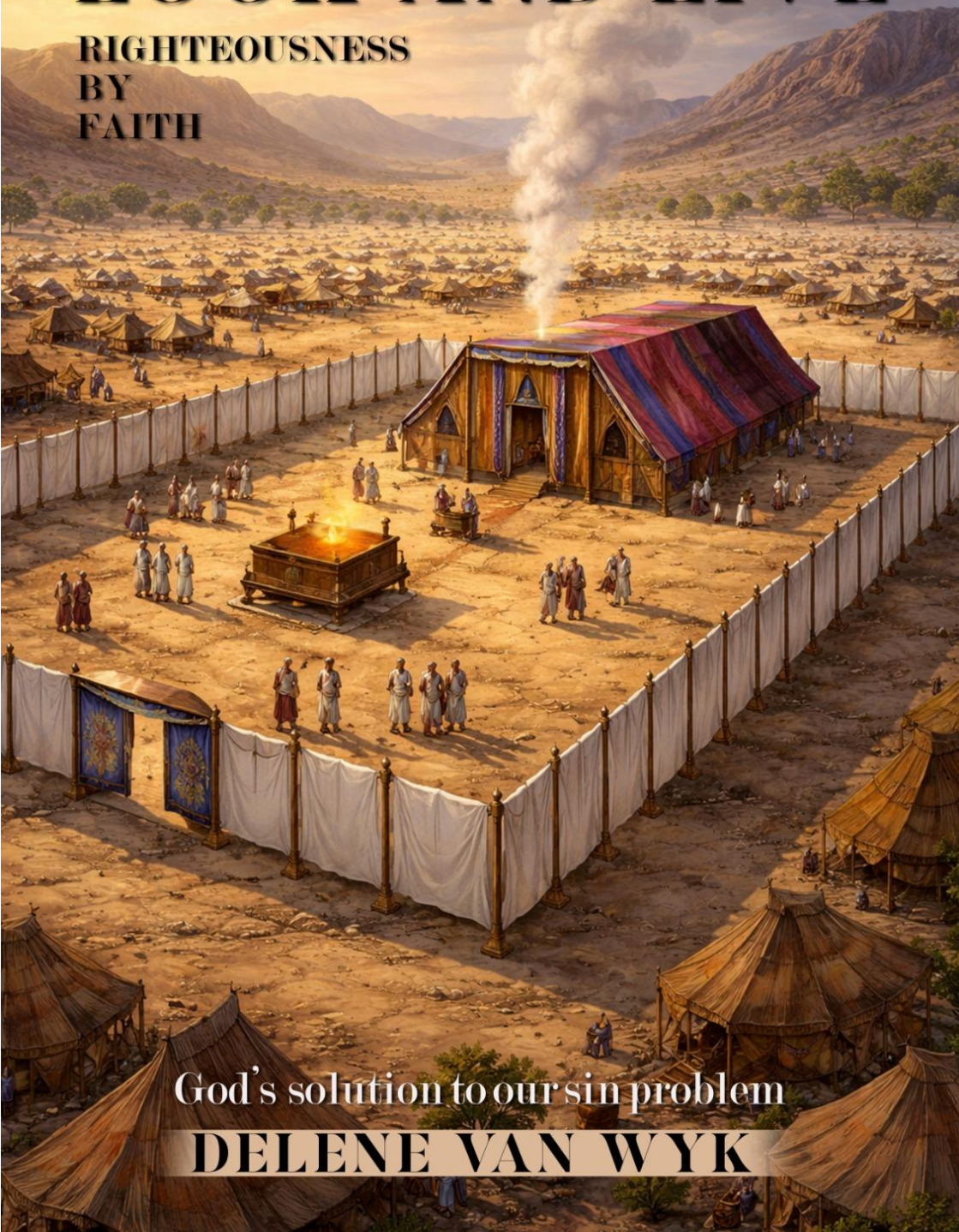


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BOOK 2

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Warm greeting to you, dear reader

Part one of this book - The Everlasting Gospel, is available as a book in printed format and will soon be available as a free E-book. The Everlasting Gospel is an introduction to the book Righteousness by faith. I would suggest that The Everlasting Gospel be read prior to Righteousness by faith, to obtain a better understanding of the subject matter.

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INTRODUCTION

Dearly beloved friends, the desire of my heart is to shed light upon the wonderful plan of Salvation as portrayed in the Word of God.

In a nutshell, at Calvary Jesus died and took our sins upon Him, He paid for our sins - our transgression of God's law.

But God provided a solution to our sin problem, to enable us to keep His law.

The plan of salvation, the solution to the sin problem can clearly be seen and understood in the sanctuary/tabernacle services.

Scripture tells us that the "way of God is in the sanctuary" (Psalms 77:13 KJV).

Scripture tells us, God's "way" is salvation (Acts 16:16-17 KJV).

The earthly sanctuary was a copy of the true sanctuary in heaven (Hebrew 9:24). And although we do not sacrifice animals anymore, the plan of salvation is still applicable to us today. Let us contemplate this wonderful solution that was made possible through the sacrifice of Jesus on Calvary!

Contrary to popular belief, salvation was not completed at the cross. When Jesus said "It is finished" it was only the first phase of salvation that was completed.

In Scripture, the sanctuary was divided into three compartments:

- 1) Court-yard/Outer Court - outside (Revelation 11 :2).
- 2) Holy Place - inside (Exodus 26:33).
- 3) Most Holy Place - inside (Exodus 26:33).

In other words, there are three phases to the plan of redemption. David said, "Thy way, O God, is in the sanctuary" (Psalms 77: 13). When Jesus died, only the first phase was accomplished as a study of the sanctuary reveals. And we are currently in the last phase of salvation (The Most Holy place). Jesus is currently in the Most Holy place, and His desire is that while mercy is still lingering, we must give our hearts to Him, to be cleansed from all sin.

For the plan of salvation to be fully completed, all sins have to be erased. In other words, the heavenly sanctuary needs to be cleansed from all accumulated sin. We have an active part to play in the cleansing process. Sin needs to be eradicated from our lives.

This is backed up by prophecy.

"And he said unto me, unto two thousand and three hundred days; then shall the sanctuary be cleansed" (Daniel 8:14 KJV).

Cleansed from accumulated sins.

But we have to remember that as with the earthly sanctuary services, there is a time frame associated with redemption. Dear beloved, Jesus will not wait forever.

Soon, very soon, the door of mercy will be closed. Judgment for the living will begin. The message of salvation, Justification by faith (Righteousness by faith), which is a part of the Third Angels message, is to prepare a people to stand faithful during the Mark of the beast crisis, and especially the **Judgment**. We will be judged according to the law of God (Romans 2:12, Revelation 20:12, James 2:12).

During the end - we are currently at the end, there will only be two classes, those who keep the commandments of God and experience the faith of Jesus, and those who worship the beast and His image and receive his mark (GC 450).

The Third Angels Message tells us the experience the overcomes will have, "they will keep the commandments of God, and have the faith of Jesus" (Revelation 14:12).

The faith of Jesus is the message of Justification by faith (Righteousness by Faith), God's plan to save us from sin.

And nowhere else is this message more beautifully proclaimed than in the sanctuary services.

Everywhere around us the signs of the times are proclaiming that the Mark of the beast crisis is imminent!

The time of trouble is upon us! Soon money will be phased out, we will see a digital system to prepare the way for the Mark of the beast system - the issue of no buying, and no selling as the book of Revelation warns us.

"Great changes" are soon to take place in our world, and the final movements will be rapid ones" —Testimonies for the Church 9:11 (1909). From a worldly point of view this is referred to as the Great Reset, or the New World Order.

Very soon Judgment will begin for the living, with the enforcement of the Mark of the beast crisis. We must get ready; probation is about to close. And it will close for the house of God first, in other words for the church, not for those that do not know the truth (1 Peter 4:17).

THE FIRST STEP IN OUR CHRISTIAN JOURNEY IS TO "BEHOLD THE LAMB OF GOD WHICH TAKETH AWAY THE SIN OF THE WORLD" (John 1:29). (To "behold" merely means to look).

Allow me to explain. Sin can be defined as a lack of love in the heart of man. What is sin? Sin is the transgression of God's law (1John 3:4).

The foundation of God's law is love.

"Love is the fulfilling of God's Law" (Romans 13:10), (John 15:12), (John 14:15).

Scripture tells us that God is love (1 John 4:8). Love and law are intertwined. In other words, no love equals no law. Love always leads to obedience. The only way that we can have this love restored into our hearts, to enable us to keep God's Law, is to behold God's character of love through the great sacrifice of Jesus. This is our first step in our Christian journey. It is to behold the "Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world". This love will soften the heart, and lead to true repentance. Jesus said, "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me" (John 12:32).

When we behold Jesus' character (His glory), we will be changed into the same image (2 Corinthians 3:18).

"He who beholds the Saviour's matchless love will be elevated in thought, purified in heart, transformed in character. He will go forth to be a light to the world, to reflect in some degree this mysterious love.

The more we contemplate the cross of Christ, the more fully shall we adopt the language of the apostle when he said, "God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ..." (Galatians 6:14), (DA 661.3).



"By infinite love and mercy the plan of salvation had been devised, and a life of probation was granted. To restore in the human family the image of their Maker, to bring them back to the perfection in which they were created, to promote the development of body, mind, and soul, that the divine purpose in their creation might be realized—this was to be the work of redemption. This is the object of education, the great object of life".—Education, 14-16.

Chapter One

SEEK YE THE KINGDOM OF GOD



When I was younger, I had to walk very far to school, and I remember myself singing a certain hymn, which back then did not have any particular meaning to me. I only sang it for the sake of singing. While singing, the road did not feel as long as what it was. Now that I have a better understanding of God's ways, I am starting to comprehend the significance of that particular hymn. The hymn that I sang was:

"Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and His **Righteousness**; and all these things shall be added unto you..." This song is a verse found in Scripture, Mathew 6:33.

Paul says: "For the kingdom of God is... **Righteousness** and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost" (Romans 14:17).

Do you want to be a part of God's kingdom?

God's kingdom is about love. God is love (1 John 4:8).

"Love is the basis of Godliness..." (COL 384).

God's commandments are about love (John 15:12).

The Holy Spirit brings the love into our hearts (Romans 5:5).

God's love restored in man's heart, will eradicate sin, and cleanse it of unrighteousness (sin or selfishness).

Righteousness is love! Righteousness is a part of the Third Angels message, I will get back to the topic of the Third Angels message, to prove that Righteousness by faith is linked to the Third Angel's message. The book preceding this one, entitled, **THE EVERLASTING GOSPEL** served as an introduction to Righteousness by faith. I would like to delve deeper into the topic of Righteousness by faith (The plan of salvation), providing more detailed information.

Righteousness by faith means a restorative process of being made righteous.

Holy, sinless or like Jesus (to be Holy or sinless, is to have the character of Jesus).

As mentioned before, God is love, and we must have His character. We must have the mind of Jesus, "Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus (Philippians 2:5).

Righteousness by faith is often referred to as the righteousness of Christ or the righteousness of Jesus. It is sometimes plainly referred to as being righteous or

having righteousness. It is the Everlasting Gospel or simply the Gospel.

Righteousness by faith is also referred to as Justification by faith, both convey the same truth (to be made righteous). It is one and the same message. I will elaborate more on this topic - Justification by faith shortly.

My primary aim with this book is to point the reader to the fact that, according to the Three Angels Messages found in Revelation 14:6-12, that the acquisition of Righteousness by faith is a prerequisite to enable the individual to stand true to God during the Mark of the beast crisis, and especially the Judgment. We need to experience the message of Righteousness by faith, to enable us to be faithful, during the Judgment.

In no other place is this message more clearly and beautifully revealed, than in the **Old Testament sanctuary**.

David said, "Thy Way O God is in the Sanctuary" (Psalms 77:13).

The Bible tells us, the way of God is salvation (Acts 16 :16-17 KJV).

The First Angels message, points us to the heavenly sanctuary. "... Fear God, and give Glory to Him, for the hour of His **Judgment** is come..." (Revelation 14:7). Judgment takes place in the heavenly Sanctuary in the Most Holy place (Revelation 11:18-19).

In Revelation 14:6-12, the **Third Angel points us to the heavenly sanctuary.**

"Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the Commandments of God, and the Faith of Jesus" (Revelation 14:12). **God's commandments are in the Most Holy Place, in the heavenly Sanctuary within the ark** (Revelation 11:19).

The Bible uses angels as representatives of God's people during the end of time. They are to proclaim God's messages.

The "Faith of Jesus" is a repetition of the "Everlasting Gospel" (Revelation 14:6), found in Revelation 14:12. This is the plan of Salvation, that will enable us to have the righteous character of Jesus.

Paul said, "For I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth..." (Romans 1:16). "Hanging upon the cross, Christ was the Gospel, now we have a message, behold the Lamb of God which taketh away the sins of the world..." (6BC 111.3.1).

Righteousness by faith, is a part of the Third Angel's message. I will elaborate more on this topic later.

Heeding to these messages will enable us to keep the commandments of God, and keep us from choosing to receive the Mark of the beast. And most important, it will help us to be faithful to God when judgment shifts from the dead to the living, at the passing of the

National Sunday Law (more about this topic in the following book - *Preparation for the last days*). Judgment will first begin with the house of God, in other words the church (1Peter 4:17).

MY HOPE IS BUILT ON NOTHING LESS

*My hope is built on nothing less,
Than **Jesus' blood and righteousness**
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
But wholly lean on Jesus' name.*

CHORUS

*On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand,
All other ground is sinking sand.*

*When darkness seems to veil his face,
I rest on his unchanging grace;
In ev'ry high and stormy gale,
My anchor holds within the vail.*

*His oath, his covenant, and blood,
Support me in the whelming flood;
When all around my soul gives way,
He then is all my hope and stay.*

*When he shall come with trumpet sound,
O may I then in him be found
Clad in his righteousness alone,
Faultless to stand before the throne.*

Christ in Song 39

Chapter Two

RIGHTEOUSNESS – THE CHARACTER OF JESUS



Dear beloved friends, let us consider a few more verses and Spirit of prophecy quotations about righteousness by faith.

"For they being **ignorant of God's righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God**" (Romans 10:3).

"By His perfect obedience He has made it possible for every human being to obey God's commandments. When we submit ourselves to Christ, the heart is united with His heart, the will is merged in His will, the mind becomes one with His mind, the thoughts are brought into captivity to Him; we live His life. This is what it means to be clothed with the garment of His righteousness. Then as the Lord looks upon us, He sees, not the fig-leaf garment, not the nakedness and

deformity of sin, but His own robe of righteousness, which is perfect obedience to the law of Jehovah (COL 311.4).

"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" (Revelation 19:8).

"To the church it is given "that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white", "not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing" (Revelation 19:8), (Ephesians 5:27). The fine linen, says the Scripture, "is the righteousness of saints" (Revelation 19:8). "It is the righteousness of Christ, His own unblemished character, that through faith is imparted to all who receive Him as their personal Saviour" (COL 310.3).

"I put on righteousness, and it clothed me: ... (Job 29:14).

"The righteousness of Christ is not a cloak to cover unconfessed and unforsaken sin; it is a principle of life that transforms the character and controls the conduct. Holiness is wholeness for God; it is the entire surrender of heart and life to the indwelling of the principles of heaven" (DA 555.6).

"Even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ..." (Romans 3:22).

"For the righteous Lord loveth righteousness; his countenance doth behold the upright" (Psalms 11:7).

"All unrighteousness is sin: and there is a sin not unto death" (1 John 5:17).

"Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled" (Mathew 5:6).

"Little children, let no man deceive you: he that doeth righteousness is righteous, even as he is righteous" (1 John 3:7).

Dear friends, we should be very cautious when we use modern Bible translations. Older translations are in most cases much more reliable, where the newer translations in many instances gives us a complete distorted view and understanding of the original Manuscript.



"Christ was under no obligation to make this great sacrifice.

Voluntarily He pledged Himself to bear the punishment due to the transgressor of His law. His love was His only obligation, and without a murmur He endured every pang and welcomed every indignity that was part of the plan of salvation. (HP 43.3).

The life of Christ was one of unselfish service, and His life is our lesson book."(HP 43.4).

Chapter Three

STEPS TO RIGHTEOUSNESS BY FAITH



A. THE SINNER'S NEED OF CHRIST

Dear friends, the steps to righteousness by faith are: A) The sinner's need of Christ, B) repentance and confession, C) submission and transformation, D) Growing in grace (Sanctification).

In the book, *The Everlasting Gospel*, The sinner's need of Christ (Jesus) was especially emphasised.

"As the perfection of His character is dwelt upon, the mind is renewed, and the soul is re-created in the image of God" (Ed 18.1).

Did you know that Calvary gives us glimpses of ourselves that we cannot get at any other place. It is only at Calvary that we really realise how sinful we are. Without Calvary we can never see the selfishness and pride in our hearts. It is only as we view Calvary, and see such unselfishness in Jesus that our pride stands rebuked in His presence! The more I look at Calvary, the

more it weans my affections away from sin. It causes me to see what my sin is doing to the One who loves me the most! This ultimately creates in my heart, a profound hatred towards sin.

"Higher than the highest human thought can reach is God's ideal for His children. Godliness—godlikeness—is the goal to be reached". (Ed 18.4).

"And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will DRAW all men unto me." (John 12:32).

"This he said, signifying what death he should die" (John 12:32 - 33).

"The very first step in approaching God is to know and believe the love that He has for us, it is through the drawing of His love that we are led to come to Him" (MB 104, 105).

"The light shining from the cross reveals the love of God..." (DA 175,176.)

Paul says, Christ loved "me" and gave Himself for "me" (Galatians 2:20).

Whatever applies to Paul applies to us all.

We must see Jesus dying for us personally, like Paul said, Christ loved "me", and gave Himself for "me".

