

The Return of the Exiles—No. 1, The End of Seventy Years

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Soon after the fall of Babylon and the beginning of the universal empire of Medo-Persia, in the first year of the reign of Darius the Mede, Daniel the prophet “understood by books the number of the years, whereof the word of the Lord came to Jeremiah the prophet, that he would accomplish seventy years in the desolations of Jerusalem.”¹

Daniel and his companions had been taken to Babylon “in the third year of the reign of Jehoiakim king of Judah.”² They were members of the first company of captives whom Nebuchadnezzar brought from Jerusalem into the land of Shinar. Daniel was well acquainted with the prophecies of Jeremiah at the time they were given, and he had passed through the periods immediately succeeding the first and the second sieges of Jerusalem, when many false prophets had arisen with the claim that the captivity was to be of short duration.

“In the fourth year of Jehoiakim,”³ very soon after Daniel was taken to Babylon, Jeremiah predicted the captivity of many of the Jews, as their punishment for not heeding the word of the Lord. The Chaldeans were to be used as the instrument by which God would chastise his disobedient people. Their punishment was to be in proportion to their intelligence and to the warnings they had despised. “This whole land shall be a desolation, and an astonishment,”⁴ the prophet declared; “and these nations shall serve the king of Babylon seventy years. And it shall come to pass, when seventy years are accomplished, that I will punish the king of Babylon, and that nation, saith the Lord, for their iniquity, and the land of the Chaldeans, and will make it perpetual desolations.”⁵

In the light of these plain words foretelling the duration of the captivity, it seems strange that any one should hold that the Israelites would soon return from Babylon. And yet there were in Jerusalem and in Babylon those who persisted in encouraging the people to hope for a speedy deliverance. God dealt summarily with some of these false prophets, and thus vindicated the truthfulness of Jeremiah, his messenger.

To the end of time, men will arise to create confusion and rebellion among the people who profess to obey the law of God. But as surely as divine judgment was visited upon the false prophets in Jeremiah's day, so surely will the evil workers of today receive their full measure of retribution, for the Lord has not changed. Those who prophesy lies, en-

courage men to look upon sin as a light thing. When the terrible results of their evil deeds are made manifest, they seek, if possible, to make the one who has faithfully warned them responsible for their difficulties, even as the Jews charged Jeremiah with their evil fortunes.

Those who pursue a course of rebellion against the Lord can always find false prophets who will justify them in their acts, and flatter them to their destruction. Lying words often make many friends, as is illustrated in the case of these false teachers among the Israelites. These so-called prophets, in their pretended zeal for God, found many more believers and followers than the true prophet who delivered the simple message of the Lord.

In view of the work of these false prophets, Jeremiah was directed by the Lord to write letters to the captains, elders, priests, prophets, and all the people who had been taken captive to Babylon, bidding them not to be deluded into believing their deliverance nigh, but to submit quietly, pursue their vocations, and make for themselves peaceful homes among their conquerors. The Lord bade them not to allow so-called prophets or diviners to deceive them with false expectations. Through his servant Jeremiah he assured them that after seventy years' bondage they should be delivered, and should return to Jerusalem. God would listen to their prayers and show them his favor, when they would turn to him with all their hearts. “I will be found of you, saith the Lord: and I will turn away your captivity, and I will gather you from all the nations, and from all the places whither I have driven you, saith the Lord; and I will bring you again into the place whence I caused you to be carried away captive.”⁶

With what tender compassion did God inform his captive people of his plans for Israel! He knew what suffering and disaster they would have to undergo, were they led to believe, according to the prediction of the false prophets, that they should be speedily delivered and brought back to Jerusalem. He knew that this belief would make their position a very difficult one. Any effort on their part to regain freedom would awaken the vigilance and severity of the king, and their liberty would be restricted in consequence. The Lord desired them to submit quietly to their fate, and make their servitude as pleasant as possible. (*To be concluded*)

by E. G. White

1. Dan. 9:2

2. Dan. 1:1

3. Jer. 25:1

4. Jer. 25:11

5. Jer. 25:11, 12

6. Jer. 29:14

A Special Message from the SDRPA

It has come to our attention that there is a rumor circulating that the Seventh-day Remnant Publishing Association is a secret society whose secret board of directors make decisions affecting the worldwide SDR church. This is simply not true.

The SDRPA is not the SDR church. We do not control any aspect of the SDR church. We have no authority over the SDR Church, over any of its groups, or over any of its individual members, and neither do we decide any church issues. We are simply a Publishing Association whose business affairs are governed by a board of directors, which includes deciding what materials are to be published by our press.

While it is true that neither the minutes of our board meetings nor the names of the board members have been made pub-

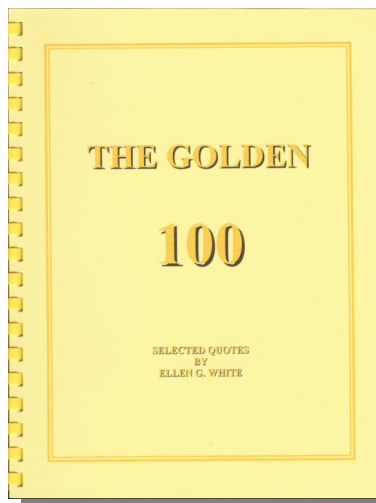
lic, it was not with the intent to form or maintain a secret society. It was done to encourage any and all to freely read and understand the present truth articles we publish and to present a united front to the world. The concern was that some might not read these articles, from prejudice towards one or more members on our board. It was decided not to make the minutes of our meetings public because we did not wish any potential disagreements within the SDRPA to be the cause of splits in the wider remnant movement. The names of all board members have always been freely available to any of our donors upon written request.

As stated on our website, and in previous issues of the VOICE, the purpose of the SDRPA is to utilize all media avenues to broadcast God's last message of mercy

throughout the world. This message includes helping to restore in mankind good physical and spiritual health. The SDRPA has no political agenda, and has no interest in promoting any political ideals or obtaining any commercial benefits. Our goal is to educate people about true gospel order and organization. The SDRPA is devoted towards printing and distributing the present truth of Revelation 14 and 18, and to help establish and unify our people in the faith once delivered to the saints.

If you would like more information about who the SDRPA is and what it teaches, please visit our website at: <http://www.sdrpa.org>.

The SDRPA Board



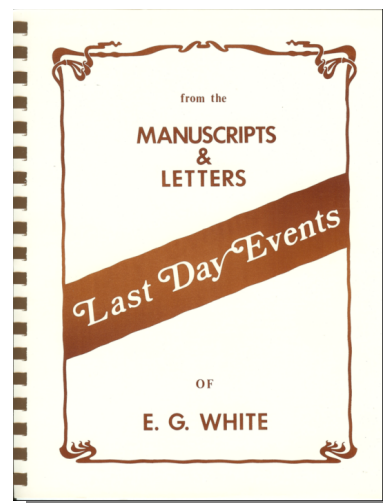
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Editorial

In the past several issues of the Voice magazine our main focus has been dealing with unity, gospel order and organization. Our main purpose for this was to show our people the great necessity of establishing gospel order and organization. We feel that we have made it abundantly clear that organization is essential among the SDR people. But there has been some misunderstanding and confusion regarding what the SDRPA's (Seventh-day Remnant Publishing Association's) purpose is and we feel that some may be hesitating to respond to the call for unification because of this.

