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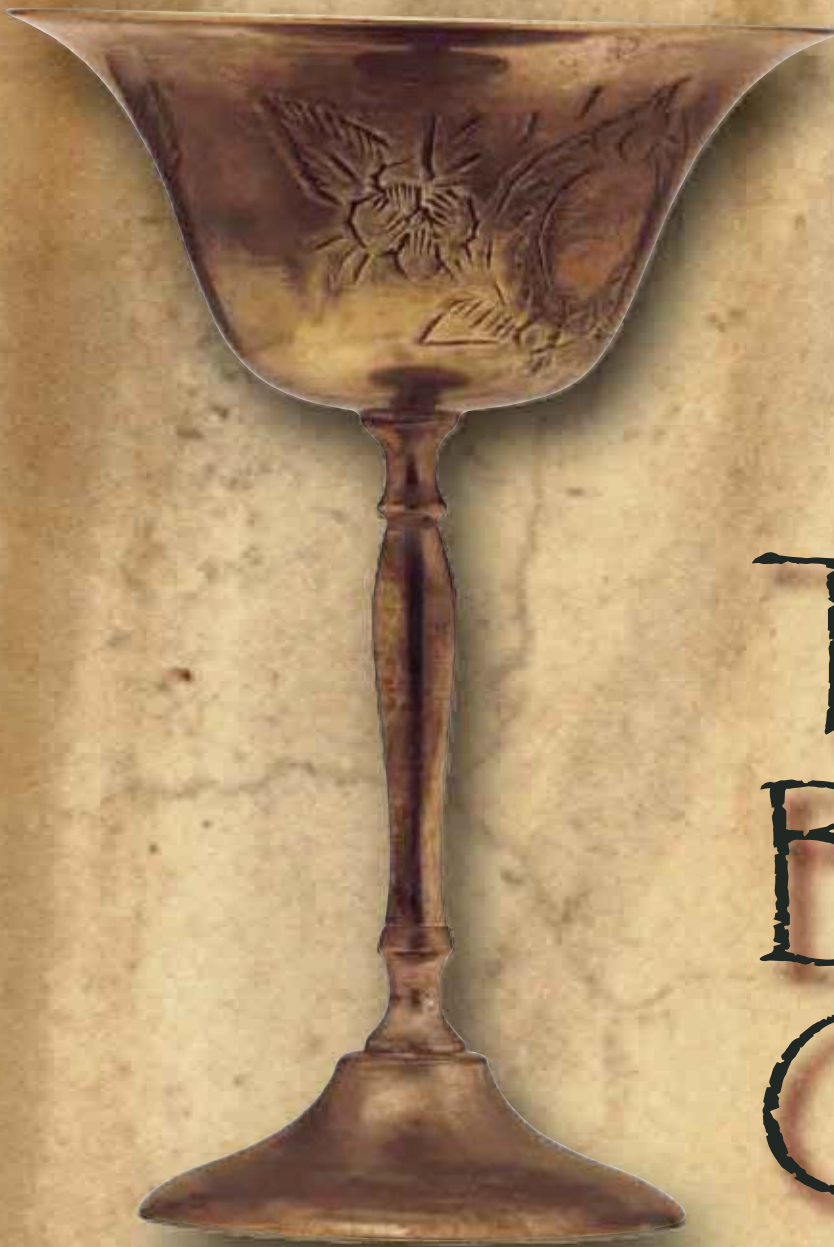
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Character Before Power

In my more than fifty years in the ministry, I have heard the question raised many times, Why do we not have the latter rain? Or, Why are we still here when God has attempted to cut His great work short in righteousness soon after 1844? Our prophet tells us God was ready (see *Selected Messages*, book 1, 68, 360–363), but we have not understood God’s requirements of character perfection. See Matthew 5:48; 1 Peter 1:15–16.

We can never receive the power of the latter rain until we understand and believe, practice, and preach the cleansing of the sanctuary message along with the three angels’ messages. Then, and then only will we see the fulfillment of the fourth angel’s message in Revelation chapter 18—the loud cry in the latter rain.

Character development always precedes the outpouring of the Holy Spirit in its fullness. The character of Christ can never be experienced without complete obedience to truth—the standard of righteousness without a compromise.

“Perfection of character is a lifelong work, unattainable by those who are not willing to strive for it in God’s appointed way, by slow and toilsome steps. We cannot afford to make any mistake in this matter, but we want day by day to be growing up into Christ, our living Head.” *Testimonies*, vol. 5, 500. See *Christ’s Object Lessons*, 330–332, 384.

Without the striving on our part, by yielding our will with Christ’s will, there cannot be the obedience that God demands. The former rain experience of justification and sanctification is to prepare us for the

outpouring of the Holy Spirit in the latter rain. The entire subject of the latter rain must now be restudied in both the Scriptures and the Spirit of Prophecy. The following inspired statements make it clear that the power of the Holy Spirit will never be poured out before the church comes into unity on this important subject of the early and latter rain, and character perfection:

“I saw that none could share the ‘refreshing’ unless they obtain the victory over every besetment, over pride, selfishness, love of the world, and over every wrong word and action.” *Early Writings*, 71.

“Not one of us will ever receive the seal of God while our characters have one spot or stain upon them. It is left with us to remedy the defects in our characters, to cleanse the soul temple of every defilement. Then the latter rain will fall upon us as the early rain fell upon the disciples on the Day of Pentecost.” *Testimonies*, vol. 5, 214.

“Those who come up to every point, and stand every test, and overcome, be the price what it may, have heeded the counsel of the True Witness, and they will receive the latter rain, and thus be fitted for translation.” *Ibid.*, vol. 1, 187.

“When we bring our hearts into unity with Christ, and our lives into harmony with His work, the Spirit that fell on the disciples on the Day of Pentecost will fall on us.” *Ibid.*, vol. 8, 246.

“The refreshing or power of God comes only on those who have prepared themselves for it by doing the work which God bids them, namely, cleansing themselves ‘from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit,

perfecting holiness in the fear of God.’ 2 Corinthians 7:1.” *Ibid.*, vol. 1, 619.

“The latter rain, ripening earth’s harvest, represents the spiritual grace that prepares the church for the coming of the Son of man. But unless the former rain has fallen, there will be no life; the green blade will not spring up. Unless the early showers have done their work, the latter rain can bring no seed to perfection. . . .

“There must be no neglect of the grace represented by the former rain. Only those who are living up to the light they have will receive greater light. Unless we are daily advancing in the exemplification of the active Christian virtues, we shall not recognize the manifestations of the Holy Spirit in the latter rain. It may be falling on hearts all around us, but we shall not discern or receive it.” *Testimonies to Ministers*, 506–507.

Our long delay in repenting of our insubordination (see *Evangelism*, 696) and completing the gospel commission is responsible for our wilderness wandering for more than one hundred fifty years.

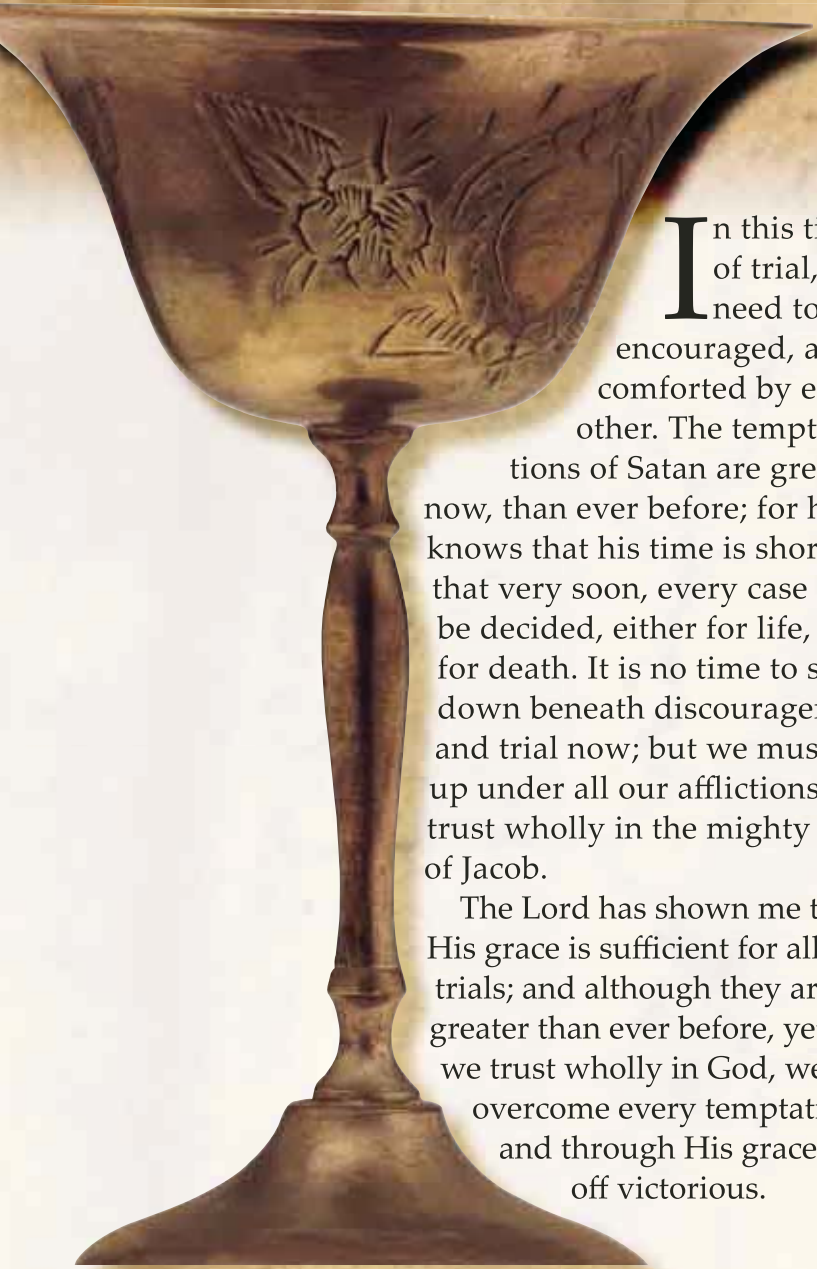
The latter rain is coming soon! May God help us now to confess and repent of our rebellion against God’s orders.



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The Bitter Cup

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In this time of trial, we need to be encouraged, and comforted by each other. The temptations of Satan are greater now, than ever before; for he knows that his time is short, and that very soon, every case will be decided, either for life, or for death. It is no time to sink down beneath discouragement, and trial now; but we must bear up under all our afflictions, and trust wholly in the mighty God of Jacob.

The Lord has shown me that His grace is sufficient for all our trials; and although they are greater than ever before, yet if we trust wholly in God, we can overcome every temptation, and through His grace come off victorious.

If we overcome our trials, and get victory over the temptations of Satan, then we endure the trial of our faith, which is much more precious than gold, and are stronger, and better prepared to meet the next. But if we sink down, and give way to the temptations of Satan, we shall grow weaker, and get no reward for the trial, and shall not be so well prepared to meet the next. In this way we shall grow weaker, and weaker, until we are led captive by Satan at his will.

We must have on the whole armor of God, and be ready at any moment, for a conflict with the powers of darkness. When temptations and trials rush in upon us, let us go to God, and agonize with Him in prayer. He will not turn us away empty; but will give us grace and strength to overcome, and to break the power of the enemy. O, that all could see these things in their true light, and endure hardness as good soldiers of Jesus. Then would Israel move forward, strong in God, and in the power of his might.

Bittersweet

God has shown me that He gave His people a bitter cup to drink, to purify and cleanse them. It is a bitter draught, and they can make it still more bitter by murmuring, complaining, and repining. Those who receive it thus, must have another draught; for the first does not have its designed effect upon the heart. And if the second does not effect the work, then they must have another, and another, until it does have its designed effect, or they will be left filthy and impure in heart. I saw that this bitter cup can be sweetened by patience, endurance and prayer, and that it will have its designed effect upon the hearts of those who thus received it, and God will be honored and glorified.

It is no small thing to be a Christian, and be owned and approved of God. The Lord has shown me some who profess the present truth, whose lives do not correspond with their profession. They have got the standard of piety altogether too low, and come far short of Bible holiness. Some engage in vain, and unbecoming conversation; and others give way to the risings of self. We must not expect to please ourselves, live and act like the world, have its pleasures, and enjoy the company of those who are of the world, and reign with Christ in glory.

We must be partakers of Christ's sufferings here, if we would share in His glory hereafter. If we seek our own interest, how we can best please ourselves, instead of seeking to please God, and advance His precious, suffering cause, we shall dishonor God, and the holy cause we profess.

