

Order and Organization

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Our 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.

The Jewish Economy

During the days of Moses, 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. God was the center of authority and government, the sovereign of Israel. Moses stood as their visible leader, by God's appointment, to administer the laws in his name. From the elders of the tribes a council of seventy was afterward chosen to assist Moses in the general affairs of the nation. Next came the priests, who consulted the Lord in the sanctuary. Chiefs, or princes, ruled over the tribes. Under these were "captains over thousands, and captains over hundreds, and captains over fifties, and captains over tens,"¹ and, lastly, officers who might be employed for special duties.

Reorganization at the Beginning of Solomon's Reign

In planning for the administration of the affairs of the kingdom, after David abdicated in favor of Solomon, the aged king and his son and their counselors regarded it as essential that everything be done with regularity, propriety, fidelity, and dispatch. So far as possible, they followed the system of organization given Israel soon after the deliverance from Egypt. The Levites were assigned the work connected with the temple service, including the ministry of song and instrumental music, and the keeping of the treasures.

The men capable of bearing arms and of serving the king were divided into twelve courses of twenty-four thousand each. Over every course was a captain. "The general of the king's army was Joab."² "The courses . . . came in and went out month by month throughout all the months of the year."³ Thus every group of twenty-four thousand served the king one month during each year.

David appointed Jonathan, his uncle, as "a counselor, a wise man, and a scribe;"⁴ Ahithophel also was "the king's counselor." . . . And after Ahithophel was Johoiada . . . and Abiathar.⁵ Hushai was "the king's friend."⁶ By his prudent example, the aged king taught Solomon that "in the multitude of counselors there is safety."⁷

The thoroughness and completeness of the organiza-

tion perfected at the beginning of Solomon's reign; the comprehensiveness of the plans for bringing the largest number possible of all the people into active service; the wide distribution of responsibility, so that the service of God and of the king should not be unduly burdensome to any individual or class,—these are lessons which all may study with profit, and which the leaders of the Christian church should understand and follow.

This picture of a great and mighty nation living in simplicity and comfort in rural homes, every person rendering willing and unsalaried service to God and the king for a portion of each year, is one from which we may gather many helpful suggestions.

Order in the Christian Church

There was order in the church when Christ was upon the earth, and after his departure, order was strictly observed among his apostles. And now in these last days, while God is bringing his children into the unity of the faith, there is more real need of order than ever before; for, as the Lord unites his people, Satan and his evil angels are very busy to undo this unity and to destroy it.

It is Satan's studied effort to lead professed Christians just as far from heaven's arrangement as he can; therefore he sometimes deceives even the professed people of God, and makes them believe that order and discipline are enemies to spirituality; that the only safety for them is to let each pursue his own course. But if we see no necessity for harmonious action, and are disorderly, undisciplined, and disorganized in our course of action, angels, who are thoroughly organized and move in perfect order, can not work for us successfully. They turn away in grief; for they are not authorized to bless confusion, distraction, and disorganization.

All who desire the co-operation of the heavenly messengers, must work in unison with them. Those who have the unction from on high, will in all their efforts encourage order, discipline, and unity of action, and then the angels of God can co-operate with them. But never, never will these heavenly messengers place their endorsement upon irregularity, disorganization, and disorder. All such evils are the result of Satan's studied effort to weaken our forces, to destroy courage, and to prevent successful action. God desires that his work shall be done with system and exactness, in order that he may place upon it the seal of his approval.

It is nearly half a century since order and organiza-

1. Deut. 1:15

2. 1 Chron. 27:34

3. 1 Chron. 27:1

4. 1 Chron. 27:32

5. 1 Chron. 27:33

6. 1 Chron. 27:34

7. 1 Chron. 27:33

8. Pro. 11:14; 24:6

tion were established among us as a people. I was one of the number who had an experience in laboring for their establishment. I know of the difficulties that had to be met, the evils that organization was designed to correct, and I have watched its influence in connection with the growth of the cause. At an early stage in the work, God gave us special light upon this point; and this light, together with the lessons that experience has taught us, should be carefully considered.

The Result of Organized Effort

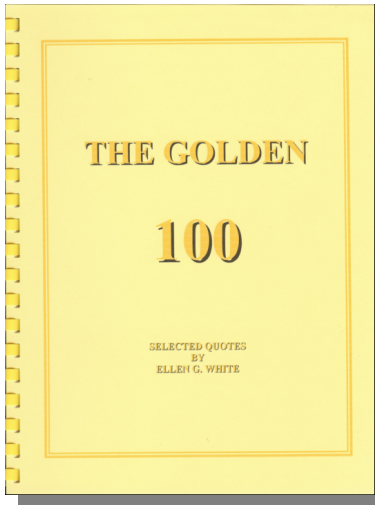
From the first our work was aggressive. Our numbers were few, and mostly from the poorer classes. Our views were almost unknown to the world. We had no houses of worship, but few publications, and very limited facilities for carrying forward our work. The sheep were scattered in the highways and byways, in cities, in towns, in forests. The commandments of God and the faith of Jesus was our message.

“Ye see your calling, brethren, how that not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called: but God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty; and base things of the world, and things which are despised, hath God chosen, yea, and things which are not, to bring to naught things that are: that no flesh shall glory in his presence. But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption: that, according as it is written, He that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord.”

9. 1 Cor. 1:26-31

Our numbers gradually increased. The seed that was sown was watered of God, and he gave the increase. At first we assembled for worship, and presented the truth to those who would come to hear, in private houses, in large kitchens, in barns, in groves, and in schoolhouses; but it was not long before we were able to build humble houses of worship. As our numbers increased, it was evident that without some form of organization, there would be great confusion, and the work could not be carried forward successfully. To provide for the support of the ministry, for carrying the work in new fields, for protecting both the churches and the ministry from unworthy members, for holding church property, for the publication of the truth through the press, and for many other objects, organization was indispensable.

Yet the feeling against organization was very strong among our people. The Adventists generally, who had withdrawn from the churches of the various denominations under the call of the second angel’s message to come out of Babylon, opposed organization, and many Seventh-day Adventists were fearful that church organization would bring us under condemnation. We sought the Lord with earnest prayer that we might understand his will, and light was given to us by his Spirit, that there must be order and thorough discipline in the church,—that organization was essential. System and order are manifest in all the works of God throughout the universe. Order is the law of heaven, and it should be the law among God’s people on the earth. (Continued on page 6)

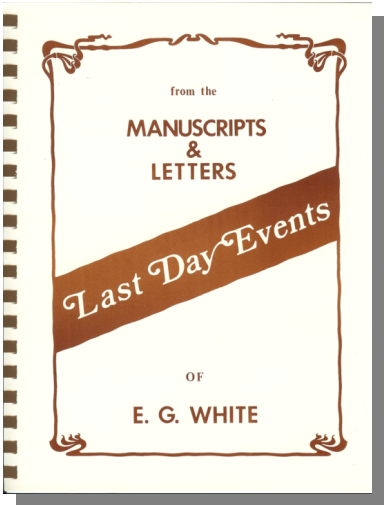


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ARE YOU COVERED?

(Concluded)

ALL MUST FIGHT AGAINST THESE DEADLY SEVEN

Before the children of Israel could inherit the promised land, they first had to fight against all the evil nations that were preventing them from living in that blessed paradise. But does anyone know how many of these wicked nations they had to defeat before they were able to obtain the promised land? There were exactly seven nations.

“When the LORD thy God shall bring thee into the land whither thou goest to possess it, and hath cast out many nations before thee, the Hittites, and the Girgashites, and the Amorites, and the Canaanites, and the Perizzites, and the Hivites, and the Jebusites, seven nations greater and mightier than thou; And when the LORD thy God shall deliver them before thee; thou shalt smite them, and utterly destroy them; thou shalt make no covenant with them, nor show mercy unto them...”

“And when he had destroyed seven nations in the land of Chanaan, he divided their land to them by lot.”

So these seven nations were greater and mightier than all of Israel. But what did God tell them to do? He told them that before they could have the promised land as their own, they had to fight against all seven of these wicked nations. In this fight God also told them that they could not show mercy to any of these nations, they were also not to make any agreements or truces with them, but they were to violently smite them until they had been utterly consumed and completely destroyed out of the land.

