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Striving to be among the remnant of her seed

The Power Of Satan

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Fallen man is Satan's lawful captive. The mission of Jesus Christ was to rescue him from his power. Man is naturally inclined to follow Satan's suggestions, and he cannot of himself successfully resist so terrible a foe, unless Christ, the mighty conqueror, dwells in him, guiding his desires, and giving him strength. God alone can limit the power of Satan. He is going to and fro in the earth, and walking up and down in it. He is not off his watch for a single moment, through fear of losing an opportunity to destroy souls. It is important that God's people understand this, that they may escape his snares. Satan is preparing his deceptions that in his last campaign against the people of God, they may not understand that it is he. "And no marvel, for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light."¹ While some deceived souls are advocating that he does not exist, he is taking them captive, and is working through them to a great extent. Satan knows better than God's people the power that they can have over him, when their strength is in Christ. When they humbly entreat the mighty Conqueror for help the weakest believer in the truth, relying firmly upon Christ, can successfully repulse Satan and all his host. He is too cunning to come openly, boldly, with his temptations, for then the drowsy energies of the Christian would arouse, and he would rely upon the strong and mighty Deliverer. But Satan comes in unperceived, and in disguise he works through the children of disobedience, who profess godliness. Satan will go to the extent of his power to harass, tempt, and mislead God's people.

He who dared to face, and tempt, and taunt our Lord, and who had power to take him in his arms and carry him to a pinnacle of the temple, and up into an exceeding high mountain, will exercise his power to a wonderful degree upon the present generation, who are far inferior in wisdom to their Lord, and who are almost wholly ignorant of his subtlety and strength.

In a marvelous manner will he affect the bodies of those who are naturally inclined to do his bidding. Satan exults for his own sake that he is regarded as a fiction. When he is made light of, and is represented by some childish illustration, or as some animal, it suits him well. He is thought so inferior that minds are wholly unprepared for his wisely-laid plans, and he almost always succeeds well. If his power and subtlety were understood, minds would be prepared to successfully resist him.

All should understand that Satan was once an exalted angel. His rebellion shut him out of heaven, but did not destroy his powers and make him a beast. Since his fall he has turned his mighty strength against the government of

heaven. He has been growing more artful, and has learned the most successful manner to come to the children of men with his temptations.

Satan has originated fables with which to deceive. He commenced in heaven to war against the foundation of God's government, and since his fall has carried on his rebellion against the law of God, and has brought the mass of professed Christians to trample under their feet the fourth commandment, which brings to view the living God. He has torn down the original Sabbath of the Decalogue, and instituted in its place one of the laboring days of the week.

The great original lie which he told to Eve in Eden, "Thou shalt not surely die," was the first sermon ever preached on the immortality of the soul. This sermon was crowned with success, and terrible results followed. He has brought minds to receive that sermon as truth, and ministers preach it, sing it, and pray it. No literal Devil, and probation after the coming of Christ, are fast becoming popular fables. The Scriptures plainly declare every person's destiny forever fixed at the coming of the Lord. "He that is unjust, let him be unjust still; and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still; and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still; and he that is holy, let him be holy still. And behold I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be."²

Satan has taken advantage of these popular fables to hide himself. He comes to poor deceived mortals through modern Spiritualism, which places no bounds to the carnally minded, and, if carried out, separates families, creates jealousy and hatred, and gives liberty to the most degrading propensities. People know but little yet of the corrupting influence of Spiritualism. The curtain was lifted, and much of its dreadful work was revealed to me. I was shown some who have had an experience in Spiritualism, and have since renounced it, who shudder as they reflect upon how near they came to utter ruin. They had lost control of themselves, and Satan made them do that which they detested. But even they have but a faint idea of Spiritualism as it is.

Ministers inspired of Satan can eloquently dress up this hideous monster, hide its deformity and make it appear beautiful to many. But it comes so direct from his satanic majesty, that all who have to do with it, he claims as his control, for they have ventured upon forbidden ground, and have forfeited the protection of their Maker.

When poor souls have been fascinated with the

1. 2 Cor. 11:14

2. Rev. 22:11,12

eloquent words of the teachers of Spiritualism, and they have yielded to its influence, and afterward find out its deadly character, and would renounce and flee from it, some cannot. Satan holds them by his power, and he is not willing to let them go free. He knows that they are surely his while he has them under his special control. But if they once free themselves from his power, he can never bring them again to believe in Spiritualism, and so directly under his control. The only way for such poor souls to overcome Satan, is to discern between pure Bible truth and fables. As they acknowledge the claims of truth, they place themselves where they can be helped. They should entreat those who are experienced, and have faith, to plead with the mighty Deliverer in their behalf. It will be a close conflict. Satan will reinforce his evil angels who have controlled the individuals; but if the saints of God with deep humility fast and pray, their prayers will prevail. Jesus will commission holy angels to resist Satan, and he will be driven back and his power broken from off the afflicted ones. Mark 9:29: “And he said unto them, This kind can come forth by nothing, but by prayer and fasting.”

The popular ministry cannot successfully resist Spiritualism. They have nothing to shield their flocks from its baleful influence. Much of the sad result of Spiritualism will rest upon ministers of this age; for they have trampled under their feet the truth, and in its stead have preferred fables.

The sermon Satan preached to Eve upon the immortality of the soul—“Thou shalt not surely die”—they have re-iterated from the pulpit, and the people

3. 1Tim. 6:16

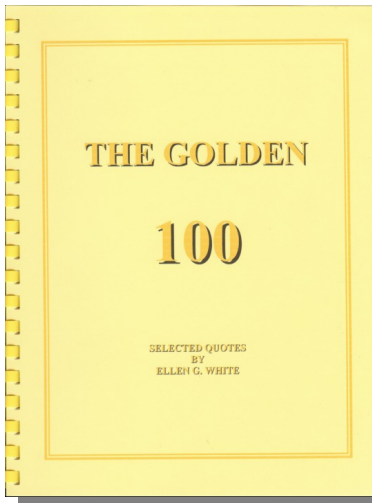
receive it as pure Bible truth. It is the foundation of Spiritualism. The word of God nowhere teaches the soul of man immortal. Immortality is an attribute of God alone. “Who only hath immortality, dwelling in the light which no man can approach unto: whom no man hath seen, nor can see; to whom be honor and power everlasting. Amen.”³

God’s word, rightly understood and applied, is a safeguard against Spiritualism. An eternally burning hell preached from the pulpit, and kept before the people, does injustice to the benevolent character of God. It presents him as the veriest tyrant in the universe. This wide spread dogma has turned thousands to universalism, infidelity, and atheism.

The word of God is plain. It is a straight chain of truth. It will prove an anchor to those who are willing to receive it, even if they have to sacrifice their cherished fables. It will save them from the terrible delusions of these perilous times.

Satan has led the minds of the ministers of different churches to adhere as tenaciously to their popular errors, as he led the Jews in their blindness to cling to their sacrifices, and crucify Christ. The rejection of light and truth leaves men captives, and subjects of Satan’s deception. The greater the light they reject, the greater will be the power of deception and darkness which will come upon them.

