

our firm

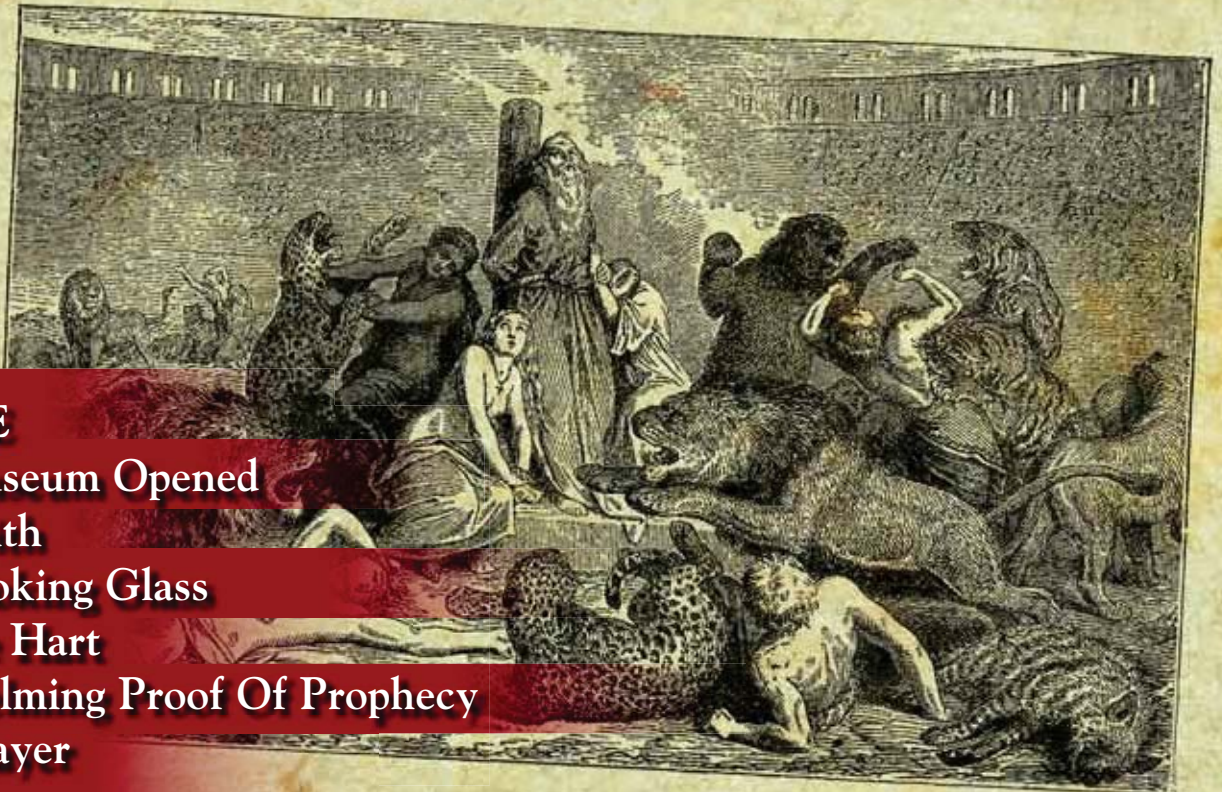
FOUNDATION

Volume 25, Number 2 • March 2010

The Immutable Law of God • Christ Our Righteousness • The Seventh-day Sabbath
The Three Angels' Messages • The Non-Immortality of the Soul • The Sanctuary



I Will Keep Thee
From the Hour
of Temptation



IN THIS ISSUE

- The Bible Museum Opened
- Intelligent Faith
- The Bible Looking Glass
- As Pants The Hart
- The Overwhelming Proof Of Prophecy
- The Earth Prayer



Clark Floyd, editor of Our Firm Foundation magazine, has been co-host of the radio program Bible Answers with Clark and Lee and is a licensed attorney and an ordained Seventh-day Adventist pastor. He has spoken internationally and makes his home in the beautiful mountains of western North Carolina.

A Christian ministry leader in Siberia, Russia recently wrote: “During the 74 years of Soviet rule, the teachings of Communism were strongly taught in schools. God was declared dead or nonexistent. People were imprisoned, beaten and sometimes killed for their belief in a living God. Fear, despair and hopelessness crept into the lives of those who lived under this oppression. People without God tried to find happiness through alcohol, drugs and immoral living.”

I have recently reread the true story of Vanya, a young soldier in the Red army during the period of time mentioned above. Vanya attempted to be a Christian witness while faithfully following through on his military duties. He went through severe persecution during this time. But God was with him. His letters written to his parents back home mentioned his being forced to stand outside in -20 degrees centigrade weather in his summer uniform through several nights, yet he did not freeze to death. This was a tremendous witness to other soldiers in his unit. There was also an incident in which a truck he was working on underneath, rolled over his right arm and lung, crushing both. The doctor set up surgery to remove the arm and try to fix the lung. Through the night a healing took place. When Vanya awoke in the morning he was completely healed. The doctor was so impressed that he indicated he had become a believer.

Vanya suffered in many other ways and was eventually tortured to death and his body returned to his parents. We are not guaranteed that we will be protected from persecution, but I believe Jesus will be

with us through our trials if we are totally committed to Him. In Last Day Events, at page 149, Ellen White tells us: “The best thing for us is to come into close connection with God, and if He would have us to be martyrs for the truth’s sake, it may be the means of bringing many more into the truth.”

Throughout the ages Satan has sought to persecute God’s people. This persecution has come in many forms and under many guises. Our cover this month depicts one of the forms of persecution under the pagan Romans—the lions in the amphi-theater, as well as the burning at the stake, under the power of

statements with you, from two different sources, for your encouragement for the times that may be ahead of us:

John Bunyan: “For before I went down to the justice, I begged of God that if I might do more good by being at liberty than in prison, that I might be set at liberty, but if not, His will be done; for I was not altogether without hope but that my imprisonment might be an awakening to the saints in the country. Therefore I could not tell which to choose; only I in that manner did commit the thing to God. And verily, at my return I did meet my God sweetly in the prison again, comforting of me, and satisfying of me

that it was His will and mind that I should be there.” Pilgrim’s Progress, 31.

Richard Wurmbrand: “In solitary confinement, we could not pray any more as before. We were unimaginably hungry: we had been doped until we became as idiots. We were as weak as skeletons. The Lord’s Prayer was much too long for us. We could not

concentrate enough to say it. My only prayer repeated again and again, was ‘Jesus, I love Thee.’”

“And then, one glorious day I got the answer from Jesus: ‘You love me? Now I will show you how I love you.’ At once, I felt a flame in my heart which burned like the coronal streamers of the sun. The disciples on the way from Emmaus said that their hearts burned when Jesus spoke with them. So it was with me. I knew the love of the One who has given His life on the cross for us all. Such love cannot exclude the communists, however grave their sins.” Tortured For Christ, 78.

May the Lord be your constant Guide.

‘Jesus, I love Thee.’

the Roman church. Satan will work in many ways to discourage God’s people, whether through atheists, pagans or false Christianity. The question is: Will you be able to stand no matter what situation you are faced with? Will I?

I believe that it is important for us now to be claiming the promises of God, and in order to do that, we need to know what God’s promises are. I have listed some in my article. Psalm 91 contains several promises. I have found that when I am not sleeping at night, I can go over those promises while I lie in bed. I have put Psalm 91 and other promises to memory in those night hours.

I would like to share the following

Our Mission:

It is the mission of Hope International and the editors of *Our Firm Foundation* to clearly present Christ and His truth. The days remaining for this world are few, and we must work quickly. We must boldly proclaim the historic truths of Adventism that place us on so firm a foundation in the midst of this troubled world. —Editor

Executive Director:

Joe Olson
executivedirector@hopeint.org

Editor:

Clark Floyd
editorial@hopeint.org

Director of Hope For Health:

Heather Olson, N.D., R.N., C.H.
hopeforhealth@hopeint.org

Bookstore Manager:

Kaye Olson
shipping@hopeint.org

Layout & Design:

Jessica Sipe
www.wavelinedirect.com

About Hope International:

We are a lay ministry founded, supported, and operated by Seventh-day Adventists to assist God's Church in the proclamation of the Everlasting Gospel in every way that is consistent with the principles of God as revealed in Inspiration.

Invitation to Writers

We are accepting article-length manuscripts (1700 to 4000 words) for possible publication in *Our Firm Foundation*. We prefer that submissions be submitted in Word .doc format as a computer file. Include a digital picture and a short bio. Please address all correspondence to Editor, *Our Firm Foundation*, P.O. Box 220, Knoxville, IL 61448, or by email to editorial@hopeint.org.

Subscription Information: See page 29 • Shipping & Sales Tax: See page 29

Content credited in this publication is the property of its respective owner(s) and is licensed or used with permission. Other items are the property of Hope International.

Cover Photo: Copyrighted 1907 by Providence Lithograph Co.

cover story

- 06** I Will Keep Thee From the Hour of Temptation
Mrs. E. G. White.

features

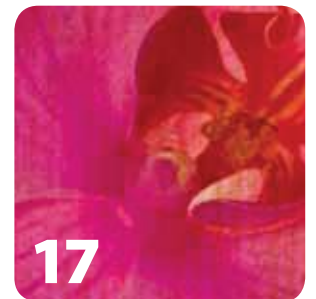
- 04** The Bible Museum Opened *A.L.O.E*
10 Claiming The Promises
Clark Floyd
12 Our Supreme Obligation
13 Consider Your Ways
Joe Olson
16 There Were Ninety and Nine
Elizabeth Clephane
17 Consider Him
Alice C. Jennings
18 Faith and Works
John Barber from The Bible Looking Glass
20 The Victorious Life
Mrs. E. G. White.

departments

- 02** Editorial
22 Christian Crossword
26 Health Gem
Amazing Food Facts
28 News Watch
31 The People's Page

ad features

- 27** Swedish Bitters
30 Fruit Crunch



the bible museum opened

By A. L. O. E.
1883

The narrative portions of the Holy Scriptures are full of striking biographies of those whose virtues are set before us as examples, or whose errors are warnings. We are led, as it were, into a Gallery of Portraits, drawn with faultless accuracy by a sunbeam. But besides these portraits there are many objects of deep interest for the student of Scripture, the accounts of which have been "written for our learning," objects which we are to contemplate with earnest attention, and from which we may draw rich spiritual lessons. The following is an interesting story from his-

the high priest's mitre

A very remarkable scene is brought before us in the history of Alexander the Great. During his career of conquest, he had been offended by the Jews, then subject to his enemies, the Persians. Unlike the Samaritans, who had sent troops to the aid of Macedon's mighty king, the Jews remained faithful to their allegiance to Darius. Alexander, little accustomed to have his imperious will opposed, resolved that as soon as he should have con-

quered Tyre, to which he was then laying siege, he would march against the Jews, and let them feel the weight of his wrath.

Tyre fell, merciless slaughter ensued, the city was given to the flames, and many of its inhabitants to the sword; while, with yet more horrible cruelty, Alexander caused two thousand of the miserable Tyrians to be crucified along the sea-shore! Such was the conqueror who was now to march against defenseless Jerusalem!

