



# 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.

### Thoughts on Isaiah 58

*Ellen White*

Isaiah 58:1. "Cry aloud, spare not, lift up thy voice like a trumpet, and show my people their transgression, and the house of Jacob their sins. Yet they seek me daily, and delight to know my ways, as a nation that did righteousness, and forsook not the ordinance of their God; they ask of me the ordinances of justice; they take delight in approaching to God. Wherefore have we fasted, say they, and thou seest not? Wherefore have we afflicted our soul, and thou takest no knowledge? Behold, in the day of your fast ye find pleasure, and exact all your labors. Behold, ye fast for strife and debate, and to smite with the fist of wickedness; ye shall not fast as ye do this day, to make your voice to be heard on high. Is it such a fast that I have chosen? A day for a man to afflict his soul? is it to bow down his head as a bulrush, and to

spread sackcloth and ashes under him? Wilt thou call this a fast, and an acceptable day to the Lord? Is not this the fast that I have chosen? to loose the bands of wickedness, to undo the heavy burdens, and to let the oppressed go free, and that ye break every yoke? Is it not to deal thy bread to the hungry, and that thou bring the poor that are cast out to thy house? when thou seest the naked, that thou cover him; and that thou hide not thyself from thine own flesh?"

Now we can see what the Lord delights in their doing.

"Then shall thy light break forth as the morning." Well, this is what we wanted to know, Where we can find the light? It will break forth as the morning! What is it that will give us

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# Dear Brothers and Sisters ...

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We would like to address two things along with a beautiful experience our family had recently.

First, we cannot thank you enough for your financial support. Every month we wonder if we shall meet the expenses as it is a very tight operation. The question of, "Just how much of my secular income will be needed to offset the expense this month?" is often on the mind. As the economy continues to tighten up, every dollar is examined more and more closely. So, for all who have not necessarily received a personal thank you, please consider this as a very strong appreciation.

Second, we do receive a number of prayer requests. As stated before, we place them before God the way He instructs us to do.

Now, on to a beautiful experience that we had recently – One afternoon, a mother deer had wandered into our yard with what could only have been a day-or-two-old baby. It had such wobbly legs; very thin; and very tired. Mother deer continued to wander off as baby deer decided to find a cool spot to curl up and rest. Our children discovered it and called my wife to come see, and she did. The baby, not having the fear instinct of humans yet, simply observed the activity. We, being very concerned for the deer, provided water to it that it ignored.

Unfortunately, dozens and dozens of flies were at baby's face, so my wife tried her best to wave the flies away, but her efforts were of very little use.

All of us appreciated the beauty of the creature and then realized that we ought to back away and see if momma deer would return. Upon doing so, baby deer apparently missed our company and got up and walked over to us. She got so close and begged for affection by snuggling right up to my

wife's leg, who automatically reacted with petting it.

Just at that very moment, in the distance, momma deer peeked through. Now we knew we had to leave the area immediately. And so all of us headed to the house, but the poor baby felt so lonely it began to cry. The sound it made was heartbreaking, but we knew it was for the best. It eventually wandered back across the yard while momma was still keeping her distance. She obviously did have the fear of humans in her.

We believe the two reunited in the wooded edge of our property, but due to the thickness of surrounding shrubbery, we could only make the assumption. And, according to information provided, deer do not reject the human scent on their little ones, so all should have been alright in their reunion.

But what a once-in-a-lifetime experience to have! And to think that in the new earth, no animal will have the human fear factor, and we will not have the animal fear factor, either, so much so that "The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them. And the cow and the bear shall feed; their young ones shall lie down together: and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. And the sucking child shall play on the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the cockatrice' den. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain: for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea" (Isaiah 11:6-9).

We hope you are looking forward to that day as eagerly as we are!



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"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}

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the light? By getting out from ourselves and seeing what good we can do for others that are around us. We may feel that it is too great a task upon us, but in doing good to others it reacts back upon us, and if we comfort others with the comfort wherewith we are comforted, the blessing will come back to us. And how? "Ye are laborers together with God."

You see, we are drawing in the same line with Jehovah, and all of the heavenly intelligences are interested in the work going on here in this earth. If there had not been that interest, none of us could be saved. And notwithstanding man transgressed God's holy law, Jesus Christ steps forward and says, I will die that they may have life; I will take the penalty of the law upon Myself, and give man another trial. Now, while this is granted, it is our time to work. Not merely the ministers, but every soul who claims to know God and Jesus Christ are under obligation to God. How? Why, He has bought us by the infinite price of His own blood, therefore we are to be engaged in laboring for fallen humanity.

We are not here in this world to glorify and amuse ourselves; we are not here to be butterflies, but we are bought of Christ and every power of the mind and intellect, yes, every power of the being has been purchased by the Son of God to be employed by the Master. "Ye are laborers together with God." Do you want any higher business? Do you want any greater honor? Do you want any better pay? Ah, say they, I don't see as I am getting any pay for it. That is what they are saying here in Malachi.

But is this the way to talk? No, indeed! We want to catch sight of the

heavenly attraction. We want to see the glory and attraction there is for those who seek for glory and heavenly honor and immortal life—a life that measures with the life of God. And what more? An inheritance which fadeth not away reserved in heaven for you. Is there anyone here who has had his expectations fade away? Are there any here who have had their plans vanish? Are there any here who know what it is to lose earthly possessions? But the possessions granted by God "fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you."

Jacob in his dream saw the ladder, the base of which rested upon the earth and the topmost round reaching into the highest heaven while the angels of God were ascending and descending upon this mystic Ladder, and when he awoke he said, surely the Lord is in this place, and I knew it not." Thus it is with us. If our eyes could be opened, we would see the angels of God all around us, and the evil angels are here also trying to destroy us, but the good angels are pressing them back.

Jacob thought to gain a right to the birthright through deception, but he found himself disappointed. He thought he had lost everything, his connection with God, his home, and all; and there he was a disappointed fugitive. But what did God do? He looked upon him in his hopeless condition, He saw his disappointment, and He saw there was material there that would render back glory to God. No sooner does He see his condition than He presents the mystic ladder which represents who? – Jesus Christ. And here is a man who had lost all connection with God, and the God of heaven looks upon him and consents that Christ shall bridge the gulf which sin has

made. We might have looked and said, I long for heaven but how can I reach it? I see no way. That is what Jacob thought, and so God shows him the vision of the ladder, and that ladder connects earth with heaven, with Jesus Christ. A man can climb it, for the base rests upon the earth, and the top-most round reaches into heaven. Then he climbs right away from the customs, practices, and fashions of earth right towards heaven, and the light and glory of God is upon every round of this mystic ladder, and man climbs upon who? – Jesus Christ. Clings to what? – Jesus Christ. Made one with whom? – Jesus Christ. There he is holding to the ladder, climbing the ladder round by round, and it is his work to get every one to come.

Now we find that the battlements can be reached and that God is above the ladder and is waiting with arms outstretched to help every soul that will come into the everlasting kingdom of our God. Praise His holy name! Ye inhabitants of the earth, praise Him! And why? Because through Jesus Christ, whose long human arm encircles the race while with His divine arm He grasps the throne of the Almighty, the gulf is bridged with His own body; and this atom of a world which was separated from the continent of heaven by sin and became an island, is again reinstated, because Christ bridged the gulf—Christ has bridged it!

