holy of Holies) went the high priest alone once every year, not without blood, which he offered for himself, and for the errors of the people," (Laos, nation). This defines the yearly to be.

The National Atonement, of which the Lord "speaks particularly" in Leviticus 16: "And the Lord said unto Moses, speak unto Aaron, thy brother, that he come not at all times into the holy place within the veil, before the mercy-seat, which is upon the ark; that he die not: for I will appear in the cloud upon the mercy-seat:" verse 2. For what purpose and when could he enter it? "To make an atonement for all Israel, (the whole nation,) for all their sins once a year" "on the tenth day of the seventh month," verses 34, 29. This was the most important day of the year. The whole nation having had their sins previously forgiven by the atonement made in the Holy, now assemble about their Sanctuary, while the High Priest, attired in his holy garments for

glory and beauty, verse 4, Exodus 28, having the golden bells on the hem of his robe that his sound may be heard when he goeth in before the Lord, the breast-plate of judgment on his heart, with their names therein that he may bear their judgment, also in it the Urim and Thummim (light and perfection), and the plate of pure gold, the holy crown, (Leviticus 8:9, Exodus 28:36), with " HOLINESS TO THE LORD " engraved upon it, placed upon the fore-front of his mitre that he may bear the iniquities of the holy things, enters the Holy of Holies to make an atonement to cleanse them, that they may be clean from all their sins before the Lord, verse 30.

The victims for the atonement of this day were, for the priest himself, a young bullock for a sin-offering, verse 3, and for the people, two goats; one for a sin-offering and the other for the scape-goat, and a ram for a burnt-offering, verses 5-8. He killed, or caused to be killed, the bullock for a sin-offering for himself, verse 11. "Then he shall take a censer full of burning coals of fire from off the altar before the Lord, and his hands full of sweet incense beaten small, and bringing it within the veil; And he shall put the incense upon the fire before the Lord, that the cloud of the incense may cover the mercy-seat that is upon the testimony that he die not. And he shall take of the blood of the bullock, and sprinkle it with his finger upon the mercy-seat eastward; and before the mercy-seat shall he sprinkle of the blood with his finger seven times," verses 12-14. So much in preparation to make an atonement for the people; a description of which follows:

"Then shall he kill the goat of the sin-offering which is for the people and leaving [bring] his blood within the veil, and do with that blood as he did

with the blood of the bullock, and sprinkle it upon the mercy-seat. And he shall make an atonement for (cleanse, see marginal references,) the holy place (within the veil, verse 2), because of the uncleanness of the children of Israel, because of their transgressions in all their sins: and so shall he do for (i.e. atone for or cleanse), the tabernacle of the congregation (the Holy) that remaineth among them in the midst of their uncleanness," verses 15, 16; "And he shall go out (of the Holy of Holies) unto the altar that is before the Lord (in the Holy) and make an atonement for it; and shall take of the blood (for himself), and of the blood of the goat (for the people), and put it upon the horns of the altar round about. And he shall sprinkle of the blood upon it with his finger seven times, and cleanse it, and hallow it from the uncleanness of the children of Israel," verses 18, 19. The altar was the golden altar of incense in the Holy upon which the blood of individual atonements was sprinkled during the daily ministration. Thus it received the uncleanness from which it is now cleansed. Exodus 30:1-10; "Aaron shall make an atonement upon the horns of it once a year, with the blood of the sin-offering of atonement." We see from verse 20, that at this stage of the work "he hath made an end of reconciling the holy place, and the tabernacle of the congregation, and the altar," i.e. the Holy of Holies, the Holy, and the altar in the latter.

We have before seen that atone, reconcile, cleanse, etc., signify the same, hence at this stage he has made an end of cleansing those places. As the blood of atonements for the forgiveness of sins was not sprinkled in the court, but in the tabernacle only, the entire work of cleansing the Sanctuary was performed within the

tabernacle. These were holy things, yet cleansed yearly. The holy place within the veil contained the ark of the covenant, covered with the mercy-seat, overshadowed by the cherubims, between which the Lord dwelt in the cloud of divine glory. Who would think of calling such a place unclean? Yet the Lord provided at the time, yea, before it was built, that it should be annually cleansed. It was by blood, and not by fire, that this Sanctuary, which was a type of the new covenant Sanctuary was cleansed.

The high priest on this day "bore the iniquities of the holy things which the children of Israel hallowed in all their holy gifts." Exodus 28:38. These holy things composed the Sanctuary. Numbers 18:1. "And the Lord said unto Aaron, Thou, and thy sons, and thy father's house with thee shall bear the iniquity of the Sanctuary." This "iniquity of the Sanctuary" we have learned was not its own properly, but the children of Israel's, God's own people's, which it had received from them. And this transfer of iniquity from the people to their Sanctuary was not a mere casualty, incident on scenes of lawless rebellion, bloodshed or idolatry among themselves, not the devastation of an enemy; but it was according to the original arrangement and regular operation of this typical system. For we must bear in mind that all the instructions were given to Moses and Aaron before the erection of the Sanctuary. Provision was made to make atonement for sins committed in ignorance; but not till after they were known, Leviticus 4:14, 5:3-6, then of course they became sins of knowledge. Then the individual bore his iniquity, Leviticus 5:1-17; 7:1-8, till he presented his offering to the priest and slew it, the priest made an atonement with the blood, Leviticus

17:11, and he was forgiven, then of course free from his iniquity.