I was shown that God’s true people are the salt of the earth, and the light of the world. God requires of them continual advancement in the knowledge of the truth, and in the way holiness. Then will they

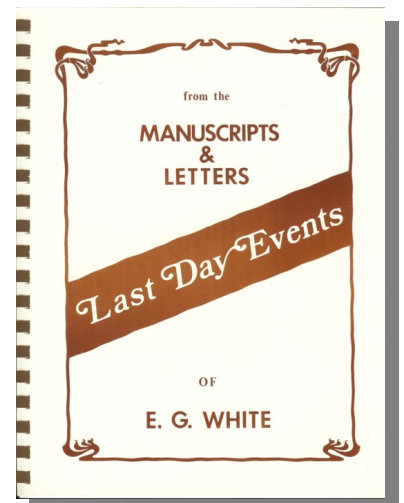


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understand the coming in of Satan, and in the strength of Jesus will resist him. Satan will call to his aid legions of his angels to oppose the advance of even one soul, and, if possible, wrest it from the hand of Christ.

I saw evil angels contending for souls, and angels of God resisting them. The conflict was severe. Evil angels were crowding about them, corrupting the atmosphere with their poisonous influence, and stupefying their sensibilities. Holy angels were anxiously watching these souls, and were waiting to drive back Satan's host. But it is not the work of good angels to control minds against the will of the individuals. If they yield to the enemy, and make no effort to resist him, then the angels of God can do but little more than hold in check the host of Satan, that they should not destroy, until further light be given to those in peril, to move them to arouse and look to heaven for help. Jesus will not commission holy angels to enthrone those who make no effort to help themselves.

If Satan sees he is in danger of losing one soul, he will exert himself to the utmost to keep that one. And when the individual is aroused to his danger, and, with distress and fervor, looks to Jesus for strength, Satan fears he shall lose a captive, and he calls a re-enforcement of his angels to hedge in the poor soul, and form a wall of darkness around him, that heaven's light may not reach him. But if the one in danger perseveres, and in helplessness and weakness casts himself upon the merits of the blood of Christ, Jesus listens to the earnest prayer of faith, and sends a re-enforcement of those angels which excel in strength to deliver them. Satan cannot endure to have his powerful rival appealed to, for he fears and trembles before his strength and majesty. At the sound of fervent prayer, Satan's whole host trembles. He continues to call legions of his evil angels to accomplish his object. And when angels, all-powerful, clothed with the armory of heaven, come to the help of the fainting, pursued soul, Satan and his host fall back, well knowing that their battle is lost.

The willing subjects of Satan are faithful and active, united in one object. And although they will hate, and war

with each other, yet they will improve every opportunity to advance their common interest. But the Great Commander in heaven and earth has limited Satan's power.

My experience has been singular, and for years I have suffered peculiar trials of mind. The condition of God's people, and my connection with the work of God, has often brought upon me a weight of sadness and discouragement which cannot be expressed. For years I have looked to the grave as a sweet resting-place.

In my last vision I inquired of my attending angel why I was left to suffer such perplexity of mind, and so often thrown upon the Devil's battle-ground. I entreated that if I must be so closely connected with the cause of truth, that I might be delivered from these severe trials. There was power and strength with the angels of God, and I plead that I might be shielded.

Then our past life was presented before me, and I was shown that Satan had sought in various ways to destroy our usefulness; that many times he has laid his plans to get us down from the work of God; he had come in different ways, and through different agencies, to accomplish his purposes; and through the ministration of holy angels he had been defeated. I saw that in our journeying from place to place, he had frequently placed his evil angels in our path to cause accidents which would result in our losing our lives; but holy angels were sent upon the ground to deliver. Several accidents have placed my husband and myself in great peril, and our preservation has been wonderful. I saw that we had been the special objects of Satan's attacks, because of our interest in, and connection with, the work of God. As I saw the great care God has every moment for those who love and fear him, I was inspired with confidence and trust in God, and felt reproved for my lack of faith.

—E. G. White

**Cease all contention, and try to be a peacemaker. Love not in word, but in deed and in truth. Your works are to bear the inspection of the judgment. Will you deal truly with your own soul? Do not deceive yourself. Oh, remember that God is not mocked! Those who possess everlasting life will have all they can do to set their houses in order. They must commence at their own hearts and follow up the work until victories, earnest victories, are gained. Self must die, and Christ must live in you and be in you a well of water springing up into everlasting life. You now have precious hours of probation granted you to form a right character even at your advanced age. You now have a period allotted you in which to redeem the time. You cannot in your own strength put away your errors and wrongs; they have been increasing upon you for years, because you have not seen them in their hideousness and in the strength of God resolutely put them away. By living faith you must lay hold on an arm that is mighty to save. Humble your poor, proud, self-righteous heart before God; get low, very low, all broken in your sinfulness at His feet. Devote yourself to the work of preparation. Rest not until you can truly say:
My Redeemer liveth, and, because He lives, I shall live also. 2T 88.1**

Editorial—Blessed Are The Peacemakers

With all the turmoil in the world today, being a peacemaker may seem an impossible task. How can we be at peace with everything happening around us, and make peace when everyone else in the world seems to be so on edge? Yet Christ still tells us that being a peacemaker is something for us to aim for.

The first place we may find peace is with our heavenly Father. When we renounce sin and pray each day that Christ will be the Ruler of our heart, we will begin to reflect His character in our lives. People will see the peace of heaven shining from our faces. If we remain calm and cheerful through trials, our peaceful influence will spread wherever we go and people will notice. Especially with all the fear tactics being used today to make people afraid, someone who is peaceful will be easy for others to spot. They will want to know how we can be so calm, and then we have opportunity to witness that we have

placed our trust in our heavenly Father and He is in control.

“Being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.” Romans 5:1.

“And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.” Philippians 4:7.

With the love of Christ dwelling within us, we will share that love with others.

1 Corinthians 13 tells us that love is patient and kind, that it is not proud or selfish or easily provoked, that it thinks no evil of others, that it endures and hopes and believes and rejoices in truth—all the beautiful qualities that will make us peacemakers. When we give our lives into God’s hands and allow Him to reign, we need never again be worried or distressed, for we are hid in Him. With His character shining through us, we share the peace of those who will be citizens of heaven for eternity.

It will not always be easy to make peace with other people who are troubled or angry or fearful, but with the help of the Holy Spirit, God will show us a way. God will give us the words. It is good to remember that a peacemaker is not someone who will give in easily just to keep peace with those around him, but a peacemaker will find a way to respond to others that will make them think about their own behavior and want to change. A peacemaker will be a representative of the heavenly peace that is offered to each of us, and be ready to give answer to those who ask and seek after it.

May we all be mirrors for Christ, reflecting His light in this darkened world and bringing His love and peace to others. May we be peacemakers, and know an eternity of peace in heaven alongside others who might have been saved because of our example, through the love and mercy and help of our heavenly Father and Brother.

Story—Lacie’s Tracks

“Mamma, what do you keep that ugly stone on the what-not for?” asked Lacie one day, as she was helping her mother dust the parlor.

“That stone! Why, I value that stone very highly, more than all the rest.”

“I am sure it is not half so pretty as those pink-and-white corals, or those lovely tinted shells.”

“No, it is not a pretty stone. But see here! Didn’t you ever notice it?”

“No. What made that rough place?”