Here is a soul in danger; well, God stands ready to help that soul. All the heavenly angels will be sent to assist that soul. There are those who still wait for the messenger of God to come to their assistance, but if they could only appreciate it they could be kept from evil as God kept the children of Israel in the wilderness. They did not appreciate the fact that

God was protecting them from the fiery serpents that were all around them, but when God withdrew His protection and they were bitten by these serpents, then it was that they could understand it and acknowledged God. But did God leave them when they were bitten? No, His hand was stretched forth to save them. There was a brazen serpent made and raised up on a pole, and those who were bitten could look at that and were healed.

But they must look if they would live. So it is with us, it is our work to look to Jesus Christ and live. But Satan has instituted everything that he can to keep man from looking. To look to Jesus upon the cross of Calvary is to live. Everything has been done by Satan to divert our attention away from Christ and away from Heaven that we shall not look. Now we want to look to Jesus Christ upon the cross, and in looking to Him we live. It is the very work the enemy is doing constantly to intercept our view, that we shall not see a lifted up Saviour, that we shall not discern One who has Himself been lifted upon the cross, that we cannot behold Him. But we must not let anything intercept our view. We want to have bright and clear views of Jesus Christ. Here we see the very work we are to do. There is to be a people to take their stand for God, to love and obey Him.

“Cry aloud, spare not, lift up thy voice like a trumpet, and show my people their transgression, and the house of Jacob their sins.” Oh, then, there are sins in the house of Jacob! There are transgressions among the professed people of God! Well, what is it? “Yet they seek me daily, and delight to know my ways, as a nation that did righteousness, and forsook not the ordinance of their God; they ask of

me the ordinance of justice; they take delight in approaching unto God. Wherefore have we fasted, say they, and thou seest not? Wherefore have we afflicted our soul and thou takest no knowledge? Behold in the day of your fast ye find pleasure, and exact all your labors. Behold ye fast for strife and debate, and to smite with the fist of wickedness: Ye shall not fast as ye do this day, to make your voice to be heard on high. Is it such a fast that I have chosen? a day for a man to afflict his soul? is it to bow down his head as a bulrush, and to spread sackcloth and ashes under him? wilt thou call this a fast, and an acceptable day to the Lord?

“Is not this the fast that I have chosen? to loose the bands of wickedness, to undo the heavy burdens, and to let the oppressed go free, and that ye break every yoke? Is it not to deal thy bread to the hungry, and that thou bring the poor that are cast out to thy house? when thou seest the naked, that thou cover him; and that thou hide not thyself from thine own flesh?

“Then shall thy light break forth as the morning, and thine health shall spring forth speedily: and thy righteousness shall go before thee; the glory of the Lord shall be thy rearward.

“Then shalt thou call, and the Lord shall answer.” He will answer, What will you have? What shall I do for you? “thou shalt cry, and he shall say, Here I am. If thou take away from the midst of thee the yoke, the putting forth of the finger, and speaking vanity; And if thou draw out thy soul to the hungry, and satisfy the afflicted soul; then shall thy light rise in obscurity, and thy darkness be as the noonday.” That is just what we want – we want light as the noonday. We want the cloud that comes from

the world rolled back, and we want the revealings of God to us. “And the Lord shall guide thee continually, and satisfy thy soul in drought, and make fat thy bones; and thou shalt be like a watered garden, and like a spring of water, whose waters fail not.”

“And they that shall be of thee shall build the old waste places: thou shalt raise up the foundations of many generations; and thou shalt be called, The repairer of the breach, The restorer of paths to dwell in.” “And they that shall be of thee,” now mark these words, “shall build the old waste places”. What is that? Why, somebody has been trampling on the law of God. They that shall be of thee shall build the old waste places. What next? They shall raise up the foundations of many generations; and they shall be called, what? The repairer of the breach, The restorer of paths to dwell in. What is that? It is the everlasting law of Jehovah, and it was the transgression of that [law] that brought the fall of man.

Here it says, “And if thou draw out thy soul to the hungry.” What is this hungering? If there is not a hungering, a starving for the word of God, tell me? Then he says, “Then shall thy light rise in obscurity, and thy darkness be as the noonday: And the Lord shall guide thee continually, and satisfy thy soul in drought, and make fat thy bones: and thou shalt be like a watered garden, and like a spring of water, whose waters fail not.” Why, in living connection with the God of heaven we are drawing our support from the heavenly fountain.

“And they that be of thee shall build.” Oh, there is something to build! “And they that be of thee shall build the old waste places, thou shalt raise up the foundation of many generations.” What is that? It is the

law of Jehovah. They have been broken down, and somebody must build them up! "And they shall be called the repairer of the breach," what breach? In the law of God. It has been trampled under foot of man, and it must be built up. Do you suppose God will see His work all spoiled and not be lashed into a fury about it? Why, He will set everything in heaven to work to accomplish His purpose.

And they shall be called the repairer of the breach. Who has made a breach? Why, Satan, and he has been teaching that Christ came to abolish the law. But what did he come to do? To magnify it and make it honorable. And they shall be called the repairer of the breach. Who has been making a breach? The man of sin. He has said the fourth commandment was changed. But Christ came to make up the breach.

"If thou turn away thy foot from the sabbath, from doing thy pleasure on my holy day; and call the sabbath a delight, the holy of the Lord, honorable; and shall honor him, not doing thine own ways, nor finding thine own pleasure, nor speaking thine own words: Then shalt thou delight thyself in the Lord; and I will cause thee to ride upon the high places of the earth, and feed thee with the heritage of Jacob thy father: for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it."

Well now, where is the breach made? In the law of God. Who has been making it? The man of sin. Now, shall we follow him or shall we follow those who are making it up? There are some who are making it up. They have picked out that commandment which says that God made the world in six days and rested on the seventh, and [they] say it doesn't make any difference which day you keep. But

we have decided that it is best to be among the obedient. But there has been a breach made, and who is going to help to make up the breach? We call upon you in the name of the Lord God of heaven and ask you to help make it up. We are not afraid to stand before the whole world and ask you to help make up that breach that has been made in the law of the Lord God, Jehovah.

We have not come here at this time to tell you it makes no difference whether you keep the law of God or not. It makes every difference, and we want to be obedient to the law of Jehovah, and we want to be in that position, raising up, what? The foundation of many generations. Who has broken it down? The man of sin. And we don't want to be upon his side, but among those who are repairers of the breach which has been made in the law of Jehovah. This is the foundation of heaven and earth, and we will be loyal and true to it if we are loyal and true to the God of heaven.

The law of Jehovah is the foundation of many generations, and we want to be found the repairers of the breach which the man of sin has made. What was the breach made in? The law of God. And what are we to lift up? The law of Jehovah, which is the foundation of many generations. This is our work, and if you can tell of a better work for us to engage in which will honor God more, we will take that work, but we intend to be loyal to the God of heaven. We expect the truth will meet with disfavor, but is it best for us to obey God or to listen to man?

We have decided that it is best to listen to God and raise up the foundation of many generations. And what is it? The law of God! Lift it up; and we calculate to do it as long as

God gives us breath. But in lifting it up we find it doesn't agree with everybody; but the question is, On whose side are you? Are you on the side of God, the side of those who are going to be repairers of the breach, the restorers of paths to dwell in, or on the side of those who are tearing it down?

We have chosen to be true, because it is best every time, and if we are in a minority here below, we are on the side of God, and God is a majority every time. Let me be in harmony with the heavenly host, then let the enemy throw out his bitterness and wrath as he ever has done. I will be loyal and true to God's commandments. But if there are those who want to go in the other way and risk it, we don't want to risk it. We have decided not to be transgressors of God's law. We have decided to obey and live, and there is no power that can interpose between us and the God of heaven. We have decided to keep His law as the apple of the eye. Is the eye tender? We know it is; we know there cannot be a speck that gets into the eye without it pains the whole body, and we want to be just as loyal to the Lord as we would preserve the eye.