The entire purpose of the SDRPA from the very beginning of its inception has been only to educate God's remnant people with the present truth. It is important to understand that we are only a publishing association and do not have authority to control the Seventh-day Remnant movement. Neither are we seeking to seize control of the movement. Please see the special message from the SDRPA board of directors on page 2.

This is why it is so important for a Seventh-day Remnant council to be formed, because the lack of this gives Satan opportunity to work among the movement. All major church issues that cannot be solved by the local church should be referred to a church council, made up of appointed delegates from the various local churches, not a publishing association. Minor issues should be solved by the local church. The early Christian church quickly implemented such gospel order, forming a general council of their own and we are told in Acts of the Apostles, pp. 91, & 95-96 that this order of the church at Jerusalem was to serve as a model for the organization of

churches in every other place in order to shut out the enemy from our ranks.

We intended from the beginning for the Voice magazine to be, not just the voice of the SDRPA board members, but the voice of the entire SDR movement, and have, more than once, invited brethren to send in their articles, testimonies and ideas, to try and encourage God's people to work together.

It is important to note that the article "A Special invitation" that was published in the July-September 2012 issue of the Voice magazine was not written by SDRPA board members, but was put together by brethren from the Seventh-day Remnant movement who believe that God's people need to work together in unity and that they need to organize in order to accomplish this. We are also in agreement with this, so we too wrote an article in that same issue of the Voice magazine entitled "A Call to Unity," urging God's people to come together and to unite as one body of believers in Christ. The organization, or council, for this unity among the Seventh-day Remnant people of God has not yet been set up and the SDRPA, again, has no authority to do such a thing.

There are local SDR churches who are organizing and who have already established gospel order and organization amongst themselves. This is good. But the call that was made in the July-September 2012 Voice magazine was a call for those SDR churches to unite on a global scale.

The SDR churches who respond to this invitation for organization are the ones who will be responsible for setting up the SDR church council. This council still needs to be set up. So, each SDR church,

ministry and association, etc., needs to select its own representatives to represent them on the SDR church council. Then these representatives need to respond to the invitation that was made in the July-September 2012 issue of the Voice magazine by contacting one of the three brethren, or all three for that matter, listed in the invitation. After the brethren feel that there is enough representation for the council, they will schedule the first meeting.

Personally I believe that this unity and organization among God's people is absolutely essential. Not only to prepare them for heaven, so that they will be in perfect unity there, but so that they can present a united front to the world. Thus, enabling them to finish giving the final warning message and bringing an end to the long standing reign of evil.

It states in Early Writings, p. 15—"The 144,000 were all sealed and perfectly united." This is the number who will be sealed with the seal of the living God at the end of time and who will be translated to heaven at Christ's Second Coming without experiencing death. If we are striving to be a part of this number, shouldn't we be unifying now?

Again brethren, we urge you to choose your SDR delegates, or representatives, to send to a meeting, which still needs to be scheduled, in order to form the Seventh-day Remnant church council.

May God abundantly bless His remnant people scattered abroad as they go forward in the path of duty, ignoring all the distractions of the enemy, while earnestly laboring to finish the great work which has been entrusted to them.

Editor

"God has designed by the unity of his people to impress upon a sinful world, and also to reveal to the heavenly intelligences, the fact that Christ has not died in vain."

Review and Herald, November 3, 1896.

Lighting the Earth with His Glory!

In Revelation 18:1 we read about a mighty angel who descends from heaven and the whole earth is lightened with His glory. This angel bears the last message of mercy to a world about to be destroyed. What is this glory that lightens the whole earth?

After Israel's great sin of worshiping the golden calf at mount Sinai, we read of Moses asking the Lord, "I beseech Thee, show me Thy glory."¹ In response the Lord promised "I will make all My goodness pass before thee, and I will proclaim the name of the LORD before thee; and will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy."²

God commanded Moses to hew a new set of stone tables to replace the ones that had been broken at the calf and then to come up into the mountain. After Moses came up into the mountain "the Lord descended in the cloud, and stood with him there, and proclaimed the name of the Lord. And the Lord passed by before him, and proclaimed, The Lord, The Lord God, merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abundant in goodness and truth, keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, and that will by no means clear the guilty; visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children, and upon the children's children, unto the third and to the fourth generation."³

This, then, is the glory of God. For we read, "It is his righteous character that constitutes the glory of God; and it is this same glory that Christ prays may be given to his followers upon the earth."⁴

But later on we find Moses himself pleading God's own character as a reason for Him to forgive the Israelites. When they were on the very borders of the promised land, Israel rebelled and refused to go forward at God's command. For we read, "It was upon this knowledge of the long-sufferance of Jehovah and of His infinite love and mercy, that Moses based his wonderful plea for the life of Israel when, on the borders of the Promised Land, they refused to advance in obedience to the command of God. At the height of their rebellion, the Lord had declared, 'I will smite them with the pestilence, and disinherit them;' and he had proposed to make of the descendants of Moses 'a greater nation and mightier than they.'⁵ But the prophet pleaded the marvelous providences and promises of God in behalf of the chosen nation. And then, as the strongest of all pleas, he urged the love of God for fallen man. 'I beseech Thee,' he prayed, 'let the power of my Lord be great, according as Thou hast spoken, saying, The Lord is long-suffering, and of great mercy, forgiving iniquity and transgression... Pardon, I beseech Thee, the iniquity of this people according unto the greatness of Thy mercy, and as Thou hast forgiven this people, from Egypt even until now.'⁶

"Graciously the Lord responded, 'I have pardoned according to thy word.' And then He imparted to Moses, in the form of a prophecy, a knowledge of His

purpose concerning the final triumph of His chosen people. 'As truly as I live,' He declared, 'all the earth shall be filled with the glory of the Lord.'⁷ God's glory, His character, His merciful kindness and tender love,—all that Moses had pleaded in behalf of Israel was to be revealed to all mankind. And this promise of Jehovah was made doubly sure; it was confirmed by an oath. As surely as God lives and reigns, His glory should be declared 'among the heathen, His wonders among all people.'⁸

"It was concerning the future fulfillment of this prophecy that Isaiah had heard the shining seraphim singing before the throne. 'The whole earth is full of His glory.'⁹ The prophet, confident of the eternity of these words, himself afterwards boldly declared of those who were bowing down to images of wood and stone, 'They shall see the glory of the Lord, and the excellency of our God.'^{10,11}