“It is a bird’s track.”

“A bird’s track! A bird make a track in the hard stone!”

“No; this was made ages ago, when the rock was soft like mud. After long years, this mud changed into stone; and as the track remained undisturbed, of course it would appear in the stone just as it had in the mud.”

“Is this the only track that was ever found?”

“O no! There have been hundreds of them found. Some of them are very small, as if made by birds no larger than a sparrow; while others are much larger than the feet of any birds we have nowadays. Just by the footprints on the stones we can tell very nearly what kinds of birds lived

ages ago.”

“How strange! Do people ever make tracks that will last always?”

“Yes; we are all making them every day.”

“Me! I make tracks! I make them in the dust sometimes, but the winds and the rains soon destroy them. Last winter I made some in the snow, but they melted.”

“I think I saw you make a track yesterday that will last.”

“Me! Where?”

“At the picnic. Do you remember when I asked poor Mary Miller and her little brother to come and eat dinner with us, that you said, loud enough for Mary to hear, ‘No, we don’t want them here; they never go with us’? Don’t you suppose you left a mark upon Mary’s heart that will never be erased?”

“I see what you mean now, mamma. I never thought of that before.”

“Mamma,” said Lacie the next morning, “I have been thinking of what you said about tracks; and I suppose, if you can tell from bird’s tracks what the bird was like, you can tell from a little Girl’s tracks what she is like.”

“Certainly. I am glad you have thought so much about it.”

“I am going to see if I can’t make a good track every day. And can’t I begin by having a picnic this afternoon out under the locust-trees?”

“Whom do you want to invite?”

“Mary Miller and little Tommy. I’ll go and tell them I’m sorry for what I said, and ask them to play there was a big rain came and swept away that ugly track.”

“You will drown it with kindness, will you?”

“Yes, mamma. We will have such a good time with my picture-book and dolls and dishes, that she will forget that I ever said anything ugly to her. And can’t we have supper all by ourselves on my little table? Oh, that will be so nice! Where is my hat? Let me go this minute, and tell Mary!”

Mary and Tommy came; and when the time came to start home, they both wore such smiling faces, that mamma said,

“Well, I guess you have drowned that ugly Track.”

“O yes! Mary says she will never think of it again. We had such a good time, and I’m so happy; I think I must have made a track in my own heart too.”

—*The Youth’s Instructor* May 30, 1883

Health Nugget—What Is Watermelon Good For?

The Word on Watermelon

Botanical name: Citrullis lanatus

Watermelons have reputed roots in Africa, with the first recorded harvest in Egypt around 5,000 years ago. From there, they sprouted throughout Asia and Europe, eventually arriving in America during the 17th century, where they quickly became one of the most well-loved fruits.

Watermelons are a member of the Cucurbitaceae family, along with cucumber, squash and pumpkin. They can be oblong or round, weighing between 5 pounds and 50 pounds, with rinds that come in a range of yellow, orange and green hues depending on the variety. They can also be spotted or striped with white bands running from end to end.

Watermelons grow on long vines and rest on the ground as they mature, so they should be planted in an area with ample space to sprawl out. Each vine may produce two or three watermelons. Like other melons, they need to be pollinated to yield fruit—even the sterile, seedless watermelon.

Rather than being genetically modified (as some people fear), seedless watermelons are actually sterile hybrids created by crossing male pollen—containing 22 chromosomes per cell (making it a tetraploid plant)—with a female watermelon flower having 44 chromosomes per cell. When this seeded fruit matures, the small, white seeds contain 33 chromosomes (a triploid seed), rendering it sterile and incapable of producing seeds.

The time it takes for watermelons to mature differs according to variety—long-season watermelons mature within 80 to 90 days, whereas short-season watermelons can mature in 70 days. Watermelons store well at room temperature, but should be refrigerated after cutting.

Health Benefits of Watermelon

One of the notable characteristics of watermelons is their high antioxidant, flavonoid and lycopene content. They're also a good source of vitamin C, which may help your immune system produce antibodies to fight disease, and vitamin A, which may help boost eye health and lower the risk for eye diseases, such as macular degeneration and cataracts. Potassium, although found in relatively small amounts in watermelon, may help balance fluids in your cells. Low

potassium levels sometimes cause muscle cramps.

One of the natural chemicals in watermelons is citrulline, which converts in the kidneys to arginine, an amino acid that plays a role in maintaining good heart health and immune function. The more this conversion takes place, the less fat is likely to accumulate in the cells, helping reduce the risk of obesity and Type 2 diabetes. Arginine may also help remove ammonia and other toxicities from your body.

Lycopene is the star antioxidant in watermelons, and is actually more abundant in this fruit than it is in tomatoes. Lycopene also contributes to their reddish color. Research shows lycopene may help protect and nourish the heart, prostate and eyes. Lycopene may also help reduce the risk for inflammation, promote strong bones and neutralize harmful free radicals. Research indicates that lycopene has greater potency when the watermelon is ripe. In fact, while it's still white inside, well before maturity, its vitamin and mineral content is close to zero.

Another anti-inflammatory phytonutrient in watermelons is cucurbitacin E, a triterpenoid that blocks the activity of pain-, fever- and inflammation-causing enzyme cyclooxygenase. Cucurbitacin E also neutralizes nitrogen-containing molecules in the body.

The nutrients are very similar throughout the entire watermelon and not concentrated in the darker red center as some people believe. In fact, the white rind, which isn't normally eaten, has the highest nutrient concentration of citrulline. Remember to consume watermelon in moderation because it contains fructose, which can be harmful to your health in excessive amounts. To learn more about the nutritional values of this fruit, check out the nutrition facts table below:

Studies Done on Watermelon

Research found that watermelon contains compounds that deliver beneficial effects to the body's blood vessels and may even help increase libido. Phytonutrients with the ability to relax blood vessels (and maybe even reduce erectile dysfunction) include lycopene, beta-carotene and the more unfamiliar citrulline, which converts to arginine. Ingesting this nutrient may strengthen the heart and circulation system. It may also be useful in the treatment of angina, high blood pressure and other cardiovascular ailments.

Four men and five postmenopausal women ages 51 to 57—hypertensive but otherwise healthy—received therapeutic doses of watermelon to determine its effectiveness against pre-hypertension. Scientists found improved arterial function and lowered aortic blood pressure in all nine participants.

Results also show that, in addition to the vascular benefits, eating watermelon may help reduce serum glucose levels and inhibit pre-hypertension from progressing to full-blown hypertension, a major risk factor for heart attacks and strokes. Because of the encouraging evidence generated by the study, continued research with a much larger group of participants was determined to be warranted.

Watermelon Fun Facts

Of course, there's a National Watermelon Promotion Board. It reports various interesting watermelon facts, such as the world's heaviest watermelon, grown in Sevierville, Tennessee in 2013 and weighing in at 350.5 pounds. If you're growing your own watermelon, here's a tip: A pale or buttery yellow spot on the bottom of a watermelon indicates ripeness.

Summary

With its first vines running through Africa, watermelons continued sprouting throughout Asia and Europe before being brought to the Americas with the colonists. This gigantic and lusciously sweet fruit is a member of the Cucurbitaceae family. Like other melons, it requires pollination to produce a fruit.

