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Striving to be among the remnant of her seed

A Warning

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Brother Smith: As I consider the responsibilities and dangers of the people of God. I am led to fear for many, and I wish to set before them the following, which I consider a most solemn warning.

As it became evident a few years since that the burden of the Third Message would be in the West, a brother, who had much of this world's good, resolved to move West with his family, and thus introduce the work in the West.

He went with one intention, his wife with another. His intention was to proclaim the truth, but her intention was to have all their means laid out in house and lands, that the means not only be secured, and kept from the cause of God, but that her husband's time be also employed in building, planting, sowing &c. He was convicted of his duty to dispose of a portion of his means to advance the cause of God, but it was a great sacrifice for him to make, for he loved this world, and he was easily persuaded by his wife and daughter, to gratify their desire and love of their earthly treasure, and retain it. He disobeyed the call of God, to gratify his wife and daughter, and was too willing to excuse or cover up his love of the world, under a show of duty to his family.

At a certain time, the Lord gave me a view of their situation. I saw their worldly-mindedness, that instead of living out their faith after they went into a new country, they were getting a firmer grasp of this world, until it was a proverb to those around them. They professed to be looking for the glorious appearing of Jesus, professed to be God's peculiar people, that he was purifying unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works, yet purchasing their large attractive lands, thus plainly declaring by their works, that this world was their home, that here was their treasure.

I was shown the wife of our brother, that she was engrossed in the spirit of this world, and loved and worshiped it; that she must unfasten her grasp, that she was a stumbling-block in her husband's way, she was holding him back, and was unwilling that he should sell and give alms, also unwilling that he should go out to talk the truth to others. I saw that unless she got out of her husband's way, cut loose from the world, and distributed to the necessity of God's cause, the Lord would visit the family with judgment, and move her out of the way. She heeded not the message. Her whole mind was occupied in fitting up and making improvements to stay here. In the midst of this, affliction came. She was prostrated by disease, and

taken away.

A few weeks after her death we visited the place with the message to the Laodiceans. We entered the dwelling of the afflicted family, and labored and prayed for them. They were in a low, worldly-minded, discouraged state. A heavy burden rolled upon me. The father was struggling for freedom, for liberty. The Lord graciously met with us, and let a little of his light shine upon us. But still we knew there was much to be done. As our brother would come up to the point to give up the world, and get it out of his heart; as he would lay his farm upon the altar, and say he would sell a part, or all of it, then the daughter would act the same part the mother had done, to pull him back, and she would plead for their treasure here. O what agony of spirit I felt. We had a season of prayer. The sufferings of the Son of God were held up before me. His agony in the garden of Gethsemane, as the sins of the whole world were laid upon him, his shameful death upon the cross, all to save guilty man. He, for their sakes became poor, that they through his poverty might be made rich. Then to see how little those for whom this sacrifice was made, were willing to suffer for the truth, I could hardly endure the realizing sense of these things.

Before I left that place I was shown in vision that God had taken the mother away in anger, and unless the father and daughter submitted to God, unless they cut loose from this world and had their affections weaned from it, God would step over the threshold again in judgment. I was astonished at what was shown me in vision. I saw that this brother loved this world more than he ever thought he did, and that it was a snare to him, it deceived him. I saw that he was so close and snug in deal, it really carried beyond the bounds of strict truth and honesty. Said the angel, The deceitfulness of riches causes many, many of its possessors to stumble over their riches to perdition, while only a few with the unrighteous mammon will make friends, and finally be received into everlasting habitations.

I saw that the brother did not give his hired help a decent chance to serve God. It was hurry, hurry, work, work, as though they had not a dollar at their command. There was but little chance for them to pray. I saw that God seeth not as man seeth, for God despised such snug dealing and covetousness, and without an entire reform, it was impossible for him to be saved; that he was straining every nerve to save a little means, that would be no blessing to himself or others; that he did not possess a noble generous

disposition. I saw that it was right to economize, but it had been stretched into meanness without any goodly object, only to add to their treasure which would shortly eat their flesh as it were fire, unless they, as faithful stewards, made a right disposal of their Lord's goods. I saw that he had hardly allowed himself time to pray, and that it had been a mere dry form without the power.

I saw the daughter's covetousness, that her life was all wrapt up in selfishness. She had suffered no lack. Every want had been supplied. She had lived for herself, and her heart seldom beat in sympathy for other's woes or wants; that such closeness, such selfishness, covetousness, was seldom seen, and that this, without an entire reformation, would prove her ruin; and if her father left her a few thousands, whether he lived or died, it would be enough to ruin her and displease God.

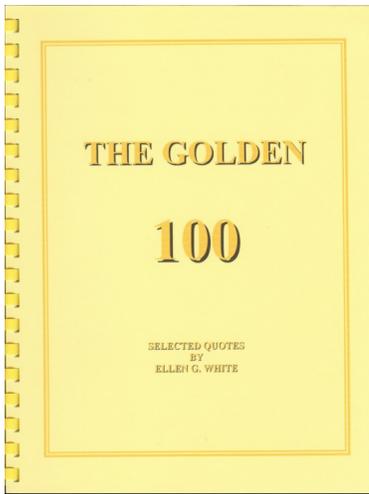
I saw that the father had not been pitiful to the unfortunate, those who labored for him, not even to the poor orphan. There had been such snug dealing practiced toward them, that God could not look with any pleasure, until full restitution should be made; for he regarded it with abhorrence. All this I related to him, while my soul was bowed with deep anguish.

Last Summer I was again shown this brother's case, that he was not moving fast enough, that he was not using his means to advance the cause of God as fast as he should. The next news I heard was, that he was

dead, and had left his large property to his daughter. Nothing was bestowed upon the cause of God. Last Tuesday, [March 30th,] I saw that Satan's wish had been gained. While he lived, his brethren had plunged into the world beyond their means, and stood ready to hire the use of his money to advance their own interests, and thus it was kept from the cause of God. And I saw that Satan had it just as he wanted it at his death, that nothing be left to the cause of God, but his daughter be cursed with it, and placed in a situation where it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for her to enter the kingdom of heaven. I saw that it was the design of Satan to keep all the means from the ranks of the truth that he could and to use it as a stumbling-block for souls. He is willing that those who profess the truth, and are snug, selfish and covetous, should have means in their possession, for they idolize it. They nourish it, and it will prove their ruin; for they lay up treasure upon earth, and lose their treasure in heaven.

As I have seen that the reward of covetousness thus far upon this family should be a warning to the church, I cannot withhold from the people of God what has been shown me respecting them.

—Ellen G. White.

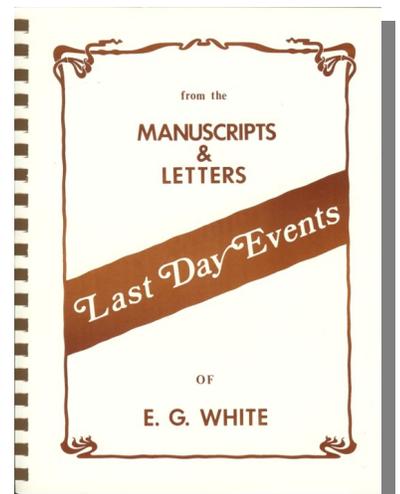


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Editorial—Blessed Are The Merciful

Matt. 5:7 “Blessed [are] the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy.”

Matt. 7:12 “Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them: for this is the law and the prophets.”

What do these two texts have in common? They are both referring to how we should treat other people. Jesus instructs us to treat others the way that He would, with kindness and mercy and love, just the same way we ourselves would like to be treated. Do we keep this golden rule in mind when we interact with other people in our daily lives, or do we judge them by our own personal set of rules and standards before deciding whether or not to be nice?

