

Humility Before Honor

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When thou wast little in thine own sight, wast thou not made the head of the tribes of Israel?" Here Samuel points out the reason for Saul's appointment to the throne of Israel. He had a humble opinion of his own capabilities, and was willing to be instructed. When the divine choice fell upon him, he was deficient in knowledge and experience, and had, with many good qualities, serious defects of character. But the Lord granted him the Holy Spirit as a guide and helper, and placed him in a position where he could develop the qualities requisite for a ruler of Israel.

Should he trust to his own strength and judgment, Saul would move impulsively, and would commit grave errors. But if he would remain humble, seeking constantly to be guided by divine wisdom, and advancing as the providence of God opened the way, he could be enabled to discharge the duties of his high position with success and honor. Under the influence of divine grace, every good quality would be gaining strength, while evil traits would as steadily lose their power.

This is the work which the Lord proposes to do for all who consecrate themselves to him. There are many whom he has called to positions in his work for the same reason that he called Saul, because they are little in their own sight, because they have a humble and teachable spirit. In his providence he places them where they may learn of him. To all who will receive instruction he will impart grace and wisdom. It is his purpose to bring them into so close connection with himself that Satan shall have no opportunity to pervert their judgment or overpower their conscience. He will reveal to them their defects of character, and bestow upon all who seek his aid, strength to correct their errors. Whatever may be man's besetting sin, whatever bitter or baleful passions struggle for the mastery, he may conquer, if he will watch and war against them in the name and strength of Israel's Helper. The children of God should cultivate a keen sensitiveness to sin. Here, as well as elsewhere, we should not despise the day of small things. It is one of Satan's most successful devices, to lead men to the commission of little sins, to blind the mind to the danger of little indulgences, little digressions from the plainly stated requirements of God. Many who would shrink with horror from some great transgression, are led to look upon sin in little matters as of trifling consequence. But those little sins eat out the life of godliness in the soul. The feet which enter upon a

1. 1 Sam. 15:17

path diverging from the right way are tending toward the broad road that ends in death. When once a retrograde movement begins, no one can tell where it may end.

In sparing Agag, the king of Amalek, Saul led his people to feel that they might follow their own judgment instead of God's explicit command. They did not see that their own prosperity as individuals and as a nation depended upon their strict adherence to the command of Him who sees the end from the beginning. God requires us to prove our loyalty to him by unquestioning obedience. In deciding upon any course, we should not ask merely whether we can see harm to result from it, but whether it is contrary to the will of God.

We must learn to distrust self, and to rely wholly upon God for guidance and support, for a knowledge of his will, and for strength to perform it. We must be much in communion with God. Prayer in secret, prayer while the hands are engaged in labor, prayer while walking by the way, prayer in the night season, the heart's desires ever ascending to God,—this is our only safety. In this manner Enoch walked with God. In this manner our Exemplar obtained strength to tread the thorny path from Nazareth to Calvary.

Christ, the sinless One, upon whom the Holy Spirit was bestowed without measure, constantly acknowledged his dependence upon God, and sought fresh supplies from the Source of strength and wisdom. How much more should finite, erring man feel his need of help from God every hour and every moment. How carefully should he follow the Leading Hand; how carefully treasure every word that has been given for his guidance and instruction! "As the eyes of servants look unto the hand of their masters, and as the eyes of a maiden unto the hand of her mistress," so should our eyes be upon the Lord our God. His commands should be received with implicit faith, and obeyed with cheerful exactness.

Self confidence is the rock upon which many have been wrecked. The secret of the Christian's strength and safety is revealed in the words of the apostle, "kept by the power of God." In all the undertakings of life, the language of the heart should be, "If the Lord will." We should humbly wait for divine instruction, never going before, or contrary to our, Heavenly Guide.

Would that we could comprehend the significance of the words, "Christ suffered, being tempted." While he was free from the taint of sin, the refined

2. Psa. 123:2

3. 1 Pet. 1:5

4. 1 Cor. 4:19;
Jam. 4:15

5. Heb. 2:18

sensibilities of his holy nature rendered contact with evil unspeakably painful to him. Yet with human nature upon him, he met the arch apostate face to face, and single-handed withstood the foe of his throne. Not even by a thought could Christ be brought to yield to the power of temptation. Satan finds in human hearts some point where he can gain a foothold; some sinful desire is cherished, by means of which his temptations assert their power. But Christ declared of himself, “The prince of this world cometh, and hath nothing in me.”⁶ The storms of temptation burst upon him, but they could not cause him to swerve from his allegiance to God.

6. John 14:30

All the followers of Christ have to meet the same malignant foe that assailed their Master. With marvellous skill he adapts his temptations to their circumstances, their temperament, their mental and moral bias, their strong passions. He is ever whispering in the ears of the children of men, as he points to worldly pleasures, gains, or honors, “All this will I give you, if you will do my bidding.”⁷ We must look to Christ; we must resist as he resisted; we must pray as he prayed; we must agonize, as he agonized, if we would conquer as he conquered.

7. Mat. 4:8,9;
Luke 4:6,7

Whatever the position in which God has placed us, whatever our responsibilities or our dangers, we should remember that he has pledged himself to impart needed grace to the earnest seeker. Those who feel insufficient for their position, and yet accept it because God bids them, relying upon his power and wisdom, will go on from strength to strength. When

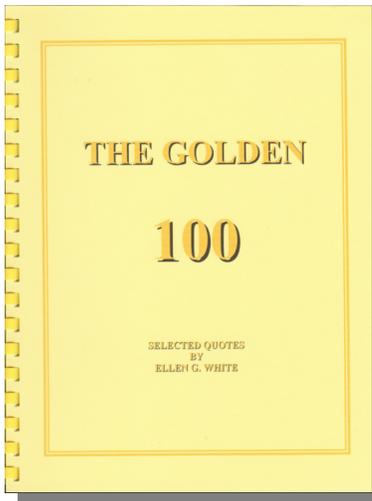
they enter upon their work, they may have almost everything to learn; but with Christ as a teacher they will become efficient laborers. God does not intrust his work to the worldly wise; for they are too proud to learn. He chooses those who, feeling their deficiencies, seek to be guided by unerring wisdom.

Those who have learned of Christ will manifest in all their intercourse a humble, teachable spirit, ever willing to receive counsel or correction. The Lord confers upon his servants varied gifts. No one person possesses all the qualifications essential in carrying forward the work of God. Hence no one is qualified to act independently in all matters pertaining to the Lord’s cause. In the body of Christ there is the same law of dependence and the same necessity for harmony of action that exists in the human body. While no one member of the church is complete in himself, all combined form a perfect whole.

The meekness and humility of Christ will be seen in his followers. The grain ready for harvest, bending under the burden of its full, ripe ears, is a fitting emblem of the Christian ripening for the heavenly garner. The more closely he resembles Jesus, and the richer and more perfect his character in the development of the Christian graces, the less disposition will he have to honor or exalt self. With the sweet singer of Israel, the language of his heart will be, “Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us, but unto thy name give we glory, for thy mercy and for thy truth’s sake.”⁸

by Mrs. E. G. White

8. Psa. 115:1



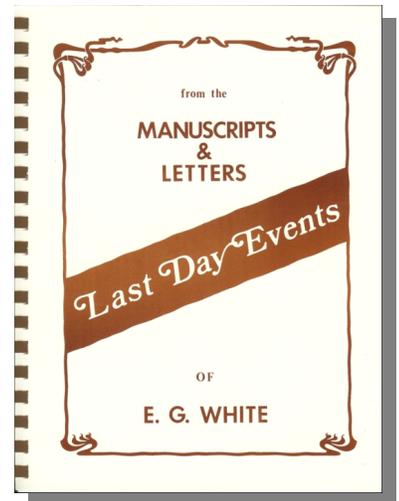
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ARE YOU COVERED?

(Continued)

But as amazing as all this is which has already been provided to you for free just so that you can be saved, yet there is more that God and Christ have provided you through this glorious plan of your salvation.

When a baby first begins to stand up, do they immediately jump up upon their feet? No, they go through a period of learning how to stand proficiently without wavering. And they do not give up trying their best until they have mastered how to stand. Those who have children know what I'm talking about. Now, after learning how to stand up, do they immediately walk across the room? No, they again go through a period of learning how to walk proficiently without losing their balance. And again, they do not give up trying their best, no matter how many times they fall, until they have mastered how to remain standing while walking forward.

But even though their early attempts at either standing or walking were far from perfect in the beginning, yet they were putting forth their best efforts to accomplish the difficult task before them, and they didn't give up until they finally perfected each task as they matured. Since we, as parents, could not take their place to either stand or walk for them, we understood their weakness and accepted their imperfect efforts as the best they could do at that time in their particular stage of development and growth, and we were continually helping and encouraging them to put forth more efforts until they finally got it right. This same process of development and growth occurs with those who are born again and have become new creatures in Christ Jesus.