I have been in this work for the last forty-five years, and I have been doing—what? Raising up the foundation of many generations. “Thou shalt be called the repairer of the breach.” What breach? There has been made a breach in the law of God, the fourth commandment dropped right out, makes no difference what day you keep! It does make every difference! And we have decided to keep His law as the apple of our eye. We keep our eyes carefully, and we want them to see as God sees, and we want to work in the line God works. How long have

we been engaged in this work? Many, many years and we have been trying to raise up the foundation of many generations.

“Thou shalt be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of paths to dwell in. If thou turn away thy foot from the Sabbath.” All the men in creation may say the Sabbath is of no account; shall we believe them, or God? We have decided to believe God. I have been engaged in this work for the last forty-five years, what doing? Making up the breach. Who has made a breach? The man of sin. Now, men may raise up all the combativeness they please, but the commandments of God are the commandments of God still.

We have decided to keep God's commandments and live, and His law as the apple of our eye. Let men rail out against the law of God, and trample His commandment-keeping people under their feet. Can they do it? It is impossible. God has His measurement of character, and it is those who obey Him that live and those who keep His law as the apple of their eye that He preserves. Now if we want to preserve the apple of the eye, you see how careful we are of it, and that law is to be preserved as the apple of the eye.

“If thou turn away thy foot from the Sabbath.” Then God has a Sabbath. What day is it? The one He rested upon in the beginning after He had worked six days. There is no other. “And call the Sabbath a delight, the holy of the Lord, honorable; and shalt honor him, not doing thine own ways (breaking the Sabbath), nor finding thine own pleasure, nor speaking thine own words.” Then shalt thou act mournful and sorrowful? No indeed. “Then shalt thou delight thyself in the Lord.” Well it must be now, right here in this world, right



here in the conflict, and we will be kept as the apple of His eye right here.

“And I will cause thee to ride upon the high places of the earth, and feed thee with the heritage of Jacob thy father: for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.” There it is. We take the words from God. We will let men do their work, but our work will be to keep the commandments of God, stand upon this eternal basis, and raise up the foundation of many generations. We are to keep His commandments and live, and His law as the apple of the eye, notwithstanding Satan is arrayed against it.

I know God is on our side, and the angels are on our side. We have ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands of angels that are engaged in this work to help

to make up the breach. “If thou turn away thy foot from the Sabbath, from doing thy pleasure on my holy day,” that is God’s day, the one He instituted in Eden. Now we calculate to worship God upon His holy day, and we thank God it is our privilege to help to make up the breach. Who will unite with us? We are not ashamed of the work. We commenced this work in the name of the Lord God of Israel, and we will not be ashamed of it. “Then shalt thou delight thyself in the Lord; and I will cause thee to ride upon the high places of the earth, and feed thee with the heritage of Jacob thy father; for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.”

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# *The World's Conversion a Fable*

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It is natural to the human heart to cherish that belief which is agreeable to its own selfish feelings and desires. That which promises temporal good is ardently desired by the carnal mind. Mankind have always loved to hear prophecies of good concerning themselves; and this demand for smooth things is the great secret of the thriving business, and unequaled success, of false prophets and teachers in all ages of the world.

The faith that a world of sinners, growing worse and worse with the Bible in their hands, and its increasing light flashing in their eyes (if they do not close them), are, in fact, growing better, and are on the very threshold of conversion to God, and that righteousness is about to run down our streets like rivers, as naturally as the waters of Niagara pour over the precipice, is a most soothing and comfortable faith to those who are disposed to be lulled to sleep in an easy position, where they may, in their pleasant dreams, imagine they witness the truth of the saying of the blind watchmen and false shepherds, "To-morrow shall be as this day, and much more abundant." Isa. lvi. [Isa. 56:12] Men, in general, desire the plan of salvation to be just wide enough to take them in without any special change; and next to the doctrine of universal salvation, as a somniferous potion with which to quiet the nerves of sinners, in the church and out, is the teaching that the narrow way to life is growing broader and broader, or that the multitude in the broad way are becoming so much better than ancient sinners were, that they are about to enter the narrow way as a matter of course.

No one should give currency to a

doctrine of this nature – a doctrine so well calculated to flatter those whose affections are riveted to the present world – without the best of evidence that it is true. Yet it is taken without evidence, and handed about without any apparent sense of responsibility. The present condition of the most highly favored and enlightened portions of mankind, so far from giving signs of the conversion of the world, justify the predictions of Scripture, that "in the last days perilous times shall come," that "evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse", that "because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall grow cold", etc.; and consequently unless the conversion of the world is most clearly taught in the sacred word, it is not deserving of the least confidence.

That there is a future glory for the earth, is true. Nothing is more clearly revealed. But the question is, When? Is it before the second coming of Christ, or after? Is it before the resurrection of the saints to immortality, or after? Is it before the present earth and elements melt with fervent heat in the "day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men", or afterward? There will certainly be a time when "the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea", when the "people also shall be all righteous", and "shall inherit the land forever", and "the inhabitant shall not say, I am sick" – in short, when the "tabernacle of God", having descended from Heaven, shall be with men, "and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain; for the former things" shall have "passed away". Will any of these

things be realized during the present dispensation?

Ignorance of the clearly-revealed assurance that the people of God shall, in their glorified state, "inherit the earth and dwell therein forever", has led many to think that those promises of future glory on earth are to be fulfilled in the last days of the gospel dispensation. They have thought it must be so, because of the erroneous idea that after the advent of Christ and the judgment, the Lord would have no further use for the earth, but would burn it up; having transported the saints to some ethereal heaven, and consigned the wicked to an eternal hell, in some unknown part of the universe, created for the express purpose of eternal torture. Thus from ignorance of the plainly-revealed doctrine of the destiny of the earth as marked out in prophecy, making it the place of recompense both to the righteous and the wicked, the way has been opened for fables to multiply, some of which, from a false stand-point, have a show of Bible proof. Of this class is the doctrine under consideration; but when viewed from the true stand-point, it will be found to have not the slightest foundation in the word of God.

The first proof I adduce is the fact that, at the second coming of Christ, the world will be found in a condition similar to that of the antediluvian world at the time of the flood. If they were all righteous, having been converted by the labors of Noah, "a preacher of righteousness", such will be the case with those living in the close of the gospel dispensation; and of course none will flee to the rocks and mountains to hide from the presence of the Lamb. In such case it cannot be a "day of wrath", for the Lord Jesus cannot "be revealed from heaven in flaming fire, taking vengeance on those that know not

God, and obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ;", because none of this evil character can be found upon earth, the whole world having been previously converted to God.

"But as the days of Noe were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark, and knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be." Matt. xxiv, [24]: 37-39. "Even thus shall it be in the day when the Son of man is revealed." Luke xvii, [17]: 30.

This proof is too plain and positive to need an argument. Before the flood men had been going from bad to worse, till Jehovah could bear with them no longer; therefore he brought the flood, as an apostle says, "upon the world of the ungodly". These testimonies being true, the mass of mankind will be ungodly at the time of the second advent.

It may be said, in reply to this, that Satan, who will have been bound during the thousand years of the triumph of the church in the conversion of the world, will be loosed for a little season, and deceive and overthrow the mass of them that had been godly for a thousand years; and this accounts for the world's being found, at the advent, in the same ungodly state of those in the days of Noah.