Now were the Israelites to be afraid and doubt that the Lord’s command to conquer all seven of these mighty and strong nations was something impossible for them to accomplish? No. Were they to fight against and conquer all of these nations by themselves? No. Were they to fight against all seven nations at the same time? No. Listen to what God told them:

“If thou shalt say in thine heart, These nations are more than I; how can I dispossess them? Thou shalt not be afraid of them: but shalt well remember what the LORD thy God did unto Pharaoh, and unto all Egypt...Thou shalt not be affrighted at them: for the LORD thy God is among you, a mighty God and terrible. And the LORD thy God will put out those nations before thee by little and little...”

So the people of God were not to allow the sight of these seven mighty nations to make them afraid and then doubt that they could indeed conquer and utterly consume each one. But they were to remember that God was in their midst. Nor were the people of God to fight against these seven strong nations all by themselves, but they were to remember that God was going to fight along with them. Nor were they to try

and conquer all seven wicked nations at the same time, but were to remember that God would help them to overcome and conquer each one little by little until finally all seven would be completely consumed. And once these seven obstacles had been removed, which were preventing them from obtaining their goal, then the children of Israel would obtain the promised land.

Now some of you might be asking yourself: “What does this history have to do with me in the process of sanctification and gaining eternal life?”

“These six things doth the LORD hate: yea, seven are an abomination unto him: A proud look, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood, An heart that deviseth wicked imaginations, feet that be swift in running to mischief, A false witness that speaketh lies, and he that soweth discord among brethren.”

How many sins and abominations were listed there that God hates? Exactly seven! So, then, do you suppose that you will be able to gain the promised land of heaven and live on the new earth if you do not overcome, conquer, and utterly consume each one of these seven sins from your life and character? Not at all! God hates each one of the sins, considers them to be an abomination, and nothing that is abominable will be allowed to enter heaven!

“He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son. But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.”

So just like there were seven mighty, strong and wicked nations that had to be fully conquered and utterly consumed before the Israelites could possess the promised land, so there are exactly seven wicked and abominable sins that must be fully conquered and consumed out of each one of us before we can gain the promised land! As this is true, then how are we to go about overcoming all seven of these mighty, strong and abominable sins?

“And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness; And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity. For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. But he that lacketh these things is blind, and cannot see afar off, and hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins. Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these

1. Deut. 7:1-2

4. Pro. 6:16-19

2. Acts 13:19

5. Rev. 21:7-8

3. Deut. 7:17-18, 21-22

things, ye shall never fall: For so an entrance shall be ministered unto you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Wherefore I will not be negligent to put you always in remembrance of these things, though ye know them, and be established in the present truth.”⁶

6. 2 Pet. 1:5-12

So exactly how many righteous characteristics were there that you were told to add on to your faith? Exactly seven! Now do you suppose that these characteristics have something to do with overcoming these wicked and mighty abominable sins, so that you can gain the promised land, and be allowed entrance into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ? Well, lets see.

If you became virtuous, then you would never lie. Thus you would have fully overcome a lying tongue—which was one of the seven abominable sins.

If you became knowledgeable in the ways of God, then you would never bear false witness. Thus you would have fully overcome that abominable sin as well.

If you became temperate in all things lawful, then you would never be sowing discord or strife among brethren.

If you became patient, then you would never have feet that were swift in running to mischief.

If you became godly, then you would never give a proud look to anyone.

If you exhibited brotherly kindness to others, then you would never have hands that shed innocent blood.

And finally, if you developed charity or agape love, then you would never allow your heart or mind to devise wicked imaginations towards or against others.

So you can clearly see that if you would only follow this guideline of adding to your faith “virtue; and to virtue knowledge; And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness; And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity”,⁷ then all seven of these wicked, strong and mighty abominable sins can indeed be fully conquered and utterly consumed away from you.

11. Psa. 130:3-4

Now in doing this, are you to allow your sight of these mighty sins to make you afraid and then doubt that you can indeed conquer and utterly consume all seven of them? No, because why? Because just like with the Israelites fighting against the wicked nations, God is in your midst. Now are you to fight against all of these strong sins by yourself? No, because just like with the seven strong nations, God will fight them right along with you. Now are you to try and conquer all seven of these mighty sins all at the same time? No, because just like with the mighty nations, God helps you to conquer each and every one, just one at a time, little by little, until finally all of these abominable sins have been fully and utterly consumed out of you. And just like with the seven mighty nations, once these seemingly undefeatable obstacles have been conquered, then you will obtain the promised land!

Remember: “Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world.”⁸

8. 1 John 4:4

Even though at times you must exert every ounce of will power in order to resist and violently fight back the urges and desires of your flesh, yet know that as you put forth the effort to do so, then God’s divine power will combine with your efforts, and thus the victory is assured.

“Do ye think that the scripture saith in vain, The spirit that dwelleth in us lusteth to envy? But he giveth more grace. Wherefore he saith, God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble. Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded.”⁹

9. Jam. 4:5-8

“And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffereth violence, and the violent take it by force.”¹⁰

10. Mat. 11:12

So how do you gain the victory over every sin and defect of character until you become the perfect man or perfect woman in Christ Jesus? By submitting your will unto God, then resisting these mighty and strong urges and desires of the flesh, exerting violent efforts with determined purpose, in order to gain the victory through faith combined with divine power, and thus you will obtain the kingdom of heaven. This is all accomplished by taking just one step at a time in faith, keeping your eyes fixed upon Jesus and not letting them drift onto your circumstances or onto yourself. And all this is only made possible by the infinite sacrifice of God your Father and your Saviour Jesus Christ in providing for you this glorious plan of salvation—which is Justification, then Sanctification, or Righteousness by faith and then Righteousness through faith.

“If thou, Lord, shouldest mark iniquities, O Lord, who shall stand? But there is forgiveness with thee, that thou mayest be feared.”¹¹

“Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.”¹²

“Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father in heaven is perfect.”¹³

13. Mat. 5:48

WILL YOU BE AT THE WEDDING?

So, now, how much does God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit want you to be saved? Well, throughout this study, what have we learned? All of your confessed and forsaken sins are forgiven for free. You are given the precious robe of Christ’s righteousness as a gift. You are freely accepted and embraced by God as being His real sons and daughters. You are provided without cost all the grace and strength in Christ necessary to successfully fight against all sin and evil. You are also freely given all the armor necessary to successfully fend off all the attacks of the enemy. God even prevents the Devil from overwhelming you with too many attacks all at once so you will not be overwhelmed and defeated. Christ even makes up for your deficiencies and defects of character with His righteousness as you do your best to deny your habits of sin and lusts of the flesh while obeying the will of God. Also God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit do not abandon you to fight this warfare alone, but They all work together in you providing you with Their divine power so that you will no longer sin, but will do the

7. 2 Pet. 1:5-7

12. 2 Cor. 7:1

will of God in all things. And God will hear and answer your prayers to Him before you have even finished saying them!

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

Yet if this glorious plan of salvation had not been devised by God and carried out by Jesus Christ, then all of us would not be able to stand and avoid being destroyed. But praise God that He developed this plan of our salvation! Praise Jesus that He perfectly carried it out in our behalf! And praise the Holy Spirit for making this plan effectual in the lives of those who desire to be saved from sin and destruction! Without Their tireless help, we would definitely have nothing to be happy about. But since we do have each one of Their help in our lives to overcome sin and be saved, we do indeed have much to be joyful about!

“I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my soul shall be joyful in my God; for he hath clothed me with the garments of salvation, he hath covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decketh himself with ornaments, and as a bride adorneth herself with her jewels. For as the earth bringeth forth her bud, and as the garden causeth the things that are sown in it to spring forth; so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to spring forth before all the nations.”¹⁴

“For Zion’s sake will I not hold my peace, and for Jerusalem’s sake I will not rest, until the righteousness thereof go forth as brightness, and the salvation thereof as a lamp that burneth. And the Gentiles shall see thy righteousness, and all kings thy glory: and thou shalt be called by a new name, which the mouth of the LORD shall name. Thou shalt also be a crown of glory in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of thy God. Thou shalt no more be termed Forsaken; neither shall thy land any more be termed Desolate: but thou shalt be called Hephzibah, and thy land Beulah: for the LORD delighteth in thee, and thy land shall be married. For as a young man marryeth a virgin, so shall thy sons marry thee: and as the bridegroom rejoiceth over the bride, so shall thy God rejoice over thee.”¹⁵

So in this sanctification process of your righteous growth and development in the Christian life, as you walk upward by and through faith on this straight and narrow pathway, not fulfilling the lusts of your flesh, but instead sacrificing your desires while taking each step, one after another, in using your will to obey the commands of God, you will indeed continue advancing until you resemble Christ perfectly in every area of your life and character.

