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Striving to be among the remnant of her seed

The Temptation Of Christ—Part 7

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The conflict of Christ with Satan in the wilderness will be regarded with sacred interest by every true follower of Christ. We should have feelings of the deepest gratitude to our Redeemer for teaching us by his own example how to resist and overcome Satan. Jesus did not visit scenes of gaiety and feasting to attain the victory so essential to our salvation; but he went into a desolate wilderness. Many do not even contemplate this scene of Christ in conflict with the fallen chief. They do not enter into sympathy with their Redeemer. Some even doubt whether Christ really felt the pangs of hunger in his abstinence from food during the period of forty days and forty nights.

He who suffered death for us on Calvary's cross, just as surely suffered the keenest pangs of hunger as that he died for us. And no sooner did this suffering commence than Satan was at hand with his temptations. We have a foe no less vigilant to contend with. Satan adapts his temptations to our circumstances. In every temptation he will present some bribe, some apparent good to be gained. But in the name of Christ we may have complete victory in resisting his devices.

It is more than eighteen hundred years since Christ walked upon the earth as a man among men. He found suffering and wretchedness abounding everywhere. What humiliation on the part of Christ! For, though he was in the form of God, he took upon himself the form of a servant. He was rich in Heaven, crowned with glory and honor, and for our sakes he became poor. What an act of condescension on the part of the Lord of life and glory, that he might lift up fallen man.

Jesus did not come to men with commands and threatenings, but with love that is without a parallel. Love begets love; and thus the love of Christ displayed upon the cross woos and wins the sinner, and binds him, repenting, to the cross, believing and adoring the matchless depths of a Saviour's love. Christ came to the world to perfect a righteous character for many, and to elevate the fallen race. But only a few of the millions in our world will accept the righteousness and excellency of his character, and fulfill the requirements given to secure their happiness.

His lessons of instruction and his holy life, if followed, would stay the tide of physical and moral wretchedness that has so defiled the moral image of God in man that he bears scarcely a resemblance to the noble Adam as he stood in Eden in his holy innocence. Every prohibition of God is for the health and eternal well-being of man. In obedience to all the requirements of

God, there will be peace and happiness unaccompanied with shame or reproaches of conscience.

But very few of the Christian world are following their Master in a course of humble obedience, progressing in holiness and perfection of Christian character. Intemperance and licentiousness are greatly increasing, and are practiced to a large extent under the cloak of Christianity. This deplorable state of things is not because men are obedient to God's law, but because their hearts rise in rebellion to his holy precepts.

Repentance toward God, because his law has been transgressed, and faith in Jesus Christ, are the only means whereby we may be elevated to purity of life and reconciliation with God. Were all the sins, which have brought the wrath of God upon cities and nations, fully understood, their woes and calamities would be found to be the results of uncontrolled appetites and passions.

More Than One Fall.

If the race had ceased to fall when Adam was driven from Eden, we should now be in a far more elevated condition physically, mentally, and morally. But while men deplore the fall of Adam, which has resulted in such unutterable woe, they disobey the express injunctions of God, as did Adam, although they have his example to warn them from doing as he did in violating the law of Jehovah. Would that man had stopped falling with Adam. But there has been a succession of falls. Men will not take warning from Adam's experience. They will indulge appetite and passion in direct violation of the law of God, and at the same time continue to mourn Adam's transgression, which brought sin into the world.

From Adam's day to ours there has been a succession of falls, each greater than the last, in every species of crime. God did not create a race of beings so devoid of health, beauty, and moral power as now exists in the world. Disease of every kind has been fearfully increasing upon the race. This has not been by God's especial providence, but directly contrary to his will. It has come by man's disregard of the very means which God has ordained to shield him from the terrible evils existing. Obedience to God's law in every respect would save men from intemperance, licentiousness, and disease of every type. No one can violate natural law without suffering the penalty.

What man would, for any sum of money, deliberately sell his mental capabilities? Should one offer him money if he would part with his intellect, he would turn with disgust from the insane suggestion. Yet thousands are parting with health of body, vigor of intellect, and elevation of soul, for

the sake of gratifying appetite. Instead of gain, they experience only loss. This they do not realize because of their benumbed sensibilities. They have bartered away their God-given faculties. And for what? Answer. Groveling sensualities and degrading vices. The gratification of taste is indulged at the cost of health and intellect.

Christ commenced the work of redemption just where the ruin began. He made provision to re-instate man in his God-like purity if he accepted the help brought him. Through faith in his all-powerful name--the only name given under Heaven whereby we may be saved--man could overcome appetite and passion, and through his obedience to the law of God, health would take the place of infirmities and corrupting diseases. Those who overcome will follow the example of Christ by bringing bodily appetites and passion under the control of enlightened conscience and reason.

If ministers who preach the gospel would do their duty, and would also be ensamples to the flock of God, their voices would be lifted up like a trumpet to show the people their transgressions and the house of Israel their sins. Ministers who exhort sinners to be converted should distinctly define what sin is and what conversion from sin is. Sin is the transgression of the law. The convicted sinner must exercise repentance toward God for the transgression of his law, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ.

The apostle gives us the true definition of sin. "Sin is the transgression of the law."¹ The largest class of Christ's professed ambassadors are blind guides. They

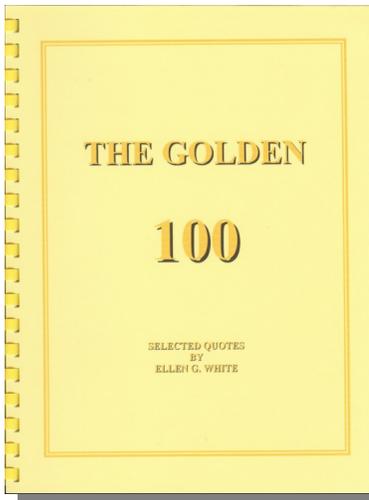
1. 1John 3:4

lead the people away from the path of safety by representing the requirements and prohibitions of the ancient law of Jehovah as arbitrary and severe. They give the sinner license to overstep the limits of God's law. In this they are like the great adversary of souls, opening before them a life of freedom in violation of God's commandments. With this lawless freedom the basis of moral responsibility is gone.

Those who follow these blind leaders close the avenues of their souls to the reception of truth. They will not allow the truth with its practical bearings to affect their hearts. The largest number brace their souls with prejudice against new truths, and also against the clearest light which shows the correct application of an old truth, the law of God, which is as old as the world. The intemperate and licentious delight in the oft repeated assertion that the law of the ten commandments is not binding in this dispensation. Avarice, thefts, perjuries, and crimes of every description, are carried on under the cloak of Christianity.