Now at what point did he cease to bear his iniquity? Evidently when he had presented his victim slain; he had then done his part. Through what medium was his iniquity conveyed to the Sanctuary? Through his victim, or rather its blood when the priest took and sprinkled it before the veil and on the altar. Thus the iniquity was communicated to their Sanctuary. The first thing done for the people on the tenth day of the seventh month was to cleanse it, thence by the same means, the application of blood. This done, the high priest bore the "iniquity of the Sanctuary" for the people "to make atonement for them," Leviticus 10:17. "And when he hath made an end of reconciling the holy place (within the veil, verse 2) and the tabernacle of the congregation and the altar (or when he hath cleansed the Sanctuary), he shall bring the live goat: And Aaron shall lay both his hands upon the head of the live goat, and confess over him all

the iniquities of the children of Israel, and all their transgressions and all their sins, putting them upon the head of the goat, and shall send him away by the hand of a fit man into the wilderness: And the goat shall bear upon him all their iniquities into a land not inhabited (margin, of separation) Lev 16:20-22. This was the only office of the scape-goat, to finally receive and bear away from Israel all their iniquities into an uninhabited wilderness and there retain them, leaving Israel at their Sanctuary, and the priest to complete the atonement of the day by burning the fat of the sin-offerings, and offering the two rams for burnt-offerings on the brazen altar in the court, verses 24, 25. The burning without the camp of the carcasses of the sin-offerings closed the services of this important day, verse 27. {1846 ORLC, LOM 39.2 - 40.10}



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Isaiah 1 – Verse-by-verse (Part 3)

Jerry O'Donnell

Continuing with our study of Isaiah 1 with modern day application for “they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come” (1 Corinthians 10:11), we pick up in verse 10.

Isaiah 1:10 Hear the word of the LORD, ye rulers of Sodom; give ear unto the law of our God, ye people of Gomorrah.

Obviously, this message is not for literal Sodom and Gomorrah as they were reduced to ashes long prior to the book of Isaiah. Therefore, there is a spiritual application that Jude brings out. “Even as Sodom and Gomorrah, and the cities about them in like manner, giving themselves over to fornication, and going after strange flesh, are set forth for an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire” (Jude 1:7).

Before expanding upon this verse, may we bring to mind that this message is to prepare a people to meet God. That means that Isaiah is not speaking a soft message by addressing the church as Isaiah 1:4 alludes to. The church at large is in trouble. With that in mind, we now explain a deeper meaning of that which is in Jude.

Giving oneself over to fornication is obvious when sexual immorality is exercised. Those that openly participate in such should be removed from any office, which does not always happen, and members ought to be addressed directly, possibly involving Matthew 18:15-17 if it be more of a quiet matter, or 1 Timothy 5:20 if it be a widely known issue. In reality, how often does that happen in the church? Are many of the leadership

caught up in adultery? Not blatantly open about it. There are few cases, but there is a bigger issue that the church is guilty of fulfilling – that which is in Jude.

We know that the Bible says, “Thou shalt not lie with mankind, as with womankind: it [is] abomination” (Leviticus 18:22), yet making accommodations to welcome that practicing community and the variants, is just as sinful. As the church makes websites friendly towards that community, do not remove certain leadership that openly practices being a transgender and other distorted behavior, allows preachers to suggest we remove the “clobber texts” from the Bible and still lets them have a job as pastor, and makes accommodations at our hospitals, are all variations of being guilty of the same sin.

Despite the call to come back to the word and the law, we know that only a “remnant ... keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ” (Revelation 12:17). Yet, there are those who make noise as they “Cry aloud, spare not, lift up thy voice like a trumpet, and shew my people their transgression, and the house of Jacob their sins” (Isaiah 58:1).

Isaiah 1:11 To what purpose [is] the multitude of your sacrifices unto me? Saith the LORD: I am full of the burnt offerings of rams, and the fat of fed beasts; and I delight not in the blood of bullocks, or of lambs, or of he goats.

God does not need more programs, gimmicks, or other supposed sacrifices. “Behold, to obey [is] better than

sacrifice, [and] to hearken than the fat of rams" (1 Samuel 15:22). God wants obedience to His Word and the law first and foremost.

Isaiah 1:12 When ye come to appear before me, who hath required this at your hand, to tread my courts?

We appear before God in various ways, however, on a weekly basis, we appear in the congregation on the Sabbath. Yes, we are told that "the seventh day [is] the sabbath of rest, an holy convocation" (Leviticus 23:3), however, if we are just playing church, we are treading upon the courts of God. In other words, we are walking disrespectfully regarding the heavenly court when we meet each Sabbath to simply go through the motions of church.

Most churches downplay that there is a heavenly sanctuary and that Jesus is in the Most Holy Place by insinuating that atonement was paid at the cross. We are definitely treading all over the court, the heavenly sanctuary, when we place Jesus on a physical seat at the right hand of God instead of being our High Priest as Hebrews brings out.

It is sad that most denominations tread upon, walk all over, and simply ignore that there is a heavenly sanctuary, but sadder still is when Seventh-day Adventists do it.

Isaiah 1:13 Bring no more vain oblations; incense is an abomination unto me; the new moons and sabbaths, the calling of assemblies, I cannot away with; [it is] iniquity, even the solemn meeting.

God is displeased with going through a form of religion instead of living the religion. Everything associated with

the expected practices becomes distasteful, even an abomination to God. Basically, they are "Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away" (2 Timothy 3:5).

"Unless the ministers are converted, the people will not be. The cold formalism that is now prevailing among us must give place to the living energy of experimental godliness. There is no fault with the theory of the truth; it is perfectly clear and harmonious. But young ministers may speak the truth fluently, and yet have no real sense of the words they utter. They do not appreciate the value of the truth they present, and little realize what it has cost those, who, with prayers and tears, through trial and opposition, have sought for it as for hid treasures. Every new link in the chain of truth was to them as precious as tried gold. These links are now united in a perfect whole. Truths have been dug out of the rubbish of superstition and error, by earnest prayer for light and knowledge, and have been presented to the people as precious pearls of priceless value" {4T 445.1}.