While its vitamin A and C content is significant, it's the lycopene that takes the prize for the major benefits watermelon has for the body, which includes helping fight inflammation, promoting bone health and neutralizing harmful free radicals.

One of watermelon's most important phytochemicals is citrulline, which converts to arginine to help benefit your heart and immune system health. Arginine may also help reduce the risk for obesity and Type 2 diabetes, and remove ammonia and other toxicities from the body. Luckily, this is one fruit you'll have no trouble getting anyone to try, as it's a favorite among kids and adults alike.

—mercola.com

See page 9 for Nutrition Facts Chart

THE BATTLE OF ARMAGEDDON

With all the threats of terrorism, all the bombings, wars, trouble in the Middle East and in other places around the world, the subject of the great battle of Armageddon is receiving more and more attention.

The name “*ARMAGEDDON*” strikes terror and foreboding in the minds of many. Some imagine a great world war surrounding the Middle East. Others envision an Antichrist battling for world supremacy. Still others do not know what to believe or expect.

The word “Armageddon” itself translates “a symbolic name” (see Strong’s Exhaustive Concordance, #717). It is actually made up the combination of two Hebrew words; “har” (#2022) which means “a mountain or range of hills”, and “megiddo” (#4023) which is a place in Palestine. Now this Palestine valley of Megiddo is not very big, and therefore cannot possibly contain all the armies of the world battling each other! So you can see that the word “Armageddon” is a symbol, and does not represent a literal place where a huge war occurs in the Middle East. Yet the Scriptures do indeed teach that there will be an immense battle which involves the whole world!

This battle and controversy will not be fought with literal weapons, such as guns, tanks, aircraft, or armed forces. But will be fought, has already begun to be fought, and will continue to grow in intensity until every person in the world becomes involved.

“And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs come out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet. For they are the spirits of devils, working miracles, which go forth unto the kings of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty. Behold I come as a thief. Blessed is he that watcheth, and keepeth his garments, lest he walk naked, and they see his shame. And he gathered them together into a place called in the Hebrew tongue Armageddon.” Revelation 16:13-16.

As can be seen, the Scriptures teach that this battle is fought between two main forces: God, Christ, and His clean or righteous followers, versus the Devil, evil spirits, and his unclean or wicked followers. So the battle of Armageddon is a symbol describing this great controversy and conflict raging between God and Satan—between truth and error. And this spiritual battle will eventually involve every person on earth for each must decide whom to follow—either Christ and truth, or the devil and error: either eternal life with Christ, or eternal destruction with Satan.

This battle and warfare between Christ and Satan began in heaven.

“And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels, And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven. And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.” Revelation 12:7-9.

Even though the Devil was cast out of heaven, he continued his warfare against Christ and God on this earth. For nearly six thousand years this conflict has ebbed and flowed. But the final battle to be waged in this great controversy, the point towards which all events have been tending, is what the Bible describes as the great day of God Almighty—the battle of Armageddon. This final battle between truth and error is clearly portrayed in Revelation Chapters 12, 13, 14, & 18. And all humanity have entered into this battle today.

Since Armageddon is a symbol describing the spiritual battle between truth and error, what are the weapons the Devil uses in this great conflict? Things likened to frogs which came out of the mouth of the Dragon, Beast, and False Prophet. Now frogs catch their prey with their tongues, and what comes out of the mouth involving tongues are words grouped together into statements of belief. So these three entities catch their prey by speaking or teaching various doctrines of error.

For those who desire to follow Christ and the truth, it is of the utmost importance that we clearly identify who the Dragon, the Beast, and the False Prophet are so we can avoid being deceived by their various false doctrines and thereby lost.

As is revealed in Revelation 12, the Dragon is primarily Satan. And what statements of erroneous belief and false doctrine have originated out of Satan’s mouth? Various spiritualistic, paganistic, and occultic teachings which many kingdoms of the world have been established upon—including the ancient pagan Roman Empire. While many believe paganism to be a thing of the past, there are still millions today who are involved in its heathenistic beliefs and devil worship.

The primary feature of the pagan religion is the worship of nature. Since the most exalted form in nature is the human body, and most particularly the mind, man is led to

worship the powers of the mind and thus to exalt human opinion above divine revelation.

All of the great ruling powers of earth also demonstrated the fact that in paganism, church and state were not separate— but were united together. In Babylon, Medo-Persia, Greece, and Rome, the state was always used to support and give force to the pagan religion of the time. Time and again laws were enacted and civil power was used to enforce the worship of pagan deities and false beliefs.

Today, as well as in ancient times, the spirit of exalting and worshiping human opinions, institutions, and tradition; the spirit of worldliness; and the craving to unite the church with the state in order that the church might be strengthened to enforce her dogma and decrees, is the spirit of the Dragon. And this spirit will grow more and more prominent until it culminates in the great time of trouble for God’s people.

“...there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book.” Daniel 12:1.

“Come, my people, enter thou into thy chambers, and shut thy doors about thee: hide thyself as it were for a little moment, until the indignation be overpast. For, behold, the Lord cometh out of his place to punish the inhabitants of the earth for their iniquity: the earth also shall disclose her blood, and shall no more cover her slain.” Isaiah 26:20-21.

It is not only this unclean spirit that is working today through humanism and other vain philosophies—exalting the human above the divine, exalting error above the truth—but there is a second unclean spirit which comes out of the mouth of the Beast.

In Revelation 13, the Beast which arose out of the ruins of pagan Rome; the Beast which united herself with paganism in order to increase her numbers; the Beast which ruled for 1260 prophetic days (Revelation 12:6), or 3 ½ prophetic years (Revelation 12:14), or 42 prophetic months (Revelation 13:3)—each totaling 1260 literal years (see Numbers 14:34; Ezekiel 4:6), is none other than the Roman Catholic Church.

This great religious system of Catholicism exalts the organized church above the individual conscience, and when there is a conflict between the Bible and church creed, the latter always assumes predominance over Bible truth. If there is a disagreement between a person’s conscience and church dogma, the church through it’s

tradition and opinion always takes preeminence.

In contrast with this domination by church rule, Paul commends the noble Bereans because “they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so” Acts 17:11. Nowhere do we see Paul asking the believers to accept doctrine on the basis of Apostolic authority, but rather he commended them for searching the Scriptures for themselves to confirm the truth of what they had been taught. The idea of God’s word as the supreme authority and rule of life is the religion and truth of the Bible.

“Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me.” John 5:39.

“All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, 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.

“To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them.” Isaiah 8:20.

And it is this knowledge of the truths found in the scriptures that sets us free!

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

The third unclean spirit is the spirit of the False Prophet. A prophet is one who claims to have received messages from God, and then claims to be God’s spokesman in relaying these messages to the people (see Numbers 12:6; Deuteronomy 18:22). A false prophet would then be someone who purports to be speaking for God, when in reality he is not (see Jeremiah 14:14).

The False Prophet cannot refer to the papacy, for it has always claimed to accept tradition above Bible revelation and the right to change God’s commandments at will. But the various churches of Protestantism have professed to follow the Bible and the Bible only as the basis of their faith and doctrine. Yet we see them following in the footsteps of Rome by exalting tradition and human opinion above the truth of God’s word! They are therefore a false prophet clinging to, and speaking forth, error and yet claiming it is God’s truth!