Work, for the Night is Coming

We have but a little space of time left to work for God. Nothing should be too dear to sacrifice, for the salvation of the scattered and torn flock of Jesus. Those who make a covenant with God by sacrifice now, will soon be gathered home to

share a rich reward, and possess the new kingdom forever and ever.

O, let us live wholly for the Lord, and show by a well ordered life, and godly conversation that we have been with Jesus, and are His meek and lowly followers. We must work while the day lasts, for when the dark night of trouble and anguish comes, it will be too late to work for God. Jesus is still in His holy temple, and will now accept our sacrifices, our prayers, and our confessions of faults and sins, and will now pardon all the transgressions of Israel, that they may be blotted out before He leaves the

will soon be decided, either for life, or for death."

I saw that those who had the means, were required to help speed those messengers, that God had called to labor in His cause, and as they went from place to place, they would be safe from the prevailing pestilence. But if any went that were not sent of God, they would be in danger of being cut down by the pestilence; therefore all should earnestly seek for duty, and be sure and move by the direction of the Holy Spirit.

What we have seen and heard of the pestilence, is but the begin-

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Sanctuary.

When Jesus leaves the Sanctuary, then he that is holy and righteous, will be holy and righteous still; for all their sins will then be blotted out, and they will be sealed with the seal of the living God. But those that are unjust and filthy, will be unjust and filthy still; for then there will be no Priest in the Sanctuary to offer their sacrifices, their confessions, and their prayers before the Father's throne. Therefore, what is done to rescue souls from the coming storm of wrath, must be done before Jesus leaves the Most Holy Place of the heavenly Sanctuary.

The Lord has shown me that precious souls are starving, and dying for want of the present, sealing truth, the meat in due season; and that the swift messengers should speed on their way, and feed the flock with the present truth. I heard an Angel say, "speed the swift messengers, speed the swift messengers; for the case of every soul

ning of what we shall see and hear. Soon the dead and dying will be all around us. I saw that some will be so hardened, as to even make sport of the judgments of God. Then the slain of the Lord will be from one end of the earth, to the other; they will not be lamented, gathered, nor buried; but their ill savor will come up from the face of the whole earth. Those only who have the seal of the living God, will be sheltered from the storm of wrath, that will soon fall on the heads of those who have rejected the truth. ❀

The Present Truth, September 1, 1849.



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Jericho, the Roman Empire, and the Seven Trumpets

Patrick Jones

We, Seventh-day Adventists, are last day Israelites. In 1844, the Second Advent movement left Egypt and crossed the Red Sea (coming out of the fallen church systems of Babylon.) We aimed our sights on the Promised Land— heaven.

But where are we now? Christ could have come and heaven could have been gained any time since 1844. See *Evangelism*, 695–696. For many long years, however, we have been wandering in the wilderness, growing ever larger in number, but amazingly losing the sense of direction and finding ourselves retreating steadily toward Egypt (the Roman world). This is the 160th year of our pilgrimage. (That is 4 times 40—the end of the fourth generation.)

The Vale of Shittim

We are actually in the same place the children of Israel were before they crossed the Jordan and entered the Promised Land—the Vale of Shittim. This was the place where the last of the Israelites who left Egypt 40 years earlier, died, except

for two—Caleb and Joshua. This was the place where many Israelites lost their eternal lives by participating in a great ecumenical apostasy. And this is where we are today—in the midst of a national apostasy.

Praise the Lord, there are a few faithful Calebs and Joshuas, whose faces are still turned toward the Lord and the Land of Promise. They still remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy. They still remember that we are living in the anti-typical Day of Atonement. They still follow Jesus, their Captain, withersoever He goeth. They are still “pressing toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.” Philippians 3:14.

Jericho

Before ancient Israel could gain the Promised Land, they had to conquer Jericho.

“This proud city, behind its massive battlements, offered defiance to the God of Israel. Jericho was one of the principal seats of idol worship, being especially devoted to Ashtaroth, the goddess of the moon. Here centered all that was vilest and most degrading in the

religion of the Canaanites. . . . To reduce Jericho was seen by Joshua to be the first step in the conquest of Canaan.” *Patriarchs and Prophets*, 487.

What does Jericho symbolize for us? Before answering, let us first look at a few more facts.

The Conquest Of Jericho: The First Six Days

“Joshua, the commander of Israel, searched the books diligently in which Moses had faithfully chronicled the directions given by God; His requirements, reproofs, and restrictions, lest he should move unadvisedly. Joshua was afraid to trust his own impulses, or his own wisdom. He regarded everything that came from Christ, who was enshrouded with a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night, as of sufficient importance to be sacredly cherished.” *The Seventh-day Adventist Bible Commentary*, 993–994.

In answer to prayer, Joshua received from Jesus specific instruction for the capture of the city. This he communicated to the priests and the people. “And it came to

pass, when Joshua had spoken unto the people, that the seven priests bearing the *seven trumpets* of rams' horns passed on before the Lord, and blew with the trumpets: and the ark of the covenant of the LORD followed them. And the armed men went before the priests that blew with the *trumpets*, and the rereward came after the ark, the priests going on, and blowing with the trumpets. And Joshua had commanded the people, saying, Ye shall not shout, nor make any noise with your voice, neither shall any word proceed out of your mouth, until the day I bid you shout; then shall ye shout. So the ark of the LORD compassed the city, going about it once; and they came into the camp, and lodged in the camp." Joshua 6:8–11. (All emphases supplied.)

Picture the scene. "First came the warriors, a body of chosen men, not now to conquer by their own skill and prowess, but by obedience to the directions given them from God. Seven priests with trumpets followed. Then the ark of God, surrounded by a halo of divine glory, was borne by priests clad in the dress denoting their sacred office. The army of Israel followed, each tribe under its standard. Such was the procession that compassed the doomed city. No sound was heard but the tread of that mighty host and the solemn peal of the trumpets, echoing among the hills and resounding through the streets of Jericho. The circuit completed, the army returned in silence to their tents, and the ark was restored to its place in the tabernacle." *Patriarchs and Prophets*, 488.

"And the second day they compassed the city once, and returned into the camp: so they did six days." Verse 14.

The Seventh Day

For the seventh day, Joshua had been given special directions: "And the seventh day ye shall compass the city seven times, and the priests shall blow with the trumpets. And

it shall come to pass, that when they make a long blast with the ram's horn, and when ye hear the sound of the trumpet, all the people shall shout with a great shout; and the wall of the city shall fall down flat, and the people shall ascend up every man straight before him." Verses 4–5.

"For six days the host of Israel made the circuit of the city. The seventh day came, and with the first dawn of light, Joshua marshaled the armies of the Lord. Now they were directed to march seven times around Jericho, and at a mighty peal from the trumpets to shout with a loud voice, for God had given them the city.

fell in ruin to the earth. The inhabitants of Jericho were paralyzed with terror, and the hosts of Israel marched in and took possession of the city." *Patriarchs and Prophets*, 488–490.

"Angels of God laid hold of the massive walls and brought them to the ground. . . . The victory of taking Jericho was not obtained through warfare or the exposure of the people. The Captain of the Lord's host had led the armies of heaven. The battle was the Lord's; it was He who fought the battle. The children of Israel did not strike a blow." *Testimonies*, vol. 3, 264, 269.

Notice that angels have a vital role in both the taking of Jericho

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"The vast army marched solemnly around the devoted walls. All was silent, save the measured tread of many feet, and the occasional sound of the trumpet, breaking the stillness of the early morning. The massive walls of solid stone seemed to defy the siege of men. The watchers on the walls looked on with rising fear, as, the first circuit ended, there followed a second, then a third, a fourth, a fifth, a sixth. What could be the object of these mysterious movements? What mighty event was impending? They had not long to wait. As the seventh circuit was completed, the long procession paused. The trumpets, which for an interval had been silent, now broke forth in a blast that shook the very earth. The walls of solid stone, with their massive towers and battlements, tottered and heaved from their foundations, and with a crash

and in the Loud Cry mentioned in Revelation 18:1: "I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power; and the earth was lightened with his glory."

Jericho—The Fourth Empire of Daniel 2

Israel had to overcome Jericho before they gained the Promised Land. Today, God's people must overcome Rome—the fourth world empire—before the fifth empire—God's kingdom of glory—can be established.

In Daniel 2, four great world empires are depicted as four parts of a great image. The head of gold was Babylon. The arms and breast of silver was the kingdom of Medo-Persia. The belly of brass was Greece. The fourth empire, the Roman empire is shown having two phases. The legs of iron depict Pagan Rome. The feet of

iron (Roman statecraft) mixed with miry clay (Roman churchcraft) clearly depicts Papal Rome. See *The Seventh-day Adventist Bible*

World empires don't give up their dominance without a fight. New empires appear after waging a mighty battle with the former

dom. It is a spiritual battle over the mind. "For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places." Ephesians 6:12. Satan will not give up his rule without a fight.

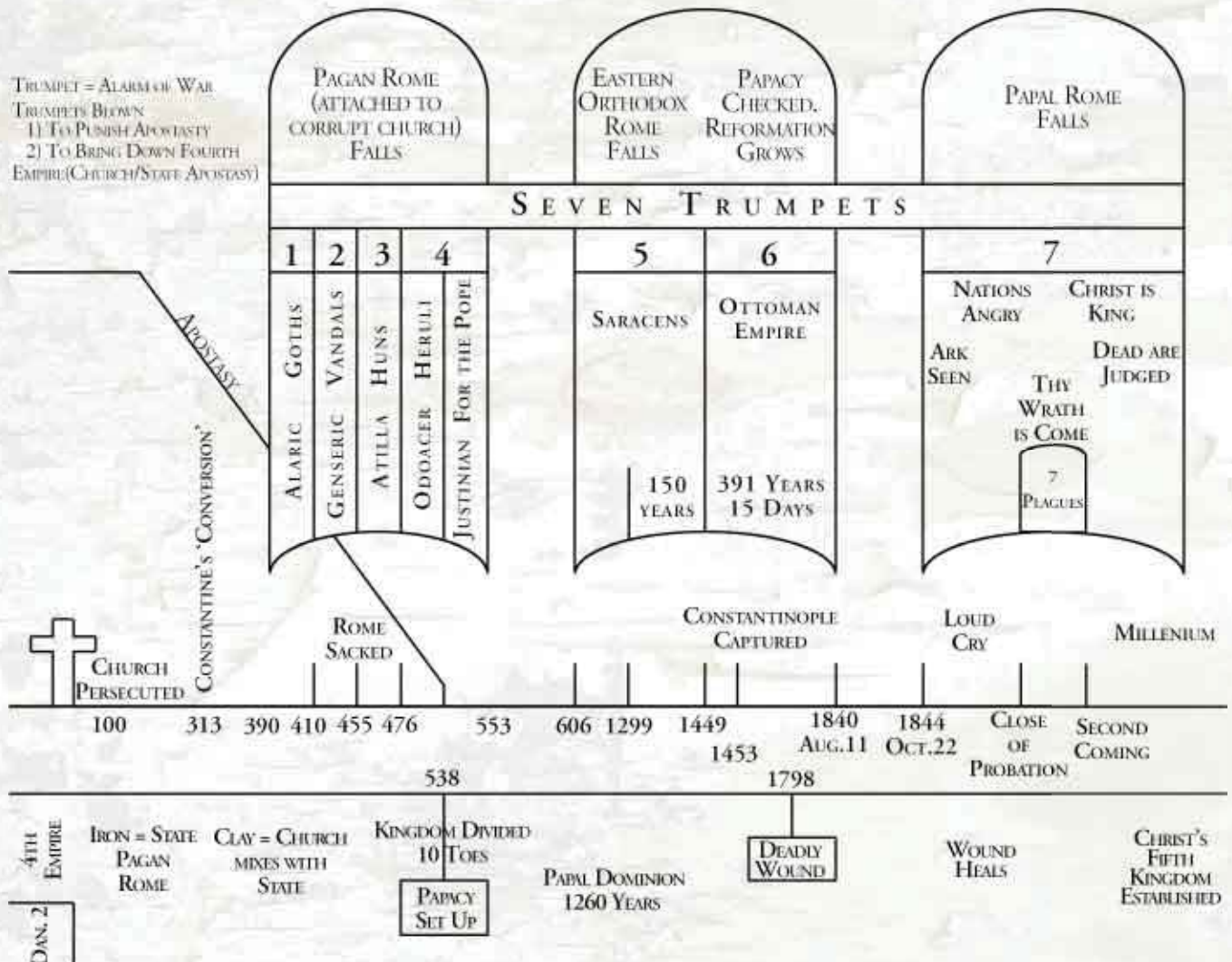
"Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand." Verse 13. There is no way that God's church can take down Satan's kingdom, but they do have a part to play in this battle. Like the battle of Jericho, the battle is the Lord's, but we have a part to act. As with ancient Israel, there is a great city symbolized by Jericho that must fall before we can reach the Promised

As with ancient Israel, there is a "great city" symbolized by Jericho that must fall before we can reach the Promised Land.