Incense being an abomination is basically saying that under these rebellious conditions, our prayers are an abomination. In reality, "He that turneth away his ear from hearing the law, even his prayer [shall be] abomination" (Proverbs 28:9).

Many play church despite going to church on the correct day being the Sabbath and calling all members to attend both Sabbath school and the church service. But God sees it as iniquity.

Isaiah 1:14 Your new moons and your appointed feasts my soul

hatheth: they are a trouble unto me; I am weary to bear [them].

Any godly recognition, like the few that remember October 22, those that have Agape feasts, again is not looked upon by God as anything special when living in disobedience. In fact, they trouble Him and cause Him to be weary of those attempts at doing something special.

Isaiah 1:15 And when ye spread forth your hands, I will hide mine eyes from you: yea, when ye make many prayers, I will not hear: your hands are full of blood.

Most of this was already addressed regarding why God does not hear our prayers when disobeying without repenting of our sins as found in verse 13.

Then we move onto the blood, which we do not know of slayings happening in the church, however, there is another way to be responsible for the blood. "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). And the way this is done in the church is by not touching upon what we are called to preach about, not addressing sins, turning away from getting involved, avoiding

the giving of the warning messages, etc. "Again, When a righteous [man] doth turn from his righteousness, and commit iniquity, and I lay a stumbling block before him, he shall die: because thou hast not given him warning, he shall die in his sin, and his righteousness which he hath done shall not be remembered; but his blood will I require at thine hand" (Ezekiel 3:20).

So, by not giving the Three Angels' Messages, by squashing the distribution of *The Great Controversy*, for apologizing when others pick up the mantle, and many other things done to avoid addressing those outside of the church to give them warning and avoiding warning the righteous people in the church to not step out of their righteousness makes the church full of blood.

"There are many who spread forth their hands in Pharisaical self-righteousness and self-importance, who yet deny the principles of the law of God in their daily actions. Let not those whose hands are full of blood think to find acceptance with God because of their forms of worship. Those who sell intoxicating liquor to their fellow-men come under this reproof" {RH, May 8, 1894 par. 4}.

To be continued...



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How Do You Resolve It?

Jerry O'Donnell

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.

Is Jesus Being Contradictory About Praying for Enemies?

Based upon a question submitted, it was determined to be most fitting to be answered in this section.

What did Jesus mean when He said that He would not pray for the world? He taught to pray for enemies. Is that not contradictory?

John 17:9 I pray for them: I pray not for the world, but for them which thou hast given me; for they are thine.

Matthew 5:44 But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you;

In the context of what Jesus prayed, by including the words, "I pray for them: I pray not for the world, but for them which thou hast given me; for they are thine" (John 17:9), it would require basically the whole chapter to be read, which we will not include here. Although Jesus does encourage us to pray for our enemies, Jesus is here meaning that He was not going to pray for the world the specific prayer that follows in the subsequent verses while it is for all disciples in every generation.

The world does not glorify Jesus, but His disciples can, and do (John 17:10).

The world will never be one in Christ, but can be among His true disciples (John 17:11).

Everyone in the world was not been kept from the world, but of the twelve disciples, they were kept "but the son of perdition" (John 17:12), meaning Judas was lost.

The people of the world cannot experience Christ's joy, but His disciples can (John 17:13).

The people of the world cannot accept Christ's words, but His disciples can (John 17:14).

Jesus further prayed, "I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil" (John 17:15), but those of the world embrace the evil and therefore Jesus cannot pray for willful people that choose to indulge in evil. That would be a different prayer, which I am sure He prayed.

Only Jesus' disciples can be sanctified by the truth, the Word of God, and not those of the world (John 17:17).

Those of the world will not go to share the gospel, but His disciples are willing (John 17:18).

And so, overall, John 17:9 is not about shunning the enemies as it is that the words that are about to follow are not acceptable by the people of the world, but they are acceptable by His disciples. It is like saying, "I am about to pray specific content that those of the world will not receive, but my disciples are open to receiving. Now, here is the list of items that I pray that my disciples will perform, but I am not going to pray for those

of the world to perform these things". And if people of the world perform the things that Jesus listed,

then they would no longer be of the world.



Keep the Sabbath Holy

Jerry O'Donnell

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.

Guarding the Mind from Worldly Intrusion

Ellen White pens, **"Those who are not fully converted to the truth, frequently let their minds run freely upon worldly business, and although they may rest from physical toil upon the Sabbath, their tongues speak out what is in their minds; hence these words concerning cattle, crops, losses, and gains. All this is Sabbath-breaking. If the mind is running upon worldly matters, the tongue will reveal it; for out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh"** {GW92 208.1}.

Just because we do not act upon our thoughts does not make Sabbath breaking any less an offence to God being contained in the mind. Some, on the Sabbath, make plans, figure out solutions, have their minds race on the challenges of the past week working out the solutions, etc. and are gearing up to implement those results once the Sabbath is out. That is still Sabbath breaking despite the lack of physical exercise of those plans, even if we do not mouth it out loud.

The mind needs to be brought into captivity on the Sabbath towards themes appropriate to the Sabbath.

Sure, things of concern will be injected into our minds during the Sabbath for surely Satan is out to disrupt the peace and rest that we are to experience. That in itself is not Sabbath breaking as long as it is put out of the mind as quickly as it entered. Dwelling upon those things for a period of time, be it a number of seconds to a few minutes, is when the sin is being conceived. When this happens, we no longer can call it temptation.

The suggestion is to have scripture and/or a song ready to come to mind. When the thought of what needs to be done after the Sabbath enters the mind, with the mind start repeating Bible verses, break out in song, etc. When we say "repeating Bible verses", we are not stating that one repeats the same verse over and over like other religions, but rather think to randomly bring to mind and state it in the mind those verses until the passing of the temptation to work out the problem goes away. No one needs to hear us sing or quote verses for the mind is wonderfully made allowing us to do many things with the mind without mouthing a word or letting anyone know what is going on up there.