In today’s world it is customary to give other people “space,” to keep our distance and stay out of other people’s business. Too often people tend to harden themselves and “look the other way” rather than get involved when someone else is in trouble or needs help. Often they’re in too much of a hurry to take the time to notice or bother with strangers, or maybe they are fearful of being scammed. But think back to all the Bible stories about Christ’s life...was he ever too

busy or selfish or afraid to treat others around him with love and mercy? Are we following His example, or that of the modern world?

For a better understanding of what the word “merciful” means, let’s look it up in the dictionary: Merciful: “Having or exercising mercy; compassionate; tender; disposed to pity offenders and to forgive their offenses; unwilling to punish for injuries; applied appropriately to the Supreme being.”

“Compassionate; tender; unwilling to give pain; not cruel. A merciful man will be merciful to his beast.”

These words give weight to the acts and meaning of mercy. Are we choosing to practice and form these habits daily in our interactions with others? Do we forgive and forget hurtful words or actions done against us, or do we follow the world’s example of “getting even” and seeking revenge against those who hurt us? Christ provided us the perfect example of how we should respond in situations like these, when He forgave those who treated him cruelly and were responsible for putting Him to death.

The golden rule brought forth in these Bible verses is an instruction to help us aim

our actions and our thoughts, to remind us to look to Christ as our teacher. We cannot read the hearts and motives of others as God can. We should not allow evil to provoke us into retaliating with the same evil, but instead treat it as an opportunity to practice mercy. We are told: “Be kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ’s sake hath forgiven you.” Ephesians 4:32.

Let us never forget that we have ourselves been shown Godly mercy and treated with kindness and compassion when we were yet sinners and undeserving. With the help of our loving Saviour we can each achieve the goal of being like Jesus with all our thoughts and with all our actions, and one day go home to live with Him. As Christ told us:

“But love ye your enemies, and do good, and lend, hoping for nothing again, and your reward will be great, and ye shall be the children of the Highest: for He is kind unto the thankful and to the evil. Be ye therefore merciful, as your Father also is merciful.” Luke 6:35

Story—The Broken Plate

Susie is a bright little girl with black eyes, and has many pleasant ways. But she has one bad habit that all children should try to shun. It is untruthfulness; and this our Heavenly Father regards as a great sin.

One day Susie, who was staying with her auntie, was so unfortunate as to break a plate. Oh, how her little heart did beat, and how she did wish that she could put the broken pieces together again; but no, there they were, staring her in the face; she could not make the broken plate whole. What was she to do? She heard two whispering voices within. The first said, “Now, Susie, run and tell auntie all about it.” The other said, “No, no, Susie; gather up the broken pieces and throw them away; you can make up some story about the affair, and nobody will be the wiser for it.”

The recording angel was waiting to see which of these voices Susie would obey. Alas! He turned away sorrowing,

The bad spirit had conquered. Susie did not know that her cousin up stairs had looked down and seen all that had been done. Oh, how it saddened the heart of this good cousin to think that dear little Susie would be so wicked.

A few evenings afterward she took Susie on her lap and told her all that she had seen her do. How guilty this little girl felt then! She knew all the time that she had done wrong, and now her sin had found her out. How much better it would have been if she had frankly acknowledged the truth in the first place. Then she would have had God’s smile, and the approval of her own conscience.

I cannot say that Susie has never told a lie since; but I do hope that, seeking help from above, she is trying to conquer this evil habit. Children, beware of the first step toward an untruth, remembering that “lying lips are an abomination unto the Lord.”

The Youth’s Instructor October 15, 1870

Nothing lost by Giving

I called the other day on my friend, Mrs. T., who has the finest collection of roses I ever saw. She took me out to see them, white roses, red roses, yellow roses, climbing roses, and roses in pots, the gay giant of battles, and the modest moss rose, every species I had ever heard of, and a great many I had never heard of, were there in rich profusion. Mrs. T. began plucking, right and left. Some bushes with but a single flower, she despoiled. I remonstrated:

“You are robbing yourself, Mrs. T.” Said she, “Mr. Licus, do you not know that the way to make the rose-bush bear is to pluck its flowers freely? I lose nothing by what I give away.”

This is a universal law. We never lose anything by what we give away.

—*Youth’s Instructor, Sept. 15, 1870*

Health Nugget—What Are Lentils Good For?

Laudable Lentils

Botanical name: *Lens culinaris*

Vegans and non-vegetarians often welcome lentils (*Lens culinaris*) into their diets because of its versatility in cooking. Lentils also provide numerous dishes with a boost in both protein and fiber content, nutrients that are essential for optimal body function.

Lentils have been part of the human diet since the early civilizations, with traces of domesticated lentils being found on the banks of the Euphrates River. The pioneer civilizations also included lentils in their diet, with Greeks actually considering it as “poor man’s food.”

This, however, is contrary to the Egyptian civilization where lentils were actually found inside the tombs of pharaohs, implying that lentils were often held in high esteem in ancient Egyptian culture. Nowadays, lentils are considered a staple in various cuisines around the world.

Lentils come in a handful of varieties that differ in color, texture and taste. Some of the most common types of lentils include black, green and the red varieties. Black lentils, also known as beluga, are famous for their similarity to caviar. They are often cooked in both cold and warm salads. Green lentils are the most widely available variety of lentils and are one of the easiest legumes to cook. They are often added to side dishes and soups.

Meanwhile, red lentils, which can actually be red, yellow or gold, are widely used in Indian cuisine. It’s the main ingredient in dal, an Indian stew that is often served with rice. Red lentils often break down to a puree-like consistency once cooked, which makes them a good ingredient for soups.

Having been deemed as a superfood, it comes as no surprise that lentils actually offer impressive amounts of vitamins and minerals that your body would be happy to acquire. Continue reading to get more information about this legume and how you can incorporate it into your diet.

Get These Health Benefits From Lentils

Due to the high amount of protein in lentils, those who follow a vegetarian or vegan diet are highly advised to consume this food because of its high protein content. But even if you’re not vegan or vegetarian, incorporating this food into your diet will

give you a plethora of health benefits, as lentils give your body essential vitamins and minerals. Here are some of the health benefits you can get from lentils.

Lowers the risk for cardiovascular disease. Lentils contain fiber and folate. Studies suggest that eating high-fiber foods helps decrease the risk for heart disease, while magnesium helps regulate blood circulation.

Slows the rate of digestion and sugar absorption. The high fiber content of lentils help slow down the rate of digestion. This leads to the slower absorption of glucose, helping regulate blood sugar levels.

May help in the prevention of birth defects in pregnant women. Lentils contain high amounts of folate, a mineral necessary for preventing neural tube defects in unborn babies. Insufficient folate intake often cause spinal cord defects and may even lead to brain development problems.

Aids in weight loss. Lentils are low in calories, filling and nutrient-dense. This means that one serving of lentils usually prolongs the period before hunger sets in again, limiting or decreasing the calories that you take in throughout the day.

What Are the Culinary Uses for Lentils?

Lentils can be cooked in a variety of ways, which means it would take quite a while to run out of ways to incorporate this legume into your meals. One of the most common ways that lentils are eaten is lentil soup or stews. Here are some of the ways that lentils are prepared around the world:

France. France produces Puy lentils, a variety that specifically grows in the region of Le Puy. These lentils are said to be superior in texture are actually more expensive than other varieties. They are often cooked alongside fish, game and sausages.

India. Red lentils are often used in Indian cuisine to provide consistency to dal and stews. They are cooked with different Indian herbs and spices to add intense flavors.

Lebanon or Syria. Mujadara is one of the dishes in Lebanon with lentils as its main ingredients. This usually consists of cooked lentils, rice and caramelized onions. While it was once called peasant food, it is now being served all around the world.