"In one way only can a true knowledge of self be obtained, we must behold Christ. It is ignorance of Him that makes men so uplifted in their own righteousness.

When we contemplate His purity and excellence, we shall see our own weakness and poverty and defects as they really are..." (COL 159.1).

"Through the cross the sinner was drawn from the stronghold of sin, from the confederacy of evil, and at every approach to the cross his heart relents and in penitence he cries, "It was MY sins that crucified the Son of God". At the cross he leaves his sins..." (1SM 349.2).

Every day we need to see Jesus' matchless love for us.

"And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up: That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life". (John 3:14-15).

"Many of the Israelites saw no help in the remedy which Heaven had appointed. The dead and dying were all around them, and they knew that, without divine aid, their own fate was certain; but they continued to lament their wounds, their pains, their sure death, until their strength was gone, and their eyes were glazed, when they might have had instant healing". (PP 432.1).

B. REPENTANCE AND CONFESSION

"Him hath God exalted with his right hand to be a Prince and a Saviour, for to give repentance to Israel, and forgiveness of sins" (Acts 5:31).

"He that covereth his sins shall not prosper: but who so confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy" (Proverb 28:13).

"And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me" (John 12:32).

"The light shining from the cross reveals the love of God. His love is drawing us to Himself. If we do not resist this drawing, we shall be led to the foot of the cross in repentance for the sins that have crucified the Saviour..." (DA 175.5).

"Come to Christ just as you are, and contemplate His love, until your hard heart is broken... It is Christ's virtue that makes repentance sincere and genuine" (RH 9-3 - 1901).

"Christ must be revealed to the sinner as the Saviour dying for the sins of the world, and as we behold the Lamb of God upon the cross of Calvary, the mystery of redemption begins to unfold to our minds and the goodness of God leads us to repentance. In dying for sinners, Christ manifested a love that is incomprehensible, and as the sinner beholds this love, it softens the heart, impresses the mind, and inspires contrition in the soul..." (SC 27-28).

C. SUBMISSION AND REGENERATION / TRANSFORMATION

PART 1: WHAT IS THE WILL?

Dear friends, we need to submit our will to God before transformation of the heart, or the new birth can take place, and this will lead to obedience to God's commandments.

What is the will? "It is the deciding power, which works in the children of men, unto obedience, or unto disobedience..." (BC 294.2).

"For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted (submit our will) themselves unto the righteousness of God" (Romans 10:3).

It is only when we submit our will to God, that transformation of character can take place.

"The blessing comes when by faith the soul surrenders (submit our will) itself to God. Then that power which no human eye can see creates a new being in the image of God" (DA 173.1).

"God desires to heal us, to set us free. But since this requires an entire transformation, a renewing of our whole nature, we must yield (submit) ourselves wholly to Him" (SC 44).

"Not by works of Righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saves us, by the washing

or regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Spirit"(Titus 3:5).

The will, the power of choice:

Our will is our power to choose.

"We all need to understand the value of the willpower. The power of choice is the ruling power in life. Everything depends on the right use of this power. God has given the power of choice to each person, and it is theirs to use. We cannot change our hearts... But we can choose to serve Him. We can give Him the powers of our mind..." (STJ 44.2).

"An entire change may be made in our lives through the right use of the power of choice. When we put ourselves on God's side, He gives us His great power to hold us..." (STJ 45.1).

The paralytic in John 5:5-11, could not walk for thirty-eight years. But he received strength when he decided to choose Jesus' way. Likewise in our spiritual walk, we need to decide on whose side we're on, Lucifer or Jesus. We must choose His ways, and He will give the strength. We need to choose in order to acquire a new heart and strength to overcome and resist temptation. We will have strength and help from God, to assist us with our everyday trials and challenges.

Inspiration is telling us, that at times we will have to exert every particle of will power to resist sin. At certain times we will pray, and a miracle will be wrought immediately, and at other times there may be a continual battle to overcome sin - God allows us to battle.

At times we will have to put everything to a stretch to resist temptation. You call to mind every text you can, read or sing to divert the mind, from the temptation. Whilst doing all in our power to divert the mind, Inspiration tells us that God will draw our minds heavenward. However, there will be occasions where God allows the battles to continue for a time. Do you know why? Because sometimes when a miracle is

immediately performed, we don't value the victory.

"By yielding up your will to Christ, you ally yourself with the power that is above all principalities and powers" (SC 48.1).

"When we submit ourselves to Christ, the heart is united with His heart, the will is merged in His will, the mind becomes ONE (please see: Humanity and Divinity combined and Partakers of the Divine nature) with HIS MIND, the thoughts are brought into captivity to Him; we live His life. This is what it means to be clothed with the garment of His righteousness" (Jesus' character) (COL 311.4).

Be not dismayed:

You must not expect to overcome all your temptations on the first trial.

"Wrong habits are not overcome by a single effort. Only through long and severe struggles is self mastered" (4T 611.3).

"We shall often fail in our efforts to copy the Divine pattern" (SM 1:337).

"We shall often have to bow down and weep at the feet of Jesus because of our shortcomings and mistakes, but we are not to be discouraged. Even if we are overcome by the enemy, we are not cast off, nor forsaken and rejected of God. No, Christ is at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us" (SC 64.1).

"If one who daily communes with God errs from the path, if he turns a moment from looking steadfastly unto Jesus, it is not because he sins willfully; for when he sees his mistake, he turns again, and fastens his eyes upon Jesus, and the fact that he has erred, does not make him less dear to the heart of God. He knows that he has communion with the Saviour; and when reproved for his mistake in some matter of judgment, he does not walk sullenly, and complain of God, but turns the mistake into a victory" (Pr 65.3).

"My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous" (1John 2:1).

But we need to get to a point where we shall fully reflect Jesus' character. "Godliness—godlikeness—is the goal to be reached"(1MCP 105.5).

PART 2: "CHOOSE YOU THIS DAY, WHOM YE WILL SERVE"

Dear friends, every day we have choices to make, like choosing healthy habits over unhealthy ones, or responding to challenging situations with patience, instead of anger et cetera. Maybe you have a rebellious child, and you are tempted to get angry, decide in your mind that you do not want to get angry, and that you want to follow God's way of patience. When you submit to God's ways, He will give strength. Anger never solved problems. You need to discipline, but it should always be accompanied by love and firmness. We should not reason or argue with a contentious (quarrelsome) person.

Study Scripture and Spirit of prophecy quotations that are related to the problem you have. Pray, there is power in prayer!

Trials and tests

"Whatever arises to disturb or distress us, we should take it to the Lord in prayer. When we feel that we need the presence of Christ at every step, Satan will have little opportunity to intrude his temptations. It is his studied effort to keep us away from our best and most sympathising friend. We should make no one our confidant but Jesus. We can safely commune with Him of all that is in our hearts" (Testimonies for the Church 5:200, 204.) (Pr 8:3).

Submit the problem to God, and walk in His Spirit, to get angry and to worry is not walking in His Spirit. Do not worry about tomorrow's problems, because God gives strength for one day only. When the children of Israel engaged into physical battles, they always won the battles, when they submitted to God. Likewise in our spiritual battles God will come through for us. Friends, why will Jesus die for us, and then leave us to struggle alone with our problems? We need to have more faith in God.

We need to remember that despite the fact that children are raised by parents who instilled good principles, some may still choose in these last days to follow the wrong paths. The decision to follow God, or their own way rests with the children once they have grown up.

"Parents may do everything in their power to give their children every privilege and instruction, in order that

they may give their hearts to God; yet the children may refuse to walk in the light and, by their evil course, cast unfavourable reflections upon their parents who love them, and whose hearts yearn after their salvation" (CG 173.3).

PART 3: A NEW HEART

"God wants to heal us. He wants to set us free. To do this He must change us entirely so that we have new desires and habits. But He cannot do this until we give ourselves to Him" (STJ 39.3).

"Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost; which he shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Saviour..." (Titus 3:5, 6 KJV).

"You have confessed your sins, and in heart put them away. You have resolved to give yourself to God. Now go to Him, and ask that He will wash away your sins and give you a new heart. Then believe that He does this, because He has promised..." (SC 49.3).

A "new heart" meaning transformation or conversion of the heart. God must "wash" and clean us, and then He can perform the process of transformation in us. Transformation can only take place when we are born of the Spirit. The Spirit brings the love into our hearts (Romans 5:5).

Every day we need to ask for the Holy Spirit.

Ask Him, "to give you His Spirit and keep you by His Grace" (SC 52.1).

When the disciples at Pentecost received the Holy Spirit (The Early Rain), it was given to them with great power to enable them to spread the Gospel of Jesus to the world, but the latter rain will be more abundant. However, we need to be born of the Holy Spirit every day to overcome, and to keep us from falling.

"They must have His grace, the Spirit of Christ, to help their infirmities, or they cannot resist evil. Jesus loves to have us come to Him just as we are, sinful, helpless, dependent. We may come with all our weakness, our folly, our sinfulness and fall at His feet in penitence. It is His glory to encircle us in the arms of His love and to bind up our wounds, to cleanse us from all impurity" (SC 52.2).

"Do not wait to feel that you are made whole, but say, 'I believe it, it is so, not because I feel it, but because God has promised'" (SC 51.2).

PART 4: THE HOLY SPIRIT

Jesus says, "Therefore I say unto you, what things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them" (Mark 11:24 KJV).

"Through this simple act of believing God, the Holy Spirit has begotten a new life in your heart. You are a child born into the family of God, and He loves you as He loves His Son" (SC 51.4). This is a daily experience. Jesus likened our Christian experience to a tree bearing fruit, and as we know, a tree cannot bear fruit immediately.

Christ told Nicodemus the secret of the new - birth experience. The first step in our Christian journey, is to behold the uplifted Saviour, and it will soften the heart and lead to submission - if we do not resist His drawing (John 3:14-15).

"The blessing comes when by faith the soul surrenders itself to God. Then that power which no human eye can see creates a new being in the image of God" (DA 173.1), (Romans 10:3).

God's Spirit is like the invisible wind, that affects the heart (John 3:8).

As we choose God's ways (submitting), the transforming power takes hold of us.

When we ask for forgiveness, God cleanses us from our sins, and then God transforms us into His image, His character of love, however we need to submit **our will** to God, before transformation can take place.

When the drunkard comes to God, asking for forgiveness, God forgives and cleanses him of his sins, then God enables transformation (a change of heart, a

new mind-set) to take place, so that he does not feel for the bottle anymore.

Jesus said, "Verily, verily, I say unto thee, except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God (John 3:5). This is the transformation, conversion process.

We need to have the Holy Spirit working in our hearts.

The Holy Spirit puts the love into our hearts (Romans 5:5 NKJ). In other words, the Holy Spirit brings the character of Jesus into our hearts - the character of love.

"Unless you receive the Holy Spirit, you cannot have the love of God in your soul..." (RH chapter 631).

We become one with Christ when we are born of the Spirit.

While we are living the life of Christ, we are imbued with His character.

We live His life; we receive His character of love.

We will produce the fruit when we are born of the Spirit.

"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance..." (Galatians 5:22-23)

"We drink in the love of Christ as the branch draws nourishment from the vine. If we are grafted into Christ, if fibre by fibre we have been united with the living Vine,

we shall give evidence of this fact by bearing rich clusters of fruit" (RH chapter 631).

We have to allow Jesus to live within us, surrendering our lives to Him on a daily basis.

When we surrender daily, we will receive the Holy Spirit, and will thus represent His character of love to others.

The first fruit of the Spirit is "love", all the other fruits are linked to love. To familiarise yourself with the characteristics of love, study 1 Corinthians 13:4-7.

Our spiritual life is likened to a fruit-bearing tree. Just as the fruit does not manifest itself instantly, likewise it is with the development of our character. Character building is a timely process.

And as we grow in grace we are covered by Gods Righteousness.

When we are born of the Spirit, we are transformed daily, growing in grace, being transformed, step by step, as we embark upon our journey to heaven.

And while we climb the steps heavenward, Christ connects us with Him, and empowers us to live for Him.

PART 5: PARTAKERS OF THE DIVINE NATURE

When we submit to God, the union of Divinity and humanity takes place.

"Genuine faith appropriates the righteousness of Christ, and the sinner is made an overcomer with Christ; for he is made a partaker of the divine nature, and thus divinity and humanity are combined (FW 93.3).

"As many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name" (John 1:12). This power is not in the human agent. It is the power of God. "When a soul receives Christ, he receives power to live the life of Christ" (COL 314. 5).

"For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth..." (Romans 1:16).

"When the sinner accepts Christ and lives in Him, Jesus takes His sins and weaknesses and then grafts (to join - one thing to another, so as to bring about a close union) the repentant soul into Himself, so that he sustains the relation to Christ that the branch does to the vine. We have nothing, we are nothing, unless we receive virtue (strength) from Jesus Christ" (KH 100).

"I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing" (John 15:5).

"The life of God in the soul, is man's only hope" (MH 115).

"By the wedding garment in the parable is represented the pure, spotless character which Christ's true followers will possess. To the church it is given "that she

should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white", "not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing". Revelation 19:8; Ephesians 5:27. The fine linen, says the Scripture, "is the righteousness of saints" (Revelation 19:8). "It is the righteousness of Christ, His own unblemished character, that through faith is imparted to all who receive Him as their personal Saviour" (COL 310.3).

PART 6: DIVINITY AND HUMANITY COMBINED

The more we behold Jesus, the easier it will become to submit to Him. It is by beholding Jesus' character (His Glory) that we become changed into the same image (2 Corinthians 3:18).

"But Christ came in the form of humanity, and by His perfect obedience He proved that humanity and divinity combined can obey every one of God's precepts" (COL 314.5).

The union of Divinity with humanity is essential, for we require Divine power to keep the law and to keep us from falling. This union is possible through the indwelling presence of Christ in us.

"I am the vine, ye are the branches. He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit; for without me ye can do nothing" (John 15:5).

"Christ's connection with His believing people is illustrated by this parable as by no other" (HP 56.2).

"All who receive Christ by faith become one with Him". The branches are not tied to the vine; they are not joined to it by any mechanical process of artificial fastening. They are united to the vine, so as to become part of it. They are nourished by the roots of the vine. So those who receive Christ by faith become one with Him in principle and action. They are united to Him, and the life they live is the life of the Son of God. They derive their life from Him who is life" (HP 56.3).

"Baptism may be repeated over and over again, but of itself it has no power to change the human heart. The heart must be united with Christ's heart, the will must be submerged in His will, the mind must become one with His mind, the thoughts must be brought into captivity to Him... The regenerated man has a vital connection with Christ. As the branch derives its sustenance from the parent stock, and because of this, bears much fruit, so the true believer, united with Christ, reveals in his life the fruits of the Spirit. The branch becomes one with the vine; a storm cannot carry it away; frost cannot destroy its vital properties. Nothing is able to separate it from the vine. It is a living branch, and it bears the fruit of the vine. So with the believer. By good words and good actions, he reveals the character of Christ..." (HP 56.4).

PART 7: LOVE IS THE BASIS OF GODLINESS

"Let all contemplate the completeness it is their privilege to have and ask themselves the question, is my will submerged in Christ's will? Is the fullness and richness of the Living Vine—His goodness, His mercy, His compassion and love—seen in my life and character?" (HP56. 6).

Jesus said to Nicodemus, "Verily, verily, I say unto thee, except a man be born of water and of the Spirit he cannot enter into the kingdom of God" (John 3:5).

The Holy Spirit gives power and brings the love of God into our hearts.

God wants to give us a new heart, He says, "My son, give me thine heart, ..." (Proverbs 23:26).

"A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you..." (Ezekiel 36:26).

"The blessing comes when by faith the soul surrenders itself to God, then that power which no human eye can see creates a new being in the image of God" (DA 173:1).

"And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us" (Romans 5:5). Love transforms the heart and enables us to keep the commandments of God.

"Behold Christ. Dwell upon His love and mercy. This will fill the soul with abhorrence for all that is sinful and will

inspire it with an intense desire for the righteousness of Christ" (HP 111.4).

Love is the foundation of God's Law. "Love is the fulfilling of the Law" (Romans 13:10).

Love will always lead to obedience.

"That religion which makes of sin (breaking of God's Law) a light matter, dwelling upon the love of God to the sinner regardless of his actions, only encourages the sinner to believe that God will receive him while he continues in that which he knows to be sin (5T 540.2).

Love and Law are intertwined. "If you love me, keep my commandments" (John 14:15).

PART 8: THE LAW OF GOD

The Holy Spirit needs to live within our hearts, (We need to be born of the Spirit) to enable transformation. This transformation will enable us to keep God's commandments. We must submit our will - every moment of the day to God.

"The blessing comes when by faith the soul surrenders itself to God. Then that power which no human eye can see creates a new being in the image of God" (DA 173.1).

In Revelation the third angel points us to the overcomers, "Here are they that keep the

commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus" (Revelation 14:12).

Many claim that it is impossible to keep the commandments of God. It is true, for the carnal minded it will be impossible.

"Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God..." (Romans 8 :7).

We need to be born of the Spirit. Paul said, "The law is spiritual" (Romans 7:14).

"Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of His" (Romans 8:9).

"This I say then, walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh" (Galatians 5:16).

"Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness..." (Galatians 5:19, 20, 21).

The law of God, is the knowledge of sin

Some individuals believe that the book of Galatians teaches that the law is done away with. Contrary to common belief, this is a misconception. The law is still applicable.

The law cannot save or forgive us from our sins; it was never the purpose of the law to save us from sin. The

law is there to show us our sin (Romans 7:7), (Romans 3:20).

The law was never designed to forgive or transform the heart. The plan of salvation (Righteousness by faith) saves us from sin, and enables us to keep the law.

Paul says, "For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God **sending His own Son** in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh: That the Righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit " (Romans 8:3-4).