So, what do you think about and dwell upon during Sabbath hours, especially when alone?



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.

Hot and Cold Food Avoidance

COLD: I recommended them to take something warm upon the stomach every morning, at least. They could do this without much labor, they could make graham gruel. ... If your bread is dry you can crumb it into your gruel, and it will be enjoyed. I do not approve of eating much cold food for the reason that the vitality must be drawn from the system to warm the food until it becomes of the same temperature as the stomach before the work of digestion can be carried on. Another very simple, yet wholesome dish is beans boiled and baked, and a portion of them may be diluted with water, Dried corn can be easily prepared, left to soak over night, scald it up in the morning, ... and you have warm, healthful food, free from spice and grease. {RH, July 19, 1870 par. 6}

HOT: Very hot food ought not to be taken into the stomach. Soups, puddings, and other articles of the kind, are often eaten too hot, and as a consequence the stomach is debilitated. Let them become partly cooled before they are eaten. {RH, July 29, 1884 par. 8}

Hot drinks are not required, except as a medicine. The stomach is greatly injured by a large quantity of hot food and hot drink. Thus the throat and digestive organs, and through them the other organs of the body, are enfeebled. {21MR 286.4}

[In regards to soups, least amount of broth the better, and it is suggested to use something to sop up the broth like certain type of crackers, bread, etc. Remember, liquids interfere with digestion.]



Healthy And Delicious Recipes

Reen Swindle

Chick Pea Burgers

Ingredients

- 4 tablespoons tahini, divided
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- 1 ¼ teaspoons onion powder, divided
- 1 ¼ teaspoons garlic powder, divided
- 2 tablespoons water
- 1 teaspoon chopped fresh chives plus 2 tablespoons, divided
- 1 (15 ounce) can no-salt-added chickpeas, rinsed
- 1 teaspoon ground cumin
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- ¼ cup fresh parsley leaves
- ½ cup shredded zucchini

- ½ cup old-fashioned rolled oats
- 1 tablespoon extra-virgin olive oil

Directions

Combine 2 tablespoons tahini, lemon juice, 1/2 teaspoon onion powder, 1/4 teaspoon garlic powder in a small bowl. Gradually whisk in water until the mixture is smooth. Stir in 1 teaspoon chives. Set aside.

Place chickpeas, cumin, salt and the remaining 2 tablespoons tahini, 1 teaspoon garlic powder and 3/4 teaspoon onion powder in a food processor. Pulse, stopping once or twice to scrape down the sides, until a coarse mixture forms that holds together when pressed. Add parsley

and the remaining 2 tablespoons chives; pulse until the herbs are finely chopped and incorporated into the mixture. Transfer to a bowl.

Squeeze zucchini in a clean kitchen towel to remove extra moisture. Add the zucchini and oats to the chickpea mixture; use your hands to combine, pressing to mash together. Form into 4 patties.

Heat oil in a large nonstick skillet over medium-high heat. Add the patties and cook until golden and beginning to crisp, 4 to 5 minutes. Carefully flip and cook until golden brown, 2 to 4 minutes more.



"Now I must speak of green beans and green peas as having a high nutritive value, and of the same character as the nutritive elements of beefsteak; so when you stop the use of meat, you should use peas and beans both green and dry." {March 1, 1897 N/A, GCDB 188.14} Health Principles. J.H. Kellogg, M.D.

Natural Vitamins

Jerry O'Donnell

The Health Benefits of Eating Bananas

1. Nutrition, for they contain vitamin C, riboflavin, folate, niacin, copper, potassium, and magnesium.
2. Keep blood sugar levels from spiking.
3. Slow down the emptying of the stomach, reducing the number of times a person experiences hunger.
4. Support digestive health because of the fiber which helps to prevent constipation and promotes softer stools.
5. May assist in weight loss and reduce appetite since they are low in calories and high in fiber.
6. Good for the heart because of the potassium and magnesium content.
7. Contain antioxidants which help prevent the damage caused by free radicals.
8. Contain significant amounts of protein.
9. May improve insulin when eaten in the unripe stage.
10. Good for the kidneys because of the potassium.
11. Good source of electrolytes, so they aid in recovery from exercising the body by preventing cramps and restoring electrolytes that were lost during exercise.



Authorized KJV vs Catholic Bible

Jerry O'Donnell

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.

Should We Study or Not?

We are to study God's Word learning what is approved of God, denying ourselves of sin, taking up the cross resisting temptation, and following Jesus. Further, there is a right way to understand God's Word and many wrong ways.

2 Timothy 2:15 Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

In Error:

American Standard Version: Give diligence to present thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, handling aright the word of truth.

Anderson New Testament: Strive to present yourself to God as approved, a workman that has no cause to be ashamed, rightly setting forth the word of truth.

Aramaic Bible in Plain English: And take care of yourself, that you present yourself perfectly before God, a laborer without shame, who preaches the word of truth straightforwardly.

Berean Literal Bible: Hasten to present yourself approved to God, a workman not ashamed, accurately handling the word of truth.

Berean Study Bible: Make every effort to present yourself approved to God, an unashamed workman who accurately handles the word of truth.

Catholic Public Domain Version: Be solicitous in the task of presenting yourself before God as a proven and unashamed worker who has handled the Word of Truth correctly.

Christian Standard Bible: Be diligent to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who doesn't need to be ashamed, correctly teaching the word of truth.

Contemporary English Version: Do your best to win God's approval as a worker who doesn't need to be ashamed and who teaches only the true message.