God appeared to Jaddus, the high-priest, in a dream

Let me give the account of what followed in the words of Rollin, the historian: "In this imminent danger, Jaddus, the high-priest, who governed under the Persians, seeing himself exposed, with all the inhabitants, to the wrath of the conqueror, had recourse to the protection of the Almighty, gave orders for the offering up of public prayers to implore His assistance, and made sacrifices. The night after, God appeared to him in a dream, and bid him to cause flowers to be scat-

tered up and down the city; to set open all the gates; and go, clothed in his pontifical robes, and all the priests dressed also in their vestments, and all the rest clothed in white, to meet Alexander, and not to fear any evil from the king, inasmuch as He would protect them. This command was punctually obeyed; and, accordingly, this grand procession, the very day after, marched out of the city to an eminence, where there was a view of all the plain, as well as of the temple and city of Jerusalem."

Here the high-priest and his company awaited the approach of the terrible conqueror surrounded by his victorious bands. The boldest among the Jews might well tremble before the destroyer of Tyre. But great was the astonishment both of the Macedonians and the Jews, at the scene which ensued, when the victorious monarch met the unarmed and defenseless Jaddus.

Alexander the Great bowed to Jaddus who wore a mitre on which was written the name of God

"Alexander was struck by the sight of the high-priest, on whose mitre and forehead a gold plate was fixed, on which the name of God was written. The mo-



ment the king perceived the high-priest, he advanced towards him with an air of the most profound respect, bowed his body, adored the august Name upon his front, and saluted him who wore it with a religious veneration....All the spectators were seized with inexpressible surprise; they could scarcely believe their eyes.... Parmenio, who could not yet recover from his astonishment, asked the king how it came to pass that he, who was adored by every one, adored the high-priest of the Jews.

Alexander offered sacrifices to God in the temple in Jerusalem

“I do not,’ replied Alexander, ‘but the God whose minister he is; for whilst I was at Dia in Macedonia, my mind wholly fixed on the great design of the Persian war, as I was revolving the methods how to conquer Asia, this very man, dressed in the same robes, appeared to me in a dream, exhorted me to dismiss every fear, bid me cross the Hellespont boldly, and assured me that God would march at the head of my army, and give me the victory over that of the Persians.’ Alexander having thus answered Parmenio, embraced the high-priest and all his brethren; then walking in the midst of them, he arrived at Jerusalem, where he offered sacrifices to God in the temple, after the manner prescribed to him by the high-priest.”

The Name on such a mitre as this...

Let us now see placed before us in the Scriptures the mitre, as appointed by God Himself to be worn by the high-priest of Israel: “Thou shalt make a plate of pure gold, and grave upon it, like the engraving of a signet, HOLINESS TO THE LORD. And thou shalt put it on a blue lace, that it may be upon the mitre; upon the forefront of the mitre it shall be. And it shall be upon Aaron’s forehead....And they made the plate of the holy crown of pure gold, and wrote upon it a writing, like to the engravings of a signet, HOLINESS TO THE LORD. It was before such a mitre as this, or rather before Him whose Name appeared on the mitre, that the proud head of earth’s mightiest conqueror was bowed low in adoration.

The spotless purity symbolized by this mitre

We know that there was a solemn meaning in the various portions of the high-priest’s garments, and the words inscribed on his “holy crown” leave us in no doubt as to what it symbolized. He, who appeared before the Majesty of Heaven to plead for Israel, and to offer the appointed sacrifices, must be holy unto the Lord. Yet how often must the weak, fallible high-priest, have been humbled by the very dignity of his office, when he contrasted his own infirmity and sin with the spotless purity symbolized by his mitre!

With heavy heart must an Aaron or an Eli have bound that holy crown on their brows, when conscious of having fallen under the displeasure of the Most High! When we think of the sacred emblem being proudly worn by a Caiaphas, its being polluted by contact with that man of blood, our Lord’s image of the “whited sepulcher” rises vividly before us; how fair, pure, holy, that which was without, while the dark mind within was festering corruption!

A crown of thorns instead of the mitre

There was but one High-priest who could appear before God in innate purity, holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners. It was He who wore on His bleeding temples the crown of thorns instead of the mitre; He who had HOLINESS TO THE LORD not born aloft on His brow, but woven into every action of His life. What Aaron symbolized, that was the Lord Jesus Christ.

Before Him, arrayed in the majesty of His spotless purity, every knee shall bow; earth’s proudest kings shall fall down and adore Him. “Wherefore He is able also to save to the uttermost that come unto God by Him, seeing He ever liveth to make intercession for them.



I Will Keep Thee From the Hour of Temptation

[SERMON AT BATTLE CREEK, MICH.]

By Mrs. E. G. White.

Text: "Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth."

These words are important and solemn, and it would be profitable to us should we take them home with us, and search the Scriptures in reference to their true meaning. The hour of temptation is to come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth; and although we do not wish to make a time of trouble for ourselves, nor do we wish to groan over trials in the future, still we should be so closely connected with God that we shall not fall under the temptation when it does come. "Who is among you that feareth the Lord, that obeyeth the voice of his servant, that walketh in darkness, and hath no light? Let him trust in the name of the Lord, and stay upon his God."



WE MUST SHOW THAT WE HAVE CONFIDENCE IN GOD

The Lord will raise up a standard for us against the enemy. We should believe that we have a helper in God, that we shall not be afraid, we shall not be filled with wonder and amazement; for we know that the God of Israel has been with his people from the very first--from the very infancy of this world God has been with his obedient children. We must show that we have confidence in God, and make it manifest to the world that we can trust him because we believe in him. His word is pledged that there shall no temptation come upon us, but that help shall be provided to sustain us. "There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it."

SHEEP IN THE MIDST OF WOLVES

We should be watching unto prayer. Just as surely as we do watch and pray, we shall know who is our helper. "Then shalt thou call, and the Lord shall answer; thou shalt cry, and he shall say, Here I am." He is ready to strengthen us; and may the Lord give you grace day by day, that you may be able to withstand the storm that is coming, for it will try your spiritual hope to the very uttermost. If your hope is in man, you are lost; if in Jesus, who is the Rock of Ages, your salvation is sure. He has said, "Behold, I send you forth as sheep in the midst of wolves: be ye therefore wise as serpents, and harmless as doves. But beware of men: for they will deliver you up to the councils, and they will scourge you in their synagogues: and ye shall be brought before governors and kings for my name's sake, for a testimony against them and the Gentiles. But when they deliver you up, take no thought how or what ye shall speak; for it shall be given you in that same hour what ye shall speak. For it is not ye that speak, but the Spirit of your Father that speaketh in you. And the brother shall deliver up the brother to death, and the father the child: and the children shall rise up against their parents, and cause them to be put to death. And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake: but he that endureth to the end shall be saved." We ought to be thankful that these words are left on record. Every child

of God that is brought into difficulty and trial because of his faithfulness to Jesus, may claim the promise, and will receive sufficient grace for every emergency.

STAND OUT OF THE WAY WITH YOUR MANY RESOLUTIONS

We are only selfishly wise when we plan for the future, and make resolutions and bring them in, and we ourselves arrange matters, as we think in all wisdom; for in so doing we are in danger of getting in the way of the Lord. Stand out of the way with your many resolutions, and when the time comes for God to bring his people into trying places to test and prove them, he will help them, and he will not fail or be discouraged, but will be a present help in trouble.

JESUS HAS PROMISED TO BE AT YOUR RIGHT HAND

We read in the Scriptures, "But beware of men: for they will deliver you up to the councils, and they will scourge you in their synagogues: and ye shall be brought before governors and kings for my name's sake, for a testimony against them and the Gentiles." Kings, governors, and councils are to have a knowledge of the truth through your testimony. This is the only way in which the testimony of light and truth can reach men of high authority. "But when they deliver you up, take no thought how or what ye shall speak: for it shall be given you in that same hour what ye shall speak. For it is not ye that speak, but the Spirit of the Father that speaketh in you." Christ stood by the side of Luther, and by the side of all the Reformers whom he commissioned to go forth and make aggressive moves to advance the message of God in our world. He did not send them forth alone. Jesus has promised to be at your right hand. What a gracious promise is this, and it will be fulfilled; for he is faithful that hath promised. Jesus is yours, and all things in heaven and earth are his, and yours because you believe in him.

SERVE GOD DAILY WITH UNDIVIDED AFFECTION

We should become acquainted with the Bible. We are required to become diligent Bible students, lest we be found adopting error for truth. We want the truth as it is in Jesus. He says, "It is not ye that speak, but the Spirit of the Father that speaketh in you." You need not be surprised that God will flash the knowledge obtained by diligent searching of the Scriptures, into your memory at the very time when it is needed. But if you let the precious moments of probationary time pass, and neglect to fill your minds and the minds of your children with the gems of truth, if you are not acquainted with the words of Christ, if you have never tested the power of his grace in trial, you cannot expect that the Holy Spirit will bring Christ's words to your remembrance. We are to serve God daily with our undivided affection, and then trust him.



YOU MUST CARRY CHRIST WITH YOU TO THE VERY CLOSE OF PROBATIONARY TIME

We read, "And the brother shall deliver up the brother to death, and the father the child: and the children shall rise up against their parents, and cause them to be put to death. And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake: but he that endureth to the end shall be saved." You must carry Christ with you to the very close of probationary time, and let no man take your crown; keep an eye single to the glory of God, and stand as did Paul, believing that God has power to keep that which has been committed to his trust against that day. In believing that God will keep that which has been committed to his trust, we show confidence in our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. But we desire you to understand what you are to do at the present time. You are to keep your eye single to the glory of God. There is too much talk and too little prayer. A great deal more is spoken of things that we think we know and understand, than should be spoken, because our knowledge is only superficial. There should be more humble trust and confidence in our Saviour. We should have the simplicity of Christ; we want to be like him, having our lives hid with Christ in God, that "when Christ who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory."

LET US BECOME ACQUAINTED WITH GOD NOW

We expect trials to come in these last days; we are not looking for anything else; but may God give us grace that we may endure the trials when they do come, and not faint under persecution. We do not desire to be in a position where we shall have no strength at that time. Then let us become acquainted with God now. Many in this congregation are ignorant of God's grace and power and matchless love, because they have allowed the enemy to



do just what he designed to do--to intercept himself between them and their God.

There will be an effort made to unsettle the faith of every believer in present truth. Since Satan fell from heaven, he has been trampling underfoot the word of God, and putting something of his own devising in its place. His work has been accepted as the work of God. When the legislature frames laws which exalt the first day of the week, and put it in the place of the seventh day, the device of Satan will be perfected.

**SATAN SEEKS TO MAKE OF NONE
EFFECT THE WORK OF GOD**

If man had always kept the Sabbath of the fourth commandment, there never would have been an atheist or an infidel in the world. Through the fourth commandment, the attention of men is called to the power of the infinite hand that placed the stars in the firmament. If they had obeyed this commandment, they would have worshiped God, as they looked at the sun that rules the day, and the moon which rules the night. Everything in nature,--the tints and coloring that he has given to every opening bud and every blooming flower, the lofty tree, the grass that clothes the earth in its green mantle, would have spoken to the soul, bidding us to remember God and the commandment in which he says that he created all these in six days and rested on the seventh day, and hallowed the Sabbath day which he had made. He blessed man, and gave the Sabbath to him to be observed as a memorial of his creative power. But Satan has come in, and shown himself the decided enemy of man, and he seeks to make of none effect the work of God, and get in every conceivable thing of human origination, to hide God and his glory from our sight. The man of sin, it is declared in Daniel, "shall think to change times and laws," And is not this very work done now? Is he not seeking to change times and laws?

