

Some background points:

In this fearful time, just before Christ is to come the second time, God's faithful preachers will have to bear a still more pointed testimony than was borne by John the Baptist. A responsible, important work is before them; and those who speak smooth things, God will not acknowledge as His shepherds. A fearful woe is upon them. {1T 321.2}

The fifth chapter of Revelation needs to be closely studied. It is of great importance to those who shall act a part in the work of God for these last days. There are some who are deceived. They do not realize what is coming on the earth. Those who have permitted their minds to become beclouded in regard to what constitutes sin are fearfully deceived. Unless they make a decided change they will be found wanting when God pronounces judgment upon the children of men. They have transgressed the law and broken the everlasting covenant, and they will receive according to their works. {9T 267.1}

It is a fearful thing to have great light and blessing, to have many opportunities and privileges, and yet make no saving use of them. Those who do not make a saving use of their opportunities, will be condemned by the privileges God has granted to them; but those who walk in the light will have increased light. Those who have had the light of truth, and yet have failed to walk in the light, are under the same sentence of condemnation as were Chorazin and Bethsaida. Shall not these warnings be heeded? Shall not these admonitions have weight with us? In the near future it will be seen just who have been walking humbly with God, and who have been obeying His orders. Those who have been walking in the sparks of their own kindling will lie down in sorrow. It will be seen that they have made a terrible mistake. O let us awake! Light is now shining; let the windows of the mind and heart be opened to welcome the heaven-sent rays. Shall Jesus say of those who profess to obey the truth, and yet who fail to walk in its light, "In them is fulfilled the prophecy of Esaias, which saith, By hearing ye shall hear, and shall not understand; and seeing ye shall see, and shall not perceive: for this people's heart is waxed gross, and their ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes they have closed; lest at any time they should see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and should understand with their heart, and should be converted, and I should heal them"? -- "Christian Education," 1893.

I asked the meaning of the shaking I had seen and was shown that it would be caused by the straight testimony called forth by the counsel of the True Witness to the Laodiceans. This will have its effect upon the heart of the receiver, and will lead him to exalt the standard and pour forth the straight truth. Some will not bear this straight testimony. They will rise up against it, and this is what will cause a shaking among God's people. {EW 270.2}

But now time is almost finished, and what we have been years learning, they will have to learn in a few months. {EW 67.2}

The greatest want of the world is the want of men--men who will not be bought or sold, men who in their inmost souls are true and honest, men who do not fear to call sin by its right

name, men whose conscience is as true to duty as the needle to the pole, men who will stand for the right though the heavens fall. {Ed 57.3}

[You are evil, wicked, vile. We don't have to be like Hitler to be such. Just one sin retained makes us that way.]

What encouragement do we get from that?

Matthew 9:12-13 But when Jesus heard [that], he said unto them, They that be whole need not a physician, but they that are sick. But go ye and learn what [that] meaneth, I will have mercy, and not sacrifice: for I am not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.

How much of us is to be committed to God?

Deuteronomy 6:4-5 Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God [is] one LORD: And thou shalt love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with **all** thy soul, and with all thy might.

Psalms 9:1 To the chief Musician upon Muthlabben, A Psalm of David. I will praise [thee], O LORD, with my whole heart; I will shew forth all thy marvellous works.

Psalms 111:1 Praise ye the LORD. I will praise the LORD with [my] whole heart, in the assembly of the upright, and [in] the congregation.

Matthew 22:37 Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.

Mark 12:30 And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this [is] the first commandment.

Luke 10:27 And he answering said, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbour as thyself.

Is it a mental state alone?

Matthew 6:33 But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these **things** shall be added unto you.

Matthew 13:44 Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto treasure hid in a field; the which when a man hath found, he hideth, and for joy thereof goeth and **selleth all** that he hath, and buyeth that field.

Matthew 6:22-25 The light of the body is the eye: if therefore thine eye be single, thy whole body shall be full of light. But if thine eye be evil, thy whole body shall be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in thee be darkness, how great [is] that darkness! No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon. Therefore I say unto you, **Take no**

thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment?

What guidelines reveal if we are giving ALL?