Darby Bible Translation: Strive diligently to present thyself approved to God, a workman that has not to be ashamed, cutting in a straight line the word of truth.

English Revised Version: Give diligence to present thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, handling aright the word of truth.

English Standard Version: Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth.

GOD'S WORD® Translation: Do your best to present yourself to God as a

tried-and-true worker who isn't ashamed to teach the word of truth correctly.

Good News Translation: Do your best to win full approval in God's sight, as a worker who is not ashamed of his work, one who correctly teaches the message of God's truth.

Haweis New Testament: Be diligent to present thyself before God approved, a workman that need not blush, rightly dividing the word of truth.

Holman Christian Standard Bible: Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who doesn't need to be ashamed, correctly teaching the word of truth.

International Standard Version: Do your best to present yourself to God as an approved worker who has nothing to be ashamed of, handling the word of truth with precision.

Literal Emphasis Translation: Give full diligence be speedy, hasten, latin-sollicite-anxiously root is rouse) to present yourself approved to God, an unashamed workman, straightly handling the word of truth;

Literal Standard Version: be diligent to present yourself approved to God—a workman not ashamed, straightly cutting the word of truth;

Mace New Testament: endeavour to approve yourself to God, as an artist that is not afraid of reproach, by rightly explaining the word of truth.

NET Bible: Make every effort to present yourself before God as a proven worker who does not need to be ashamed, teaching the message of truth accurately.

New American Standard Bible: Be diligent to present yourself approved to God as a worker who does not need to be ashamed, accurately handling the word of truth.

New Heart English Bible: Do your best to present yourself approved by God, a

worker who does not need to be ashamed, properly handling the word of truth.

New International Version: Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth.

New King James Version: Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

New Living Translation: Work hard so you can present yourself to God and receive his approval. Be a good worker, one who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly explains the word of truth.

Smith's Literal Translation: Be earnest to present thyself acceptable to God, a worker without shame, dividing rightly the word of truth.

Weymouth New Testament: Earnestly seek to commend yourself to God as a servant who, because of his straightforward dealing with the word of truth, has no reason to feel any shame.

World English Bible: Give diligence to present yourself approved by God, a workman who doesn't need to be ashamed, properly handling the Word of Truth.

Worrell New Testament: Give diligence to present yourself approved to God, a workman not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

Worsley New Testament: Endeavour to present thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

Young's Literal Translation: be diligent to present thyself approved to God -- a workman irreproachable, rightly dividing the word of the truth;

Correct This Time:

A Faithful Version: Diligently study to show yourself approved unto God, a workman who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the Word of the truth;

Amplified Bible: Study and do your best to present yourself to God approved, a workman [tested by trial] who has no reason to be ashamed, accurately handling and skillfully teaching the word of truth.

Bishops' Bible of 1568: Studie to shewe thy selfe approued vnto God, a workman not to be ashamed, rightlie deuidyng the worde of trueth.

Coverdale Bible of 1535: Study to shewe thy selfe vnto God a laudable workman, that nedeth not to be ashamed, deuydyng the worde of trueth iustly.

Douay-Rheims Bible: Carefully study to present thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be

ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth.

Geneva Bible of 1587: Studie to shewe thy selfe approued vnto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, diuiding the worde of trueth aright.

Godbey New Testament: Study to present yourself to God approved, a workman not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

Lamsa Bible: Strive to conduct yourself perfectly before God, as a soldier without reproach and one who preaches straightforwardly the word of truth.

Tyndale Bible of 1526: Study to shewe thy silfe laudable vnto god a workman yt nedeth not to be a shamed diuidyng the worde of trueth iustly.

Webster's Bible Translation: Study to show thyself approved to God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.



Questions And Answers

Jerry O'Donnell

Allow at least three (3) months before your question may appear.

QUESTION: Who are the “publicans”? Are they political positions?

ANSWER: The word “publicans” was primarily used by the Pharisees against anyone who they deemed unsavable. They believed that once a certain sin was committed, there was no forgiveness and instead of them calling such people “lost”, the Pharisees called them “publicans”. Many Jews also picked up the term and used it then as well. It was a derogatory term in general putting the person that used such a term at a status above the subject.

QUESTION: Can you explain Luke 8:18 please?

ANSWER: Ellen White states it better than we can:

Man is to hear the Word of God filled with a hungering desire to hear in faith and profit by the hearing. "Take heed, therefore, how ye hear; for whosoever hath, to him shall be given; and whosoever hath not, from him shall be taken away, even that which he seemeth to have." We are to give sincere, earnest attention to the teaching of Christ, realizing the

importance of hearing aright, that God may use us in teaching others. "With what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again." The measure of the earnestness with which you hear My word, that you may help others, will be the measure by which a knowledge of this word is given to you. To him who listens intently shall be given; for God sees that he will use his knowledge aright. From him who has not improved his opportunities, who has not practiced the truth, that others may share in the blessing of his knowledge, shall be taken away, even that which he has. His opportunity to be all that God designed him to be, receiving and imparting the light of heaven, shall be taken away from him. {PUR, December 22, 1904 par. 7}

The parables of Christ have been placed on record, and to the honest, diligent seeker after truth, their meaning will be made plain, their mystery unveiled. Those who will not seek for truth as for hidden treasure, make manifest the fact that they do not sincerely desire to know what is truth. Christ still says to his true followers, "It is given to you to know the mystery of the kingdom of heaven." "Whosoever hath to him shall be given, and he shall have more abun-

dance." He who responds to the drawing of Christ, will be found inquiring as to what is truth, that his feet may be directed into the way of righteousness. Christ is drawing all men, but all do not respond to his drawing. Those who yield their will to God's will, who are willing to follow where the Spirit of God may lead, who receive the light and walk therein, will seek for still more of heavenly enlightenment, and "shall have more abundance". But whoever resists the drawing of the Spirit of God, and refuses to walk in the light, choosing to walk in the path of his own selecting, will not be compelled to yield his stubborn will, or be forced to walk in the path of peace and holiness. Those who follow this course are of those who, having eyes, see not, but are blind to the terrible results of their choice, and walk in sparks of their own kindling, and shall lie down in sorrow. {ST, November 7, 1892 par. 3}

QUESTION: Ellen White counsels us not to go to the movies, but did she know that the movies would come to us?