While differing in some aspects, Protestant churches are all uniting together upon points of doctrine which they all agree upon, and are more and more resembling Roman Catholicism. But when, in the pursuit of her desired goals, this False Prophet of Protestantism follows in the same footsteps of Rome, and unites with civil power and uses the State to enforce her teachings and trample upon the rights of free conscience,

she will also become an Image of this Beast (see Revelation 13).

By rejecting truth, people are rejecting the Author of truth and preparing themselves to take the Devil’s side in this last great conflict. By persistent refusal to accept the authority of God—the Lawgiver, and to obey His laws, men, women, and children are binding themselves to the great apostate in lawlessness.

No error strikes more directly against the authority and government of Heaven or is more opposed to the dictates of reason than the idea that the law of God is no longer binding. Law is the basis of all government, and it is completely without reason or support to believe that the Ruler of the universe has abdicated His responsibility and left us without His law! Whether the Devil can get you to cast aside God’s law altogether, or only reject one of it’s precepts, the result is the same. He that offends “in one point” manifests contempt for the whole law; his influence and example are on the side of transgression; he becomes “guilty of all” (see James 2:10). Wherever the divine precepts are set aside, sin ceases to appear sinful or righteousness desirable.

The Scriptures declare that the spirits of devils will work mighty miracles that deceive almost the whole world, and then gather the people together for the last great battle. The focal point of the conflict will be the law of God, particularly the Sabbath, which points to the Lawgiver as the only Creator and hence to our inherent obligation as His creatures to render Him obedience. It is the work of the three angels’ messages of Revelation 14:6-12 & 18:1-5 to counter this attack on God’s law by presenting to the world the worship due to God as our Creator.

With the three-fold union of the Dragon, the Beast, and the False Prophet, all the people of the earth will be forced to unite on the platform of error against God and the truth of the Bible. And those who do not follow their decrees will be killed. Thus through the deceptive doctrines and teachings of this three-fold union of spiritualism, Catholicism, and Protestantism, all the inhabitants of the earth will be brought to decide for or against God and His truth.

“And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads: And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name.” Revelation 13:15-17.

Now there is an ever widening confusion and misunderstanding among Christians over the identification of the Mark of the Beast. Many have been taught to believe by various ministers of most every denominational

church, that the Mark of the Beast of Revelation 13:16, 14:9, 11, 20:4, which is received IN our hand or IN our forehead, is to be identified as being a credit card, or lazar mark, or a chip implant, or National Identification Number, or giant computer, or some other literal thing. Connected with the above is the belief that if any of God’s people possess or are in any way connected with the above items, then they have received the “mark” of this beast and are lost.

But what exactly is this “mark” of the Beast? The Greek word used for “mark” is “Charagma” (#5480), and it translates “stamp (as a badge of servitude), mark.” So the mark of the Beast is a stamp or sign or seal or badge of servitude to some power or being. But what is the Mark of the Beast, and how do we receive it? In order to know this, we must know whom the Beast represents.

The Beast which is connected with this “mark” refers to the Roman Catholic Church (for more information please write for our study on The Beast and the Little Horn). So the “mark” has something to do with the papacy. As worship is the main issue listed in connection with this Beast (see Revelation 13:4, 8, 12, 15, 14:9, 11, 20:4), so the “mark” of this Beast is connected with the issue of worship. Then what could this “mark” of Catholicism be?

“Protestants... accept Sunday rather than Saturday as the day for public worship after the Catholic Church made the change... In observing the Sunday, they are accepting the authority of the spokesman for the church, the Pope. “Our Sunday Visitor,” February 5, 1950.

“It is well to remind the Presbyterians, Baptists, Methodists, and all other Christians, that the Bible does not support them anywhere in their observance of Sunday. Sunday is an institution of the Roman Catholic Church, and those who observe the day observe a commandment of the Catholic Church.” Priest Brady, in an address, reported in the Elizabeth, N.J. “News” of March 18, 1903.

“It was the Catholic Church which... transferred this rest (Saturday as the Sabbath) to the Sunday... Thus the observance of Sunday by the Protestants is an homage they pay, in spite of themselves, to the authority of the (Catholic) Church.” Monsignor Louis Segur, “Plain Talk about the Protestantism of Today,” p 213.

“Of course the Catholic Church claims that the change (from Saturday to Sunday) was her act. It could not have been otherwise, as none in those days would have dreamed of doing anything in matters spiritual and religious without her, and the act is a mark of her ecclesiastical power and authority in

religious matters.” Letter from H.F. Thomas, Chancellor of Cardinal Gibbons.

So the Catholic Church changed the original day of worship from Saturday to Sunday, which is the mark or seal or sign of the Beast’s authority and power! As this is true, then Saturday must be the mark or sign of authority and power to someone else! But to whom? The God of heaven states:

“Moreover also I gave them My sabbaths, to be a sign between Me and them, that they might know that I am the Lord that sanctify them... And hollow My sabbaths; and they shall be a sign between Me and you, that ye may know that I am the Lord your God.” Ezekiel 20:12, 20.

Saturday is the Sabbath day of the Lord God, the seventh-day which He has blessed and made holy (see Genesis 2:2-3), and which is the mark or seal or sign of His authority and power. God has chosen this memorial day of creation above all the rest for all His people to worship Him on, and He even told His people not to forget this fact, but to remember it.

“Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labor, and do all thy work: but the seventh day is the sabbath of the Lord thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates: for in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day and hallowed it.” Exodus 20:8-11.

Here we see the difference between the mark or seal or sign of God, and the mark or seal or sign of the Beast. The God of heaven states that “the seventh-day [or Saturday] is the sabbath [or worshiping day] of the Lord thy God” Exodus 20:10. But the Beast states:

“The Catholic Church for over one thousand years before the existence of a Protestant... changed the day from Saturday to Sunday.” Catholic Mirror, September 23, 1893.

“Sunday is a Catholic institution, and its claims to observance can be defended only on Catholic principles... From beginning to end of Scripture there is not a single passage that warrants the transfer of weekly public worship from the last day of the week to the first.” The Catholic Press, Sydney, Australia, August, 1900.

“...prove to me from the Bible alone that I am bound to keep Sunday holy. There is no such law in the Bible. It is a law of the Holy Catholic Church alone. The Bible says ‘Remember the sabbath day to keep it holy.’ The Catholic Church says, No. By my divine power I abolish the sabbath day and command you to keep holy the first day of

the week. And lo! The entire civilized world bows down in reverent obedience to the command of the Holy Catholic Church.” Priest Thomas Enright, Redemptorist Catholic College, Kansas City, Mo., lecture “Sunday in History”, p 56, February 18, 1884.

So the mark or seal of the God of heaven is worshiping the Lord on Saturday—His Sabbath—according to God’s fourth commandment. In doing this, it is a sign that we show that we love, serve, and worship God. While the mark or seal of the Beast is worshiping on Sunday—the day of the sun or of the Blazing Star or Lucifer, his sabbath—after it is enforced. In doing this, it is a sign that we show that we love, serve, and worship the Beast and Lucifer.