Egypt. Koshari, the national dish of Egypt, uses lentils as one of its main ingredients, along with Egyptian rice, macaroni and tomato chile sauce. When you

travel to Egypt, this is one of the dishes that you’re going to find almost everywhere, from street vendors to well-established restaurants.

The wide distribution of lentils just shows that a large portion of the world’s population benefits from the nutritional components of this food, all the more reason why you should incorporate it into your diet.

Cooking Guide for Lentils

Because of the numerous varieties available, many people make mistakes when cooking lentils. The different consistency and texture of each variety means that there are certain types of lentils that go well with certain dishes, but they may not go well with other types. Read on to learn how to best cook and enjoy different lentil varieties.

Green lentils or Puy lentils. Green lentils have a rather peppery flavor. This variety of lentils takes the longest to cook, taking about 45 minutes. Even after cooking, they still retain their firm texture, which makes them the preferred type for salads.

Brown lentils. Brown lentils are the most common type of lentils. They usually have a mild earthy flavor. This variety usually takes about 20 to 30 minutes to cook.

Red lentils (red, yellow and gold). Red lentils have the sweetest flavor of all the lentil varieties available in the market. They take about 30 minutes to cook and take on a rather mushy texture once cooked thoroughly. They’re usually added to soups to provide a thick consistency.

If you’re planning on replenishing your stock of lentils, make sure that you choose lentils that are dry, firm, clean and unshriveled. The general rule for cooking lentils is that for each cup used, you should include 4 cups of water or homemade broth (for added flavor).

Lentil Nutrition Facts

Lentils are considered to be one of the most nutritious legumes or beans available. It contains high amounts of folate, protein, manganese, iron, thiamin and phosphorus. There’s 230 calories per cup of lentils. It also contains high amounts of fiber, which helps in reducing appetite and curbing hunger.

—Mercola

Nutritional chart can be found on page 8 followed by this issue’s recipe.

AND GOD SPOKE THESE WORDS – Part 4

In the beginning of this series we amazingly saw that the Lord God Michael decided to personally speak with His own majestic voice to all of His followers gathered before Mount Sinai to prove to them that He really existed. It was at this time that the Lord God Michael audibly spoke each one of His ten commandments.

In part 1 we examined the first four commandments of God, and in part 2 we examined the remaining six commandments. In part 3, we discovered that this was not the last time in which the Lord God Michael had personally spoken to any of His people at Sinai, but He had also called Moses to the top of the Mount and personally revealed to him His glory and declared: “The Lord, The Lord God, merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abundant in goodness and truth, Keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, and that will by no means clear the guilty; visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children, and upon the children’s children, unto the third and to the fourth generation” (Exodus 34:6-7).

Thus the Lord God Michael audibly declared to Moses different aspects of His glorious character. In our last Newsletter we examined the first seven of these aspects of the glory or way or character of the Lord God Michael, and now we will continue on with the eighth aspect.

#8—The Lord God Michael “will by no means clear the guilty”. Now this particular aspect of the Lord God Michael’s glory is so in-depth and so full of meat and substance that some precious souls may find it difficult to take it all in. So we encourage you to please take a few moments to ask for the Holy Spirit to lead and guide you into all truth.

So the Lord God Michael “will by no means clear the guilty.” The Hebrew word for “clear” used here is “naqah,” which translates and means “to be clean, acquit, be blameless, be free, leave unpunished” (Strong’s, word #5352). Now even though we earlier discovered that the Lord God is merciful and willing to forgive all types of sin, because He is “slow to anger, and great in power... [yet He] will not at all acquit the wicked” (Nahum 1:3), or make blameless or cleanse any who refuses to admit or confess that they have sinned. So even though the Lord God indeed loves all of His creation, yet He will not allow any unrepentant sinner to go free and leave them unpunished for each and every one of their unconfessed sins.

And what ultimate punishment will the unrepentant sinner receive? “The wages of sin is death.” Romans 6:23.

Now the Lord God Michael does not just threaten death to all sinners who refuse to give up their evil ways, but then when it comes time to carry out the sentence He instead turns the other way and refuses to execute the guilty, nor will the Lord God look the other way and let escape from punishment any of His followers who may have confessed and repented of their sins, but who then go back and commit the same sins over again in a never-ending cycle of sin and repent, sin and repent. All who continue to commit sin, irregardless of whether they are pagan or one of His closest followers, will be punished for their continued sinning.

“O wicked man, thou shalt surely die;...if he do not turn from his way, he shall die in his iniquity... [and] When I shall say to the righteous, that he shall surely live; if he trust to his own righteousness, and commit iniquity, all his righteousness shall not be remembered; but for his iniquity that he hath committed, he shall die for it.” Ezekiel 33:13.

Yet the Lord God Michael does not want to see a single one of His precious creation perish in their sins, because “As I live, saith the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked; but that the wicked turn from his way and live” (Ezekiel 33:11). And neither is God just waiting around until our probation closes and we are doomed, but He is doing all He can to awaken us and help us to recognize and repent of all our sins, so that we can then turn from our wicked ways and find life.

There are several ways in which the Lord God Michael helps us sinners to recognize and repent of all our sins. One way is by sending us warnings of what punishments and judgments are coming upon all disobedient and wicked souls.

“Take thee a roll of a book, and write therein all the words that I have spoken unto thee... against all the nations... It may be that... [they] will hear all the evil which I purpose to do unto them; that they may return every man from his evil way; that I may forgive their iniquity and their sin.” Jeremiah 36:2-3.

So through all these warnings, the Lord God Michael is mercifully and lovingly reaching out to all sinners in all the nations of this world before these punishments fall upon them so that they can find shelter and safety by returning to the Lord and finding

free forgiveness by confessing and repenting for all their sins.

Another way in which the Lord God Michael helps us sinners to recognize and repent of all our sins is by leaving us to suffer some of the punishment and afflictions now, while He patiently and eagerly waits for us to wake up and come to Him.

“I will go and return to my place, till they acknowledge their offence, and seek my face: in their affliction they will seek me early.” Hosea 5:15.

Thus through these punishments and afflictions, the Lord God Michael is mercifully and lovingly reaching out to all sinners with just a slight taste of what greater afflictions and punishments are heading their way. So instead of withholding all punishment until our probation closes when it would then be too late for us to repent and find forgiveness, Michael allows us sinners to suffer through some punishments now so that we can have a precious chance to wake up and find shelter and safety by returning to the Lord and finding free forgiveness by confessing and repenting for all our sins. And the punishments and afflictions the Lord God Michael allows to come to us now, are definitely less in intensity than what we really deserve!

“And after all that is come upon us for our evil deeds, and for our great trespass, seeing that thou our God has punished us less than our iniquities deserve... Should we again break thy commandments...? Wouldest not thou be angry with us till thou hadst consumed us, so that there should be no remnant nor escaping?” Ezra 9:12-14.

So the Lord God Michael mercifully punishes sinners less than they deserve in an effort of trying to awaken them to stop breaking His commandments. But should any refuse to awaken and repent with that particular lite level of punishment, then Michael does not give up but will mercifully continue to increase the intensity of the next round of punishments in hopes that we will then be led to repentance. And this cycle of increasing the intensity of punishments will continue on until we either humbly choose to repent and find everlasting forgiveness, or rebelliously cling to our sins until there is no way of escaping from suffering total destruction!