ANSWER: If she did, she could not write that down because people

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would be more interested in knowing how this technology would be possible, seeing it was not invented, and would not focus upon the principle of things. But overall, it is Satan's way to circumnavigate around the restriction. Bringing it to the homes in various forms, using subscriptions to the news and informative stations, even historical channels, as permission to bring in the bigger package that we ought not partake in accordance with counsel. Even David wrote, "I will set no wicked thing before mine eyes: I hate the work of them that turn aside; [it] shall not cleave to me" (Psalms 101:3).

QUESTION: Do you have books touching the subjects of spiritualism, witchcraft, demon possession, satanism, or black magic?

ANSWER: Although they are interesting subjects, no, we do not have any books on those matters. As for wanting to find out how to combat such things, since we have nothing detailed, here are the words of Jesus: "Howbeit this kind goeth not out but by prayer and fasting" (Matthew 17:21).

QUESTION: When it appears there is no hope of leading someone to the truth, are we allowed to give up?

ANSWER: We ought to be careful with our resources, which is not only money, but time as well. When someone is shut down and shows no opportunity to be open, use your efforts elsewhere. Praying for that person ought not cease, but physical

attempts are allowed to be ended. Jesus did so with the Pharisees and Sadducees. Paul even stated to the stubborn Jews, "Then Paul and Barnabas waxed bold, and said, It was necessary that the word of God should first have been spoken to you: but seeing ye put it from you, and judge yourselves unworthy of everlasting life, lo, we turn to the Gentiles" (Acts 13:46).

You may feel sad for them but do not regret ending your efforts with them.

QUESTION: Do you think social service done with grumbling and complaining is acceptable?

ANSWER: "God has given to every man his work. When He gives to His servant a special work to do, what a pity it is that he will take up so many burdens that God has not appointed to him, but to some others to bear, and go on grumbling and complaining" {UL 268.4}.

QUESTION: Will there only be 144,000 standing when Jesus comes?

ANSWER: Of those that will not see death, not enter the grave, "The living saints, 144,000 in number, knew and understood the voice, while the wicked thought it was thunder and an earthquake" {EW 14.1}. There are only 144,000 living saints at the second coming. The rest will have to be resurrected to meet Jesus.



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Prophecy Made Plain

Jerry O'Donnell

In this new article, as requested by our readership, we will address one last day event at a time and try to put it into plain speak.

One Taken and the Other Left

This is based upon a question we received but we thought it would be fitting to address it here instead.

The question was, in the verses about “one taken and the other left”, where do the taken go and which group do we want to be in?

Luke 17:34-36 states, “I tell you, in that night there shall be two [men] in one bed; the one shall be taken, and the other shall be left. Two [women] shall be grinding together; the one shall be taken, and the other left. Two [men] shall be in the field; the one shall be taken, and the other left.” So, we see two men trying to get some rest, two women at the mill, and two men in the field. It is important to note where they are located, because the disciples have a question.

“And they answered and said unto him, Where, Lord?” (Luke 17:37). Now, certainly they are not going to ask about the three left behind because they knew that those three are left in a bed, at the mill, and in the field. So, the question pertains to where do the taken ones end up.

“And he said unto them, Whosoever the body [is], thither will the eagles be gathered together” (Luke 17:37). Now the assumption placed upon this happens to be that eagles fly in the air, therefore, the taken should be taken into the skies, as in some type of secret rapture to be with Jesus. But that is not scripturally sound.

These people are not being taken just to meet the eagles in the air, but rather, they are taken to where eagles are gathered together, keeping in

mind that eagles are a bird of prey.

Now, Matthew 24:28 reveals a gathering of eagles: “For whosoever the carcass is, there will the eagles be gathered together” (Matthew 24:28). The ones taken are not taken to Heaven or any other heavenly location but rather to the place to be feasted upon in the form of being dead as a carcass insinuates.

Keep in mind, Jesus also said, “Gather ye together first the tares, and bind them in bundles to burn them: but gather the wheat into my barn” (Matthew 13:30). The action of the angels is to first collect the lost.

So, to answer the question, who are taken? They are the lost. We do not want to be in that group for the taken will be feasted upon, just as Revelation 19:17-18 states regarding the second coming: “And I saw an angel standing in the sun; and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the fowls that fly in the midst of heaven, Come and gather yourselves together unto the supper of the great God; That ye may eat the flesh of kings, and the flesh of captains, and the flesh of mighty men, and the flesh of horses, and of them that sit on them, and the flesh of all [men, both] free and bond, both small and great.”

As the so-called icing on the cake, read carefully 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17: “For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive [and] remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so

shall we ever be with the Lord.” So, the Lord descends with a shout along with the voice of the archangel and the trump of God. The righteous dead shall come up and then, take note, they which did not experience the grave nor are they part of those that He will “destroy with the brightness of

his coming” (2 Thessalonians 2:8) but remaining alive, they are those that are left behind. So, even the Thessalonian letter matches.

Therefore, we want to be in the left behind group.



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.