Those who will read Rev. xx [20] with care, will find that the first resurrection, in which all the "blessed and holy" come forth to "live and reign with Christ a thousand years", takes place at the time when Satan is bound; and the rest of the dead, the wicked, "live not again until the thousand years are finished." These, being raised from the dead at the

time when Satan is loosed, are the subjects of his deceptive power, till fire comes down from God out of Heaven and devours them. But this "second death hath no power" upon those that had part in the first resurrection, those who lived and reigned with Christ during the thousand years. Not one falls away from that blessed and holy number. Those that are deceived by Satan after the two resurrections, are those that were the subjects of his deceptive power in this life. Some have said that this vast multitude, "the number of whom is as the sand of the sea", are the children that will be born to the righteous during the thousand years. But it seems to me that it would detract greatly from the glory and blessedness of that triumphant period, for the people of God to know that, at its close, their children would be cut down before their eyes by fire from Heaven.

But we have seen that the first resurrection takes place when Satan is bound, at the beginning of the thousand years. This resurrection does not take place till the personal advent of Christ. "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." 1 Thess. iv, [4]: 16, 17. This text, in connection with Rev. xx, proves that the resurrection, to "reign with Christ", or to "ever be with the Lord", takes place at the personal advent of Christ, when the Lord himself shall descend from Heaven. This is the time, and not a thousand years after ward, that the mass of men will be found ungodly, as in the days of Noah. And as the flood "took them all away" so these will all be

slain in that great day of the wrath of God and of the Lamb, and after lying dead for a thousand years, during which the earth will be desolate of men, the saints, immortal and glorified, having been taken away to reign with Christ in Heaven a thousand years, they will come up in the second resurrection to meet their final doom in the lake of fire.

It is at the second advent that, probation having closed, the saints are rewarded with immortality. "Thou shalt be recompensed at the resurrection of the just." Luke xiv, [14]: 14. It is then that the people of God are changed from corruptible to incorruptible, and from mortal to immortal, according to Paul in 1 Cor. xv [9:25]; and, having received the gift of God which is eternal life, they will be for ever safe, for ever with the Lord; first in Heaven for a thousand years, then, returning to earth, witness the final conflagration in which the wicked are cut off (the earth is "reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men" 2 Pet. iii, [3]: 7. "When the wicked are cut off, thou shalt see it." Ps. xxxvii, [37]: 34.), and, lastly, enter upon the glorious inheritance of the renovated earth and "dwell therein" and "reign for ever and ever." Rev. xxii, [22]: 5.

But the mass of mankind will be found unconverted, at the coming of Christ, and will remain unconverted Still; for he comes to reward every man according as his work shall be. Rev. xxii, [22]: 11 12. How fearfully deceptive then is the doctrine that the whole world will be converted before the coming of Christ!

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# Real Liberty

Jerry O'Donnell

Have you ever experienced or heard of a conversation similar to this:

“Hey, buddy. Want to go grab a smoke?” “No thanks. I don’t smoke anymore.” “Okay, later do you want to go grab a couple of drinks, decompress, get a little buzz on?” “No thanks. I don’t drink anymore.” “Hey. That movie sequel hits the screens this weekend – you know, the one that is action-packed, lots of shooting up, great looking women, ... do you want pick a time and go see it?” “No thanks. I don’t like watching those types of movies anymore.” “Huh. That’s interesting. So, next weekend we’re having a crab fest. My buddy has scored us tons of crabs to eat at a good price. Want to come over for some crabs and beer?” “Sorry, but I don’t eat shell fish anymore.” “Well, Monday night the big game is on. We can call the guys over and have a sports party?” “In all honesty, I’m not much into sports anymore.” “Okay, what’s going on?” “Well, ever since I began to understand from the Bible what a true Christian is like, I have given up all of those things.” “What??? Bro, I’m a Christian, too, you know. Are you putting yourself under bondage? Are you trying to work your way to Heaven? Christ has liberated us from all those restrictive rules. Come on, enjoy life as God intended us to do!”

Many Christians think that Jesus has set us at liberty to enjoy life, being pleasant to one another is understandable, but if the gospel is shared there is only one requirement – just believe. To keep the commandments, to keep God’s Word, it is vastly believed that it is unnecessary to put on any

restrictions, especially since we are all saved and cannot be lost.

What does the Bible teach about this concept called Christian liberty?

The first half of Psalms 119:45 states, “And I will walk at liberty”. Here is our first encounter of what appears to be freedom to do whatever, and it is even found in the Old Testament. That is pointed out because many think that the Old Testament was restrictive, but the New Testament is liberating. However, the second half of Psalms 119:45 states, “for I seek thy precepts.” That means that the closer the precepts or rules are followed, the more at liberty a person actually happens to become.

As we move forward through the Bible, we see the mission of Christ in Isaiah 61:1, which says, “The Spirit of the Lord GOD [is] upon me; because the LORD hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to [them that are] bound.” Luke 4:18 confirms this as Jesus applied it to Himself. Now, focusing on the liberating, both verses point to the fact that the captives are the ones needing to be liberated. That raises the question of, “Captive to what?” Although, this next verse that we are going to share in answer to that question explicitly states “silly women”, it is very helpful to understand what people are captive to by focusing on just that part. And it is not cruel tyrants holding people captive or even kidnappers. “For of this sort are they which creep into houses, and lead captive silly women laden with sins, led away with divers

lusts, Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.” (2 Timothy 3:6-7). Captivity involves sinning and lusts.

So, when we sin, that is when we lose our liberty; that is when we are held in captivity. Jesus did not come, die, and rise again so that we can be careless regarding sin, no matter how insignificant we may think they are. In fact, we see another connection at the end of the verse that should cause us to recall the words of Jesus: “And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free” (John 8:32). Now, catch the words right before these most quoted words: “If ye continue in my word, [then] are ye my disciples indeed” (John 8:31). It is not a knowledge of the truth that makes one free, at liberty, pulled out of captivity, but it is those that continue to obey, to live according to God’s Word.

Now, back on Luke 4:18 for a moment, the words are stated as, “The Spirit of the Lord [is] upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised.” Sin bruises. And “sin is the transgression of the law” (1 John 3:4). Therefore, as the commandments are broken, we are being bruised and are being brought into captivity of which Jesus is trying to set us free, relieve us of its burdens.

When a person lies, it bruises the other person because he is losing out on what the truth would have revealed. Additionally, the liar is bruised because he now has the extra burden of making sure the lie does not get out.

When a person steals, the one who

the person stole from is now bruised in that he either must do without the stolen object, or has to spend his money again to replace it. The thief is bruised because he has to make sure the knowledge of the theft does not get out, among other bruises.

When angry words, hurtful actions, or even outright killing happens, obviously the victim is bruised mentally, physically, or even both, or has even lost his life. The one who did those things has become bruised because the relationship becomes broken, and possibly severe consequences must be faced.

And Jesus confirms that we are on the right track: “They answered him, We be Abraham's seed, and were never in bondage to any man: how sayest thou, Ye shall be made free? Jesus answered them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whosoever committeth sin is the servant of sin” (John 8:33-34). Sin or the transgression (breaking) of any of God’s commandments, even in the slightest, is not liberating, but bondage and captivity to Satan. That is what we need to be set free from.

In fact, here is a parable on just that... Matthew 12:29 states, “Or else how can one enter into a strong man's house, and spoil his goods, except he first bind the strong man? and then he will spoil his house.” The strong man is Satan. His goods are all souls held in bondage to sin. The person binding Satan is Jesus, Who came to set the captives free.