After we have been covered with the precious robe of Christ's righteousness and stand perfect before God as if we had never sinned at all, our first attempts at standing, or walking, or fighting this good fight of faith in our new born again life will be far from the perfect example of what Christ revealed when He was on the earth. Then does God disown us because we are not yet living up to the perfect example of what His sons and daughters in Christ should reveal? No, not at all. God mercifully understands that we are still babes in Christ, and as long as we put forth our best efforts at obeying His will, then, even though we may come short of the standard of perfection, yet God accepts us as still being perfect in the particular stage of development and level of growth we are at in our Christian walk.

But how could God accept us as really being perfect when, after we did the best we could, we still came short of perfection? Amazingly, because we put forth our best efforts and could do no more, then God accepted Christ's perfection on our behalf. Or in other words, Christ made up the difference between where our best efforts ended and what the standard of perfection is!

1. Psa. 18:30-32

2. Isa. 54:17

3. Jude 1:24-25

4. Jer. 51:10

5. Psa. 138:8

6. Psa. 24:3-5

"For who is God save the LORD? or who is a rock save our God? It is God that girdeth me with strength, and maketh my way perfect."¹

"...their righteousness is of me, saith the Lord."²

"Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy, To the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and for ever. Amen."³

So on a scale of 1 - 10, if 10 was the standard of absolute perfection, and our best efforts at the time only made it to a 4 on this scale, then Christ's perfection would make up the difference, making us a perfect 10 through His righteousness. How? Because we are clothed in His righteousness, and the Father mercifully does not investigate beneath this covering of the Lamb, but accepts us as being faultless and perfect in Christ "with exceeding joy!"

"The LORD hath brought forth our righteousness..."⁴

"The LORD will perfect that which concerneth me: thy mercy, O LORD, endureth for ever..."⁵

Now this is not talking about someone who stops the warfare, refusing to advance upward, and instead has chosen to sin, because Christ's robe of righteousness will never cover anyone who practices a known sin. But this is talking about advancing upward on this straight and narrow pathway, not walking in our flesh, but doing our best to walk in the Spirit while working to overcome our defects and faults of character. And then, if we should come short of perfection, Christ will make up the difference with His precious righteousness!

"Who shall ascend [advance upward] into the hill of the LORD? or who shall stand in his holy place? He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart; who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully. He shall receive the blessing from the LORD, and righteousness from the God of his salvation."⁶

When we were justified, Christ's righteousness was imputed to us by faith alone. But during the process of sanctification, where we are learning by experimentation and experience how to walk and grow more into a mature and perfect man or woman in Christ, Christ's righteousness is imparted to us as through faith we put forth our best efforts to obey the will of God towards perfecting our character in all areas. And after we have done our best, if we still came short of perfection in any area, God understands where we are at in our growth process of sanctification, and He mercifully accepts us as being perfect in our Beloved Saviour.

Do you realize what this means dear ones? This means that all the way along this straight and narrow pathway which you are walking and advancing upward on, you can indeed be perfect in and through Christ Jesus as you continue to grow in grace! You

can have the assurance that you are accepted of God as His perfect son or daughter all along this straight and narrow pathway because you are doing your best to obey His will! This should then give you the assurance and confidence that you can indeed come directly before God at any time of need without having any fear of being rejected because you couldn't do a better job at walking at that particular time!

"For by one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified. Whereof the Holy Ghost also is a witness to us: for after that he had said before, This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, saith the Lord, I will put my laws into their hearts, and in their minds will I write them; And their sins and iniquities will I remember no more... Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus, By a new and living way, which he hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh; And having an high priest over the house of God; Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised;) And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works."⁷

Do you now understand better the statement of Paul to the Colossians about Christ? He plainly stated: "As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him: Rooted and built up in him, and stablished in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving. Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ. For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily. And ye are complete in him..."⁸

The Greek word for "complete" means "to level up or fill up or to perfect."⁹ So dear ones, you are complete, leveled and filled up to the standard of perfection and righteousness in Jesus Christ at every step in this Christian walk—if you do your best and not give in to your past life of sin! The Lord Jesus Christ is your Helper all along that narrow pathway, and He will continue to make up your deficiencies of character each and every step of the way until you become "a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ" growing "up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ."¹⁰

Remember, Christ told us that "first [comes] the blade, then the ear, after that the full corn in the ear. But when the fruit is brought forth, immediately he putteth in the sickle, because the harvest is come."¹¹ Thus at every step you take up this straight and narrow pathway, at every stage of growth and development in your Christian walk, you stand perfect and righteous and complete before the Father through Jesus. Just like with the corn in the husk: while it was growing towards becoming that perfectly formed full corn in the ear, it was perfect at each stage of development because it was doing its best to follow the will of God! The same with our growth and development towards becoming that perfectly formed man or woman in character: we are perfect in Christ at each

12. Mal. 4:2

13. Rom. 1:16-17

14. Pro. 4:18

7. Heb. 10:14-17, 19-24

8. Col. 2:6-10

9. Strong's #4137

10. Eph. 4:13, 15

11. Mark 4:28-29

16. Phi. 2:12-13

15. Phi. 4:13

stage—if we do the best that we can do in following the will of God.

"But unto you that fear my name shall the Sun of righteousness arise with healing in his wings; and ye shall go forth [up that straight and narrow path], and grow up as calves of the stall."¹²

"For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek. For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith."¹³

"But the path of the just is as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day."¹⁴

So in the beginning of our Christian life and walk with God, we do not start out on this straight and narrow pathway with a character that is fully formed in perfection and righteousness. But we start out as "calves" or young children of God who are to learn to first stand, fight and then "go forth" in walking forward and upward on this "path of the just." And as we advance we also grow and develop "from faith to faith" and "more and more unto the perfect day" until we finally become a fully mature Christian man or woman who represents Christ perfectly in character. At that point Jesus no longer has to make up any deficiencies in us. But all this is only made possible through the glorious plan of our salvation. All I can say is what an amazing and glorious plan God has developed and Christ is carrying out, just so we can be saved!

So again, how much does God and Jesus want you to be saved? How much do They love you and want you to be with Them for eternity? More than just a tremendous amount—it is truly a stupendous amount!

But dear ones, as amazing as this plan of our salvation is and all that God and Christ have already provided for each one of us, it even goes beyond this. They have provided even more to help each one of us to be saved and not lost.

GOD PROVIDES MORE!

How many of us can overcome by ourselves in our own strength and gain salvation? Not one. Now how many of us can overcome by ourselves in the strength and power of God and gain salvation? Again, not one!

"I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me."¹⁵

"Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling. For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure."¹⁶

Now, let's just think about this for a moment. Since God has spent so much time, sacrifice and effort to provide you with justification and righteousness by faith, then do you think that He would just abandon His now newly justified and righteous young child to battle it all alone against sin and the Devil? No way! He loves you too much, and cannot sit on the sideline watching. Also, do you think that Christ, after all the time, pain and sacrifice He has endured to provide you with His precious robe of righteousness, that He would just abandon you to battle it all alone against

sin and the Devil as well? No way! He also loves you too much, and also cannot sit on the sideline watching.

“Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, Make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.”¹⁷

So both God the Father and Jesus Christ are actively working for our perfection and salvation. But after all that we have done to both God our Father and to Jesus our Saviour, and yet they still love us enough to sacrifice so much in order to save us, is indeed a mystery!

“Even the mystery which hath been hid from ages and from generations, but now is made manifest to his saints: To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory: Whom we preach, warning every man, and teaching every man in all wisdom; that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus: Whereunto I also labour, striving according to his working, which worketh in me mightily.”¹⁸

Now we read that God “worketh in you”¹⁹ to do His will. But just how is God in you? Through Jesus Christ who is the connecting link or mediator between God and man.²⁰ And we also read that Christ is “in you, the hope of glory.”²¹ But just how is Jesus Christ in you? Through the Holy Spirit of truth, His representative.

“Believest thou not that I am in the Father, and the Father in me? the words that I speak unto you I speak not of myself: but the Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works. Believe me that I am in the Father, and the Father in me: or else believe me for the very works’ sake. Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father. And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name [including helping us to overcome all sin and character defects], that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it. If ye love me, keep my commandments. And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you. Yet a little while, and the world seeth me no more; but ye see me: because I live, ye shall live also. At that day ye shall know that I am in my Father, and ye in me, and I in you.”²²

“Hereby know we that we dwell in him, and he in us, because he hath given us of his Spirit.”²³

“...the Holy Ghost which dwelleth in us.”²⁴

So God the Father works in us through His Son Jesus Christ. And Jesus Christ works in us through the Holy Spirit. And the Holy Spirit works in us through the truth and word of God. So all three mighty powers and Beings in the Godhead are not just sitting

17. Heb. 13:20-21

25. see Mat. 28:19-20

26. Luke 11:13

18. Col. 1:26-29

19. Phi. 2:13 27. Acts 2:38

20. 1 Tim. 2:5

21. Col. 1:27

28. 1 John 3:9

29. Gen. 3:15

30. Gal. 3:16

31. see Isa. 64:6

32. (Strong’s #5708)

33. (Strong’s #899)

22. John 14:10-20

23. 1 John 4:13

24. 2 Tim. 1:14

34. (see Lev. 15:19-27)

on the sidelines watching us battle alone, but They are actively working in us so that we all can fight this battle together against sin and the Devil.