October 31—Advent Messenger

AdventHealth will Sponsor “Broadway’s Biggest Blockbuster” Show Called “Wicked,” which Features Witches, Dragons, Demons, Wizards, and a Goat-teacher (Satan)

As part of the Seventh-day Adventist Church’s strategic partnership with AdventHealth, Seventh-day Adventists, through AdventHealth, will “sponsor” and “present” what the New York Times calls “Broadway’s Biggest Blockbuster” show. The Broadway production is titled “Wicked—the Untold True Story of the Witches of Oz.”

Bible: Exodus 22:18 “Thou shalt not suffer a witch to live.”

Comment: Though we do not physically kill witches, we ought not support the encouragement to be entertained by them.

November 7—Fulcrum 7

NAD Forms New Committee To Apologize For Colonization and Oppression

Several increasingly woke denominations are pursuing this line of thinking as the next step in critical theory.

EGW: “The habits and customs of fashionable society should not gauge their course of action. The inspired apostle Paul adds: “And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.”” {3T 157.1}

November 11—Fulcrum 7

Pacific Union College Excludes Gay Group From Fall Festival, Then Issues Apology

One group that was not represented there was GASP, an unofficial group of students and faculty members at Pacific Union College who aim to support and affirm lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and Queer (LGBTQ) students.

EGW: “Halfhearted Christians obscure the glory of God, misinterpret piety, and cause men to receive false ideas as to what constitutes vital godliness. Others think that they, also, can be Christians and yet consult their own tastes and make provision for the flesh, if these falsehearted professors can do so.” {RC 65.2}

November 12—Advent Messenger

When Adventist Churches Serve as Polling Stations for Voters During the 2022 Midterm Elections

When did Jesus say, "Teach all nations, baptize them and register them to vote?"

EGW: "God employs the strongest figures to show that there should be no union between worldly parties and those who are seeking the righteousness of Christ." {GW 392.3}

November 14—Advent Messenger

Adventists Demand Immediate Climate Action During COP27

"We aim to do our deed; offices in our network have started to move towards net zero, signed the Climate charter, shared our knowledge at the COP26 and COP27, and published the comprehensive Carbon Reduction Guide in 2021."

Comment: Part of "net zero" is to reduce the population.

EGW: "We cannot with safety take part in any political scheme. We cannot labor to please men who will use their influence to repress religious liberty, and to set in operation oppressive measures to lead or compel their fellow-men to keep Sunday as the Sabbath." {GW 391.2}

November 18—Advent Messenger

Adventists in Mexico, including our Children, Teamed Up with Various Catholic Orders to Promote Diversity, Dialogue, Inclusion, Ties, Sustainability, and the Common Good'

These faith-based groups that Seventh-day Adventists in Mexico were so eager to join: Missionaries of Jesus Christ, Caritas Quintana Roo, Al-Anon family groups, Regnum Christi, Apostles of the Word, Prayer and Life Workshops, and Sol Deo

Gloria orchestra.

EGW: "The Lord's injunction, "Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers" (2 Corinthians 6:14), refers not only to the marriage of Christians with the ungodly, but to all alliances in which the parties are brought into intimate association, and in which there is need of harmony in spirit and action. The Lord gave special direction to Israel to keep themselves distinct from idolaters. They were not to intermarry with the heathen nor form any confederacy with them: "Take heed to thyself, lest thou make a covenant with the inhabitants of the land whither thou goest, lest it be for a snare in the midst of thee: but ye shall destroy their altars, break their images, and cut down their groves: for thou shalt worship no other god: for the Lord, whose name is Jealous, is a jealous God"" (Exodus 34:12-14). {2SM 121.2}

November 24—Advent Messenger

The General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists filed a Three-count Federal Lawsuit Against Fellow Believers for Trademark Counterfeiting, Trademark Infringement, and False Designation of Origin/Unfair Competition

On May, 9, 2022, Ted Wilson's General Conference Corporation filed a three-count federal lawsuit against Joe Gresham, Sterling Trice, Linda Trice, Bill Mathis, Gay Mathis, and John Does.

Bible: 1 Corinthians 6:1, 11 "Dare any of you, having a matter against another, go to law before the unjust, and not before the saints? Now therefore there is utterly a fault among you, because ye go to law one with another. Why do ye not rather take wrong? why do ye not rather [suffer yourselves to] be defrauded?"



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News And Comments

October 25—RT News

Macron says he urged Pope to call Putin and Biden

"French President Emmanuel Macron has revealed that he pleaded with Pope Francis to reach out to senior secular and religious officials in Russia and the US to foster peace in Ukraine, in a magazine interview." As recognized, the pope is the head of secular and religious institutions not only in Russia and the United States but worldwide, despite the appearance of some countries resisting, which is all for show. If the pope did not have such authority, it would be fruit to call upon the pope. "When the Protestant churches shall unite with the secular power to sustain a false religion, for opposing which their ancestors endured the fiercest persecution: when the state shall use its power to enforce the decrees and sustain the institutions of the church, – then will Protestant America have formed an image to the Papacy, and there will be a national apostasy which will end only in national ruin" {ST, March 22, 1910 par. 9}.

November 1—Fox News

Data show there have been 22 times more attacks on pro-lifers than pro-choice groups since Supreme Court leak

Although the vast majority of violence happens from the side that wants to kill life, evidently there is some violence from the side that supports life. That is not good as most pro-lifers are of a religious nature. "Woe unto the world because of offences! for it must needs be that offences come; but woe to that man by whom the offence cometh!" (Matthew 18:7).

November 3—MSN

I spent \$100,000 on leg-lengthening surgery to help my career. It was unbelievably painful, but I have no regrets.

At what length, literally and figuratively,

people will go through to chase the mighty dollar. "For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?" (Matthew 16:26).