This advancement in character will continue until you either die in the Lord, or finally reach the point to where Christ no longer has to make up any of your deficiencies or defects. And when 144,000 people come to this place of fully representing Christ perfectly in character in all areas, then Christ ceases His ministration in heaven, throws down the censor, and then declares that all who are righteous will remain

16. Rev. 22:11

17. Psa. 50:2-5

18. Mat. 25:10

14. Isa. 61:10-11

19. Heb. 6:1

20. Gal. 2:20

21. Psa. 119:112, 115

22. Hos. 10:12

23. Zech. 10:1

15. Isa. 62:1-5

24. Hab. 2:14

righteous, and all who are filthy will remain filthy—thus closing probation upon all the world.¹⁶ After performing His priestly work for nearly 2000 years now, Christ will finally be able to state: “My bride has made herself ready! I am coming to get her and take her home, for the marriage supper is already prepared, and all the guests have already been invited.”

“Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God hath shined. Our God shall come, and shall not keep silence: a fire shall devour before him, and it shall be very tempestuous round about him. He shall call to the heavens from above, and to the earth, that he may judge his people. Gather my saints together unto me; those that have made a covenant with me by sacrifice.”¹⁷

“...the bridegroom came; and they that were ready went in with him to the marriage: and the door was shut.”¹⁸

So, dear ones, I believe that now you can clearly see that the Godhead has provided everything necessary for you to be saved and They can do no more. Now it is up to you! Especially has Christ done everything He possibly can do to help make His bride ready so that He can come and take her home! I also believe that you can now clearly see the pathway that leads to heaven, you can also see the mighty sins and strong obstacles that are preventing you from obtaining that promised land, and now you understand exactly what you must do.

“Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection; not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works...”¹⁹

“I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh, I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.”²⁰

“I have inclined mine heart to perform thy statutes [laws] alway, even unto the end... for I will keep the commandments of my God.”²¹

“Sow to yourselves in righteousness, reap in mercy; break up your fallow ground: for it is time to seek the LORD, till he come and rain righteousness upon you.”²²

“Ask ye of the Lord rain in the time of the latter rain; so the Lord shall make bright clouds, and send them showers of rain, to every one grass in the field.”²³

“For the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea.”²⁴

This is my sincere prayer for you all, that in this current season of the latter rain: in this time of harvest, you will walk by faith and not by sight and take that step into the water in obeying the commandment and will of God. Then God can work in you to fulfill all that the glorious plan of salvation provides, dividing any obstacles in half, so that you may continue walking forward and growing more and more unto the perfect man or woman in Christ, thus gaining that promised land one advancing step at a time.

“Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city. For without are dogs, and sorcerers, and whoremongers, and murderers, and idolaters, and whosoever loveth and maketh

a lie.”²⁵

Since both the Father and Christ have revealed such immense love for you and me, in that while we were yet sinners who did not love either of Them and were even enemies to Them both, God still sent His Son to die for us: then the real question is: Will you, dear one, allow this infinite love to soften your heart? Will you come to your senses and stir yourself up to come back to God? Will you confess and repent of all of your sins and accept the free gift? Will you be one of those brands plucked out of the fire? Will you make the Father sing over you with joy because you have come back home to be lovingly embraced with His strong and protecting arms? Everything has already been prepared and provided so that you can be saved. It is now up to you! Will you now make the right-

25. Rev. 22:14-15

26. 2 Cor. 6:2

27. Rev. 3:20-21

28. Rev. 22:12, 17

eousness of Christ your own by and through faith?

“...behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.”²⁶

“Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me. To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne.”²⁷

“And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be... And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.”²⁸ ❖

by Bob Sessler

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We had a hard struggle in establishing organization. Notwithstanding that the Lord gave Testimony after Testimony upon this point, the opposition was strong, and it had to be met again and again. But we knew that the Lord God of Israel was leading us, and guiding us by his providence. We engaged in the work of organization, and marked prosperity attended this advance movement.

As the development of the work called us to engage in new enterprises, we were prepared to enter upon them. The Lord directed our minds to the importance of educational work. We saw the need of schools, that our children might receive instruction free from the errors of false philosophy, that their training might be in harmony with the principles of the Word of God. The need of a health institution had been urged upon us, both for the help and instruction of our own people and as a means of blessing and enlightenment to others. This enterprise also was carried forward. All this was missionary work of the highest order. Our work was not sustained by large gifts and legacies; for we have few wealthy men among us.

Our work has steadily advanced. What is the secret of our prosperity?—We have moved under the orders of the Captain of our salvation. God has blessed our united efforts. The truth has spread and flourished. Institutions have multiplied. The mustard seed has grown to a great tree. The system of organization has proved a grand success. Systematic benevolence was entered into according to the Bible plan. The body has been “compacted by that which every joint supplieth.”¹⁰ As we have advanced, our system of organization has still proved effectual.

In some parts of the work, it is true, the machinery has been made too complicated; especially has this been the case in former years in the tract and missionary work; the multiplication of rules and regulations made it needlessly burdensome. An effort has been made to simplify the work, so as to avoid all needless labor and perplexity.

The business of our conference session has sometimes been burdened with propositions and resolu-

tions that were not at all essential, and that would never have been presented if the sons and daughters of God had been walking carefully and prayerfully before him. The fewer rules and regulations that we can have, the better will be the effect in the end. When they are made, let them be carefully considered, and, if wise, let it be seen that they mean something, and are not to become a dead letter. Do not, however, encumber any branch of the work with unnecessary, burdensome restrictions and inventions of men. In this period of the world's history, with the vast work that is before us, we need to observe the greatest simplicity, and the work will be stronger for its simplicity.

Let none entertain the thought, however, that we can dispense with organization. It has cost us much study, and many prayers for wisdom that we know God has answered, to erect this structure. It has been built up by his direction, through much sacrifice and conflict. Let none of our brethren be so deceived as to attempt to tear it down, for you will thus bring in a condition of things that you do not dream of. In the name of the Lord, I declare to you that it is to stand, strengthened, established, and settled. At God's command, “Go forward,”¹¹ we advanced when the difficulties to be surmounted made the advance seem impossible. We know how much it has cost to work out God's plans in the past, which has made us as a people what we are. Then let every one be exceedingly careful not to unsettle minds in regard to those things that God has ordained for our prosperity and success in advancing his cause.

The work is soon to close. The members of the church militant who have proved faithful will become the church triumphant. In reviewing our past history, having traveled over every step of advance to our present standing, I can say, Praise God! As I see what God has wrought, I am filled with astonishment and with confidence in Christ as leader. We have nothing to fear for the future, except as we shall forget the way the Lord has led us, and his teaching in our past history.

by Sister E. G. White

11. Ex. 14:15,16

10. Eph. 4:16

A CALL TO UNITY !!!

We have learned many things about gospel order, unity, and organization in the past several issues of the Voice magazine. We have learned that all heaven has perfect order and organization and that there must be order and thorough discipline in the church. That organization is not an option, it is essential to our success in the giving of the final message to the world. That it is for want of this organization that has prevented the remnant people of God from being more successful, for confusion, distraction, irregularity, disorganization and disorder, these are part of Satan's studied efforts to weaken our forces, to destroy courage, and to prevent successful action. And that, as a result, the angels of God cannot work for us successfully, are not authorized to bless such, and will never place their endorsement upon work that is done in this way. For God cannot place upon such work His seal of approval, because He desires that the work be done with system and exactness. For system and order are manifest in all the works of God throughout the universe. Order is the law of heaven, and it should be the law among God's people on the earth. We have learned that God has not called any of His people away from the confusion of the churches, designing that they should be left without discipline, and that to suppose that the church of Christ is free from restraint and discipline, is the wildest fanaticism. We also learned that, organization is essential in order to provide for the support of the ministry, for carrying the work into new fields, for protecting both the churches and the ministry from unworthy members, for holding church property, for the publication of the truth through the press, and for many other objects, organization is indispensable.