So it is not just our Father and Jesus that are working for our salvation, but the Holy Spirit as well. And as long as you continue to walk and advance forward in the armor of God, working to please Him through faith while continuing to hold on to and retain the righteousness that was given to you by faith in the beginning, how can you fall or fail to gain the victory? That is why we are to be baptized in the name of all three of these Mighty Gods so that each One has our permission to help us all along this pathway.²⁵

But without the Holy Spirit being in us, then we would not have either Jesus or our heavenly Father working in us as well. That is why the Holy Spirit is called another Comforter besides Christ, and amazingly, He is also given to us as a free gift without cost from the Father.

“If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?”²⁶

“Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.”²⁷

WHAT KIND OF POWER WORKS IN US?

Now what kind of power do these three Gods have as They work in us? They have divine power! So since we have this direct connection to Their divine power working in us, then how many times can we gain the victory over sin and the Devil?

“Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him, and he cannot sin, because he is born of God.”²⁸

What represents this seed?

“And I will put enmity between thee (the serpent) and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.”²⁹

Who bruised the head of the serpent or Satan? Jesus Christ—He was superior to Satan in everything because He never gave in to any of Satan’s temptations. And who bruised the heel of Jesus? Satan—by crucifying Him on the cross. So who represents the seed that is given to us when we are born again? This seed represents Jesus Christ.

“...thy seed, which is Christ.”³⁰

Now before we were born again, we were clothed in what kind of garments? We learned that we were clothed in the filthy and sin-stained garments of unrighteousness.³¹ Now please bear with me here. The Hebrew word for “filthy” means “menstrual flux,”³² and the Hebrew word for “rags” means “clothing or garment.”³³ So “filthy rags” literally means clothing or garments that have been soiled by the menstrual flux of a woman’s monthly cycle, and in Leviticus it mentions that this bloody menstrual issue defiles everything that it comes in contact with.³⁴ This is a very descriptive picture of someone contaminated with sin, and thus any good deeds of righteousness which they might do could not be accepted by God because it was done while their garments were contaminated with filth.

But once we are born again, these filthy garments are removed from us. We are then cleansed and clothed in Christ's pure and spotless robe of righteousness, and the seed, or Jesus Christ, is planted within us. Now when a woman becomes impregnated with seed, what happens to her menstruation cycle? It ceases, and so there is no more blood to defile her garments. So in this born again condition, we become, as it were, impregnated with the seed—or we have Christ living within us. In other words, we are united with Divinity.

Now what happens when humanity and Divinity is combined? We learned that "Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin!"³⁵ So once our weak efforts to obey God combines with the divine strength and grace of Christ, what happens? We will not sin, but we will obey God! So you can see that we could then do works of righteousness that would be accepted by God since we are no longer clothed in the filthy rag experience we had while living in sin and in fulfilling the lusts of the flesh.

"Simon Peter, a servant and an apostle of Jesus Christ, to them that have obtained like precious faith with us through the righteousness of God and our Saviour Jesus Christ: Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord, According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue: Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust."³⁶

So now, how much does God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit want you to be saved? Well, all of your confessed and forsaken sins are forgiven for free. You are given the precious robe of Christ's righteousness as a gift. You are freely accepted and embraced by God as being His real sons and daughters. You are provided without cost all the grace and strength in Christ necessary to successfully fight against all sin and evil. You are also freely given all the armor necessary to

35. 1 John 3:9; 5:18

37. Isa. 65:24

36. 2 Pet. 1:1-4

38. Psa. 71:15-16

39. Isa. 33:5

40. Jer. 51:10

successfully fend off all the attacks of the enemy. God even prevents the Devil from overwhelming you with too many attacks all at once so you will not be overwhelmed and defeated. Christ even makes up for your deficiencies and defects of character with His righteousness as you do your best to deny your habits of sin and defects of the flesh while obeying the will of God. And, as we just learned, God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit do not abandon you to fight this warfare alone, but They all work together in you providing you with Their divine power so that you will no longer sin, but will obey God in all things.

As if you needed even further proof of how anxious your heavenly Father is that you become saved and not lost, He even hears and answers your prayers to Him before you have even finished saying them—especially those prayers where you are asking for help.

"And it shall come to pass, that before they call, I will answer; and while they are yet speaking, I will hear."³⁷

So how much does God and Christ and the Holy Spirit want you to be saved? How much do They all love you and want you to be with Them for eternity? More than just a tremendous amount; more than just a stupendous amount; it is truly an infinite amount!

Now dear ones, if you fully understood, realized and appreciated all that the Godhead have already provided you, and all that They are already Personally doing through this glorious plan of your redemption and salvation just so that you could be with Them and together enjoy eternity, what will you be led to say and to do?

"My mouth shall show forth thy righteousness and thy salvation all the day; for I know not the numbers thereof. I will go in the strength of the Lord GOD: I will make mention of thy righteousness, even of thine only."³⁸

"The LORD is exalted; for he dwelleth on high: he hath filled Zion with judgment and righteousness."³⁹

"The LORD hath brought forth our righteousness: come, and let us declare in Zion the work of the LORD our God."⁴⁰ (*To be continued*)

by Bob Sessler

**“The organization of the church at Jerusalem
was to serve as a model
for the organization of churches in every other place
where messengers of truth should win converts to the gospel...
The order that was maintained in the early Christian church
made it possible for them to move forward solidly
as a well-disciplined army clad with the armor of God...”
*Act of the Apostles, pp. 91, 95.***

Editorial

Gospel Order

“For God is not the author of confusion, but of peace, as in all churches of the saints.” 1 Corinthians 14:33.

It is the opinion of the mass of professors of religion, that human creeds are indispensable to the maintenance of gospel order. They seem to think that without creeds all would be confusion in the church. But what is the real condition of the churches with all their creeds to aid them? They are in a condition but little less than perfect confusion. And is it not a fact that creed making has produced the Babel confusion now existing among them? If it has, and it is evidently a clear case, then why talk of a human creed being indispensable to the maintenance of gospel order?

Look at anyone of the religious sects, and you will see divisions of the most unhappy character. And it is a common thing to see members of the same church divided in sentiment and in feelings; and discord and confusion existing among them. It is evident, therefore, that human creeds do fail to accomplish the work for which men plead their necessity. Then as they are not sufficient to secure unity, purity, and order in the church, why plead for them? Why not discard them, and at once cast these things which do not answer the end for which they are made to the moles and to the bats?

“But,” says one, “is the church of Christ to be left without a rule of faith?” We answer, that she is provided with a creed that is sufficient. “All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doc-

trine, for reproof, 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.

Let us look at the character of this creed. It is “given by inspiration of God,” therefore it is perfect. It is “profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness.” How full!—How complete is this creed! Why need the church have more than this? Then see its object. “That the man of God may be perfect.” With it, he is “thoroughly furnished unto all good works.” Then let the church of Christ take the Bible for their only creed, believe its plain teaching, obey its injunctions, and for them it will accomplish the very work for which it was designed. “For as the rain commeth down, and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater; so shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void; but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.” Isaiah 4:10, 11.

We go for order and strict discipline in the church of Christ. And while we reject all human creeds, or platforms, which have failed to effect the order set forth in the gospel, we take the Bible, the perfect rule of faith and practice, given by inspiration of God. This shall be our platform on which to stand, our creed and discipline. This will not fail to accomplish the work “whereto it was sent.” It came from above. It has its origin in the councils of

heaven.—Its author is the God of “peace” and order; while the strange confusion of man-made creeds spring from this world, and have their origin in the brains of poor erring mortals. “As the heavens are higher than the earth,” so is our creed, which is the word of God, higher in perfection and real worth than all human creeds.

We have no idea that it is a small thing to arrive at, and preserve gospel order in the church; yet the work must be, and will be accomplished. If the friends of Christ, the friends of truth and good order, act well their part, the Lord will help, and work gloriously among us. It will be a work of labor, of care and mental suffering to those who are called to take the watch-care of the flock, who watch for souls as those who must give an account. Such have awful responsibilities resting upon them. O, who is sufficient for these things!

That there may be union and order in the church, it is of the highest importance that those who go forth as religious teachers should be in perfect union; union of sentiment and of action. The reverse would produce division and confusion among the precious flock. He who enters upon the work of the gospel ministry, must be called of God, a man of experience, a holy man of God.