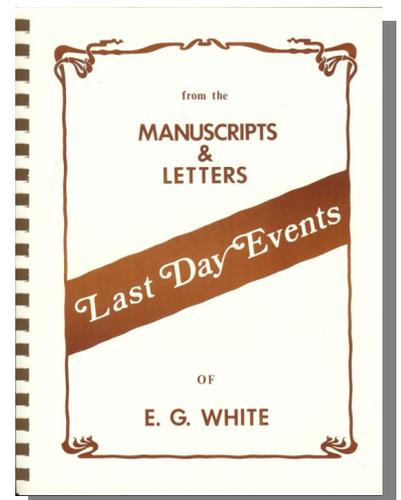
— to be continued
— Ellen G White

**“For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as [we are, yet] without sin.”
Hebrews 4:15**



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Editorial—What Are You Thinking?

Thinking back to when you were young, do you remember saying something that maybe you shouldn't have and getting a "look" from one of your parents? That "look" was an important part of our parents' efforts to help us learn and to grow into Christian adults. James 5:12 states: "But above all things, my brethren, swear not, neither by heaven, neither by the earth, neither by any other oath: but let your yea be yea; and [your] nay, nay; lest ye fall into condemnation."

Too often we are tempted to think and to say evil things, particularly when faced by trials and hardships and opposition from other people. Do we give voice to those evil thoughts or do we remember our parents and the Bible's teaching and hold our tongue? Do we let anger and pride dictate our responses, or do we submit to Jesus and follow His example in remaining humble?

A quote from 21MR hits home on this subject:

"It is your duty to war against oppressive thoughts and melancholy feelings, just as much as it is your duty to pray. It is your duty to counterwork the agencies of the enemy, to place a firm hold upon the bridle of your tongue as well as your thoughts. Of all the times in your life when you need a supply of grace, it is when the sensitive, inflamed digestive organs are at work and you are worried and tired out. You may look surprised at this, but it is a species of swearing to be constantly irritated and irritating others by your fault-finding and gloomy reflections. These fits of indigestion are trying, but hold fast to the bridle, that you shall not swear to those who are your best friends or to those who are your enemies." { 21MR 24.3 }

The Bible tells us that not only our words and actions but also our thoughts are recorded in the books of heaven. This is important to always remember, as it places even more responsibility on each of us to beware of what we think and what we allow our thoughts to dwell on. Whenever we're tempted to rise up in anger or say evil words, just imagine our Heavenly father or Jesus giving us that "look." It will help us to reconsider and to school ourselves to be less like the world and a little more like Jesus every day.

May we each keep a pure mind and heart that the Holy Spirit may dwell in us and help us to more perfectly reflect the image of Christ in every thought and word and deed. For: "Great peace have they which love Thy law," Psalms 119:165 states: "and nothing shall offend them."

"Do not cultivate a pride for consistency in petty matters.

Such a course lends no strength to the cause of truth.

We are none of us required to make ourselves singular, or to be martyrs in a small way all through life, by contending for little things when there is really nothing to contend about.

Those who take this course pity themselves, thinking they have so much trouble on account of being conscientious, upright, and straight-forward in everything.

But instead of being influenced by conscientiousness, they are indulging a wicked, selfish pride of notions.

That life that is thought so straight-forward, is full of crookedness, and no one can live at peace with them, except by humoring their whims, and ever studying to avoid a collision.

If these persons could only know how much trouble and grief they bring upon themselves by imagining that they are having a hard time and are great sufferers, - 462 - they would change the current of their thoughts.

We need not keep our own record of trials and difficulties, griefs and sorrows. All these things are written in the books, and Heaven will take care of them.

While we are carefully counting up these disagreeable things, many things that are pleasant to reflect upon are passing from the memory; such as the merciful kindness of God surrounding us every moment, and the love over which angels marvel, that God gave his Son to die for us."

Gospel Workers 92 461.2-3

Children's Story—*Maggie Darnley's Experiments*

"There!" said little Margaret Darnley, in despair, as she stood, broom in hand, at the north door. The dust, and bits of paper, and string, and clippings of cloth, which she had been collecting from all over the room with her broom, kept drifting back persistently when she tried to sweep them out at the door; and worse than all were the feathers from the pillow of Myra's doll, which were scattered in every direction. Myra did sew dreadfully, and a pillow was the last thing she ever ought to have made. And everybody knows what hard things to sweep up feathers are. Margaret leaned against the wall, tired out.

"Why don't you try the other door, Maggie?" asked her brother Jack, who sat by the window.

"That is just the queer part of it," said Margaret.

"I tried the other door first, and it is just as bad there. The wind can't blow in exactly opposite directions at once, can it?"

"May be it shifted while you were sweeping the dirt across the room," said Jack.

"Well, that would be funny," said Margaret; "but I'll try it again. It will be a sort of a nixperiment, I guess."

"A sort of what?" asked Jack.

"A nixperiment," said Margaret. "I listened to your philosophy teacher the other day, and Mr. Baird said that everything in science had to be something by nixperiments."

"Verified by experiments," said Jack, laughing.

"Yes, that's so, and now we'll see if there's any philosophy about this dirt."

So Margaret swept the dirt carefully across the room again, while Jack looked on.

"There!" exclaimed Margaret, "look at that." Jack did look, and had to confess that it was too much for his philosophy. "Stop" said he, "I'll see which way the wind is really blowing." Margaret shut the door, and sat down to wait. The poor little arms were quite tired by this time; for Margaret was only ten years old, and was but just learning to sweep.

"It's the stillest day we've had this season," cried Jack, bursting in. "The weather-cock turns tail to the south, so whatever wind there is comes from the north. Let's try the south door again."

To the surprise of both Jack and Margaret, the dirt, which had been so perverse and contrary, went out this time without making much trouble.

"That's it the wind shifted, don't you see, Maggie?" said Jack, with a wise look. "That's the way with science. Science believes nothing till it has thoroughly proved it. That's what experiments are for, and that's the beauty of science."

"Open the draft, Jack, and put in some more wood. What makes this room so cold?" called their father from a small adjoining room, which he used as a study. "What's that you were saying about science?" he added, with a quizzical look on his face.

Jack, with a very grave and scientific look, explained their experiment in natural philosophy.

"Ah!" said his father, "the wind shifted, did it? How many times?"

"Why, four times, father," said Margaret.

"Just as quick as lightning almost," she added, seeing her father raise his eyebrows. "I swept the dust from one door to the other just as quick as I could; but by the time I got there, the wind got there too, and blew the dirt back every time."

"Suppose we try the experiment again," said Mr. Darnley.