Therefore even though the Lord God Michael is full of goodness and forbearance and is longsuffering towards all sinners, including you, dear one, yet you must also understand “that the goodness of God leadeth

thee to repentance” (Romans 2:4). Should you still refuse to repent through “thy hardness and impenitent heart,” then you must also know that God “will render to every man according to his deeds” (Romans 2:6). This plainly reveals that the punishment for every sin you have committed is not being forgotten, but is actually accumulating and treasuring “up unto thyself wrath against the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God” (Romans 2:5). All unrepentant sinners, as well as those of God’s followers who cannot live without sinning, will suffer punishment for every one of their sins.

Now we have discovered that the Lord God Michael tremendously loves both the unrepentant sinner as well as His sinning follower, that He is longsuffering towards all their waywardness against Him and His law, and mercifully does everything He can do in trying to win them back from all their evil ways. Yet if they choose not to return to Him seeking forgiveness and the washing away of their guilt; if they do not seek His strength to remain free from sinning and gain eternal life, then He sorrowfully accepts their decision, regretfully passes judgment upon them, and then angrily punishes them with the eternal death they chose more than enjoying everlasting life with Him.

This then clearly shows us that the Lord God Michael does not lie by giving idle threats, but is truthful and means exactly what He says. It also proves what we learned previously that the Lord God is not a hypocrite that says one thing and then does another. But the Lord God is impartial, is no respecter of persons, and does not play favorites.

Also, as love “thinketh no evil” (1 Corinthians 13:5), then the Lord God Michael does not and will not believe that we are guilty of committing all kinds of sin and wickedness just because we may be accused of doing so, but He will only attribute guilt for those actual sins we did in fact commit! The Lord God Michael promises that “every man shall be put to death for his own sin” (Deuteronomy 24:16), and not for the sins which he may alone be accused of, but is not guilty of committing.

But this now raises the question of how are the actual sins of each and every human being ever born on this earth kept track of?

“Thine eyes did see my substance, yet being unperfect; and in thy book all my members were written, which in continuance were fashioned, when as yet there was none of them.” Psalms 139:16.

So this tells us that as soon as the egg becomes fertilized and conception occurs, the Lord God begins documenting this new living human being in a book—even though

their body form has not yet taken shape. In this heavenly book is found recorded everything about this particular individual—from the very beginning of life and whether they were born handicapped or perfectly normal, and continues recording all the way unto the end of their life. Thus in this book is found recorded all of “their works” or actions or deeds throughout life (Revelation 20:12), including “every secret thing” (Ecclesiastes 12:14) such as the thoughts and motives that led them to act the way they did. This book further indicates whether their thoughts, motives and actions were “good, or whether it be evil” (Ecclesiastes 12:14) according to the standard of God’s “commandments” (Ecclesiastes 12:13).

But this personal book records more than just the good and bad thoughts and deeds of each individual. It records all of their travels and “wanderings” throughout life (Psalms 56:8). It records every one of the “tears” they shed or sorrows they suffered (Psalms 56:8). And “when He writeth up the people” God even records in their book “that this man was born there” (Psalms 87:6) in the city of “Babylon” (Psalms 87:4)—the most wickedest of places, or that this person was born there in the most godly of places, such as “Zion” (Psalms 87:5). This means even the influences we grew up around and conditions we lived in, which helped to form our character in either a bad and crooked way, or in a good and solid way, are noted in this book. Thus this personal heavenly book records all the seen and unseen details that dealt with every minute and intricate aspect of the life of each human individual which led them towards developing the particular kind of character that made them who they are.

So every human being on this earth has a record book that documents their actions and life experiences, and it is kept secure in heaven beyond the reach of mankind. Therefore it does not matter what your relatives, loved ones, friends, acquaintances, or even enemies may wrongly say about you. It does not matter if your motives are misjudged, or if you are falsely accused, or even if your name is cast out as evil by the entire world. This is because just like Job in all which he endured, though innocent of any wrong doing, you can know that “my witness is in heaven, and my record is on high” (Job 16:19). Thus you can take comfort in the fact that God is not being misled, and that the truth will eventually come out in the end.

Therefore, as each and every person ever conceived on this earth has their own book in heaven documenting everything about them, then there must be billions of different books. But why keep such a detailed and intricate written record in the first place? It is

so that an honest and just sentence of either eternal life or eternal death can be passed by the Lord God Michael upon each human being that is based upon the undisputed facts of truth found documented in their record book.

But some may be wondering why it is the Lord God Michael who passes judgment upon the guilty, and not the Almighty Lord God of heaven Himself who is above Michael in divine authority? It all has to do with the plan of salvation.

When Adam and Eve chose to sin in the garden of Eden and deserved the penalty of death, the loving heart of the Lord God Michael was touched to try and save them and mercifully allow them another chance to be faithful to God when again tempted to break His commandments. Michael then chose to carry out a devised plan that, amazingly, would legally delay their death penalty, give them and their offspring this second chance to show their obedience to God, while providing them with total forgiveness and full cleansing from their sins and saving them from the death penalty.

But this plan of salvation involved the Lord God Michael becoming a human being and then living His human life in such a way that would always please God by keeping all of His commandments. If Michael proved successful in carrying out this plan, then Adam and Eve’s failure to keep God’s commandments would be redeemed, and all of sinful humanity could be legally saved from sin and death.

Now, so far throughout this series, we have been dealing within the limited time frame of the children of Israel at Mount Sinai some 3000 years ago. “But when the fulness of the time was come” (Galatians 4:4), the Lord God Michael left heaven, was miraculously born or “brought forth” (Matthew 1:25) into the human family as the eldest or “firstborn son” (Matthew 1:25) of His human virgin mother Mary (Luke 1:27; Matthew 1:18)—thus becoming “the son of man” (Matthew 16:13). And at the very same time Michael also became “the only begotten Son” (John 3:18) of the Almighty God of heaven—who was now His Father. So the Lord God Michael was not only just a God, but He was also now a human in one Being! The Lord God Michael “was made flesh and dwelt among us” (John 1:14): He actually became one of His own human creation—just like Adam and you and me and all mankind, and thus He was both the Son of man and the Son of God at the same time.

Having the Almighty God as His real Father, Michael’s human nature was without the slightest taint of sin. But having Mary as His real human mother was a very different matter. Mary had inherited a fallen human

nature from her ancestors that could be traced all the way back to Adam and Eve (compare Joseph's ancestral line in Matthew 1:1-16 with the ancestral life recorded in Luke 3:23-38 and notice the differences, then realize that "Heli" in Luke 3:23 had to be Mary's father, which then made Joseph, Heli's son, or more correctly his son in law), and therefore she needed "God my Saviour" (Luke 1:46) in order to save her from her sins and death. So even though Mary was a virgin, yet she had a fallen sinful human nature which was then unavoidably passed on to Michael's human nature, thus subjecting Him to the same inward desires and urges towards sin that is common to all of fallen humanity. So while Michael's human nature was pure and spotless without any personal sin, yet He humbly took on Him our sinful nature and thereby was subject and "touched with the feeling of our infirmities... [and] was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin" (Hebrews 4:15).

So I hope you can see the great risk that the Lord God Michael was taking by becoming human and living in our sinful nature in order to save all of mankind. Should Michael fail in His humanity and commit the slightest sin, then all of humanity was doomed. But it would not just be humanity that was doomed for destruction, because Michael Himself would also be a sinner and thus would have to be destroyed right along with them. And the One who would be forced to destroy Michael, along with all the rest of sinners, would be His own Father—the Almighty God—which would have devastated God and all of heaven for ever. So you can see that there was a lot at stake, and Michael was risking a tremendous amount in voluntarily choosing to carry out this amazing plan of salvation.