In our next we will speak upon the calling, qualifications and duties of a gospel minister.

(To be continued)

Editorial by James White
R&H, Dec. 13, 1853 (Vol. 4, #23)

“...There are those at the present time
who start back at the idea of gospel order...
They will have to learn that God has not called any of his people
away from the confusion of the churches,
designing that they should be left without discipline...
To suppose that the church of Christ
is free from restraint and discipline,
is the wildest fanaticism.”

Review & Herald, Dec. 6, 1853 (Vol. 4, #22) James White.

Health Nugget—*Vaccines!*

Do you know what they contain?

In addition to the viral and bacterial RNA or DNA found in vaccines, there are many other very harmful ingredients which are not calculated to promote health by any stretch of the imagination. Below is a list of some of the main components commonly found in vaccines:

Ammonium Sulfate (salt)

Suspected gastrointestinal, liver, nerve and respiratory system poison.

Beta-Propiolactone

Known to cause Cancer. Suspected gastrointestinal, liver, respiratory, skin and sense organ poison.

Genetically Modified Yeast, Animal, Bacterial & Viral DNA

Can be incorporated into the recipients DNA and cause unknown genetic mutations.

Latex Rubber

Can cause life-threatening allergic reactions.

Monosodium Glutamate

(MSG)/glutamate/glutamic acid

Being studied for mutagenic, teratogenic (developmental malformation and monstrosities) and reproductive effects. A neurotoxin. Allergic reactions can range from mild to severe.

Aluminum

Implicated as a cause of brain damage; suspected factor in Alzheimer's Disease, dementia, seizures and comas. Allergic reactions can occur on skin.

Formaldehyde (formalin)

Major constituent of embalming fluid; poisonous if ingested. Probable carcinogen; suspected gastrointestinal, liver, immune system, nerve, reproductive system and respiratory poison. Linked to leukemia, brain, colon and lymphatic cancer.

Micro Organisms

Live and killed viruses and bacteria and their toxins. The polio vaccine was contaminated with a monkey virus now turning up in human bone, lung-lining (mesothelioma), brain tumors and lymphomas.

When babies are hours or days old it is impossible to know if they have an al-

lergy.

Polysorbate 80

Known to cause cancer in animals.

Tri (n) Butylphosphate

Suspected kidney and nerve poison.

Glutaraldehyde

Poisonous if ingested. Causes birth defects in experimental animals.

Gelatin

Produced from selected pieces of calf and cattle skins, de-mineralized cattle bones and pork skins. Allergic reactions have been reported.

Gentamicin Sulfate & Polymyxin B (antibiotics)

Allergic reactions can range from mild to life threatening.

Mercury (thimerosal)

One of the most poisonous substances known. Has an affinity for the brain, gut, liver, bone marrow and kidneys. Minute amounts can cause nerve damage. Symptoms of mercury toxicity are similar to those of autism.

"Mercury, calomel, and quinine have brought their amount of wretchedness, which the day of God alone will fully reveal. Preparations of mercury and calomel taken into the system ever retain their poisonous strength as long as there is a particle of it left in the system." Ellen G. White.

Neomycin Sulfate (antibiotic)

Interferes with vitamin B6 absorption. An error in the uptake of B6 can cause a rare form of epilepsy and mental retardation. Allergic reactions can be mild to life threatening.

Phenol/Phenoxyethanol (2-PE)

Used as antifreeze. Toxic to all cells and capable of disabling the immune system's primary response mechanism.

Human & Animal Cells

Human cells from aborted fetal tissue and human albumin. Pig blood, horse blood, rabbit brain, guinea pig, dog kidney, cow heart, monkey kidney, chick embryo, chicken egg, duck egg, calf serum, sheep blood and others.

For one to believe that they could derive any health benefit whatsoever from such toxic and abominable concoctions is ludicrous. God's people should have nothing to do with the unclean thing. "Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are." (1 Cor. 3:16, 17) Those who choose to fill their bodies with the unclean thing will surely become wrecks of humanity. "...For whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption..." (Gal. 6:7, 8)

"These poisonous preparations have destroyed their millions, and left sufferers upon the earth to linger out a miserable existence. All are better off without these dangerous mixtures. Miserable sufferers, with disease in almost every form, misshapen by suffering, with dreadful ulcers, and pains in the bones, loss of teeth, loss of memory, and impaired sight, are to be seen almost every where. They are victims of poisonous preparations, which have been, in many cases, administered to cure some slight indisposition, which after a day or two of fasting would have disappeared without medicine. But poisonous mixtures, administered by physicians, have proved their ruin.

"The endless variety of medicines in the market, the numerous advertisements of new drugs and mixtures, all of which, as they say, do wonderful cures, kill hundreds where they benefit one. Those who are sick are not patient. They will take the various medicines, some of which are very powerful, although they know nothing of the nature of the mixtures. All the medicines they take only make their recovery more hopeless. Yet they keep dosing, and continue to grow weaker, until they die. Some will have medicine at all events. Then let them take these hurtful mixtures and the various deadly poisons upon their own responsibility. God's servants should not administer medicines which they know will leave behind injurious effects upon the system, even if they do relieve present suffering." [Ellen G. White, *Spiritual Gifts*, Vol. 4A, p.139.]

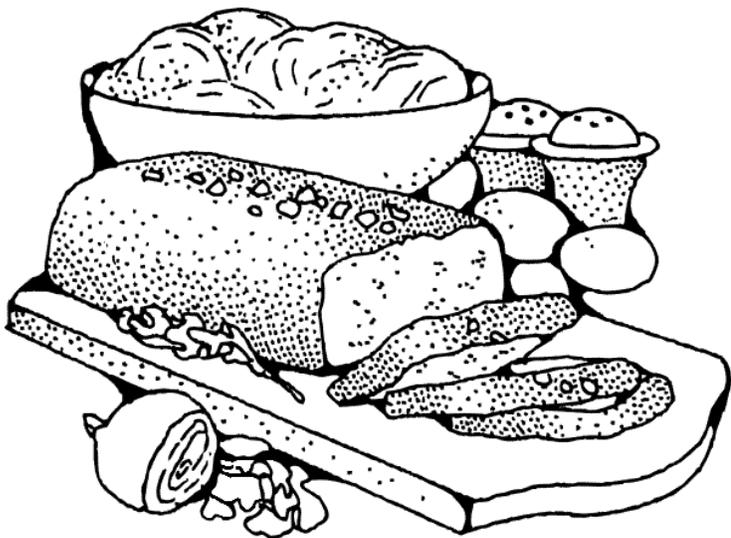
Editor

RECIPE—*Veggie Cutlets*

Ingredients:

CUTLETS

- 2 C. Soaked soybeans or garbanzos. (Or canned).
- 1 ½ C. Water.
- 2 T. Soy sauce or ¼ C. Bragg's Liquid Aminos.
- 3 T. Chicken-like seasoning.
- 2 T. Yeast flakes.
- 1 T. Onion powder.
- ½ t. Garlic powder.
- 2 C. Vital gluten flour.



BROTH

- 4 C. Water
- 2 T. Bragg's Liquid Aminos. (Or soy sauce).
- 2 T. Chicken or Beef like seasoning. (depending on the flavor desired).

Directions:

CUTLETS

- To soak soybeans or garbanzos, place at least 1 cup dry beans in about 2 cups of water. Leave at room temperature for about 12 hours.
- If you use canned garbanzos; drain the liquid into a cup and add water to equal 1 ½ cups total liquid. Use this in place of the water in the recipe.
- Place soaked, drained beans in a blender with the water and blend. While blending, add seasonings and blend smooth.
- Pour into a bowl and add the gluten flour. It will become very stiff, and the last of the flour should be kneaded in with your hands. Knead for two minutes. If it is too soft (not holding together in an elastic ball), knead in ¼ to ½ cup more gluten flour. This can be done in an electric bread mixer or by hand. Longer kneading will make a final product that is more chewy and elastic, while less kneading will make a final product that is more spongy and bread like.
- Form into two oval shaped loaves and place on an oiled cookie sheet. You can also place in two loaf pans if you prefer.
- Bake for 50 minutes at 350° F.
- Cool on a rack. When cool, slice very thin (about 1/8 inch) and simmer in the broth for five minutes.
- Loaves may be frozen.

BROTH

- For a slightly thicker broth (which makes a more attractive presentation), dissolve 1 ½ T. cornstarch in ¼ C. water and gradually stir into the simmering cutlets.

CUTLET BURGER

- Cut one Cutlet loaf into several pieces. Place in food processor and blend briefly with steel blade, or grind in a meat grinder.

by Virginia Markwell

“ . . . the righteousness of Christ cannot cover one unconfessed sin.”

Manuscript Releases, Vol. 17, p. 241.