Many believe that this verse, and the book of Galatians, is giving them a license to break the law.

The solution to fixing our **sin - sick souls is found in Jesus.**

What is God's Grace? Grace is "the exercise of love, kindness, mercy" (a blessing regarded as manifestation of compassion).

The Bible tells us, "For by Grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God" (Ephesians 2:8).

Grace is God's saving gift to us, and a blessing, whether it is the blessing of the Holy Spirit, or forgiveness or Righteousness by faith et cetera.

This gift enables us to overcome sin. Sin is the transgression of God's law (1John3:4).

"Only by accepting the virtue and Grace of Christ can the Law be kept" (RH October 10, 1899 par. 2).

In other words, we are saved by Grace, but it does not give us a license to break God's law.

We need Divine power

As mentioned before, the Holy Spirit brings God's power and love into our hearts. "As many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name" (John 1:12). This power is not in the human agent. It is the power of God. When a soul receives Christ, he receives power to live the life of Christ" (COL 314.5).

We must be partakers of Christ's Divine nature. We need to be born of the Spirit. Every moment of the day we need to submit our will to God.

"The yielding of self, surrendering all to the will of God, requires a struggle; but the soul must submit to God before it can be renewed in holiness" (FLB 87.4).

PART 9: THE LOVE CHAPTER - GOD'S LAW OF LOVE

Dear friends, the definition of love can be found in 1 Corinthians 13: 1-7).

The first fruit of the Spirit is love; the others are linked to love (Galatians 5:22). To study the characteristics of

love, please study Corinthians 13: 4-7, commonly known as the love chapter.

Here follows a summary of the characteristics of love:

Love is patient even when your children are disobedient. Love is still patient and kind, even if you have to discipline them, in other words, "love suffereth long".

Love is not jealous or boastful; it is not arrogant (proud or uplifting oneself) or rude.

Love is not selfish, and does not insist on its own way. Love is not irritable or easily provoked to anger, even when others do not agree with you, or even do things that hurt your feelings.

Love forbears - is patient, slow to retaliate with others' faults.

Pride often leads to contention, impatience and anger, because there is a lack of meekness.

"Only by pride cometh contention..." (Proverbs 13:10).

Let us see some verses, and Spirit of prophecy quotations (1 Corinthians 13:4-7).

Love is sometimes referred to as charity.

"The apostle proceeds to specify the fruits of love: "Charity suffereth long, and is kind; charity envieth not". The divine love ruling in the heart exterminates pride and selfishness. "Charity vaunteth (boast, bragging,

because of pride) not itself, is not puffed up". The purest joy springs from the deepest humiliation. The strongest and noblest character's rest upon the foundation of patience and love, and trusting submission to the will of God. (5T 168.3).

Charity "doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own (is not selfish), is not easily provoked (impatient, angry or irritable), thinketh no evil". The heart in which love rules will not be filled with passion or revenge, by injuries which pride and self-love would deem unbearable.

Love is unsuspecting, ever placing the most favourable construction upon the motives and acts of others. Love will never needlessly expose the faults of others. It does not listen eagerly to unfavourable reports, but rather seeks to bring to mind some good qualities of the one defamed" (5T 168.4).

"Love rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth". He whose heart is imbued with love is filled with sorrow at the errors and weaknesses of others..." (5T 169.1).

"Love not only bears with others faults, but cheerfully submits to whatever suffering or inconvenience such forbearance makes necessary".

"This love "never faileth". It can never lose its value; it is the attribute of heaven. As a precious treasure it will be carried by its possessor through the portals of the city of God" (5T 169.2).

"Let each ask himself: Do I possess the grace of love? Have I learned to suffer long and to be kind? Talents, learning, and eloquence, without this heavenly attribute, will be as meaningless as sounding brass or a tinkling cymbal. Alas that this precious treasure is so lightly valued and so little sought by many who profess the faith! (5T 169.3).

Paul writes to the Colossians: "Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, long-suffering; forbearing one another, and forgiving one another... (5T 169.4), (Colossians 3:12).

Do we have these characteristics of love?

"Love is the fulfilling of the Law" (Romans 13:10).

The third angel points us to the overcomers:

"Here are they that keep the commandments of God... (Revelation 14:12).

Without this love, we cannot keep God's commandments.

Love is one of the characteristics that Jesus came to restore in man's heart.

"He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love" (1John 4:8).

Even though we must have God's love (patience, longsuffering etc.) in our hearts, we still need courage

and firmness, to speak out against wrongdoing. It is possible to be firm, yet kind. If we lack courage and firmness of character, it will be difficult to say no to temptations. It is important to balance love and courage - love should be combined with courage.

D. GROWING IN GRACE (SANCTIFICATION)

PART 1: CHRIST'S UNBLEMISHED CHARACTER

"To love God supremely and our neighbour as ourselves is genuine sanctification". (EG. White, Signs of the Times, Feb. 24, 1890). Righteousness by faith has **two** parts: **Imputed Righteousness and Imparted Righteousness.**

The steps mentioned previously: The sinner's need of Jesus, repentance and confession, submission and regeneration / transformation are Imputed Righteousness.

It can also be referred to as **Justification by Faith**. It is one and the same thing.

Growing in Grace (Sanctification) is **Imparted Righteousness.**

"The righteousness by which we are justified is imputed; the righteousness by which we are sanctified is imparted" (MYP 35.2).

"It is the righteousness of Christ, His own unblemished character, that through faith is imparted to all who receive Him as their personal Saviour" (COL 310,3).

As we proceed, I will provide biblical evidence and more detail on the subject of Imputed and Imparted righteousness and Justification.

Righteousness Imparted (Sanctification) refers to daily growth (please see the ladder of Sanctification).

"Being born again, Justified (Imputed Righteousness), converted—whatever we choose to call it—is the **beginning**. But what about the days and weeks and months of **growing** up into Christ? (Sanctification). What about that lifetime experience we sometimes call sanctification?" (NL 2.3).

"But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ..." (2 Peter 3:18).

"But while we are to seek earnestly for perfection of character, we must remember that sanctification is not the work of a moment, but of a lifetime". Said Paul, "I die daily". Day by day the work of overcoming must go forward. Every day we are to resist temptation, and gain the victory over selfishness in all its forms. Day by day we should cherish love and humility, and cultivate in ourselves all those excellencies of character which will please God and fit us for the blessed society of heaven" (HS 181.2).

"Every Christian will have a missionary spirit. To bear fruit is to work as Christ worked, to love souls as He has loved us. The very first impulse of the renewed heart is to bring others also to the Saviour: and just as soon as a person is converted to the truth, he feels an earnest desire that those in darkness should see the precious light shining from God's word" (HS 181.3).

We need a daily experience of both Imputed Righteousness (The steps from beholding Jesus to submission), and Imparted Righteousness (Daily growing).

Conversion is a daily process, not a one - time event. Paul said, "I die daily".

In other words, we are growing every day to be more and more like Jesus.

In order to retain Imputed Righteousness (Justification by faith), we must daily surrender our hearts to God and obey Him (FW 100.1).

Does this mean that we will never make mistakes?

"When we are clothed with the righteousness of Christ, we shall have no relish for sin; for Christ will be working with us. We may make mistakes, but we will hate the sin that caused the sufferings of the Son of God". — The Review and Herald, March 18, 1890. (MYP 338.3).

When you become a Christian, you are born again. Just as a newborn baby can't walk immediately, because it

takes time to walk, develop and learn. And when the child finally attempts to walk, they don't do it perfectly, they stumble and fall. Similarly, in the Christian life, sometimes the Christian stumbles and falls, but they get up and walk again.

The difference between the truly committed Christian and the one that is not fully committed is that the one falls, and he gets up, and keeps on trying, whereas the other that is not fully committed, never gets up when he falls, and eventually reverts back to sin completely. God wants us to get up and walk, and eventually wants us to walk and fall no more. This is the experience of a born again, and ever-growing Christian.

PART 2: SANCTIFICATION

Throughout my journey as a Christian, I have encountered many challenges, spiritual battles and trials.

And there were times when I was unsure how to face these challenges in a way that would honour God. And in my attempts to handle these unexpected trials, I frequently made mistakes, and I've stumbled into sin.

But I learned from my mistakes, and I still make mistakes while I am learning, but my goal is to reach perfection.

Sometimes God allows us to make minor mistakes to reveal the weak points in our characters, and to prevent us from making major mistakes. But we need to come to a point where we will have to reflect the character of Jesus fully (His character of love).

"Christian character is not achieved in an instant, but day after day we are to add to our faith virtue, and to virtue knowledge, and to knowledge temperance, and to temperance patience, and to patience brotherly kindness, and to brotherly kindness charity. It is in this way that we are to be made ready for the coming of Christ" (RH chapter 569).

"Sanctification is not the work of a moment, an hour, a day, but of a lifetime. It is not gained by a happy flight of feeling, but is the result of constantly dying to sin, and constantly living for Christ. Wrongs cannot be righted nor reformations wrought in the character by feeble, intermittent efforts. It is only by long, persevering effort, sore discipline, and stern conflict, that we shall overcome. We know not one day how strong will be our conflict the next. So long as Satan reigns, we shall have self to subdue, besetting sins to overcome; so long as life shall last, there will be no stopping place, no point which we can reach and say, I have fully attained" (AA 560.3).

When we neglect prayer, the study of God's Word, and meditation, we invite temptation. For our devotionals, the early mornings are the best, but one hour is not

enough to study, pray and to meditate. We are in a spiritual battle, and every day we need to be prepared for a spiritual war.

We need the Righteousness of Jesus.

Very soon a crisis (time of trouble) is coming and only those that have the Righteousness of Christ, will be able to stand and be protected by God.

The "foolish virgins" had no oil in their vessels.

"Then shall the kingdom of heaven be likened unto ten virgins, which took their lamps, and went forth to meet the bridegroom. And five of them were wise, and five were foolish. They that were foolish took their lamps, and took no oil with them" (Mathew 25:1-3).

The oil is a symbol of the Holy Spirit.

"The Spirit of life in Christ Jesus, the Holy Spirit, was not abiding in their hearts." (SD 118).

"Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of His" (Romans 8:9).

The Spirit brings Christ's love (His character of love) into our hearts (Romans 5:5).

We need to remember that the "religion which makes of sin (breaking of God's commandments) a light matter, dwelling upon the love of God to the sinner regardless of his actions, only encourages the sinner to

believe that God will receive him while he continues in that which he knows to be sin" (5T 540.2).

"But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you". (Matthew 6:33).

Righteousness is a precious gift from God to us (Romans 5:17).

"The thought that the righteousness of Christ is imputed to us, not because of any merit on our part, but as a free gift from God, is a precious thought. The enemy of God and man is not willing that this truth should be clearly presented; for he knows that if the people receive it fully, his power will be broken" (GW 161.1).

What is the condition to receive this gift?

In order to receive Righteousness by faith, we need to submit our will (it is the deciding power) to God, and He will give us strength to overcome and to resist temptation. "For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God". (Romans 10: 3 KJV)

Certain individuals will say that righteousness was accounted to Abraham, merely on the basis of his faith alone. On the contrary, Abraham submitted to God's will.

Both submission, and faith are needed to receive righteousness by faith.

PART 3: THE LADDER OF SANCTIFICATION

This is the same Ladder which Jacob saw in the night vision at the river Jabbok (5T 539.2). The ladder represents Jesus.

"The apostle presents before the believers the ladder of Christian progress, every step of which represents advancement in the knowledge of God, and in the climbing of which there is to be no standstill. Faith, virtue, knowledge, temperance, patience, godliness, brotherly kindness, and charity are the rounds of the ladder. We are saved by climbing round after round, mounting step after step, to the height of Christ's ideal for us. Thus He is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption" (PCP 56.5).

"Our Saviour is the ladder which Jacob saw, whose base rested on the earth and whose topmost rounds reached the highest heavens. This shows the appointed method of salvation. If any of us are finally saved, it will be by clinging to Jesus as to the rounds of a ladder" (5 T 539.2)

"We cannot with one effort reach the topmost round of this ladder. We must climb round after round. It is in this struggle that we are in danger of becoming dizzy, and

fainting and falling, unless we keep our eyes upward, looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith. We see the heights to be reached, and become discouraged over future difficulties when it is present duties that demand all the power of our being. But we have the promise that divine aid will be combined with our human effort" (RH chapter 325).

Does the theory of "once saved, always saved" agree with the Scriptures, or is it possible to fall?

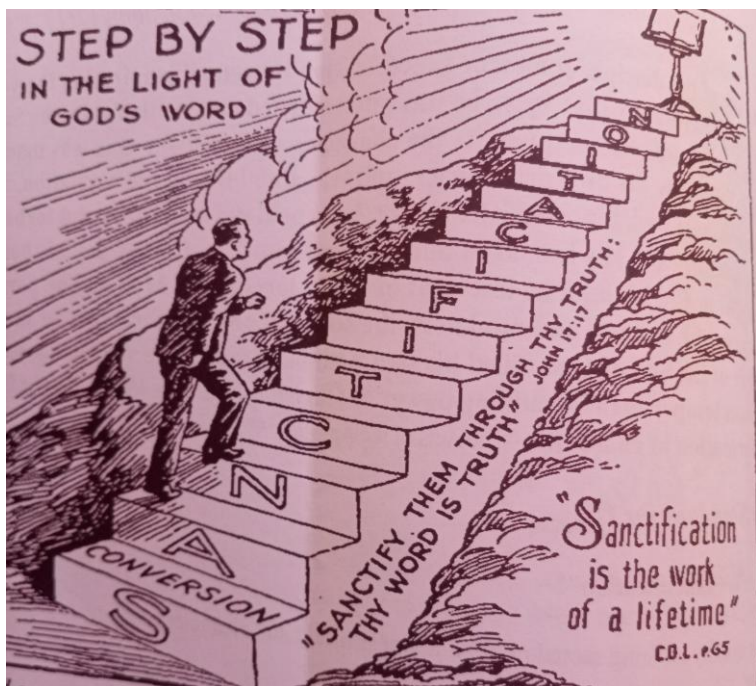
Please read 1 Corinthians 9:27, 10:12, 1 John 2:1

"Let the recording angels write the history of the holy struggles and conflicts of the people of God; let them record their prayers and tears; but let not God be dishonoured by the declaration from human lips, "I am sinless; I am holy". Sanctified lips will never give utterance to such presumptuous words" (AA 561. 3).

"There are many today who claim that they are holy and cannot sin. The only correct standard of sanctification is the law of God. By it is the knowledge of sin. Genuine sanctification is the work of a life-time. It is climbing the ladder round after round.

None of the prophets or apostles made proud boasts of holiness. The nearer they came to perfection of character, the less worthy and righteous they viewed themselves. But those who have the least sense of the perfection of Jesus, those whose eyes are least directed to him, are the ones who make the strongest

claims to perfection. Daniel was a man greatly beloved of God, yet he is presented on one occasion as confessing his sins and the sins of his people" (RH chapter 325).



Chapter Four

RIGHTEOUSNESS /JUSTIFICATION BY FAITH

(Imputed and Imparted Righteousness)



RIGHTEOUSNESS CAN BE DIVIDED INTO TWO PARTS: IMPUTED AND IMPARTED RIGHTEOUSNESS

Righteousness by faith, that we have been studying so far, is an introduction to my main study: Imputed and Imparted Righteousness, especially **JUSTIFICATION BY FAITH.**

There are two kinds of Righteousness as mentioned before, the **Imputed Righteousness** (Justification by faith) and **Imparted Righteousness** (Sanctification).

The steps mentioned previously: The sinner's need of Jesus, repentance, confession and submission are Imputed Righteousness (Justification by faith).

Growing in Grace (Sanctification) is Imparted Righteousness.

"The righteousness by which we are justified is imputed; the righteousness by which we are sanctified is imparted"(MYP 35.2).

Forgiveness and a transformation of heart (Justification by faith) is referred to as Imputed Righteousness. Growing in Grace, growing / growing into the likeness of Jesus (Sanctification) is referred to as Imparted Righteousness.

"He who is righteous within (Sanctification) is not hard-hearted and unsympathetic, but day by day he grows into the image of Christ, going from strength to strength" (MYP 35.2).

We need to experience both on a daily basis - being born again (Justification by faith) and growing in grace (Sanctification).

At this point I would like to bring in the topic of **Justification by faith**. This is actually my main study, because Justification by faith (Righteousness **Imputed**) is part of the Third Angels Message).

Let us first examine Justification by faith, and then follow up with Imputed and Imparted Righteousness. I will explain first, and then follow with proof from the Scripture about this topic.

Imputed Righteousness and Justification by faith is one and the same thing. Another name for Justification by faith is **Imputed** Righteousness. Justification by faith means to be righteous. The other definition of Justification by faith is **forgiveness** or **pardon**, for example in Luke 18:10-14, the publican asked God for forgiveness, he smites upon his breast and said, "God be merciful to me, a sinner". Jesus said, "I tell you this man went down to his house **Justified** ..." In other words, the man was forgiven. Another word for forgiveness or pardon is simply Justification.

"Pardon and Justification is one and the same thing"
(FW 103).

Justification by faith is essentially the same as Imputed righteousness.

Justification does not only refer to forgiveness, but also refers to the process of **transformation**.

The following verse tells us that Justification is **more** than just forgiveness.

"Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, by the **washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Ghost**; which he shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Saviour; That being **Justified** by his grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life" (Titus 3:5-7 KJV).

In other words, Justification is more than forgiveness, it is a transformation or new birth

experience (to be born again of the Spirit).

"But forgiveness has a broader meaning than many suppose... God's forgiveness is not merely a judicial act by which He sets us free from condemnation. **It is not only forgiveness for sin, but reclaiming from sin.** It is the outflow of redeeming love that transforms the heart. David had the true conception of forgiveness when he prayed, 'Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me'. (Psalm 51:10), (MB 114).