We also learned that "The organization of the church at Jerusalem was to serve as a model for the organization of churches in every other place where messengers of truth should win converts to the gospel..." that "The order that was maintained in the early Christian church made it possible for them to move forward solidly as a well-disciplined army clad with the armor of God..." and that "The proclamation of the gospel was to be world-wide in its extent, and the messengers of the cross could not hope to fulfill their important mission un-

less they should remain united in the bonds of Christian unity, and thus reveal to the world that they were one with Christ in God." Acts of the Apostles, pp. 90, 91, 95.

Due to our invitation to organization in this issue of the Voice magazine, the E. G. White article on "Order and Organization," found in the Review & Herald, October 12, 1905, which was also published in our April-December 2010 issue of the Voice magazine, is being republished in this issue. This is because it contains vital information, which we all need to understand, in order to see the necessity of organization. But who can be a participant in this order and organization that is being established among the Seventh-day Remnant people of God? In order to understand this, we first need to understand the parallels of ancient Israel and Judah relating to the Seventh-day Adventist church and the SDA independent ministries.

After Israel had been removed out of the way and was scattered among the nations by the Assyrians, it wasn't long before her treacherous sister Judah followed in her footsteps (see Jeremiah Chapter 3). During this time of Judah's apostasy during the reign of king Zedekiah, king of Judah, because of their continued rejection of the truth and refusal to follow the counsel of the Lord's messengers, they were finally permitted to come under siege by the Babylonians under king Nebuchadnezzar. False prophets were raised up and worked to hold the people in apostasy and rebellion against God. They were taken captive for 70 years and at the end of those 70 long years, it was only those who had escaped of the house of Judah that were found to have returned to Jerusalem to fill their place in the old waste places and help with the rebuilding project then taking place, becoming repairers of the breach, restorers of paths to dwell in. The ones who had not escaped of the house of Judah were the very ones who remained in Babylon during the return of the exiles back to Jerusalem. They were not participants in the rebuilding of the wall and of the temple in Jerusalem and of the reorganization that took place. (See Prophets & Kings, pp. 381-464 and 551-669 for this history.)

Even so today has the Seventh-day Adventist church fallen away, and has, in a

spiritual sense, been scattered among the heathen by abandoning her foundational doctrines. During the latter part of the 19th century, because of its rejection of the truth and refusal to follow the counsel of the Lord's messenger, the church was allowed to come under captivity by Babylon (The stealthy but rapid progress of the Papal power—Jesuit Order, see GC p.606). Then her treacherous sister Judah (SDA Independent Ministries and so-called Historic SDAs) did worse than she (Israel or mainstream SDA) by raising up false prophets (Independent Ministers) who prophesied lies by telling the people to stay in apostasy. As a result Judah (the SDA Independent Ministries and so-called Historic SDAs) has also become a part of Babylon by remaining connected to the Babylonian church. But under the Loud Cry of the third angel's message there has been a remnant who have escaped of the house of Judah (SDA Independent Ministries and so-called Historic SDAs) and these will stand in their lot by repairing the old waste places and do their part in helping with the rebuilding project now taking place, becoming repairers of the breach, restorers of paths to dwell in. Even so, the ones who have not escaped of the house of Judah (SDA Independent Ministries and so-called Historic SDAs) will remain in Babylon and will not be participants in this rebuilding and reorganization process. [see Prophets & Kings, pp. 714-715]

So God's remnant people have come out from and have fully separated themselves from Babylon. Those who are still clinging to the SDA church or SDA independent ministries, believing that the church will eventually turn around and reform, cannot be a part of this organization. If such were to be allowed to be a part of this organization then we would be Ecumenical like the other apostate churches who are following the mother church (Rome). But as it was the experience of the Advent believers and their separation from the apostate protestant churches under the Midnight Cry of 1844 and the acceptance of the third angel's message that made them what they were (Seventh-day Adventists), even so is it the experience of the Seventh-day Remnant believers, with their separation from the apostate Seventh-day Adventist church under the Loud

Cry of the third angel's message, that has made them what they are—Seventh-day Remnant. Those who have not had this experience in coming out from the world and who have not separated from all the apostate religious bodies, including the SDA church, cannot be the remnant people of God, and thus are not part of this organization.

The rebuilding of the wall took order and organization in order to finish the great work that they needed to accomplish. If they hadn't established order and organization, their work would have proved a failure. Even so, have the repairers of the breach and restorers of paths to dwell in, come out of Babylon today under the loud cry of the third angel's message, and the same order and organization is required and needs to be fully established in order to finish the great work that is before us and which needs to be accomplished.

But its not just those who have escaped the SDA church and the SDA independent ministries that makes up the remnant of Israel, for: "The Lord God which gathereth the outcasts of Israel saith, Yet will I gather others to him, besides those that are gathered unto him."

"Seek ye out of the book of the law, and read.' In that day there shall be a root of Jesse, which shall stand for an ensign of the people; to it shall the Gentiles seek: and his rest shall be glorious. And it shall come to pass in that day, that the Lord shall set his hand again the second time to recover the remnant of his people, which shall be left, from Assyria, and from Egypt, and from Pathros, and from Cush, and from Elam, and from Shinar, and from Hamath, and from the islands of the sea. And he shall set up an ensign for the nations, and shall assemble the outcasts of Israel, and gather together the dispersed of Judah from the four corners of the earth.'

"These words outline our work. This scripture is to be received by our people as a message for today. The glad tidings of salvation are to be carried to those who have not heard them."

"And Moses came and called for the elders of the people, and laid before their faces all these words which the Lord commanded him. And all the people answered together, and said, All that the Lord hath spoken we will do."

"This is the pledge that God's people are to make in these last days. Their acceptance with God depends on a faithful fulfillment of the terms of their agreement with him. God includes in his covenant all who will obey him. To all who will do justice and judgment, keeping their hand

from doing any evil, the promise is, 'Even unto them will I give in mine house and within my walls a place and a name better than of sons and daughters: I will give them an everlasting name, that shall not be cut off.'" {RH, June 23, 1904 par. 7-11}

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

What did God purpose to do for the world through Israel, the chosen nation? "...It was God's purpose that by the revelation of His character through Israel men should be drawn unto Him. To all the world the gospel invitation was to be given. Through the teaching of the sacrificial service Christ was to be uplifted before the nations, and all who would look unto Him should live. All who, like Rahab the Canaanite, and Ruth the Moabitess, turned from idolatry to the worship of the true God, were to unite themselves with His chosen people. As the numbers of Israel increased they were to enlarge their borders, until their kingdom should embrace the world.

"God desired to bring all peoples under His merciful rule. He desired that the earth should be filled with joy and peace. He created man for happiness, and He longs to fill human hearts with the peace of heaven. He desires that the families below shall be a symbol of the great family above.

"But Israel did not fulfill God's purpose." [Christ's Object Lessons, p. 290] Neither did the Seventh-day Adventist church (modern Israel) fulfill God's purpose. It is now up to us, the remnant people of God, to carry the torch of truth to victory.

"Jesus and holy angels are bringing up and uniting God's people into one faith, that they may all have one mind and one judgment. And while they are being brought into the unity of the faith, to see eye to eye upon the solemn, important truths for this time, Satan is at work to oppose their advancement. Jesus is at work through His instruments to gather and unite. Satan works through his instruments to scatter and divide." 1T p. 332.

"Let all dissension and strife cease. Let love and unity prevail. Let all move under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. If God's people will give themselves wholly to Him, He will restore to them the power they have lost by division. May God help us all to realize that disunion is weakness and that union is strength." For "None should feel that it is of no special importance whether they are in union with their brethren or not; those who do not learn to live in harmony here will never be united in heaven." "The reason for all division, discord, and difference is found in separation from Christ." Therefore "Press together, press together! In union there is strength and victory; in discord and division there is weakness and defeat."—Letter 32, 1903. (see also 1SM p. 85, 259) *Historical Sketches*, p. 124; 5T p. 488.