Letters to the Editor

Philippines

Dear brother, Thank you so much for the Voice magazine. I enjoyed it. The “Are You Covered” and also Mrs. White and other reports. May God bless you abundantly as you continue spreading the light of truth to those in darkness. It is only in God’s strength that we can do it successfully. My prayers are always with you all! Sincerely, S. M.

Sir, Much to my desire to answer soon, but failed. Thank you so much for the “Golden 100” by Mrs. White. I’m enclosing \$\$\$\$ for the suggested donation for each copy. Thanks too for the info about the SDR ministry in our country!

May God bless you in all your work. Your group is always included in my daily prayers! Sincerely, S. M.

Kenya

Praise the name of the Lord Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour. My name is F____, a servant of GOD and a citizen of Kenya by birth. I am based in N____. In ministry, I major in the areas of [1] Evangelism [2] Teaching [3] Pastoral [4] Preaching [5] Intercession—prayer warfare. In 2003 The Lord began to deal with me about the Bible Sabbath. I struggled with it for some time, but finally the veil was completely removed from my eyes and I saw the naked apostasy in the Sunday church system. I have completely quit the Sunday church system. I have read the SDRC sample church constitution carefully and found it to be doctrinally sound. I have decided to be part of the SDRC community and spearhead the restoration of the Bible Sabbath, especially in Africa, and I believe God has called me to play a major role in the Bible Sabbath restoration. I also have the material to reveal the apostasy. But my real calling is to preach the gospel. It is in this regard that I write to kindly ask the SDRC community for assistance in the following items; [1] Preaching Equipment [for crusades] [2] Film Projector [very effective in mass evangelism here in Africa] [3] Ministry Vehicle—Van/Pick up Truck/Any other vehicle just for purposes of transport. [4] Financial Support—as the Lord provides any gift is most welcome, 5, 10, 20, 50, 100, \$ etc., either one time gift or periodically etc. But please note that the most urgent item here is the preaching equipment, the rest can wait. [5] Laptop—used one is OK. Many thanks and may the Lord con-

tinue to bless all of the SDRC Community. In the Lord’s service, B. F.

Hi, brother how are you? We are OK here, just doing God’s work here at K____ B____. Just put us in the Lord’s hand. I am seeing great achievement, I don’t have a photograph but I’ll try to use a phone to capture one. Then I will send it to you. We all say thanks to our Almighty Father for the new work needed in M____ district.

Now, my prayer is that if our God can help us to produce tracts here in the language which most of the tribes can understand easily. The work is still big here. So just keep us in prayer. Sincerely, B. I.

Hello again! Thanks for your e-mails. I will work with our brethren to see how we can help the brethren in M____. Also our new member, I will communicate with him today. Just keep us in prayer because I can see that the work really needs total commitment here. Sincerely, B. I.

Malawi

Dear Rick Markwell, Greetings from Z____, Malawi! I received the Last Day Events book that you sent me sometime this year. The Last Day Events material is very much needed for my ministerial work in Malawi.

My ministry, as a new institution, does not have much Spirit of Prophecy books that can be used when translating some spiritual gospel work that is being proclaimed in our country, Malawi.

I am very thankful for the positive response that has come from you as indicated that you will send them [requested SOP books] not at once, but in lots. I am also very appreciative that you will inform me once you have dispatched the consignment.

May the Almighty God bless you for this spiritual noble tasks to proclaim the gospel around the world through shipping. Yours Blessed Hope, B. R.

Dearest Rick, I am grateful to note that you have purchased a copy of the book “Testimonies to Ministers” and that you will be mailing it to me for the use in my ministry.

The Almighty God bless you for that spiritual donation. I am not taking it for granted, but should stress here that the book will assist my ministry to proclaim the gospel to the masses here in Malawi. Shortly we are intending to register the Seventh-day Remnant Church (SDRC) in

Malawi. We could have not registered the church without having enough spiritual materials.

My ministry will need more support from you in any spiritual way that, though not requested, might be in line with the Remnant, please supply us with it.

The Seventh-Day Remnant Publishing Association News letter [Voice] that is circulated to us is of great assistance to our ministerial work. Your fellow Christian, [1 John 3:1]. B. R.

Dear Rick, I have received the Last Day Events and 100 facts E.G. White book that you sent to me with thanks.

May the Almighty God bless your inspirational work. Our ministry will benefit a lot from these books that are not locally found in Malawi.

I hope that your publications will continue helping our ministry in Malawi to evangelize the gospel to the corrupt Seventh-day Adventist church that is asleep. Christian regards, B. F.

Tanzania

Hello brethren. How are you over there? Here in Tanzania we are OK. My special request is, are you really the Remnant church? If so do you know brother I____ from N____? Please, if so, can you help me with his e-mail. I never met him and I don’t know him and he doesn’t know me. But I heard how he preached here in Tanzania border line to Kenya. From the report I had, I just want to see him so that we can plan a way forward. Or do you have any church here in Tanzania? Please, if truly you know him, get me his contact. Or tell him that there is strong need to see him. There is a tract here in our local language he left, if he can come with some, please tell him to do so. Please reply. We want a true Remnant church to fellowship with. Much greetings. B. O.

Greetings from Tanzania, how are you going there? I want to say thanks for your mail. I have really come to know that you are the true Remnant church. Brother I____ has replied to me and he promised that he will see us soon. I am very happy now to hear that. Please pray for us so that we can fully commit ourselves to Jesus. Thanks and be blessed! B. O.

New Hampshire

Dear Mr. Markwell, May the Lord bless you, your family, and staff in a mighty way. We hope you are doing fine! We

know that you are very busy with getting out the Voice and your lovely family.

We are so excited to be a part of God's special people for these last days. There is a great work to be done throughout the world. Time is running out! Get Ready! Get Ready! Jesus is coming soon!

Well, a friend of ours is going to prison for a year and a half. He doesn't know the Lord and we have been trying to share with him about giving his heart to the Lord. We are praying that while he is in prison that he will have time to read and study his Bible. Please pray for Michael. His father has never showed him love. How do you explain God's love to someone who has never experienced love in action? If you have any ideas of how we can help him, please let us know. We had thought about sending him the Bible lessons so he can study for himself. Thank you for praying for him. He goes into prison on Oct. 26th [2011].

Take care and give our greetings to your family and staff. May God Bless you in all that you do! You are in our prayers daily. Thank you again for sharing God's amazing love with us and so many people as you work for Him. Have a blessed Sab-

bath! Love always in Christ, L., P., and J.

Colombia

Dear brother Rick, God richly bless you and your part in his work. Thanks for sending us the support that is so useful for us here. Many needs are supplied with it. Please extend my regards to your family and brethren. God be with you till I hear from you again. B. G.

Europe

Firstly, Lord's blessing shall be with all of you and your families. Psalm 23.

We can see the nearness of our Lord's second coming and we also try to do our best to do missionary work with God's help.

We have been reading articles at your websites... [sdrvoice.org & sdrpa.org]. We would like to ask for the church [SDR] availability outside of the US, as we are in Europe.

We have read a lot about the SDA church apostasy, and we agree, but we would like to ask about the Seventh-day Adventist Reform Movement? Thanks in advance. Brothers and sisters in Christ from Europe.

Pakistan

Dear Brother Editor, Hi, Thanks for sending me the Seventh-day Remnant Voice magazine. I am happy to receive it. Please continue sending me this magazine. I am also editor of two magazines, one is on health and other is religious magazine of Seventh-day Adventist Church. I also translate books and articles of magazine. We also translate "Adventist World" in local language. God bless you, B. A.

Germany

Dear Rick, There are tremendous things going on in different churches here, and a number of people are studying now about who the true church of God is. I have shared with some, and urgently need more material to give away. (I gave away my big book!) If it is possible, could you send me two more books on Abomination of Desolation and more of the little colorful books on the church and the latter rain? I would be so happy about that!

Those confusions going on really give sleepless nights. I hope and pray that everyone involved will find the truth as presented in God's word. Hope you are all doing fine... Love, S. M.

Children's Story—*A Night in a Log-House*

A TRUE STORY—Matt. 6:13; Luke 11:4

Many years ago, Mr. and Mrs. J went to live out West somewhere in Ohio. The place was very different then from what it is now. It was thinly settled, and the nearest house to their own was six miles away. One morning Mr. J left home on business, intending to return by nightfall. But he was detained, and as the night closed in, his wife gave the children their supper and put them to bed. Evening wore on, and still he did not come. A slight noise at the little window made her turn her head; and there, in the darkness, were two great eyes staring into the room. Terrified as she was, she kept still, and soon discerned that the eyes belonged to a huge bear. Now it is very seldom that wild beasts approach a house. They never do it except when driven by extreme hunger. But this was in winter time, and the bear, no doubt, found it hard to get a living.

What could the poor woman do? The strong, hungry animal could easily break the window; but there was one thing that made him hesitate. It was the glowing fire.