Commentary, vol. 4, 1168-1169. We are living in the second phase of the Roman Empire. The fifth empire—Christ's everlasting kingdom—is coming soon!

empire. The same is true when Christ's kingdom takes the place of the Roman empire. There must be a great battle or series of battles between the fourth and fifth king-

CHRIST'S SEVEN TRUMPETS BRING DOWN FOURTH EMPIRE



Land. Jericho is a symbol of the two-phased Roman empire.

The 7 Trumpets Depict Rome's Downfall

The downfall of Satan's fourth empire of Rome was shown in vision to the apostle John. Listen to the voice of our Second Advent pioneers:

James White wrote, "The great leading features of Daniel's visions were the four great governments of antiquity, beginning with the Babylonian, and ending with the Roman, in its papal form. Not so, however, with John; he lived when three of those governments had passed away, and the fourth and last was in being, and in the height of its glory as a universal monarchy. Under that government John was in banishment on the isle of Patmos, 'for the word of God, and the testimony of Jesus Christ.' Revelation 1:9. Accordingly, instead of predicting the rise and triumph of either of those four great governments, it was his part to give the prophetic history of the *fall of the last of the four*, and give us the various means by which that great persecuting system should come to ruin."¹

After quoting Revelation 8:6, Uriah Smith stated, "The subject of the seven trumpets is here resumed, and occupies the remainder of this chapter and all of chapter 9. The seven angels prepare themselves to sound. Their sounding comes in as a complement to the prophecy of Daniel 2 and 7, commencing with the breaking up of the old Roman empire into its ten divisions, of which, in the first four trumpets, we have a description."²

Just as seven trumpets were used in the downfall of Jericho, the seven trumpets of Revelation depict the wars through which Christ brings down the fourth empire!

The Trumpets Of Revelation Are Symbols Of War

"When Israel came out of Egypt and was established in the

Promised Land, God said, 'If ye go to war in your land against the enemy that oppresseth you, then ye shall *blow* an *alarm* with the *trumpets*.' Numbers 10:9. Thus a *trumpet* blast to an Israelite meant war. Years later Jeremiah wrote, 'My bowels, my bowels! I am pained at my very heart; my heart maketh a noise in me; I cannot hold my peace, because thou hast heard, O my soul, the *sound* of the *trumpet*, the *alarm* of war.' Jeremiah 4:19. Thus a trumpet sound indicated war. Hence, these seven trumpets would indicate seven great wars." Walter E. Straw, *Studies in Revelation*, 54.³

Rome, as well as judgments on an apostate church—papal Rome. The interpretation of these trumpets gave a tremendous impetus to the Second Advent movement in 1840 when the sixth trumpet's final tones were heard! "Two years before [in 1838], Josiah Litch, one of the leading ministers preaching the second advent, published an exposition of Revelation 9, predicting the fall of the Ottoman Empire. According to his calculations, this power was to be overthrown 'in A.D. 1840, sometime in the month of August.'⁶ . . . *At the very time specified*, Turkey, through her ambassadors, accepted the protection of the allied powers

"The word of God, if studied and obeyed, would lead the children of men, as the Israelites were led by a pillar of fire by night and a pillar of cloud by day."

The First Four Trumpets Of Revelation Bring Down Pagan Rome—The first four trumpets of Revelation 8 have already been blown. They depict the downfall of western Rome, and judgments on an apostate Christianity that had attached itself to Roman government. Remember, that John was a prisoner of pagan Rome on the isle of Patmos. He wrote of its downfall in very symbolic language so that Roman authorities would not be able to decipher its message. (For a clear explanation of these symbols and how they worked to bring down the Western Roman empire, see Uriah Smith's *Daniel and Revelation*⁴ and Stephen Haskell's *The Story of the Seer of Patmos*.⁵)

The Fifth And Sixth Trumpets Bring Down Eastern Rome, And Are Scourges On Papal Rome—The fifth and sixth trumpets of Revelation 9 have also been heard. They depict the downfall of Eastern

of Europe, and thus placed herself under the control of Christian nations. *The event exactly fulfilled the prediction*. When it became known, multitudes were convinced of the correctness of the principles of prophetic interpretation adopted by Miller and his associates, and a wonderful impetus was given to the advent movement." *The Great Controversy*, 334–335. (See Uriah Smith's and Stephen Haskell's books for a more detailed testimony on these trumpets.)

The first six trumpets have done their work. Historians have noted their work in the decline and fall of the pagan Roman empire and in the history of papal Rome. In the work of these trumpets, God's people have not been too much involved. But this is not so in the seventh trumpet.

The Captain of the Lord's Host

"And it came to pass, when Joshua was by Jericho, that he

lifted up his eyes and looked, and, behold, there stood a man over against him with his sword drawn in his hand: and Joshua went unto him, and said unto him, Art thou for us, or for our adversaries? And he said, Nay; but as captain of the host of the LORD am I now come. And Joshua fell on his face to the earth, and did worship, and said unto him, What saith my Lord unto his servant? And the captain of the LORD's host said unto Joshua, Loose thy shoe from off thy foot; for the place whereon thou standest is holy. And Joshua did so." Joshua 5:13–15.

"To reduce Jericho was seen by Joshua to be the first step in the conquest of Canaan. But first of all he sought an assurance of divine guidance, and it was granted him. Withdrawing from the encampment to mediate and to pray that the God of Israel would go before His people, he beheld an armed

the wilderness veiled as a pillar of fire and a pillar of cloud. See Exodus 13:21; 14:19. And when He appeared to Joshua, what was in His hand? A "sword drawn." Remember those descriptions.

Now we come to the Advent movement. Who is leading us? It is the same Jesus: "And I saw another mighty angel come down from heaven, *clothed with a cloud*: and a rainbow was upon his head, and his face was as it were the sun, and his feet as *pillars of fire*: and he had in his hand a little *book open*: and he set his right foot upon the sea, and his left foot on the earth." Revelation 10:1–2. This "little book open" was the book of Daniel, which had been sealed, or closed up. "The sword of the Spirit . . . is the word of God." Ephesians 6:17. The "sword drawn" of Joshua 5 reminds us of the "book open" of Revelation 10. It is the Word of God. In Revelation 10, Jesus

to the final battle with the fourth kingdom. It involves the seventh trumpet.

The Seventh Trumpet Of Revelation 11 Brings Down Papal Rome

Since 1844, Jesus has been leading us to the Promised Land. We will get there only by His "drawn sword," only as we follow His directions in the Word of God. First, He led His people out of the fallen churches. Then He led them to Mt. Zion, where in the autumn of 1844, "the temple of God was opened in heaven, and there was seen in his temple the ark of his testament." Revelation 11:19. Then, as God's people gazed upon this beautiful scene in the heavenly sanctuary, the Ten Commandments were brought to view, and in that law of liberty, shone the Sabbath commandment. This was the lost flag of God's power! The sign of God's kingdom was restored to His church! This is when the seventh trumpet began to sound.

The tidings of this last trumpet will bring down the last phase of the fourth world empire—Papal Rome—and herald the establishment of Christ's fifth everlasting kingdom. "The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever." Verse 15.

Jericho fell when the seven trumpets were blown on the seventh day. It is interesting to note that in the blast of the seventh trumpet in Revelation, the great issue is the seventh-day Sabbath. The Sabbath will be proclaimed more fully. Jesus will be seen pleading for all to accept His righteousness by faith. "The earth was lightened with his glory." The entire population of planet earth makes their final choice. Whom will they worship?—Jesus on His holy seventh-day Sabbath?—or man (Satan) on his substituted worship day, the first day of the week? Then God's

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... Not by fighting with carnal weapons. But
simply by following God's directions.*

warrior, of lofty stature and commanding presence, 'with his sword drawn in his hand.' *Patriarchs and Prophets*, 487. This was no accidental occurrence, neither for Joshua, nor for us. This was none other than Jesus Christ.

The appearance of the angel of the Lord to Joshua, and His request to take off his shoes, was to remind him of Moses' experience. Because it was there that He promised Moses not only to take the Israelites out of Egypt, but also to lead them *into* the Promised Land. See Exodus 3:2–8.

How did Jesus, the Captain of the Lord's hosts lead the Israelites? Jesus led Israel for forty years in

comes down with feet as a pillar of fire, clothed with a cloud, reminding us of His previous leading of ancient Israel to the Promised Land.

"The Bible is an unerring guide. It demands perfect purity in word, in thought, and in action. Only virtuous and spotless characters will be permitted to enter the presence of a pure and holy God. The Word of God, if studied and obeyed, would lead the children of men, as the Israelites were led by a pillar of fire by night and a pillar of cloud by day." *Testimonies*, vol. 4, 312. See also *ibid.*, 27; *Patriarchs and Prophets*, 283.

Thus, we see that Jesus, through the Word of God, is leading us

people will give a mighty shout—a loud cry! “And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird.” Revelation 18:2.

“Tidings out of the east and out of the north shall trouble him [the papacy]: therefore he shall go forth with great fury to destroy, and utterly to make away many.” Daniel 11:44. In a desperate move, Satan pushes the fourth empire to try to do what it has so successfully done in the past—obscure the revelation of Christ in the heavenly Sanctuary from the view of the people, but the papal ploy does not work. “He shall come to his end, and none shall help him.” Verse 45.

Before Jericho fell, for six days the trumpets were blown singly in order. Jericho fell on the seventh day when the seven trumpets gave a mighty blast, not singly, but together. The seventh trumpet of Revelation 11 is a seven-fold blast. It includes within it the seven last plagues. “Thy wrath is come.” Verse 18. These horrific plagues fall specifically on all those who remain part of the fourth empire and worship the beast—papal Rome—by keeping Sunday.

“Rahab” Saved

There were some in Jericho who were saved alive! “And Joshua saved Rahab the harlot alive, and her father’s household, and all that she had: and she dwelleth in Israel even unto this day.” Joshua 6:25. Rahab had been a harlot in a city of spiritual whoredoms. She repented and desired to escape from the doomed city. The second phase of the Roman empire is a “great city” and a mother of harlots. Some, like Rahab, will repent of their spiritual harlotry, and will be saved from this doomed city of Babylon, this last-day Jericho. “And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, my people, that

ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues.” Revelation 18:4. See also *Early Writings*, 278–279.

The Last Battle Between Empires

A tremendous spiritual battle looms ahead. It is even the Battle of Armageddon. The seven trumpets of Revelation tell us of the final outcome. But John tells us even more plainly: “And I saw as it were a sea of glass mingled with fire: and them that had gotten the victory over the beast, and over his image, and over his mark, and over the number of his name, stand on the sea of glass, having the harps of God.” Revelation 15:2. (See also Daniel 7:26.)

We will win this battle just as Israel of old did at Jericho—not by fighting with carnal weapons, but simply by following God’s directions. “Here are they that keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus.” Revelation 14:12. The righteousness of Christ in our lives will be a mighty power. Jesus will be with us through the trial. Oh let us trust Him with our lives today!

“The Lord knoweth them that are His. The sanctified minister must have no guile in his mouth. He must be open as the day, free from every taint of evil. A sanctified ministry and press will be a power in flashing the light of truth on this untoward generation. Light, brethren, more light we need. Blow the trumpet in Zion; sound an alarm in the holy mountain. Gather the host of the Lord, with sanctified hearts, to hear what the Lord will say unto His people; for He has increased light for all who will hear. Let them be armed and equipped, and come up to the battle—to the help of the Lord against the mighty. God Himself will work for Israel. Every lying tongue will be silenced. Angels’ hands will overthrow the deceptive schemes that are being formed. The bulwarks of Satan will

never triumph. Victory will attend the third angel’s message. As the Captain of the Lord’s host tore down the walls of Jericho, so will the Lord’s commandment-keeping people triumph, and all opposing elements be defeated.” *Testimonies to Ministers*, 410.

How Can That Be?

“For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith.” 1 John 5:4. “He that is slow to anger is better than the mighty; and he that ruleth his spirit than he that taketh a city.” Proverbs 16:32. “We are more than conquerors through Him that loved us.” Romans 8:37. “Thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.” 1 Corinthians 15:57.