"Oh, I've swept all the dirt out now," said Margaret, "for after we had tried and tried, it finally went out quietly."

"Well, here are a few feathers which gave you the slip, little Pearlie," said her father. "We can try the experiment with them. Put in some more wood, and make the room pretty hot."

"What for, father?" asked Jack, who was not very fond of carrying wood.

"It is necessary to our experiment," said his father.

Jack put in the wood. This was mysterious and interesting.

"Now, Maggie" said her father, when the room was uncomfortably warm, "get your broom and sweep out these feathers."

"Which door, father?" asked Margaret.

"It makes no difference," said her father, "either door will do."

"Better let me look at the weather-vane again," said Jack.

"It is not necessary," said his father, smiling. Margaret tried again, but the feathers all blew back, some entirely across the room.

"There they are, Maggie, close to the south door," said Mr. Darnley. "I'll shut this door, and you may sweep them out at that one."

But Margaret had no better success than before.

"Isn't it curious!" said Jack. "There must be witches standing in the door, blowing the feathers back."

"That is what ignorant and superstitious people would have said years ago, Jack," said his father, "but science shall teach us better than that."

"Now," continued Mr. Darnley, "let us make two piles of the feathers one near the south and the other near the north door. Jack, get another broom for this pile, now, both sweep in opposite directions at the same time. That will show us whether it is caused by the shifting of the wind."

Jack and Maggie tried faithfully, but the feathers went every way but out of the doors, some of them even rising toward the ceiling.

"It's the cold day," said Jack; "they don't like to go out."

"Father, what is the reason, please?" asked Margaret, earnestly.

"Hot air always rises," replied Mr. Darnley.

"Why?" asked Margaret.

"Because," answered her father, "hot air is lighter than cold. When it rises, of course cold air rushes in to fill its place. When you open the door, currents of cold air rush in at the bottom, while the hot air is escaping at the top. Open the door, Jack, and try to drive out a feather above your head, while Maggie tries one at the floor."

The children did so, and found that, while the feather at the bottom blew in, the one at the top floated out.

"But, father," said Maggie, "we did sweep the dirt out at last. Why was that?"

"Because you had let the room grow cold while you were trying your experiments," said her father, "and as the temperature became more like that outside, the currents were less strong. That is the way your wind shifted."

Jack looked foolish.

"Science is a fine thing, my son," continued his father, "and great beauty and interest, as well as importance, attach to its discoveries. But the life and soul of science lie in its exactness and thoroughness. A scientific experiment, to be worth anything, must be thorough. You tried an experiment half-way, and then jumped to a conclusion."

"Mother," said Margaret, "how do you sweep the dirt out?"

"I take it up on the dust-pan, Maggie, dear," said her mother, smiling.

Jack and Maggie had both learned something that morning.

--*The Youth's Instructor August 15, 1883*

Health Nugget—What Are Cucumbers Good For?

Botanical name: *Cucumis sativus*

The fourth most widely cultivated “vegetable” in the world, the cucumber, related to both the melon and squash families, is technically a fruit. With its mild, refreshing flavor that mixes so well with other garden offerings, cucumbers are actually 90% water, but still manage to provide many valuable health benefits

Like so many other plant-based foods, cucumbers originated in the Mediterranean, and were brought to the Americas by European explorers in the 1500s. There are dozens of varieties thriving in both cool and warm climates. While commercial cucumber growing operations in California and Florida keep most of the country in this refreshing green fruit between March and November, Mexico is the largest U.S. provider through the deepest winter months. China, however, is by far the most prolific supplier, exporting around two-thirds of the total cucumber production worldwide

Growing on a long, trailing vine, cucumbers come in two main categories: slicing cucumbers, which are generally larger and thick-skinned; and pickling cucumbers, which are smaller and thinner-

skinned. Pickling usually involves slicing and soaking in brine (highly salted water) and vinegar to preserve and ferment the fruit.

An alternative is the longer, thinner English or gourmet cucumber, also known as “burpless,” with seeds so small they’re basically inconsequential.

Seedless cucumber varieties are attained through a natural parthenogenesis process, which allows them to produce without pollenization. While seedless cucumbers are popular in the marketplace, the seeds do contain a number of valuable nutrients that are sometimes absent in the rest of the fruit.

In the kitchen, you have several options for fresh cucumber preparation. They’re delicious sliced and eaten with salt. Combined with chopped sweet onions in apple cider vinegar, salt and pepper, they provide a savory, summery side dish.

Health Benefits of Cucumbers

Grown wild throughout India, cucumbers are used as a traditional medicine to treat headaches. The seeds have found a niche as a diuretic, and the juice is used as an acne cream and a soothing remedy to tired, puffy eyes. These early uses led scientists to investigate cucumber fruit, seeds, and extracts as an effective treatment in other

areas of medicine.

Cucumbers are also known to be an excellent source of vitamins, including anti-inflammatory vitamin K, infection-fighting vitamin C, and energy-producing pantothenic acid (vitamin B5). Body-beneficial minerals include bone-building manganese, as well as potassium and magnesium, both good for your heart.

Lignans, unique polyphenols in crucifers and alliums such as cabbage and onions, are known for containing health benefits, such as lowering the risk of heart disease. But recent studies now show that cucumbers also contain powerful lignans that bind with estrogen-related bacteria in the digestive tract, contributing to a reduced risk of several cancers, including breast, uterus, ovarian, and prostate cancers. Other phytonutrients in cucumbers called cucurbitacins - part of a larger group known as triterpenes - are known to strongly inhibit cancer cell development.

Cucumbers are one of Dr. Mercola’s most highly recommended vegetables.

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Recipe---Tamale Pie

1 cup Milk

1 tsp. Salt

Heat just up to boiling

¾ cup Corn Chips-crushed

Combine with hot milk and stir until smooth.

12 ripe Olives, sliced

1 Egg, slightly beaten

1 ½ cup Corn Niblets

Add and mix thoroughly.

1 chopped Onion

½ cup chopped Green Pepper

2 Tbsp. Oil

Saute onion and pepper in oil.

2 cups Stewed Tomatoes (1 can)-cut into small pieces

pinch of Garlic Salt

Add to onions and peppers and bring to a boil. Combine with corn mixture and pour into a casserole dish. Bake at 350° for 30 minutes.

Serves 6

Additional notes: This is the recipe as originally published in 1974. You can use egg replacer or just put in extra crushed corn chips. One recipe will fit in a square dish or a 1 ½ quart dish. I bake it covered until it is almost done. Then uncover it 10-15 minutes. Extra crushed chips can be put on top also. Because I don’t measure the additional crushed corn chips I some times bake it extra long and keep it covered until about 10-15 minutes before taking it out of the oven.