Wild beasts are much afraid of fire; and it is a custom with hunters, when encamping in a forest, to kindle one, for the purpose of keeping them off. This she knew. Her husband had provided her with an abundance of wood, close beside the fire-place; and her resolution was quickly made. She piled on the wood, and kept up a large fire. There she sat alone throughout the long, anxious night, while her children slept; for she did not disturb them. The bear would grow tired of standing on two feet and get down for a few moments; then he would rise up again and put his fore-paws on the window.

What a night it was! Mrs. J's greatest anxiety was for her husband. She and her children, in the house, were comparatively safe, while she kept the fire blazing; but she was every moment expecting her husband, and for him to meet the hungry bear was certain destruction.

Who could help her in this hour of bitter need, but One?

That One did help. Her husband's busi-

ness kept him late, and contrary to his first intention, he yielded to the urging of his friends to remain over night; little dreaming of the providence which was moving, through these circumstances, the hearts of his neighbors and his own thoughts little dreaming of the fierce danger that waited beside his dwelling. All night the mother's vigil lasted; and when day-dawn was near, the bear turned away disappointed, and went back to the woods. Her husband returned soon after, safe and well.

"Deliver us from evil!" Little had the children thought, that night, how much that prayer was needed!

The mother, watching through those hours of peril, illustrates, as in a picture, the One that watches over us all. And remember, dear little ones, the love of Christ is a fire that evil spirits dare not approach; and as long as you keep His love in your hearts, you are safe.—*Childrens Hour*.

The Youth's Instructor February 1, 1871

MISSION REPORTS

Africa

Zambia

September 28, 2011

Greetings from Zambia.

Brethren, since I left Namibia and South Africa things have been so hard for me that I could not even clear my mind to sit down and compile my reports. The situation with my family's accommodation was so serious that I had to look for work to help my wife who worked to find a permanent place to live. The grace of God was with us and He managed to find us a plot where we have built a small mud brick house. We praise God for this.

On February 25, 2011, I left for W____, Namibia, where I was called by the brethren to help in the preparation of the constitution for the SDRN in readiness for registration. The first meeting for the ministers in Namibia, including myself, was a great challenge. It could not finish as expected, instead there was a lot of misunderstanding amongst the brethren, and we left the place in tears. Another day was set after a few days of prayer. The great Lord helped us on this day and there was a great change in understanding this issue. Moreover, we reached a good agreement and left the place with a lot of exciting encouragement which helped us in finalizing the constitution. In the third meeting officers were elected for leadership at the national level and a permanent full time minister was chosen, this is brother K____. Brothers F____ and F2____ where chosen to be managers in the publishing department. Others took the lesser responsibilities.

This was the second week for me in W____. In the fourth meeting all of the church members were called to look at the constitution and the issue of registration. This last day was a day of rejoicing since all of the church members were happy because they have been waiting for this. The blessings of the Lord were upon the church in Namibia and upon all the leaders that attended this wonderful meeting.

While the registration process was going on with brother T____, who was entrusted to do this work with the government, brethren in W____ provided brother K____ and me with an evangelistic project to distribute the pamphlets from "Let There Be Light Ministries" in the locality of W____. After this project we also had a

good time with some visitors on the three Sabbaths we spent in W____. The truth of our faith was taught to its fullest until others were able to say: "This message is the truth." Brethren, pray for these souls, that wherever they may be, they will remember the words of life. This project took a week and after that brother K____ and I left for K____ M____ in brother K____'s home area to continue with the work. These evangelistic projects lasted for three weeks.

In K____ M____ there was a lot of work, mostly among the old separated brethren in the SDR home churches. Most of these members had by this time stopped gathering in unity with others. Each family had their Sabbath meetings in their own homes. I was asked to meet all of these families in their homes and talk to them, until by the grace of God we all assembled at brother K____'s house on the first Sabbath. The great Lord helped us to speak words to bring unity again. For the three weeks I spent in K____ M____, many families came. The message of church registration brought another division. Nevertheless, as some were doubting this message, other non-members who heard this truth embraced it. During this mission I had to go through a lot of tests of faith and many temptations. By the end of this visit in Namibia, I received another call from the Republic of South Africa to go and attend another missionary camp-meeting and present lessons on health.

This was the second month in Namibia after leaving home. I called my wife and told her about this. She answered, "May the will of God be done." As for her, she knew that whatever came my way was God's will. Therefore, I contacted M____ in C____ T____, South Africa, about my finances. Later, a family of brother F2____ in W____ called and told me they were ready to cover my costs to South Africa. In the first week of April, 2011, I started off and joined brother B____ in U____, RSA. By April 13, 2011, I was in C____ T____ for the opening of the ten day camp-meeting in S____. The long awaited week came. Many came from this country, but we were the only ones from Zambia, with two others from the States. The grace of the Lord was with us and my lessons on health reform were presented

while others took other topics.

After the last Sabbath at the camp-meeting, which was only a hundred meters from the ocean, five souls were baptized. The day of my departure came. We left the C____ T____ main bus station at 10:00 AM. By 10:00 PM we were at the South Africa/Namibia border where I was told by the Namibian officers not to enter their country because my passport showed a lot of stamps, meaning I was doing missionary work and that I was in their country without a work permit. I was removed from the bus at 11:00 PM and told to go back to South Africa. This was a very hard situation for me and it was at this time that I remembered the days of Paul. I was in the cold for three hours until one of the officers asked me to stay in their office for the three remaining hours. I did not have enough money. I communicated with the brethren in Namibia and RSA. The brethren told me to go back to brother B____'s place to wait for funds for me to go another route via Botswana. If ever there was a day in my life when I wept and prayed, this was it. It took me two weeks to reach home. I praise God for the brethren in Namibia and South Africa and also the SDRPA who came to my aid in this trying time. May the mighty Lord be with you all.

Right now I am at home and will soon be reporting more to you on what has transpired after I returned and during our recent camp-meeting. The Lord is leading in Zambia, Solwezi and in many other places. To God be the glory!

Your brother in faith,

B. W.

Uganda

November 30, 2011

During the year 2011, I have observed the prevalence of vice and impiety in the world. The sufferings of the human race and even within my own family, the triumphs of the ungodly, the many schemes planned by worldlings; all these are practical lessons to teach us that our long awaited Saviour is soon to appear as stated in Matthew 24. In the balances of the sanctuary the heart of the remnant people is being weighed by these events. We may well ask, "O my Lord; what will be the

end of these things?" Then each one of us is to stand in his lot and do his part! [Testimonies for the Church, Vol. 4, p 75].

However, there is work in W____, Kenya, which needs our efforts and attention. I have listened keenly to the progress there after I left. It seems that all our efforts are taking a right course. We have seen a positive response among the brethren I visited. They have renounced their former positions of error. These churches included separated people of different sects who now want to have a defined name and position. We have to take the opportunity to present to them our position based on the SOP and the Bible. The SDR church is now positioned to take a firm ground in many parts of the world as we have seen in N____ and W____ provinces of Kenya. Soon we will be registered as a church in Kenya. Despite the fact that I have been tied up with very painful circumstances since March, 2011, we have managed to press forward in working with about ten churches of the "Remnant Church of Africa" who are willing to register in B____, Kenya, as SDR churches. We have also planned for a united camp-meeting there December 11-18, 2011. In this meeting we hope to come up with a full list of all the new churches now embracing the name SDR. This name has been overwhelmingly accepted by them after hearing our message of present truth, leading whole churches to separate from their denominations, especially from the Seventh-day Adventists.

On November 24, 2011, E____ held a meeting in B____ to get feed back from what I had encouraged him to accomplish. He told me that it was a successful tour in the two places we had visited. He reported that they wanted \$150 to complete the registration process at both the national and regional levels. I told him that when I join him on December 10, 2011, we shall see how best to go about the registration. I will be meeting him after attending another camp-meeting in K____, Uganda, which is due to start on December 4, 2011, and last for one week. They also requested me to come and help at the camp-meeting which is going to be a turning point for many brethren following F. T. Wright of the Sabbath Rest doctrine. Many may be joining the Seventh-day Remnant, which presents the whole gospel truth.

I have been preparing some lessons for these two meetings, where I will be one of the main speakers of the week. I need a few copies of our constitution and some hand outs of the lesson I am going to present. I hope and pray that our generous God will impress all to have a part in this

good work. [Testimonies for the Church, Vol. 7, p 267].

Thank you for supporting us and helping us to handle these issues in due time. God bless you.

B. J.

Uganda

December 27, 2011

The year closed with a number of events and the Lord's servants had a burden in identifying which way to go. On December 11, 2011, I had to travel to B____, Kenya, for a decisive meeting where our principles of doctrine would be presented.

N____, E____ and I were the main speakers of the week and each one of us was allotted two hours every day to present our topics. Our major topics were derived from the pillars of our faith.