Thus the Mark of the Beast is **NOT** a literal mark, **NOT** a lazar mark, **NOT** a credit card, **NOT** an implanted chip, **NOT** a National ID Number, and **NOT** a giant computer, but it is a symbolic mark! Although all of the above items may be used to coerce and force us to bow and worship on Sunday, yet they are not the Mark of the Beast. This symbolic mark will not be ON, but will be either **IN** the forehead—signifying mental acceptance, or that you believe Sunday is the sabbath. Or **IN** the hand—signifying service, or that you may not necessarily believe Sunday is the sabbath, but you will go along with it anyway.

It is a fact that the papacy claims the power to change God’s fourth commandment law from worshiping only on Saturday to worshiping only on Sunday as God’s special Sabbath day. Thus anyone who knows this truth, and yet chooses to worship on Sunday instead of Saturday as God’s true Sabbath day, especially after it is enforced by law, are bowing to and worshiping the papacy instead of the God of heaven. Thus they will receive the Mark of the Beast which destines them for the seven last plagues and the lake of fire (see Revelation 14:10-11, 19:20). For anyone to then claim that the “mark” of the beast is anything other than Sunday worship, is deceived and is leading souls to destruction.

We know that God never forces the will or the conscience, but Satan constantly resorts to varying degrees of force and cruelty in order to gain the control of those whom he cannot otherwise seduce. Through fear, or by actual force, Satan endeavors to rule the conscience and to secure homage to himself. To accomplish this, he works through both religious and secular authorities, moving them to enact and enforce human laws which defy God and His law.

Once again, as in Daniel’s day, an image will be raised, much as was the golden image upon the plain of Shinar (see Daniel 3). The

issue is the same—the law and honor of God. Just as the music and imposing display worked to secure popular support for Nebuchadnezzar’s image in ancient Babylon, in this final conflict there will be miracles to deceive. Anciently, when all lesser inducements failed, there was the fiery furnace waiting to persuade the conscience. In a similar manner the commandment-keeping people of God face the loss of all worldly support, and ultimately death itself, as the price for their faithfulness to God and His law. Only those whose faith is founded upon the sure Word of God will be able to stand amid the near total apostasy.

But at the darkest point in earth’s history, when in the final stages of this battle of Armageddon it appears that the forces of evil must surely prevail and God’s obedient remnant people must soon seal their testimony with their blood, God’s followers will be delivered and all the workers of iniquity will be destroyed. Christ Himself comes to save His obedient and faithful followers and take them home! “And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book.” Daniel 12:1.

“When once the master of the house is risen up... he shall say, I tell you, I know not whence ye are; depart from me, all ye workers of iniquity.” Luke 13:25,27.

“Thou shalt bring down the noise of strangers... the branch of the terrible ones shall be brought low... He (Christ) will swallow up death in victory; and the Lord God will wipe away tears from off all faces; and the rebuke of His people shall He take away from off all the earth: for the Lord hath spoken it. And it shall be said in that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for Him, and He will save us: this is the Lord, we have waited for Him, we will be glad and rejoice in His salvation.” Isaiah 25:5,8-9.

It is for YOU to determine today which side YOU will be found on in this great battle of Armageddon between God and Satan—between truth and error. There will be no neutral spectators. Each person will be found in one of two positions. They will either join the lawless in making void God’s law, or will be among those faithful who live by every word of God, and who keep all of His commandments.

“How long halt ye between two opinions? if the Lord be God, follow Him: but if Baal, then follow him.” 1 Kings 18:21.

“And if it seem evil unto YOU to serve the Lord, choose YOU this day whom ye will serve... but as for me and my house, we will

serve the Lord. And the people answered and said, God forbid that we should forsake the Lord..." Joshua 24:15-16.

—Robert Sessler

Letters—Benin

Benin

Dear Brother J__ Shalom and greetings!

Praying that you and yours and the brethren are doing well in this very time of uncertainty. It looks like the covid19 want to live within us but our prayers is for the intervention of the Most High to remove this plague.

We are under the eyes of the Most High doing our best to preach and ask people to turn to God as He's the ONLY safety.

Life is very hard here in Benin and many of our brethren are affected, but spiritually we are standing through His grace.

By God's grace, we have completed the meeting center for our worship, seminars, conferences, etc. It was a walk of faith holding nothing but Jesus. We shall commence meetings there soon. We still ask for prayers for other needs such as chairs, electricity lights, public address systems, etc. During the dedication of the hall we have several brethren to baptize and we shall need copy of both French vernacular Bibles and reading glasses. The very poor in our congregations need some supports in this covid19.

Thank you once again for upholding our hands all these years to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ. We would love you to be our guest during the dedication but I don't know the possibility due to the pandemic.

All you have sowed all these years both in our lives and Ministry will be accounted for your sake.(2 Cor. 9:10-15.)

May you and the household of faith continue to be protected by our heavenly Father. I pray also He continues to supply my salary.

Shalom and blessings, Brother M__

It is practical Christlikeness alone that can make one a peacemaker in the home, in the church, in the neighborhood, and in the world. Home religion is practical sanctification.... The true quality of religion is gauged by the manner in which each member in the family does his duty to his associates.... Learn the precious lesson of being peacemakers in your home life. OHC 179.6

Date-Banana Cookies

2 Large mashed Banana
1 Cup Chopped Dates
2/3 Cup Oil
1/2 Cup Nuts, chopped
1/2 tsp. Salt
1 tsp. Vanilla
1/4 Cup Soy Flour
1 Cup Wheat Germ
2 Cups Oatmeal, dry
1/4 Cup Honey

Mix all together and let stand a few minutes. Shape into cookies.
Bake at 375° for 25 minutes.
Yield: 4 dozen

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Watermelon Nutrition Facts

Serving Size: 3.5 ounces
(100 grams), raw

	Amt Per Serving	% Daily Value*
Calories	30	
Total Fat	0.15g	0%
Saturated Fat	0.16g	0%
Trans Fat		
Cholesterol	0mg	0%
Sodium	1mg	0%
Total Carbohydrates	7.55g	3%
Dietary Fiber	0.4g	2%
Sugar	6.20g	
Protein	0.61g	1%
Vitamin A	28 mcg	
Vitamin C	8.1mg	
Calcium	7mg	1%
Iron	0.24mg	1%

*Percent Daily Values are based on a 2,000 calorie diet. Your daily values may be higher or lower depending on your calorie intake.

**“Blessed are the peacemakers.” Matt 5:9.
He who has the meek and lowly spirit of Christ will be a peacemaker. Such a spirit provokes no quarrel, gives back no angry answer. It makes the home happy, and brings a sweet peace that blesses all around.
The Story of Jesus 62.2**

Story—Be Firm

I remember of once reading of a man who, upon his dying bed, gave this parting advice to his son: "Always have a mind of your own, and then stick to it." The son, in after years, became the first mate of a vessel. While they were out upon a voyage, the captain was taken sick, and deranged, which threw the command upon the first mate. This displeased the second mate, who, with the owner of the ship, wished to get the command from him.