We can be part of Christ’s fifth kingdom *today!* “Him that cometh to Me I will in no wise cast out.” John 6:37. “But as many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name.” John 1:12. ✠

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Notes:

- ¹ *The Sounding of the Seven Trumpets of Revelation 8 and 9*, Steam Press of the Review & Herald Office, Battle Creek, Mich., 1859, 1.
- ² *Thoughts on Daniel and the Revelation*, Southern Publishing Association, 1870, 478.
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Our Church Standards Shall We Abandon or Enforce Them?

(Part 1)

C a r y l e B . H a y n e s

Please note: This is the first half of an article which originally appeared in the Advent Review and Sabbath Herald, April 26, 1934. It was taken from a sermon preached at the Battle Creek Tabernacle on March 31, 1934. This call to return to God's plan for real Christian standards and commitment merits careful consideration in view of the tremendous inroads of compromise and worldliness in our church today. — The Editors.

A few weeks ago, out of a distressed and burdened heart, I spoke to you from this pulpit on the subject of church standards, and raised the question as to whether the time had come for this denomination to alter its platform and abandon its standards. At that time I took occasion to point out that the rising tide of worldliness observable among us called for a serious decision upon the part of the church leaders, either to maintain and enforce the old, established standards of the faith, or to cast them aside altogether. And I proposed a set of resolutions dealing with the particular evil of church pageants, shows, and acted

representations—resolutions which the Tabernacle executive board later adopted with unanimity, and which, therefore, embody the accepted policy of this church today.

It is a source of peculiar gratification to me to observe how wholehearted the various activities of the Tabernacle church have endeavored to follow the counsel contained in this policy. From Battle Creek Academy, including both teachers and students, earnest inquiry has been made as to how to bring all activities into compliance with this policy. From the various activities of the Tabernacle, Missionary Volunteer, both Senior and Junior, the Sabbath school, the musical organizations, and the women's organizations, the same inquiries have been made and the same purpose has been made evident. This is indeed heartening.

On the publication of the sermon preached here, in the columns of our widely circulated church paper, the *Review and Herald*, a most astonishing response has come, that has nearly overwhelmed me. From north and south and east and west in North America and from

many foreign fields, letters have come to me which disclose a widespread, and by me unsuspected, but nevertheless most positive and pronounced, conviction on the part of the writers that the time has fully come for a restatement and a new pledge of loyalty to the old-time ideals, standards, and teachings of this closing message of the gospel. This, too, is wonderfully heartening.

Many of these correspondents pointed out that while they deplored these tendencies toward worldly practices which they observed coming in among us, they nevertheless felt a sense of helplessness and timidity in opposing them, fearing they would be counted "old fogies," and that they would be hopelessly outnumbered and their protest ignored. The impression seems to prevail with some devoted souls that the tendency has gone too far to be checked, that the dikes have given way, and there is no use now to resist.

It is this particular phase of the matter to which I address myself today. I do not believe this position is warranted. I am no pessimist

regarding this message and movement God has given us. The old standards are not lost. The church of Christ is not apostate. The threefold message has not become Babylon. The world is not in the church to such an extent that the future is hopeless. There is a glorious triumph just before us. This is no time for despair. Rather, this is a time when God's loyal, faithful people, who recognize and accept the essential, basic teachings and standards of this message, should speak forth vigorously their convictions, and support every effort in the right direction. There is no people on earth so responsive to right and spiritual leadership, so ready to follow right principles, as this people. They are going through to the kingdom.

A Lesson From the Past

There has come to me, as I have further considered the whole situation, a desire to analyze and understand it more clearly. So I have turned to the Word of God, and endeavored to bring the light of former experiences to bear upon our present condition. And out of this study, I bring to you the text of this morning's sermon, Ezekiel 9:3-6:

"The glory of the God of Israel was gone up from the cherub, whereupon he was, to the threshold of the house. And he called to the man clothed with linen, which had the writer's inkhorn by his side; And the LORD said unto him, Go through the midst of the city, through the midst of Jerusalem, and set a mark upon the foreheads of the men that sigh and that cry for all the abominations that be done in the midst thereof. And to the others he said in mine hearing, Go ye after him through the city, and smite: let not your eye spare, neither have ye pity: slay utterly old and young, both maids, and little children, and women: but come not near any man upon whom is the mark; and begin at my sanctuary. Then they began at

the ancient men which were before the house."

The circumstances which form the setting for this passage are these: Ezekiel was among the captives in Babylon. As he was sitting in his house, with the elders of Judah about him, the hand of the Lord fell upon him. Out of an appearance of fire, a hand was stretched forth. It took the prophet by a lock of his head, and the Spirit lifted him up between earth and heaven, and brought him in the visions of God to Jerusalem, to the inner door of the temple.

There God displayed to him in successive scenes the iniquity of His people, their departure from right and holy practices, their abandonment of the religion of God. Ezekiel

the superstitions of their false worship. Even between the porch and the altar of the temple, men stood with their backs to the temple, and worshipped the sun toward the east.

God's Estimate of Sin

Looking upon these varied scenes of guilt, Ezekiel heard the voice of the Lord saying:

"Hast thou seen this, O son of man? Is it a light thing to the house of Judah that they commit the abominations which they commit here? for they have filled the land with violence, and have returned to provoke me to anger: and, lo, they put the branch to their nose. Therefore will I also deal in fury: mine eye shall not spare, neither

Seventy of the ancients of the house of Israel, each swinging a censer, offered a thick cloud of incense to every form of creeping things, abominable beast, and idols, which were portrayed upon the wall.

was carried forward through the different parts of the temple and of the city to witness the increasing abominations committed by various classes of the inhabitants of Jerusalem. The whole city was filled with iniquity.

It had not stopped in the city. It was engulfing even the sanctuary of God. This holy place was desecrated by the polluting devices of wicked men. Seventy of the ancients of the house of Israel, each swinging a censer, offered a thick cloud of incense to every form of creeping things, abominable beast, and idols, which were portrayed upon the wall, while they said, "The LORD seeth us not; and the LORD hath forsaken the earth." Ezekiel 8:12. Women were engaged in all

will I have pity: and though they cry in mine ears with a loud voice, yet will I not hear them." Verses 17-18.

At once, the fulfillment of this solemn denunciation was shown the prophet. The heavenly beings in charge of the city closed in, each with his destroying weapon in his hand. Six others came from the way of the higher gate, toward the north, and these, too, each had a slaughter weapon in his hand. One man among them was clothed with linen, with a writer's inkhorn by his side. These went in and stood by the brazen altar.

The glory of the God of Israel was gone up from the cherubim to the threshold of the house. The Lord forsook a sanctuary which

Christ has made every provision for the sanctification of His Church. He has made abundant provision for every soul to have such grace and strength that he will be more than a conqueror in the warfare against sin. The Saviour is wounded afresh and put to open shame when His people pay no heed to His word. He came to this world and lived a sinless life, that in His power His people might also live lives of sinlessness. He desires them by practicing the principles of truth to show to the world that God's grace has power to sanctify the heart.—Ellen G. White, *Review and Herald*, April 1, 1902

had been so polluted by man's transgression, and stood at the door of the temple, to direct the work of separation and punishment among the people, which it was now determined to accomplish. His wrath was about to be visited upon them. He was about to take vengeance for the iniquities of men, to deal with them in His fury, for all the abominations they had committed, as well as for the hardness and impenitence of their hearts.

There remained some among God's people, however, who had not forsaken or provoked Him. As in the time of Elijah, so there was a remnant who had not been influenced by the apostasy from God. They had retained their loyalty to Him. They had not engaged in these abominations. These must be preserved from the destruction which was coming; they must not go down in the general ruin. They had displayed their zeal for God's honor, and He would now display His power for their safety.

The Mark of Loyalty

And so to the man clothed in linen, with the writer's inkhorn, the Lord said: "Go through the midst of the city, through the midst of Jerusalem, and set a mark upon the foreheads of the men that sigh and that cry for all the abominations that be done in the midst thereof."

So were the servants of God distinguished. They had done all they

could to maintain God's authority, to teach God's way, to uphold God's standards; and when all they could do was not sufficient to stem the tide of apostasy, still they sighed and cried over the abominations which they could not prevent. They did not go with the crowd. They did not compromise. Tears of sorrow filled their eyes because men kept not the divine law. Their souls wept in secret places when men would not hear. And God hearkened and heard. Their witnessing was not in vain. A book of remembrance was kept for those who feared the Lord, those who thought upon His name.

Now that sudden destruction was decreed upon the faithless apostates, these faithful servants of God were to be preserved. As in Egypt, the Israelites were distinguished by the blood on the doorpost, and thus escaped the destroying angel, so these were now marked by divine appointment, that they might escape the evil to come.

The destruction then began at the sanctuary of God, with the ancient men who had engaged in these abominations. The destroying angels went through the city, searching out all who had acted on the conviction that "the LORD seeth us not; and the LORD hath forsaken the earth," and had fallen away into corrupt practices. None were spared. No pity was shown.

Old and young, maids and little children, and women were smitten. No place, no circumstances, were a protection for impenitent guilt. Only those upon whom was God's mark were delivered.

This Movement of God

These things, "written aforetime," were "written for our admonition." Romans 15:4; 1 Corinthians 10:11. They have lessons of guidance, of courage, of comfort, for us. May the Lord, the Spirit, make us wise in their consideration, and faithful in their improvement for ourselves. God has given this people their teachings. He has given them their standards. He has placed before them their objectives. He has assigned them their work. He has given them His Spirit for the finishing of their task. And He has given them special equipment in the varied gifts of His Spirit for the carrying forward of His message.

This movement is God's movement. This denominational organization belongs to Him. He brought it into existence. He commissioned it. It has a divine call. It is doing a divine work. It has not apostatized. It is going through to the kingdom. Men who lead it may and do make mistakes. But God is its real Leader. The head of this movement is God Himself.

After years of service in this work, both at home and abroad and in various capacities, during which I have seen the weaknesses and sins of men as they have affected the work of God, and seen these men either corrected or set aside, a profound conviction has been created in my soul, which is constantly deepening, namely, that the God of heaven, the Creator of the universe, the Upholder of all things, is in charge of the work of this message, and is carrying it onward to certain victory. Stay by the truth, dear friends. A glorious triumph is just ahead.

This conviction, however, does not blind me to the very obvious fact

that practices which formerly were forbidden have made their appearance among our churches. Influences which corrupt and destroy make themselves felt among us. Tendencies which are altogether worldly are becoming too pronounced. Standards are being lowered. Attitudes and relationships are being changed. Some of our people are inclined to look at things with different eyes than they did a quarter of a century ago. A tide of worldliness is threatening the church. Some are fearful it will overwhelm us, that it has already gone so far that it is useless to resist it. They are wrong.

We recognize the evil, we deplore the drift, we acknowledge the danger, we sigh and cry for the abominations. But I assure you they will not destroy this movement. They will not sweep it away. God is still in charge of affairs. He has not been set aside, nor has He relinquished His control. He and His truth will yet triumph.

The time has come, however, fully come, for every devoted, faithful, single-hearted follower of God, and especially those who recognize and properly estimate the dangers of the present hour and the evils of lowered standards, to take a positive stand in opposition to any further lowering of our standards, and a positive determination to lift them back where they ought to be, where God would have them.

A comprehensive survey of this tide of worldliness against which we must set our faces is not possible within the limits of this sermon. It is possible, however, to point out some tendencies and influences, and direct attention to the principles which they undermine.

Separation From the World

This message of truth from God is sent into the world because it contains, and is designed to give, a proclamation of the nearness of the coming of our Lord, and to prepare a people to meet Him in peace and safety. To do this it makes a separa-

tion between this people and the world. This message teaches simplicity, plainness, meekness, humility in life, in character, in conduct, in habits, in dress, in eating, in drinking, in recreation, in everything pertaining

people. To adopt worldly standards is to turn our backs upon Him.

It is inevitable that there should be a struggle between divine and human methods, between divine and human standards, in carrying

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to life and godliness. The people who give this message to the world are a plain simple people, in correspondence with the message they give. All their practices, all their proceedings, are, of course, to be simple and plain.

All going after the world, all following of the fashions of the world, whether in dress, in food, in amusement, in church procedure, in music, in education, in medical practice, in reading, or in any other direction, is offering strange fire to God. God has His own methods for carrying forward His work. We do not need to adopt human methods. He has His own standards for His

forward the work. It has always been so. The devil is not dead, and he is more active now than ever. He does not propose to have God's work triumph without a supreme challenge and conflict. But it will triumph, nevertheless. Do not ever lose your faith in that. ✠

To be concluded.