The good presentations made at the camp-meeting in B____, Kenya, resulted in the majority of the church members accepting the name Seventh-day Remnant. This camp-meeting was of great profit to our great movement which God's people are being called to follow. The week was spent by the people learning what God has for so long wanted his people to follow in these last days as they prepare for the coming of Christ. [Rev. 3:20]. The seven days which were allotted to the camp-meeting passed all too quickly, and the believers wished to spend another seven days in learning more fully the ways of the Lord. Possibly, this was the fulfillment of the scripture that says:

"And the remnant that is escaped of the house of Judah shall yet again take root downward, and bear fruit upward. For out of Jerusalem shall go forth a remnant, and they that escape out of Mount Zion: the zeal of the Lord of hosts shall do this." 2 Kings 19:30-31.

Several churches were represented from the E____ Remnant Church of Africa which is now a part of the Seventh-day Remnant Church! We broke the centralized thinking of the Lord's work at E____, which was built up some years back! Many of them have requested that we start making local home church visits so that a lot more can be taught to the people. I also found out that many more different doctrines were being taught in Kenya than in Uganda, even though W____ and N____ provinces are SDA strong holds with a publishing press at K____ B____. Some-time back, it used to be a printing press for the whole of East Africa. I believe that we can continue to share the last message of mercy with these ignorant souls.

Our presentation brought a lot of impressions upon the minds of the brethren in W____, Kenya. The Holy Spirit led us to use locally printed charts to explain the images which were being described in Daniel and Revelation. This proved to be a wonderful method as we taught the pillars of our faith, the sanctuary message and Daniel and Revelation. E____ and I handled church history while N____ took over prophesy.

A lot more needs to be done to fully accomplish the changing of the name to Seventh-day Remnant. For many years, these brethren have not renewed the Registration in Nairobi to indicate that they are still in existence and continuing to preach the separation message which had started in the 1970s! So in 2006 when Pastor B____, who had started this movement, was baptized by brother N____; a new, fresh light of mercy flashed into their minds once again leading them to take a stand! But since then, not many efforts have been put forward to bring the whole church organization into agreement with our statement of faith! When I traveled to N____, Kenya, I learned of this and encouraged E____ to concentrate on bringing them into complete agreement with our pillars of faith. I praise God that when opportunity was given to present the message we concentrated on the pillars of the faith which the majority who attended our camp-meeting had to accept to be part of the Seventh-day Remnant Church.

Our camp-meeting was blessed with two souls being baptized by brother N____ of K____. Afterward, we went to the church and had communion as we prepared to welcome the Sabbath. On the Sabbath day I took over the divine service as the church was packed to capacity. My lesson was about the Sabbath of the Seventh day being one of the great pillars prominent in the immutable law of God.

Our next plan was to travel from one home church to another! However, these brethren had acquired some properties that needed to be acknowledged and recorded so that they could clear with the registration.

At E____ they are running a primary school which closed in 2011, with one-hundred and thirty children which needed careful attention. They have asked me to go back soon before the beginning of the term in January, 2012, and discuss with the management how the Seventh-day Remnant organization can help towards the payment of the teachers' salaries. This has been welcomed by N____, E____ and I because it raises the value of the organization as we change the name. It makes

our organization look better to the African government as we spread the message.

We closed our camp-meeting by the brethren announcing a number of other meetings which are going to take place soon, starting in March, 2012.

My prayer and request is that the SDRPA may continue supporting the whole project so that a lot more can be achieved by the Lord's will. Thank you for the support, which enables me to do what I couldn't finish by myself.

B. J.

Uganda

January 26, 2012

"In reviewing our past history, having traveled over every step of advance to our present standing, I can say, Praise God! As I see what the Lord has wrought, I am filled with astonishment, and with confidence in Christ as leader. 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." [Life Sketches of Ellen G. White (1915) p. 196].

Using the "Old Landmarks" as the pillars of our faith is something great to those who have hope of a triumphant entry into paradise! The movements of God's people during the past have been to re-organize after a thorough revival and reformation in their dealings with Jehovah. Our main concern has been how to get a better picture of organization and church order. The SDRPA has made it possible in searching the Bible and Spirit of Prophecy to get God's people back to the old path.

E____ and I have also put in considerable efforts to come up with a visible chart which is easy to follow as we explain the scriptures underlying these diagrams. Many in E____ and K____, districts of N____, have been impressed to accept this organization.

E____ is skillful in printing drawings on cloth and this has occupied most of our time during the closing days of 2011. We managed to produce a few samples for our future labors. Also considered were the prophecy charts which some of our co-workers have requested to use in their lessons. I believe that this is the right time to strike, when the iron is hot. This is the time that the brethren might be trained, and fitted for the kingdom of heaven, fully knowledgeable in the doctrines and manner of life.

"If thou put the brethren in remembrance of these things, thou shalt be a

good minister of Jesus Christ, nourished up in the words of faith and of good doctrine, whereunto thou hast attained." 1 Timothy 4:6.

Great efforts are needed to have a wide organized work in Kenya. I have encouraged E____ and N____ to take a leading role in shaping it. E____ has already started to get other areas in E____, Kenya, organized and I have to revisit E____ where E____ is focusing right now. After that we shall proceed to K____ of N____ for quite a long stay as soon as my financial difficulties are resolved. I thank you for the continual support in helping the good news pass on to others, because while we teach others, we teach ourselves. Those whom ministers teach are brethren, and are to be treated like brethren, for ministers are not lords over God's heritage. God bless you all.

B. J.

Uganda

February 23, 2012

"Every power that God has given us should be employed in the very wisest and highest service to God. The Lord has brought out a people from the world to fit them not only for a pure and holy heaven but to prepare them through the wisdom He shall give them to be co-laborers with God in preparing a people to stand in the day of God." Reflecting Christ p. 154.

My efforts are focused towards seeing that all important parts of our movement, that make us the SDR are established. I have discovered that what the East African governments want to get us recognized as an independent entity is our contribution to nation building! Therefore, a lot of restrictions are attached to the process making it slow as security surveillance must give its final report to the concerned state. However, the doctrines and customs of the world are at variance with the truth of God. The church becomes established and strong only when it is a working church! Our conduct is watched by the world, every act is scrutinized and commented upon. The work becomes great, yet simple for us to do if we would inherit eternal life. Just follow true religion working out the principles of God's law—love to God and love to man. The great and simple work done has been the distribution of a lot of printed material bearing the present truth message. Remarkable results have been realized as many separate movements have taken off in different parts of the country. Now our greatest challenge is how to refine them, using the bond of

unity in John 17.

In my efforts to prepare the people, I have tried to be creative in determining what opportunities provide room for witnessing in various areas of East Africa. I have traveled from church to church calling for unity. The publishing ministry is taking off, providing wide evangelism among the ethnic tribes. I pray that the educational scheme will be carefully considered and will be started. I always print material locally thus becoming a small source of supply for our messages of present truth. We should realize that the world is full of false teaching, and if we do not resolutely search the Scriptures for ourselves, we shall accept its errors for truth, adopt its customs and deceive our own hearts. My main interest is therefore being focused in this area of publishing. My next area of interest is in establishing education, which is showing signs of progress, as shown by E____, Kenya, which has about one-hundred and fifty pupils still in pastor B____'s home. Brethren, this is to a large extent to provide a wide area for evangelism to many different families where we can mold into the youth some true Christian values. I have told brother E____, who is facing hardship in K____ with family members, to take over some tasks at E____. I have encouraged him to move there, where big responsibilities in the field of Jehovah are calling for laborers. Here we have a lot to finish which include: finishing with registration and door to door literature distribution bearing messages which denounce all churches as Babylon fallen including the SDA church! Our biggest achievement was the merging of the majority of the members of the "Remnant Church of Africa" into God's family under the name Seventh-day Remnant. Despite all these gains on the side of God's cause, my laptop broke down and the publishing ministry came to a stand still for a moment as I planned to get a new one!

I have had a difficult time in arranging some of the lost messages and formatting them to fit the A4 paper we commonly use. I lost most of the information I had prepared for the Kenyan mission in E____! I am now just saving the information I want to print out, on CDs for storage until I get a new computer for all my work. Praise God for His mercy in always providing for me a place to do my work so that I can later organize and print it out! It is a challenging situation but I press on to have something done for the cause of perishing souls. [See SDA Encyclopedia 1042—43.]

Many of my programs with pastor

B____ and E____ are now stalemated and I am just hoping to join them soon. We are to deny ungodliness and worldly lusts, and live a life of righteousness [Titus 2:12] so that we can come to the help of the perishing ones! The world is ripening for its destruction and God can bear with sinners but a little longer! He calls upon every laborer to diligently cultivate the Christian graces and opportunities given for re-proofs and entreaties to mankind. Century after century of transgression has swept over our world, and although God has given examples of what will overtake those who do evil, yet the great ambition of the children of this world is to meet the world's standard! Truth was unpopular in Christ's day; so is truth unpopular in our day. [See Review & Herald, March 27, 1888.]