After Michael was born the son of man and the Son of God, His human "name was called [Joshua, (which in Greek is written and pronounced)] Jesus" (Luke 2:21), and this God/man Michael or Jesus then chose to live strictly in His human nature and not in His Godhood. In living and identifying Himself only in His human nature, Michael/Jesus successfully lived His human life in a perfect and complete way, always denying self and never giving in to the slightest temptation to commit sin and corrupt His purity. Thus Michael/Jesus was without sin at birth, and lived His entire life without sinning by keeping all of His Father's commandments and doing His will and "not my will" (Luke 22:42), thereby becoming victorious over sin and the devil.

It was by successfully living without sinning that Michael/Jesus accomplished three stupendous things: 1) As every aspect of each of God's ten commandment law had

been kept perfectly by Jesus in human nature, it then proved that Adam and Eve could have also done so, that God had given a law that was faultless because it could be kept, and thus there was no reason for sin to exist in Lucifer in the first place. 2) The pure innocent life which Jesus lived also fulfilled every aspect of the plan of salvation, thereby legally making it possible to save all mankind from sin and death. And 3) The righteous actions which Jesus performed on earth also fulfilled every one of some 300 or so Bible prophecies given about the life of the promised Anointed One thereby proving that Jesus was indeed the long looked for Messiah and "the Christ, the Son of God, which should come into the world" (John 11:27; Matthew 16:16).

As this was true, "being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross" (Philippians 2:8). So this God/man Michael/Jesus Christ the Messiah willingly offered His righteous and innocent life on the cross as a substitute for the guilty life of us sinners—just like an innocent lamb. He then shed His precious blood to freely cover up and atone for all our sins, and then died to fulfill the covenant and legally make His eternal life available for all. As the Almighty God accepted His Son's offering as a full and complete sacrifice, then this God/man, Michael/Jesus Christ, made this great sacrifice and salvation available as a "free gift" (Romans 5:16-18) to all sinners if they will just accept Him as their God and Saviour, confess and repent and forsake all of their sins, and then follow Him in living His life of obedience to God's commandments!

Now, because the Lord God Michael or Jesus Christ the Son of the Almighty God risked so much, and successfully accomplished so much for the saving of guilty sinners, there were two special things done. 1) There was a special book of record created in heaven called "the book of life" (Revelation 13:8, 17:8, 21:27, 22:19). This special book documented the names of all who have made the choice to accept Michael/Jesus Christ as their God and Saviour on earth in order to receive eternal life. And 2) Since Michael/Jesus was also a human like we are and therefore personally knows everything by His own inward and outward experiences what we humans go through in this sinful world, because "he hath himself suffered being tempted" (Hebrews 2:18), then there is no One better suited and qualified to judge and pass sentence upon other humans than He is. Therefore in recognition of this fact of truth, the Almighty Lord God "hath committed all judgment unto the Son... and hath given him

authority to execute judgment also, because he is the Son of man" (John 5:22, 27).

Thus all human beings will have to "stand before the judgment seat of Christ" (Romans 14:10), and even though Michael/Jesus dearly loves and died for each and every human being so that they all can have everlasting life, yet only those who accept Him as their God and Saviour will have their individual names placed in this book of life that clearly documents only those who will gain eternal life. Any who refuse to accept and acknowledge that the Lord God Michael/Jesus Christ is their God and Saviour will not have their names in that book, and will not receive eternal life.

It is during the time when "the judgment was set, and the books were opened" (Daniel 7:10) that each and every human being must "appear before the judgment seat of Christ" (2 Corinthians 5:10). It is at this time that their record book is reviewed so "that everyone may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad" (2 Corinthians 5:10).

Those individuals who are judged worthy of the reward of everlasting life are those "that overcometh" their sins (Revelation 3:5) "by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony" (Revelation 12:11), and thereby have their names written and retained in the book of life. This is only made possible because they accepted Michael or Christ as their God and Saviour, confessed His name before the world, and He has forgiven and even "blotted out" (Acts 3:19) all of their sins from every page of their record book so that only their good deeds remain recorded on its pages. While those individuals who are judged worthy of the reward of everlasting death are those who have not overcome all of their sins, and therefore their names are not found written in the book of life, or their names once written there have been "blotted out of the book of the living" (Psalms 69:28, see also Exodus 32:33). This is because either they did not accept Michael or Christ as their God and Saviour, but accepted other gods instead. Or they had once accepted Him, but then gave Him up to continue in their sins. Thus both groups of lost souls ended up not confessing His name before the world, but confessing another master's name instead, and thus Michael or Christ could not forgive or blot out any of their sins, but all of their sins are found still remaining on the pages of their record book. Thus these record books are the key to determining whether any human being is saved or lost.

Now, with this being the case, if any questions should arise as to why this particular individual was judged worthy of gaining eternal life, but this other person received eternal death, then their record

books can be closely examined to see and understand why. And ultimately who bears all responsibility for someone being lost? Is it the Lord God Michael or Jesus Christ—the Son of the Almighty God? No. Is the Almighty God and Father Himself to be blamed? No. The only person that can be blamed for being lost is the person themselves, because no one forced them to make the decisions they did, and no one forced them to perform the actions they did, but they freely chose to live their life in their own selfish way separate from Jesus Christ, and their record book proves it! So they cannot blame anyone else but themselves, and in reality they themselves actually chose eternal death by refusing to accept and confess that Michael/Jesus Christ was their God and Saviour, because “he that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life” (1 John 5:12).

After all human beings have been judged and received their reward according to their works, and all questions have been forever settled as to why the decision was so, the Lord God Michael will be proven to be just, righteous and faultless in all the decisions He made. In fact, even though the wicked received the sentence of eternal death and will obviously be angry that they lost eternal life, yet even they themselves will understand that they deserved death, and together with the righteous “every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear” or confess (Isaiah 45:23), that “true and righteous are his judgments” (Revelation 19:2). So even though the wicked are furious when the Lord causes “judgment to be heard from heaven” (Psalms 76:8), and they see and fully realize that they are forever lost, yet even “the wrath of man shall praise thee: the remainder of wrath shall thou restrain” (Psalms 76:10), as “all nations [or people] whom thou has made shall come and worship before thee, O Lord; and shall glorify thy name” (Psalms 86:9).

All of this plainly tells us that any who sin, whether they are pagan, or atheist, or even one of God’s followers, will be punished for each and every one of their actual sins, unless they are found to have their names retained in the book of life because they have accepted the Lord God Michael or Jesus Christ as their God and Saviour and have remained faithful to Him. And there will indeed come a time in which the sinner will finally cross over the line of God’s forbearance. Then their probation will close, the judgment will commence, the books will be opened and investigated into and discovery made that their sins have not been forgiven and blotted out of their book, and their name is “not found written in the book of life” (Revelation 20:15). Then judgment will be pronounced against them,

and they are destined for everlasting destruction by being “cast into the lake of fire” (Revelation 20:15), that is “prepared for the devil and his angels” (Matthew 25:41).

Now even though these unrepentant sinners are destroyed by an angry God in His full wrath, yet their destruction is amazingly still carried out in love. Yes, in love, because God realizes that as these sinners could not live without enjoying to break His law on earth, then they could not live without sinning in heaven either. And since sin will not be allowed to “rise up the second time” (Nahum 1:9), and thus there will be no sin committed in heaven or in anywhere else in God’s creations, then these sinners would be most miserable being forced to live forever in a sinless environment. So God mercifully and lovingly allows the life of all determined sinners to forever end in the lake of fire so that they would not have to suffer in misery for eternity.

Therefore the question is: Since the Lord God Michael will not at all acquit the guilty, will you awaken now and repent, or continue on in sin until your probation closes, you are judged guilty and unworthy of everlasting life, and are then finally consumed in everlasting destruction?

“And the times of this (or our) ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men everywhere to repent: Because he hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world in righteousness...” Acts 17:30-31.