Also if you double the recipe when you come to the Stewed Tomatoes use 2 cans of tomatoes and make one of the cans Mexican stewed tomatoes for an added flavor. If you can stand the hotter spice of Mexican flavor you can use it to start with on the single recipe. If you have left overs when you reheat it just add a little water and keep it covered and it will keep it moist.

Cucumber Nutrition Facts

Serving Size: 3.5 ounces (100 grams), raw, with peel

	Amt. Per Serving	% Daily Value*
Calories	15	
Calories from Fat	1	
Total Fat	0 g	0%
Saturated Fat	0 g	0%
Trans Fat		
Cholesterol	0 mg	0%
Sodium	2 mg	0%
Total Carbohydrates	4 g	1%
Dietary Fiber	0 g	2%
Sugar	2 g	
Protein	1 g	
Vitamin A		2%
Vitamin C		5%
Calcium		2%
Iron		2%

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

Studies Done on Cucumbers

In one study, cucumber extracts were screened for signs of free radical scavenging and analgesic activities, following the lead of traditional folk uses. Not only were the extracts found to provide phytonutrients with

these activities, a number of other valuable compounds were found, including glycosides, steroids, flavonoids, carbohydrates, terpenoids, and tannins.¹

Cucurbitacins in plants have already been identified as having pharmacological and biological benefits, including anticancer activities. But another study related more recent discoveries showing that cucurbitacin also has a strong inhibiting effect on cancer signaling pathways, which cancer cells require to survive and proliferate. The conclusion discussed the likelihood that cucurbitacin could be used as a future anticancer drug in clinical settings.²

Cucumbers Fun Facts

For those who've noticed their cucumbers seem to deteriorate soon after refrigerating them, U.C. Davis has reported that cucumbers maintain freshness longer when stored at room temperature.

Cucumbers are also highly sensitive to ethylene, a natural plant hormone responsible for initiating the ripening process in several fruits and vegetables, so another recommendation is to store cucumbers away from bananas, melons, and tomatoes because of the natural ethylene they generate.

Summary

Cucumbers add a mild, pleasing, just-from-the-garden freshness appreciated throughout the world. That may be why they enjoy the number four spot in the ranks of garden produce. Cucumbers require a bit of garden space, since they grow on trailing vines. Pickling and slicing cucumbers are the two main varieties of this long, cylindrical, green fruit, with dozens of varieties for eating at the table or sending through a fermentation process to produce bottled offerings such as dill pickles, bread and butter pickles and sweet gherkins.

The health benefits of cucumber include vitamins C, A, K and B5, as well as manganese, potassium, and magnesium, endowing health benefits that fight inflammation and infection while helping to produce energy and support bone and heart strength.

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—Mercola.com

“Satan is gratified to have the attention of youth attracted by anything to divert their minds from God... They are not aware that the heavenly Artist is taking cognizance of every act, every word, ... and that even the thoughts and intents of the heart stand faithfully delineated.... Those vain, frivolous words are all written in the book. Those false words are written. Those deceptive acts, with the motives concealed from human eyes, but discerned by the all-seeing eye of Jehovah, are all written in living characters. Every selfish act is exposed. The young generally conduct themselves as though the precious hours of probation, while mercy lingers, were one grand holiday, and that they are placed in this world simply for their own amusement.”
Our High Calling p.283.3

The Government of God—Part 7

Democracy, Dictatorship, or Republic?

Part 7 – The Reason for Organization

The story is told of Joshua under the walls of Jericho meeting a man dressed in battle clothes with a drawn sword in his hand. Joshua accosted the stranger with the question, “Art thou for us, or for our adversaries?” Joshua 5:13. The man was Jesus of course, but notice that he did not answer Joshua’s question with a choice of sides. He said, “Nay; but as captain of the host of the LORD am I now come.” The message was that Jesus was the captain of the Lord’s host, He was not for either side, ultimately, He desired both sides to join His side. He would work for whoever joined His army.

It is the same today. Jesus has set up an order in Heaven and He desires us to join it. Anyone can join, no matter what side they started on, and all are welcome. Again, we read of the apostasy of the Golden Calf at Sinai. When Moses came down from the mount, he saw what the people were doing. “Then Moses stood in the gate of the camp, and said, Who is on the LORD’S side? let him come unto me.” Exodus 32:26.

The sons of Levi were the only ones who came forward to be on the Lord’s side. As a reward for their faithfulness, they were designated for the Sanctuary service, for the priesthood and the care of the tabernacle.

Today the same call is going forth. “Who is on the Lord’s side?” And the reward today is similar to that in Israel. Those who come out and stand on the Lord’s side will be part of the 144,000, the royal retinue of Christ, “kings and priests unto God and his Father.” They “follow the Lamb whither soever he goeth.” God wants to take the order of heaven and have it perfectly replicated in his church on earth. Then He can come and take us straight into the heavenly courts. “The 144,000 were all sealed and perfectly united. On their foreheads was written, ‘God, New Jerusalem,’ and a glorious star containing Jesus’ new name.” Life Sketches, page 65.

How is this group to become united and have the strength to resist the devil and stand at the end?

“I saw that this door at which the enemy comes in to perplex and trouble the flock can be shut. I inquired of the angel how it could be closed. He said, ‘The church must flee to

God’s Word and become established upon gospel order, which has been overlooked and neglected.’ This is indispensably necessary in order to bring the church into the unity of the faith. I saw that in the apostles’ day the church was in danger of being deceived and imposed upon by false teachers.” Early Writings, page 100.

“If Satan can work to turn the whole current of the waters of life into the most polluted channels, it is the very work he would rejoice to see the whole Seventh-day Adventist people engaged in. He desires us to use up in this way all the available means, so that there is nothing left to sustain foreign missions. But God wants His work to go in the very way He has ordained for it to go. He has not inaugurated a new plan or arrangement to save the world. . .” Manuscript Releases Vol. 3 page 403.

What is the purpose of this organization, and why do we need it? The purpose on earth is the exact same purpose as that in heaven. The redemption and salvation of the world.

“The salvation of the human race has ever been the object of the councils of heaven.” Signs of the Times, June 12, 1901.

“How strange it looked to me, as I saw that all Heaven was interested in our salvation, and then saw the little interest manifested by man for his fellow-men. They throw their arms about their treasure here as though it were their Saviour, and could impart unto them eternal life. I was ashamed, distressed, agonized, that such should ever bear the name of disciples, or profess the name of Christ. I saw that they should cheerfully say, ‘Here, Lord, is the little of earth’s treasures thou hast lent me; take any portion of it; take it all; it is thine. Let me do my part in saving my fellow-men, and let me be raised up with the redeemed to dwell with thee forever.’ Tremblingly will such disciples lean upon the strong promises of God. Earth fades before their vision; Heaven is magnified, and no sacrifice is too dear for them to make for the ‘far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory.’” Life Sketches, page 337.