I hope that soon the SDRPA is going to do everything possible to get me another alternative and then the publishing scheme will be fully on track once again. Thank you for the continual support. God bless you.

B. J.

Uganda

March 23, 2012

There is a great work to be done in our world. Ministry means service, and to this ministry we are all called. I have been making special efforts to set in operation certain lines of work in different churches which includes the printing and distribution of tracts, holding meetings and answering simple requests. My priority has been the grave responsibility of uniting the churches as God's family and helping them pray and work for one another's salvation, consecrating themselves to Him within their means and capabilities. E____ and I have continued to work to get God's people and church organized according to Gospel Order. We have been instructing our separated movement in the need of a definite identity, based on the old landmarks of the Seventh-day Adventist pioneers, with a peculiar task found in the great prayer of John 17! [See Testimonies for the Church, Vol. 6, p. 17.] Many movements have come up but have disregarded the special prayer for them! This is a time for all of us to realize this prayer and to gather around the sanctuary as united brethren. For we are living in the most holy period of time in history and God is listening to our supplications while Christ ministers!

"I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me:

and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me." Galatians 2:20. Thus "we walk by faith, not by sight" 2 Corinthians 5:7.

I believe that it is those who by faith follow Jesus in the great work of atonement who receive the benefit of His mediation in their behalf. I also agree that the great want of Africa, in religious lines, is to feel the great work committed to us by the counsel given to Moses, at the request of Zipporah, who made known her fears to Jethro, her father, who suggested relief measures for her husband Moses. Many separated brethren have not given ear to how this counsel works with God's people!

I have been laboring to explain to my fellow brethren of the different churches the principle of how we can work unitedly while maintaining true independence. Many have expressed their fear that if we organize under the name Seventh-day Remnant, we would be bound under one man. Because what many of the African governments require, while registering with them, seems to lead to a headship as noted in the line structure found on the forms you fill out for submission! But I have always sighted them to the Biblical references of a similar organization in the Exodus. Therefore, I take a keen interest to follow up every meeting within the region so that I can present our position to exalt Christ without coming under the bondage of man once again!

Pastor B____ of E____, now blind due to age, is happy to hear organization and order being taught in such a manner and has requested me to be his right hand person in presenting this subject. While I am in Uganda, looking after my family members, E____ has promised to be near him most of the time. He likes to share a lot of the experiences about the separation movement which he has been a part of as early as the 1970s. I keep checking on him and encouraging him in the good pastoral work being done.

On March 2, 2012, D____ called me to attend the meeting at T____ K____ for a big gathering which will bring brethren from Rwanda, DRC, Burundi and Tanzania. Many of these churches have not taken up the name SDR as their identity, yet I feel the burden to press on to be of one mind in faith and doctrine when uniting wide territory. I have always been particular on the subject of unity, which leads to us adopting the name Seventh-day Remnant, and I have never turned down any invitation. Brethren around the region have accepted our message on the same

subject and more so because we are holding the old landmarks of our pioneers, proclaiming the loud cry message of Revelation 18. D____ requested me to get them a number of booklets, SOP books, if any, and tracts to be given out to different brethren who will come to attend the uniting conference due to take place April-May, 2012. This made me double my efforts in preparing to get enough copies produced in time. I have also told E____ to get a few copies of SOP at a cheap cost from K____, a publishing house for the main stream SDA Church. Although working under hard conditions to get a few copies, I am right now busy preparing for that conference, which I will attend, to continue pressing for unity and to send our message on printed materials to different countries. The responsibility of a minister is very great and obliges me to be fully involved in this service. In this we call for the usual continued support.

Thank you for all the efforts to support us, so that these important messages for this time can go to all parts of the world. I keep you in my prayers and may you keep up the spirit as we wait for the second appearing of Christ to take us home.

B. J.

Uganda

March 23, 2012

Greetings to you all in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ! Hope you are doing okay. Down here all is not well, as two persons of our family have gotten malaria. Of these two, I am one of them, and it is due to this that I have not been able to send to you this progress report earlier. Even now as I send it, I am still battling with malaria and chest pain.

Now to get the ball rolling on the issue of the work here, I visited K____, N____, B____, B2____, N2____, J____, and T____. This all happened from the end of November last year, to early February this year. But before I say anything on these journeys I will commence by bringing forward the work in the K____ area through our outreach programs. Issues pertaining to my journeys to those different places I will bring to light in my next report.

From the middle of last year, in the K____ area we embarked on the work of spreading present truth through literature and house to house work. To say the least, this work produced a mixed blessing. In order to start well we had some spirit of prophesy books that had been sent to K____ way back in 2009 and which had been stored at elder E____'s place for all

this time. So we requested him to allow us to use them in our work of evangelizing and he obliged. The range of the books, booklets, and tracts we had were: SOP books namely; Great Controversy, Desire of Ages, Steps to Christ, Christ Object Lessons, Ministry of Healing, and Patriarchs and Prophets. Then we also had Sunday law books and the small book in Luganda, which I had translated. In order to get the work of this Luganda book going we printed five hundred copies and each copy cost two-thousand five-hundred shillings, so for the five hundred books we spent one-million two-hundred and fifty-thousand shillings. As we went out to do this grand work, this “Luganda book” was a darling to many, for they could easily understand the language and hence it became a spring board that made all other books to be accepted in homes, shops, markets, on the roads in taxis and buses and also to those who were walking on the streets as we interacted with them.

As we proceeded with this work we met many challenges and blessings. Of the many challenges I will mention but one, which blew out of proportion. I will code name it “THE BURNING OF THE SCROLL.” As in Biblical times, they burnt the scroll of Jeremiah as is written in the book of Jeremiah, chapter 36. In the self same manner our errand on that fateful day, ended in the burning of the SOP books, tracts and booklets. This was done a week later at N____ SDA church—the second biggest SDA church in Uganda.

It was on the Sabbath of November 12,

2011, that we at B____ home church decided after having our lunch, to go and do this work of spreading our silent messengers in areas of B____, K____, M____, K2____, N____, W____ and N2____. All of these small townships and their adjacent villages are in a range of not more than eight miles from our church. We used for our transport elder E____’s car. We went out as a team of eight workers, four men and four women, with our load of books. On our trip we made stop-overs in these town centers and then walked out with the books to share with the people the message of life. We went two by two, two heading to the North, two heading to the East, two heading to the South and two heading to the West of these places and beyond into their adjacent villages. We met many who appreciated the messages and received the printed pages with great joy, but we also met some who rejected them, saying they can only get reading matter from their churches. We reached out to Evangelical, Protestant and Catholic churches and the individuals we met there accepted the books. In K____, we went to the SDA Reform church and they also welcomed the good tidings of salvation in the printed pages. They also directed us to an SDA church within the area. When we reached there, we got a few members who told us we would need to wait a little longer, for their pastor and elders, before they could take the books. We had to park our car and wait for the pastor for a good thirty-eight minutes. On his arrival, we requested him to lead us in prayer before we

relayed our mission to him and he accepted. We then put before him our books, and he was both confused and convinced—convinced because it was the first time he had touched the scarce SOP books and with joy he told his flock to each pick a copy. But he was confused as to why this grand work is not done by his darling church and also why we don’t first go to the conference head office to get permission from the leaders. In response, I told him we are all called to be co-workers with God to do His services, and should wait for no man’s permission to fulfill this commission. To uphold this I read from the Bible: Matthew 28:17-20, Isaiah 6:8, Mark 16:15, Jeremiah 20:9, Matthew 5:14-16, Ephesians 6:14-15, and Isaiah 52:7-9. I also quoted Testimonies to Ministers, p. 300. After sharing with him, I sealed it with a quote from the SOP as follows: “Amid the moral darkness, light is to shine forth in clear, distinct rays... But every soul needs to turn his face towards the light that he may reflect the light.” In Heavenly Places, p. 96.

After hearing this, he was deeply touched and requested us to leave with him more materials and we obliged. We requested him to pray for us on our departure but he instead pleaded with me to lead in prayer. After the prayer we left overjoyed and we continued to other places doing our evangelizing work. (*To be Continued*)

B. M.

“That which God purposed to do for the world through Israel,
the chosen nation,
He will finally accomplish through His church on earth today.
He has ‘let out His vineyard unto other husbandmen,’
even to His covenant-keeping people,
who faithfully ‘render Him the fruits in their seasons.’
Never has the Lord been without true representatives on this earth
who have made His interests their own.
These witnesses for God are numbered among the spiritual Israel,
and to them will be fulfilled all the covenant promises
made by Jehovah to His ancient people.”
Prophets and Kings, p. 713.