This is an amazing prophecy! God promised to Moses and swore a double oath to him that the earth would be filled with His glory. This is the work for the final church, for we read in Revelation 18 of the final messenger descending from heaven "and the earth was lightened with His glory."¹² But not only was it sworn to Moses by a double oath, it was repeated by David in Psalm 96:3 and again by Isaiah in Isaiah 6:3 and again by John in Revelation 18. Four times, the Lord promised His prophets that He would fill the earth with His glory. This promise must be fulfilled in the final generation on the earth. And it's fulfillment has already begun. "Today this prophecy is meeting rapid fulfillment. The missionary activities of the church of God on earth are bearing rich fruitage, and soon the gospel message will have been proclaimed to all nations. 'To the praise of the glory of His grace,' men and women from every kindred, tongue, and people are being made 'accepted in the Beloved,' 'that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us through Christ Jesus.'¹³ 'Blessed be the Lord God, the God of Israel, who only doeth wondrous things. And blessed be His glorious name forever: and let the whole earth be filled with His glory.'^{14,15}

Since this is part of the final message of mercy to be given by the final generation and since it was so important that God swore to Moses that it would happen, we can depend on Him to fulfill His word. But how is the earth to be lightened with His glory? "It is his righteous character that constitutes the glory of God; and it is this same glory that Christ prays may be given to his followers upon the earth. Hear the petition that he makes to his Father for them: 'Sanctify them through Thy truth: Thy word is truth... And for their sakes I sanctify Myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth. Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on Me through their word; that they all may be one; as Thou, Father, art in Me, and I in Thee, that they also may be one in Us: that the world may believe that Thou hast

7. Verses 20, 21

1. Ex. 33:18

8. Ps. 96:3

2. Ex. 33:19

9. Isa. 6:3

10. Isa. 35:2

11. RH, 3-18-1915

12. Rev. 18:1

3. Ex. 34:5-7

4. RH, 11-3-1896

13. Eph. 1:6; 2:7

14. Ps. 72:18, 19

15. RH, 3-18-1915

5. Num. 14:12

6. Verses 17-19

sent Me. And the glory which Thou gavest Me I have given them; that they may be one, even as We are one: I in them, and Thou in Me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that Thou hast sent Me, and hast loved them, as Thou hast loved Me. Father, I will that they also, whom Thou hast given Me, be with Me where I am; that they may behold My glory, which Thou hast given Me: for Thou lovedst Me before the foundation of the world... And I have declared unto them Thy name, and will declare it: that the love wherewith Thou hast loved Me may be in them, and I in them.”¹⁶

Did you grasp what that said? The glory of God is the perfect reflection of His character in His Church! Part of this reflection is the perfect unity that He has with His Father! His church must have it too or it cannot lighten the earth with His glory.

“This request of Christ has no limit to its fulness. He desires that his followers shall reveal to the world His spirit of unity and love. But before this unity can exist among them, there must be a genuine renovation of every heart; there must be a vital connection with God; the character must be formed after the divine similitude.

“Though each is charged with responsibility, and each has a part to act, ‘none of us liveth to himself.’ God has designed by the unity of His people to impress upon a sinful world, and also to reveal to the heavenly intelligences, the fact that Christ has not died in vain. ‘Ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should show forth the praises of Him who hath called you out of darkness into His marvelous light: which in time past were not a people, but are now the people of God: which had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy.’ The pure and holy principle of love distinguishes the character and conduct of Christians from those of worldlings. Standing out from the world, we are to become representatives of the goodness, mercy, and love of God. Thus we may be spectacles unto the world, and to angels, and to men.”¹⁷

The only way for God’s word to come to pass in this generation is for perfect love, unity, and order to be reached in His church. What an awesome task! What a solemn charge! But He has promised four times and with a double oath, “as He lives and reigns,” it will happen! What is that message that is proclaimed by a united and glorious church? It is a call to come out of Babylon. “And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen,... Come out of her, My people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues.”¹⁸ How is this message a declaration of God’s glory, or character? It is a call of mercy, He calls His people to separate from the corrupt, fallen, religious system so that they are not destroyed in the destruction He is about to rain upon Babylon. “Surely the Lord God will do nothing, but he revealeth His secret unto His servants the prophets.”¹⁹ He warned Lot before He destroyed Sodom and saved all who were willing to come out of that city. He warned Noah of the flood and saved all who were willing to come out of the world into the ark. “And as it was in

20. Luke 17:26

16. RH, 11-3-1896

21. RH, 6-29-1886

22. Ex. 34:5-7

23. RH, 4-23-1889

17. RH, 11-3-1896

24. GC 609

18. Rev. 18:2,4

25. Luke 24:27

19. Amos 3:7

26. COL 127

the days of Noe, so shall it be also in the days of the Son of man.”²⁰

“The Scriptures are constantly opening to the people of God. There always has been and always will be a truth specially applicable to each generation. The message given to Noah was present truth for that time; and if the people had accepted that message, they would have been saved from drinking the waters of the flood. Now suppose a certain people should say, ‘We have all the truth that our fathers had; we don’t want any more,’ and the God of heaven should send them a message as he did to Nineveh. What would be the result?—The same as would have resulted to the Ninevites if they had not repented.”²¹

This final message is God’s glory, revealing His character, by mercifully calling His people out and away from the doom that awaits the wicked, but His character is also one of Justice. He declares that He “will by no means clear the guilty; visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children, and upon the children’s children, unto the third and to the fourth generation.”²² This justice is seen in the warning of the judgments to fall on Babylon and all those who will not separate from her.

“We have a covert, a stronghold into which we may run and be safe. Our prayers must reach the mercy-seat, where mercy and truth have met together, righteousness and peace have kissed each other. The grace which is sufficient for all, will enable us to rise above the severest trials, and to endure the most trying tests. Never was there a period when so much was at stake as there is now. Never was there a generation upon whom rested such weighty responsibilities as upon this generation; for God has entrusted to the men of this time the last warning message.”²³

“Different periods in the history of the church have each been marked by the development of some special truth, adapted to the necessities of God’s people at that time. Every new truth has made its way against hatred and opposition; those who were blessed with its light were tempted and tried. The Lord gives a special truth for the people in an emergency. Who dare refuse to publish it? He commands His servants to present the last invitation of mercy to the world. They cannot remain silent, except at the peril of their souls. Christ’s ambassadors have nothing to do with consequences. They must perform their duty, and leave results with God.”²⁴

“In every age there is a new development of truth, a message of God to the people of that generation. The old truths are all essential; new truth is not independent of the old, but an unfolding of it. It is only as the old truths are understood that we can comprehend the new. When Christ desired to open to His disciples the truth of His resurrection, He began ‘at Moses and all the prophets’ and ‘expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning Himself.’²⁵ But it is the light which shines in the fresh unfolding of truth that glorifies the old. He who rejects or neglects the new does not really possess the old. For him it loses its vital power and becomes but a lifeless form.”²⁶