“The church of Christ on earth was organized for missionary purposes, and the Lord desires to see the entire church devising ways and means whereby high and low, rich and poor, may hear the message of truth. Not all are called to personal labor in foreign fields, but all can do something by their

prayers and their gifts to aid the missionary work.” Testimonies Vol. 6 page 29.

What is the purpose of organization? Is it to keep our doctrines and beliefs pure? Is it to control the beliefs and actions of its members? No. It is for missionary purposes only.

“The church of Christ was organized for missionary purposes. Christian missionary work furnishes the church with a sure foundation, a foundation having this seal, ‘The Lord knoweth them that are His.’ [2 Timothy 2:19.] By it the members are inspired with zeal to deny self, to put forth self-sacrificing efforts to send the truth to the regions beyond. It has a salutary influence upon unbelievers; for as the workers labor under divine supervision, worldlings are led to see the greatness of the resources that God has provided for those who serve Him. We are laid under a most solemn obligation to furnish, in Christian missions, an illustration of the principles of the kingdom of God. The church is to work actively, as an organized body, to spread abroad the influence of the cross of Christ.” Gospel Workers page 646.

It is not a creed, not kingly authority, not restrictions of personal belief and action, that bring unity and harmony into the ranks of the church. It is a message and the giving of this message that brings unity and that is the basis for order. The church has a mission, a purpose to warn the world, as we go forward with this message and give it to the world, unity will follow and order becomes essential.

When you consider the physical world you find perfect order all the way down to the smallest atom, and God’s government is also organized down to the smallest individual. The church must have perfect order down to the smallest, one member church. Even this member can be organized, with a plan for his missionary activity.

“God is a God of order. Everything connected with heaven is in perfect order; subjection and thorough discipline mark the movements of the angelic host. Success can only attend order and harmonious action. God requires order and system in His work now no less than in the days of Israel. All who are working for Him are to labor intelligently, not in a careless, haphazard manner. He would have his work done with faith and exactness, that He may place the seal of His approval upon it.” Patriarchs and

Prophets, page 376.

Does this organization plan for each person what his duty and purpose is? No, this is not how the republic of heaven works. But each individual should have an interest in the organization and should ask God what he can do to help the work and how he can be a part of God's government. Each one is important.

Is there a place for rules of order in our meetings and rules for how decisions should be made? Yes, there clearly is, for this is part of system and discipline. This helps to ensure, especially in our sinful world, that everyone has a voice that gets heard. Does this mean that all the members should be independent atoms, acting independently of all others? Not at all, we are all to be in subjection to each other.

"Notwithstanding the fact that Paul was personally taught by God, he had no strained ideas of individual responsibility. While looking to God for direct guidance, he was ever ready to recognize the authority vested in the body of believers united in church fellowship. He felt the need of counsel, and when matters of importance arose, he was glad to lay these before the church and to unite with his brethren in seeking God for wisdom to make right decisions. Even 'the spirits of the prophets,' he declared, 'are subject to the prophets. For God is not the author of confusion, but of peace, as in all churches of the saints.' 1 Corinthians 14:32, 33. With Peter, he taught that all united in church capacity should be 'subject one to another.' 1 Peter 5:5." Acts of the Apostles page 200.

"I saw that the shepherds should consult those in whom they have reason to have confidence, those who have been in all the messages, and are firm in all the present truth, before they advocate new points of importance, which they may think the Bible sustains. Then the shepherds will be perfectly united and the union of the shepherds will be felt by the church. Such a course I saw would prevent unhappy divisions, and then there would be no danger of the precious flock being divided and the sheep scattered without a shepherd." Early Writings, page 61.

"Christian sociability is altogether too little cultivated by God's people... Students should be taught that they are not independent atoms, but that each one is a thread which is to unite with other threads in composing a fabric... Those who shut themselves up within themselves, who are unwilling to be drawn upon to bless others by friendly associations, lose many blessings; for by mutual contact minds receive polish and refinement; by social intercourse, acquaintances are formed and friendships contracted which result in a unity of heart and an atmosphere of love which is pleasing

in the sight of heaven." Testimonies Vol. 6, page 172.

"In spite of all the good qualities a man may have, he cannot be a good soldier if he acts independently of those connected with him. Occasional and uncertain movements, however earnest and energetic, will in the end bring defeat. Take a strong team of horses. If, instead of both pulling together, one should suddenly jerk forward and the other pull back, they would not move the load, notwithstanding their great strength. So the soldiers of Christ must work in concert, else there will be a mere concourse of independent atoms. Strength, instead of being carefully treasured to meet one great end, will be wasted in disconcerted, meaningless efforts. In union is strength. A few men and women who unite together, having the glory of God in view, will be growing in strength and wisdom, and gaining new victories. There is much hard work to be done for the Master, and much wisdom must be brought into the work. It is the unconquerable perseverance, the never-failing endurance, which will bring the victory. Many have a theory of truth, but know scarcely anything of the sweet victories through that faith which overcometh the world. An experience must be gained by each one for himself, or we shall never sit down with the suffering Man of Calvary. It will cost us all we have, but as a reward we shall inherit all things." Signs of the Times, September 7, 1891.

"I know that the Lord loves His church. It is not to be disorganized, or broken up into independent atoms. There is not the least consistency in this. There is not the least evidence that such a thing will be. Those who shall heed this false message, and try to leaven others will be deceived, and prepared to receive advance delusions, and they will come to naught." Manuscript Releases, Vol 1, page 303.

But while each individual is to subject his ideas to the church body, this body must not exercise a kingly and arbitrary authority over the individual. Notice that the body was to all come together and seek God's counsel in the matter unitedly. Too many times this is not done, and when it is not done, the church ceases to have any authority over God's heritage and the individual must be free to follow the leading of God. This is why Satan is always trying to lead the church to make arbitrary decisions without consulting God, who would lead and guide if we would let Him.

This is clearly seen in the story of Joshua. At first he prayed for guidance and was given the chance to consult with the "Captain of the host of the Lord." But after the great victory at Jericho, he felt sufficient to lead on his own. This led to a great defeat at Ai and to

being deceived by moldy bread and old sandals. It is always dangerous for any individual, any republican body of church leaders, to feel all sufficient in themselves and fail to honestly and earnestly seek the counsel of God.

We also see this in the story of Paul and the church in Jerusalem.