I sincerely pray and hope that you will awaken now and allow the love of the Lord God Michael/Jesus Christ to soften your hearts and lead you to repentance, because after reading this I hope you now understand more fully just how much He risked and endured in order to provide you with a free salvation!

Now next time we will examine the 9th and last aspect of the glory of the Lord God Michael, and will also close up this insightful series on And God Spoke These Words.

—Robert Sessler

Lentils Nutrition Facts		
Serving Size: 100 grams		
	Amt. Per Serving	%Daily Value*
Calories	116	6%
Calories from Fat	3.2	
Total Fat	0.4 g	1%
Saturated Fat	0.1 g	0%
Trans Fat		
Cholesterol	0 mg	0%
Sodium	2 mg	0%
Total Carbohydrates	20.1 g	7%
Dietary Fiber	7.9 g	32%
Sugar	0.8 g	
Protein	9 g	18%
Vitamin A		0%
Vitamin C		2%
Calcium		2%
Iron		19%

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

Recipe—Esau’s Pottage

Yield 2-4 servings

- 1 C. uncooked lentils
- ½ C. uncooked brown rice
- ¼ t. basil
- ¼ t. sage
- ¼–½ C. bell pepper, chopped (opt.)
- 1 t. salt or 1 ½ T. soy sauce
- 1 medium onion, chopped finely
- 1 clove garlic, minced
or 1/8 t. garlic powder
- 3 ½ C. water

Mix everything together in a sauce pan and simmer for about one hour or until the moisture is absorbed. It may be served as is, garnished with parsley, or placed in a casserole and baked at 400° F. until it is lightly crusted. Makes delicious sandwiches when chilled, with tomato slices and parsley, or lettuce leaves.

From: Whole Foods For Whole People
by Lucy Fuller—1986

**The heart of man is by nature cold and dark and unloving;
whenever one manifests a spirit of mercy and forgiveness,
he does it not of himself, but through
the influence of the Divine Spirit moving upon his heart.**

“We love, because He first loved us.”

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Letters—Tanzania & Uganda

Tanzania

03-18-20

Dear brothers and sisters,

Hope all are well in the Mighty name of Jesus Christ. due to the deadly outbreak disease worldwide known as Coronavirus. With the guidelines from our state, it forced us to call off the planned crusade here in Tanzania.

It is a high time we should go back to our God fully and tell others that we are living to end time and they should get ready to accept the good news of Jesus Christ.

Fellow Christians I want to thank you all so much for the donations you made to me some months ago and I would again appeal to any one who might be in a good position financially to help us get more booklets so that we can distribute to many. We have a lot of demand for Golden 100, Caught Unprepared, True Sabbath and 47 people who are thirsty to get Kiswahili Bible. As I see things, there's a time coming that we wouldn't have time to preach the word of God. So if there is time let's all join hands to do it while it's still light.

Help us also to pray to get a good printing machine that brother I can use to print as many copies as possible. We have trust with him on handling materials in doing God's work. He is trust worthy. May God continue to bless him and give him good health so that he can continue doing this Holy work as he has dedicated for. He help us a lot. Through him we have done a lot.

We love you so much. Brethren and sisters here send you greetings. God bless you abundantly! Will be more happy to hear from you too.

—Bro. M

Uganda

03-28-20

Dear brethren,

Heb. 6:10-11

In the many of the reports I send across places my major emphasis is on church organization that is based on a world-wide mission program with specifics in the work of spreading the present truth.

My personal labor by his grace at this time of the end is a harmony with the present truth teaching among the co-workers and substantiates the faith. The days are now past that we need to seek the unfolding truth of the heavenly origin by strengthening and broadening the work by our own search of

the available materials of which I am anxious to have messages published as laid down by the believers in the pillars of our faith. This is a time to rehearse the instruction that God has given to us as a people in his word to take our stand firmly in defense of the truth given unto us after the passing of the time for the Remnant Movement to get a hold on it.

On Mar.19, 2020, I traveled to M-S-M- and get the publishing house be organized and enable the first works of prints be produced soon. Our board members will include those who first received the message of separation from the fallen churches of Babylon as seen by angel of Rev. 18:1-5. I am confident that having prints out will cut across the panache crisis which has led to the ban of gatherings including worship fellowships in our region to keep the light shining as we enlighten the world with His glory. I couldn't postpone my engagement due to closed down of public gatherings but rather find a way to make the truth reach out the weary. I have also maintained the social media channels of my contacts and wishing that other ways be open to preachers on radio and TV programs which I can't fix now. I press upon as **John. 4:21-24** the courage readings of the season and humbled by it.

I believe we are in the time of the end as **Matt.24:6-8** being reminder words from our master's for fulfillment and we need to double our efforts so as to save many.

I call upon our brethren and supporters to continue supporting us so that we can do much more than our personal effort would accomplish. We are continuing to find ways to reach others though in lockdown as is being advocated in every talk of the panic but also the message should go alongside these publications of saving lives from Covid 19.

Thank you for standing with us.
God bless you.

—N J

Christ wept at the sight of woe. Let His tenderness come into your hearts. Practice self-denial that you may have wherewith to relieve the sufferings of God's children. OHC 198.3

Two Eskimos Find Christ

It was early springtime in the Northland where snow and ice prevail for eight months of the year. The river was still frozen many feet deep, but in another month the snow would be gone, yielding to the relentless rays of the sun as it rose higher and higher in the sky each day. Then the ice, too, would begin to crack and crumble. The heavy current of the river would soon prove its master and carry it downstream to Selawik Lake, where, under the almost continuous rays of the Arctic sun, it would soon melt and disappear. Ere long the early morning stillness would be broken by the persistent call of the loon intermingled with the shrill whistle of the Wilson's snipe.

Yes, springtime in the Arctic is a wonderful time to be alive, to be able to see and to work. To the lonely Eskimo trapper it is a time of fresh meat, fish, and furs. A time to put away the snow-shoes and paint the boats. A time of really living again.

But to John and Mary Brown, alone in their home away from the village, this particular spring morning was full of darkness and despair.

They awoke early, as usual, John rising to build the fire and boil the water for the hot drink with which every Eskimo starts his day. Mary tried to look at her watch to see what time it was. It seemed to her that John was up a little earlier than usual. It was still dark out side and she couldn't even see the time. Oh, well, maybe she was just sleepy; better lie down again. It would be light after a while.

Soon John was calling, "Get up, Mary." She tried to do as she had been bidden, but it was still dark, so she lay down again. This action was surprising to John, for in spite of her seventy years Mary had always been an active and most helpful wife. They had always done everything together since the last of their seven children had died. But this morning she was acting lazy.

"Here, Mary, I'm gonna give you this cup of coffee. We are gonna go pretty soon."

He handed Mary the cup, watching with surprise as her hand groped for it, apparently not knowing just where it was.

"What's the matter, Mary?"

"I'm sleepy. It's dark outside, just like in the fall time."

"What happened?"

"I don't know. I'm just sleepy."

John was going to take his boat to their spring camp some miles away by dogsled, while the river ice still lasted. He would need

Mary's help. He went out to hitch up the dogs.

Mary suddenly came to the awful realization that she could not see. But she was afraid to tell John. She did not believe that she would be blind permanently, and by groping she was able to find her way around without his knowing just what was the matter.

It was three miles from their home to the portage where the trail leaves the river and goes overland for a short distance. Mary went ahead to be by the dogs and tried to follow in the trail while John helped the dogs by pushing the sled up the bank of the river. She followed in the trail of the portage until they got to the lake where the snow was crusted over, but there she lost the trail and began walking off to one side. John saw her and called to her.