It is a solemn responsibility and fearful work that this generation is required to do. But God has promised that it WILL be accomplished. The earth WILL

be filled with His glory. What a reward awaits those who are faithful in His work! For of the final generation, the 144,000, it is written, “And I saw as it were a sea of glass mingled with fire: and them that had gotten the victory over the beast, and over his image, and over his mark, and over the number of his name, stand on the sea of glass, having the harps of God. And they sing the song of Moses the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying, Great and marvelous are Thy works, Lord God Almighty; just and true are Thy ways, Thou King of saints. Who shall not fear thee, O Lord, and glorify Thy name? for Thou only art holy: for all nations shall come and worship before Thee; for Thy judgments are made manifest.”²⁷ They sing the song of Moses and the Lamb because they have fulfilled the promise given to Moses by the Lamb. They have been His instruments to lighten the earth with His glory! Did you notice that they mention the fact that all nations shall come and worship? This is the direct fulfillment of the prophecy and oath given to Moses. This is what sister White said was beginning in her day through the missionary activities of the church. The world today is a very different place than it was in 1915. Almost half the world hadn’t even heard of Christianity back then, but today almost the entire world knows about Christianity. There are only a few isolated tribes left, here and there, who have not heard about Christianity. The entire world will soon have had an opportunity to know Christ. All nations will soon receive the final message

28. Ex. 15:2,18

27. Rev. 15:2-4

29. Rev. 19:1,7

30. Rev. 15:2

as was promised so many centuries ago!

The song of Moses was written after the victory of God over Pharaoh’s army at the Red Sea, and the deliverance of Israel from Egyptian bondage. Israel sang: “The LORD is my strength and song, and he is become my salvation: he is my God, and I will prepare him an habitation; my father’s God, and I will exalt him... The LORD shall reign for ever and ever.”²⁸ It is this same song of victory that the 144,000 sing after their victory over the forces of evil and the bondage of sin. For we read after the destruction of Babylon, “And after these things I heard a great voice of much people in heaven, saying, Alleluia; Salvation, and glory, and honour, and power, unto the Lord our God:.. Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to Him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and His wife hath made herself ready. And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints.”²⁹ The 144,000 sing the song of Moses because they have “gotten the victory over the beast, and over his image, and over his mark, and over the number of his name.”³⁰

The final triumph is sure because it was sworn to Moses by a double oath that it would happen. By the love and unity, order and faith, of the final generation the earth will be lightened, and is being lightened by His glory! Don’t you want to be a part of it?

by Virginia Markwell

“God has ordained that the representatives of His church
from all parts of the earth,
when assembled in a General Conference,
shall have authority.

The error that some are in danger of committing
is in giving to the mind and judgment of one man,
or of a small group of men,
the full measure of authority and influence
that God has invested in His church
in the judgment and voice of the General Conference assembled
to plan for the prosperity and advancement of His work.”

Testimonies for the Church, Vol. 9, p. 261.

Children's Story—*The Old Dog Grim*

Proverbs 6:6

Our minister was to hold a children's meeting one Sabbath afternoon, and all the little people were invited to come. Even the pre-school children were told that for once they would be able to understand the sermon.

Little Nattie was one of the smallest boys. He was a bright, black-eyed fellow, just five years old. He was his mother's darling, just as all of you, dear children, are. But even while yet so small, he had one very great fault. He was a lazy little boy. But he loved dogs very much.

Soon after the minister began to talk, little Nattie whispered, "O mamma, it is a sermon about dogs. I am so glad!" He began to listen, with his eyes, ears, and mouth all wide open, to be sure to hear every word.

The minister told about very cold countries, where they use dogs for horses. He said men go to these countries in ships, and often they get caught in the ice, for the sea is full of it; and sometimes the ships are broken into pieces, and the poor men starve or freeze on the great, dreary fields of ice.

Once an Englishman, Sir John Franklin, went with three ships to those frozen seas to make some great discoveries; but he never came back. After waiting many years, other men and ships went after them, to see if they could learn what had become of them. This last party came

home safely, and wrote a book, telling wonderful stories about their life in the Arctic seas.

Sometimes they left their ships held fast in the ice, and taking sleds, with dogs for horses, traveled for many days over the ice. One of these dogs was named "Grim." He was a great, strong fellow, and could draw a larger load, catch a fox quicker, and eat more, than any of the rest, and was a very agreeable, intelligent dog.

He went with them once or twice, to help drag the sled on their land journeys; but they found that, with all his strength, he was the first dog to lie down when they came to a rough place. All the dogs would lie down, and the men had to unload the sled and carry it over the bad place, and then the dogs would pull again. But old Grim was the first one down, and the last to start again.

The next time they were about to leave the ship, Grim was nowhere to be seen. When he found them, getting ready for another sled journey, he very quietly sneaked away. They looked for him as long as they could, and then had to start without him. After a day or two, Grim came back to the ship, looking very innocent and very hungry, having had nothing to eat while he was gone.

The next time they started, they called him to harness him, but found the poor dog was very lame. He could only walk

on three legs, and seemed to be in great pain. Of course he could not be used, and so they left him behind again. By the time they were out of sight, old Grim's leg suddenly got well, and he was all right again. Always, when they wanted him to work, he acted this way. He was lame, or tired, or sick, or ran away, and never helped anyone.

The minister continued by saying, "Children, I have never been to the ice countries; but I think I have seen many a dog Grim in our own land. When a little boy or girl is asked to go up or down the stairs to bring something, and he '*doesn't want to*;' or when he is told to put away his toys, and he is '*too tired*;' when he can't do his school work because his '*head aches*' or his '*eyes hurt*;' when he wants mom to bring him a glass of water, and yet he can run all about the house in play isn't such a little boy or girl very much like the dog Grim?"

"Mamma," said little Nattie, growing very red all over his face, "*does he mean me?*" After that, when his mamma wanted help, she only had to say, "Remember the dog Grim?" and little Nattie was instantly her willing helper.

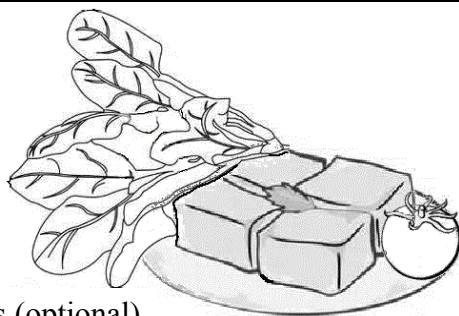
What about you? I hope you never act like the old dog Grim.

Adapted from The Youth's Instructor, August 15, 1870.

RECIPE—*Scrambled Tofu & Spinach*

Ingredients:

2 T.—olive oil
¾ C.—sliced mushrooms (optional)
1 large tomato (or 2 small)
2 cloves minced garlic
1 bunch spinach
1 lb. (pound) extra firm tofu, crumbled (organic)
1 t.—lemon juice
Soy sauce to taste



Directions:

- Saute tomatoes, garlic and mushrooms in olive oil for 2-3 minutes.
- Reduce heat to medium low and add spinach, tofu, soy sauce and lemon juice.
- Cover and cook for 5-7 minutes, stirring occasionally.

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MISSION REPORT

Colombia

Final Events ... A Concern?