Romans 8:21 expands upon this theme of breaking the commandments actually bruises and brings people into captivity, even into bondage. “Because the creature itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God.” As we break the commandments, that action creates

corruption. The mind is corrupted more and more as it witnesses, or views, that which is sinful. The body is corrupted when it partakes in those things that are sinful as well. Mental and physical corruption occurs when people think a certain activity is part of dating and then move on to another partner. We even corrupt ourselves by breaking the relationship with God in ignoring the first four commandments and not following them as He said to do them.

Cain got in trouble for making slight adjustments in that area. Did Cain have an altar? Yes. Did he make an offering? Yes. Did he try to worship the true God? Yes. Was it an animal sacrifice? No. So, likewise, we ought to be very careful about altering those first four commandments and truly “deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me” (Matthew 16:24). To follow Jesus is to obey Him.

According to 2 Corinthians 3:17-18, we are at liberty more and more as we change from our sinful nature into the divine nature: “Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord [is], there [is] liberty. But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, [even] as by the Spirit of the Lord.” In fact, to accomplish this change of nature, divine power is granted to us: “According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that [pertain] unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue: Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust” (2 Peter 1:3-4). So, what the world offers us as mental and physical degradation, we can escape from it, be at liberty, be

set free from it by turning from the participation of those things, like alcohol, entertainment, gluttony, foods that are body-destroying, and more.

Taken properly, we can also see upholding the Ten Commandments is liberating in the Book of Galatians. “For, brethren, ye have been called unto liberty; only [use] not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but by love serve one another. For all the law is fulfilled in one word, [even] in this; Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself” (Galatians 5:13-14). Taking the words “Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself”, we end up hearing Jesus saying the similar words, “Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second [is] like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself” (Matthew 22:37-39). So, either Paul is feeding up Jesus’ words to us or these are two separate statements inspired of God saying the same thing; but either way, they are saying to love our neighbors as ourselves. Now, listen to what Jesus said next, “On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets” (Matthew 22:40). The two commandments are not left to us to vaguely figure out how to love God and love our neighbor. Jesus basically said that the Ten Commandments are a summary of the two tables of commandments. To love God is to keep the first four commandments while to love our neighbor is the keeping of the last six commandments. And in so doing, we have liberty of fellowship and we are not bound in guilt as we approach God and approach our neighbors.

Now James 1:25 tells us that liberty is guided by doing the law: “But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth [therein], he being

not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed.” In fact, the law itself, as we do it or keep it, is liberating because we are not liberated from obedience, but we are liberated from sinning.

And just in case we may wonder what law James is referring to, we are told in James 2:10-12, “For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one [point], he is guilty of all. For he that said, Do not commit adultery, said also, Do not kill. Now if thou commit no adultery, yet if thou kill, thou art become a transgressor of the law. So speak ye, and so do, as they that shall be judged by the law of liberty.” It is clearly the law that contains forbiddance from killing and committing adultery which points to the Ten Commandments. So, the Ten Commandments themselves are even called the Law of Liberty. Instead of thinking a person is liberated to do whatever they please, the Bible is trying to teach us that we are liberated from the effects of sin by ceasing such activity.

And so, all the ministers that are nailing the Ten Commandments to the cross, claiming that people are under grace and somehow that causes the requirements of keeping the commandments to cease, encouraging people to walk by faith

and commandment keeping is not of faith, that the Ten Commandments are legalistic, that they are Jewish, that they bring people into bondage, and every other excuse used by twisting the meaning of verses in the Bible, they are aiding and abetting the captivity of sin and the consequence thereof. “While they promise them liberty, they themselves are the servants of corruption: for of whom a man is overcome, of the same is he brought in bondage. For if after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, they are again entangled therein, and overcome, the latter end is worse with them than the beginning. For it had been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than, after they have known [it], to turn from the holy commandment delivered unto them” (2 Peter 2:19-21).

So, will you continue to listen to your preacher promising great liberty and salvation while he is discouraging obedience in keeping the commandments, or will you see that true liberation is found only in obedience to the commandments and keeping of His Word?



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# Heavenly Health

Reen Swindle

## Can Guilt Make a Person Physically Sick?

To answer this question let us take a look at the meaning and purpose of guilt – yes, guilt does have a purpose, but guilt is quite a heavy burden, and is one we were never expected to, or designed to, carry. In Webster's 1828 Dictionary there is actually a term called “guilt-sick” with the meaning being, “Diseased in consequence of guilt”, but an actual definition of just guilt as a feeling or an emotion is not available there, only the criminal usage, so my hope is these people who deal with such things might be able to help clarify the definition, even though we are all too familiar with the feeling.

### From an online article entitled **What Is Guilt, According to Psychologists?**:

“Guilt is generally defined as a self-conscious, negative feeling over wrongdoing,” says Tina Malti, PhD, a professor of psychology and the director of the laboratory for social-emotional development and intervention at the University of Toronto in Mississauga, who researches guilt.

“Shame is also a negative, self-conscious feeling, but it stems from being seen as lesser in the eyes of one’s peers or society at large,” Dr. Malti says. We feel guilty when we have devalued others, whereas we feel shame about the possibility of others devaluing us.

Jennifer Ho, PsyD, a California-based clinical psychologist, explains another difference between the two. Guilt, she says, is a feeling about an action you did that you think was wrong —

a behavior that doesn’t necessarily reflect who you are on the whole. Shame is “a sense that you as a person are wrong,” she says.

That sounds very much like Webster's term – guilt-sick, which clearly explains in itself that along with guilt comes disease. So, it seems that guilt and shame are bosom buddies, both carrying tremendous weight that is surely hindering our walk with Christ. The trap that we almost always get into with guilt, which actually brings on the shame, is that most of the time we want our offense, or sin, to remain in the dark, so we cover up one sin with another and another, until we are in a convoluted mess, as Sir Walter Scott succinctly stated in his writings, “Oh what a tangled web we weave, when first we practice to deceive.” Remember Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden after they had committed sin, they actually tried to hide from God, to deceive Him, and humanity is still doing the same thing today, many times en-mass which not only damages individuals, but can, and does, eventually take down entire civilizations rife with complete disregard for the law; all brought about by degraded humanity in bondage to their own unconfessed sin.

Lying seems to be at the root of most guilt, and there is simply nothing good to say about lying. Proverbs 12:22 states, “Lying lips [are] abomination to the LORD:”

What we fail to realize in this conundrum is that not depending on the only One who can save us is simply unbelief, and cherished

unbelief brings worry to the soul; when we worry we are actually denying the power of Christ. This is a serious offense. Matthew 10:33 tells us that if we deny Him, “him will I also deny before my Father which is in heaven.” The only way to lift this burden of guilt from our souls is to give it to Jesus – He died to take all of our burdens away so we can have health and vital force. He, Who is fully able, is our burden bearer.

The purpose of guilt and its remedy are rolled into one package. Guilt is not to make us run and hide in shame, its purpose is to bring us to repentance, to free us of that burden of sin so we can be whole again; when sin threatens to take over the mastery of your soul, and burdens the conscience, turn to the only One who can help. We are no different than the sick man lying on his mat at the pool at Bethesda, our guilt from sin has made us physically sick and

too paralyzed to help ourselves. We have to reach up, up from this world of Satan's and grasp the hand of Jesus in His realm for complete healing.

The first stanza of the hymn, He touched Me, written by Bill Gaither many years ago pretty much says it all:

Shackled by a heavy burden,  
'Neath a load of guilt and shame.

Then the hand of Jesus touched me,

And now I am no longer the same.

Guilt and shame shackle us. Let us turn from anything that causes disease in our bodies. If we are bringing sickness or burdens of any kind upon ourselves, then we are disobeying God, but obeying Satan, whose goal is to destroy God's people.