As they were sailing one fine morning, not a cloud in the sky, the first mate had occasion to go below to his chest. His eyes fell upon a barometer, a rare thing in those days, as they were just coming into use. Unbeknownst to the other officers of the ship, he had bought it to test it. He saw that the mercury was falling very rapidly. Without informing the rest, he came upon deck and gave orders to prepare for a storm with all haste. The second mate and the owner of the vessel were enraged at this order. They tried to take the command from him; but he thought of his father's advice. He told them he was commander of the vessel, and would be obeyed.

What enraged the sailors most, was, the sky was cloudless, and there was not the least sign of a storm, that they could discern. Vessels were pacing them under a crowd of sail, and should they be such fools as to hang back to prepare for a storm? The mate was stern. He would not be persuaded to countermand his order.

Just before sun-down, clouds began to arise, the wind began to whistle through the rigging of the vessel, and before morning they were in one of the most violent storms they had ever known. As the storm ceased in the morning, and they were in sailing rig again, they passed numerous wrecks of those that went by them the day before. Now, said the first mate to the owner of the ship, if I had listened to you, you see where we would have been. The owner acknowledged that he was right, and gave him full command on the next voyage.

Children, in looking into our barometer (the Bible) we see there is a terrible storm, or time of trouble, coming, such as the world has never seen; as Daniel says, "A time of trouble such as never was since there was a nation."

What is the condition of things in the world now? I will try and tell you. It is something like it was upon the ship while there was one who saw signs of the approaching storm, there were many who

could discern nothing but a pleasant sail. So it is now a few have found, by looking into God's book, that His judgments are soon to be poured out upon the earth (the seven last plagues), and that Christ is soon coming to save His people from these judgments. While a few are looking for these things, the great mass cannot discern the signs of the times; but look for a long time of happiness and pleasure here, and would try to dissuade you from obeying the truth. But, dear children, have a mind to obey God, to study His word, then it will be well with you.

Like this faithful sailor, begin at once to make preparations for the coming storm. Begin to take in sail. Take a reef in the sail of pride. Take in the sail of vain conversation. Take in your streamers. Look well to the rigging of your vessel. Have your main cable, which should be made of faith, hope, and love, fast anchored above, then with your chart, and your eye upon the pole-star, Jesus, you will soon out ride the storm that is coming.

Up, children, up at once, and get on board. Soon the plank will be withdrawn from the gangway (Jesus will leave the sanctuary), our vessel will be far out to sea, and no man can get on board. Who will go? Come, all.

W.K. Loughborough
Battle Creek, Mich.

—*Youth's Instructor Dec. 15, 1871*

Story— "I Cannot, Sir"

A young man we will call him honest Frank who loved truth, was a clerk in the office of a rich merchant. One day a letter came recalling an order for goods, which had been received the day before. The merchant handed it to honest Frank, and with a persuasive smile, said:

"Frank, reply to this note. Say that the goods were shipped before the receipt of the letter countermanding the order."

Frank looked into his employer's face with a sad, but firm, glance, and replied:

"I cannot, sir."

"Why not?" asked the merchant, angrily.

"Because the goods are now in the yard, and it would be a lie.

"I hope you will always be so particular," replied the merchant, turning upon his heel and going away.

Honest Frank did a bold as well as a right thing.

What do you suppose happened to him?

Did he lose his place?

No; quite different. The merchant was too shrewd to turn away one who would not write a lying letter. He knew the untold value of such a youth, and at once made him his confidential clerk, at an increased salary.

—*Youth's instructor Dec. 15, 1871*

A blessing rests upon the peacemakers....

**O that the Lord would imbue me
with His Holy Spirit, that I shall ever be
what Christ calls a peacemaker!**

**I do not love the atmosphere
of strife and contention.**

**I want to be able to say
the Lord's Prayer,**

**"Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive
those who trespass against us."**

**Oh, how can we utter this prayer
and be unforgiving?**

OHC 239.4

Christian Service Chapter 13—Continued

Ministry of the Printed Page

A messenger from heaven stood in our midst, and he spoke words of warning and instruction. He made us clearly understand that the gospel of the kingdom is the message for which the world is perishing, and that this message, as contained in our publications already in print, and those yet to be issued, should be circulated among the people who are nigh and afar off.—{Chs 146.4}

The book work should be the means of quickly giving the sacred light of present truth to the world.—{Chs 146.5}

Satan is busy in this department of his work, scattering literature which is debasing the morals and poisoning the minds of the young. Infidel publications are scattered broadcast throughout the land. Why should not every member of the church be as deeply interested in sending forth publications that will elevate the minds of the people, and bring the truth directly before them? These papers and tracts are for the light of the world, and have often been instrumental in converting souls.—{Chs 146.6}

We have been asleep, as it were, regarding the work that may be accomplished by the circulation of well-prepared literature. Let us now, by the wise use of periodicals and books, preach the word with determined energy, that the world may understand the message that Christ gave to John on the isle of Patmos.—{ChS 146.7}

Church members, awake to the importance of the circulation of our literature, and devote more time to this work. Place in the homes of the people papers, tracts, and books that will preach the gospel in its several lines. There is no time to be lost. Let many give themselves willingly and unselfishly to the canvassing work, and thus help to sound a warning that is greatly needed. When the church takes up her appointed work, she will go forth “fair as the moon, clear as the sun, and terrible as an army with banners.”—{Chs 147.1}

The light of truth is shedding its bright beams upon the world through missionary effort. The press is an instrumentality by which many are reached whom it would be impossible to reach by ministerial effort.—{Chs 147.2}

The night of trial is nearly spent. Satan is bringing in his masterly power because he knoweth that his time is short. The chastisement of God is upon the world, to call all who know the truth to hide in the cleft

of the Rock, and view the glory of God. The truth must not be muffled now. Plain statements must be made. Unvarnished truth must be spoken, in leaflets and pamphlets, and these must be scattered like the leaves of autumn.—{Chs 147.3}

Canvassers are needed to take up the work of carrying these silent messengers of truth to the people,—canvassers who feel a burden for souls, and who can speak words in season to those who are seeking for light. Some may say, “I am not a minister; I cannot preach to the people,” You may not be able to preach, but you can be an evangelist, ministering to the needs of those with whom you come in contact; you can be God’s helping hand, working as the disciples worked; you can ask those you meet if they love the Lord Jesus.—{Chs 147.4}

Publishing Houses Effective Agencies

Seventh-day Adventists have been chosen by God as a peculiar people, separate from the world. By the great cleaver of truth He has cut them out from the quarry of the world, and brought them into connection with Himself. He has made them His representatives, and has called them to be ambassadors for Him in the last work of salvation. The greatest wealth of truth ever intrusted to mortals, the most solemn and fearful warnings ever sent by God to man, have been committed to them to be given to the world; and in the accomplishment of this work our publishing houses are among the most effective agencies.—{ChS 147.5}

Our publishing work was established by the direction of God and under His special supervision.—{ChS 148.1}

In a large degree through our publishing houses is to be accomplished the work of that other angel who comes down from heaven with great power, and who lightens the earth with his glory.—{ChS 148.2}

I am bidden to say to our publishing houses: “Lift up the standard; lift it up higher. Proclaim the third angel’s message, that it may be heard by all the world. Let it be seen that ‘here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus.’ Revelation 14:12. Let our literature give the message as a witness to all the world.”—{Chs 148.3}