"It is his [Satan's] studied effort to lead professed Christians just as far from heaven's arrangement as he can; therefore he deceives even the professed people of God and makes them believe that order and discipline are enemies to spirituality; that the only safety for them is to let each pursue his own course, and to remain especially distinct from bodies of Christians who are united and are laboring to establish discipline and harmony of action. All the efforts made to establish this are considered dangerous, a restriction of rightful liberty, and hence are feared as popery. These deceived souls consider it a virtue to boast of their freedom to think and act independently. They will not take any man's say so. They are amenable to no man. It was and now is Satan's special work to lead men to feel that it is God's order to strike out for themselves and choose their own order independent of their brethren."—Letter 32, 1892. (See also Ev. 318)

"He (Christ) has opened the way to the kingdom of heaven to those who believe in Him, but He assigns to no one a path different to that which all must travel. He calls for unity, and unity we must have." For "Man is to obey the word of God declared in the seventeenth chapter of John. He is to be one with his fellow-man and with Christ, and in Christ one with God. Then of him can be spoken the words, 'Ye are complete in him.'"—Manuscript 83, 1899, p. 1. ("That They All May Be One," May 17, 1899.) see also Manuscript Releases, vol. 17, p. 291.

In the book *Desire of Ages*, p. 633, it states "By giving the gospel to the world it is in our power to hasten our Lord's return. We are not only to look for but to hasten the coming of the day of God. 2 Peter 3:12, margin. Had the church of

Christ done her appointed work as the Lord ordained, the whole world would before this have been warned, and the Lord Jesus would have come to our earth in power and great glory.” “Today the church of God is free to carry forward to completion the divine plan for the salvation of a lost race.” *Prophets & Kings*, p. 714.

The time has come for the remnant church of Christ to arise and fulfill her high destiny for which she has been called in order to bring an end to the long-standing reign of evil in our world by hastening Christ’s 2nd Coming. By the grace of God, this really is within our power to accomplish, to bring about the day that patriarchs and prophets, apostles and reformers have longed to see, when the King of kings and Lord of lords shall descend from heaven with power and great glory, with the angels of God escorting Him on His way, while playing triumphal music and welcoming those who have gotten the victory over the beast and his image and over his mark, and the number of his name, into the joy of their Lord.

The forces of evil and darkness have almost completely consolidated and we do not have much time left before we are pushed out of a world where we are not welcome. They are extremely organized against God and His government and would take over the entire universe if it were within their power to do so. In order to wage war successfully against Satan and his angels, we too, as the remnant people of God, need to be organized, in order to have the greatest success in the battle against this confederacy of evil. The world needs to be warned of its impending doom that as many souls as possible may be delivered from the darkness and have a chance to gain eternal life.

Where are the Zerubbabels, the Ezras, the Nehemiahs, and the remnant who have escaped of Israel, and of the house of Judah, and from Egypt in our day? Let those who have escaped and returned from the Babylonian captivity (the fallen churches), and from Egypt (the world), now come forward and unite together under true gospel order, that the breach may

be fully repaired and that we may finish the building of the temple and the wall, so that Christ can come and take His people home. Come into line ye soldiers of the cross! It is time to fight with one hand and build with the other. The remnant church will not fail but will fully overcome and glorify its Redeemer. Let us come together and unite under true gospel order that we may raise up the foundations of many generations and finish repairing the breach that has been made in God’s holy Law. [see Isaiah 61:4; 58:12]

If this message has touched your heart and you have fully come out and escaped from Babylon, and you feel the Lord is leading you to unite with the Seventh-day Remnant people of God under true gospel order and organization, then please respond to the invitation that is in this magazine. We are looking forward to having you join with us in this final movement of God in the earth that the whole world may be lightened with His glory!

Editor

Children’s Story—*Do More for Mother* Exodus 20:12

“Is there any vacant place in this bank which I could fill?” Asked the boy with an eager look as he stood before the manager.

“There is none,” was the reply. “Were you told that you might obtain a situation here? Who recommended you?”

“No one recommended me, sir,” Answered the boy calmly. “I only thought I would see.”

There was a straightforwardness in the manner, an honest determination in the countenance of the lad, which pleased the man of business, and induced him to continue the conversation. He said, “You must have friends who could aid you in obtaining a job; have you told them?”

The quick flash of the deep blue eyes was quenched in the overtaking wave of sadness, as he said, though half musingly, “My mother said it would be useless to try without friends;” then, recollecting himself, he apologized for the interruption,

and was about to withdraw, when the gentleman detained him by asking him why he did not remain at school for a year or two, and then enter the business world.

“I have no time,” was the reply. “I study at home, and keep up with the other boys.”

“Then you have had a place already?” Said his interrogator. “Why did you leave it?”

“I have not left it,” answered the boy, quietly.

“But you wish to leave it; what is the matter?”

For an instant the child hesitated; then he replied, with half-reluctant frankness:

“I must do more for my mother!”

Brave words! Talisman of success anywhere, everywhere. They sank into the heart of the listener, recalling the radiant past. Grasping the hand of the astonished child, he said, with a quivering voice, “My

good boy, what is your name? You shall fill the first vacancy for an apprentice that occurs in the bank. If meantime you need a friend, come to me. But now give me your confidence. Why do you wish to do more for your mother? Have you no father?”

Tears filled his eyes as he replied, “My father is dead, my brothers and sisters are dead, and my mother and I are left alone to help each other. But she is not strong; and I wish to take care of her. It will please her, sir, that you have been so kind; and I am much obliged to you.” So saying, the boy left, little dreaming that his own nobleness of character had been as a bright glance of sunshine into that busy world he had so tremblingly entered. A boy animated by the desire to help his mother will always find friends.—*Selected*

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to those who believe in Him,
but He assigns to no one a path different to that which all must travel.
He calls for unity, and unity we must have.”
Manuscript Releases, vol. 17, p. 291.

A SPECIAL INVITATION ! ! !

Dear Brothers and Sisters in the Advent faith, With the signs of the times clearly showing that the devil is growing more active and that time is short, it is imperative that we do all we can to be prepared ourselves, and work to spread the present truth gospel to all the world so that our Lord's return can be hastened. Yet, when the ranks of those who know the present truth and who are separated from the SDA church apostasy are examined, a disheartening picture of confusion is revealed. Instead of viewing a people who realize the urgency of the times in which we live, and who have thus arisen to unitedly work together in spreading the present truth to all the world against the hindering efforts of the enemies of righteousness, there is seen an overall picture of dissension, division, and a great lack of brotherly love exemplified for one another.

Realizing the seriousness of the times in which we live, and the fact that inspired counsel has been given by God for unity to exist among His people in these last days, we are inviting you to help organize the work.

We do not want this organization to:

- 1) Be a hierarchy—where one or a few control many.
- 2) It is not to be ecumenical—where fundamental truths must be sacrificed for the sake of a common belief.
- 3) It will not seek to control individuals, churches, home churches, ministers, or ministries.
- 4) It will not seek to control funding.

Here are some of the advantages gained by this organization:

- 1) Being organized obeys the counsel of God. (See Patriarchs and Prophets, p 374-376, quoted at the end of this letter.)
- 2) You can safely refer other brothers and sisters to visit the churches or home churches that are a part of this organization, whether they are within or outside your area, because you know that only truth will be spoken from these pulpits.
- 3) You can safely refer those who have questions on which minister or ministry to support to those whom you are united with knowing that the money will go into

God's work and be used for the spreading of the full message of present truth, and not for the promulgation of any error.

- 4) You can safely use materials from these ministries for evangelistic outreach.
- 5) It will provide a method of resolving differences such as happened in the early Christian church (see Acts 15).

We want as many as are willing to come together and help create a godly organization. In order to do this we will need to have meetings. We plan that these meetings will be conducted in a chat room over the internet with telephone access as well. You will need to have access to a telephone or the internet to attend. Since we are inviting brothers and sisters from around the world, some will have to be up in the middle of the night in order for all to attend at the same time.

There is a possibility that you have received this letter in error. It is intended for those that have come to the conclusion that we are in the time of the Loud Cry of Revelation 18:1-5 and that you must be disconnected from all apostate churches, including the SDA church. We expect you to come to this meeting representing an organized church or ministry that has, under their organization, selected you to represent them.

In our meetings the first order of business will be to select a records keeper to keep track of what we decide. Because of the nature of the chat room software we will be using, the moderator needs to be selected before the meeting. So, the last order of business for each meeting will be to select a moderator for the next meeting.