Transformation or a change of heart can only take place through the workings of the Holy Spirit, but we need to submit our will to God every moment of the day.

When Christ was on earth, He promised the disciples that the Holy Spirit would be with them. He said, "It is better for you that I go away, because if I do not go, the Helper will not come to you". "But if I do go away, then I will send Him to you". "Through the Spirit, Christ would always live in the hearts of His children, He would be closer to them than when He was on earth and they could see Him (STJ 74.4).

Certain individuals say that they were "a born again" Christian on a specific day for example on the 15 March 2020, meaning God saved them on that day, and that they are still saved. The idea of once saved always

saved is not in sync with what the Bible teaches. We need to be born of the Spirit on a daily basis.

As mentioned before, Righteousness by faith can be divided into two parts. The main point I would like to discuss is **Justification by faith** (Imputed Righteousness). But before I can begin with Justification by faith, I would first like to prove that Imputed and Imparted Righteousness are mentioned in Scripture.



"In His infinite love Christ devised the plan of salvation. This plan He stands ready to fulfill in behalf of all who will cooperate with Him. In their behalf He says to the Father, do not impute their sins to them, but lay them on Me. Be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their iniquities remember no more. They have accepted My merits and made peace with Me.... My righteousness is theirs, and for My sake bless them with all spiritual blessings."(HP 12.6).

Chapter Five

IMPUTED AND IMPARTED RIGHTEOUSNESS IN SCRIPTURE



The one is forgiveness and transformation; the other is growing daily into the likeness of Christ.

Let us prove biblically that these two are in the Bible.

The word Imputed can be broken up as follows, **im - put - ed**. The word put forms the base of the word, something that was put on, can be taken off, in other words it is not part of you, it is **upon you**.

The word Imparted can be broken up as, **Im - part - ed**

The word part points to the fact that it is **part** of you, or it is sometimes referred to as **within you** (part of you).

IMPUTED RIGHTEOUSNESS:

God must forgive us, to receive Imputed Righteousness or for Righteousness to be put upon us.

Let us prove this from the Scripture.

If we want to receive Imputed Righteousness then God must first pardon / forgive us (Justification).

Now let us see if the Bible teaches that Imputed Righteousness has to do with forgiveness or pardon.

Let us see Romans 4: 6, 7, 8 KJV:

"Even as David also describeth the blessedness of the man, unto whom God **imputed righteousness** without works" "Saying, Blessed are they **whose iniquities are forgiven**, and whose sins are covered. Blessed is the man to whom the Lord will not impute sin" (Romans 4:6,7,8 KJV).

So according to Romans, it is clear that Imputed Righteousness has to do with God forgiving us.

In this following verse, Paul is talking about the Righteousness of God, but let us see **what kind of Righteousness it is (Imputed or Imparted Righteousness)**.

"Even the Righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and **upon** all them that believe: for there is no difference" (Romans 3:22 KJV).

Paul points us to the Righteousness that is **put upon us**, in other words it is **Imputed Righteousness**.

IMPARTED RIGHTEOUSNESS:

Let us see what Righteousness is being referred to in the following verse.

"For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh: That the Righteousness of the law might be fulfilled **in us**, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit" (Romans 8:3 - 4 KJV).

This Righteousness is **in us**. This is **part of us, Imparted Righteousness**. It is **within us (part of us)**.

"Righteousness within is testified to by righteousness without. He who is righteous **within** is not hard-hearted and unsympathetic, but day by day he grows into the image of Christ, going on from strength to strength" (MYP 35.2).

"He lives, He lives **salvation to impart**. You ask me how I know He lives? He lives **within my heart**" (He lives - SDA Hymnal 251).

The law of God

Many believe that this verse in Romans 8:3-4, grants them a license to break God's law, and some believe that the book of Galatians teaches that the law is done away with.

The plan of Salvation (Imputed and Imparted Righteousness), enables us to keep the law. The law can be likened to a mirror showing us our defects and shortcomings.

We are transgressors of God's law, and the punishment for breaking God's law is the death penalty". For the wages of sin is death..." (Romans 6:23).

Jesus died in our stead; He took the punishment. Many believe because Jesus died for our sins (the transgression of the law), that they can go back to a life of sin, but contrary to common belief, this is not true. God provided a solution to the sin problem.

Chapter Six

A PROPER UNDERSTANDING OF JUSTIFICATION BY FAITH



Justification by faith and Sanctification

Dear friends, there is a false theory about Justification by faith. Some individuals believe that Justification is only forgiveness, and not a transformation of the heart.

Many embrace this false teaching about Justification by faith.

"The danger has been presented to me again and again of entertaining, as a people, false ideas of justification by faith. I have been shown for years that Satan would work in a special manner to confuse the mind on this point" (FW 18:2).

"For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness..." (Romans 10 :3 KJV).

As mentioned before, Justification encompasses both forgiveness, and transformation of the heart.

"Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, by the **washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost**; (This is the born-again experience, transformation process). Which he shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Saviour; That being **Justified** by his grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life" (Titus 3-5,6,7 KJV).

The "washing and renewing of the Holy ghost" takes place in the process of Justification by faith. This is a daily process.

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'Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew (transformation, renewing of the heart) a right spirit within me'" (Psalms 51:10), (MB 114. 1).

Many believe that when God justifies you, He only declares you righteous, in other words, it is only a declaration that you are righteous. According to them, God only writes in the books of heaven that you are

righteous. They say, "Heaven declares me Righteous, but I am not Righteous". In their opinion, after declaring you righteous, God will merely attempt to make you righteous in the **process of sanctification**. In other words, they are saying that transformation **begins** in the process of sanctification, when in fact "washing and renewing of the Holy ghost" is attained during the process of Justification (Imputed Righteousness), - Titus 3:5-7.

Please see the steps mentioned previously: the sinner's need of Jesus, repentance, confession, submission, regeneration / transformation. These steps take place in Justification (Imputed Righteousness).

Many believe that transformation begins in the process of sanctification, but it is not Biblical. This is how many have been taught, but this is heresy.

Our minds have been programmed to believe this false idea, "There is a way that seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death" (Proverbs 16:25).

Justification initiates sanctification. In sanctification we are constantly growing into the likeness of Christ. It is a **continual climbing upward** on the ladder (2 Peter 1:5,6,7). "Our Saviour is the ladder..." (5T 539.2).

In the process of sanctification, "We cannot with **one effort** reach the topmost round of this ladder. We must climb round after round. It is in this struggle that we are in danger of becoming dizzy, and fainting and falling,

unless we keep our eyes upward, looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith". (RH chapter 325).

"Being born again, justified, converted - this is the beginning. But what about growing up into Christ? What about the lifetime experience we sometimes call sanctification?" (TR 7.4).

"There is no such thing as instantaneous sanctification. True sanctification is a daily work, continuing as long as life shall last. Those who are battling with daily temptations, overcoming their own sinful tendencies, and seeking for holiness of heart and life, make no boastful claims of holiness. They are hungering and thirsting for righteousness. Sin appears to them exceedingly sinful" (CCh 56.2). "God does not give us up because of our sins. We may make mistakes and grieve His Spirit, but when we repent and come to Him with contrite hearts, He will not turn us away" (CCh 56.3).

"Sanctification is not the work of a moment, an hour, or a day. It is a **continual growth** in grace. We know not one day how strong will be our conflict the next. Satan lives, and is active, and every day we need to cry earnestly to God for help and strength to resist him. As long as Satan reigns we shall have self to subdue, besetments to overcome, and there is no stopping place, there is no point to which we can come and say we have fully attained" (CCh 51.2).

"Day by day, and hour by hour, there must be a vigorous process of self-denial and of sanctification going on

within; and then the outward works will testify that Jesus is abiding in the heart by faith" (CE 114.1).

Paul said, "**I die daily**".

The articles within the Holy Place, in the sanctuary, is an object lesson of our daily growth in grace.

Let's summarise it: the candle sticks represent us being a light to the world - spreading God's message. The showbread represents Jesus as the Bread of Life, and the fact that we need to feed daily on the Bread of Life (God's Word). The incense is a representative of a Christian's prayer life. For further details see - SANCTIFICATION IN THE SANCTUARY.

Both Justification by faith, and Sanctification is needed on a daily basis (washing and renewing, (transformation of the heart) and then growing in grace.

"God requires the entire surrender of the heart, before justification can take place; and in order for man to retain (to keep) justification, there must be continual obedience, through active, living faith that works by love and purifies the soul" (FW 100.1).



"The plan of redemption, by which the merciful divine-human Redeemer rescued man from the thralldom of sin, is beyond the comprehension of men or of angels. It is indeed a mystery so surpassing, so grand, so sublime, that we can never hope fully to understand it.

Christ's sacrifice for fallen man has no parallel. It is the most exalted, sacred theme on which we can meditate. Every heart that is enlightened by the grace of God is constrained to bow with inexpressible gratitude and adoration before the Redeemer for His infinite sacrifice "(HP 14.3).

Chapter Seven

JUSTIFICATION IS MORE THEN JUST FORGIVENESS



The Bible and Spirit of Prophecy are explicit and straight to the point, that Justification is not only judicial (a legal written agreement), but it is also setting us free from sin.

The Bible and Spirit of prophecy include being set free in Justification. Let us prove that Righteousness begins in Justification.

"Not by works of righteousness (this verse is about Righteousness) which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, by the washing of regeneration, (regeneration is a rebirth, transformation) and renewing of the Holy Ghost; which he shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Saviour; that being Justified by his grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life" (Titus 3:5-7).

Regeneration is a rebirth, a renewing of the Holy Ghost, a change of life, in other words, Holy impulses are born,

Holy desires are given. Where did Paul include Regeneration (freedom from sin), when he spoke to Titus?

Paul placed this process of regeneration in **Justification**. Many include this process in Sanctification (Imparted Righteousness), but freedom from sin (Gods love restored in man) **begins** in Justification.

"Justification is a full, complete pardon of sin. The moment a sinner accepts Christ by faith, that moment he is pardoned. The righteousness of Christ is imputed to him, and he is no more to doubt God's forgiving grace" (Flb 107).

Many stop at forgiveness.

"To be pardoned in the way that Christ pardons, **is not only to be forgiven**, but to be **renewed** in the spirit of our mind. The Lord says, "A new heart will I give unto thee". The image of Christ is to be stamped upon the very mind, heart, and soul. The apostle says, "But we have the mind of Christ" (1 Corinthians 2:16). (3SM 190.2).

"Having made us righteous through the imputed righteousness of Christ, God pronounces us just, and treats us as just (1 SM 394.1).

Both Imputed and Imparted Righteousness are needed on a daily basis.

Every day we need to be "born again" (Justification by faith).

In the process of Sanctification, we are constantly growing. Paul said, "I die daily".

"Man may grow up into Christ, his living head. It is not the work of a moment, but that of a lifetime. By growing daily in the divine life, he will not attain to the full stature of a perfect man in Christ until his probation ceases. The growing is a continual work" (4 T 366.3).

Many reject this important truth about Justification by faith, despite the fact that the Bible and Spirit of Prophecy are clear about it.

When Righteousness is Imputed and Imparted, does this necessarily mean that we will be living a life without making any mistakes?

"When we are clothed with the righteousness of Christ, we shall have no relish for sin; for Christ will be working with us. We may make mistakes, but we will hate the sin that caused the sufferings of the Son of God. — The Review and Herald, March 18, 1890. (MYP 338).

"Wrong habits are not overcome by a single effort. Only through long and severe struggles is self-mastered" (4T.612).

"We shall often fail in our efforts to copy the divine pattern" (SM1:337).

"When it is in the heart to obey God, when efforts are put forth to this end, Jesus accepts this disposition and effort as man's best service, and He makes up for the deficiency with His own Divine merit." (FW 50).

Jesus' character makes up for our deficiency, but only for those who genuinely seek Him, submitting heart and soul to Him. But we need to get to a point where we shall reflect His character fully.

"Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect" (Matthew 5:48).

Chapter Eight

THE THIRD ANGEL'S MESSAGE TEACHES JUSTIFICATION BY FAITH



The Third Angels message, Revelation 14:9-12 is a **two-fold message**. It is the warning against the Mark of the Beast and his image, and the **experience one must have to enable us to be faithful during the Mark of the beast crisis, and most of all to be faithful to God during the JUDGMENT** (First Angels message - Revelation 14:6-7).

The experience one must have is: "...keep the commandments of God, and to have the **Faith of Jesus**" (Revelation 14:12). The "**Faith of Jesus**" is a part of the Third Angels message. This message will enable us to be faithful during the Mark of the Beast crisis, and the **Judgment**.

In Revelation 14, those that will overcome, those that will gain victory over the Mark of the beast and his image, will have this experience. They will keep God's commandments, and have the "**Faith of Jesus**."

Many overlook this message and focus only on the Mark of the Beast crisis, but this message, "**The Faith of Jesus**" (Justification by faith), will enable us to be faithful to God, during the **Judgment** and the Mark of the beast crisis.

JUSTIFICATION BY FAITH / THE FAITH OF JESUS - THE THIRD ANGEL'S MESSAGE

The message of Justification by faith and the Faith of Jesus are essentially one and the same message, and can be proven from Scripture.

Justification by faith is a part of the Third Angels message.

I want to prove from Scripture that the Faith of Jesus is actually Justification by faith, and that Justification and Righteousness are one and the same message, both convey the same message.

THE FAITH OF JESUS AND JUSTIFICATION BY FAITH

The Bible teaches that the **Faith of Jesus** is linked to **Justification by faith**.

"Knowing that a man is not **Justified (does not receive Justification)** by the works of the law (by what are we then Justified, if we are not Justified by the works of the law?), but by the **faith of Jesus...**" (we can see that

Justification and the Faith of Jesus are linked. **If I am going to be Justified, what will I need? - The Faith of Jesus)** Let us continue with the verse.

"Even we have believed in Jesus Christ, that we might be Justified by the Faith of Christ (another name for the faith of Christ, is the faith of Jesus), and not by the works of the Law, for by the works of the Law shall no flesh be justified" (Galatians 2:16 KJV).

When the third Angel concludes and says:

"Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the **faith of Jesus**" (Revelation 14:12). What does the angel imply, the people have experienced? - **Justification by faith.**

"Several have written to me, inquiring if the message of justification by faith is the third angel's message, and I have answered, **"It is the third angel's message in verity"** (meaning it is the truth). — The Review and Herald, April 1, 1890. (Ev 190.3).

Chapter Nine

JUSTIFICATION AND RIGHTEOUSNESS BY FAITH ARE ESSENTIALLY THE SAME MESSAGE



Justification and Righteousness by faith convey the same message. In other words, we can say that the **Faith of Jesus is Justification or Righteousness** (Imputed), because it is one and the same message. Let us prove this from the Scripture.

"Even the **Righteousness of God** (how do you get this righteousness?) which is by **Faith of Jesus** Christ unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference" (Romans 3:22).

The Righteousness of God comes to you, if you have the Faith of Christ or the Faith of Jesus, it is the same.

When the angel concludes and says". Here is the patience of the saints, here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the Faith of Jesus, what

does the angel imply the people have experienced? - Justification by Faith. What kind of people are they? They are Righteous people. **We see that the Faith of Jesus is linked to Righteousness or Justification.** The Greek word for Justification and Righteousness is the same word - "**dikaio**". "Righteousness and Justification by faith mean **goodness, perfection**".

Chapter Ten

JUSTIFICATION IS THE THIRD ANGEL'S MESSAGE "IN VERITY"



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"This message was to bring more prominently before the world the uplifted Saviour, the sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. It presented justification through faith in the Surety; it invited the people to receive the righteousness of Christ, which is made manifest in obedience to all the commandments of God. Many had lost sight of Jesus. They needed to have their eyes directed to His divine person, His merits, and His changeless love for the human family.

All power is given into His hands, that He may dispense rich gifts unto men, imparting the priceless gift of His own righteousness to the helpless human agent. This is the message that God commanded to be given to the world. It is the third angel's message, which is to be proclaimed with a loud voice, and attended with the outpouring of His Spirit in a large measure" (Ev 190.4).

"God's purpose in giving the **third angel's message** to the world is to prepare a people **to stand true to Him**

during the investigative judgment. This is the purpose for which we establish and maintain our publishing houses, our schools, our sanatoriums, hygienic restaurants, treatment rooms, and food factories. This is our purpose in carrying forward every line of work in the cause" (1MR 228).





THE FIRST AND THIRD ANGELS' MESSAGES ARE POINTING US TO THE HEAVENLY SANCTUARY

"The third angel's message, embracing the messages of the first and second angels, is the message for this time. We are to raise aloft the banner on which is inscribed: "The commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus." The world is soon to meet the great Lawgiver over His broken law. This is not the time to put out of sight the great issues before us. God calls upon His people to magnify the law and make it honorable." (8T 197.2).

"Both the prophecy of Daniel 8:14, "Unto two thousand and three hundred days; then shall the sanctuary be cleansed," and the first angel's message, "Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his Judgment is come," pointed to Christ's ministration in the most holy place, to the investigative Judgment, and not to the coming of Christ for the redemption of his people and the destruction of the wicked"(GC88 423.2).

Chapter Eleven

JUSTIFICATION (IMPUTED RIGHTEOUSNESS) AND SANCTIFICATION (IMPARTED RIGHTEOUSNESS) IN THE SANCTUARY



THE SOLUTION TO FIXING OUR SIN - PROBLEM

God loves to use object lessons and symbols to illustrate His point of view. Lessons were often taught by using object lessons and symbols. Jesus likened himself to the Bread of life, Living Waters and the Good Shepherd et cetera.