"Several years had passed since the brethren in Jerusalem, with representatives from other leading churches, gave careful consideration to the perplexing questions that had arisen over methods followed by those who were laboring for the Gentiles. As a result of this council, the brethren had united in making definite recommendations to the churches concerning certain rites and customs, including circumcision. It was at this general council that the brethren had also united in commending to the Christian churches Barnabas and Paul as laborers worthy of the full confidence of every believer." Acts of the Apostles, page 400.

"Among those present at this meeting, were some who had severely criticized the methods of labor followed by the apostles upon whom rested the chief burden of carrying the gospel to the Gentile world. But during the council their views of God's purpose had broadened, and they had united with their brethren in making wise decisions which made possible the unification of the entire body of believers." Acts of the Apostles, page 401.

"Afterward, when it became apparent that the converts among the Gentiles were increasing rapidly, there were a few of the leading brethren at Jerusalem who began to cherish anew their former prejudices against the methods of Paul and his associates. These prejudices strengthened with the passing of the years, until some of the leaders determined that the work of preaching the gospel must henceforth be conducted in accordance with their own ideas. If Paul would conform his methods to certain policies which they advocated they would acknowledge and sustain his work; otherwise they could no longer look upon it with favor or grant it their support." Acts of the Apostles, page 401.

"These men had lost sight of the fact that God is the teacher of His people; that every worker in His cause is to obtain an individual experience in following the divine Leader, not looking to man for direct guidance; that His workers are to be molded and fashioned, not after man's ideas, but after the similitude of the divine." Acts of the Apostles, page 401.

"In his ministry the apostle Paul had taught the people 'not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power.' The truths that he

proclaimed had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit, 'for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God. For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God... Which things,' declared Paul, 'we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual.' 1 Corinthians 2:4, 10-13." Acts of the Apostles, page 402.

"Throughout his ministry, Paul had looked to God for direct guidance. At the same time, he had been very careful to labor in harmony with the decisions of the general council at Jerusalem, and as a result the churches were 'established in the faith, and increased in number daily.' Acts 16:5. And now, notwithstanding the lack of sympathy shown him by some, he found comfort in the consciousness that he had done his duty in encouraging in his converts a spirit of loyalty, generosity, and brotherly love, as revealed on this occasion in the liberal contributions which he was enabled to place before the Jewish elders." Acts of the Apostles, page 402.

"After the presentation of the gifts, Paul 'declared particularly what things God had wrought among the Gentiles by his ministry.' This recital of facts brought to the hearts of all, even of those who had been doubting, the conviction that the blessing of heaven had accompanied his labors. 'When they heard it, they glorified the Lord.' They felt that the methods of labor pursued by the apostle bore the signet of Heaven. The liberal contributions lying before them added weight to the testimony of the apostle concerning the faithfulness of the new churches established among the Gentiles. The men who, while numbered among those who were in charge of the work at Jerusalem, had urged that arbitrary measures of control be adopted, saw Paul's ministry in a new light and were convinced that their own course had been wrong, that they had been held in bondage by Jewish customs and traditions, and that the work of the gospel had been greatly hindered by their failure to recognize that the wall of partition between Jew and Gentile had been broken down by the death of Christ." Acts of the Apostles, page 402.

"This was the golden opportunity for all the leading brethren to confess frankly that God had wrought through Paul, and that at times they had erred in permitting the reports of his enemies to arouse their jealousy and prejudice. But instead of uniting in an effort to do justice to the one who had been injured, they gave him counsel which showed that they still cherished a feeling that Paul should be held largely responsible for the existing

prejudice. They did not stand nobly in his defense, endeavoring to show the disaffected ones where they were wrong, but sought to effect a compromise by counseling him to pursue a course which in their opinion would remove all cause for misapprehension." Acts of the Apostles, page 403.

The result of following the erring counsel of these leading brethren was the arrest of Paul and his subsequent imprisonment and trial at Rome. This mistake of the leaders was overruled by God for the good of His cause but it was not in His original plan. Organization must not ever be used for the purpose of controlling the work and beliefs individuals.

"The lesson of the vine and its branches holds a deep meaning for the workers in the cause of God. Every worker is to draw his strength from the same Source, and while the individuality of each is to be maintained, unity and harmony is to be preserved. When this spirit of oneness pervades the work, our institutions throughout the world will be united in their interests, while the individuality of any one will not be merged into that of any other one... It is not the purpose of God to centralize in this way, bringing all the interests of one branch of the work under the management of a comparatively few men. In His great purpose of advancing the cause of truth in the earth, He designs that every part of His work shall blend with every other part. The workers are to draw together in the Spirit of Christ. In their diversity, they are to preserve unity. One institution is not to be brought under the control of another, but all are to exercise their powers harmoniously.—Letter 112, 1907, pp. 4, 5. (To the directors of the Nashville Sanitarium and the Southern Union Conference, March 10, 1907.)" Manuscript Releases, Vol. 5 page 362-363.

"Before my husband's death this matter in regard to the publishing house at Battle Creek and the publishing house at Oakland was presented to me under the figure of the vine, and since that time it has been presented to me under the same figure. The Lord has shown me that these two institutions are to be kept as separate as two branches which, though distinct, both center in the parent vine. They are not to be merged into one, but are to be kept distinct, yet each is to derive its nourishment from the same source... Under different figures this matter has been presented to me, and I know that it is not the Lord's will that these two publishing houses shall be united. I fear that those at Battle Creek have also made a mistake in taking over the schools and the Health Retreat at St. Helena. The publishing house at Battle Creek has been under the reproof of God for years, especially since the

time of the Minneapolis meeting, when some acted the part of Korah, Dathan, and Abiram. If its managers were not swelled with self-importance and self-sufficiency, they would not feel that they could carry every crippled institution." 1888 Materials page 1518.

What will be the result if we organize here on heaven's plan, creating a perfect reflection of God's government? If we are united and establish order that is a perfect reflection of heaven's government, then Jesus can come take us and our organization into His heavenly kingdom. Only then, will church and state be reunited into a single theocracy again. What a destiny is ours, if we will only take hold of it! What is that order? It is republican in form, governed by representatives and based solely and solidly on the constitution of heaven, the transcript of God's character, the ten commandments. It guarantees the freedom of all and a voice for all, with no kingly control, not even kingly control by the majority.

Order was necessary for Israel to be able to enter the promised land of Canaan. The same order is just as necessary for us to be able to enter the heavenly Canaan. "Here their worship had taken a more definite form, the laws had been given for the government of the nation, and a more efficient organization had been effected preparatory to their entrance into the land of Canaan. The government of Israel was characterized by the most thorough organization, wonderful alike for its completeness and its simplicity. The order so strikingly displayed in the perfection and arrangement of all God's created works was manifest in the Hebrew economy." Patriarchs and Prophets, page 374.