## Healthy And Delicious Recipes

Lisa O'Donnell

### Cool Summer Cucumber Salad

#### Ingredients:

- 1 English cucumber (approximately 4 cups sliced)
- ¼ thinly sliced red onion
- 3 tbsp chopped fresh dill
- ¼ cup vegan sour cream
- 3 tbsp lemon juice
- ½ tsp salt

#### Instructions:

1. Mix cucumber and ½ tsp of salt and put in a colander for 15-30 minutes. Discard any water that is collected
2. Mix dill, vegan sour cream, lemon juice and salt.
3. Add the cucumber and red onion mixing well.

#### Note:

- Salad will keep 4-5 days.

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“Cattle know when to go home from grazing, but a foolish man never knows his stomach's measures.”  
—Scandinavian proverb.

# Natural Vitamins

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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.*

## Do We Keep the Commandments or Not

**Matthew 19:17** And he said unto him, Why callest thou me good? [there is] none good but one, [that is], God: but if thou wilt enter into life, keep the commandments.

**Romans 3:28** Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith without the deeds of the law.

When Jesus was asked, “Good Master, what good thing shall I do, that I may have eternal life?” (Matthew 19:16), Jesus answered, “Why callest thou me good? [there is] none good but one, [that is], God: but if thou wilt enter into life, keep the commandments” (Matthew 19:17). Clearly, Jesus was referring to the Ten Commandments as He started to rattle them off: “Thou shalt do no murder, Thou shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt not bear false witness, honour thy father and [thy] mother: and, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself” (Matthew 19:18-19). It really looks like Jesus told the gentleman, and us indirectly, that it is expected that we keep the Ten Commandments to be saved.

Then Paul flatly declares not once but twice that “we conclude that a man is justified by faith without the deeds of the law” (Romans 3:28) and

“Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight: for by the law [is] the knowledge of sin” (Romans 3:20).

Most Christians look at the commandments from just two sides; either we keep them to be saved or they are mere suggestions or even nailed to the cross as we are already saved. Both understandings are in error, but those views pit Jesus against Paul, and as “God is not [the author] of confusion” (1 Corinthians 14:33), we have to find a way that will cause both verses to be in agreement.

And we find it in Paul’s writings. “For not the hearers of the law [are] just before God, but the doers of the law shall be justified” (Romans 2:13). That is very similar to what Jesus stated and that should trigger a prior article on this subject that pitted Romans 2:13 against Romans 3:28, and for that matter, Romans 3:20. That resolution on the apparent contradiction was provided in the September 2019 issue and is the answer here as well.

Basically, the third option that ought to be considered is that true Christians keep the Ten Commandments as a fruit of being saved and not a means to be saved.

A married woman is not going to prepare meals that her ex-boyfriend enjoys but the current husband

hates. She is going to make meals that the husband enjoys. And the same is true with the commandments. Committing sin is doing what the ex-boyfriend, Satan, loves. Keeping the commandments is what pleases Jesus.

Therefore, by Jesus stating that if a person wants eternal life, they are to keep the commandments and even be a doer of the law, as Paul wrote, all the while realizing that not one commandment kept can justify us or

save us. All the saving has been done by Jesus, but He is not going to automatically give salvation to everyone, though He offers it to all. He gives it to those choosing to keep the law but have fallen short. He then by His own merits justifies that person and even “cleanse us from all unrighteousness” (1 John 1:9) as well as “present [you] faultless before the presence of his glory” (Jude 1:24).

To God be the glory!



## 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.*

### Are You Chosen, or Is Not Necessary to Be Chosen?

Many of us can finish off **Matthew 20:16** by memory, or is there nothing to finish off? It goes like “So the last shall be first, and the first last”, and then is it “for many be called, but few chosen”, or nothing at all? The implication of leaving it off is that we all go to Heaven, but just rearrange positions. Other versions indicate that a person is chosen and that of the many who are called, only a few respond. But that would imply responsibility upon the believer, and modern Christianity which believes that Jesus did it all just cannot have that. They believe there is no responsibility upon the believer, and in fact, every person actually gets to go. Admittedly, most versions do acknowledge Matthew 22:14, which

states the words, “For many are called, but few [are] chosen.”

Therefore, we conclude that the versions that drop these words from **Matthew 20:16** are in error and it affects salvation.

**King James Version:** “So the last shall be first, and the first last: for many be called, but few chosen.”

#### In Error:

**American Standard Version:** So the last shall be first, and the first last.

**Amplified Bible:** So those who are last [in this world] shall be first [in the world to come], and those who are first, last.”

**Berean Literal Bible:** Thus the last

will be first, and the first, last."

**Berean Study Bible:** So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

**Christian Standard Bible:** "So the last will be first, and the first last."

**Contemporary English Version:** Jesus then said, "So it is. Everyone who is now last will be first, and everyone who is first will be last."

**English Revised Version:** So the last shall be first, and the first last.

**English Standard Version:** So the last will be first, and the first last."

**Godbey New Testament:** So the last shall be first, and first last.

**GOD'S WORD® Translation:** "In this way the last will be first, and the first will be last."

**Good News Translation:** And Jesus concluded, "So those who are last will be first, and those who are first will be last."

**Holman Christian Standard Bible:** "So the last will be first, and the first last."

**Mace New Testament:** thus the last shall be first, and the first last: for though many are invited, few have precedence.

**NET Bible:** So the last will be first, and the first last."

**New American Standard Bible:** So the last shall be first, and the first, last."

**New International Version:** "So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

**New Living Translation:** "So those who are last now will be first then, and those who are first will be last."

**Weymouth New Testament:** "So the last shall be first, and the first last."

**Worrell New Testament:** So the last shall be first, and the first last.

**Correct, This Time:**

**A Faithful Version:** So the last shall be first, and the first shall be last; for many are called, but few are chosen."

**Anderson New Testament:** So the last shall be first, and the first last. For many are called, but few are chosen.

**Aramaic Bible in Plain English:** So the last will be first and the first last, for the called are many and the chosen ones are few."

**Bishops' Bible of 1568:** So the last, shalbe the first, & the first shalbe last: For many be called, but fewe be chosen.

**Catholic Public Domain Version:** So then, the last shall be first, and the first shall be last. For many are called, but few are chosen."

**Coverdale Bible of 1535:** So the last shalbe the first, & the first the last. For many are called, but few are chosen.

**Darby Bible Translation:** Thus shall the last be first, and the first last; for many are called ones, but few chosen ones.

**Douay-Rheims Bible:** So shall the last be first, and the first last. For many

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**Haweis New Testament:** Thus shall the last be first, and the first last; for many are called, but the elect are few.

**International Standard Version:** "In the same way, the last will be first, and the first will be last, because many are called, but few are chosen."

**Lamsa Bible:** Even so the last shall be first, and the first last; for many are called, but few are chosen.

**Literal Emphasis Translation:** Thus will the last be first and the first last; for many are called ones, however few are chosen ones. In Vulgate but not ESV, NASB

**Literal Standard Version:** So the last will be first, and the first last, for many are called, and few chosen."

**New Heart English Bible:** So the last will be first, and the first last; for many are called, but few are chosen."

**New King James Version:** So the last will be first, and the first last. For many are called, but few chosen."

**Smith's Literal Translation:** So shall the last be first, and the first last; for many are called, but few chosen.

**Tyndale Bible of 1526:** Soo the laste shalbe fyrste and the fyrste shalbe laste. For many are called and feawe be chosen.

**Webster's Bible Translation:** So the last shall be first, and the first last: for many are called, but few chosen.

**World English Bible:** So the last will be first, and the first last. For many are called, but few are chosen."

**Worsley New Testament:** Is thine eye evil because I am good? Thus the last shall be first, and the first last; for there are many called, but few chosen.