If you qualify, please send to us your name, organization that you are representing, location, and contact information. From your response we will determine a possible date and time to meet. It may be that the suggested time to meet will need to be adjusted to accommodate the most people. This information can be sent to us by calling 1-855-4Remnant (1-855 473-6626), or writing to one of the email addresses below, or writing to In Light of John 17, P. O. Box 300, Calpella, CA 95418 USA.

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Patriarchs and Prophets p 374-376

The building of the tabernacle was not begun for some time after Israel arrived at Sinai; and the sacred structure was first set up at the opening of the second year from the Exodus. This was followed by the consecration of the priests, the celebration of the Passover, the numbering of the people, and the completion of various arrangements essential to their civil or religious system, so that nearly a year was spent in the encampment at Sinai. 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. God was the center of authority and government, the sovereign of Israel. Moses stood as their visible leader, by God's appointment, to administer the laws in His name. From the elders of the tribes a council of seventy was afterward chosen to assist Moses in the general affairs of the nation. Next came the priests, who consulted the Lord in the sanctuary. Chiefs, or princes, ruled over the tribes. Under these were "captains over thousands, and captains over hundreds, and captains over fifties, and captains over tens," and, lastly, officers who might be employed for special duties. Deuteronomy 1:15.

The Hebrew camp was arranged in exact order. It was separated into three great divisions, each having its appointed position in the encampment. In the center was the tabernacle, the abiding place of the invisible King. Around it were stationed the priests and Levites. Beyond these were en-

camped all the other tribes.

To the Levites was committed the charge of the tabernacle and all that pertained thereto, both in the camp and on the journey. When the camp set forward they were to strike the sacred tent; when a halting place was reached they were to set it up. No person of another tribe was allowed to come near, on pain of death. The Levites were separated into three divisions, the descendants of the three sons of Levi, and each was assigned its special position and work. In front of the tabernacle, and nearest to it, were the tents of Moses and Aaron. On the south were the Kohathites, whose duty it was to care for the ark and the other furniture; on the north Merarites, who were placed in charge of the pillars, sockets, boards, etc.; in the rear the Gershonites, to whom the care of the curtains and hangings was committed.

The position of each tribe also was specified. Each was to march and to encamp beside its own standard, as the Lord had commanded: "Every man of the children of Israel shall pitch by his own standard, with the ensign of their father's house: far off about the tabernacle of the congrega-

tion shall they pitch." "As they encamp, so shall they set forward, every man in his place by their standards." Numbers 2:2, 17. The mixed multitude that had accompanied Israel from Egypt were not permitted to occupy the same quarters with the tribes, but were to abide upon the outskirts of the camp; and their offspring were to be excluded from the community until the third generation. Deuteronomy 23:7, 8.

Scrupulous cleanliness as well as strict order throughout the encampment and its environs was enjoined. Through sanitary regulations were enforced. Every person who was unclean from any cause was forbidden to enter the camp. These measures were indispensable to the preservation of health among so vast a multitude; and it was necessary also that perfect order and purity be maintained, that Israel might enjoy the presence of a holy God. Thus He declared: "The Lord thy God walketh in the midst of thy camp, to deliver thee, and to give up thine enemies before thee; therefore shall thy camp be holy."

In all the journeyings of Israel, "the ark of the covenant of the Lord went before them, . . . to search out a resting place for

them." Numbers 10:33. Borne by the sons of Kohath, the sacred chest containing God's holy law was to lead the van. Before it went Moses and Aaron; and the priests, bearing silver trumpets, were stationed near. These priests received directions from Moses, which they communicated to the people by the trumpets. It was the duty of the leaders of each company to give definite directions concerning all the movements to be made, as indicated by the trumpets. Whoever neglected to comply with the directions given was punished with death.

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. ➔

“ . . . the feeling against organization
was very strong among our people.

The Adventists generally, who had withdrawn from the churches
of the various denominations
under the call of the second angel's message
to come out of Babylon, opposed organization,
and many Seventh-day Adventists
were fearful that church organization
would bring us under condemnation.
We sought the Lord with earnest prayer
that we might understand his will,
and light was given to us by his Spirit,
that there must be order and thorough discipline in the church,
—that organization was essential.”

Ellen G. White
Review & Herald, October 12, 1905.

Editorial

Gospel Order

We have stated that to arrive at and preserve gospel order will be a work of labor, care and mental suffering to those who are called to labor for the spiritual good of the flock. They must be holy men of God, called and chosen by the Great Head of the church, having all the qualifications set forth in the New Testament. If such men go forth to "preach the Word," and everywhere labor to establish the order of the gospel, a great work will be immediately accomplished.

But the labor, care and responsibility of this great work does not rest alone upon a few preachers.—Where are the fathers and mothers in Israel? Men and women of experience to bear burdens, give wise counsel, and labor for the spiritual advancement of the young and inexperienced? Such should fill their place in the church. "Helps, governments," etc., are as necessary as teachers. And it is a fact that there are many brethren of experience and sound judgment who are better prepared to give counsel than the young and inexperienced preacher.

The whole church should be taught to feel that a portion of the responsibility of good order, and the salvation of souls rests upon her individual members. God wants no idlers in His vineyard. He hates careless, slothful Christians. "Am I my brothers keeper?" inquired Cain. Some professed Christians wound the Saviour, burden the church, and murder their own souls by their heedless course. In one sense we are our brothers keeper. God will except nothing less of us, than that we love our brother as we do ourselves. Let all feel this, and act it out, and the church will at once rise in union, strength and good order.

But while the gospel minister is under the most solemn obligations to labor for the welfare of the flock, the gospel also requires the church to sustain him in this work. The Bible is plain on this point.

1. The church should sustain him by their prayers.

"Withal praying also for us, that God would open unto us a door of utterance, to speak the mystery of Christ, for which I am also in bonds." Colossians 4:3.

"Finally, brethren, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may have free course and be glorified." 2 Thessalonians 3:1.

"Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplica-

tion for all saints; and for me, that utterance may be given unto me, that I may open my mouth boldly, to make known the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in bonds: that therein I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak." Ephesians 6:18-20.

2. The church should be ready to see and to supply the temporal wants of those called to labor in word and doctrine.

"Who goeth a warfare any time at his own charges? Who planteth a vineyard, and eateth not of the fruit thereof? Or who feedeth a flock, and eateth not of the milk of the flock? Say I these things as a man? Or saith not the law the same also? For it is written in the law of Moses, Thou shalt not muzzle the mouth of the ox that treadeth out the corn. Doth God take care for oxen? Or saith he it altogether for our sakes? For our sakes, no doubt, this is written: that he that plougheth should plough in hope; and that he that thresheth in hope should be partaker of his hope.

"If we have sown unto you spiritual things, is it a great thing if we shall reap your carnal things? If others be partakers of this power over you, are not we rather? Nevertheless we have not used this power; but suffer all things, lest we should hinder the gospel of Christ.

"Do ye not know that they which minister about holy things live of the things of the temple, and they which wait at the altar are partakers with the altar? Even so hath the Lord ordained that they which preach the gospel should live of the gospel. But I have used none of these things: neither have I written these things, that it should be so done unto me: for it were better for me to die, than that any man should make my glorying void. For though I preach the gospel, I have nothing to glory of: for necessity is laid upon me; yea, woe is unto me, if I preach not the gospel!" 1 Corinthians 9:7-16.

"Let him that is taught in the word, communicate unto him that teacheth in all good things. Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to his flesh, shall of the flesh reap corruption: but he that soweth to the Spirit, shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting." Galatians 6:6-8.

"Let the elders that rule well, be counted worthy of double honour, especially they who labor in the word and doctrine. For the scriptures saith, thou shalt not muzzle the ox that treadeth out the corn. And, the

laborer is worthy of his reward." 1 Timothy 5:17, 18.

Those who give evidence that they are called to the work of the gospel ministry, who possess those qualifications pointed out in the Word, should be regarded as the servants of the Most High.

"And we beseech you, brethren, to know them which labor among you, and are over you in the Lord, and admonish you; and to esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake." 1 Thessalonians 5:12,13.

"Remember them which have the rule over you, who have spoken unto you the word of God: whose faith follow, considering the end of their conversation: Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever." Hebrews 13:7, 8.

"Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief: for that is unprofitable for you." verse 17.