**THE DECEPTIONS OF SATAN
WILL FLOOD THE WORLD**

He cannot do this, because God's holy law is as unchangeable as his throne, and is from everlasting to everlasting. Christ has said, "Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled." But the question of Sabbath and Sunday



observance is to be agitated everywhere, and the deceptions of Satan will flood the world. The man of sin has instituted a spurious sabbath, and the Protestant world has taken this child of the papacy and cradled and nurtured it. Satan means to make all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of the fornication of Babylon. Men are binding themselves together in bonds of union to show their disloyalty to the God of heaven. The first day of the week is to be exalted and presented to all for observance. Shall we be partakers of this cup of abomination? Shall we bow to the authorities of earth and despise God?

GOD DOES NOT FORCE THE CONSCIENCE OF ANY MAN

The powers of darkness have been gathering their forces to bring this crisis about in the world, so that the man of sin may exalt himself above God. God does not force the conscience of any man, but the powers of darkness have been trying to compel the consciences of men ever since Abel fell under the murderous blow from the hand of pitiless Cain because Abel's works were righteous and his own were sinful. God had respect unto the offering of Abel, but he had no respect for Cain's offering, and this made Cain very angry, and the Lord said, "Why art thou wroth? and why is thy countenance fallen? If thou doest well, shalt thou not be accepted? And if thou doest not well, sin lieth at the door." God was not at fault that Cain's offering was not respected. It was valueless because it was destitute of the thing that gave it virtue, and that was the blood that was to be shed for the sins of the world,--the blood of Jesus Christ.

WE CANNOT AFFORD TO BE IN SUCH GROSS BLINDNESS THAT WE CANNOT DISCERN TRUTH FROM ERROR

Satan is ever seeking to bring about a state of things in which righteousness may be termed unrighteousness, and unrighteousness righteousness. What are we to do?--We are to keep in living connection with the God of heaven, ranking in his army and under his banner, and we cannot afford to be in such gross blindness that we cannot discern truth from error. We want to know what is truth. Many say, "The whole world is keeping the first day of the week, and do you think that all the great and good men are in error?" God is going to bring around a condition of things where the good men and the men in authority will have an opportunity to know what is truth indeed. And because a people will not bow the knee to the image, and receive the mark of the beast in the hand or the forehead, but will stand to the truth because it is truth, there will be oppression, and an attempt to compel the conscience; but those who have known the truth will be afraid to yield to the powers of darkness.

WE ARE TO STAND THE TRIAL AND TEST OF PERSECUTION BECAUSE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE TRUTH

God has a people who will not receive the mark of the beast in their right hand or in their forehead. God has a place for his people to fill in this world, to reflect light. You are God's sentinels. Christ says of his people, "Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hid." We are to stand the trial and test of persecution because of allegiance to the truth. Not a move has been made in exalting the idol sabbath, in bringing around Sunday observance through legislation, but Satan has been behind it, and has been the chief worker; but the conscience should not be compelled even for the observance of the genuine Sabbath, for God will accept only willing service. The question is asked, Shall we not obey the powers that be?--Yes, when they are in harmony with the higher powers that be. God made his law for all the universe. He created man, he gives the bounteous provisions of nature, holds our breath and life in his hand. He is to be recognized, his law honored, before all the great men and the highest earthly powers.

RH, April 15, 1890.



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.



Claiming The Promises

By Clark Floyd

“To abide in faith is to put aside feeling and selfish desires, to walk humbly with the Lord, to appropriate His promises, and apply them to all occasions, believing that God will work out His own plans and purposes in your heart and life by the sanctification of your character; it is to rely entirely, to trust implicitly, upon the faithfulness of God.” FE 341.

DANIEL WAS A MAN OF PRAYER

The stories of Daniel and his three companions are stories that encourage us and strengthen our own faith. But the success of these four men can be attributed to their close walk with God. In order to have that kind of walk, they were men of prayer and of Scripture reading. These men believed in the Scriptures and the promises contained in those Scriptures.

We can see that Daniel was a man of prayer throughout more than one chapter in the Book of Daniel, but we get a closer look at Daniel’s method of prayer as we study chapter 9 of the Book of Daniel. In the second verse, we find Daniel has been studying a prophetic promise God had given through Jeremiah. “I Daniel understood by books the number of the years, where of the word of the Lord came to Jeremiah the prophet, that he would accomplish seventy years in the desolation of Jerusalem.”

A CONDITIONAL PROMISE

In chapter 25 of Jeremiah, we have the first statement of the length of captivity for Judah, “...these nations shall serve the king of Babylon seventy years.” Verse



11. And then in Jeremiah 29:10, we have the promise of God that Daniel is claiming in Daniel 9. “For thus saith the Lord, That after seventy years be accomplished at Babylon I will visit you, and perform my good word toward you, in causing you to return to this place.”

But in giving the promise of return, the Lord has a requirement for those seeking the fulfillment of His promise: “Then shall ye call upon me, and ye shall go and pray unto me, and I will hearken unto you. And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart.” Jeremiah 29:12 & 13.

DANIEL PRAYED WORDS OF SCRIPTURE

In Daniel 9, Daniel is seeking to fulfill his side of God’s promise, through seeking the Lord with all his heart. And in so doing he prays words of Scripture back to the Lord. Exodus 20:6 is echoed in Daniel 9:4; Psalm 106:6, as well as 1 Kings 8:47, in Daniel 9:5. In Daniel 9:6, we can see thoughts from Jeremiah 25:3 & 4.

Ellen White has written: “Daniel’s example of prayer and confession is given for our instruction and encouragement.” RH Feb. 9, 1897.

DANIEL, SHADRACH, MESHACH, AND ABEDNEGO WERE BIBLE STUDENTS

Just as Daniel was well aware of the Scripture written before his time and captivity, I believe that his three friends also were Bible students. They must have been aware of the earlier prophets as they stood before King Nebuchadnezzar as he threatened to throw them into the fiery furnace if they did not bow to his golden idol.

They were certainly aware of Exodus, chapter 20, verses 4 & 5, “Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image...” “Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve



them: for I the Lord thy God am a jealous God...”

And I believe they were aware of the promise contained in Isaiah 43:2: “When thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned; neither shall the flame kindle upon thee.”

DISOBEDIENCE TO GOD RESULTS IN DISHONOR, DISASTER, AND DEATH

Notice the conversation between Nebuchadnezzar and the three young men: “...but if ye worship not, ye shall be cast the same hour into the midst of a burning fiery furnace; and who is that God that shall deliver you out of my hands?” Daniel 3:15.

“Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, answered and said to the king, O Nebuchadnezzar, we are not careful to answer thee in this matter. If it be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver us out of thine hand, O king. But if not, be it known unto thee, O king, that we will not serve thy gods, nor worship the golden image which thou has set up.” Daniel 3: 17 & 18.

Ellen White has commented: “From the history of their fathers (the Hebrews) they had learned that disobedience to God results in dishonor, disaster, and death; and that the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, the foundation of all true prosperity.” PK508.

GOD’S PEOPLE FACE PERSECUTION, BUT HE WILL SUSTAIN US



to a friend, 'in my prison, and with my fettered hand, expecting my sentence of death tomorrow. . . . When, with the assistance of Jesus Christ, we shall again meet in the delicious peace of the future life, you will learn how merciful God has shown Himself toward me, how effectually He has supported me in the midst of my temptations and trials.'-- Bonnechose, vol. 2, p. 67." GC 107.

acquiescence there is perfect rest. The Lord says, 'Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on Thee: because he trusteth in Thee'. Isa. 26:3. Our lives may seem a tangle; but as we commit ourselves to the wise Master Worker, He will bring out the pattern of life and character that will be to His own glory. And that character which expresses the glory--character--of Christ will be received into the Paradise of God. A renovated race shall walk with Him in white, for they are worthy." DA 331.

As God's people in these last days of earth's history, we have warnings of the persecution that is ahead of us. "Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution." 2 Timothy 3:12. We have the examples of people that have passed before us and have suffered persecution, some, such as Daniel, have been delivered from the lion's den, and his friends, from the fiery furnace, but others have not survived through the persecution, such as Stephen, who was stoned, or Paul, who was beaten on more than one occasion.

But in every circumstance, I believe that God sustained those of His people who were being persecuted. Stephen, in spite of being stoned, could look up and see Jesus standing on the right hand of God the Father. And the result: "The light of heaven that glorified his face, the divine compassion breathed in his dying prayer, were as a sharp arrow of conviction to the bigoted Sanhedrist who stood by, and Saul, the persecuting Pharisee, became a chosen vessel to bear the name of Christ before Gentiles and kings and the children of Israel." MB 33 & 34.

WHO CAN SING IN THE MIDST OF FLAMES?

We know that many martyrs were burned at the stakes during the dark ages; their bodies were turned into ashes. But again they were sustained. In speaking of John Huss, Ellen White says, "When the flames kindled about him, he began to sing, 'Jesus, Thou Son of David, have mercy on me,' and so continued till his voice was silenced forever." GC 109.

Who can sing in the midst of flames?

In another place, it states in regard to Huss, "The grace of God sustained him. During the weeks of suffering that passed before his final sentence, heaven's peace filled his soul. 'I write this letter,' he said

IN PERFECT ACQUIESCENCE THERE IS PERFECT REST

Dear friends, persecution shall come. We need to study, memorize and claim the promises of God as did Daniel and his three friends, as we move into these last days.

"Therefore having these promises beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God." 2 Cor. 7: 1.

"For all the promises of God in Him are yea, and in him amen, unto the glory of God by us." 2 Cor. 1:20.

"Those who take Christ at His word, and surrender their souls to His keeping, their lives to His ordering, will find peace and quietude. Nothing of the world can make them sad when Jesus makes them glad by His presence. In perfect

HIS WORD IS YEA AND AMEN

"There is no if about God's requirements; His word is yea and amen. There can be no question in the heart of faith as to the power of God to perform His promises. Pure faith works by love, and purifies the soul." FE 341.



Clark Floyd, editor of Our Firm Foundation magazine, has been co-host of the radio program Bible Answers with

Clark and Lee and is a licensed attorney and an ordained Seventh-day Adventist pastor. He has spoken internationally and makes his home in the beautiful mountains of western North Carolina.



Our Supreme Obligation

But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you. 1 Peter 5:10.

So perfect is the character represented which men must have in order to be Christ's disciples that the infidel has said that it is not possible for any human being to attain unto it. But no less a standard must be presented by all who claim to be children of God. Infidels know not that celestial aid is provided for all who seek for it by faith. Every provision has been made in behalf of every soul who shall seek to be a partaker of the divine nature and be complete in Jesus Christ. Every defect is to be discerned and cut away from the character with an unsparing decision.

The people of God are to turn every action into devotion. They are to partake of every meal as if they knew it was a token of the love of the infinite God expressed to them. The termination of one duty is to be the commencement of the next that presents itself. Then the Christian character will be manifest in a life of continuous obedience and service to Jesus Christ.

Whatever business engagements men may yoke up with, if Christians, they must wear the yoke of duty to Christ. This is their allegiance. They are to consider themselves bound by superior obligations. The Master, Jesus Christ, has placed His yoke upon the neck of every disciple. The life service is pledged to Him in accepting His yoke. Anything that will mar or hinder his perfect service to God is to be broken off, whatever its nature or character may be. . . .