**Young's Literal Translation:** So the last shall be first, and the first last, for many are called, and few chosen.'



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# Questions And Answers

Jerry O'Donnell

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

**QUESTION:** With Ted Wilson still in office, is that considered healthy for our church?

**ANSWER:** “The Lord works in a mysterious way His wonders to perform. The Lord does not design that one man shall be president of our conferences more than two years in succession. [One] year would be better; [and] then let him not be placed in some conference to take charge, but let him act in a common capacity, as a minister, to preach the Word. It is dangerous to the spiritual experience to have one man year [after] year as president of the General Conference or even of State conferences” {Ms109-1893}.

**QUESTION:** Although there is forgiveness, when people just do not get along, are we forced to be in each other's company?

**ANSWER:** In most of those situations, there is something disagreeable and clashing with another person, though not considered sinful. Both may keep the Sabbath holy; both may pay tithes; in fact, both may do all that is expected in the eyes of God but still not get along.

Jesus Himself “called unto [him] his twelve disciples” (Matthew 10:1), keeping in mind that one of them would betray Him (Luke 6:16). Do realize, that “the Lord appointed other seventy also” (Luke 10:1), yet these seventy remained closer to Jesus than all the other believers. Even of them, “Jesus taketh [with him] Peter, and James, and John” (Mark 9:2). Still further yet, Jesus had

a closer relationship with John, of whom He trusted His mother with: “Then saith he to the disciple, Behold thy mother! And from that hour that disciple took her unto his own [home]” (John 19:27). For whatever reason, some times personalities do clash.

In the case of Jesus, He did not invite all seventy or others to enlarge the core of twelve disciples. He also favored the home of Lazarus, Mary, and Martha (Luke 10:38-42) over other people's homes to be refreshed. However, Jesus did not keep his distance from Judas despite being the traitor and Jesus knowing it. He always looked for that opportunity to reach the soul.

Keep in mind that Jesus did pray, “Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word; That they all may be one; as thou, Father, [art] in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me” (John 17:20-21). This seems to point out that mere toleration of one another instead of pressing together is not in the best interest of fulfilling this verse.

But, there is something to being incompatible in a personality way. One person may be very talkative while another is not. One person may be very outgoing while another is not. One person may be at a higher level of understanding in which a person in the faith for more than fifty years is going to know a whole lot more than a person in the church for a year or two. This level of knowledge



difference can be challenging to navigate.

In general, if we have no animosity towards another and they have no animosity towards us, then some times, like in the case of Mark and Paul, a separation is necessary, hopefully for the allowance of time to make things right. "And some days after Paul said unto Barnabas, Let us go again and visit our brethren in every city where we have preached the word of the Lord, [and see] how they do. And Barnabas determined to take with them John, whose surname was Mark. But Paul thought not good to take him with them, who departed from them from Pamphylia, and went not with them to the work. And the contention was so sharp between them, that they departed asunder one from the other: and so Barnabas took Mark, and sailed unto Cyprus; And Paul chose Silas, and departed, being recommended by the brethren unto the grace of God. And he went through Syria and Cilicia, confirming the churches" (Acts 15:36-41).

The goal is to be unified, but non-sinful reasons to separate may still come up and there is nothing wrong with keeping the distance so as to keep the peace before sin does enter, especially when issues get sharp, as long as there is an allowance for future opportunity to try again.

**QUESTION:** All the suffering that I am personally going through in all aspects of life as I age, is there a purpose? And please do not tell me that it is character growth.

**ANSWER:** So, we shall not point towards character growth, but we shall point you to 2 Corinthians 4:6, which says "For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to [give] the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ."

Basically, not everything is for our learning and growth. Many times, others watch to see how we conduct

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ourselves while people are fully aware of what faith we profess. “Ye [are] my witnesses, saith the LORD, and my servant whom I have chosen: that ye may know and believe me, and understand that I [am] he: before me there was no God formed, neither shall there be after me” (Isaiah 43:10).

So, ask yourself what the nurses and other staff members are observing. Through much pain and suffering, am I glorifying God or am I so focused within that I do not care how my witness is, be it to other patients, nurses, doctors, visitors, etc.?

**QUESTION:** After creating man in Genesis 1, what is meant by "not a man to till the ground" in Genesis 2?

Genesis 2:5 states, “And every plant of the field before it was in the earth, and every herb of the field before it grew: for the LORD God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and

[there was] not a man to till the ground.”

The focus is not to be placed upon the man existing but rather upon the activity to be performed. Sure, “God created man in his [own] image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them” (Genesis 1:27), but before sin, there was no need to till the ground. That does not come in until after the fall of mankind into sin. Genesis 3:19 states, “In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou [art], and unto dust shalt thou return.” And Genesis 3:23 explicitly tells us “Therefore the LORD God sent him forth from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from whence he was taken”.

Overall, it was Moses’ way, the writer of Genesis, to state that sin had not yet entered into this world when reading Genesis 2.



## *Prophecy Made Plain*

*Jerry O'Donnell*

### **The Resurrections**

The word is plural because there is more than just one resurrection. Jesus said, “Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice, and shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation” (John 5:28-29).

Now, the question some have is that, are these resurrections at different times, or at the same time.

At the event described by Jesus, Paul gives us some details. “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” (1 Thessalonians 4:16-17). Only the saved that died come forth at the second coming, for they are “in Christ”. And the purpose of this resurrection is to “ever be

with the Lord". That fully describes Jesus' first reference as being "the resurrection of life", meaning, it is eternal life, seeing the term "ever be" means just that.

Then John identifies the second resurrection which is for damnation. He does so by labeling the one as the "first resurrection", which was already addressed, and the second resurrection as being for "the rest of the dead". "And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and [I saw] the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received [his] mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and

reigned with Christ a thousand years. But the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished. This [is] the first resurrection. Blessed and holy [is] he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years" (Revelation 20:4-6).

So, at the second coming, which starts the millennium, as we discussed last month, is the first resurrection, which is for eternal life. At the conclusion of the millennium is the resurrection for the rest of the dead, known as the second resurrection, which is for damnation, known as hell.



## News And Comments

### May 23—Yahoo Life

#### Stop Calling Her Your "Work Wife"

Genesis 2:24 states, "Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh." As in another article, the use of wife, in this case, cheapens, downgrades, makes insignificant the true meaning. Likewise, a "work husband" would do the same thing. Only the one that actually becomes the wife through marriage is the spouse. To do anything more is to break down the barriers set in place, lessens the importance of the title, etc.

### June 2—NBC

#### Male birth control gel is safe and effective, new trial findings show

Who determines pharmaceutical creations safe? The listed side effects include: "Irritability, Nightmares, Decreased libido, Increased appetite,

Mood swings, and Asthma exacerbation." And "Subjects gained weight in all three groups. Five men discontinued because of adverse events." These quotes by the National Institute on Health. It is not only this drug but others. Want to lose weight? Pop this pill but the side effects are .... "even possible death". Want to deal with shingles ..., want to deal with this or that ailment? The short of it is, "Thou shalt not kill" (Exodus 20:13) includes self harm in any manner. Risking one's life or even the mind is something we shall be held responsible for. Irritability, including lashing out upon innocent people is a sin. Being moody and negatively impacting those around is a sin. Gluttony is a sin. Yet, the government says it is safe. Sure, there is no risk of dying in this case so that makes it safe, but there is a risk of losing eternal life! That is not safe.