Publishing Extension

You who believe the truth for this time, wake up. It is your duty now to bring in all the means possible to help those who understand the truth to proclaim it. Part of the money that comes in from the sale of our publications should be used to increase our facilities for the production of more literature that will open blind eyes and break up the fallow ground of the heart.—{ChS 148.4}

Years ago the Lord gave me special directions that buildings should be erected in various places in America, Europe, and other lands, for the publication of literature containing the light of present truth. He gave instruction that every effort should be made to send forth to the world from the press the messages of invitation and warning. Some will be reached by our literature who would not be reached in any other way. From our books and papers bright beams of light are to shine forth to enlighten the world in regard to present truth.—{ChS 148.5}

I have been shown that our publications should be printed in different languages and sent to every civilized country, at any cost. What is the value of money at this time, in comparison with the value of souls? Every dollar of our means should be considered as the Lord’s, not ours; and as a precious trust from God to us; not to be wasted for needless indulgences, but carefully used in the cause of God, in the work of saving men and women from ruin.—{ChS 149.1}

The printed word of truth is to be translated into different languages, and carried to the ends of the earth.—{ChS 149.2}

These publications are to be translated into every language; for to all the world the gospel is to be preached. To every worker Christ promises the divine efficiency that will make his labors a success.—{ChS 149.3}

Our publications should go everywhere. Let them be issued in many languages. The third angel’s message is to be given through this medium and through the living teacher. You who believe the truth for this time, wake up.—{ChS 149.4}

Many of God’s people are to go forth with our publications into places where the third angel’s message has never been proclaimed. Our books are to be published in many different languages. With these books, humble, faithful men are to go out as colporteur-evangelists, bearing the truth to

those who would otherwise never be enlightened.—{ChS 149.5}

From city to city, from country to country, they are to carry the publications containing the promises of the Saviour's soon coming.—{Chs 149.6}

I have been shown that the publications already have been doing a work upon some minds in other countries in breaking down the walls of prejudice and superstition. I was shown men and women studying with intense interest papers and few pages of tracts upon present truth. They would read the evidences so wonderful and new to them, and would open their Bibles with a deep and new interest, as subjects of truth that had been dark to them were made plain, especially the light in regard to the Sabbath of the fourth commandment. As they searched the Scriptures to see if these things were so, a new light shone upon their understanding, for angels were hovering over them, and impressing their minds with the truths contained in the publications they had been reading. {Chs 149.7}

I saw them holding papers and tracts in one hand, and the Bible in the other, while their cheeks were wet with tears; and bowing before God in earnest, humble prayer, to be guided into all truth,—the very thing He was doing for them before they called upon Him. And when the truth was received in their hearts, and they saw the harmonious chain of truth, the Bible was to them a new book; they hugged it to their hearts with grateful joy, while their countenances were all aglow with happiness and holy joy.—{Chs 150.1}

These were not satisfied with merely enjoying the light themselves, and they began to work for others. Some made great sacrifices for the truth's sake and to help those of the brethren who were in darkness. The way is thus preparing to do a great work in the distribution of tracts and papers in other languages.—{ChS 150.2}

Opportunities for Free Distribution

Let literature be distributed judiciously on the trains, in the street, on the great ships that ply the sea, and through the mails.—{ChS 150.3}

In these days of travel, the opportunities for coming in contact with men and women of all classes, and of many nationalities, are much greater than in the days of Israel. The thoroughfares of travel have multiplied a thousandfold. God has wonderfully prepared the way. The agency of the printing press, with its manifold facilities, is at our command. Bibles, and publications in many languages, setting forth the truth for this time, are at our hand, and can be swiftly carried to every part of the world.—{Chs

150.4}

Let the leaflets and tracts, the papers and books, go in every direction. Carry with you, wherever you go, a package of select tracts, which you can hand out as you have opportunity. Sell what you can, and lend or give them away as the case may seem to require. Important results will follow.—{ChS 151.1}

I have been shown that we were not doing our duty in the gratuitous circulation of small publications. There are many honest souls who might be brought to embrace the truth by this means alone... These small tracts of four, eight, or sixteen pages, can be furnished for a trifle, from a fund raised by the donations of those who have the cause at heart. When you write to a friend, you can inclose one or more without increasing postage. When you meet persons in the cars, on the boat, or in the stage, who seem to have an ear to hear, you can hand them a tract.—{Chs 151.2}

Secure Subscriptions

The sisters can work efficiently in obtaining subscribers for our periodicals, in this way bringing the light before many minds.—{ChS 151.3}

We now have great facilities for spreading the truth; but our people are not coming up to the privileges given them. They do not in every church see and feel the necessity of using their abilities in saving souls. They do not realize their duty to obtain subscribers for our periodicals, including our health journal, and to introduce our books and pamphlets.—{Chs 151.4}

Selling Books

Many are sad and discouraged, weak in faith and trust. Let them do something to help some one more needy than themselves, and they will grow strong in God's strength. Let them engage in the good work of selling our books. Thus they will help others, and the experience gained will give them the assurance that they are God's helping hand. As they plead with the Lord to help them, He will guide them to those who are seeking for the light. Christ will be close beside them, teaching them what to say and do. By comforting others, they themselves will be comforted.—{Chs 151.5}

Work in Cities

We are living in a time when a great work is to be done. There is a famine in the land for the pure gospel, and the bread of life is to be given to hungry souls. There is no better opportunity to do this work than that offered

to the consecrated canvasser. Thousands of books containing the precious light of present truth should be placed in the homes of the people in our large cities.—{ChS 152.1}

Blessed, soul-saving Bible truths are published in our papers. There are many who can help in the work of selling our periodicals. The Lord calls upon all of us to seek to save perishing souls. Satan is at work to deceive the very elect, and now is our time to work with vigilance. Our books and papers are to be brought before the notice of the people; the gospel of present truth is to be given to our cities without delay. Shall we not arouse to our duties?—{Chs 152.2}

Health Literature

Canvassers should call the attention of those they visit to our health publications, telling them of the valuable instruction these periodicals contain regarding the care of the sick and treatment of diseases. Tell them this instruction, studied and practiced, will bring health to the family. Explain how important it is for every family to understand the science of life. Direct their minds to Him who formed and who keeps in motion the wonderful machinery of the body. Tell them that it is our part to co-operate with God, caring wisely for all our faculties and organs. {Chs 152.3}

The proper care of the body is a great responsibility, and requires an intelligent knowledge of its parts. Tell them that God is dishonored when, for the gratification of appetite and passion, man misuses the machinery of the body, so that it does its work feebly and with difficulty. Tell them that the books you have for sale give much valuable instruction regarding health, and that by practicing this instruction, much suffering and also much of the money spent in paying doctors' bills, will be saved. Tell them that in these books there is advice which they cannot possibly obtain from their physician during the short visits he makes.—{Chs 152.4}

When young men take up the canvassing work filled with an intense longing to save their fellow men, they will see souls converted. From their work a harvest for the Lord will be reaped. Then let them go forth as missionaries to circulate present truth, praying constantly for increased light and knowledge, that they may know how to speak words in season to those that are weary. They should improve every opportunity for doing a deed of kindness, remembering that thus they are doing errands for the Lord... In their work they should always take some health books with them; for health reform is the right hand of the message.—{ChS 153.1}

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