The Lord has united His nature with humanity expressly that He might become a more distinguishable and definite object for our contemplation and love. He invites us to draw near and contemplate the great light, the invisible God invested in robes of humanity, emitting a glory so softened and subdued that our eyes can endure the sight. Christ is the light of heaven. In His face we shall see God. Bear in mind the prayer of Christ, that His people may be one with Him as He is one with the Father, that they may be with Him where He is and behold His glory. HP 201

CONSIDER YOUR WAYS

By Joe Olson

“Now therefore thus saith the LORD of hosts; Consider your ways.” Hag. 1:5.

“Thus saith the LORD of hosts; Consider your ways.” Hag. 1:7.

God has ever wanted us to consider our ways, and what we are doing, and where we are headed. The devil’s plan is to never let us consider our ways. He invents every conceivable plan to get us to not consider. For he knows, the day we consider, truly consider, is the day we start turning toward the Lord.

You see, there really is no other option than to consider our ways. Jesus himself said that: “No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.” Matt.6:24. There are only two masters. You get to choose.

SEARCHING, TRYING, TESTING

But the way the devil tricks you into choosing him is to make sure you do not “consider” your ways. That’s why God says that over and over again. And it is a theme throughout the Bible... “Let us search and try our ways, and turn again to the LORD.” Lam. 3:40. Searching and trying your ways is a lot like considering your ways. But this is more specific, or takes more effort. Searching for something takes time and energy. The

‘trying’ here is like testing something. Test your ways. Test and see if your ways are leading you where you want to go. Are your “ways” leading you to heaven, or to hell? The devil does not want you to think about that, so he invents every device he can think of to distract you.

SATAN’S DISTRACTIONS

You know all those distractions already... TV, sports, games, relationships, politics, etc., etc. Every one of these things is used by the devil to make us forget to “try” ourselves, or “test” ourselves, or “consider” our ways. Why is he so concerned that you not think about your “ways”? “I thought on my ways, and turned my feet unto thy testimonies. I made haste, and delayed not to keep thy commandments.” Ps. 119:59, 60. Ohhhh! Here is why! The devil knows that if you really, truly begin to think about what you are doing and where you are going, you will turn to God. THIS is why it is critically important to the devil that you do not think on these things. THIS is why he has to create all of these distractions. THIS is why he cannot allow you to “consider” these things. “Because he considereth, and turneth away from all his transgressions that he hath committed, he shall surely live, he shall not die.” Ez. 18:28.

SATAN’S AMBITION

You have to understand that when Satan started his rebellion in heaven, he actually thought he could win. He fully intended to take over God’s throne and place in the cosmos. When he was kicked out (because, of course, you cannot overthrow God Himself) he became extremely bitter toward God. It then became his overriding ambition to destroy as much of God’s creation, including man, as possible.

Satan is going to die, and he wants to take as many with him as he can. The thought of others taking his place, and the place of all the angels that rebelled with him as well, fills him with madness. If he can’t be there, nobody gets to be there. Ever seen that attitude before? “If I can’t have it, nobody gets it.” This comes directly from the devil... he is the one that implants those thoughts. He knows that if he can keep you from thinking, or considering what is actually going on, and where you are headed, you will not go where he was cast out - heaven. This is why God says to “consider your ways”, because you will be judged according to those ways. “Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, every one according to his ways, saith the Lord GOD. Repent, and turn yourselves from all your transgressions; so iniquity shall not be your ruin.” Ez. 18:30.

GOD’S PLAN





Our heavenly Father loves us more than we can even imagine. And He has to be fair in judging each one according to their deeds. But He has made a way of escape. The 'plan' is called 'redemption'. God will 'redeem' us, or buy us back, by paying a price. The 'price' is his Son. "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." John 3:16.

The devil did not anticipate this 'plan,' this 'redemption' plan. He thought if he could get man, and all his posterity, to sin, it would be over for them, just like it was for him and his co-conspirators. But God intervened with a plan. "And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel." Gen. 3:15. "I will put Someone between you and My children." "I will put My Son..."

SATAN CANNOT REVOKE REDEMPTION

And you know the story, when Jesus came here to take our place; the devil did all in his power to ruin the plan. But, of course, he failed, and Jesus is in the heavenly sanctuary even now pleading His blood for our redemption. So now what is the devil to do? He can't stop the 'plan'. He can't revoke redemption. What can he do? He can cause you to not 'consider' your ways, to not think about what you are doing, or what Jesus and God the Father are doing for you, every day. THIS is what the devil is doing. Frankly, it is all he can do.

WHO ARE THE WISE ONES?

"O that they were wise, that they understood this, that they would consider their latter end!" Deut. 32:29. Do you hear the pathos, the feeling, the anguish in that verse? You want to know who is wise; who God thinks is wise? Those who understand this. Those who "consider" their latter end. THOSE are the wise ones, those are the ones who will come up at the last day and have a Saviour. The wise ones are the ones who Satan was not able to keep occupied with all the silliness the world has to offer. They thought about what they were doing and where they were going... And they realized what was actually going on. They realized they were sinners,



that there must be "payment" for sin; that a time of reckoning is coming. And they took advantage of God's offer of His Son, Jesus Christ. And they decided to follow God, in appreciation for what He did for them.

Our children tend to imitate us

"O that there were such an heart in them, that they would fear me, and keep all my commandments always, that it might be well with them, and with their children for ever!" Deut. 5:29. You see, when the parents decide to follow God, it makes it so much easier for the children to follow Him, too. We are creatures of habit and creatures of copy-cattng, or imitation. You can see it in our children all the time. You have heard it said, and probably have said it your self... "You are just like your Father", or "You are just like your Mother", or brother or sister or whoever...



When we are doing the right things, it is soooooo much easier for our children to follow in our steads. Have you ever said this: "Don't do what I do, do what I say?" Has it ever worked?

Receive the instruction

"Then I saw, and considered it well: I looked upon it, and received instruction." Pr. 24:32. THIS is God's plan... to think about what you are doing, and then act upon what you thought about, and receive the instruction. "Hmmm, is this the way I want to be going?" "Is what I am doing leading me, and my family, in the right direction?" After you have done this, and thought, considered, tried, tested (whatever word you want to use), then you have the opportunity to do something about it. You have the opportunity to "receive the instruction" on how to go the right way, or do the right thing.

THE INSTRUCTION IS IN GOD'S WORD

And where do we find that "instruction"? Wouldn't it make sense to get the instructions, from the God who made us? "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path." Ps. 119:105. Do you want to know where you are going? You need a light for your path. God's word is that light.

Paul gave Timothy, his son in the faith, this counsel... "Consider what I say; and the Lord give thee understanding in all things." 2 Tim.

2:7. Where is true understanding coming from? God, and God alone.

CONSIDER YOUR REDEMPTION

The devil has spent the last 6,000 years trying to darken the paths we trod. Most of us don't know where we are going, because we don't even think about it. Satan has been waaay too effective in keeping us occupied with the trivial and frivolous. We rarely even give more than lip service to the blessings God gives us every day - families, protection, health, finances, friends, the very air we breathe, beautiful nature to enjoy, natural herbs to regain our health, and more than anything... a living Saviour! A redemption plan!! We should "consider" that a lot more often than we do. "Only fear the LORD, and serve him in truth with all your heart: for consider how great things he hath done for you." 1 Sam. 12:24.

NUMBER 5

Years ago, when my son Brandon was much younger, I told him a story I had heard about the P.O.W. camps in Nazi Germany. Supposedly, this was a true story; I don't know. In one particular camp, it was determined that they did not have enough food to feed their prisoners. Even at the starvation rations they were being fed, there simply was not enough food to go around. So, the Nazis devised a plan. They lined up all of the prisoners in the camp, and had them number themselves 1 through 5. The prisoners were then informed of the purpose of this numbering system. Then they announced that everyone who had been numbered as number 5, was to step forward, to be taken out and shot, so that there would be enough food for everyone else. You can imagine the grief that ensued. The designated men stepped forward to be marched off for execution. One particular man was crying uncontrollably, mumbling under his breath that he had a wife and children, and would never see them again. Suddenly, he felt himself being dragged back into the other line by a man; and that man took his place. The man was marched off and was killed, in place of the one who was actually supposed to die.



THE PROPER RESPONSE

After I told my son that story, I asked him... "If you were the one to die, you were the one in that line to be killed, and someone came up and took your place... What would you do if you ever got out of that camp and were freed?" He told me, "I would do whatever I could for that man's family for the rest of my life." I told him that was what Jesus has done for each one of us.

That night my son gave his

heart to Jesus.

OUR DEBT HAS BEEN PAID

Jesus has taken our place, He has paid our debt, He has given all of Himself to us. THIS is what we are to consider, to think about, to bear in mind as we live our lives. And this is exactly what Satan fears we will do, so he provides us with every enticement and enjoyment and pleasure he can think of, to keep us from those thoughts.



SATAN'S PLAN WILL DESTROY US

Even after all that has been written in the Bible to get our attention, God, in His mercy, sends still another messenger to try to get our attention. "I appeal to the youth. Consider your ways. Take time to think. Weigh your actions, and see what advantage it will be to you to serve the purposes of Satan, and do his pleasure." YA, Aug. 3, 1899.

Everyone knows, whether they admit it or not, that self-serving and sin take you down, and cause grief and sorrow and pain. We just usually don't think about it. Everybody has experienced that it is more blessed to give than to receive. But

we don't consider that maybe we should do that all the time, so we could have that blessedness forever. The devil is too successful in parading in front of us all of the alluring decoys instead of real happiness

WHAT HAS YOUR INFLUENCE BEEN?

Here is one more quote from God's last-days messenger... "Can you look with pleasure upon your life or upon the influence you have exerted? Will you now consider your ways? Will you now make efforts to come into right relations with God? I do not believe your heart is unimpressible, and I know that the loving-kindness and tender mercy of God are marvelous. You have a little time of probation; will you improve it now while Jesus is pleading His blood before the Father?" 5T 352.

THE ULTIMATE SUBSTITUTION

There is still an opportunity to come to Jesus. Don't let the devil's sophistries fool you; they are all tinsel and tricks. Jesus is pleading for you to come back to Him. Jesus has paid the redemption price, with His own blood. He has taken your place in line.

Now... consider what you will do for Him.

Joe Olson serves as the executive director and chairman of the board of Hope International. He also travels as an international speaker.



THERE WERE NINETY AND NINE

By Elizabeth Clephane

There were ninety and nine that safely lay
In the shelter of the fold,
But one was out on the hills a-way,
Far, far from the gates of gold--
Away on the mountains wild and bare,
Away from the tender Shepherd's care.

"Lord, Thou hast here Thy ninety and nine;
Are they not enough for Thee?"
But the Shepherd made answer: "One of mine
Has wandered away from me:
And although the road be rough and steep
I go to the desert to find my sheep."

But none of the ransomed ever knew
How deep were the waters crossed;
Nor how dark was the night that the
Lord passed through
Ere he found his sheep that was lost.
Out in the desert he heard the cry—
Sick and helpless, and ready to die.

"Lord, whence are those blood-drops all the way
That mark out the mountain's track?"
"They were shed for one who had gone astray
Ere the Shepherd could bring him back."
"Lord, whence are thy hands so rent and torn?"
"They are pierced to-night by many a thorn."

But all thro' the mountains, thunder-riven
And up from the rocky steep,
There rose a cry to the gate of heaven,
"Rejoice! I have found my sheep!"
And the angels echoed around the throne,
"Rejoice, for the Lord brings back his own!"