The idea of stated salaries, of making a traffic of the gospel, has disgusted many. And some are in danger of taking the other extreme, to have nothing to do with supporting the gospel. We would call the attention of such to the order of the gospel. Who can but admire Paul's plan in raising collections? He says:

"Now concerning the collection for the saints, as I have given order to the churches of Galatia, even so do ye. Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come." 1 Corinthians 16:1, 2.

The Apostle would have "every one" take a part in this act of benevolence. The interest, and united effort, of "every one" of the church was to be enlisted in this work. And, certainly, this plan would work as well in supporting the gospel. Nothing could be better calculated to create and preserve sweet union in the body of Christ, than for all its members to unite in such acts of duty and love, as God hath prospered them. Let the poor remember the widows two mites. "And Jesus sat over against the treasury, and beheld how the people cast money into the treasury: and many that were rich cast in much. And there came a certain poor widow, and she threw in two mites, which make a farthing. And he called unto him his disciples, and saith unto them, verily I say unto you, that this poor widow hath cast more in

than all they which have cast into the treasury: for all they did cast in of their abundance; but she of her want did cast in all that she had, even all her living.” Mark 12:41-44.

This is a time that calls for the united effort of all. The way is fast opening for the present truth to be extensively proclaimed. Men are giving themselves wholly to the work of preaching the world-despised, yet crowning truths of the gospel; and they must be sustained. The gospel requires it of the church. And all will share the blessing in acting their part in this work, as the Lord has prospered them. The poor are not excluded from any of the blessings of the gospel.

Publications should be put into the hands of all candid readers. And all can do something in this work. The circulation of the Review should be greatly increased, and, certainly, all who profess to believe the truths it advocates, should at least pay the expense of the copy they read. We toil freely and gladly to send out light and truth through this medium, and the gospel requires of those for whom we thus labor that they should hold up our hands by each sending in the small sums necessary to defray the expenses of the paper.

We might here offer an apology for many brethren who have not been instructed in their duty, and before whom a bad example has been set. Our publications have, in times past, been handed out by some in a manner calculated to give the impression that they cost little or nothing. The Review also has been urged upon many in the same manner. And if anything has been said by such in regard to sustaining the cause, the impression has been given that only a few quite wealthy brethren should do this. That they should

at once sell their possessions and use their means to sustain the cause. This has led those of more limited means to look at the more wealthy to do all. We are sorry that they have been thus taught, and invite them again to look at the case of the poor widow. Jesus did not give his approbation to her course unmeaningly. It is a lesson to even the very poor of the flock. Those in comfortable circumstances, who neglect the Lord’s treasury, and even receive from that treasury without making any effort to replace it, should feel greatly rebuked by it.

Some seem to get the idea that the gospel is to be supported in some miraculous manner, and never think of acting a part themselves. Let such learn their duty from the plain word of God. They are required to act themselves, instead of waiting for God to work miracles. The interest of all the church should be enlisted in this work. And let every one do his part as the Lord hath prospered him. Such a course would secure love and union, and the smiles of Heaven would be upon the church. We will give a precious extract from a letter written by St. Paul to his brethren at Rome, and leave this subject for the present. It is excellent, and we must be allowed to give nearly one whole chapter. Let every sentence be carefully read and considered. It comprises much of our christian duty.

“I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God. For I say, through the grace given

unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith. For as we have many members in one body, and all members have not the same office.

“So we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another. Having then gifts, differing according to the grace that is given to us, whether prophecy, let us prophesy according to the proportion of faith; or ministry, let us wait on our ministering: or he that teacheth on teaching: or he that exhorteth, on exhortation: he that giveth, let him do it with simplicity; he that ruleth, with diligence; he that sheweth mercy, with cheerfulness.

“Let love be without dissimulation. Abhor that which is evil; cleave to that which is good. Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another. Not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord; rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing instant in prayer; distributing to the necessity of saints; given to hospitality. Bless them which persecute you: bless, and curse not. Rejoice with them that do rejoice, and weep with them that weep. Be of the same mind one toward another. Mind not high things, but condescend to men of low estate. Be not wise in your own conceits. Recompense to no man evil for evil. Provide things honest in the sight of all men. If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men.” Romans 12:1-18.

Editorial by James White
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“Jesus and holy angels are bringing up and uniting God’s people into one faith, that they may all have one mind and one judgment.

And while they are being brought into the unity of the faith, to see eye to eye upon the solemn, important truths for this time, Satan is at work to oppose their advancement.

Jesus is at work through His instruments to gather and unite. Satan works through his instruments to scatter and divide.”

Testimonies for the Church, Vol. 1, p. 332.

RECIPE—*Banana Cashew Smoothie!*

Ingredients:

¼ C. Raw cashews (unsalted)
½ C. Water
1 C. Ice
½ Banana
1 T. Maple syrup



Directions:

- Place cashews in blender with 1/2 cup water, cover and refrigerate overnight (until cashews have softened).
- Add the ice, banana and maple syrup and blend until smooth!
- Double the ingredients as needed for multiple servings.
- Can also substitute almond or soymilk for the 1/2 cup water and blend the cashews without soaking if you have a high-powered blender.

by Adele Sessler

Health Nugget—*Pineapple!*

The super-foods series.

Fresh pineapple has many benefits. The pineapple is a member of the bromeliad family. It is extremely rare that bromeliads produce edible fruit. The pineapple is the only available edible bromeliad today. It is a multiple fruit. One pineapple is actually made up of dozens of individual flower-ettes that grow together to form the entire fruit.

Each scale on a pineapple is evidence of a separate flower. Pineapples stop ripening the minute they are picked. No special way of storing them will help ripen them further. Color is relatively unimportant in determining ripeness.

Choose your pineapple by smell. If it smells fresh, tropical and sweet, it will be a good fruit. The more scales on the pineapple, the sweeter and juicier the taste.

After you cut off the top, you can plant it. It should grow much like a sweet potato will. This delicious fruit is not only sweet and tropical; it also offers many benefits to our health.

Pineapple is a remarkable fruit. We find it enjoyable because of its lush, sweet and exotic flavor, but it may also be one of the most healthful foods available today. If we take a more detailed look at it, we will find that pineapple is valuable for easing indigestion, arthritis or sinusitis. The juice

has an anthelmintic effect; it helps get rid of intestinal worms.

Let's look at how pineapple affects other conditions.

Pineapple is high in manganese, a mineral that is critical to development of strong bones and connective tissue. A cup of fresh pineapple will give you nearly 75% of the recommended daily amount. It is particularly helpful to older adults, whose bones tend to become brittle with age.

Bromelain, a proteolytic enzyme, is the key to pineapple's value.

Proteolytic means "breaks down protein", which is why pineapple is known to be a digestive aid. It helps the body digest proteins more efficiently.

Bromelain is also considered an effective anti-inflammatory. Regular ingestion of at least one half cup of fresh pineapple daily is purported to relieve painful joints common to osteoarthritis. It produces mild pain relief. In Germany, bromelain is approved as a post-injury medication because it is thought to reduce inflammation and swelling.

Orange juice is a popular liquid for those suffering from a cold because it is high in Vitamin C. Fresh pineapple is not only high in this vitamin, but because of the

bromelain, it has the ability to reduce mucous in the throat.

If you have a cold with a productive cough, add pineapple to your diet. It is commonly used in Europe as a post-operative measure to cut mucous after certain sinus and throat operations. Those individuals who eat fresh pineapple daily report fewer sinus problems related to allergies. In and of itself, pineapple has a very low risk for allergies.

Pineapple is also known to discourage blood clot development. This makes it a valuable dietary addition for frequent fliers and others who may be at risk for blood clots.

An old folk remedy for morning sickness is fresh pineapple juice. It really works! Fresh juice and some nuts first thing in the morning often make a difference. It's also good for a healthier mouth. The fresh juice discourages plaque growth.



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MISSION REPORTS

Africa

Uganda

June 27, 2012

Dear Christian friends, we should drop the burdens that God does not ask us to carry. God is testing the faith of every soul in these last days [Joshua 24:15]. Let every worker understand that as he strives to advance the gospel of God in our world, whether he stands before Christians or infidels, peasants or princes, he is to make God first, and last, and foremost in everything he is obliged to do. Our work in the church of today is the care of God's vineyard. Therefore, workers of today are called to do the work that ancient Israel failed to do! The salvation of God must be made known to all people living on the face of the earth. God's glory is to be revealed, His word established, and Christ's kingdom set up to give deliverance to the world. At this moment, we as His followers, are to arise and shine. [Isaiah 60:1]

Herein lies our most important lesson to understand;—a lesson that many are slow to learn in connection with every line of God's work on the earth today. The gospel ministry, the publishing work, the medical missionary work, and the educational work,—all are of heavenly origin and design. All that we possess of ability and intellect has been lent us in trust by the Lord, to use for Him. It is our privilege to be partakers with Christ in His service and sacrifice especially in these areas.