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CORRECTION & APOLOGY

In the April editorial of *Our Firm Foundation*, I spoke in regard to Don Schneider being involved in politics in a recent Iowa-Missouri conference constituency meeting. Since that time, I have been contacted by more than one person who has indicated that I did not have my facts completely accurate. I must admit that I did not check the information I received as well as I should have. The report as I gave it was not entirely accurate. I want to apologize to Elder Schneider publically, and retract what I wrote in regard to him. I usually am more careful in what I write. Elder Schneider contacted me in a very Christian way. I thank him for that. May the Lord be with him as he takes on the very difficult task of trying to direct our beloved church as the Lord would have it directed.

In His Service,
Pastor Clark Floyd.

One Lord and One Faith

(Part 1)


Vernon Sparks

the soul of the receiver; therefore he is constantly seeking to substitute false theories, fables, another gospel. From the beginning the servants of God have contended against false teachers, not merely as vicious men, but as inculcators of falsehoods that were fatal to the soul. Elijah, Jeremiah, Paul, firmly and fearlessly opposed those who were turning men from the Word of God. That liberality which regards a correct religious faith as unimportant found no favor with these holy defenders of the truth." *The Great Controversy*, 520.

Tragically, God's remnant church is not united as to what the gospel really is. There is more than one version of the human nature of Christ being promoted among us, and this inevitably leads to different concepts of the gospel—how men are saved. Different gospels, based on different understandings regarding the humanity of Christ, cannot all be the truth, and thus all compatible with salvation. Only the truth sanctifies and thus prepares us for salvation.

The Desire of Ages, 671, tells us that: "It is through false theories and traditions that Satan gains his power over the mind. By directing men to false standards, he mis-shapes the character." Thus, Satan knows that if he can lead us to

Illustration: Joe Maniscalco



God's truth has the power to set men and women free from sin. "And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." John 8:32. In contrast, we are told that: "Error is never harmless. It never sanctifies, but always brings confusion and dissension. It is always dangerous." *Testimonies*, vol. 5, 292.

God's truth allows for only "One Lord, one faith, one baptism." Ephesians 4:5.

It is a deception of Satan that what we believe is not important:

"The position that it is of no consequence what men believe is one of Satan's most successful deceptions. He knows that the truth, received in the love of it, sanctifies

We draw the logical conclusion that "everyone" may use the same power from above, which Christ used, to live a "sinless life in sinful flesh."

uplift a false Christ as our standard, our characters will be misshapen, and eternal life will be forfeited.

We are told, and rightly so, that “the humanity of the Son of God is everything to us. It is the golden chain that binds our souls to Christ, and through Christ to God. This is to be our study.” *Selected Messages*, book 1, 244.

The union and relationship between the dual natures of Christ—fully divine and fully human—the incarnation “is the mystery of all mysteries.” *The Faith I Live By*, 48. The nature of the humanity which He took, however, is not a mystery, for we are told that “His human nature was . . . identical with our own.” *Selected Messages*, book 3, 129. Yes, the Divine Christ accepted the human nature of those He came to save. This Christological position was maintained unanimously by our publications for a 100-year period, 1852–1952. See *The Word Was Made Flesh*, by Ralph Larson.¹ This position was, and still is, based solidly upon the inspired Word of God.

Since it was first published in 1888, *Bible Readings for the Home Circle* has been one of our major, if not the major, “full-message” publication we have distributed to the world. It has been sold and given away, literally by the millions of copies. The 1914 edition, elegantly and concisely, presented the biblical basis for Christ taking man’s fallen nature. Please see the sidebar on this page, which is a reprint of the entire chapter entitled “A Sinless Life,” pages 173–174.² (All emphases in the original.)

Having established from the references above that Christ’s humanity was one with fallen man, we draw the logical conclusion that “everyone” may use the same power from above, which Christ used, to live a “sinless life in sinful flesh.” This is directly opposed to what Satan had declared:

“Satan declared that it was impossible for the sons and daughters of Adam to keep the law of God,

A Sinless Life

Quoted from *Bible Readings for the Home*, 1914 ed., 173–174.

1. What testimony is borne concerning Christ’s life on earth?

“Who did no sin, neither was guile found in His mouth.” 1 Peter 2:22.

2. What is true of all other members of the human family?

“For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God.” Rom. 3:23.

3. With what question did Christ challenge His enemies?

“Which of you convinceth Me of sin?” John 8:46.

4. To what extent was Christ tempted?

“ [He] was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin.” Heb. 4:15.

5. In His humanity, of what nature did Christ partake?

“Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, He also Himself likewise took part of the same; that through death He might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil.” Heb. 2:14.

6. How fully did Christ share our common humanity?

“Wherefore in all things it behooved Him to be made like unto His brethren, that He might be a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make reconciliation for the sins of the people.” Verse 17.

NOTE.—In His humanity Christ partook of our sinful, fallen nature. If not, then He was not “made like unto His brethren,” was not “in all points tempted like as we are,” did not overcome as we have to overcome, and is not, therefore, the complete and perfect Saviour man needs and must have to be saved. The idea that Christ was born of an immaculate or sinless mother, inherited no tendencies to sin, and for this reason did not sin, removes Him from the realm of a fallen world, and from the very place where help is needed. On His human side, Christ inherited just what every child of Adam inherits,—a sinful nature. On the divine side, from His very conception He was begotten and born of the Spirit. And all this was done to place mankind on vantage-ground, and to demonstrate that *in the same way* every one who is “born of the Spirit” may gain like victories over sin in his own sinful flesh. Thus each one is to overcome *as Christ overcame*. Rev. 3:21. Without this birth there can be no victory over temptation, and no salvation from sin. John 3:3-7.

7. Where did God, in Christ, condemn sin, and gain the victory for us over temptation and sin?

“For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, *condemned sin in the flesh*.” Rom. 8:3.

NOTE.—God, in Christ, condemned sin, not by pronouncing against it merely as a judge sitting on the judgment-seat, but by coming and living *in the flesh, in sinful flesh*, and yet without sinning. In Christ, He demonstrated that it is possible, by His grace and power, to resist temptation, overcome sin, and *live a sinless life in sinful flesh*.

8. By whose power did Christ live the perfect life?

“I can of Mine own self do nothing.” John 5:30. “The words that I speak unto you I speak not of Myself: but *the Father that dwelleth in Me, He doeth the works*.” John 14:10.

NOTE.—In His humanity Christ was as dependent upon divine power to do the works of God as is any man to do the same thing. He employed no means to live a holy life that are not available to every human being. Through Him, everyone may have God dwelling in him and working in him “to *will* and to *do* of His good pleasure.” 1 John 4:15; Phil. 2:13.

9. What unselfish purpose did Jesus ever have before Him?

“For I came down from heaven, *not to do Mine own will, but the will of Him that sent Me*.” John 6:38.

and thus charged upon God a lack of wisdom and love. If they could not keep the law, then there was fault with the Lawgiver." *Signs of the Times*, January 16, 1896.

"Satan represents God's law of love as a law of selfishness. He declares that it is impossible for us to obey its precepts. . . . Jesus was to unveil this deception. *As one of us* He was to give an example of obedience." *The Desire of Ages*, 24. (All emphases supplied unless otherwise noted.)

The only way Christ could have proved Satan's claim false, was for Him to take our fallen nature. We must conclude, there-

the form and nature of fallen man." *Spiritual Gifts*, vol. 4a, 115.

In more than three hundred references the servant of the Lord used other wording compatible with "sinful" or "fallen" to state the same truth. An example:

"In Christ were united the divine and the human—the Creator and the creature. The nature of God, whose law had been transgressed, and the nature of Adam, *the transgressor*, meet in Jesus—the Son of God, and the Son of man." *Lift Him Up*, 345.

In at least two instances, Ellen G. White said it both ways—fallen and sinful:

"We have the truth of God, the most precious, sacred truth that was ever given to the world; the truth that was likened to a golden chain, being let down, link after link, from heaven to earth."

fore, that Christ had to take the same humanity with which fallen man struggles against temptation and sin.

The testimony of Jesus, through His messenger, Ellen White, in some twenty-six references, states unequivocally that He took our *sinful* nature. An example:

"Clad in the vestments of humanity, the Son of God came down to the level of those He wished to save. In Him was no guile or sinfulness; He was ever pure and undefiled; yet He took upon Him *our sinful nature*." *Review and Herald*, August 22, 1907.

In some sixteen distinct references God revealed to us through Ellen White that Jesus took our *fallen* nature. An example:

"It was in the order of God that Christ should take upon Himself

"He made Himself of no reputation, took upon Him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of *sinful flesh*. . . . Sinless and exalted by nature, the Son of God consented to take the habiliments of humanity, to become one with the *fallen race*. The eternal Word consented to be made flesh. God became man." *Signs of the Times*, February 20, 1893.

Not once does the testimony of Jesus in the Spirit of prophecy confuse the issue by stating that Christ took an unfallen human nature, or that He took Adam's nature before the Fall. Yes, the foundation for truth regarding the humanity of Jesus has been firmly laid by Inspiration.

During the 100 year span from 1852 to 1952, our principal writers and leaders authored some 800 statements, in addition to the 400

by Ellen G. White, regarding the human nature of Christ. Every one was in harmony with the fallen humanity position of Inspiration. Thus, Seventh-day Adventists have been firmly united on this belief.

This truth regarding Christ's humanity is an important component of the gospel chain between God and the fallen race:

"We have the truth of God, the most precious, sacred truth that was ever given to the world; the truth that was likened to a golden chain, being let down, link after link, from heaven to earth for us to grasp." *Signs of the Times*, May 9, 1878.

"The precious, golden links of truth are not separate, detached, disconnected doctrines; but link after link, form one string of golden truth, and constitute a complete whole, with Christ as its living Center." *Ellen G. White Pamphlets*, vol. 1, 23.

Whenever error, with its unbelief in truth, is combined with truth, it destroys the whole:

"Truth must stand in its own order, linked only with truth. Unbelief disturbs the balance of the system of truth, and tends to destroy the whole." *Manuscript Releases*, vol. 7, 189. ❖

To be concluded.

Next month we will conclude this article by showing how our view regarding Christ's human nature is inseparably linked with many other essential, interrelated truths of the great controversy and the gospel chain.

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A Call for Well-Trained Gospel Workers

Ellen G. White

In your genuine unity is your strength. There is a great work before us. Those who believe the truth, present truth for this time, are few. Let these be bound together in bonds of closest Christian fellowship, to strengthen one another. Let them stand shoulder to shoulder, hearts blended together in oneness, and bound up with Jesus Christ.

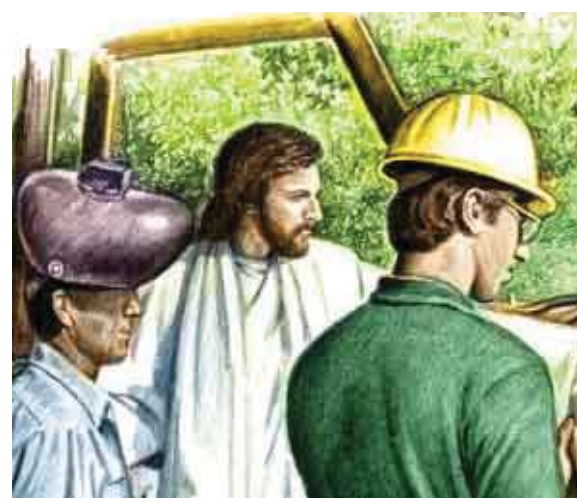
That sympathy, that tender regard for one another that brings the blessing of God, that blends

all together in God, has not been cherished. There is to be no exalting of self, one above another. Union is enjoined by our Lord Jesus Christ. We are to stand as brothers, our hearts knit with the hearts of our fellow laborers. . . .

The word comes to me in the night season to speak to those nigh and afar off, "Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the LORD is risen upon thee." Isaiah 60:1. Shall we confine our work in

a narrow groove, and labor only for the churches? Our work is to educate all whose names are on the church books, by precept and example showing them how to work to enlighten, encourage, and save perishing souls.

The Lord is coming, and we have a great work to do. I have been considering the light given me by God concerning the ministry. Within a few days light has come to me, or, rather, past light



has been repeated. In our council One who has been our instructor presented before me the work to be done in our cities. This work embraced the suburbs also. We will have close, earnest, trying work to do. Therefore you that have had an experience must stand together, one in heart and mind. No one must exalt himself above his brother in his measurement of himself. There is need that prayer [should] go up to God in faith, that the Lord of the

his heart through the operation of His Spirit, making him a converted man. The effect of divine grace upon the heart was accompanied by a visible change in his spirit. This gave him influence with the armies of Israel. Now he is set in the work aright. If he will cultivate humility and the fear of God, if he will trust in God, and learn His will, and not exalt himself, the Lord will give him grace.