In no other place is the message of Righteousness by faith / Justification by faith (The plan of Salvation) more clearly and beautifully revealed than in the sanctuary (Tabernacle) services.

In the services of the earthly sanctuary, God used many object lessons. The steps of righteousness by faith were captured by the services of the sanctuary, and the steps are still applicable today.

It reveals the plan of Salvation / Redemption, the solution to fixing our sin problem.

Although the sanctuary on earth does not exist anymore, the true heavenly sanctuary still exists. The earthly one was only a copy of the original one in heaven (Hebrews 8:2, 9:24, KJV) "God presented before Moses in the mount a view of the heavenly sanctuary, and commanded him to make all things according to the pattern shown him" (CIHS 23.2).

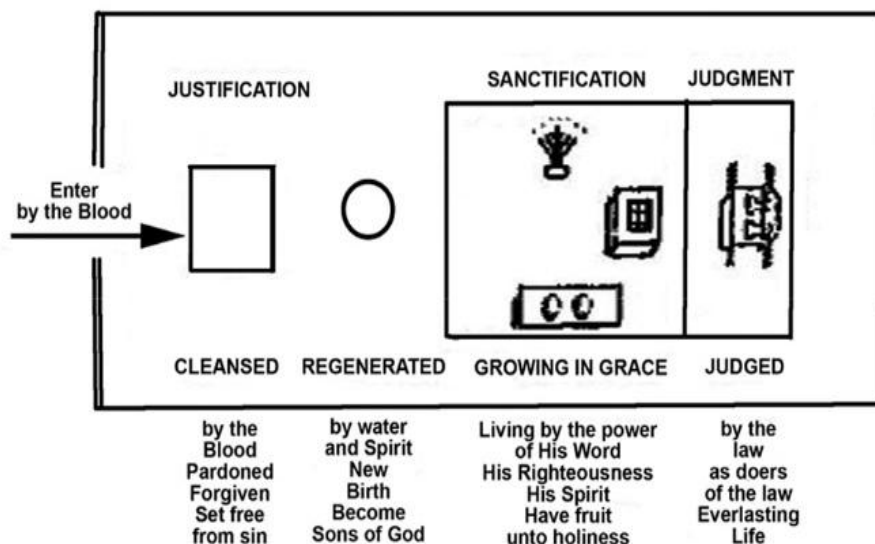
The plan of Salvation is still applicable, although we do not offer burnt offerings or animals anymore. Scripture is explicit when it says, "Thy way O God is in the Sanctuary..." (Psalms 77:13).

What is Gods way? The way of God is Salvation (Acts 16:16-17 KJV). The sanctuary reveals the plan of Salvation/Redemption, the solution to fixing our sin-problem.

If we want to understand the First and the Third Angels messages, and what Jesus is currently doing in the heavenly sanctuary, and our duty (the steps to Righteousness by faith) in this time, especially before the Judgment of the living takes place, we need to

have a clear understanding of the earthly sanctuary services in the Old Testament.

Let us summarise in a nutshell what was found within the sanctuary, and its relation to our salvation. It is impossible to fully understand the plan of salvation or



the heavenly sanctuary, without understanding the workings of the earthly sanctuary.

THE SANCTUARY (TEMPLE, TABERNACLE)

The sanctuary was made up of **three apartments**:

- 1) The **courtyard**, or outer court (Revelation 11:2).

The building was divided into two apartments, by a rich and beautiful curtain:

2) **The Holy place** (Exodus 26:33).

3) **The Most Holy place** - Holiest (Exodus 26:33).

THE COURTYARD (Outside the building):

The courtyard represents **Justification by faith / Imputed Righteousness**

A) The **Altar of sacrifice** (Exodus 40: 29).

B) **The Laver** (Exodus 30:18).

A) THE ALTAR OF BURNT OFFERING/ ALTAR OF SACRIFICE (Exodus 40:29)

The offering of the lamb on the Altar represents Jesus dying for our sins (John 1:29).

Upon entering the courtyard, during the sanctuary services, the first piece of furniture in the courtyard that comes into view, or that was seen, was the Alter of Sacrifice, where the lamb was killed. The sinner would see the innocent lamb dying for his sins. In our Christian journey this must be our first experience; we must see Jesus dying for our sins. God wants the sinner to see His great love, and this will soften a sinner's heart and lead to true repentance.

Jesus wants to draw the sinner to Him.

Jesus said, "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me" (John 12:32).

In the New Testament John points to Jesus, "Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world" (John 1:29).

Our first step in our Christian journey is to behold the uplifted Saviour!

"It would be well for us to spend a thoughtful hour each day in contemplation of the life of Christ. We should take it point by point, and let the imagination grasp each scene, especially the closing ones. As we thus dwell upon His great sacrifice for us, our confidence in Him will be more constant, our love will be quickened,



and we shall be more deeply imbued with His spirit. If we would be saved at last, we must learn the lesson of penitence and humiliation at the foot of the cross" (DA 83.4).

B) THE LAVER (BRONZE LAVER OR WASH BASIN)- Exodus 30:18

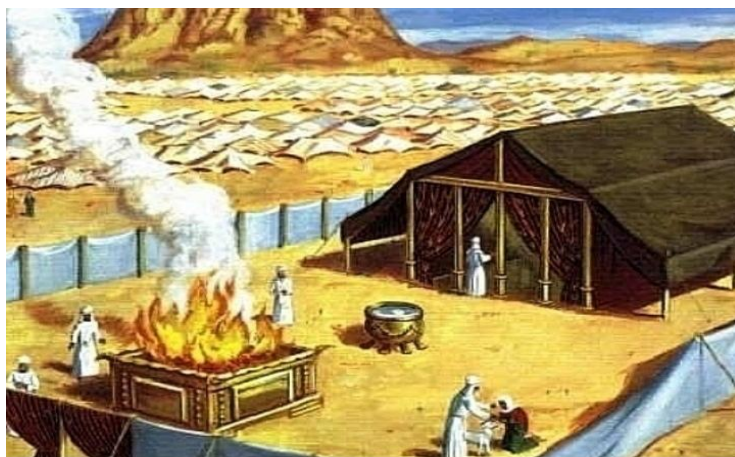
The laver which was to be found in the courtyard, represents Baptism, spiritual cleansing from sin (new birth, regeneration or transformation of the heart).

The Laver placed before the entrance of the Holy Place, enabled the priest to wash their hands and feet **prior to entering the Holy Place** (Exodus 30:17,18-21, 40:30-32).

The washing with water represents spiritual cleansing (John 3:5, Romans 6:3-4, Acts 22:16, 1Peter 3:21).

"Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost; which He shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Saviour; that being justified (Justification by faith) by His grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life" (Titus 3:5-7).

The courtyard represents Justification by faith.



Chapter Twelve

SANCTIFICATION IN THE SANCTUARY



Let us summarise in a nutshell what was found within the earthly Sanctuary, and its relation to our salvation.

The Holy place in the Sanctuary represents sanctification.

The table of showbread (twelve loaves of cakes), the candlesticks and the incense, which were in the Holy Place, were object lessons, and symbols representing our daily growth - growing into the likeness of Christ.

The candlesticks represent us being a light unto the world, sharing God's message. The oil represents God's Holy Spirit.

The Incense is a representation of a Christian's prayer life.

"Sanctification means habitual communion with God" (RH 1415).

The incense also represents Christ's Righteousness.

The table of showbread represents Jesus as the Bread of life; we need to feed daily on the Bread of life (God's Word).

"So all who are united to Christ, will receive from Him the Bread of life, the heavenly food, and impart it to others" (DA 369.3).

THE HOLY AND THE MOST HOLY PLACE

The Holy and the Most Holy place were separated by a thick curtain, referred to in the Bible as the veil. The Most Holy Place is sometimes referred to as the space (room) "**within the veil**" whereas the Holy Place is referred to as being the space (room) "**without the veil**".

We see from the Scripture in Exodus 26:33, that the Ark of the Testimony, is "**within the veil**".

In the next verse we see that the Ark of the Testimony is in the Most Holy Place (Exodus 26:34).

The expression "within the veil" is synonymous with the Most Holy place.

Let us prove from the Scripture that the showbread, the candlesticks and the incense were found within the Holy place of the Sanctuary.

THE CANDLESTICKS, THE TABLE OF SHOWBREAD AND THE INCENSE

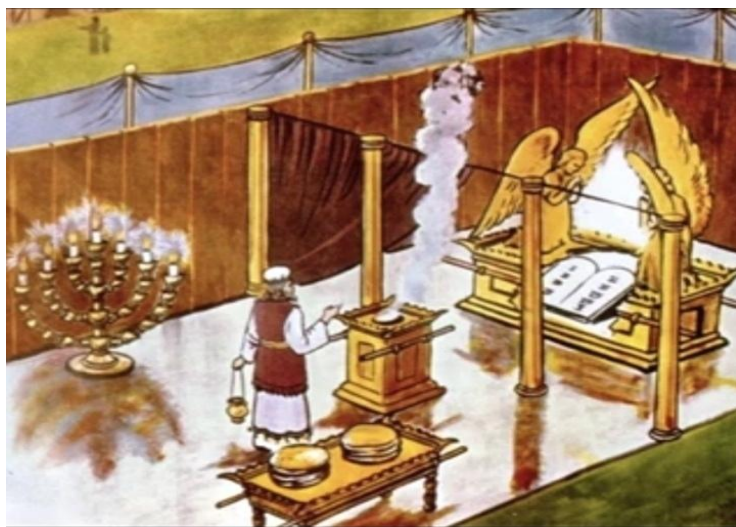
In the book of Exodus 26:35, we see that the table and the candlesticks are "**without the veil**", in other words they were in the **Holy Place**.

"And thou shalt set the table **without the veil**, and the candlestick over against the table on the side of the tabernacle toward the south: and thou shalt put the table on the north side" (Exodus 26:35).

What was on the table? In the book of Leviticus 24:5-9, we see that the bread (twelve cakes or loaves) was placed upon the table in the Holy Place.

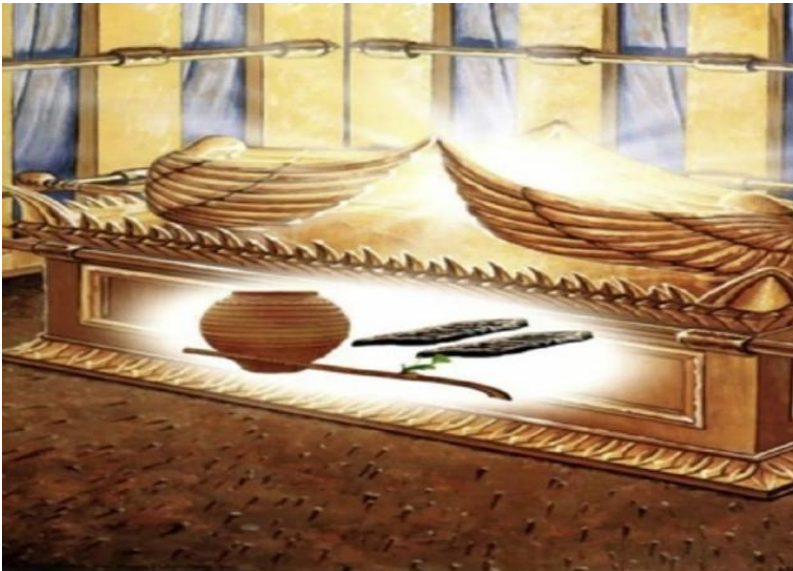
"And thou shalt take fine flour, and bake twelve cakes thereof: two tenth deals shall be in one cake. And thou shalt set them in two rows, six on a row, upon the pure table before the LORD. And thou shalt put pure frankincense upon each row, that it may be on the bread for a memorial, even an offering made by fire unto the Lord. Every sabbath he shall set it in order before the Lord continually, being taken from the children of Israel by an everlasting covenant. And it shall be Aaron's and his sons'; and they shall eat it in the holy place: for it is most holy unto him of the offerings of the Lord made by fire by a perpetual statute" (Leviticus 24:5-9).

The Golden Altar is where the incense was burnt, in the Holy Place, referred to as "Before the veil", (Exodus 40:26, 27).



Chapter Thirteen

THE COMMANDMENTS OF GOD IN THE SANCTUARY



The commandments of God are currently in the Most Holy place (Holiest) in the heavenly sanctuary (Exodus 26:34). **It is placed within a chest (box)**, which is referred to as the **Ark** (Exodus 26:34, Hebrew 9:3-4, Revelation 11:19).

God entered into a covenant with the children of Israel concerning the commandments, this is the reason that the **chest** is sometimes referred to as the ark of the covenant, the Ark of His testament, tables of the covenant or the Ark of the testimony (Hebrew 9: 3,4), (Revelation 11:19).

The following verses are to prove that the **commandments** were placed within the **Ark**. And God said to Moses,

"And I will write on the Tables the Words (the commandments) that were in the first tables which thou brakest, and thou shalt put them in the **Ark**" (Deuteronomy 10 :1-2 KJV). Please read also, 1 Kings 8:9, Hebrew 9:4.

Deuteronomy 4:13, tells us that the covenant is His ten commandments.

The **lid** on the chest is referred to as the Mercy seat.

The Ark is in the Most Holy Place:

"And the temple of God was opened in heaven, and there was seen in his temple the **ark** of his testament:

and there were lightnings, and voices, and thunderings, and an earthquake, and great hail". (Revelation 11:19).

Judgment takes place in the heavenly sanctuary in the Most Holy place, and the Judgment of the living will take place prior to the second coming.

"And the nations were angry, and thy wrath is come, and the time of the dead, that they should be **judged**, and that thou shouldest give reward unto thy servants the prophets, and to the saints, and them that fear thy name, small and great; and shouldest destroy them which destroy the earth. **And the temple of God was opened in heaven, and there was seen in his temple the ark** (God's law is in the Ark) **of his testament:** and there were lightnings, and voices, and thunderings, and an earthquake, and great hail" (Revelation 11:18-19).

We will be judged according to the law (Romans 2:12, Mathew 16:27, Revelation 20 :12, James 2:12).

THE DAY OF ATONEMENT :

Once a year, the earthly sanctuary in the Wilderness, was cleansed from all sin. This occasion was known as the Day of Atonement. In order for the sanctuary to be cleansed, God needs to have a cleansed people first. We see in Leviticus 16:30, that the congregation at the end of the Day of Atonement was sinless. We are currently living in the Day of Atonement or the Judgment day.

The earthly sanctuary is just a copy of the original heavenly sanctuary (Hebrews 8:2, 9:24).

The Day of Atonement:

"And he shall sprinkle of the blood upon it with his finger seven times, and cleanse it, and hallow it from the uncleanness of the children of Israel"

"And there shall be no man in the tabernacle of the congregation when he goeth in to make an atonement in the holy place, until he come out, and have made an atonement for himself, and for his household, and for all the congregation of Israel"(Leviticus 16:19-20). Please read Leviticus 16:19 - 30).

"For on that day shall the priest make an **atonement** for you, **to cleanse you**, that ye may be **clean from all your SINS** before the LORD"(Leviticus 16:30).

The Day of Atonement represents Judgment Day. Once a year the earthly sanctuary was cleansed from sin, whereas judgment occurs once in the heavenly sanctuary at the end of time. We are currently at the end. The judgment of the dead started in 1844, and will soon be shifting from the dead to the living.

"And he said unto me, Unto two thousand and three hundred days; then shall the **sanctuary be cleansed**" (Daniel 8:14). Cleansed from accumulated sins.

Just as all sin had to be removed from the earthly sanctuary, likewise the same will happen in the heavenly.

All sin has to be removed from His people individually.

But we have to remember, as with the earthly sanctuary services, there is a time frame associated with redemption. Dear beloved, Jesus will not wait forever.

"To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven:"(Ecclesiastes).

We have to surrender our hearts to God to be cleansed from sin.

THE LAW DOES NOT SAVE US FROM SIN

Although we will be judged according to the law, the law cannot save us from sin.

Scripture tells us: "Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no man be Justified (we are not Justified by the deeds of the Law) in His sight: for by the law is the knowledge of sin" (Romans 3:20).

The law shows us our sins. To be Justified (Justification) means forgiveness and Righteousness. The law was never designed to forgive or to save us from sin.

If I am not Justified by the works of the law, by what then am I justified?

We are only Justified by the Faith of Jesus (Romans 3:22).

It is clear that we are not justified by the law.

"But now the Righteousness of God without the Law (Righteousness is without the Law, we cannot get Righteousness from the Law) is manifested, being witnessed by the Law and the prophets" (Romans 3:21).

The Righteousness of God is being witnessed by the law. The Righteousness is not against the law; it is in harmony with the law.

And because we do not receive Righteousness from the law, it does not give us a license to break God's Law. We can only be saved through Jesus.

"For what the Law could not do in that it was weak through the flesh (the Law cannot forgive us of our sins, or save us). God sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh "(Romans" 8:3 KJV).

Jesus came to save us from sin, but that does not mean the law is done away with.

The plan of salvation (Righteousness by faith) through Jesus Christ, enables us, and empowers us to keep God's law!

Jesus said, "Think not that I am come to destroy the law or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil" (Mathew 5:17).

"Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven: but whosoever shall do and teach them, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven" (Matthew 5:19).