"God is a God of order. Everything connected with heaven is in perfect order; subjection and thorough discipline mark the movements of the angelic host. Success can only attend order and harmonious action. God requires order and system in His work now no less than in the days of Israel. All who are working for Him are to labor intelligently, not in a careless, haphazard manner. He would have his work done with faith and exactness, that He may place the seal of His approval upon it." Patriarchs and Prophets, page 376.

What is the purpose of this organization, if it is not to exercise control over actions and beliefs? It seems that no organization on this earth, patterned on the principles of freedom, has ever succeeded. Will an organization without kingly control ever succeed? We will consider these questions in part 8.

—Rick & Virginia Markwell

Letters—Columbia

---Note-Translated from Spanish

Good evening. We have expressed, in the past, to the brethren of the Remnant church, that this year has been a positive one, in our missionary work because God has allowed us to bring the light of His Holy Word to many souls. We have received the testimonies of many people who have thanked God for all the blessings that they have received through the program, and they recognize that the light imparted by means of the reading of 'The Great Controversy', has opened their eyes to perceive eternal realities in a clearer and more distinct manner from what until now, they had considered truth. My records show that we have sent out, by mail, 188 'Great Controversies' to the TV viewers, during this year. Besides this, we have given out hundreds of the book, 'The Acts of the Apostles' and 'Ministry of Healing, plus

thousands of tracts.

Undoubtedly, the program is the means of getting into many homes and to many souls, that otherwise would not be reached. The program is put out on the C Cali channel, and at the same time it is transmitted on two TV channels, Global TV channel 12 and Emcali 112, by private subscriptions, covering the north part of the State of Cauca, and the south and central part of the State of Cauca Valley.

For several months now, the program has been transmitted Live and Direct, on Facebook and on You Tube, that allows people outside of the area of coverage of the local TV channel (inside and outside of the country) to receive the program.

We recognize before God and our brethren that, only by His grace and by your generosity, has it been possible to come this far. We would like, if God permits it and by

your help, to continue the program through 2019. God has given us grace in the eyes of the owner of the channel and we have been able to get the same price of P4,000,000.00/ \$1,253.18 twice a year, for a total of P8,000,000.00/ \$ 2,506.36 for the whole year. It must be paid in two payments, one before January of 2019 and the other in June of 2019.

First, we appreciate the Good Will and the permanent support that you have always given, to the cause of God and also to my family and me.

God bless you and keep you in peace.

With Christian love,

J.L.G and family
(P-peso)

This Tidbit May Suit You To a "T"

The tongue's terrible tendency to tell tall tales totally tarnishes traditional trans-communication theories. The tempestuous tirades traceable to the tongue testify to the traumatic tactics of this tiny tab of tissue. Thousands that take the time to think, try to tame the tumultuous torrent of the too talkative tongue. Temporarily, the tide turns. Towering tempers turn to tenderness. Then, tragically, the trend tapers. The tongue trips, teeters, then takes a tumble; the temptation to trifling twaddle triumphs.

Take time to tabulate this timeless truth: to train the tongue takes the tremendous talent of trust. Theology teaches that trust thrives through toil. Therefore, throttle the testy tongue! Terminate the trivial topics that tinge the tenor of talk! Trim the trashy tasteless terms that transgress traditions of truth! Trounce the trite themes that toady to thoughtless tattling!

Theoretically, the tantalizing target of a true, tactful, temperate tongue torments and teases those that tackle the task. To tell the truth, thrilling triumph throngs the tracks of the tough, tenacious thwarter of tawdry talk!

~ Author Unknown ~

Christian Service—Chapter 9 Cont'd

This is the recipe that Christ has prescribed for the fainthearted, doubting, trembling soul. Let the sorrowful ones, who walk mournfully before the Lord, arise and help some one who needs help.--Testimonies, vol. 6, p. 266. {ChS 107.3}

Christians who are constantly growing in earnestness, in zeal, in fervor, in love,--such Christians never backslide. --Review and Herald, June 7, 1887. {ChS 107.4}

It is those who are not engaged in this unselfish labor who have a sickly experience, and become worn out with struggling, doubting, murmuring, sinning, and repenting, until they lose all sense as to what constitutes genuine religion. They feel that they cannot go back to the world, and so they hang on the skirts of Zion, having petty jealousies, envyings, disappointments, and remorse. They are full of fault finding, and feed upon the mistakes and errors of their brethren. They have only a hopeless, faithless, sunless experience in their religious life.--Review and Herald, Sept. 2, 1890. -108- {ChS 107.5}

Unwarranted Excuses

When Jesus went away, He left to every man his work, and "nothing to do" is an unwarrantable excuse. "Nothing to do" is the reason of trial among the brethren; for Satan will fill the minds of idlers with his own plans, and set them to work. . . . "Nothing to do" brings evil testimony against the brethren, and dissension into the church of Christ. Jesus says, "He that gathereth not with Me scattereth abroad."--Review and Herald, March 13, 1888. {ChS 108.1}

Brethren and sisters, many of you excuse yourselves from labor, on the plea of inability to work for others. But did God make you so incapable? Was not this inability produced by your own inactivity, and perpetuated by your own deliberate choice? Did not God give you at least one talent to improve, not for your own convenience and gratification, but for Him? Have you realized your obligation, as His hired servant, to bring a revenue to Him by the wise and skillful use of this intrusted capital? Have you not neglected opportunities to improve your powers to this end? It is too true that few have felt any real sense of their responsibility to God.--Testimonies, vol. 5, p. 457. {ChS 108.2}

Many have the idea that if their life is a working, business life, they can do nothing for the salvation of souls, nothing to advance

the cause of their Redeemer. They say they cannot do things by the halves, and therefore turn from religious duties and religious exercises, and bury themselves up in the world. They make their business primary, and forget God, and He is displeased with them. If any are engaged in business where they cannot advance in the divine life and perfect holiness in the fear of God, they should change to a business in which they can have Jesus with them every hour.--Testimonies, vol. 2, pp. 233, 234. {ChS 108.3}

Aim for a Heavy Crown

We must not become weary or fainthearted. It would be a terrible loss to barter away enduring glory for ease, convenience, and enjoyment, or for carnal indulgences. A gift from the hand of God awaits the overcomer. Not one of us deserves it; it is gratuitous on His part. Wonderful -109- and glorious will be this gift, but let us remember that "one star differeth from another star in glory." But as we are urged to strive for the mastery, let us aim, in the strength of Jesus, for the crown heavy with stars. "They that be wise shall shine as the firmament, and they that win many to righteousness as the stars forever and ever."--Review and Herald, Oct. 25, 1881. {ChS 108.4}