The same spirit that changed the heart of Saul will change the hearts of the men who are entering the ministry. A man may be as inexperienced as Saul, but if he will receive the word of the Lord from the old, faithful standard bearers, if he will do the will of God, he will not fail as Saul did. Saul was exalted to the position of king, but he failed by presumptuously following his own judgment.

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harvest will send forth laborers to His harvest, because the harvest is great and the laborers are few.

Qualified Men

There is need that men be set apart for the ministry; but unless there is a close seeking of the Lord to know His will, men who are unprepared will be set apart for the ministry. No man must be chosen because of his prepossessing appearance. Saul, who was designated as king of Israel, was a man of prepossessing appearance, tall and well proportioned. But neither in experience nor character was he fitted for the work. The Lord changed

There are minds that are superficial, and that always will be superficial. The less of this class that enter the ministry the better it will be for the people. There is a most solemn work to be done in these last days. Only those who are willing to deny self, who give evidence that they realize that they are to be constantly learning how to do better work, can engage in God's service. Having a vital connection with God, their love for and knowledge of the truth deepening, they reveal that the truth has become a part of their being. Their perceptive faculties are quickened, and the evidence of their growth in grace and habitual

fidelity to their appointed work is apparent.

Those who give themselves to God with humble, devoted hearts need not spend three or five years in qualifying themselves to do the work essential to win souls to Christ. They are not to graduate from their progressive study when they leave school. Every day they must do humble work for the Master. They must ascertain their duty and perform it, whatever may be its character.

Every part of the man—brain, bone, and muscle—is to be worked. The gospel economy is in every way suited and conformed to the condition of man, not in heaven but on earth, during his probationary test and trial. The Holy Spirit is to do its work upon mind and character, exerting an influence upon thoughts and actions. If received, cultivated, and appreciated, it will always be reformatory, refining, elevating, and ennobling. He who always aims for entire conformity to God's will, who does not follow his own natural inclinations, will allow the Holy Spirit to improve and mold and fashion his character upon a plan and model different from his own inherited and cultivated tendencies, changing him to another man.

The influence of the Spirit upon the human mind will regulate it after the divine order. But the Spirit does not work in a manner and power beyond the human agent's power of resistance. A man may refuse to hear the counsels and admonitions of God. He may choose to take the regulating of his conduct into his own hands; but when he does this, he is not made a vessel unto honor. Like Moab, he refuses to be changed, emptied from vessel to vessel, and therefore his taste remaineth in him, and his scent is not changed. See Jeremiah 48:11. He refuses to correct his defective traits of character although the Lord has plainly pointed out his work, his privileges, his opportunities, and the advancement to be made. It is

too much trouble to break up his old ways and transform his ideas and methods. "His scent is not changed." He clings to his defects, and is thus unfitted for the sacred work of the ministry. He was not willing to make a close examination of himself, or to closely inquire for light to shine upon him in a clear, distinct manner. His prayers have not ascended to God in humility, while with humble endeavor he sought to live his prayers by understanding and performing his duty.

After the Lord has put one on test and trial, that he may be assured of his calling to the ministry, if he is content to follow his own way and his own will, if he will not heed the manifestations of the Spirit of God, if he refuses to profit by growth in grace and depth of understanding, be assured that the Lord does not need him, for he cannot communicate that which he has never received.

Every soul is to minister. He is to use every physical, moral, and mental power, through sanctification of the Spirit, that he may be a laborer together with God. All are bound to devote themselves actively and unreservedly to God's service. They are to cooperate with Jesus Christ in the great work of helping others. Christ died for every man. He has ransomed every man by giving His life on the cross. This He did that man might no longer live an aimless, selfish life, but that he might live unto Jesus Christ, who died for his salvation. Not all are called to enter the ministry, but nevertheless they are to minister. It is an insult to the Holy Spirit of God for any man to choose a life of self-serving.

Manual Labor

Ministry means not only the study of books and preaching; it means service. Especially are ministers to engage in useful, profitable manual labor, that all their faculties may be kept in a healthy condition. As they open the Word to others, God will bless them in this line of

work; but it is a mistake to read and study all the time, not using the physical organs. It is a neglect of thorough service to God. They cannot be all-around men. There is a necessity of ministers using their powers of ingenuity, that they may not be unskillful in the Word, and may show their ingenuity in devising and planning in business lines. These faculties should be used in the service of God to win souls to the truth. Real planning and devising are required to bring the sinner out of darkness into the light of truth.

The apostle Paul was an able minister of the gospel, and yet he labored with his hands, doing the humble work of a tent-maker. By

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working with his hands he did not lessen his work of communicating to Aquila and Priscilla the great truth of the gospel of Christ. These two men and Priscilla labored with their hands, and Paul's designs in tent-making were ingenious. He brought fresh methods into his work also as he labored for the people, preaching the gospel of Jesus Christ. Many were brought to a knowledge of the truth by witnessing the faithful toiler making tents to support himself, that he might not be dependent upon anyone for food and raiment. While thus at work, he showed himself skillful, "not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord." Romans 12:11. And in preaching the Word, he was no less fervent and able in speech because of his business tact.

A man's success in the ministry does not rest upon his excluding himself from useful labor, nor upon

his popularity or indolence, but upon his willingness to labor in any position that seems to be duty. Those who are the most willing to toil and show industry in business lines, and who, themselves, plan and devise to be a help to others in branches of common toil, are the men who will be chosen by God to do Him service wherever their lot may be cast. They may be called upon with the help of others to build their own homes, or to build a church, or to do this alone, if they have a knowledge of how to handle tools.

Privation may be the lot of every soul who now believes and obeys the truth. Christ has told us that we will have reproach. If persecution

for the truth's sake is to come, it is important that every line of work become familiar to us, that we and our families may not suffer through lack of knowledge. We can and should have tact and knowledge in trades, in building, in planting, and in sowing. A knowledge of how to cultivate the land will make rough places much smoother. This knowledge will be counted a great blessing, even by our enemies.

A willingness to be ordained, to engage in the work of the ministry, that it may gratify the desire for an easy life without toil, is selfish, and the end unholy. Such willingness is no proof that they are chosen by God for the work. Many are wanting in moral and intellectual qualifications. They do not want to tax their mind, to dig for the hidden treasure. They do not dig deep, they skim the surface, and they see only the things that are upon the surface.

Character Building Necessary

The work of God requires all-around men, those who can devise, plan, build up, organize, and exercise wisdom in discipline. These are the ones that are chosen by God for His work. All whom the Lord leads, all who appreciate the solemnity, the probabilities and possibilities of the work for this time, will feel like obtaining all the knowledge they can from the Word. By earnest study of the Word, they will gain all the knowledge they can use in ministering to the needy—the sick both in body and in soul.

It has pleased the Lord to have select, representative men connected with the work as missionaries—men who have been tested and proved and tried. Often they have been in trying situations, and by earnest, frequent, and laborious examination of their own spirit, habits, temper, appetites, and practice, they have carefully and thoroughly investigated themselves. Just as a carpenter who, in erecting a building, inspects every piece of timber he puts in to see if any are weak or rotten, and as he discards all defective ones, so the human character should be carefully examined to see if it is becoming more and more like Christ Jesus—pure, peaceable, kind, full of goodness, love, and truth. Those who enter through the gates into the city must and will have a right to the tree of life. To them the promise is made, “Blessed are they that do His commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city.” Revelation 22:14.

We must try our character by the moral standard, God’s holy law. Day by day we must measure our attainments, to see if we shall be of this number. “Thou hast a few names, even in Sardis which have not defiled their garments; and they shall walk with me in white: for they are worthy.” Revelation 3:4. “Let us be glad and rejoice and give honor to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife [the church] hath made herself ready. And to her was granted

that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints.” Revelation 19:7–8.

Dear brethren, we need now to carefully consider every plan. We need now to humble our hearts before God. We need now not to wait in a careless attitude, but in an attentive, reverent attitude. “Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?” Acts 9:6. “Speak, LORD; for thy servant heareth.” 1 Samuel 3:9. We are living in the most critical period of this earth’s history. We are fully conscious of the great need of workers; but, my brethren, greatly as we need efficient helpers, we must not be careless and allow the work to be cumbered with driftwood. We must draw nigh to God every day, every hour.

In whatever we are called to do, we are to keep the spirit clean and fragrant. “Be pitiful, be courteous” (1 Peter 3:8), does not mean that we are to wink at sin and corruption. It frightens me to see how men who know the truth and the poverty of our mission, conduct themselves in their connection with the greatest interests that exist in our world. They take from that treasury which needs to be replenished by them, in the place of being impoverished by their unfaithful stewardship. What does it mean that the cause of God in missionary lines is crippled through the defects in the management of those who ought to know how to move cautiously and circumspectly?

The Lord requires that all who do Him service shall study how to save means by economizing. This can and must be done. Those who do not help to increase the fund should be very careful how they subtract from the precious fund that is the Lord’s treasure, from which many suffering fields that are in need of the gospel being preached unto them, are supplied. There are many, many souls praying that they may know the truth.

The Word specifies the gifts and graces that are essential for every soul who receives the truth. But

especially does the Lord require His messengers, who carry His Word to others, to live the truth, to reveal that they are sanctified through the truth. If they do not show their love of the truth by meeting the infallible standard, let them step out from the ministry and no longer dishonor God by their disorderly course of action. Let close, critical examination be made of the tenor of their life and action. Have they the marks that testify that they are children of God, that they apply the Word of God as a test of their own qualification to do service that will properly represent Christ? Have they shown a clear understanding, a right judgment in the things of God? Have they a sweet, pure, clean spirit in the sight of God, in the home and in the church? Do they give evidence that they are undefiled, that they can labor to help others out of Satan’s power, or do they show a want of sincere piety and conscientious scruples in willing toil, failing to lift burdens for Christ? Do they give evidence that day by day they are learning the meekness and lowliness of Christ?

A great work is to be done. Who will engage in this work? Who will press the work forward and upward to victory? We have all the world against us; all the churches against us; all the synagogue of Satan against us. And if those of our own faith work against the truth by their own unsanctified habits and practices, the work will go very hard. God help us to pray, “O Lord, cleanse the camp of Israel from its defilement.” ❀

Letter 10, 1897, written September 2, 1897, at “Sunnyside,” Cooranbong, NSW, Australia, to “My Brethren,” *Manuscript Releases*, vol. 19, 19–29.



Ellen G. White, 1827-1915, received the spiritual gift of prophecy, and the fruits of her life and work accord with the biblical tests of a true messenger of God. To this day, her counsels are an incalculable blessing to God’s people around the world.



Sanctification (or Holy Living) Part 2

Daniel T. Bordeaux

The position that sanctification is an instantaneous work, has a tendency to discourage the conscientious and desponding, and to induce many to believe that they are rich and increased with goods, and have need of nothing, and is a great hindrance in the way of true sanctification.

Says the apostle, "He that lacketh these things [character qualities in Peter's ladder] is blind and cannot see afar off." 2 Peter 1:9. He that has had an opportunity to improve and has not advanced in Christian virtues, is in a backslidden state, and being deprived of the enlightening influences of the Holy Spirit. He is in a great measure blind in regard to his own condition and in regard to the truth, and cannot see afar off, or cannot see far in the way of holiness.

Sanctification may be well represented by the growth of plants. It commences with the seed, the grain, and grows up into the lofty tree. It is receiving with meekness the engrafted word, and growing thereby, or growing in grace and in the knowledge of the truth, or

growing up into Christ our living head, or being changed from glory to glory into the image of Christ.

As the child of God contemplates the truth, he gradually beholds in it the glory of the Lord, and falls in love with His lovely character. Under the influences of

and thus he is changed from glory to glory into the image of Christ.

This view is further strengthened by those texts in which God's people are exhorted and encouraged to be perfect, to overcome, to mortify the deeds of the flesh, etc., also by those passages where prayers and desires

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divine truth, he sees some beautiful trait in the Christian character and conforms to it, and thus far grows up into Christ and becomes assimilated into His likeness. Light shines on another excellence, and then on another, and he overcomes and overcomes growing stronger and stronger, becoming more and more holy in imitating the perfect Pattern,

are offered for the sanctification and perfection of the saints.

The fact that Christians in the Scriptures are designated as holy, sanctified, perfect, and saints, does not militate against our position. Christians are sanctified or perfect as far as they understand and practice the truth; and even those who are called holy, sanctified, perfect

and saints, are exhorted to cleanse themselves, to perfect holiness, to be perfect, to go on to perfection, etc. Compare 1 Corinthians 1:2; 2 Corinthians 1:1; 7:1; 13:11; Philippians 3:12–16; Hebrews 3:1; 6:1.