"Mary, why do you go where there is no trail?"

"Where is the trail?"

"Right here," he said. "Are you that blind?"

Then she told him the awful truth. From then on he kept her right with him.

They left their sled loaded with supplies on the river, and John took Mary to their spring camp. Later, another dog team happened by. The people saw the Browns' things on the river and took them up to their camp before the ice should melt and carry them downstream.

Word finally reached the village that Mary Brown had gone blind. An airplane was sent to bring her down where she could stay in the home of friends.

It was here that my husband, Glenn, and I first heard of the situation. We knew Mary only slightly, but felt she must be terribly discouraged. She was not a member of our church, but Glenn felt impressed that he should go and have prayer with her.

It was late one evening when Glenn went across the frozen river that divides the village to the home where John and Mary were staying. Tobacco smoke filled the one room where the family lived. It was not an ideal atmosphere for prayer, but God sometimes works under strange conditions.

This was one of those times.

Mary was already in bed, and as it was late, Glenn came right to the point of his visit. He stated that he would pray for God to heal her if it was His will and if Mary so desired. After Glenn had prayed, Mary also knelt in her bed and prayed in the Eskimo language. They left the results entirely in the hands of the loving and all-wise Father in heaven.

God saw fit to restore Mary's sight. She now has perfect vision in one eye and partial vision in the other. She comes regularly to

church to give praise to the God who loves her and in His mercy gave her not merely physical sight but a vision of His kingdom to come. Mary wants to belong to that heavenly kingdom and she is now preparing herself for it. Here is her testimony, just as she spoke it through my interpreter:

"And now I praise the Lord for He have me learn that even though a person was blinded by sin, He can make us see on spiritual way."

This story could very well end here, but it has another climax.

After Mary's miraculous healing she and her husband went back to their home. Only occasionally when they were in the village did she have the privilege of attending church. John did not share her new-found faith.

It happened while they were alone at their home. John suddenly became sick. His abdomen swelled to an enormous size and he was in great pain. If he lay still in bed, the pain subsided, but it was necessary for him to go fishing through the ice, take care of the dogs, and go for wood to burn in the barrel stove. With this exertion the pain was very severe. Neither John nor Mary knew what to do, and there was no one to whom they could turn for help or comfort. No one, that is, except God.

And to Him they turned. They both humbled themselves before God and prayed that He would heal John of this great pain. We do not believe in bargaining with God, but it must be remembered that John's understanding of spiritual things was limited. Even Mary had only recently received the healing power of the Saviour physically, and she was just beginning to respond to the healing of the soul. So they both promised the Lord that if He would heal John, they would give themselves to Him and go to whichever church He led them to. There were three in the village.

God heard and answered their earnest prayers, and now John walks beside Mary every Sabbath morning on their way to Sabbath school. Every prayer meeting finds them in their place. They are now living in the village and receiving Bible studies from my husband. After the study on tithe, Mary told Glenn, "I'm willing to do whatever you tell us to do."

John cannot read, nor even write his name; but what a wonderful thrill it was to watch that dear old man come forward one Sabbath day and put his X on a temperance pledge.

Both John and Mary are anxious to tell their loved ones about the wonderful truth that is dawning in their lives. During the *Signs* campaign Glenn spoke about how souls were won through the *Signs*. As soon

as he had finished, Mary said they would like to send two subscriptions to some of their relatives.

I asked Mary how it was that they chose the Adventist church instead of one of the other two in the village. She answered with just one word, "*Agaiyun* ["God"]." Yes, it was God. He it was who spoke to both of them through two modern miracles and led them to the foot of the cross. Brands plucked from the fire!

If you could understand what these people must go through to be Adventists up here, how your heart would rejoice over the sight of these two dear ones walking bravely across the frozen river, Bible in hand, on a Sabbath morning, faithfully witnessing to all the village that they accept the Bible for what it is—God's Word.

—Mary Ausmus Murphy
—Review & Herald, Sept. 25, 1958

God is Himself the source of all mercy. His name is "merciful and gracious." Exodus 34:6. He does not treat us according to our desert. He does not ask if we are worthy of His love, but He pours upon us the riches of His love, to make us worthy. He is not vindictive. He seeks not to punish, but to redeem. Even the severity which He manifests through His providences is manifested for the salvation of the wayward. He yearns with intense desire to relieve the woes of men and to apply His balsam to their wounds. It is true that God "will by no means clear the guilty" (Exodus 34:7), but He would take away the guilt.

The merciful are "partakers of the divine nature," and in them the compassionate love of God finds expression. All whose hearts are in sympathy with the heart of Infinite Love will seek to reclaim and not to condemn. Christ dwelling in the soul is a spring that never runs dry. Where He abides, there will be an overflowing of beneficence.

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Christian Service Chapter 10—Continued

Chapter 11—Medical Missionary Work

Christ crucified,—talk it, pray it, sing it, and it will break and win hearts. {ChS 130.5}

The pen is a power in the hands of men who feel the truth burning upon the altar of their hearts, and who have an intelligent zeal for God, balanced with sound judgment. The pen, dipped in the fountain of pure truth, can send the beams of light to dark corners of the earth, which will reflect its rays back, adding new power, and giving increased light to be scattered everywhere. {ChS 130.6}

Our ministers should not give all their powers to preaching discourses, and let the work end there. They should instruct the members of the church how to take hold of and successfully carry forward this branch of the work [missionary correspondence], which is to our tract and missionary society like a wheel within a wheel. The movement of this inner wheel keeps in healthful, powerful action the outer wheel. Let this inner wheel cease its action, and the result will be seen in diminished life and activity in the tract and missionary society. {ChS 131.1}

Do not become weary of vigilant missionary labor. This is a work you may all engage in successfully, if you will but connect with God. Before writing letters of inquiry, always lift up your heart to God in prayer that you may be successful in gathering some wild branches which may be grafted into the true vine, and bear fruit to the glory of God. All who with humble hearts take part in this work, will be continually educating themselves as workers in the vineyard of the Lord. {ChS 131.2}

Chap. 11—Medical Missionary Work

A Work of First Importance

During His ministry, Jesus devoted more time to healing the sick than to preaching. {ChS 132.1}

Before the true reformer, the medical missionary work will open many doors. {ChS 132.2}

Genuine medical missionary work is the gospel practiced. {ChS 132.3}

Medical missionary work is the pioneer work of the gospel. In the ministry of the word and in the medical missionary work the gospel is to be preached and practiced.—The Ministry of Healing, p. 144. {ChS 132.4}

The Saviour of the world devoted more time and labor to healing the afflicted of their maladies than to preaching. His last

injunction to His apostles, His representatives upon the earth, was to lay hands on the sick that they might recover. When the Master shall come, He will commend those who have visited the sick and relieved the necessities of the afflicted. {ChS 132.5}

He designs that the medical missionary work shall prepare the way for the presentation of the saving truth for this time,—the proclamation of the third angel's message. If this design is met, the message will not be eclipsed nor its progress hindered. {ChS 132.6}

First meet the temporal necessities of the needy, and relieve their physical wants and sufferings, and you will then find an open avenue to the heart, where you may plant the good seeds of virtue and religion. {ChS 132.7}

Nothing will give greater spiritual strength and a greater increase of earnestness and depth of feeling, than visiting and ministering to the sick and the desponding, helping them to see the light and to fasten their faith upon Jesus. {ChS 132.8}

The Divine Example

Christ, the great medical missionary, is our example... He healed the sick and preached the gospel. In His service, healing and teaching were linked closely together. Today they are not to be separated. {ChS 133.1}

Christ's servants are to follow His example. As He went from place to place, He comforted the suffering and healed the sick. Then He placed before them the great truths in regard to His kingdom. This is the work of His followers. {ChS 133.2}