Service Has Been Paid For

The Lord at His coming will scrutinize every talent; He will demand interest on the capital He has intrusted. By His own humiliation and agony, by His life of toil and His death of shame, Christ has paid for the service of all who have taken His name and profess to be His servants. --Testimonies, vol. 9, p. 104. {ChS 109.1}

All are under deepest obligation to improve every capability for the work of winning souls to Him. "Ye are not your own," He says; "for ye are bought with a price;" therefore glorify God by a life of service that will win men and women from sin to righteousness. We are bought with the price of Christ's own life,--bought that we may return to God His own in faithful service.--Testimonies, vol. 9, p. 104. {ChS 109.2}

God has given me a message for His people. They must awake, spread their tents, and enlarge their borders. My brethren and sisters, you have been bought with a price,

and all that you have and are is to be used to the glory of God and for the good of your fellow men. Christ died on the cross to save the world from perishing in sin. He asks your co-operation in this work. You are to be His helping hand. With earnest, unwearying effort you are to seek to save the lost.

Remember that it was your sins that made the cross necessary.--Testimonies, vol. 7, p. 9. {ChS 109.3}

Christ's followers have been redeemed for service. Our Lord teaches that the true object of life is ministry. Christ Himself was a worker, and to all His followers He gives the law of service,--service to God and to their fellow men. . . .

The law of service becomes the connecting link which binds us to God and to our fellow men.--Christ's Object Lessons, p. 326. {ChS 109.4}

Go Forward Often the Christian life is beset with dangers, and duty seems hard to perform. The imagination pictures impending ruin before, and bondage and death behind. Yet the voice of God speaks clearly, Go forward. Let us obey the command, even though our sight cannot penetrate the darkness. The obstacles that hinder our progress will never disappear before a halting, doubting spirit. Those who defer obedience till every uncertainty disappears, and there remains no risk of failure or defeat, will never obey. Faith looks beyond the difficulties, and lays hold of the unseen, even Omnipotence, therefore it cannot be baffled. Faith is the clasping of the hand of Christ in every emergency.--Gospel Workers, p. 262. {ChS 110.1}

Our ideas are altogether too narrow. God calls for continual advancement in the work of diffusing light. We must study improved ways and means of reaching the people. We need to hear with ears of faith the mighty Captain of the Lord's host saying, "Go forward." We must act, and God will not fail us. He will do His part when we in faith do ours. Brethren and sisters who have been long in the truth, you have not done the work God calls upon you to do. Where is your love for souls?--Historical Sketches, pp. 289, 290. {ChS 110.2}

It was the joy of Christ to save souls. Let this be your work and your joy. Perform all duties and make all sacrifices for Christ's sake, and He will be your constant helper. Go straight forward where the voice of duty calls; let no seeming difficulties hinder you. Take up your God-given responsibilities, and as you bear your sometimes heavy burdens, do not ask, "Why idle stands my brother, no

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yoke upon him laid?" Do the duty nearest you, and do it thoroughly and well, not coveting praise, but working for the Master because you belong to Him.--Southern Watchman, April 2, 1903. {ChS 110.3}

The course of God's people should be upward and onward to victory. A greater than Joshua is leading on the armies of Israel. One is in our midst, even the Captain of our salvation, who has said for our encouragement, "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." -111- "Be of good cheer; I have overcome the world." He will lead us on to certain victory. What God promises, He is able at any time to perform. And the work He gives His people to do, He is able to accomplish by them.-- Testimonies, vol. 2, p. 122. {ChS 110.4}

Why do we not become enthused with the Spirit of Christ? Why are we so little moved by the pitiful cries of a suffering world? Do we consider our exalted privilege of adding a star to Christ's crown--a soul cut loose from the chains with which Satan has bound him, a soul saved in the kingdom of God? The church must realize its obligation to carry the gospel of present truth to every creature. I

entreat of you to read the third and fourth chapters of Zechariah. If these chapters are understood, if they are received, a work will be done for those who are hungering and thirsting for righteousness, a work that means to the church, "Go forward and upward."-- Testimonies, vol. 6, p. 296. {ChS 111.1}

The great majority of this earth's inhabitants have given their allegiance to the enemy. But we have not been deceived. Notwithstanding the apparent triumph of Satan, Christ is carrying forward His work in the heavenly sanctuary and on the earth. The Word of God portrays the wickedness and corruption that would exist in the last days. As we see the fulfillment of prophecy, our faith in the final triumph of Christ's kingdom should strengthen; and we should go forth with renewed courage to do our appointed work.-- Gospel Workers, pp. 26, 27. {ChS 111.2}

An Impressive Scene

In the visions of the night a very impressive scene passed before me. I saw an immense ball of fire fall among some beautiful mansions, causing their instant

destruction. I heard some one say, "We knew that the judgments of God were coming upon the earth, but we did not know that they would come so soon." Others, with agonized voices, said, "You knew! Why then did you not tell us? We did not know!" On every side I heard similar words of reproach spoken. {ChS 111.3}

In great distress I awoke. I went to sleep again, and I seemed to be in a large gathering. One of authority -112- was addressing the company, before whom was spread out a map of the world. He said that the map pictured God's vineyard, which must be cultivated. As light from heaven shone upon any one, that one was to reflect the light to others. Lights were to be kindled in many places, and from these lights still other lights were to be kindled. {ChS 111.4}

The words were repeated: "Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savor, wherewith shall it be salted? it is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men. Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hid. Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it

The Lord's Prayer

Did you ever think, short though it is, how much there is in it ?

Oh, it is beautiful!

**And like a diamond in the crown of a queen,
it unites a thousand sparkling gems in one.**

It teaches all of us, every one of us to look to God as our parent "Our Father."

**It teaches us to raise our thoughts and desires above the earth
" Who art in Heaven."**

It breathes the saint's reward " Thy kingdom come."

And a submissive and obedient spirit

" Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven."

And a dependent, trusting spirit " Give us this day our daily bread."

**And a forgiving spirit "Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those
who trespass against us." '**

And a cautious spirit "Deliver us from evil."

And last of all an adoring spirit

**"For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, forever. Amen."**

--Youth's Instructor May 1, 1871

giveth light unto all that are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.” Matthew 5:13-16. {ChS 112.1}

I saw jets of light shining from cities and

villages, and from the high places and the low places of the earth. God’s word was obeyed, and as a result there were memorials for Him in every city and village. His truth was proclaimed throughout the world.-- Testimonies, vol. 9, pp. 28, 29. {ChS 112.2}

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