The First Angels Message tells us about God's Judgment (Revelation 14:7). The Third Angel warns about receiving the Mark of the Beast, and points us to the overcomers:

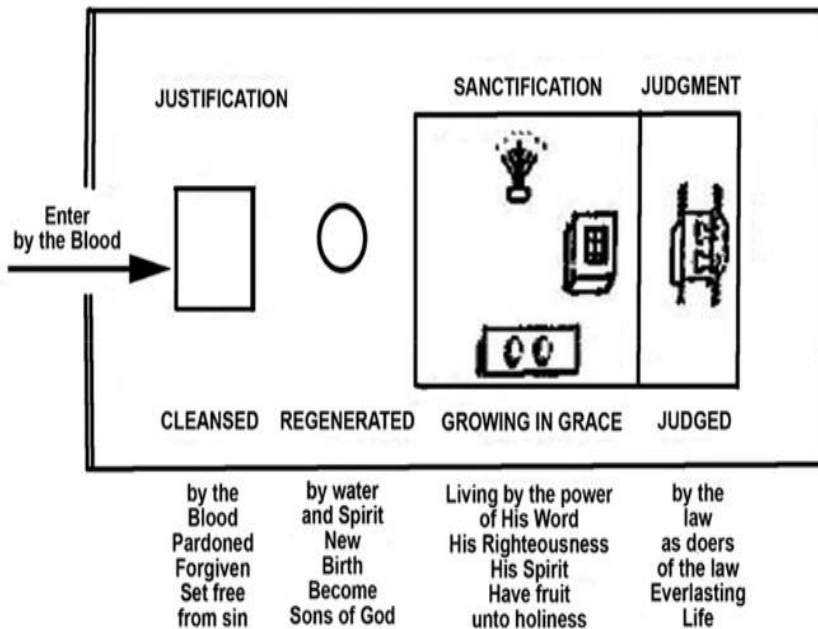
"Here are they that keep the **commandments** of God, and the **Faith of Jesus**" (Revelation 14:12).



"No greater gift can be bestowed upon man than that which is comprehended in Christ.... A neglect to lay hold of the priceless treasure of salvation means the eternal ruin of your soul. The peril of indifference to God and neglect of His gift is measured by the greatness of salvation. God has done to the uttermost of His almighty power. The resources of infinite love have been exhausted in devising and executing the plan of redemption for man. God has revealed His character in the goodness, the mercy, compassion, and love manifested to save a race of guilty rebels. What could be done that has not been done in the provisions of the plan of salvation? If the sinner remains indifferent to the manifestation of the goodness of God, if he neglects so great a salvation, ... what can be done to touch his hard heart?" (HP 37.2).

Chapter Fourteen

THE THREE PHASES OF SALVATION /REDEMPTION



**1) COURTYARD (OUTSIDE) - JUSTIFICATION
(CLEANSED AND REGENERATION)**

**2) HOLY PLACE (INSIDE) - SANCTIFICATION
(GROWING IN GRACE - THE LADDER OF
SANCTIFICATION)**

**3) MOST HOLY PLACE (INSIDE) - JUDGMENT (JUDGE
BY THE LAW AS DOERS OF THE LAW)**

It is impossible to fully understand the plan of salvation (God's plan to save us from sin) without understanding the workings of the earthly sanctuary. The object lessons in the earthly sanctuary, reveals the **plan of redemption**.

David said, "Thy **way**, O God, is in the **sanctuary**: who is so great a God as our God?" (Psalms 77:13).

God's **way** is in the sanctuary, but which **way** is referred to here?

The following verse is about apostle Paul doing a specific work. In this verse someone speaks about the fact that Paul is leading them in the way of God. Let us see which way this is. "The same followed Paul and us, and cried, saying, These men are the servants of the most high God, which shew unto us the **WAY of SALVATION**"(Acts 16:17).

It is the **way of salvation - the plan of salvation**. We can safely conclude that the plan of salvation and

redemption is found within the ministrations of the sanctuary. (Psalms 77:13).

In verse 15, God is going to mention another word that is closely linked with salvation, "Thou has with thine arm **REDEEMED** thy people, the sons of Jacob, and Joseph. Selah." In other words, God's **way** in the sanctuary is **salvation** or **redemption**.

As mentioned before, the sanctuary was made up of three apartments: The courtyard, The Holy Place and the Most Holy place.

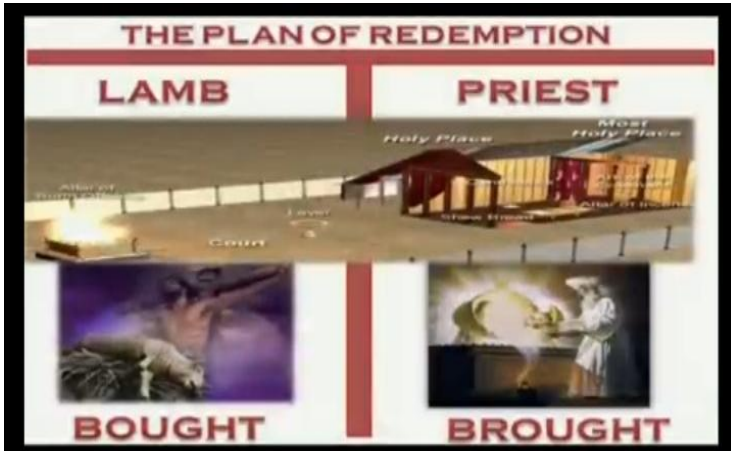
In other words, the **plan of redemption can be divided into three phases - there are three parts to redemption.**

The first phase (In the courtyard/outercourt) was accomplished, when Jesus died on the cross, and said it is "Finished". The Lamb that was slain in the courtyard represented Jesus dying on the cross.

When Jesus died, there was still two more phases. Jesus is done in the Holy Place, and is currently in the Most Holy place. We are currently in the final phase. Jesus went into the Most Holy place in 1844, as our High Priest, and this is the last and final work of Jesus.

THE TWO ROLES of JESUS

BOUGHT (buying) and **BROUGHT** (bringing)



Although there are **three phases** to redemption, Jesus' work was divided up **into two** - the one as the sacrificial **Lamb (to buy us)**, and the other, being His role of becoming our **High Priest (to bring us to God)** in the Holy, and Most Holy Place. In other words, Jesus had to accomplished the work of the **Lamb**, and the work of the **Priest**.

We are currently in the **Third Phase** of Redemption. Jesus is currently doing the work of our **High Priest** in the Most Holy Place, in the heavenly sanctuary - interceding - pleading on behalf of us. **Our work is to cooperate with Jesus** - please see the **steps to Righteousness by faith (Justification by faith and Sanctification)**.

Jesus went into the Most Holy Place in 1844 as our High Priest. And this is the last and final work of Jesus.

Contrary to common belief, the plan of redemption was not completed at the cross - the plan of redemption is divided into three parts.

When Jesus said it is finished, it was only the first phase that was completed, the Lamb (Jesus) dying for our sins.

Many believe because Jesus died for our sins, that they can now go back to a life of sin, but contrary to popular belief, this is not true. God provided a solution to our sin-problem.

Jesus had to **buy** us - redeem us, or purchase us back, not with silver or gold, but with blood, and **bring** us to God.

We were "**bought**" at the cross, but not "**brought**" (in other words Jesus must take us to His Father). We had to be redeemed, and brought to God, where we could be accounted as one with God, only then could the Atonement (At-one-ment) be considered complete. In other words, Jesus must first clean and renew our hearts from sin, before He can take (brought/ bring) us to God. But we need to cooperate with Jesus in the plan of Redemption. Please see the steps: Righteousness/Justification by faith and Sanctification.

BOUGHT US:

"Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not **redeemed** (BOUGHT/PURCHASED) with corruptible things, as silver and gold...

But with the precious blood of Christ, as a lamb without blemish and without spot" (1 Peter 1:18-19).

So who redeems/buys us? The Lamb. So what is Jesus' work /mission after having bought us? It is to bring us to God. In other words, redemption includes purchasing, as well as bringing/delivering us to God. .

BROUGHT (BRING/TAKE US TO GOD):

"For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might **bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but quickened by the Spirit**" (1 Peter 3:18).

CEASE FROM SIN:

"Forasmuch then as Christ hath suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves likewise with the same mind: for he that hath suffered in the flesh hath **ceased from sin**.

That he no longer should live the rest of his time in the flesh to the lusts of men, **but to the will of God**" (1 Peter 4:1-2).

What must Jesus remove from us, to enable us to be brought to God? He must remove sin from our hearts.

In other words Jesus did not only take our sins upon Him, and set an example, but He wants to make us righteous (sinless), but we must give Him permission by surrendering our will to Him, so that He can clean our hearts from sin.

"Commit (surrender, submit) thy way unto the Lord; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass" (Psalms 37:5). What will God bring to pass?

"And he shall bring forth thy **Righteousness as the light**, and thy judgment as the noon day." (Psalms 37:6).

Please see the steps that we must follow: Justification by faith and Sanctification - in faith we need to go from the Court-yard (Justification by faith), to within the Holy Place (Sanctification). God use object lessons to teach us His way of salvation (in other words, to save us from sin).

REDEMPTION WAS NOT FINISHED AT THE CROSS:

Jesus after telling the disciples about events that would transpire at the end of time (our time) refers to the final stage of Redemption by pointing out that Redemption was not a completed work accomplished at the crucifixion. We are pointed to the fact that when the signs of the end shall come to pass "our Redemption draws nigh (near)".

"And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring..."

"And then shall they see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your **Redemption draweth nigh**" (near) (Luke 21:25 - 28).

Only then could the plan of redemption be considered complete.

"The CENTRAL THEME of the BIBLE, the theme about which every other in the whole book clusters, is the REDEMPTION PLAN (PLAN OF SALVATION), THE RESTORATION IN THE HUMAN SOUL OF THE IMAGE OF GOD. From the first intimation of hope in the sentence pronounced in Eden to that last glorious promise of the Revelation, "They shall see His face; and His name shall be in their foreheads" (Revelation 22:4), the burden of every book and every passage of the Bible is the unfolding of this wondrous theme,—man's uplifting,—the power of God, "which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." 1 Corinthians 15:57. (ED 126).

He who GRASPS THIS THOUGHT has before him an infinite field for study.

HE HAS THE KEY that will unlock to him the WHOLE TREASURE HOUSE of GOD'S WORD. (ED 126).

Let us see what the KEY is?

"The subject of the sanctuary was the key which unlocked the mystery of the disappointment of 1844. It opened to view a complete system of truth, connected and harmonious, showing that God's hand had directed the great Advent movement, and revealing present duty as it brought to light the position and work of his people "(GC88 423.1).

The Sanctuary message or the redemption/salvation message is the key, that will unlock the "whole treasure house of God's Word."



"What love, what wonderful love, was displayed by the Son of God! The death we deserved was suffered to come upon Him that immortality might be given to us, who could never merit such a reward. Is not salvation great in its simplicity and wonderful in its comprehensiveness? ... Contemplating the fullness of the provision that God has made whereby every son and daughter of Adam may be saved, we are led to exclaim with John, "Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God" (1 John 3:1)....The plan of redemption provides for every emergency and for every want of the soul."(HP 37.4).

Chapter Fifteen

IDENTIFYING GOD'S TRUE CHURCH (PART 1)



The Bible places emphasis upon four identifying marks by which the true church can be identified. These marks are:

- 1) Prophecy
- 2) Righteousness
- 3) The Commandments
- 4) The Testimony of Jesus

For the sake of this study, I will place special emphasis upon, 1) **Prophecy** and 2) **Righteousness**, due to the fact that it forms an integral part of the theme of this book.

How does the Bible describe God's **last day church** or the **remnant church**? Revelation 12 is speaking about God's true church.

"And there appeared a great wonder in heaven; a woman clothed with the **SUN**, and the **MOON** under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars".

This verse tells us that the woman (church) stands on the **moon** and is clothed with the **sun**. In Bible prophecy a woman represents a church.

This is clearly referring to a church. This is not apostate Babylon. Babylon is described in Revelation 17, which is the Roman Catholic Institution.

The Bible describes the woman as clothed with the **sun** and she is standing on the **moon**. Here are two symbols, the sun and the moon.

In the last verse of Revelation 12:17, we see the conclusion of the matter is that the dragon (Satan) is wroth with this woman. We see that he is going to make war with the church. He is going to direct his last attack on this church (**the remnant**).

The Bible describes the woman as clothed with the sun and standing on the moon.

The book of Revelation is full of symbolic language. We need to understand the symbols to understand what it means.

Let us start off with the moon, because it tells us that the church is standing on the moon.

We see a moon mentioned in the book of Genesis.

"And God made **two great lights**; the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night: he made the stars also" (Genesis 1:16).

God made **two great lights**. One to rule the day and one to rule the night.

The moon is a light that shines in the dark. Now let us see what the Bible says is a light that shines in the dark.

"We have also a more sure word of **PROPHECY**; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a **light that shineth in a dark place**, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts" (2 Peter 1 :19 KJV).

In other words, the moon (light that shines in a dark place) is a symbol of Prophecy.

The context here is prophecy (As in Daniel and Revelation). What does prophecy do for us as God's children? Prophecy reveals to us, what is going to happen in the future.

It is a light that shineth in a dark place.

Prophecy sheds its light where we cannot see. What will the church be teaching and standing on? How will you identify God's true church? The remnant church should be a church of prophecy.

There is only one church that came into existence through the study of prophecy.

It is the Seventh-day Adventists church.

The church came into existence through Prophecy (The Sanctuary message), "And he said unto me, unto two thousand and three hundred days; then shall the sanctuary be cleansed" (Daniel 8:14).

Our pioneers studied Daniel 8:14, and initially believed that the second advent would take place in 1844, when in fact, Jesus only went from the Holy to the most Holy place in the heavenly Sanctuary.

God's true church stands on prophecy, Daniel and Revelation.

Let us see what is the **sun**. According to Scripture the woman is clothed with the sun.

Let us see Psalms 37:5-6. "Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in Him; and He shall bring it to pass. And He shall bring forth thy **RIGHTEOUSNESS** as the **LIGHT** (Remember God made **two great lights** - the **sun** and the **moon**), and thy judgment as the noonday".

So, Righteousness is synonymous with light.

The sun is a light. Scripture tells us that Righteousness is a light. So, if you look for God's true church, you must look for a group of people that is teaching **Righteousness by faith**, and is standing on the sure word of **Prophecy (including the sanctuary message)**.

Chapter Sixteen

IDENTIFYING GOD'S TRUE CHURCH (PART 2)



Revelation 12 gives us two more identification marks:

- 3) The Commandments of God
- 4) The Testimony of Jesus (The Spirit of Prophecy)

3) THE COMMANDMENTS OF GOD

"And the dragon was wroth with the woman (church), and went to make war with the **remnant** of her seed, which keep the **commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ**" (Revelation 12:17).

The third identification mark is the commandments of God. God's true church will teach obedience to all His commandments.

4) THE TESTIMONY OF JESUS

The woman (the remnant /last day church) will have the testimony of Jesus (Revelation 12:17).

Let us prove what the testimony of Jesus is.

The Bible is self-explanatory; it will interpret itself. In the following verse the angel is speaking to John, and the angel mentions that John's brethren have the testimony of Jesus, and that the testimony of Jesus is the Spirit of Prophecy.

"And I (John) fell at his feet to worship him. And he (the angel) said unto me, See thou do it not: I am thy fellowservant, and of thy brethren that have the testimony of Jesus: worship God: for the testimony of Jesus is the SPIRIT OF PROPHECY" (Revelation 19:10).

What is the testimony according to Revelation 19:10 - it is the Spirit of Prophecy. In other words, God's last day church will have this prophetic gift. God's last day church will have the Spirit of Prophecy, as given by the Spirit.

In other words, God will give His church a specific gift to help them to understand the prophetic events; future events. God's **remnant / last day church** is going to have **special light concerning prophetic events!**

HOW WILL THIS GIFT BE MANIFESTED IN GOD'S CHURCH?

We see in the following verse that the angel mentions again about John's brethren (the brethren that has the Testimony of Jesus, which is the Spirit of prophecy), but this time the angel gives more detail about the brethren of John; he makes it clearer. He gives a name for the brethren that has the Spirit of Prophecy. He says that these brethren that have the Spirit of Prophecy are **PROPHETS**.

In this following verse John is in vision, and Gabriel is showing John the glories of the world to come. And the glories surrounding Gabriel affect John in a specific way, and John is going to do something. In his humanity John bowed down before the angel.

"Then saith he (the angel) unto me, See thou do it not: for I am thy fellowservant, and of thy **BRETHREN** the **PROPHETS** and of them which keep the sayings of this book: worship God" (Revelation 22:9).

The **name** that is given to those that have this **prophetic gift**, or the Testimonies of Jesus are **Prophets**.

This gift (The Testimony of Jesus or Spirit of prophecy) is manifested through a prophet. In other words, God's **true remnant church** will have a **prophet in their midst**. We see that God's last day church - the remnant church of God, will have the testimony of Jesus Christ, which is the Spirit of prophecy (Revelation 12:17).

Since the Bible predicts the gift of prophecy for the **New Testament Christian church**, Seventh-day Adventists (For this very reason) recognise in the writings of Ellen G. White, an example of this **Biblical gift** for the **last days**. Although the prophet is dead today, her writings still live.

God's last day church is standing on the moon (Prophecy) and is clothed with the sun (Righteousness by faith). The prophet (Ellen G White) tells us:

In the book Gospel Workers 148, the prophet highlighted **two things** that a minister should do.

"Ministers should present the **sure word of prophecy** as the foundation of the faith of Seventh-day Adventists. (Is not the church standing on the moon? - Revelation 12:1). The prophecies of Daniel and the Revelation should be carefully studied, and in connection with them the words, "**Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.**" What message is "Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sins of the world"? **It is the message of Righteousness by Faith.**

If you are looking for God's true church, it should be teaching **prophecy**, including the **Sanctuary message in Daniel** ("unto two thousand and three hundred days, then shall the Sanctuary be cleansed"). It should be teaching **Righteousness by faith**. It should keep all **God's commandments**, including the seventh day Sabbath

(Saturday), which the Seventh-day Adventists keep. And it should have the **prophetic gift**.

We see in Revelation 12:17 that Satan hates God's remnant church.

"And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed..." (Revelation 12:17).