I would love to put forth many efforts to get the Publishing work started here in Uganda; the Educational work at E____—Kenya; and the Medical missionary work and gospel ministry established to vibrate throughout the Christian world. I have carefully and thoroughly examined our ways and our standing, to see in what manner we are doing the work given us of God, which involves the destiny of souls, the very highest obligation.

I have come up with the idea that E____ should be thought of as a center thereby encouraging brother E____ to move from K____ to E____, since there is a small establishment of a primary school with about 250 pupils.

I have made some designs for big prophetic charts to be printed out on semi plastic sheets in K____ which I believe will help in illustrating the messages of the beasts in Revelation and Daniel. These

will help to drive the message of 'Present Truth' home. On a manageable scale, I have continued to produce a few tracts, which help me on evangelistic visits while I am at home.

I have been struggling to establish some contacts in different countries to help in getting our printed materials into the right hands. Some of these will be by e-mail, while others will be contacted in their respective places. I believe this will help in identifying our fellow brethren of similar faith and doctrine who share the same goals. Let a beginning be made in several places; let us do our utmost toward its advancement. If possible, let appropriate expansion be made in all fields.

Whenever God's people, in any period of the world, have cheerfully and willingly carried out His plan in systematic benevolence, and in gifts and offerings, there is always a standing promise of success.

B. J.

Uganda

July 25, 2012

I bring you greetings from other separated groups in East Africa. A few months ago I visited several independent churches that have grown out of what we had earlier called home churches, helping them get ready to finish the work in these exciting times. My biggest mission is to encourage everybody to obtain a personal experience and to make a final decision in doing the things of God. [Christ Object Lessons, p. 327.]

I have realized our need to act as instrumentalities in these perilous times and to redirect our lives once again in the things of God. I came to believe that if we are not in Babylon then we ought to be the Remnant people of God! [Ephesians 4:7-8.]

There are many separated groups in the world today and yet they seem not to agree with one another! E____ and I have embarked on the task of explaining the true meaning of our 'Present Truth' message with the aim of ending the bickering amongst ourselves! This has widened my area of influence and a big work is being done in Kenya fronted by E____, with myself advising him from Uganda.

E____ and I encouraged Pastor J____

to find the truth for himself near the existing church at N____'s place in K____.

The E____ mission, which is a new undertaking, is now fully with us, and yet more churches are coming into agreement with the Seventh day Remnant church, as confirmed by brother E____.

For now our churches (brethren) need to respond to the many challenges of the present world, giving due consideration to the final separation movement and to understanding the doctrines of the 'Present Truth' message. However, many things seem to be wanting that would enable our efforts to more effectively present Christ. And as ministers of the Gospel we always look for support in the areas of our ineptness to press the message home to the listeners in the different areas. In my view, a special offer for the public address system, Spirit of Prophecy books, including printed materials, and Media programs, would help if they were given to our churches in this sophisticated electronic age. [Daniel 12:4.]

Brethren, apostasy is never at rest as it comes in the guise of light, inducing many to follow it through the popular ministers of Christendom! But we are to face them and prove them by the word of God.

In the third week of July 2012, K____, N____, S____ and I were involved in a Gospel campaign at B____ K____. We were joined by all able church members in house to house evangelism in the early hours of the day, giving out tracts, helping the needy and inviting people to come for evening Gospel preaching at the center of B____. Even though we lacked the public address system, the work went on well. Usually people come in the evening to go shopping for their families and pass a little time, this gives us an opportunity to reach a big population. The method works good when new ministers are in the area with the aim of helping those in need, drawing the attention of an individual by being to him a friend. K____ was the main evening speaker of the week and five souls were baptized on Sunday July 22, 2012. This area has quite a big Adventist population which got interested in the message, pondering—what is wrong with their church and how they can arrive at simple truth and take a stand on it! Many were surprised when they heard us read from the

E. G. White library to establish particular facts about the SDA Church and the gospel of the fourth angel with absolute certainty!

We also wanted B_____ to be there, and many of the old brethren in the faith to take a leading role at a minimum cost, but they couldn't be easily contacted! B_____ moved from N_____ to B_____, near the shores of L_____ and we suggested visiting him on the same principle of work.

We pray that God may provide all the needs for such efforts to continue. We also thank you for standing for the work in Africa. We call for special prayers for our people in the war zone of the DRC.

God bless you.

B. J.

Uganda

August 28, 2012

"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... all can do something by their prayers and their gifts to aid the missionary work."—Counsels on Sabbath School Work, p. 135.

"The disciples were to go forth as Christ's witnesses, to declare to the world what they had seen and heard of Him. Their office was the most important to which human beings had ever been called, second only to that of Christ Himself. They were to be workers together with God for the saving of men. As in the Old Testament the twelve patriarchs stood as representatives of Israel, so the twelve apostles stand as representatives of the gospel church." Acts of the Apostles p. 19.

On August 12, 2012, I was to travel to Kenya and teach about gospel church order in E_____—Kenya. But I was restricted by the authorities and not allowed to cross because of the Ebola pestilence that was in some parts of Uganda! I have rescheduled the trip. I had hoped to explain how the co-working of fellow ministers is affected in independent churches, so that our unity is strengthened to finish the work Christ commanded us to do. However, I did get some copies of Early Writings so that I can bind it for brother N_____ of B_____, who had requested it some time back. This has taken a lot of my time to get a formatted copy! I am now ready to travel to Kenya soon. Our strength in organizing the gospel church will depend on the access to the Spirit of Prophecy guidance, I believe.

I thank you and pray for your continual support. God bless you.

B. J.

Uganda

September 26, 2012

He who accepts the position of being a mouthpiece for God should consider it highly essential that he presents the 'truth' with all the grace and intelligence that he can acquire, through discipline of the mind in such a manner that the Holy Spirit leads, and that the truth will lose nothing by his presentation.

The church everywhere needs the message borne by John—Revelation 14:6, to be sounded with the utmost solemnity. It should be borne to them by men who understand the reasons of our faith; who have learned the patience of the saints: keeping the commandments of God, and having the faith of Jesus, a practical experience in their past history. They (we)

need to present to the people the message in the way which God wants to lead his people. It is therefore the burden of every messenger to set forth the fullness of Christ in him by the old landmarks which have been set as the Pillars of our faith.

It therefore remains our Christian business to shine to the world. There is a great need for the "Present Truth" in places where the standard of truth has been lowered, or never been lifted, and every agency set in operation is not to work for the established members, but rather to work for those who are in the darkness of error.

I have been busy formatting an assortment of messages and lessons to be printed out for our brethren in the DRC and Rwanda. In these I have included lessons which I believe will establish them as Seventh-day Remnant, such as: 'Why do you declare the SDA church Babylon?'; 'Pillars of our Faith'; 'Should we be organized outside the Seventh-day Adventist church?' These are some of the wonderful messages making us what we are—Seventh-day Remnant, though to the world they sound like hate speech messages! I have been impressed to press forward to the Central African region where I have witnessed thousands yearning for the message! We must do our part even if the world rises against us; but be true as a needle to the pole. I will have to print them in the French language to benefit those who are in the war zone, as silent messengers, giving hope to the distressed!

My prayer and request is for you to stand with me, laboring to advance the interests of Christ's kingdom and uniting His people in the true reflection of God's character. God bless!

B. J.

**"The message is to prepare a people to stand in the last great day,
and to be united in heaven above.**

**None should feel that it is of no special importance
whether they are in union with their brethren or not;**

for those who do not learn to live in harmony here will never be united in heaven."

"Let all dissension and strife cease. Let love and unity prevail.

Let all move under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

If God's people will give themselves wholly to Him,

He will restore to them the power they have lost by division.

May God help us all to realize that disunion is weakness and that union is strength."

Historical Sketches, p. 124; Letter 32, 1903 (see also 1 SM p. 85.)