Consider Him

Wouldst thou a perfect, full-orbed life behold,
Of power most mighty yet of loved untold,
Embodied truth, and virtue's rarest mold,
Consider Him!

He saith: "Believe in God, believe in me!"
The branch must share the glory of the tree,
The Father's changeless love in Him must be:
Consider Him!

Reviled, He answered not a threatening word,
But to the righteous Judge his cause referred;
No suffering in his breast rebellion stirred:
Consider Him!

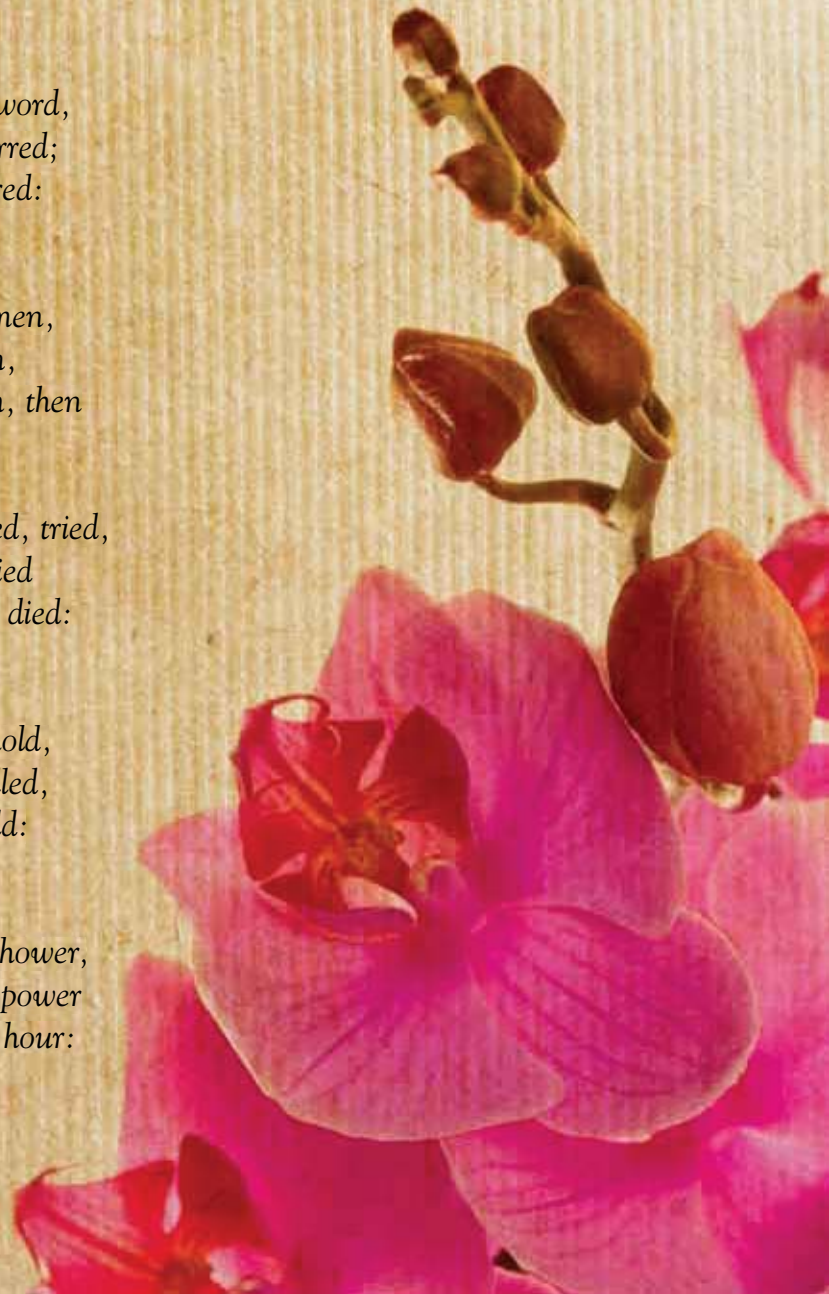
When mourning o'er the selfishness of men,
The mysteries that lie beyond thy ken,
The woe and crime that fill the world—ah, then
Consider Him!


When weary, strengthless, doubting, tempted, tried,
Let rest, and faith, and vigor be supplied
By Him; for 'twas to bring thee these He died:
Consider Him!

Stand by the rock-hewn sepulcher. Behold,
Away the guarded stone triumphant rolled,
That every tomb its portals may unfold:
Consider Him!

While round thee, in a ceaseless, smiting shower,
The shafts of death are falling—mark the power
Of Him who stands their victor from this hour:
Consider Him!

--Alice C. Jennings





THE
BIBLE
LOOKING
GLASS

FAITH AND WORKS

A Religious Emblem from the Bible Looking Glass
1914 Edition
By John Barber

Seest thou how faith
wrought with his
works, and by works
was faith made
perfect.
James 2:22

Lo! Where the Boatman stems the flowing tide,
And aims direct his little bark to guide;
With both oars working, he can headway make,
And leave the waters foaming in his wake;
But if one oar within the boat he lays,
In useless circles, round and round, he plays.

So Faith and Works, when both together brought,
With mighty power, and heavenly life are fraught,
To help the Christian on his arduous road,
And urge him forward on his way to God:
If Faith or Works, no matter which he drops,
Short of his journey's end he stops.

WITH EQUAL, PRECISION ROWING, ONE MAKES RAPID PROGRESS

Look at the honest waterman plying at his daily occupation. He has just left a passenger on the other side. See with what precision he guides his little boat. By pulling both oars with equal strength, he makes rapid progress, and steers straight. He leaves the waters foaming in his track; this is called his wake. If he should lay in either of his oars, his progress would at once be stopped. As long as he plies both, he goes ahead; but let him pull but one ever so hard, and he could not advance a foot. Round and round he would float, in eddying circles, forever. In vain would his passengers await his arrival; in vain would his wife and little ones expect his return; he would never more return; probably he would drift out to sea, and be lost in the immensity of old ocean.



FAITH AND WORKS UNITED

This picture is an emblem of Faith and Works united. The Christian has a “calling” or occupation, in which he makes progress so long as faith and works are united. They are to him as a propelling power, urging him forward in his pathway to immortality. He exerts a holy influence wherever he goes, and leaves a brilliant track behind him. It is seen that a man of God has been there. But let him lay in one of his oars; let it be said of him, “He hath left off to do good,” and his progress in the divine life will at once be checked. Let him lay aside “Faith,” and the effect will be the same. He may, indeed, go round and round, like a millhorse, in a circle of dry performances; but he will never reach the Christian’s home. In vain will his friends, who have gone before him, expect to see him in the first resurrection; he will never

see the King in his beauty. The current of sin will bear him outward and downward, and land him eventually in the gulf of the lost.

SOME HAVE FAITH...

Some there are who have “faith,” yet who are destitute of good works. “The devils believe,” but they neither love nor obey—devils they continue. Deists again, men who believe in the being and unity of God but reject the Bible as an inspired book, have faith. But are their works perfect (good) before God? Will their faith save them? All antinomians are of this class.

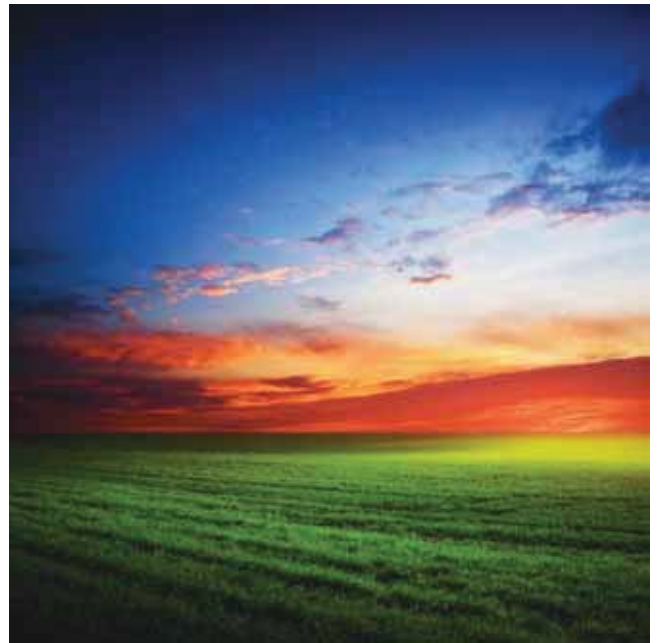
SOME HAVE WORKS...

Some on the other hand, strive to abound in “works,” who yet are destitute of “faith.” Cain, who brought his offering, and slew his brother Abel, was of this class. The Pharisees, who paid tithes of all they possessed, and who cried out, “Crucify him! Crucify him!” were

also of this number. The professors of “good works,” in our own day, who have no true faith in Christ, are of this number; for all offerings whatsoever, that are not perfumed with the odor of Christ’s sacrifice, they are an abomination to the Lord.

ABRAHAM HAD FAITH AND WORKS

In Abraham we see faith and works admirably combined. “He believed God, and it was counted to him for righteousness,” “and he was justified by works, when he had offered Isaac his son upon the altar.” “Thus faith wrought with his works, and by works was faith made

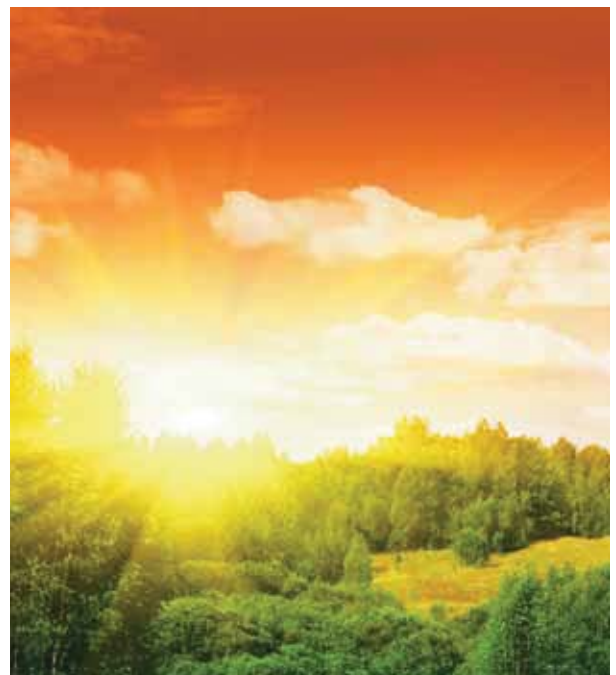


perfect.’

In him, where there is a scriptural “faith,” which is the evidence or conviction of unseen realities, there will be “works” corresponding thereto, as surely as there is life while the body has breath.

NO TRUE FAITH, NO ACCEPTABLE WORKS

On the other hand, where there is no true faith, there can be no “works” acceptable to God, no more that there can be life when the breath has left the body. “For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.”



The Victorious Life

[Reprint Of A Little Tract, The Last Of Mrs. White's Writing Before Her Death]

Dear Friend:

The Lord has given me a message for you, and not for you only, but also for other faithful souls who are troubled by doubts and fears regarding their acceptance by the Lord Jesus Christ. His word to you is, "Fear not: for I have redeemed thee, I have called thee by thy name; thou art Mine." You desire to please the Lord, and you can do this by believing His promises. He is waiting to take you into a harbor of gracious experience, and He bids you, "Be still, and know that I am God." You have had a time of unrest; but Jesus says to you, "Come unto Me, . . . and I will give you rest." The joy of Christ in the soul is worth everything. "Then are they glad," because they are privileged to rest in the arms of everlasting love.