Satan went and made war with the final church. It is clear that Satan hates the church, because they are in favour with God. Satan is represented by the image of a dragon, and the church is likened to a woman. Let us see two verses that proves that a woman represents the church.

In Jeremiah 6:3, God likened Zion (His people) to a comely delicate woman.

In 2 Corinthians 11:2, Paul likened the church to a woman, he said, "I have espoused you". In other words, married you.

Dear friends, the cross is the crux of the matter, the centre of everything. Without the cross, there is no plan of salvation.

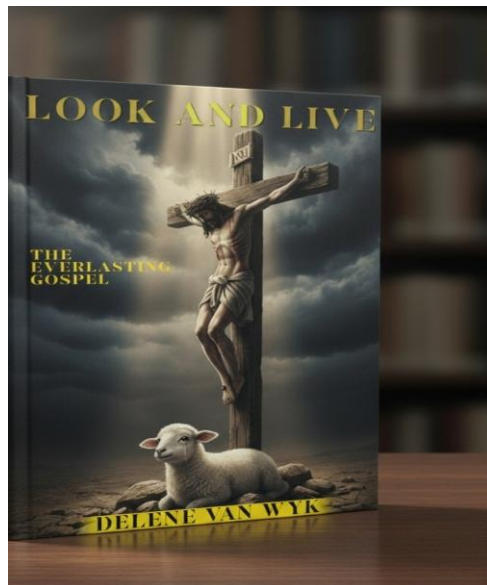
It is when we are constantly looking at the suffering Saviour and see His sacrifice for us, that obedience naturally springs forth. Surrender naturally takes place, when we see Jesus dying for our sins. Love awakens obedience.

Jesus said "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me" (John 12:32).

Righteousness that does not teach obedience, is a deceptive Righteousness.

It is in this light that I want to take some of the writings in the book, The Everlasting Gospel, to uplift Jesus.

It is in the light of the important role that the cross plays in our salvation that I would like to include a small section of the book, The Everlasting Gospel. The Everlasting Gospel is an introduction to the book Righteousness by faith. I would suggest that The Everlasting Gospel be read prior to Righteousness by faith, to obtain a better understanding of the subject matter.



Chapter Seventeen

THERE IS POWER IN THE "BLOOD OF THE LAMB"



Did you know that Calvary gives us glimpses of ourselves that we cannot get at any other place. It is only at Calvary that we really realise how sinful we are. Without Calvary we can never see the selfishness and pride in our hearts. It is only as we view Calvary and see such unselfishness that our pride stands rebuked in His presence!

When I contemplate the scenes of Calvary, I see how far I am from where Christ wants me to be! And many times, I mourn over my failures and mistakes. I mourn over the "mercies slighted, the grace neglected!"

I look at my life, and say, "Lord have mercy!" There is no way that we can look at Calvary, with no conviction of our true condition!

"Praise to God and the Lamb will be in our hearts and on our lips; for pride and self-worship cannot flourish in

the soul that keeps fresh in memory the scenes of Calvary" (DA 661.2).

Would you be free from the burden of sin? There is power in the blood of the Lamb. Come for a cleansing to Calvary's tide.

The children of Israel had to look upon the brazen serpent to be healed physically, we need to look at Christ to be healed from sin.

It is an object lesson for us, we must look at the uplifted Saviour, and as we behold Him, we will be changed into the same image. This is the Everlasting Gospel of the First Angels message (Revelation 14:6). Paul said, "I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ for it is the power of God unto salvation..." (Romans 1:16).

"Hanging upon the cross, Christ was the Gospel, now we have a message", Behold the Lamb of God, that taketh away the sins of the world".. (6BC111.31).

Beholding Jesus, is the first step in the plan of salvation, but without this step, there will be no other steps. Let us go to Calvary for a cleansing!

Imagine a knocking on your door at midnight. Upon opening the door, you are faced with heavily armed men, their weapons pointing at you.

Jesus was taken in the middle of the night by a mob, accompanied by soldiers and the Jewish leaders, armed with dangerous weapons!

Jesus was taken to the court and judge during the night, when there were no witnesses to prove His innocence!

In the morning Jesus was scourged (John 19:1). Scourging was a horrible torture, only slaves and criminals were scourged. When someone was scourged, they whipped the person's back.

"Crucifixion was a cruel death, a torturous death. First came the terrible scourging with leather thongs to which were fastened sharp pellets of lead and iron as well as, sometimes knucklebones" (Historical and medical facts).

The scourging consisted of thirty-nine lashes or strokes with the whip. Jesus was scourged twice!

The soldiers then plaited a crown of thorns and put it on His head. They also dressed Him in a purple robe, and mocked Him (John 19:2).

During that time, while He was abused and falsely accused, Peter, one of His closest disciples denied Him; Judas betrayed Him for thirty pierces of silver. When they took Jesus to Gethsemane, they took Him to the high priest, then to Caiaphas, then to Pilate, then to Herod, then again to Pilate!

While He was being mocked, He was exhausted and in pain, blood flowed from His head and back, but the expression of love on His face could not be hidden from His cruel enemies (DA 735.4).

John was amazed at the love of Jesus, he exclaimed, "Behold what manner of love the Father had bestowed upon us" (1John 3 :1).

"There stood the Son of God, wearing the robe of mockery and the crown of thorns. Stripped to the waist, His back showed the long, cruel stripes, from which the blood flowed freely. His face was stained with blood, and bore the marks of exhaustion and pain; but never had it appeared more beautiful than now. The Saviour's visage was not marred before His enemies. Every feature expressed gentleness and resignation and the tenderest pity for His cruel foes" (DA 735.4). This quotation is one of my all- time favourites.

Peter said, "For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps" (1 Peter 2:21).

Let us study and meditate upon Jesus' example of love for us, His uncomplaining patience, longsuffering and forbearance, love that is not easily provoked (1 Corinthians 13:4-7).

We need to manifest this love for one another.

"By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another" (John 13:35).

"Love worketh no ill to his neighbour: therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law" (Romans 13:10).

Allow the scenes of Calvary to play over and over in your mind. Which lessons can we learn from this ordeal?

Sometimes even in little things, in our daily lives we have no patience, forbearance and longsuffering towards each other. Sometimes I complain in my mind, because I struggle to get my work done, and this leads to irritability, and then I realise that I do not have the sufferings of Jesus fresh in my memory.



"He who beholds the Saviour's matchless love will be elevated in thought, purified in heart, transformed in character. He will go forth to be a light to the world, to reflect in some degree this mysterious love. The more we contemplate the cross of Christ, the more fully shall we adopt the language of the apostle when he said, "God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world." (Galatians 6:14), (DA 661.3).

Chapter Eighteen

LOOK AND LIVE



Dear friends, it is only the blood of Jesus that can cleanse us from sin (1John 1:7). Yet, how do we practically apply the blood?

Jesus told Nicodemus that he needed to be "born again" (John 3:7). To be born again, means a transformation of character, a new heart or regeneration (made new), implies that we eventually have to be without sin (Titus 3:5-7). Many times, in the Bible, Jesus uses symbols and object lessons to explain His teachings, as we will see in this lesson as well.

Jesus told Nicodemus that he must be born again, and Jesus told him how to accomplish the new birth. Jesus used an incident that took place in the Old Testament, and used it as an example of how to accomplish the new birth. Jesus said to Nicodemus, "As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of

man be lifted up: that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have eternal life" (John 3:14,15).

We need to understand the significance of the lifting up of the serpent! Let us look at the incident that happened in the wilderness to have a better understanding of what Jesus was trying to teach Nicodemus.

The children of Israel were bitten by snakes, and merely had to look in faith to the uplifted brass serpent that was made by Moses, to enable physical healing to take place (Numbers 21:9).

They only had to look, but some doubted and did not look, and they died! To be cured physically, the children of Israel had to look to the "uplifted serpent," and we need to look to the uplifted Saviour on Calvary to be healed spiritually! We are spiritually sick, and we need to look to the uplifted Saviour to be healed!

"Those who had been bitten by the serpents might have delayed to look. They might have questioned how there could be efficacy in that brazen symbol. They might have demanded a scientific explanation. But no explanation was given. They must accept the word of God to them through Moses. To refuse to look was to perish" (DA 175:1).

How, then, are we to be saved? "As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness," so the Son of man has been lifted up, and everyone who has been deceived and

bitten by the serpent may look and live. "Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world" (John 1:29) (DA 175.5).

"The light shining from the cross reveals the love of God. His love is drawing us to Himself. If we do not resist this drawing, we shall be led to the foot of the cross in repentance for the sins that have crucified the Saviour. Then the Spirit of God through faith produces a new life in the soul..."(DA 175.5).

And Jesus said: "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto Me" (John 12:32). In the above verse, Jesus is speaking about His death (crucifixion). It is by beholding the love of Jesus that we become changed into the same image. Just as the children of Israel had to look to be healed, we have to do the same. By looking, sin loses its hold. There is life in a look! By looking casually, we will accomplish nothing. I will be cutting off my life sources if I take my glance off the persecuted Son of God!

"By beholding the matchless love of Christ, the selfish heart will be melted and subdued" (COL 394.4). The word behold means to look. This is the remedy for our sin-sick souls; it is by looking to Jesus uplifted on Calvary!

Friends, looking to Jesus must lead to the submission/surrendering of our will to God, this is how the blood is applied practically. This is how the new birth, or to be born again, is accomplished.

"The blessing comes when by faith the soul surrenders itself to God. Then that power which no human eye can see, creates a new being in the image of God." (DA 173.1). This is the new birth experience.

Jesus said to Nicodemus: "Verily, verily, I say unto thee, except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God" (John 3: 3). Jesus explained to him how this can be accomplished, "And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up: That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life."

Behold the suffering Saviour, and if we do not resist His drawing, it will lead to all the other steps in the plan of salvation. How long can we afford not to look? Not a single day!

Chapter Nineteen

THE POWER OF THE GOSPEL



Dear friends, it is not enough to see Jesus suspended between heaven and earth, covered with blood. We must look; but we must do more than just look, we must surrender as well.

Paul said, "I die daily". We need to be converted on a daily basis, we need to die to self, every single day. Battles are fought every day, some are won, some are lost. We have to keep pressing on, until we are victorious!

Do you need power? I know I need power. If you need power, it can be found in Jesus. The Bible declares that all power in heaven and on earth is given unto Jesus. "And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth". (Matthew 28:18).

Let us see where this power is centred.

"For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God". (1 Corinthians 1:18).

All power is centred at the cross. Jesus has this power! Not some power, all power! If we look to the uplifted Saviour, do you think we will be healed from the venom of sin? Yes, we will.

As mentioned before, it is not enough to just look. There were a group of people that looked. They saw the blood dripping from Him. They never mocked Him, they never scourged Him, they never cried crucify Him; on the contrary, they looked, and wept in sympathy for Jesus. But most of those people were destroyed in the destruction of Jerusalem. It is possible to look and not be saved. You may ask, who looked and wept in sympathy for Jesus, but were destroyed at the destruction of Jerusalem. This was the group referred to by Jesus as the "Daughters of Jerusalem".

"And there followed him a great company of people, and of women, which also bewailed and lamented him. But Jesus turning unto them said, Daughters of Jerusalem, weep not for me, but weep for yourselves, and for your children" (Luke 23:27-28).

Jesus did not despise their sympathy. When He fell fainting beneath the cross, His heart went out in sympathy towards them. He looked prophetically into the future and saw these very women being destroyed during the destruction of Jerusalem.

He said to them, "Daughters of Jerusalem, weep not for Me, but weep for yourselves, and for your children". In other words, as you are weeping for Me, I can see that you have not surrendered your hearts to me. Yes, there is sympathy as you see Me suffering, but your heart is not surrendered - the cross of Christ is made of "non-effect".

"For Christ sent me not to baptise, but to preach the gospel: not with wisdom of words, lest the cross of Christ should be made of non-effect" (1 Corinthians 1:17).

Can the cross of Christ be made of non-effect? Yes, it can.

Is it possible to read about the crucifixion - see Jesus dying, your heart is moved as you see His love, and yet still not be saved? Yes, it is possible.

"It is not enough to perceive the loving-kindness of God, to see the benevolence, the fatherly tenderness of His character. It is not enough to discern the wisdom and justice of His law, to see that it is founded upon the eternal principle of love. Paul the apostle saw all this when he exclaimed, "I consent unto the law that it is good". The law is holy, and the commandments holy, and just, and good". But he added, in the bitterness of his soul - anguish and despair, "I am carnal, sold under sin". (Romans 7:14,12,16).

He longed for the purity, the righteousness, to which in himself he was powerless to attain, and cried out, "O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of death?" (Romans 7:24). Such is the cry that has gone up from burdened hearts in all lands and in all ages. To all, there is but one answer, "Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world". (John 1:29. - SC 19.1).

Many say, "there is the answer, all I need to do is behold".

Let us combine this quotation (SC 19.1), with Christ Object Lessons.

"In heaven it is said by the ministering angels: The ministry which we have been commissioned to perform we have done. We pressed back the army of evil angels. We sent brightness and light into the souls of men, quickening their memory of the love of God expressed in Jesus. We attracted their eyes to the cross of Christ. Their hearts were deeply moved by a sense of the sin that crucified the Son of God. They were convicted. They saw the steps to be taken in conversion; they felt the power of the gospel; their hearts were made tender as they saw the sweetness of the love of God. They beheld the beauty of the character of Christ. But with the many it was all in vain. They would not surrender their own habits and character". (COL 318.1).

These people have seen God's love through Jesus, they felt the power of the gospel, but they would not surrender.

Merely just observing Calvary is clearly not enough. Look, but surrender as well. Merely just reading the four Gospels, The Desire of Ages or Steps to Christ, and shedding a tear or two, does not guarantee entrance into the kingdom.

Jesus' faith was manifested in surrender.

"Father, if Thou be willing, remove this cup from Me: nevertheless, not My will, but Thine, be done". Jesus' faith led him to surrender His will to the will of His father. The same faith Jesus exercised, should be the same faith we exercise. A faith that surrenders. That is the only true faith.

WHAT IS THE GOSPEL? The gospel is Christ (Jesus) crucified.

"Hanging upon the cross, Christ was the gospel. Now we have a message, "Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sins of the world". (6BC 1113:1).

In Corinthians 15: 1 - 6, Paul explains the gospel: "Christ died for our sins... and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day".

"For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth..." (Romans 1:16).

All God's power is centred at the cross. Everything revolves around the cross. I am not saying that we should not study other things, but the cross is the foundation. It forms the foundation for every other study.

Paul tells us plainly why the gospel was made of non-effect.

"For unto us was the gospel preached, as well as unto them; but the word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in them that heard it" (Hebrews 4:2 KJV).

Why did the gospel, that contains all the power, not profit them?

What was lacking even though the gospel came to them?

They did not receive the gospel through faith. Therefore, the gospel could not benefit them.

What is faith? Faith is linked to surrender.

"Where there is not only a belief in God's word, but a submission of the will to Him; where the heart is yielded to Him, the affections fixed upon Him, there is faith—faith that works by love and purifies the soul" (SC 63).

Many quote John 3:16 as, "For God so love the world that He gave His only begotten Son..." and exempt themselves from this verse. They look upon all His promises, His life and death, and His endless mercy, as

a gift to the world, and not directly to them. In Galatians 2:20, Paul says, "Christ loved me and gave Himself for me". Whatever applies to Paul, applies to us all. We must see Jesus dying for us personally. When you look at Calvary, you ought to see it done for you! Had you been the only sinner, Christ would still have died for you. He would still have gone through all that suffering, knowing that you would be the only one who would accept Him. He would have still suffered that severe death just for you!

All God's power is centred at Calvary. The spell of sin can only be broken through the sacrifice made at Calvary. However, it is not sufficient enough to look. We must look, because in looking lies the remedy, but if I am looking, and not surrendering, then my looking is in vain. Without looking and surrendering "the cross will be made of non-effect", and we will not be able to tap into the power found at Calvary.

Dear friends, the cross is a much-neglected present truth. The sanctuary and the commandments are mentioned and spoken about, and rightly so - with an almost total neglect of the essence of the cross, when all power is centred at the cross.

Dear friends, looking at Calvary is the means of breaking the spell of sin. The only way that sin can be broken in our lives is through a power stronger than sin. It is the power of love! The more I see the cross, the more I love God. Because I see a demonstration of

unselfish love! I see a God that loves me so much that He was willing to subject Himself to such humiliation!

When I see this, love is awakened within my heart. True love always leads to obedience (Romans 13:10, John 15:12, John 14:15).

CONCLUSION



DEARLY BELOVED FRIENDS, LET US SPREAD THIS BEAUTIFUL MESSAGE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS BY FAITH - GOD'S SOLUTION TO OUR SIN PROBLEM.