June 9, 2012

The fulfillment of the prophecies about the restoration of papal supremacy and its historical development, are before our eyes every day and within reach of our ears.

We have heard so much of the ecclesiastical description of the Papacy that Revelation 13 gives us and the political description we are given in Revelation 17 of the Holy Spirit in the end time.

Unfortunately, the only glimpse toward the future, which really focuses on the people aware of these truths is that relating to the imposition of the Sunday Law, which many believe will be imposed by the Papacy. When this belief, in fact, turns out to be a distracting sophistry to divert people from the truth and the fulfillment of other duties in the plan of salvation.

What the Holy Spirit has revealed is that: "Yet under one head—the papal power—the people will unite to oppose God in the person of His witnesses." "What is it that gives its kingdom to this power? Protestantism, a power which, while professing to have the temper and spirit of a lamb and to be allied to Heaven, speaks with the voice of a dragon." "The 'speaking' of the nation is the action of its legislative and judicial authorities." Testimonies, vol. 7, p. 182; Maranatha, p. 187; The Great Controversy, p. 442.

Protestantism, not only will exalt the Papacy religiously and politically to a position of power and global authority, but will also exercise the decision to kill everyone who does not worship it. (regardless of Sunday worship imposed by the papacy) Revelation 13:15.

As we know, all Protestant churches and denominations have their headquarters in the United States. There, heaven let them be established, so that in the plans and purposes of God they would be a beacon of light, and that in the midst of spiritual darkness of the earth, were given an understanding of the Bible and its truths. "But they fell by the same desire which was the curse and ruin of Israel—the desire of imitating the practices and courting the friendship of the ungodly. 'Thou didst trust in thine own beauty, and playedst the

harlot because of thy renown.'" Ezekiel 16:15; The Great Controversy, p. 383.

So as "the religious power must so control the civil government that the authority of the state will also be employed by the church to accomplish her own ends." The Great Controversy, p. 443.

And when the civil or political power is manipulated by the religious, that all they want is for the world's favor, then will be seen that in homage to the Papacy, the United States, in a Protestant political coalition will not be alone.

"Secular rulers and religious leaders will unite to enforce the observance of the Sunday... Men in authority will enact laws controlling the conscience, after the example of the Papacy. Babylon will make all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication. Every nation will be involved." Maranatha, p. 188.

"There will be a universal bond of union, one great harmony, a confederacy of Satan's forces. 'And shall give their power and strength unto the beast.'" Maranatha, p. 187.

As we see, it is not the Papacy who imposes the Sunday Law as so many expect and more when they heard John Paul II claim Sunday as the "Dies Domini" (Day of the Lord) and when they hear Benedict XVI ordain that "Sunday should be devoted to the Eucharist and faith. It is the day of God." (Rome, Sunday, March 4, 2012)

All this has led many of those who believe in the message of the three angels and the soon coming of Jesus, to focus the attention of their study and preparation on the Sunday Law, in the final events, in the time of trouble and in the seven last plagues. Here in Colombia many meetings are held by SDAs who are restless but are still in the church and other independent ministries, to speak about the preparation for the final events. Their concerns are: That "President Obama said..." that "John Paul II will be resurrected to be the eighth pope after Benedict XVI...", that "Israel will attack Iran...", that "The prophecy says that it is the United States that will attack it...", that "and the trumpets have sounded, that the trumpets are sounding...", that "the plagues are not literal, but spiritual...", that "President Obama approved the microchip, and that's

the mark of the beast..." In the end, a multitude of conjectures and sensational manifestations that all they want is to create panic and bring on the time of trouble, attract people to man and not to the truth and to Christ; preparing them to accept the devil's schemes.

"There are many precious truths contained in the Word of God, but it is 'present truth' that the flock needs now." Early Writings, p. 63.

ARE WE PREPARING FOR FINAL EVENTS OR ARE WE PREPARING FOR THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN?

We live in a time of terror and terrorism. There is terrorism in the streets, in the country; terrorism in schools and universities, in the clinics and hospitals, where patients are being killed off with powerful poisons called medicines.

"These mixtures place a double taxation upon nature, and in the effort to throw off the poisons they contain, thousands of persons lose their lives. We must leave drugs entirely alone, for in using them we introduce an enemy into the system." Last Day Events (Non-Conference Edition), p. 22, Letter 67, April 8, 1889). See also Manuscript Releases, Vol. 16, pp. 289, 290.

There is terrorism in the churches and banks, terrorism in supermarkets and homes.

"Lawlessness, dissipation, and corruption are sweeping in upon us like an overwhelming tide. In the family, Satan is at work. His banner waves, even in professedly Christian households. There is envy, evil surmising, hypocrisy, estrangement, emulation, strife, betrayal of sacred trusts, indulgence of lust. The whole system of religious principles and doctrines, which should form the foundation and framework of social life, seems to be a tottering mass, ready to fall to ruin." The Great Controversy, p. 585.

Already everywhere, in everything you see and hear is being put at risk not only this life but also eternal life to which very few give any thought. In a word, the crisis of fear and terror is so delicate in this world, that from the doors of your home inwardly you are unsure and that from the doors of your home outwardly you're dead man.

"Transgression has almost reached its

limit. Confusion fills the world, and a great terror is soon to come upon human beings. The end is very near." Maranatha, p. 161.

"Men possessed by demons are taking the lives of men, women and little children. All these things testify that the Lord's coming is near." Maranatha, p. 175.

"Every man's hand will be against his fellow man. Brother will rise against brother, sister against sister, parents against children, and children against parents." Selected Messages, Book 3, p. 418.

It seems that all this unbridled world chaos that is heralding the gradual approach of anarchy, which seeks to nullify all laws, not only divine but human, would have produced an eschatolofobic syndrome. Eschatolophobia (terror of the final events).

And since they are already anticipating the roughest time of unbearable anguish, their conversation tries to describe, in Hollywood style, the possible persecutions, tortures, confiscations, losses, betrayals, hatred; the methods, systems, tactics and strategies and all the technology they suppose, will be seen deployed at the appropriate time to hunt them. "That Obama has already approved gay marriage..." that the "TVs, computers and cell phones have microphones and cameras installed in them to see and hear what everyone does..." "And when the government, Roman Catholics and SDAs are chasing them," they say: "God will protect us with his angels."

In reality, from being persecuted in the future they have become persecutors in the present. Of course, these are expressions of hatred and persecution in advance. They are cataloguing some people as persecutors who maybe know nothing about the events that are coming upon the earth. And who as the time arrives may be converted to the Lord and will be prosecuted, in fact, by those who today claim to believe in the Lord. The Holy Spirit tells us this event: "Standard after standard was left to trail in the dust as company after company from the Lord's army joined the foe and tribe after tribe from the ranks of the enemy united with the commandment-keeping people of God." Testimonies, vol. 8, p. 41.

Lots of people are preparing for the final events, but, how many truly are preparing for the kingdom of heaven? Many people are preparing themselves, because of their faith, to be finally given a violent death, but how many really are preparing for eternal life?