Put away your distrust of our heavenly Father. Instead of talking of your doubts, break away from them in the strength of Jesus, and let light shine into your soul by letting your voice express confidence and trust in God. I know that the Lord is very nigh to give you victory, and I say to you, Be helped, be strengthened, be lifted out of and away from the dark dungeon of unbelief. Doubts will rush into your mind, because Satan is trying to hold you in captivity to his cruel power; but face him in the strength that Jesus is willing to give you, and conquer the inclination to express unbelief in your Saviour. {TM 516.2}

Do not talk of your inefficiency and your defects. When despair would seem to be sweeping over your soul, look to Jesus, saying, He lives to make intercession for me. Forget the things that are behind, and believe the promise, "I will come to you," and "abide with you."

God is waiting to bestow the blessing of forgiveness, of pardon for iniquity, of the gifts of righteousness, upon all who will believe in His love and accept the salvation He offers. Christ is ready to say to the repenting sinner, "Behold, I have caused thine iniquity to pass from thee, and I will clothe thee with change of raiment." The blood of Jesus Christ is the eloquent plea that speaks in behalf of sinners. This blood "cleanseth us from all sin."

It is your privilege to trust in the love of Jesus for salvation, in the fullest, surest,

noblest manner; to say, *He loves me, He receives me; I will trust Him, for He gave His life for me. Nothing so dispels doubt as coming in contact with the character of Christ. He declares, "Him that cometh to Me I will in no wise cast out;" that is, there is no possibility of My casting him out, for I have pledged My word to receive him. Take Christ at His word, and let your lips declare that you have gained the victory.*

Is Jesus true? Does He mean what He says? Answer decidedly, Yes, every word. Then if you have settled this, by faith claim every promise that He has made, and receive the blessing; for this acceptance by faith gives life to the soul. You may believe that Jesus is true to you, even though you feel yourself to be the weakest and most unworthy of His children. And as you believe, all your dark, brooding doubts are thrown back upon the archdeceiver who originated them. You can be a great blessing if you will take God at His word. By living faith you are to trust Him, even though the impulse is strong within you to speak words of distrust.

Peace comes with dependence on divine power. As fast as the soul resolves to act in accordance with the light given, the Holy Spirit gives more light and strength. The grace of the Spirit is supplied to cooperate with the soul's resolve, but it is not a substitute for the individual exercise of faith. Success in the Christian life depends upon the appropriation of the light that God has given. It is not an abundance of light and evidence that makes the soul free in Christ; it is the rising of the powers and the will and the energies of the soul to cry out sincerely, "Lord, I believe; help Thou mine unbelief."

I rejoice in the bright prospects of the future, and so may you. Be cheerful, and praise the Lord for His loving-kindness. That which you cannot understand, commit to Him. He loves you and pities your every weakness. He "hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ." It would not satisfy the heart of the Infinite One to give those who love His Son a lesser blessing than He gives His Son.

Satan seeks to draw our minds away from the mighty Helper, to lead us to ponder over our degeneration of soul. But though Jesus sees the guilt of the past, He speaks pardon; and we should not dishonor Him by doubting His love. The feeling of guiltiness must be laid at the foot of the cross, or it will poison the springs of life. When Satan thrusts his threatenings upon you, turn from them, and comfort your soul with the promises of God. The cloud may be dark in itself, but when filled with the light of heaven, it turns to the brightness of gold; for the glory of God rests upon it.

God's children are not to be subject to feelings and emotions. When they fluctuate between hope and fear, the heart of Christ is hurt; for He has given them unmistakable evidence of His love. He wants them to be established, strengthened, and settled in the most holy faith. He wants them to do the work He has given them; then their hearts will become

in His hands as sacred harps, every chord of which will send forth praise and thanksgiving to the One sent by God to take away the sins of the world.

Christ's love for His children is as tender as it is strong. And it is stronger than death; for He died to purchase our salvation, and to make us one with Him, mystically and eternally one. So strong is His love that it controls all His powers, and employs the vast resources of heaven in doing His people good. It is without variableness or shadow of turning--the same yesterday, today, and forever. Although sin has existed for ages, trying to counteract this love and obstruct its flowing earthward, it still flows in rich currents to those for whom Christ died.

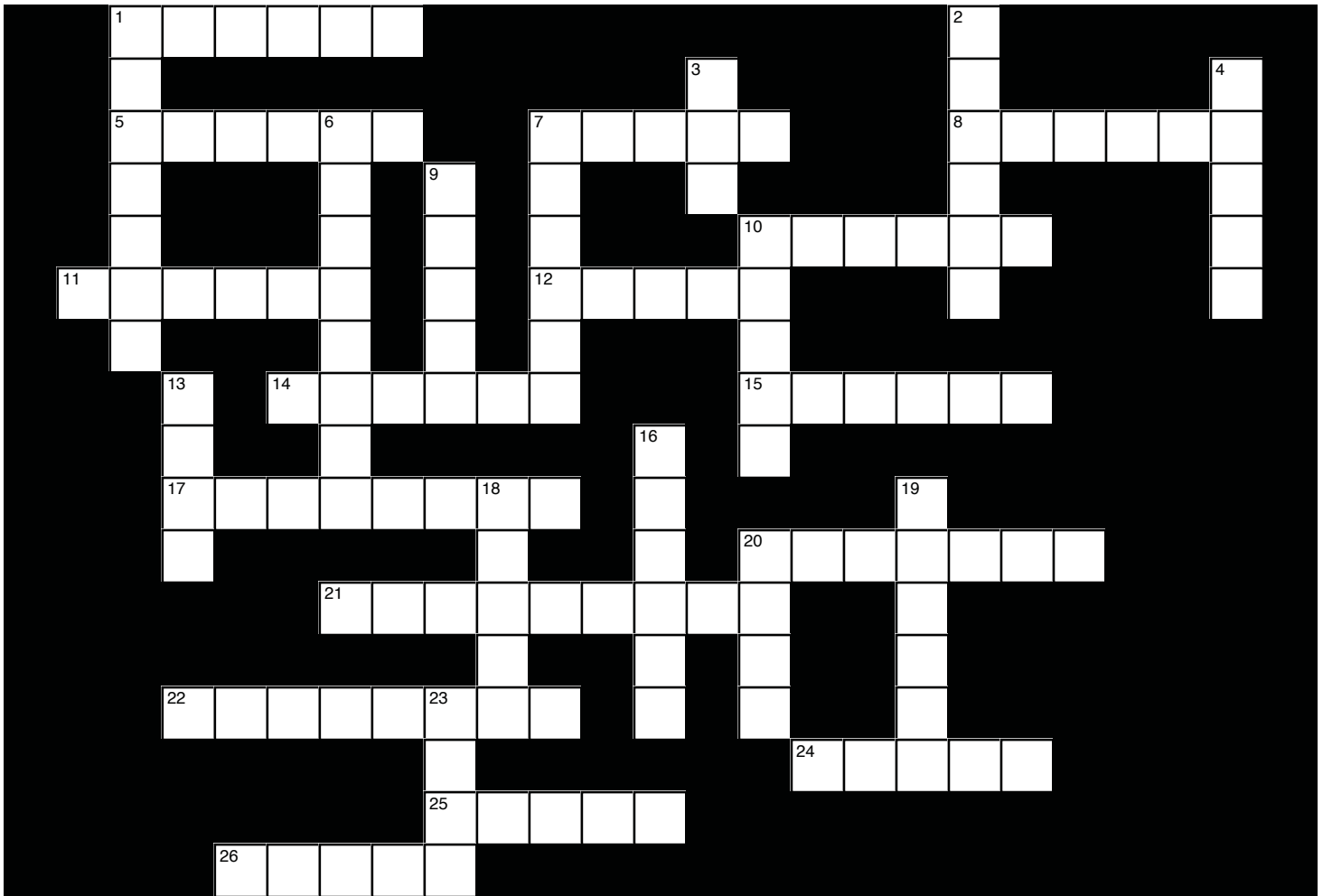
God loves the sinless angels, who do His service and are obedient to all His commands; but He does not give them grace; they have never needed it, for they have never sinned. Grace is an attribute shown to undeserving human beings. We did not seek after it; it was sent in search of us. God rejoices to bestow grace upon all who hunger and thirst for it, not because we are worthy, but because we are unworthy. Our need is the qualification which gives us the assurance that we shall receive the gift.

It should not be difficult to remember that the Lord desires you to lay your troubles and perplexities at His feet, and leave them there. Go to Him, saying: "Lord, my burdens are too heavy for me to carry. Wilt Thou bear them for me?" And He will answer: "I will take them. 'With everlasting kindness will I have mercy on thee.' I will take your sins, and will give you peace. Banish no longer your self-respect; for I have bought you with the price of My own blood. You are Mine. Your weakened will I will strengthen. Your remorse for sin I will remove."

"I, even I, am He," the Lord declares, "that blotteth out thy transgressions for Mine own sake, and will not remember thy sins. Put Me in remembrance: let us plead together: declare thou, that thou mayest be justified." "I have not spoken in secret, in a dark place of the earth: I said not unto the seed of Jacob, Seek ye Me in vain: I the Lord speak righteousness, I declare things that are right." "Look unto Me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: for I am God, and there is none else." Respond to the calls of God's mercy, and say: "I will trust in the Lord and be comforted. I will praise the Lord; for His anger is turned away. I will rejoice in God, who gives the victory."

*Ellen G. White
Sanitarium, California, June 14, 1914*

Christian Crossword



ACROSS

1. Sister of Mary and Lazarus
5. Moses' sister
7. Schemed to win his brother's birthright
8. Danced at the birthday banquet of Herod Antipas
10. A Syrian commander cured of leprosy
11. Site of covenant between Jacob and Laban
12. Opened door for Peter after his release from prison
14. Appointed by Nero to succeed Felix as procurator of Judea
15. The father of Samson
17. Daughter of Herod Agrippa I
20. The only character named by Jesus in a parable
21. Delivered from seven demons
22. Moses' first wife
24. One of the faithful twelve spies
25. Widowed when Judah's oldest son died
26. Abraham's father