Christ's example must be followed by those who claim to be His children. Relieve the physical necessities of your fellow men, and their gratitude will break down the barriers, and enable you to reach their hearts. Consider this matter earnestly. {ChS 133.3}

Especially should those who are medical missionaries manifest, in spirit, word, and character, that they are following Christ Jesus, the divine Model of medical missionary effort. {ChS 133.4}

Combine with Gospel Ministry

The gospel and the medical missionary work are to advance together. The gospel is to be bound up with the principles of true

health reform. Christianity is to be brought into the practical life. Earnest, thorough, reformatory work is to be done... We are to present the principles of health reform before the people, doing all in our power to lead men and women to see the necessity of these principles, and to practice them. {ChS 133.5}

It is the divine plan that we shall work as the disciples worked. Physical healing is bound up with the gospel commission. In the work of the gospel, teaching and healing are never to be separated. {ChS 133.6}

Medical missionary work and the gospel ministry are the channels through which God seeks to pour a constant supply of His goodness. They are to be as the river of life for the irrigation of His church. {ChS 133.7}

Let our ministers, who have gained an experience in preaching the word, learn how to give simple treatments, and then labor intelligently as medical missionary evangelists. {ChS 134.1}

As the canvasser goes from place to place, he will find many who are sick. He should have a practical knowledge of the causes of disease, and should understand how to give simple treatments, that he may relieve the suffering ones. More than this, he should pray in faith and simplicity for the sick, pointing them to the great Physician. As he thus walks and works with God, ministering angels are beside him, giving him access to hearts. What a wide field for missionary effort lies before the faithful, consecrated canvasser; what a blessing he will receive in the diligent performance of his work! {ChS 134.2}

Every gospel worker should feel that the giving of instruction in the principles of healthful living, is a part of his appointed work. Of this work there is great need, and the world is open for it. {ChS 134.3}

Right Arm of the Message

Again and again I have been instructed that the medical missionary work is to bear the same relation to the work of the third angel's message that the arm and hand bear to the body. Under the direction of the divine Head they are to work unitedly in preparing the way for the coming of Christ. The right arm of the body of truth is to be constantly active, constantly at work, and God will strengthen it. But it is not to be made the body. At the same time the body is not to say to the arm, "I have no need of thee." The body has need of the arm in order to do

active, aggressive work. Both have their appointed work, and each will suffer great loss if worked independently of the other. {ChS 134.4}

Medical missionary work is to be done... It is to be to the work of God as the hand is to the body. {ChS 134.5}

Divine Co-operation

Christ feels the woes of every sufferer. When evil spirits rend a human frame, Christ feels the curse. When fever is burning up the life current, He feels the agony. And He is just as willing to heal the sick now, as when He was personally on earth. Christ's servants are His representatives, the channels for His working. He desires through them to exercise His healing power. {ChS 135.1}

Through His servants, God designs that the sick, the unfortunate, and those possessed of evil spirits, shall hear His voice. Through His human agencies He desires to be a comforter, such as the world knows not. {ChS 135.2}

Christ co-operates with those who engage in medical missionary work. {ChS 135.3}

The Lord wrought through them. Wherever they went, the sick were healed, and the poor had the gospel preached unto them. {ChS 135.4}

Christ is no longer in this world in person, to go through our cities and towns and villages, healing the sick; but He has commissioned us to carry forward the medical missionary work that He began. {ChS 135.5}

The Work of Every Church

There is a message regarding health reform to be borne in every church. {ChS 135.6}

The medical missionary work should be a part of the work of every church in our land.—Testimonies, vol. 6, p. 289. {ChS 135.7}

We have come to a time when every member of the church should take hold of medical missionary work. {ChS 135.8}

The work of health reform is the Lord's means for lessening suffering in our world and for purifying His church. Teach the people that they can act as God's helping hand, by co-operating with the Master Worker in restoring physical and spiritual health. This work bears the signature of Heaven, and will open doors for the entrance of other precious truths. There is room for all to labor who will take hold of this work intelligently. {ChS 135.9}

There are stormy times before us, but let

us not utter one word of unbelief or discouragement. Let us remember that we bear a message of healing to a world filled with sin-sick souls. {ChS 136.1}

This work, properly conducted, will save many a poor sinner who has been neglected by the churches. Many not of our faith are longing for the very help that Christians are in duty bound to give. If God's people would show a genuine interest in their neighbors, many would be reached by the special truths for this time. Nothing will or ever can give character to the work like helping the people just where they are. Thousands might today be rejoicing in the message, if those who claim to love God and keep His commandments would work as Christ worked. When the medical missionary work thus wins men and women to a saving knowledge of Christ and His truth, money and earnest labor may safely be invested in it; for it is a work that will endure. {ChS 136.2}

Let our people show that they have a living interest in medical missionary work. Let them prepare themselves for usefulness by studying the books that have been written for our instruction in these lines. These books deserve much more attention and appreciation than they have received. Much that is for the benefit of all to understand has been written for the special purpose of instruction in the principles of health. Those who study and practice these principles will be greatly blessed, both physically and spiritually. An understanding of the philosophy of health will be a safeguard against many of the evils that are continually increasing. {ChS 136.3}

I have been instructed that the medical missionary work will discover, in the very depths of degradation, men who, though they have given themselves up to intemperate, dissolute habits, will respond to the right kind of labor. But they need to be recognized and encouraged. Firm, patient, earnest effort will be required in order to lift them up. They cannot restore themselves. They may hear Christ's call, but their ears are too dull to take in its meaning; their eyes are too blind to see anything good in store for them. They are dead in trespasses and sins. Yet even these are not to be excluded from the gospel feast. They are to receive the invitation, "Come." Though they may feel unworthy, the Lord says, "Compel them to come in." Listen to no excuse. By love and kindness lay right hold of them, {ChS 136.4}

Those who take up this line of work [circulating publications] are to go prepared to do medical missionary work. The sick and suffering are to be helped. Many for whom

this work of mercy is done will hear and accept the words of life. {ChS 137.1}

Who is preparing to take hold understandingly of medical missionary work?... Every worker should be understandingly efficient. Then in a high, broad sense he can present the truth as it is in Jesus {ChS 137.2}

Let the Lord's work go forward. Let the medical missionary and the educational work go forward. I am sure that this is our great lack,—earnest, devoted, intelligent, capable workers. {ChS 137.3}

Let them take the living principle of health reform into the communities that to a large degree are ignorant of these principles. {ChS 137.4}

I am instructed to say to health reform educators, Go forward. The world needs every jot of the influence you can exert to press back the tide of moral woe. Let those who teach the third angel's message stand true to their colors. {ChS 137.5}

The Medical Extension Plan

The Lord will give to our sanitariums whose work is already established an opportunity to co-operate with Him in assisting newly established plants. Every new institution is to be regarded as a sister helper in the great work of proclaiming the third angel's message. God has given our sanitariums an opportunity to set in operation a work that will be as a stone instinct with life, growing as it is rolled by an invisible hand. Let this mystic stone be set in motion. {ChS 137.6}

Institutional Work

Health restaurants and treatment-rooms should be established. Our efforts in these lines should include the great seaside resorts. As the voice of John the Baptist was heard in the wilderness, "Prepare ye the way of the Lord," so must the voice of the Lord's messengers be heard in the great tourist and seaside resorts. {ChS 138.1}

I have been given light that in many cities it is advisable for a restaurant to be connected with treatment-rooms. The two can co-operate in upholding right principles. In connection with these it is sometimes advisable to have rooms that will serve as lodgings for the sick. These establishments will serve as feeders to the sanitariums located in the country. {ChS 138.2}

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