It is manifest that light increases on the truth as the work of sanctification progresses, and that sanctification involves the necessity of advancing in the knowledge of the truth. For this reason we should cry after knowledge, and lift up our voice for understanding; seek her as silver, and search for her as for hid treasures. See Proverbs 2:3–4. And “all scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof,

is a revelation of God to man which should be studied, is proof that God designed it should be understood. Strong and numerous have been the efforts of the powers of darkness to extinguish this light of heavenly birth; but it shines today.

And is it not reasonable to expect that light will increase on the Word of God, and that the prophecies will be better understood as those prophecies relating to the last days are fast fulfilling, and as the end toward which they point approaches? Said an angel while speaking to the prophet Daniel concerning the last days, or the time of the end, “Many shall run to and fro, and knowledge

shining from God’s Word on the path of the just, and that this light relates to that great event which is immediately impending—the coming of the Lord, and a preparation to meet it. This we denominate present truth, because it applies to the present time, and is adapted to the wants of the present generation; and it is through this truth that the last church will be sanctified.

But some do not see the necessity of receiving the truths applicable to the present time in order to be sanctified. They think they can be sanctified by living as other good Christians have lived. But how have good Christians in the past been sanctified?

Have they not been sanctified by living up to the light that they had in their day? And if we are favored with more light than they were, if God has other duties for us to perform, can we be sanctified by merely living as they lived? Does God cause light to shine on His Word in vain? Can men understandingly treat any portion of God’s Word with indifference or impunity without incurring guilt? Can men avoid performing known duties and yet be free from sin? Said Christ, “If I had not come and spoken unto them they had not had sin: but now they have no cloak for their sin.” John 15:22.

When John the Baptist was preaching the first advent and preparing a people to meet the Lord, he said to the Jews, “Think not to say within yourselves, We have Abraham to our father: for I say unto you, that God is able of these stones to raise up children unto Abraham.” Matthew 3:9. From this it appears that the Jews fell back on good father Abraham to excuse themselves for not receiving the testimony of John. They overlooked the fact that Abraham rejoiced to see the day of Christ, and that he would have gladly received John’s testimony if he had lived in his day. They did not realize that they could not be Abraham’s children indeed, without possessing the spirit with which he was imbued.

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for correction, for instruction in righteousness: that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.” 2 Timothy 3:16–17.

The Word of God

Says the wise man, “The path of the just is as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day.” Proverbs 4:18. And what is it that thus causes the path of the just to shine, unless it is the Word of God? David says, “Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.” Psalm 119:105. Again Peter says, “We have a more sure word of prophecy [or “the word of the prophets which is very firm,” *French Trans.*]; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts.” 2 Peter 1:19.

The Word of God was given to be a light unto the just, to show them their duty and whereabouts in this dark world. The idea that this Word

shall be increased.” Daniel 12:4. And in the same connection we read, “Many shall be purified, and made white, and tried; but the wicked shall do wickedly: and none of the wicked shall understand; but the wise shall understand.” Verse 10.

It would not be necessary to enter into a lengthy argument to convince the candid that we are living in the last days. By comparing the sure word of prophecy with history and the signs of the times, we see clearly that we are occupying the last link in those great chains of prophecy which were to reach to the end; that the leading signs which were to be the precursors of Christ’s second coming, and which were to bring us to the last generation, have been fulfilled; and that the present signs of the times show conclusively that the great drama of this world’s history is about to wind up, and that the Lord is near even at the doors. . . .

It is clear that we have reached the time when a flood of light is

Now is not this the condition of those who refer to good Christians in the past to justify themselves for not receiving those truths that apply to the present time? But if the Jews who lived at the close of the former dispensation could not be sanctified without receiving John's preaching, can the last church be sanctified without receiving those truths relating to Christ's second coming?

It will require a special preparation to meet the Lord when He comes. It will be necessary for the last church to look for Christ; for it is to them that look for Him that He will "appear the second time without sin unto salvation." Hebrews 9:28. "And it shall be said in that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, and he will save us." Isaiah 25:9. Now we cannot look for Christ without watching the signs of the times, and believing in the advent near.

The primitive church could not consistently look for Christ in their day. The caution to them was, to not be troubled by spirit, by word or by letter, as that the day of Christ was at hand. See 2 Thessalonians 2:1-4. But when the leading signs of Christ's coming commenced to be fulfilled, then the church could look up, knowing that their redemption drew nigh. See Luke 21:25-28. And now it is an important duty of the people of God to watch the remaining signs of the coming of the Lord. See verse 26; Matt. 24:42; 1 Thessalonians 5:6. Those who watch in the Bible sense of the term, and have a living faith in the advent near will not be in darkness that the day of Christ should overtake them as a thief in the night. They will know their whereabouts and their duty. ❀

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Historical Footnotes

"We have nothing to fear for the future, except as we shall forget the way the Lord has led us, and His teaching in our past history." — E. G. White, *Life sketches*, 196.

Many today have neglected to study the history and people that made up the early days of the Advent movement. To help encourage interest in Adventist history, we have put together questions about people and events of our past. Our goal is to spark faith, and *further study* into "the way the Lord has led us, and His teaching in our past history."

1. What was James White's father, Deacon John White's occupation in Battle Creek?¹
 - a. Farmer
 - b. Shoemaker
 - c. Farmer & shoemaker
 - d. Preacher
2. What year was Ellen Harmon married to James White?²
 - a. 1843
 - b. 1844
 - c. 1845
 - d. 1846
3. What year was E. G. White's death?³
 - a. 1900
 - b. 1930
 - c. 1915
 - d. 1895
4. How old was James White when he died?⁴
 - a. 60
 - b. 55
 - c. 70
 - d. 75
5. What was James White's mother's name?⁵
 - a. Ellen
 - b. Betsy
 - c. Anna
 - d. Mary
6. What was the first job James White held in Topsham, Maine?⁶
 - a. Farmer
 - b. Preacher
 - c. Hauling stone
 - d. Cutting wood
7. Where was the first "Sabbath Conference" held?⁷
 - a. Battle Creek, Michigan
 - b. Rocky Hill, Connecticut
 - c. Paris, Maine
 - d. Gorham, Maine
8. In whose home was the first *Present Truth* written?⁸
 - a. Albert Belden's
 - b. Hiram Edson's
 - c. Joseph Bates'
 - d. Uriah Smith's
9. In what town did *The Advent Review and Sabbath Herald* have its beginnings?⁹
 - a. Battle Creek, Michigan
 - b. Chicago, Illinois
 - c. Paris, Maine
 - d. Waterbury, Vermont
10. What was the first Ellen G. White book published?¹⁰
 - a. *The Great Controversy Between Christ and Satan*
 - b. *Spiritual Gifts*
 - c. *A Sketch of the Christian Experience and Views of Ellen G. White*
 - d. *Early Writings*

Answers: 1.c, 2.d, 3.c, 4.a, 5.b, 6.c, 7.b, 8.a, 9.c, 10.c.

Notes:

- ¹ See *James White* by Virgil Robinson, Review and Herald, Washington, DC, 1976, 15-16.
- ² See *ibid.*, 38.
- ³ See www.whiteestate.org.
- ⁴ See *James White*, 299.
- ⁵ See *ibid.*, 13.

⁶ See *ibid.*, 43.

⁷ See *ibid.*, 47.

⁸ See *ibid.*, 57-59.

⁹ See *ibid.*, 68.

¹⁰ See *ibid.*, 77.

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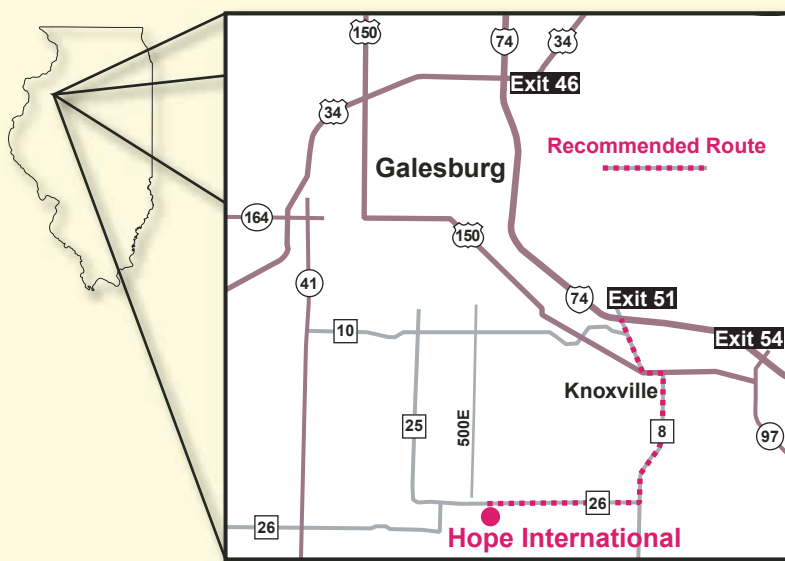
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Lee Forbes—Lee has worked with his partner in ministry, Clark Floyd, as a radio talk show co-host on "Bible Answers with Clark and Lee," and also as a conference speaker, seminar teacher, and music evangelist. Lee knows what it means to be a broken vessel as he has "been there" many times, but the beauty of the gospel is that God can take something broken and marred and make it altogether new.

Joe Olson - Brother Olson is the Executive Director and Chairman of the Board of Hope International and an international speaker. It is Joe's hope to be faithful to God in whatever capacity God sees fit to use him and for Hope International to be a ministry totally dedicated to Jesus and the finishing of His work. Joe looks forward to hearing the words "Well done, good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."



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Meeting Schedule

Wednesday, September 29

7:00 pm Clark Floyd

Thursday, September 30

7:00 am George Gomoll (in the Chapel)

7:40 am Breakfast

9:00 am Lee Forbes

11:00 am Colin Standish

12:30 pm Dinner

2:00 pm J.C. Perozo

4:00 pm Richard Harris

5:30 pm Supper

7:00 pm Talk Back Live

Friday, October 1

7:00 am Harvey Steck (in the Chapel)

7:40 am Breakfast

9:00 am Patrick Herbert

11:00 am Diane Herbert

12:30 pm Dinner

2:00 pm Richard Harris

4:00 pm Musical Concert

5:00 pm Supper

5:46 pm Sundown

7:00 pm Talk Back Live

Sabbath, October 2

7:00 am Patrick Herbert (in the Chapel)

7:40 am Breakfast

9:30 am Richard Harris

11:00 am Ron Spear

12:30 pm Dinner

2:30 pm Musical Concert

4:30 pm Colin Standish

5:44 pm Sundown

6:00 pm Supper

7:30 pm Talk Back Live

Sunday, October 3

7:00 am Diane Herbert (in the Chapel)

7:40 am Breakfast

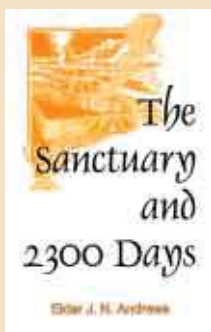
9:00 am Joe Olson

New Publications

available from the

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Here are some of the new items that we have added to our book store since our 2004 catalog was published. If you would like a free 2004 catalog, please give us a call or drop us a line, and we will be happy to send you one. You may also browse online at www.hopeint.org. Please see page 30 for shipping and sales tax information.



General Books

Andrews, J. N.

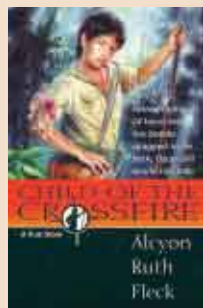
Sanctuary and 2300 Days, The

Those who have any interest in the past Advent movement cannot be otherwise than deeply interested in the question of our disappointment. To examine this question with candor and fairness, and to set forth the reasons why their expectations were not realized is the object of this work.

Paperback, 96 pages, 1997

BEAJ-SA2D

\$6.15



Fleck, Alcyon

Child of the Crossfire

He was brainwashed, trained in guerrilla warfare, captured at his family's massacre, tortured to reveal war secrets, and orphaned – all before he was 10. Salvador's quest to find his heavenly Father and earthly father takes many unexpected twists and turns in this heartrending true story of survival and triumph

Paperback, 223 pages, 1999

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Mundy, Susi

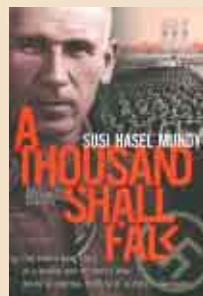
Thousand Shall Fall, A

In a few short years they lived several lifetimes of danger. As thousands around them fell victim to the horrors of war, they were borne up on angel's wings – sometimes quite literally. This is the true, soul-soaring story of one desperate family who chose to be faithful whatever the cost, and found refuge in the shadow of the Almighty

Paperback, 172 pages, 2001

BEMS-ATSF

\$9.49



Robinson, Ella M.