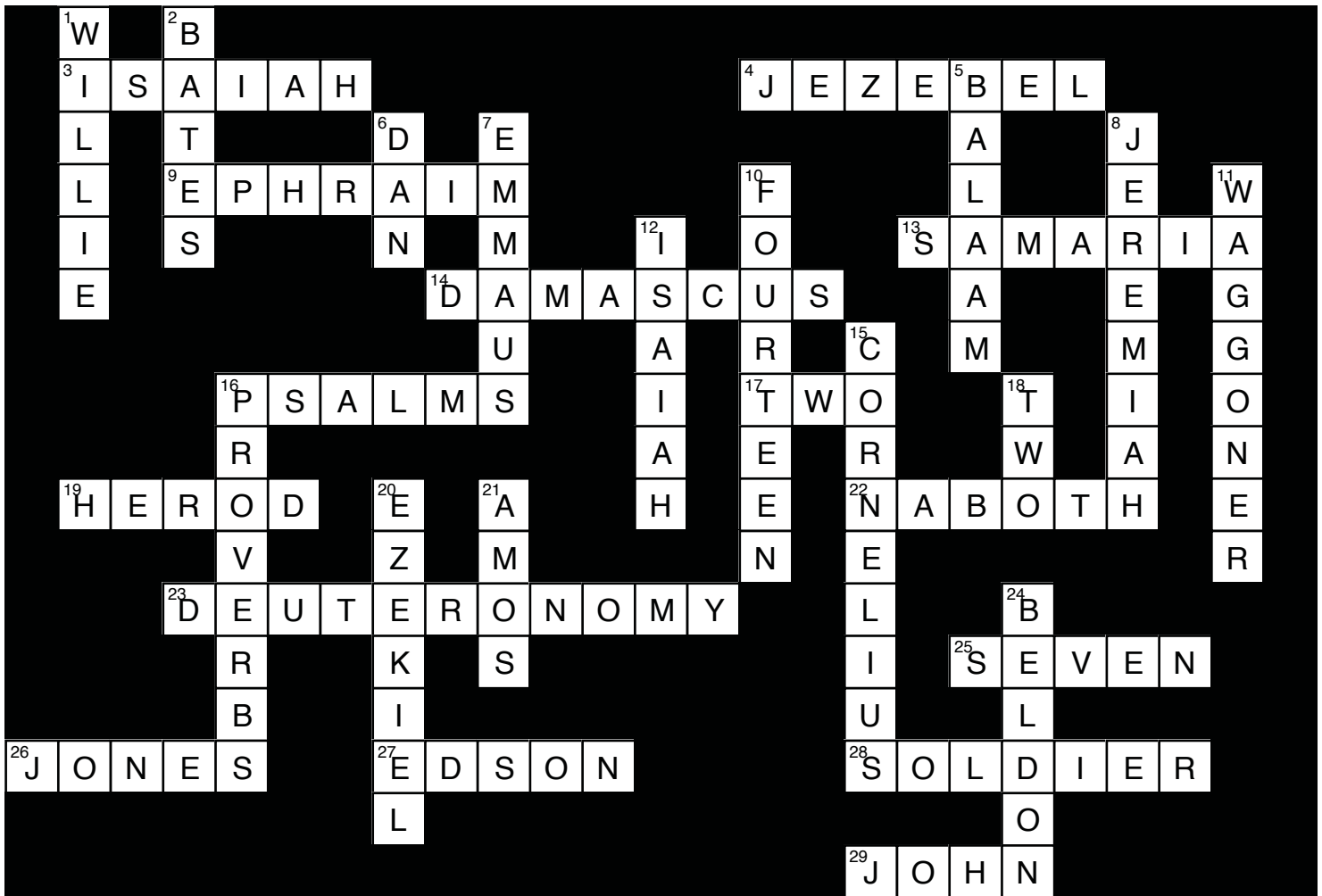
DOWN

1. Ancient capital of Egypt
2. Became king of Judah at the age of eight
3. Moab was the son of _____
4. Married the daughter of Herod Agrippa I
6. James the son of _____ is one of the 12 apostles
7. The Synagogue leader who asked Jesus to heal his daughter
9. Ancient Biblical measurement
10. Mother-in-law of Ruth
13. The last of the New Testament epistles
16. Son of Jacob by Rachel
18. Paul's first convert in Europe
19. Jacob's first choice for a wife
20. The third son of Jacob and Leah
23. Great grandmother of King David

Christian Crossword

Answers

Answers from Christian Crossword published in the February 2010 issue of Our Firm Foundation



ACROSS

3. The gospel prophet of the Old Testament
4. Queen of Israel, daughter of a pagan king
9. One of two tribes removed from the names of the 144,000
13. Where woman at the well was from
14. Paul's first vision of Jesus was on the road to
16. Which Bible book has this verse: "in him will I trust"
17. Number of widow's mites
19. King that had John the Baptist's head removed
22. One whose land was illegally taken by King Ahab
23. Which Bible book has this verse: "And the Lord God will circumcise thine heart"
25. Number of times 1260 years Papal captivity mentioned in the Bible
26. The other of the two of number 11 down
27. The man that had the "cornfield" vision
28. The occupation of Gentile Peter preached to after his blanket vision
29. Which Bible book has this verse: "that when it come to pass you might believe"

DOWN

1. Nickname of Ellen White's oldest son
2. He would not take a letter until the postage was paid. The postage was in the letter.
5. Prophet whose donkey spoke to him
6. The other of the two tribes mentioned in number 9 across
7. Christ opened the Scriptures to 2 men on the road to
8. Prophet who prophesied 70 year captivity of the Jews in Babylon
10. The number of tribes of Israel listed in the Old Testament
11. One of two preachers that preached the "1888 message"
12. Which Bible book has this verse: "They shall mount up with wings as eagles"
15. Name of Gentile Peter preached to after his blanket vision
16. Which Bible book has this verse: "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart"
18. Number of Ellen White's children dying before adulthood
20. Which Bible book has this verse: "I have appointed thee each day for a year"
21. Which Bible book has this verse: "Surely the Lord God will do nothing, but he revealeth his secret"
24. Last name of Ellen White's sister whose son was a songwriter

Hope for Health

Feature Products

In today's world of high-energy demand and under-nourishing foods, sustaining optimal health can be costly, time-consuming, and very confusing. Fortunately, Swedish Bitters is one of those rare herbal recipes that can provide relief for almost any health challenge. A broad statement, you say? Indeed it is. But in a world brimming over with "new and improved" products to deal with any ailment you can name, this one - Swedish Bitters - has withstood the test of time. And we do mean several hundred years!



SWEDISH BITTERS

USES:

- Acne
- Animal Bites
- Burns
- Constipation
- Dizziness
- Edema
- Fainting
- Fistulas
- Gall stones
- Hearing loss
- Indigestion
- Rheumatic pains
- Tuberculosis
- Anemia
- Appetite loss
- Colic
- Corns
- Earaches
- Epilepsy
- Fever
- Frostbite
- Tremors
- Hemorrhoids
- Jaundice
- Sleeplessness
- Toothaches

Swedish Bitters

250 mL Bottle..... \$13.99 HXSB-SBSM
500 mL Bottle..... \$26.99 HXSB-SBLG
4 oz. Salve \$11.99 HXSB-SBCR
3.4 oz. Bar Soap \$3.99 HXSB-SBSO
1 oz. Concentrate.. \$26.99 HXSB-SBCO
(Makes 700 mL for the price of 500 mL!)

**To Order Call Today:
1.800.468.7884**

**or Visit us on the web at:
www.hopeint.org**

***Prices listed above do not include shipping and handling or sales tax**

Discover the benefits of just a few of the extraordinary ingredients in Swedish Bitters:

Saffron - A mild herbal sedative, it helps improve anxiety, nervousness, insomnia, and all disorders of the nervous system.

Senna Leaf - A gentle natural laxative, it helps to improve regulation.

Zedoary - Wonderful digestive aid, it increases the strength of all the digestive organs.

Carline Thistle Root - Extremely effective herbal energizer, it helps with many disorders. A natural antibiotic and diuretic, it is very helpful for kidney, bladder, prostate, and overall urinary tract health.

Theriac Venezian - Powerful anti-inflammatory, can be used internally or topically to treat wounds.

Why Swedish Bitters Salve Is Formulated with Natural Olive Oil

Olive Oil Contains:

- **Powerful antioxidants:** Vitamin A and Vitamin E.
- **Polyphenols:** Powerful natural antioxidants with anti-aging benefits.
- **Potent moisturizers:** Nutrients present in olives bind with water to naturally moisturize the skin.

Swedish Bitters Salve:

- Assists in maintaining the natural suppleness of the skin.
- Contains no animal fats, chemicals, or fragrances that frequently cause allergic reactions.
- Provides a soothing effect on the skin - resulting from a combination of the natural nutrients and properties found in Virgin Olive Oil and our special Swedish Bitters herbal infusion.

Swedish Bitters Concentrate:

- Great for travel, or simply to save space.
- Add a few drops to your beverage of choice several times a day, or you can choose to make the entire batch up at once.

*These statements have not been evaluated by the Food and Drug Administration. This product is not intended to prevent, diagnose, treat, or cure any disease.

Health Gem

Dr. Olson






Dr. Olson comes from a long line of health professionals including MDs, naturopaths, and osteopaths. Having always wanted to help people, especially in the area of health, she was a missionary to Belize and Korea. A national speaker, an RN for years, a certified herbologist, and a naturopathic doctor, Dr. Olson is utilizing this experience and wealth of knowledge for the benefit of people all over the world.

AMAZING FOOD FACTS

	APPLES Protects the heart	Prevents constipation	Stops diarrhea	Improves lung capacity	Cushions joints
	APRICOTS Fights cancer	Controls blood pressure	Saves eyesight	Fights/Prevents Alzheimer's	Slows the aging process
	ARTICHOKEs Aids digestion	Lowers cholesterol	Protects the heart	Stabilizes blood sugar	Guards against liver disease
	AVOCADOS Battles diabetes	Lowers cholesterol	Helps stop strokes	Controls blood pressure	Smooths skin
	BANANAS Protects the heart	Quiets a cough	Strengthens bones	Controls blood pressure	Stops diarrhea
	BEANS Prevents constipation	Relieves hemorrhoids	Lowers cholesterol	Combats cancer	Stabilizes blood sugar
	BEETS Controls blood pressure	Combats cancer	Strengthens bones	Protects the heart	Aids weight loss
	BLUEBERRIES Combats cancer	Protects the heart	Stabilizes blood sugar	Boosts memory	Prevents constipation
	BROCCOLI Strengthens bones	Saves eyesight	Combats cancer	Protects the heart	Controls blood pressure
	CABBAGE Combats cancer	Prevents constipation	Promotes weight loss	Protects the heart	Heals hemorrhoids
	CANTALOUPE Saves eyesight	Controls blood pressure	Lowers cholesterol	Combats cancer	Supports the immune system
	CARROTS Saves eyesight	Protects the heart	Prevents constipation	Combats cancer	Promotes weight loss
	CAULIFLOWER Protects against prostate cancer	Combats breast cancer	Strengthens bones	Fades bruises	Guards against heart disease
	CHERRIES Protects the heart	Combats cancer	Relieves insomnia	Slows the aging process	Shields against Alzheimer's
	CHESTNUTS Promotes weight loss	Protects the heart	Lowers cholesterol	Combats cancer	Controls blood pressure
	CHILI PEPPERS Aids digestion	Soothes a sore throat	Clears sinuses	Combats cancer	Boosts the immune system
	FIGS Promotes weight loss	Helps prevent strokes	Lowers cholesterol	Combats cancer	Controls blood pressure
	FLAX Aids digestion	Battles diabetes	Protects the heart	Improves mental health	Boosts the immune system
	GARLIC Lowers cholesterol	Controls blood pressure	Combats cancer	Kills bacteria	Fights fungal infections
	GRAPEFRUIT Prevents heart attacks	Promotes weight loss	Helps stop strokes	Combats prostate cancer	Lowers cholesterol