### June 17—Popular Mechanics

#### A Scientist Says Humans Are Rapidly

## Approaching Singularity—and Plausible Immortality

Satan will stop at nothing to undo the punishment for sin: "But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die" (Genesis 2:17).

### June 20—BBC

#### Louisiana orders every classroom to display Ten Commandments

Posting the Ten Commandments is good when the Bible says, "thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up" (Deuteronomy 6:7), but when it is forced upon the public, it crosses the line, but then again, that is the predicted future (second half of

Revelation 13).

### June 27—Independent

#### Oklahoma 'immediately' requires schools to teach the Bible: 'Strict compliance is expected'

This is like the Ten Commandments mandate article. Should everyone study the Bible? Yes. Should they be forced to? No. A relationship with God is by invitation. "Come unto me, all [ye] that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest" (Matthew 11:28). Instead, this is the expected church and state unification coming that is spoken in Revelation 13:11: "And I beheld another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb, and he spake as a dragon." Christlike principles to start with but makes laws that are satanic, which is forceful.



## 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.*

### June 14—Adventist Review

#### North American Division Executive Committee Votes Pentecost 2025 Initiative

"Pentecost dramatically impacted the early church." "On May 29, the Executive Committee of the North American Division of the Seventh-day Adventist Church voted to approve Pentecost 2025, an initiative to be launched for church leaders and members alike to seek the Holy Spirit's power and mobilize for evangelism with the goal of holding at least 3,000 proclamation initiatives division wide in 2025."

**Bible:** "Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you." (John 16:7).

**Comment:** There is a huge spiritual issue when such "initiatives" are clothed in a spiritual garb that just seems to be hiding it all, being a human initiative as opposed to a heavenly initiative. It almost is similar to the human effort in Numbers 14 to take the Promised Land, after the ten spies stirred up the congregation originally against taking the land by their exaggerations. And in Numbers 14,

Moses stated, "Go not up, for the LORD [is] not among you; that ye be not smitten before your enemies." (Numbers 14:42). These games, "initiatives", etc. are all for show and of a human effort. We need the real power but as long as we are ordaining women, ignoring the reforms, teaching a form of "once saved then always saved", ignoring the ministry of Jesus in the heavenly sanctuary, distancing ourselves from 1844, etc., the Lord is not with us.

### **June 18—Fulcrum7**

#### **Non-Adventist Speaking in Tongues at Southwest Region Conference Campmeeting**

She was invited to the Impact 2024 – Southwest Region Conference Camp Meeting in Athens, Texas last weekend. She was introduced and welcomed by Carlton Byrd. During her time on stage, she speaks in tongues (glossalalia) in front of an Adventist crowd at an Adventist campmeeting.

**EGW:** "'Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers.'" This does not refer to marriage alone; any intimate relation of confidence and copartnership with those who have no love for God or the truth is a snare." {5T 13.1}

**Comment:** Unbelievers are never to be allowed into position to influence us as Adventists. We are to influence them. Directly stated, an unbeliever is not to be allowed to address church.

### **June 18—Advent Messenger**

#### **The Office of Regional Conference Ministries of SDAs Prominently Displays the Three Angels of Revelation 14 with Rainbow Colors**

In many parts of the world, Adventism is evolving into a "woke" movement dedicated to social activism. Many people today worship the gods of

diversity, equity, and inclusion, which means they embrace the entire spectrum of gender identities and sexual orientations. The ORCM does not explain why they are using rainbow colors to display the Three Angels of Revelation 14, but it appears that we are either virtue signaling and caving to popular culture, or our people are completely ignorant and do not know what the rainbow colors actually mean.

**EGW:** "There is a spirit of worldliness coming into the church, and it must be firmly met and rebuked. Unless we humble our hearts before God, unless we seek him earnestly, we shall be overcome by the temptations of Satan; and those whom we neglect to warn, to reprove, to exhort, with all long-suffering and doctrine, will be ensnared by his devices, and we shall not be guiltless." {GW92 450.2}

### **June 24—Advent Messenger**

#### **Coors Beer was on Display as the People Worshipped God at the 2024 Allegheny West Conference Camp Meeting**

On Sabbath, June 15, 2024, during a worship service at the 2024 Allegheny West Conference Camp Meeting, the band featured a drummer who was proudly wearing a Coors Beer Brewing Company hat as the people were singing songs to God.

**EGW:** "At the hour of worship, as the prayers and praise of the people were ascending to God, Nadab and Abihu, partially intoxicated, took each his censer, and burned fragrant incense thereon. But they transgressed God's command by using "strange fire," instead of the sacred fire which God himself had kindled, and which He had commanded should be used for this purpose. For this sin, a fire went out from the Lord, and devoured them in the sight of the people." {GW 20.3}

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spots.

**EGW:** “The former – tea, coffee, tobacco, beer, wine, and all spirituous liquors – are not to be taken moderately, but discarded.” {RH, June 25, 1959 par. 16}



## *Pilate Saith Unto Him, What is Truth?*

*John 18:38*

**John 8:32** And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

**John 16:13** Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, [that] shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come.

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

**Galatians 4:16** Am I therefore become your enemy, because I tell you the truth?

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

**Ephesians 4:15** But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, [even] Christ:

**Ephesians 5:9** (For the fruit of the Spirit [is] in all goodness and righteousness and truth;)

**Ephesians 6:14** Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness;

**Colossians 1:5-6** For the hope which is laid up for you in heaven, whereof ye heard before in the word of the truth of the gospel; Which is come unto you, as [it is] in all the world; and bringeth forth fruit, as [it doth] also in you, since the day ye heard [of it], and knew the grace of God in truth:

**1 Thessalonians 2:13** For this cause also thank we God without ceasing, because, when ye received the word of God which ye heard of us, ye received [it] not [as] the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which effectually worketh also in you that believe.

**2 Thessalonians 2:12-13** That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness. But we are bound to give thanks alway to God for you, brethren beloved of the Lord, because God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth:

**1 Timothy 2:4** Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth.

**1 Timothy 3:15** But if I tarry long, that thou mayest know how thou oughtest to behave thyself in the house of God, which is the church of

the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth.

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

**2 Timothy 4:4** And they shall turn away [their] ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.

**Hebrews 10:26** For if we sin wilfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins,

**James 5:19-20** Brethren, if any of you do err from the truth, and one convert him; Let him know, that he which converteth the sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death, and shall hide a multitude of sins.

**1 Peter 1:22** Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, [see that ye] love one another with a pure heart fervently:

**2 Peter 1:12** Wherefore I will not be negligent to put you always in remembrance of these things, though ye know [them], and be established in the present truth.

**1 John 1:6** If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth:

**1 John 1:8** If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**1 John 2:4** He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him.

**1 John 2:21** I have not written unto you because ye know not the truth, but because ye know it, and that no lie is of the truth.

## ***Ellen White Abbreviations In this Issue***

1SM - Selected Messages Book 1

GC - The Great Controversy (1911)

GW - Gospel Workers (1915)

GW92 - Gospel Workers (1892)

MS - Manuscript

RH - The Review and Herald

ST - The Signs of the Times

**1 John 3:18-19** My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth. And hereby we know that we are of the truth, and shall assure our hearts before him.

**1 John 4:6** We are of God: he that knoweth God heareth us; he that is not of God heareth not us. Hereby know we the spirit of truth, and the spirit of error.

**1 John 5:6** This is he that came by water and blood, [even] Jesus Christ; not by water only, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit that beareth witness, because the Spirit is truth.

**2 John 1:3** Grace be with you, mercy, [and] peace, from God the Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of the Father, in truth and love.

**3 John 1:4** I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth.



# 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.*

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