"It is a solemn thing to die, but a far

more solemn thing to live. Every thought and word and deed of our lives will meet us again. What we make of ourselves in probationary time, that we must remain to all eternity. Death brings dissolution to the body, but makes no change in the character. The coming of Christ does not change our characters; it only fixes them forever beyond all change." Testimonies, vol. 5, p. 466.

If we start to think that through faith in Christ and by proclaiming His message we are going to die, and fear and terror overwhelms us, leading us to remain hidden and neutral, then who will publish the message to the world? When the Lord Himself tells us that the problem is not that we have a terrible message to give the world, but the problem is who is going to proclaim it?

"The Lord gives a special truth for the people in an emergency. Who dare refuse to publish it? He commands His servants to present the last invitation of mercy to the world. They cannot remain silent, except at the peril of their souls. Christ's ambassadors have nothing to do with consequences. They must perform their duty and leave results with God." The Great Controversy, pp. 609-10.

Besides, we are also warned: "If God abhors one sin above another, of which His people are guilty, it is doing nothing in case of an emergency. Indifference and neutrality in a religious crisis is regarded of God as a grievous crime and equal to the very worst type of hostility against God." Testimonies, vol. 3, p. 281.

Jesus, Peter, Paul and other apostles, the Waldenses and Albigenses, Huss, Luther and many others did not prepare for the final events; torture or death, because there is no school that prepares someone for this. In fact, for example, Huss was innocent and was taken off guard by the treachery of King Sigismund who sentenced him to the stake. And when he was tied to the stake and all was ready to start the fire... "When the flames kindled about him, he began to sing, 'Jesus, Thou Son of David, have mercy on me,' and so continued till his voice was silenced forever." The Great Controversy, p. 109.

"The apostle [Paul] was looking into the great beyond, not with uncertainty or dread, but with joyous hope and longing expectation. As he stands at the place of martyrdom he sees not the sword of the executioner or the earth so soon to receive his blood; he looks up through the calm blue heaven of that summer day to the throne of the Eternal." The Acts of the Apostles, pp. 511-12.

The testimony of all the faithful martyrs

is evidence that life and death are in the hands of the Creator. And that "we have nothing to fear for the future, except as we shall forget the way the Lord has led us, and His teaching in our past history." Life Sketches of Ellen G. White, p. 196.

"Sacrifice all to God. Lay all upon His altar - self, property, and all, a living sacrifice. It will take all to enter glory... Heaven will be cheap enough, if we obtain it through suffering." Early Writings, pp. 66-67.

Is it possible that we will not live for the final events? In fact, the final events are here.

"Already the judgments of God are abroad in the land, as seen in storms, in floods, in tempests, in earthquakes, in peril by land and by sea. The great I AM is speaking to those who make void His law... To stand in defense of truth and righteousness when the majority forsake us, to fight the battles of the Lord when champions are few—this will be our test. At this time we must gather warmth from the coldness of others, courage from their cowardice, and loyalty from their treason. The nation will be on the side of the great rebel leader." Testimonies, vol. 5, p. 136.

The Lord tells us that "America... where the greatest light from heaven has been shining upon the people, can become the place of greatest peril and darkness because the people do not continue to practice the truth and walk in the light..." Selected Messages, Book 3, p. 387.

Finally, "Every nation will be involved." Maranatha, p. 188. Everyone will be fraught with danger. There will be no safe place for anyone on this earth. "Those who are without God's protection will find no safety in any place or position." Maranatha, p. 137. The only safe place on earth is where we bow before Him who made heaven and earth.

"Then in the day of fierce trial He will say, 'Come, my people, enter thou into thy chambers, and shut thy doors about thee: hide thyself as it were for a little moment, until the indignation be overpast.' What are the chambers in which they are to hide? - They are the protection of Christ and holy angels." S.D.A. Bible Commentary, vol. 4, p. 1143. That is to say, in the very holy of holies (Hebrews 10: 19).

God does not want in these days a people scared of dying in the final events, but a people to who prepare day after day, for the kingdom of heaven and eternal life. Only a few respond to the desire and plans of God's. A few are truly perfecting themselves in obedience: "A few, yes, only a few, of the vast number who people the earth will be saved unto life eternal, while

the masses who have not perfected their souls in obeying the truth will be appointed to the second death.” Maranatha, p. 251.

“I was shown the startling fact that but a small portion of those who now profess the truth will be sanctified by it and be saved.” Testimonies, vol. 1, p. 608.

“I am alarmed for the people of God who profess to believe solemn, important truth, for I know that many of them are not converted nor sanctified through it.” Testimonies, vol. 1, p. 262.

“The great mass of the world will reject God’s mercy, and will be overwhelmed in swift and irretrievable ruin.” Patriarchs and Prophets, p. 167.

To set our sights on preparation for the final events, the kingdom of heaven and eternal life, to a near or distant future, is exactly the same as holding on to our possessions, resources and worldly wealth, when we know that “...the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up.” 2 Peter 3:10.

Today, now, in the present, is the opportunity to prepare for the kingdom of heaven and eternal life. The Lord warns us that we must pay great attention to this and occupy our minds and all our strength to work on it. We wait out probation on many vain things and today as yesterday the Holy Spirit says: “It is a solemn statement that I make to the church, that not one in twenty whose names are registered upon the church books are prepared to close their earthly history, and would be as verily without God and without hope in the world as the common sinner.” Christian Service, p. 41. He said this in 1893, in 1904 He said: “Not one in a hundred among us is doing anything beyond engaging in common, worldly enterprises. We are not half awake to the worth of the souls for whom Christ died.” Christian Service, p. 81.

What would He say today?

We have not the possibility of a certain future in which to prepare for the kingdom of God, only today is ours and we should live this day as if it were your last and prepare as surely as if we were to live a thousand years. “We are living amid the perils of the last days, and we are to cleanse ourselves from all defilement, and put on the robe of Christ’s righteousness. The work of God is to be steadily carried forward... God desires His workers to gain daily an understanding of how to reason logically from cause to effect, arriving at wise, safe conclusions... We should not allow a day to pass without gaining an increase of knowledge in tem-

poral and spiritual things... The highest education is to be found in training the mind to advance day to day... Day by day we are to work out conclusions that will bring a rich reward in this life, and in the life to come. Looking daily to Jesus... The end of all things is at hand. What we have done must not be allowed to place the period to our work... Constantly we are to increase in usefulness... Prayer, faith, confidence in God, bring a divine power that sets human calculations at their real worth—nothingness...” Reflecting Christ, p. 159.

“Every day we are making our history. Yesterday is beyond our amendment or control; today only is ours. Then let us not grieve the Spirit of God today, for tomorrow we shall not be able to recall what we have done. Today will then be yesterday.” Testimonies, vol. 6, p. 149.

The Lord Jesus tells us all: “If any [man] will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me.” Luke 9:23.

It is necessary to exercise faith every day; it is necessary to carry the cross every day. Preparation is day by day and includes, of course, in the calculations, your skin for the witness of Jesus.