November 4—Fox News

Biden says coal plants 'all across America' will be shut down, replaced with wind and solar

Yet another purposeful agenda to cause dependency upon the government. The smart way to implement any replacement is to install the replacement and slowly move over to the dependency of it but backing off when there are failures. Wind and solar are not solutions. Just recall what happened to Texas last winter when many people froze because the wind turbines could not turn as they were frozen and solar panels were covered in snow and ice as well. But that is not the purpose of the agenda. It is to prepare for the acceptance of the Mark of the Beast. "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}. The scheme is pushing the climate change agenda.

November 5—Yahoo Finance

The US diesel crunch means it's time to stock up on food, Robert Kiyosaki says. Here's what the 'Rich Dad Poor Dad' author and 5 experts are warning as fuel runs short.

Yet another way to make sure inflation cripples the United States. This all part of the agenda. There should be no shortage, yet, the purposeful policies are forcing the new way of life without regard to the ramifications. If one does not have diesel vehicles, it is recommended to turn to electric, including trucks despite the cost involved at every level. We provide this article not to slam any political party but an encouragement to be seek-

ing other means for daily needs. "If a brother or sister be naked, and destitute of daily food, And one of you say unto them, Depart in peace, be [ye] warmed and filled; notwithstanding ye give them not those things which are needful to the body; what [doth it] profit?" (James 2:15-16). These conditions make it more likely to accept the Mark of the Beast as a solution.

November 7—The Daily Beast

The Word 'Homosexual' Is in the Bible by Mistake: The Explosive Documentary That Is Under Attack

Obviously they are referring to a modern version, but the article overall is trying to convey that this whole battle over homosexuality from a Christian experience is because of a mistake in the translation. This is yet another angle that the liberal agenda to justify this particular sin is now being approached. The term is insignificant. To bring the argument this way puts doubt in the Bible itself now and is done on purpose. The descriptions provided in the Bible and calling it an abomination is sufficient enough to see that the relationship is still condemned despite the word being there or not. The bottom line is, "Thou shalt not lie with mankind, as with womankind: it [is] abomination" (Leviticus 18:22) and then we have most of Romans 1 to see it still is so in the New Testament for "I [am] the LORD, I change not" (Malachi 3:6).

November 13—The Times of Israel

Activists smash tablets atop 'Mount Sinai' to launch faith-based climate push

"Saying officials gathered at COP summit need to do more, Sinai Climate Partnership will seek to recruit religious leaders globally to lobby for faster action on climate change." Basically, humans replacing God's Ten Commandments with the climate change commandments is fulfilling again the prophecy "think to change times and laws" (Daniel 7:25). "[It is] time for [thee], LORD, to work: [for] they have made void thy law" (Psalms 119:126).

November 14—In the Know

Disney guest calls for 'boycott' after being asked to buy shirt to cover up: 'You are in the wrong here'

"Thou hypocrite, cast out first the beam out of thine own eye, and then shalt thou see clearly to pull out the mote that is in thy brother's eye" (Luke 6:42). Although telling the young woman to cover is the correct action, at the same, families that watch Disney movies targeted for children are being exposed to content very much not family appropriate. So, if they are about being family appropriate, it should be for all things Disney and not just the parks, otherwise, they are hypocrites, but we knew that.

November 15—Star Telegram

Dancing man on top of 18-wheeler slams into bridge and later dies, Texas

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police say

Psalms 38:5 says, "My wounds stink [and] are corrupt because of my foolishness." It is sad that people do foolish things to get attention even to the point of death. Is foolishness really worth dying for?

November 16—Jezebel

Mormon Church Suddenly Backs Same-Sex Marriage Rights—But With Conditions

This is not proper Bible study conclusion. For humans to make an allowance along with conditions that appear to go along with the Bible is as bad as King Saul told to kill all of the Amalekites and livestock (1 Samuel 15:3) yet justified bringing back the king alive and the best of the livestock (1 Samuel 15:9). Samuel reminded King Saul that he did not do exactly as told (1 Samuel 15:22-23), and so it is with the allowance here.

November 20—Red State

Christian Church Publishes a Prayer Promoting 'Grateful' Assisted Suicide

"Churches help people do lots of things, including — as it turns out — kill themselves. Call it a twist on the 23rd Psalm." This is a deadly example of people pulling verses out of the Bible to support their own agenda. Isaiah 28:9-10 instructs us to gather all the verses on the subject to determine God's will. The primary result would be, "Thou shalt not kill" (Exodus 20:13), including one's self.

November 29—The Blaze

San Francisco approves 'deadly force option' for police robots

"We are living in a dystopian future, where we debate whether the police may use robots to execute citizens without a trial, jury, or judge," said Tifanei Moyer, an attorney for the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights of the San Francisco Bay Area. "As the days of Noe [were], so shall also the coming of the Son of man be" (Matthew 24:37). "The

earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence" (Genesis 6:11) and now with the police force.



Ellen White Abbreviations In this Issue

1SM - Selected Messages Book 1

2SM - Selected Messages Book 2

3T - Testimonies for the Church Volume Three

4T - Testimonies for the Church Volume Four

21MR - Manuscript Releases Volume Twenty-one

EW - Early Writings

FE - Fundamentals of Christian Education

GC - The Great Controversy (1911)

GC88 - The Great Controversy (1888)

GW - Gospel Workers (1915)

GW92 - Gospel Workers (1892)

PUR - Pacific Union Recorder

RC - Reflecting Christ

RH - The Review and Herald

ST - The Signs of the Time

UL - The Upward Look

Natural Remedies

Reen Swindle

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.*

Calming Anxiety or Panic Attacks

When you are feeling anxious, or suspect a panic attack is coming on, hold a cooling eye mask (even a bag of frozen peas will do in a pinch!) over your eyes for at least 30 seconds. The shock will bring you back to the present when your mind is racing. The cold also activates your parasympathetic nervous system, which calms the physical symptoms of anxiety like a racing

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