S.N. Haskell: Man of Action

Among the most colorful of the early Seventh-day Adventist church workers was Stephen Nelson Haskell. He was a self-made man, fearless, and endowed with ingenuity, courage, and vision.

Paperback, 256 pages, 2004

BERE-HMOA

\$10.59

Children and Youth

Kreye and Youngberg

Under the Blood Banner

This story tells the experience of Eric Kreye as a child. Although the story is directed primarily to Junior boys and girls, the hearts of many young parents have been captured as well. The authors have attempted to instill values, such as loyalty to family, allegiance to country, honesty, integrity, and faithfulness to God

Paperback, 120 pages, 2003

BEKY-UBBA

\$8.29



White, J. Edson

Gospel Primer, One, Two, and Three

It is said that what a child learns before he is seven years old will never be forgotten, and will in a great measure determine his future character. How important, then, that the lessons taught him in that period be those of truth and uprightness! You will find that this book uses many Bible stories to help your child learn to read.

Paperback, 95 pages, 1900, 1906, 1910

BEWJ-GPRI

\$4.95





Software

Wellard, Lee

Great Controversy DVD

This computer multi-media program (based on *The Great Controversy*) is a very powerful evangelistic tool & personal resource. It is designed for those who are interested in learning or sharing the vital issues of Christian history in the context of present developments. Contains hymns, slide shows, Bible studies, time lines, video clips, *The Great Controversy* study guide, and more!

DVD, Min. specs: Pentium III 400MHZ., 64 MB RAM
SEWL-GCDV **\$77.99**



Health

Ferrell, Vance

You Can Quit Tobacco

One of the most complete books on quitting tobacco you can find, carefully and simply explained. Includes reasons you must quit, how to quit step-by-step, ways to be successful, how to minimize cravings, weight control help, and more.

Paperback, 97 pages, 1988

BEFV-YCQT **\$1.35**



Kellogg, John Harvey

Art of Massage, The

Dr. Kellogg, whose life was dedicated for healing of the whole body, not only fully describes the techniques, but he discusses reasons for certain movements and disease conditions for which massage is useful. This is a classic manual – which both the learner and the practitioner will find enlightening.

Paperback, 287 pages, 1999

BEKJ-AOMA **\$12.59**

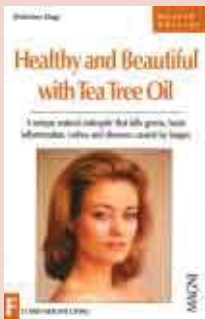
Kluge, Heidolore

Healthy and Beautiful with Tea Tree Oil

A guide to using tea tree oil – a unique natural antiseptic that kills germs, heals inflammation, rashes and disease caused by fungus. Contains simple recipes you can make yourself: oils, lotions, creams, rinses, inhalants, and more.

Paperback, 100 pages, 2000

BEKH-HBWT **\$7.75**



Cookbooks

DePuydt, Rita

Stevia

If you are concerned about too much sugar in your diet and are reluctant to use artificial sweeteners, try these delicious, low-sugar recipes, sweetened with an extract of the herb stevia rebaudiana. The intense flavor of stevia extract is about 200 to 300 times sweeter than sugar, with no calories and a glycemic index of 0. Used by millions of people around the world, stevia may be the answer to your sugar woes.

Paperback, 206 pages, 2002

BEDR-STEVE **\$14.95**



Kaucher, Jo A.

Chicago Diner Cookbook, The

These amazing vegetarian/vegan recipes will impress even the most avid meat eater. Especially for those who don't want to give up their favorite tasty dishes. Includes recipes for sausage patties, minestrone, potato salad, pot pie, stroganoff, no-meat fajitas, tofu yung, basic gluten, dairy-free sour cream, cheese sauce, cheesecake, and many others. All tested and served at The Chicago Diner since 1983.

Paperback, 156 pages, 2002

BEKJ-CDCO **\$9.75**



Stepaniak, Joanne

Ultimate Uncheese Cookbook, The

Enjoy all the goo and glory of your favorite cheesy dishes without the cholesterol, animal products, and dairy allergens that can be harmful to your health. Make vegetables come alive with tangy uncheese sauces. Now you can expand your repertoire of nutritious "comfort" foods.

Paperback, 182 pages, 2003

BESJ-UUCO **\$11.99**

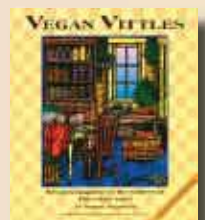


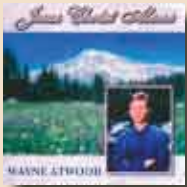
Vegan Vittles

Delicious vegetarian recipes (all meat, egg, and dairy-free), including Seitan Salami, Pepperoni & Pastrami; Hot & Sout "steak" Salad; Barbecue-style braised short "Ribs"; Stuffed Eggless Omelets; Muffins That Taste Like Donuts, Mocha Nice Cream; Orange "Buttermilk" Sherbert, and much more.

Paperback, 165 pages, 1996

BESJ-VVIT **\$12.95**





Music

Atwood, Wayne

Jesus Christ Alone

All the songs presented in this album were written by the singer himself and are accompanied by piano, guitar and other instruments.

Audio CD, 10 songs

DEAW-JCAL \$10.99

Cassette, 10 Tracks, Regular price: \$10.00

AEAW-JCAL \$7.49

We Shall Behold Him

Wayne sings the songs, some written by himself, and accompanies himself on keyboard, along with accompaniments on guitar and flute.

Audio CD, 10 songs

DEAW-WSBH \$10.99

Cassette, 10 songs

AEAW-WSBH \$7.49

Sawyer, Derrol

Christian's Hope, The

13 songs to encourage God's people to proclaim and not lose sight of the Christian's Hope. Accompanied by guitar, violin, and keyboard.

Audio CD, 13 songs

DESD-CHOP \$11.49



Audio Books

God's Word

KJV Holy Bible on MP3

Listen as the King James Bible comes alive through the award winning narration of Eric Martin. Now you can enjoy the Spoken Word almost anywhere: traveling in the car, plane, subway, train, listening while exercising, working around the house, or even in your favorite recliner.

Set of 2 MP3 CDs

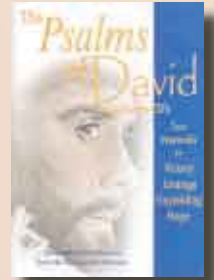
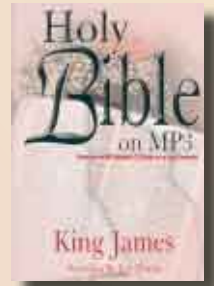
MERM-KJBI \$22.95

Psalms of David, The

The Psalms of David are the inspired Word of God, which came to us through David, His great warrior. In these times all of us need David's Psalms, which are like so many spiritual passwords to the strength and unyielding hope we need.

Set of 4 Audio CDs, narrated by Eric Martin, KJV

DEGW-PODA \$19.95



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About 18 years ago I began studying the Bible. I worked at night at the post office and when I got home in the morning I would read for an hour or so before going to sleep. I had a giant print Bible that my wife's grandmother had been given by her church (Methodist).

When I got to Isaiah I noticed stars in the margin areas, and I soon learned that they were prophecies of the Messiah. I knew all the New Testament from childhood in the Baptist church. (I studied it then, too, trying to figure out the contradictions between what the preacher was teaching and the things I was reading.)

Now as an adult I was unraveling the great doctrines that the Bible actually taught, and of course the Sabbath soon came into focus. My wife didn't know I was studying. We had our first child, and I wanted her to have a Biblical background, so I picked up a Bible Story card that a Literature Evangelist had put out at a gas station on my way home. He showed up a few days later and left me a *Great Controversy*, which I was delighted to see clearly traced the flow of history and Bible prophecy.

After I was baptized, one of the elders gave me a couple of copies of *Our Firm Foundation*. The church had a subscription, and he eventually gave me several years' supply. I read them all. I had seen Ron Spear on 3ABN with the Grosboll brothers, and I was quite impressed with how closely your articles used and quoted from the Spirit of Prophecy. There's the link: the Spirit of Prophecy pointed to the Bible, and *Our Firm Foundation* pointed to the Bible and the Spirit of Prophecy.

We moved our membership, and my source of *Our Firm Foundation*

dried up. A few months ago I got a trial subscription to *Our Firm Foundation*, and I thank you for that trial program.

CN, Alabama

Years ago we were receiving cassettes put out by Elder Spear. It seems the tapes were called The Roundtable Talks. Since that time we've always been interested when hearing Elder Spear's name mentioned.

I don't remember when we first read *Our Firm Foundation*. We did not personally subscribe for some time, but finally decided we needed to have it come to our home regularly, so we subscribed several years ago. It is a blessing. We will remember the '50s and appreciate the recent articles by Elder Larson.

We met dear Elder Andreasen at the White Memorial Hospital and heard him several times at prayer meeting. The man was so firmly grounded in the message—with the true message, such as Hope gives.

Please pray for our daughter, that she will take time to read the gift subscription to *Our Firm Foundation* that we are sending her.

ES, Tennessee

You asked how I came to know about Hope International. In reality, it found me. I became weary of the watered-down, everything-goes type of worship that some of our churches have adopted. A friend invited me to a small, newly formed congregation, and there I met up with real truth—the "good 'ole fashioned SDA message," and I felt extremely blessed to be there. That Sabbath, your friend spoke, and I got hooked.

Please pray for me and the work God is leading me to do.

AB, Florida

Thank you for sending the first of three sample issues to ——. This is to inform you that they both passed away within the past few years.

We are now a home church of two, my wife and I. Would it be possible to receive the other two sample issues of *Our Firm Foundation*? We have enjoyed the first issue very much. As all of the Lord's blessings do, it arrived at a remarkable time. Since we are historic Seventh-day Adventists, we appreciate and feel very blessed to be able to read timely, Spirit-filled information, and we cling to each piece and digest it well before we share with others who may or may not be of like faith and mind. Many pieces of literature have been spread like the leaves of autumn from this lowly location over the years. With the Lord's blessings and mercies many more will continue to find their way to the homes and hands of others in need.

LB, Georgia

I would love to receive a trial subscription to *Our Firm Foundation*. My uncle received your magazine years ago, and I borrowed a few of them from him—and I love them! I am an Adventist, and there are not many really spiritual Adventist magazines available. I was very impressed with your magazine. Thank you.

LR, Florida

Wish we could get to your place in Illinois for your meetings. Our income is fixed/limited. We hope many people can get there and be blessed.

BN, Arizona

I want you to know how thankful I am for your ministry! May the Lord continue to bless your outreach.

JW, Illinois

Announcing These Upcoming Meetings

Upcoming Events

Hope International speakers and board members will be conducting or participating in the following events. We invite you to attend and become acquainted with us, and we hope you will receive a rich spiritual blessing.

September 2004

3-4 — Colton, California

- Speakers: Ron Spear, Joe Olson, Lee Forbes

4 — Portland, Tennessee

- Speaker: Clark Floyd

17-19 — Delta, BC, Canada (Camp Mtg)

- See advertisement on this page.

October 2004

25-28 — Knoxville, Illinois

(Medical Missionary Training for Families)

- See advertisement on this page.

November 2004

5-6 — Fort Wayne, IN

- Speakers: Ron Spear, Joe Olson

Fall Camp Meeting 2004

**Knoxville, Illinois
Sep. 29 through Oct. 3**



See pages 26-27 for more information

British Columbia Meetings

September 17-19, 2004

Meetings will be at the Coast Tsawwassen Inn, Delta, British Columbia, Canada.

Room rates: Can\$89 / US\$65 per night.

To reserve a room, call (800) 943-8221.

A local food service will provide a vegan Sabbath lunch for those who prepay (Can\$22 / US\$16.50).

To arrange for meals, call (800) 468-7884.



Medical Missionary Training Course for Families

October 25-28, 2004 • Knoxville, Illinois



Classes Offered:

- 8 Laws of Health
- Hydrotherapy
- Massage Therapy
- Cooking School
- Patient Assessment
- Herbs

Classes will be offered for ages 5 thru adult.

To register, or for more information contact
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For more information on locations, schedules, meals, or lodging for any of the above meetings, write or call Hope International: (800) 468-7884.



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