“For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: but whosoever will lose his life for my sake, the same shall save it.” Luke 9:24.

Why think that we can prepare to suffer a cruel death, when joyously, we can be possessors of eternal life today by faith alone in Christ?

“He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life...” (John 3:36) and “if ye love me, keep my commandments.” (John 14:15).

The concept you have is, that eternal life is endless time, but the Holy Spirit and Jesus teach us that, in fact, it is something experimental and practical that today we can begin to enjoy and share: “And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent.” John 17:3 Besides the kingdom of heaven begins here. Luke 17:21.

The Adventist pioneers were prepared for the final events and left the houses, businesses, crops and their possessions. They offered and donated everything to the proclamation of the coming of Christ in glory. But they did not prepare their lives and their hearts. Humanly speaking it was the people that were the most “prepared” who were to see the coming of the Lord Jesus in the clouds of heaven. But the Holy Spirit tells us something very different: “But the people were not

yet ready to meet their Lord. There was still a work of preparation to be accomplished for them. Light was to be given, directing their minds to the temple of God in heaven; and as they should by faith follow their High Priest in His ministration there, new duties would be revealed. Another message of warning and instruction was to be given to the church.” The Great Controversy, pp. 424-25.

What were these new duties? They ate pork, drank coffee, believed in the pagan trinity doctrine, kept Sunday... were ignorant of the everlasting gospel of Jesus Christ as a lifestyle. They suffered a great disappointment. What about us?

“The third angel’s message is swelling into a loud cry, and you must not feel at liberty to neglect the present duty, and still entertain the idea that at some future time you will be the recipients of great blessing, when without any effort on your part a wonderful revival will take place. Today you are to give yourselves to God, that He may make of you vessels unto honor, and meet for His service. Today you are to give yourself to God, that you may be emptied of self, emptied of envy, jealousy, evil surmising, strife, everything that shall be dishonoring to God. Today you are to have your vessel purified that it may be ready for the heavenly dew, ready for the showers of the latter rain; for the latter rain will come, and the blessing of God will fill every soul that is purified from every defilement. It is our work today to yield our souls to Christ, that we may be fitted for the time of refreshing from the presence of the Lord—fitted for the baptism of the Holy Spirit.” Selected Messages, Book 1, pp. 190-91.

Now, for what has God, right now, removed, called out and raised up a people?

“In the very time in which we live, the Lord has called His people and has given them a message to bear. He has called them to expose the wickedness of the man of sin who has made the Sunday law a distinctive power, who has thought to change times and laws, and to oppress the people of God who stand firmly to honor Him by keeping the only true Sabbath, the Sabbath creation, as holy unto the Lord.” Evangelism, p. 705; Testimonies to Ministers, p. 118.

This must be the best equipped and trained army that God’s universe ever knew, to confront the cunning enemies of God and man, Satan and the Roman Papal System, so powerful that its effectiveness is not the greatness of its militia or its merits, qualities, strength or virtue of its soldiers. “...Not by might, nor by power,

but by my spirit, saith the LORD of hosts.” Zechariah 4:6.

It is actually the weakest specimen of the human race physically, mentally and spiritually and God allows it to be thus: “...lest any man should boast.” Ephesians 2:9. so that all the glory will be God’s. And with all this: “Nothing is apparently more helpless, yet really more invincible, than the soul that feels its nothingness and relies wholly on God.” Prophets and Kings, p. 175.

Satan points to their transgressions and unworthiness and declares them worthy of destruction: “‘Are these,’ he says, ‘the people who are to take my place in heaven and the place of the angels who united with me? While they profess to obey the law of God, have they kept its precepts? Have they not been lovers of self more than of God? Have they not placed their own interests above His service? Have they not loved the things of the world? Look at the sins which have marked their lives. Behold their selfishness, their malice, their hatred toward one another.’” Testimonies, vol. 5, p. 473.

Satan ignores that: “God rejoices to bestow His grace upon us, not because we are worthy, but because we are so utterly unworthy. Our only claim to His mercy is our great need.” The Ministry of Healing, p. 161.

God hates and abhors the work of the Papacy and its agents and raises up a whole people, to denounce and expose all that is the mystery of iniquity, no matter how apparently powerful and invincible it appears be.

“The most fearful threatening ever addressed to mortals is contained in the third angel’s message. That must be a terrible sin which calls down the wrath of God unmingled with mercy.” The Great Controversy, p. 449.

Because, “the pope has changed the day of rest from the seventh to the first day. He has thought to change the very commandment that was given to cause man to remember his Creator. He has thought to change the greatest commandment in the Decalogue and thus make himself equal with God, or even exalt himself above God. The Lord is unchangeable, therefore His law is immutable; but the pope has exalted himself above God, in seeking to change His immutable precepts of holiness, justice, and goodness. He has trampled underfoot God’s sanctified day, and, on his own authority, put in its place one of the six laboring days. The whole nation has followed after the beast, and every week they rob God of His holy

time. The pope has made a breach in the holy law of God, but I saw that the time had fully come for this breach to be made up by the people of God and the waste places built up.” Early Writings, p. 65.

To obstruct the plans of God and hinder the work of the faithful “Satan has devised a state of things whereby the proclamation of the third angel’s message shall be bound about. We must beware of his plans and methods. There must be no toning down of the truth, no muffling of the message for this time. The third angel’s message must be strengthened and confirmed. The eighteenth chapter of Revelation reveals the importance of presenting the truth in no measured terms but with boldness and power... There has been too much beating about the bush in the proclamation of the third angel’s message. The message has not been given as clearly and distinctly as it should have been.” Evangelism, p. 230. The Lord concludes declaring to us what should be the results as the heat of the conflict intensifies.

“Our warfare is aggressive. Tremendous issues are before us, yea, and right upon us. Let our prayers ascend to God that the four angels may still hold the four winds, that they may not blow to injure or destroy until the last warning has been given to the world. Then let us work in harmony with our prayers. Let nothing lessen the force of the truth for this time. The present truth is to be our burden. The third angel’s message must do its work of separating from the churches a people who will take their stand on the platform of eternal truth.” Testimonies, vol. 6, p. 61.

And that no man can choose which part of the work he will carry out so as to stay out of controversies and maintain a neutral position. “The present truth, the special message given to our world, even the third angel’s message, comprehends a vast field, containing heavenly treasures. No one can be excusable who says, ‘I will no longer have anything to do with these special messages; I will preach Christ.’ No one can preach Christ, and present the truth as it is in Jesus, unless he presents the truths that are to come before the people at the present time, when such important developments are taking place.” The Voice in Speech and Song, pp. 325-26.

The Lord’s Challenge to all His children is: “...Who is on my side? Who..?” 2 Kings 9:32.

“God means that testing truth shall be brought to the front and become a subject of examination and discussion, even if it is through the contempt placed upon it. The minds of the people must be agitated.

Every controversy, every reproach, every slander, will be God’s means of provoking inquiry and awakening minds that otherwise would slumber.” Testimonies, vol. 5, p. 453.