	GRAPES Saves eyesight	Eliminates kidney stones	Combats cancer	Improves circulation	Protects the heart
	HONEY Heals wounds	Aids digestion	Guards against ulcers	Increases energy	Fights allergies
	LEMONS Combats cancer	Protects the heart	Controls blood pressure	Smooths skin	Stops scurvy
	LIMES Combats cancer	Protects the heart	Controls blood pressure	Smooths skin	Stops scurvy
	MANGOES Combats cancer	Improves memory	Regulates the thyroid	Aids digestion	Shields against Alzheimer's
	MUSHROOMS Controls blood pressure	Lowers cholesterol	Kills bacteria	Combats cancer	Strengthens bones
	OATS Lowers cholesterol	Combats cancer	Battles diabetes	Prevents constipation	Smooths skin
	OLIVE OIL Protects the heart	Promotes weight loss	Combats cancer	Battles diabetes	Smooths skin
	ONIONS Reduces risk of heart attack	Combats cancer	Kills bacteria	Lowers cholesterol	Fights fungal infections
	ORANGES Supports the immune system	Combats cancer	Protects the heart	Strengthens the lungs	Prevents kidney stones
	PEACHES Prevents constipation	Combats cancer	Helps stop strokes	Aids digestion	Heals hemorrhoids
	PEANUTS Protects against heart disease	Promotes weight loss	Fights prostate cancer	Lowers cholesterol	Inhibits cancer cell growth
	PINEAPPLE Strengthens bones	Relieves colds	Aids digestion	Dissolves warts	Stops diarrhea
	PRUNES Slows the aging process	Prevents constipation	Improves memory	Lowers cholesterol	Protects against heart disease
	RICE Protects the heart	Battles diabetes	Eliminates kidney stones	Combats cancer	Helps prevent strokes
	STRAWBERRIES Combats cancer	Protects the heart	Improves memory	Calms stress	Reduces risk of Alzheimer's
	SWEET POTATOES Saves eyesight	Lifts mood	Combats cancer	Strengthens bones	Stabilizes blood sugar levels
	TOMATOES Protects the prostate	Combats cancer	Lowers cholesterol	Protects the heart	Greatly reduces cancer risk
	WALNUTS Lowers cholesterol	Combats cancer	Improves memory	Lifts the mood	Protects against heart disease
	WATER Promotes weight loss	Combats cancer	Eliminates kidney stones	Smooths skin	Lowers blood pressure
	WATERMELON Protects the prostate	Promotes weight loss	Lowers cholesterol	Helps stop strokes	Controls blood pressure
	WHEAT GERM Combats colon cancer	Prevents constipation	Lowers cholesterol	Helps stop strokes	Improves digestion
	WHEAT BRAN Combats colon cancer	Prevents constipation	Lowers cholesterol	Helps stop strokes	Improves digestion

News Watch

SHARES WORTHLES
 stocks tumble assets Crash! rat
 by deepens Interest rates liquidity
 in doubt FORECAST



1. Future News: CAN'T get out of the cities!

Randal O'Toole is a Cato Institute senior fellow working on urban growth, public land, and transportation issues. His most recent book, "Gridlock: Why We're Stuck in Traffic and What To Do about It" was released in January. He is a frequent speaker on free-market environmental issues. The following is an excerpt from an interview with Mr. O'Toole. Question: You've built a career showing errors in calls for government to quite literally plan our lives. What new threats from government planning are of particular concern? Mr. O'Toole: Aside from health care and cap-and-trade, the biggest threat to both freedom and economic well-being comes from a national land-use planning system that is quietly being designed by the administration and Congress. The administration plans to require metropolitan areas to stop "sprawl" by mandating higher-density redevelopment of existing neighborhoods and limiting low-density development at the urban fringe. To keep people from "escaping" to low-density areas, the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee proposes to require the creation of Rural Planning Organizations that will limit or forbid urban development of rural areas. These policies

will take property rights from landowners and turn all development decisions over to central planners. As our population grows, developable land and housing will become more expensive, increasing the cost of everything we do.

End time perspective: "But ere long there will be such strife and confusion in the cities, that those who wish to leave them will not be able. We must be preparing for these issues. This is the light that is given me." --General Conference Bulletin, April 6, 1903, Country Living, p. 11

2. Time Magazine, February 1, 2010, Verbatim, page 16: "I am the Christ eternal"

Mehmet Ali Agca, in a statement, on being freed from a Turkish prison almost three decades after he shot and wounded Pope John Paul II.

End time Perspective: "Turning to the



disciples, Christ said, 'Take heed that no man deceive you. For many shall come in My name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many....Between His death and the siege of Jerusalem many false messiahs appeared. But this warning was given also to those who live in this age of the world. The same deceptions practiced prior to the destruction of Jerusalem have been practiced through the ages, and will be practiced again.'" DA 628

3. Politico, February 9, 2010, "Michelle Obama's child-obesity challenge", by Mariam Burros.

"First lady Michelle Obama will formally announce her childhood obesity initiative Tuesday at the White House, an effort to reverse an epidemic in which almost one-third of American children are either overweight or obese. But in making the fight against childhood obesity her signature cause, Obama has chosen to tackle a seemingly intractable problem that has thwarted experts for the past two decades."

End time Perspective: "As children emerge from babyhood, great care should still be taken in educating their tastes and appetite. Often they are permitted to eat what they choose and when they choose, without reference to health. The pains and money so often lavished upon unwholesome dainties lead the young to think that the highest object in life, and that which yields the greatest amount of happiness, is to be able to indulge the appetite. The result of this training is gluttony, then comes sickness. . . . Parents should train the appetites of their children and should not permit the use of unwholesome foods." CG 379





4. CBS Reports/USA Today, January 7, 2010, "Battling Obesity in America"

The evidence of an epidemic is everywhere. Two-thirds, more than 190 million Americans are overweight or obese. Obesity-related diseases are a \$147 billion dollar medical burden every year. Childhood obesity has tripled in the last thirty years.

CBS News correspondent Seth Doane reports, this could be the first generation since the Civil War to have a shortened life expectancy.

End time Perspective: "Gluttony and intemperance lie at the foundation of the great moral depravity in our world. Satan is aware of this and he is constantly tempting men and women (and children) to indulge the taste at the expense of health and even life itself. Eating, drinking, and dressing are made the aim of

life with the world. Just such a state of things existed before the Flood. And this state of dissipation is one of the marked evidences of the soon close of this earth's history. The picture which Inspiration has given of the antediluvian world represents too truly the condition to which modern society is fast hastening. We know that the Lord is coming very soon. The world is fast becoming as it was in the days of Noah. It is given over to selfish indulgence. Eating and drinking are carried to excess." LDE 22

5. National Geographic News, January 13, 2010, Haiti Earthquake "Strange", Strongest in 200 years, by Ker Than.

The magnitude 7 earthquake that struck Haiti yesterday is the strongest earthquake to hit the region in more than two centuries, geologists say. While earthquakes are not uncommon in the Caribbean island country, the recent Haiti earthquake's intensity surprised experts. "It's quite strange" from a historical perspective, said Julie Detton, a geophysicist with the U.S. Geological Survey.

End time Perspective #1: "The time is now come when one moment we may be on solid earth, the next the earth may be heaving beneath our feet. Earthquakes will take place when least expected."--TM 421

End time Perspective #2: "Before the Son of man appears in the clouds of heaven everything in nature will be convulsed. Lightning from heaven uniting with the fire in the earth will cause the mountains to burn like a furnace and pour out their floods of lava over villages and cities. Molten masses of rock thrown into the water by the upheaval of things hidden in the earth will cause the water to boil and send forth rocks and earth. There will be mighty earthquakes and great destruction of human life."--7BC 946

Editor's Note: Again we look at earthquakes because they are such a big sign as they grow more intense.



Hope International does not solicit tithes; however, we are a tithe-worthy organization and accept tithes. We use the tithe only for the gospel ministry. Donations designated "Gospel Ministry" will be considered tithe.

Subscription Order Line: 1-800-468-7884

Subscription Information

United States	US \$23.99 per year
Canada & Mexico	US \$34.99 per year
Foreign (Air Mail)	US \$59.99 per year
Large Print Edition	Black & White US \$29.99 per year
Large Print Edition	Color US \$39.99 per year
Audio CD or Cassette Edition	US \$36.00 per year
Foreign Audio & Large Print Edition.....	Please Inquire

Shipping, Sales Tax & Currency

For all products advertised in this publication (unless otherwise noted):
 • **USA destinations:** \$0.00-\$25.00=\$6.25, \$25.01-\$50.00=\$9.25, \$50.01-\$100.00=\$13.50, \$100.01-\$200.00=\$16.75, \$200.01 or more \$2.99
 • **To destinations outside the USA:** Actual shipping rate will be charged.
Sales tax: Illinois residents, please add 6.5%.
All money sent must be in US funds, drawn on US banks.

Subscription Assistance

We strive to keep our subscription prices as low as possible. We want this material to be available to all. If your finances cannot meet the requested amount, please send whatever you can. Those desiring to assist in providing subscriptions for individuals with limited funds should send a gift marked "Subscription Assistance" to Hope International. Your donations are tax deductible

CRUNCH...

Hope for Health

Who says that a healthy snack needs to taste healthy? As far as we're concerned, why not make it something that you can actually look forward to? Crunchy Clusters are truly natural, made from pure ingredients without artificial preservatives, flavor enhancers, sweeteners, or colors. These bite size clusters are tasty and convenient.

Hope for Health's Crunchy Clusters are so good, you might have to remind yourself that you're eating something healthy.

Strawberry-Pineapple Crunch



10 oz. Bag \$8.99 HXNF-SPCR

Cran-Blueberry Crunch



10 oz. Bag \$8.99 HXNF-CBCR

Cran-Tropical Crunch



10 oz. Bag \$8.99 HXNF-CTCR

To Order Call Today: 1.800.468.7884 or Visit us on the web at: www.hopeforhealthusa.com

*Prices listed above do not include shipping and handling or sales tax

has not come
God is love
God w

REVERENCE FOR THE HOUSE OF GOD

Ye shall keep my sabbaths, and reverence my sanctuary: I am the Lord. Lev. 19:30

God is high and holy; and to the humble, believing soul, His house on earth, the place where His people meet for worship, is as the gate of heaven. The song of praise, the words spoken by Christ's ministers, are God's appointed agencies to prepare a people for the church above, for that loftier worship.

When the worshipers enter the place of meeting, they should do so with decorum, passing quietly to their seats. . . . Common talking, whispering, and laughing should not be permitted in the house of worship, either before or after the service. Ardent, active piety should characterize the worshipers.

If some have to wait a few minutes before the meeting begins, let them maintain a true spirit of devotion by silent meditation, keeping the heart uplifted to God in prayer that the service may be of special benefit to their own hearts and lead to the conviction and conversion of other souls. They should remember that heavenly messengers are in the house. We all lose much sweet communion with God by our restlessness, by not encouraging moments of reflection and prayer. . . .

Elevate the standard of Christianity in the minds of your children; help them to weave Jesus into their experience; teach them to have the highest reverence for the house of God and to understand that when they enter the Lord's house it should be with hearts that are softened and subdued by such thoughts as these: "God is here; this is His house. I must have pure thoughts and holiest motives. . . . This is the place where God meets with and blesses His people." . . .

Parents should not only teach, but command, their children to enter the sanctuary with sobriety and reverence.

Practice reverence until it becomes a part of yourself. ML 286

Editor's Note: I see many of our churches that fail to have reverence in the sanctuary—Please share these quotes with your church.

"It is faith that enables us to look beyond the present, with its burdens and cares, to the great hereafter, where all that now perplexes us shall be made plain." - GW 259

NON-PROFIT ORG.
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
PERMIT NO. 557
HARRISBURG, PA

Hope International
P.O. Box 220
Knoxville, Illinois 61448



*"Without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him."
- Hebrews 11:6*