Deuteronomy 30:9-10 And the LORD thy God will make thee plenteous in every work of thine hand, in the fruit of thy body, and in the fruit of thy cattle, and in the fruit of thy land, for good: for the LORD will again rejoice over thee for good, as he rejoiced over thy fathers: If thou shalt hearken unto **the voice of the LORD** thy God, to keep his **commandments** and his **statutes** which are written in this book of the law, [and] if thou turn unto the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul.

Psalms 119:10 With my whole heart have I sought thee: O let me not wander from thy **commandments**.

Psalms 119:34 Give me understanding, and I shall keep thy **law**; yea, I shall observe it with [my] whole heart.

Psalms 119:58 I intreated thy favour with [my] whole heart: be merciful unto me according to thy **word**.

Psalms 119:69 The proud have forged a lie against me: [but] I will keep thy **precepts** with [my] whole heart.

Psalms 119:145 KOPH. I cried with [my] whole heart; hear me, O LORD: I will keep thy **statutes**.

What effort is to be exercised?

Matthew 9:22 But Jesus turned him about, and when he saw her, he said, Daughter, be of good comfort; thy **faith** hath made thee whole. And the woman was made whole from that hour.

Matthew 25:20 And so he that had received five talents came and brought other five talents, saying, Lord, thou deliveredst unto me five talents: behold, I have gained beside them five talents more.

Matthew 25:22 He also that had received two talents came and said, Lord, thou deliveredst unto me two talents: behold, I have gained two other talents beside them.

[Every talent or ability is to be dedicated to God and not selfishly used.]

But science and doctors have scientific evidence! What do we do with that?

Proverbs 3:5-7 **Trust in the LORD** with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths. **Be not wise in thine own eyes**: fear the LORD, and depart from evil.

Seek With All Thine Heart

What does God want us to become by His grace?

1 Thessalonians 5:23 And the very God of peace **sanctify you wholly**; and [I pray God] your **whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless** unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

How is this done?

Matthew 13:33 Another parable spake he unto them; The kingdom of heaven is like unto leaven, which a woman took, and hid in **three measures of meal**, till the whole was leavened.

[Three measures = Father, Son, Holy Spirit influence]

What activity is involved?

Matthew 5:29-30 And if thy right eye offend thee, **pluck it out**, and cast [it] from thee: for it is profitable for thee that one of thy members should perish, and not [that] thy whole body should be cast into hell. And if thy right hand offend thee, **cut it off**, and cast [it] from thee: for it is profitable for thee that one of thy members should perish, and not [that] thy whole body should be cast into hell.

Psalms 119:2 Blessed [are] they that keep his testimonies, [and that] seek him with the whole heart.

[Cut off that which is viewable that leads to sin (eye) and the activity that leads to sin (hand).]

What is require before baptism?

Acts 8:36-37 And as they went on [their] way, they came unto a certain water: and the eunuch said, See, [here is] water; what doth hinder me to be baptized? And Philip said, **If thou believest with all thine heart**, thou mayest. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.

Closing point:

God's children are always being tested in the furnace of affliction. If they endure the first trial, it is not necessary for them to pass through a similar ordeal the second time; but if they fail, the trial is brought to them again and again, each time being still more trying and severe. Thus opportunity after opportunity is placed before them of gaining the victory and proving themselves true to God. But if they continue to manifest rebellion, God is compelled at last to remove His Spirit and light from them (MS 69, 1912). {4BC 1146.7}

There is a call for a higher standard to be met, a holier, more determined, self-sacrificing effort to be put forth in the Lord's work. Our youth must be educated to meet a higher standard, to understand that they are now deciding their own eternal destiny. There is no safeguard for any one, save in having in the heart the truth as it is in Jesus. This must be planted in the heart

by the Holy Spirit. Much that is now called religion will sink out of sight when it is assailed by the hosts of Satan. Nothing will stand but the truth,--the wisdom that is from above, which will sanctify the soul. {YI, May 24, 1894 par. 5}

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Deuteronomy 6:4-5

Psalms 9:1

Psalms 111:1

Matthew 22:37

Mark 12:30

Luke 10:27

Matthew 6:33

Matthew 13:44

Matthew 6:22-25

Deuteronomy 30:9-10

Psalms 119:10

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