Nothing should frighten or fill with fear the fragile faithful of Jesus. “Men must have moral backbone, an integrity which cannot be flattered, bribed, or terrified.” Testimonies, vol. 5, 297; Maranatha, p. 64.

Besides all this, the Lord has declared He will not allow the impetuosity and passion, fear or human sufficiency to be expressed. “But when they deliver you up, take no thought how or what ye shall speak: for it shall be given you in that same hour what ye shall speak. For it is not ye that speak, but the Spirit of your Father which speaketh in you.” Matthew 10:19-20.

The promise of the Lord, so that His faithful people can do their work diligently and quickly, is that He will restrain all powers of evil.

“The opposition of the enemies of truth will be restrained that the third angel’s message may do its work.” The Great Controversy, p. 611.

“At that time, while the work of salvation is closing, trouble will be coming on the earth, and the nations will be angry, yet held in check so as not to prevent the work of the third angel.” Early Writings, pp. 85, 86; Maranatha, p. 170.

Let us rejoice, that the good thing about all this, is how bad it is getting! “It is in a crisis that character is revealed.” Christ Object Lessons, p. 412.

Realizing the danger that millions are risking of losing eternal life through ignorance of the holy law of God, our humble ministry for 30 years, has been dedicated to giving to the world the last message of warning, as the Lord commanded to be done with directness and no variance.

We had the opportunity to have a radio program for 3 years; half an hour every day; traveling 50 kilometers every day to get to the station and the same to return. How was this possible? I have a short wave radio and at night before going to sleep, I listened to some national and international broadcasters. I was filled with anguish and helplessness as I heard how many messages were being broadcast by the false Protestant churches and many more programs on spiritualism, astrology, magic medicine and all the deception and spiritualistic lies that are being broadcast through the radio, without anyone opposing and no one was protesting.

My silent prayer was: “Lord, if only You would give me half an hour to talk on the radio of Your message.”

One day I made up my mind and went to town to find out what the cost of half an hour daily on the radio. With our savings we could pay for only one month. I called a very missionary minded brother, told him what we were planning and he said: “I am going to send enough to pay for another month”. And the few humble brethren with whom we share in the city of C__ also followed suit. Thus we began the program knowing, a little frightened, because we had not had experience in managing the radio, which for three months would be on the air and then only God knew what would happen. Just at the beginning of the third month G__ D__ came along and with his help we had the program for almost three years until he moved away from the message of truth to follow the theories of some false teachers.

It was not easy to withstand the pressure from the listeners who called to threaten, offend, and brand us as devils; anti-Roman Catholic and even asked the owner of the station, who was a fervent Roman Catholic, not to allowed us to tell lies against the Roman Catholic Church. That would end the program.

The thing most disheartening was not

those expressions from unbelievers, but the fears and apprehensions of some brethren who said to me: “Aren’t you afraid to be so direct?”; “Aren’t you afraid that someone will kill you for saying those things?” I simply said to them and say today, that even though I would not want to say something that was outrageous, when I began to talk about it, all restraint or fear disappeared from me and I spoke without any fear of what should be declared, leaving the consequences to the Lord. Thus passed three years, and thousands of people benefited from these messages: Roman Catholics, Protestants and even SDAs.

When I no longer was able to continue on the radio, and as always providentially, the Lord allowed us to get into TV, we could only contract for one hour every Sabbath (Saturday) and so we begin our program with: “It Is Written”; saying: “Today is Saturday the true Sabbath of the Lord...” and our purpose is to show all the commandments of God’s law, which are read at the beginning and end of each program. This past May 6, 2012, by the grace of God and the help of our brethren, many of whom we do not yet know, we completed six years of on the air TV. Now, I commute 200 kilometers, three hours there and three back, every Sabbath to

present the live program. Many people have received free copies of “The Great Controversy,” health materials, prophecy and a series of Bible studies offered by e-mail.

The threats and insults keep coming; some Roman Catholics aggressively insult us by phone and countless intimidating text messages. We pray for them and hope that the Holy Spirit will work in an opportune time and in the indicated manner on these people.

We greatly appreciate all the brethren who have supported us through their offerings, prayers and words of encouragement. God reward you and give you thanks and a reward.

For all Spanish-speaking brothers and sisters and those who understand a little Spanish, we invite you to listen to the program at www.canalccali.com, Sabbath from 3:00 pm to 4:00 PM Central Time. (Colombia - South America.)

“For God [is] not unrighteous to forget your work and labour of love, which ye have showed toward his name, in that ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister.” Hebrews 6:10.

May the Lord inspire us to help in His work. He does not forget those who help.

Your brother in Christ,

B. G.

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Peaches are juicy fruits that originated in China and are highly consumed in America. These sweet flavored fruits can be stored in almost all types of climates thus, you can enjoy it any season. Peaches are filled with nutrients and proteins that makes it an ideal summer fruit. Lets check out a few amazing health benefits of the sweet and soft juicy fruit, peaches.

Weight loss: If you have not been successful in your previous weight loss plan and wish to include some juicy fruits, then peaches should be there on your plate. Peaches are low in fats and calories. Many dieters think that peaches increase blood sugar levels because they are very sweet. However, peaches have natural sugar and not artificial or refined sugar that deposits as fat. Sugar in peaches is not artificial thus it doesn’t raise blood sugar and insulin levels. The sweet flavor of this fruit also controls food cravings.

Antioxidants: Peaches have many antioxidants but the most striking benefits of

chlorogenic acid (an antioxidant) makes this a healthy fruit. This antioxidant is mostly concentrated on the skin and flesh of the peaches and is known to protect the body from diseases such as cancer and chronic problems. chlorogenic acid also reduces body inflammation and controls aging.

Vitamins: Vitamin A in peaches is good for good vision. Vitamin C in this fruit is an antioxidant and also a tissue builder. Vitamin K is found in peaches that prevents blood clotting and other heart diseases. Peaches are rich in Vitamin E that prevents propagation of free radicals in tissues. Peaches are also a rich source of calcium, fiber, carbohydrates, potassium and folate acid. Thus, we can say that peaches not only have health but also nutritional benefits.

Cleanses system: Peach tea is known as a natural remedy to cleanse our system, especially kidneys. In many eastern cultures, peach tea is considered as a kidney

cleanser that is used for detoxification. Peaches have a high content of potassium and fiber that reduces stomach ulcers, inflammation and kidney related diseases. Poor digestive problems like gastritis and colitis are also cured by having peaches.

Improves eye sight: These days even kids below 5 years are seen wearing spectacles. Poor eye sight due to lack of nutrition in the diet is one of the main reasons behind this eye problem. Beta-carotene is known for improving eye vision. Peaches are a rich source of beta-carotene that increases blood circulation in all parts of the body thus, protecting the eyes from weakening.

Good for the skin: Vitamin C in peaches is an essential ingredient that benefits the skin. Apart from health benefits, peaches are also known as a natural beauty product. Vitamins in peaches reduces the formation of fine lines or wrinkles on the skin.

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