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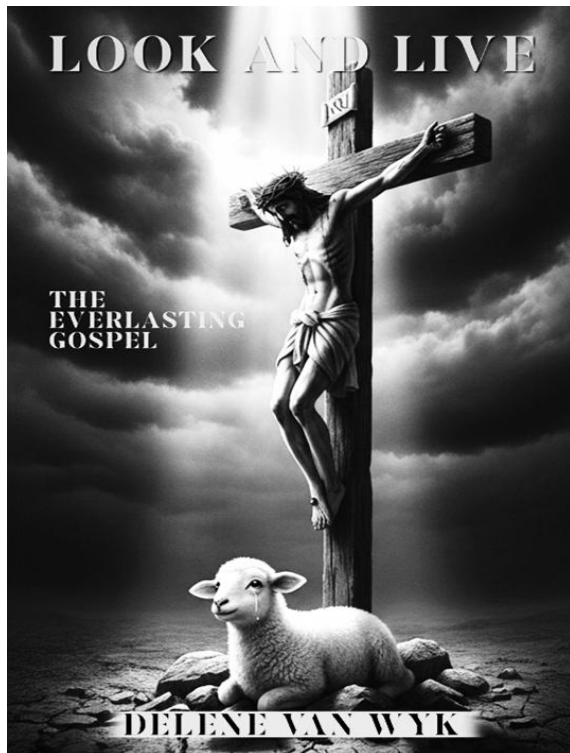
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"What is the value of money at this time, in comparison with the value of souls? Every dollar of our means should be considered as the Lord's, not ours; and as a precious trust from God to us; not to be wasted for needless indulgences, but carefully used in the cause of God, in the work of saving men and women from ruin" Life Sketches of Ellen G. White, p214

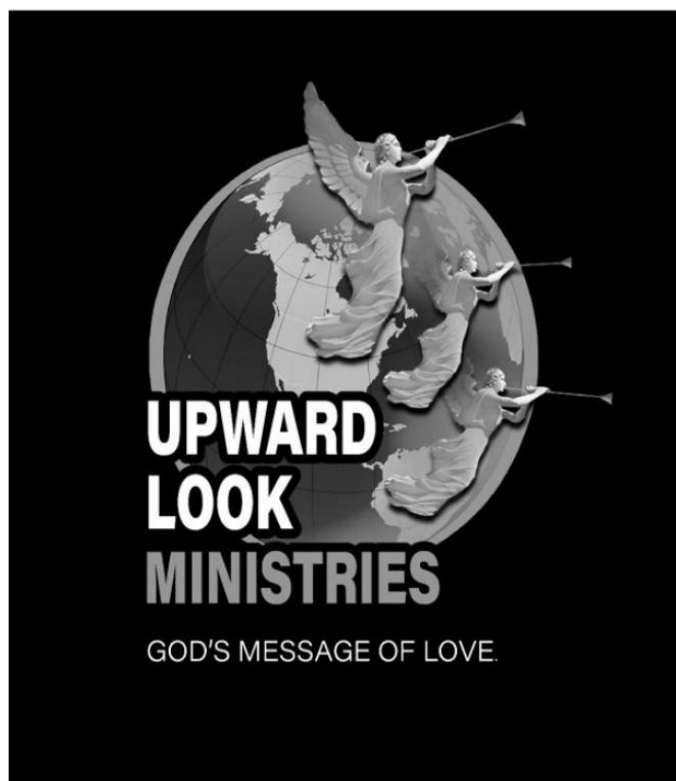
"I was shown that the recording angel makes a faithful record of every offering dedicated to God and put into the treasury, and also of the final result of the means thus bestowed. The eye of God takes cognizance of every farthing devoted to His cause, and of the willingness or reluctance of the giver. The motive in giving is also chronicled. Those self-sacrificing, consecrated ones who render back to God the things that are His, as He requires of them, will be rewarded according to their works. Even though the means thus consecrated be misapplied, so that it does not accomplish the object which the donor had in view,—the glory of God and the salvation of souls,—those who made the sacrifice in sincerity of soul, with an eye single to the glory of God, will not lose their reward" (2 T 518.2).

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APPENDIX

ENCOURAGEMENT FOR TIMES OF TRIALS AND PERPLEXITIES

Dear beloved, we often face trials and temptations, and become discouraged, and doubt whether God is with us. I would like to give some encouragement, by quoting some verses from Scripture, as well as Spirit of Prophecy quotations.

"The fact that we are called upon to endure trial shows that the Lord Jesus sees in us **something precious** which He desires to develop. If He saw in us nothing whereby, He might glorify His name, He would not spend time in refining us. He does not cast worthless stones into His furnace. It is valuable ore that He refines.

The blacksmith puts the iron and steel into the fire that he may know what manner of metal they are. The Lord allows His chosen ones to be placed in the furnace of affliction to prove what temper they are of and whether they can be fashioned for His work. The potter takes the clay and molds it according to his will.

He kneads it and works it. He tears it apart and presses it together. He wets it and then dries it. He lets it lie for a while without touching it. When it is perfectly pliable,

he continues the work of making of it a vessel. He forms it into shape and on the wheel trims and polishes it. He dries it in the sun and bakes it in the oven. Thus, it becomes a vessel fit for use. So, the great Master Worker desires to mold and fashion us. And as the clay is in the hands of the potter, so are we to be in His hands. We are not to try to do the work of the potter. Our part is to yield ourselves to be molded by the Master Worker." (MH 471.3).

"Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you: but rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings; that, when His glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy." (1 Peter 4:12-13).

"But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you." (Mathew 6:33).

THE POWER OF PRAYER

"Prayer brings power to resist temptation—Without unceasing prayer and diligent watching, we are in danger of growing careless, and of deviating from the right path. The adversary seeks continually to obstruct the way to the mercy-seat, that we may not by earnest supplication and faith obtain grace and power to resist temptation."—(Steps to Christ, 95.) Pr 89.1

"Neglect of prayer and Bible study makes us vulnerable to temptation—Temptations often appear irresistible because, through the neglect of prayer and the study of the Bible, the tempted one cannot readily remember God's promises and meet Satan with the Scripture weapons. But angels are round about those who are willing to be taught in divine things; and in the time of great necessity, they will bring to their remembrance the very truths which are needed."—(The Great Controversy, 600.) Pr 89.2

"Satan dreads to have us pray—**There is a mighty power in prayer.** Our great adversary is constantly seeking to keep the troubled soul away from God. An appeal to Heaven by the humblest saint is more to be dreaded by Satan than the decrees of cabinets or the mandates of kings". — (In Heavenly Places, 82.) - Pr 89.3

"The source of power in the reformation was prayer—From the secret place of prayer came the power that shook the world in the Great Reformation. There, with holy calmness, the servants of the Lord set their feet upon the rock of His promises. During the struggle at Augsburg, Luther "did not pass a day without devoting three hours at least to prayer, and they were hours selected from those the most favorable to study." In the privacy of his chamber, he was heard to pour out his soul before God in words "full of adoration, fear, and hope, as when one speaks to a friend." (The Great Controversy, 210.) (Pr 89.4).

"Only believe in God, take Him at His word, act by faith, and blessings will come." (Pr 97.3).

"Distressed by the increasing wickedness of the ungodly, and fearing that their infidelity might lessen his reverence for God, Enoch avoided constant association with them, and spent much time in solitude, giving himself to meditation and prayer. " (Pr 122.3).

"Enoch walked with God through prayer—I wish I could impress upon every worker in God's cause, the great need of continual, earnest prayer. They cannot be constantly upon their knees, but they can be uplifting their hearts to God. This is the way that Enoch walked with God The Review and Herald, November 10, 1885.)

"While engaged in our daily work, we should lift the soul to heaven in prayer. These silent petitions rise like incense before the throne of grace; and the enemy is baffled. The Christian whose heart is thus stayed upon God cannot be overcome. No evil arts can destroy his peace. All the promises of God's word, all the power of divine grace, all the resources of Jehovah, are pledged to secure his deliverance. It was thus that Enoch walked with God. And God was with him, a present help in every time of need. — (Messages to Young People, 249.) (Pr 123.2).

"Whatever arises to disturb or distress us, we should take it to the Lord in prayer. When we feel that we need the presence of Christ at every step, Satan will have

little opportunity to intrude his temptations. It is his studied effort to keep us away from our best and most sympathizing friend. We should make no one our confidant but Jesus. We can safely commune with Him of all that is in our hearts."— (Testimonies for the Church 5:200, 201.) (Pr 8.3).

"When you rise in the morning, kneel at your bedside, and ask God to give you strength to fulfil the duties of the day, and to meet its temptations. Ask Him to help you to bring into your work Christ's sweetness of character. Ask Him to help you to speak words that will inspire those around you with hope and courage, and draw you nearer to the Saviour".— (Sons and Daughters of God, 199.) (Pr 9.4).

"A foretaste of heaven—Rest yourself wholly in the hands of Jesus. Contemplate His great love, and while you meditate upon His self-denial, His infinite sacrifice made in our behalf in order that we should believe in Him, your heart will be filled with holy joy, calm peace, and indescribable love." (Pr 12.1).

"It is a wonderful thing that we can pray effectually, that unworthy, erring mortals possess the power of offering their requests to God. What higher power can man desire than this,—to be linked with the infinite God? Feeble, sinful man has the privilege of speaking to his Maker. We may utter words that reach the throne of the Monarch of the universe. We may speak with Jesus as

we walk by the way, and He says, I am at thy right hand."—(Messages to Young People, 249, 250.) (Pr 13.1).

"Walk continually in the light of God. Meditate day and night upon His character. Then you will see His beauty and rejoice in His goodness. Your heart will glow with a sense of His love. You will be uplifted as if borne by everlasting arms. With the power and light that God imparts, you can comprehend more and accomplish more than you ever before deemed possible".— (The Ministry of Healing, 514.) (Pr 16.2).

"The experience of the disciples in the Garden of Gethsemane contains a lesson for the Lord's people today.... They did not realize the necessity of watchfulness and earnest prayer in order to withstand temptation. Many today are fast asleep, as were the disciples. They are not watching and praying lest they enter into temptation. Let us often read and give careful study to those portions of God's Word that have special reference to these last days, pointing out the dangers that will threaten God's people."— (In Heavenly Places, 97.) (Pr 18.1).

"Prayer necessary for spiritual health—Several times each day precious, golden moments should be consecrated to prayer and the study of the Scriptures, if it is only to commit a text to memory, that spiritual life may exist in the soul."(Pr 18.3).

"Upon his knees the Christian obtains strength to resist temptation".— (Testimonies for the Church 4:615, 616.) (Pr 21.4).

"It is just as convenient, just as essential, for us to pray three times a day as it was for Daniel." (Pr 20.3).

"God hears the prayer of the humble—Our heavenly Father waits to bestow upon us the fullness of His blessing. It is our privilege to drink largely at the fountain of boundless love. What a wonder it is that we pray so little!" (Pr 33.1).

"Prayer will bring power to overcome—We must have on the whole armor of God and be ready at any moment for a conflict with the powers of darkness. When temptations and trials rush in upon us, let us go to God and agonize with Him in prayer. He will not turn us away empty, but will give us grace and strength to overcome, and to break the power of the enemy."— (Early Writings, 46 9. (Pr 51.1).

"Pray, believe, rejoice. Sing praises to God because He has answered your prayers. Take Him at His word. "He is faithful that promised." (Hebrews 10:23).

"Daily prayer turns mistakes into victories—If one who daily communes with God errs from the path, if he turns a moment from looking steadfastly unto Jesus, it is not because he sins willfully; for when he sees his mistake, he turns again, and fastens his eyes upon Jesus, and

the fact that he has erred, does not make him less dear to the heart of God."(Pr 65.3).

"The more earnestly and steadfastly we ask, the closer will be our spiritual union with Christ."(Pr 71.3

"When we permit our communion with God to be broken, our defense is departed from us."(Pr 76.2).

"Your petitions must not be faint, occasional, and fitful, but earnest, persevering, and constant" -(Pr 76.2).

"As Christ is our example in all things, if we imitate His example in earnest, importunate prayer to God that we may have strength in His name who never yielded to the temptations of Satan to resist the devices of the wily foe, we shall not be overcome by him.—"(The Youth's Instructor, April 1, 1873).(Pr 78.2).

"Nothing to divert us from Bible study and earnest prayer—Let nothing, however dear, however loved, absorb your mind and affections, diverting you from the study of God's word or from earnest prayer."(Pr 79.1).

"God answers earnest prayers—It is only as we ask in earnest prayer, that God will grant us our heart's desire" .—(Gospel Workers, 255.) (Pr 80.1).

"After praying, continue to claim the promise—After the prayer is made, if the answer is not realized immediately, do not weary of waiting and become unstable. Waver not. Cling to the promise, "Faithful is He that calleth you, who also will do it." Like the

importunate widow, urge your case, being firm in your purpose. Is the object important and of great consequence to you? It certainly is.

Then waver not, for your faith may be tried. If the thing you desire is valuable, it is worthy of a strong, earnest effort. You have the promise; watch and pray. Be steadfast and the prayer will be answered; for is it not God who has promised? If it costs you something to obtain it you will prize it the more when obtained. You are plainly told that if you waver you need not think that you shall receive anything of the Lord. A caution is here given not to become weary, but to rest firmly upon the promise. If you ask, He will give you liberally and upbraid not. — (Testimonies for the Church 2:131.) (Pr 80.2)

"God will not turn us away empty—When temptations and trials rush in upon us, let us go to God and agonize with Him in prayer. He will not turn us away empty, but will give us grace and strength to overcome, and to break the power of the enemy". — (Early Writings, 46.) (Pr 80.3).

"The greatest victories to the church of Christ or to the individual Christian, are not those that are gained by talent or education, by wealth, or the favor of men. They are those victories that are gained in the audience chamber with God, when earnest, agonizing faith lays hold upon the mighty arm of power." - (Pr 87.2).

"Praise and thanksgiving bring power to our prayers— Shall all our devotional exercises consist in asking and receiving? Shall we be always thinking of our wants and never of the benefits we receive? Shall we be recipients of His mercies and never express our gratitude to God, never praise Him for what He has done for us? We do not pray any too much, but we are too sparing of giving thanks. If the loving-kindness of God called forth more thanksgiving and praise, we would have far more power in prayer. We would abound more and more in the love of God and have more bestowed to praise Him for. You who complain that God does not hear your prayers, change your present order and mingle praise with your petitions. When you consider His goodness and mercies you will find that He will consider your wants. Pray, pray earnestly and without ceasing, but do not forget to praise". — (Testimonies for the Church 5:317). (Pr 88.1).

GIVE PRAISE TO GOD

Dear Friends, as Christians we are required to give thanks, and praises to God, in everything, irrespective whether times be good or bad.

"There is nothing for which I have more reason to **thank my Heavenly Father** than for **the manifold trials I have experienced**. If my course had been all smooth, without difficulty, without trial springing upon me, I might think, perhaps, that I was not a child of God. As

long as the enemy lives, he will seek to cast his hateful banner over us; he will seek to eclipse our views of God, of heaven, of immortality, to becloud our minds, so that we shall not be able to discern spiritual and eternal things... **"Trials have driven me closer to my heavenly Father and have made me feel the necessity of earnest prayer"**(RH Chapter 507).

Daniel gave thanks, even when there was a death decree.

"Now when Daniel knew that the writing was signed, he went into his house; and his windows being open in his chamber toward Jerusalem, he kneeled upon his knees three times a day, and prayed, and **gave thanks before his God**, as he did aforetime."(Daniel 6:10).

Even after having lost his children and his possessions, Job still praised God.

"Then Job arose, and rent his mantle, and shaved his head, and fell down upon the ground, and **worshipped**"

"And said, Naked came I out of my mother's womb, and naked shall I return thither: the LORD gave, and the LORD hath taken away; **blessed be the name of the Lord.** (Job 1:20-21).

In heaven the angels are constantly praising and giving thanks to God.

"Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created."(Revelation 4:10-11).

Thanksgiving is a heavenly concept.

"And all the angels stood round about the throne, and about the elders and the four beasts, and fell before the throne on their faces, and worshipped God,"

"Saying, Amen: Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honour, and power, and might, be unto our God for ever and ever. Amen."(Revelation 7:11-12)

The righteous give thanks

"Surely the **righteous shall give thanks** unto thy name: the upright shall dwell in thy presence."(Psalms 140:13).

Giving thanks in everything, goes hand in hand with joy, one of the fruits of the Spirit.

"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law."(Galatians 5:22, 23).

TRIALS

"In the future life the mysteries that here have annoyed and disappointed us will be made plain. We shall see that our seemingly unanswered prayers and disappointed hopes have been among our greatest blessings"(MH 474.1).

"The trials of life are God's workmen, to remove the impurities and roughness from our characters. Their hewing, squaring, and chiseling, their burnishing and polishing, is a painful process, it is hard to be pressed down to the grinding wheel. But the stone is brought forth prepared to fill its place in the heavenly temple. Upon no useless material does the Master bestow such careful, thorough work. Only His precious stones are polished after the similitude of a palace."(MYP 117.1). — Thoughts from the Mount of Blessing, 10.

"...The continual worry is wearing out the life forces. Our Lord desires them to lay aside this yoke of bondage. He invites them to accept His yoke; He says, "My yoke is easy, and My burden is light." Worry is blind and cannot discern the future; but Jesus sees the end from the beginning. In every difficulty He has His way prepared to bring relief..." (Mathew 11:30), Psalms 84:11), MH 481.1

"Our heavenly Father has a thousand ways to provide for us of which we know nothing. Those who accept the one principle of making the service of God supreme, will find perplexities vanish and a plain path before their feet"(MH 481.1).

"In the darkest days, when appearances seem most forbidding, have faith in God. He is working out His will, doing all things well in behalf of His people. The strength of those who love and serve Him will be renewed day by day"(MH 482.1).

"When trials arise that seem unexplainable, we should not allow our peace to be spoiled. However unjustly we may be treated, let not passion arise. By indulging a spirit of retaliation, we injure ourselves. We destroy our own confidence in God, and grieve the Holy Spirit. There is by our side a witness, a heavenly messenger, who will lift up for us a standard against the enemy. He will shut us in with the bright beams of the Sun of Righteousness. Beyond this Satan cannot penetrate. He cannot pass this shield of holy light"(COL 171. 3).

"While the world is progressing in wickedness, none of us need flatter ourselves that we shall have no difficulties. But it is these very difficulties that bring us into the audience chamber of the Most High. We may seek counsel of One who is infinite in wisdom"(COL 172.1).

"The Lord says, "Call upon Me in the day of trouble." Psalm 50:15. He invites us to present to Him our perplexities and necessities, and our need of divine help. He bids us be instant in prayer. As soon as difficulties arise, we are to offer to Him our sincere, earnest petitions. By our importunate prayers we give evidence of our strong confidence in God. The sense of

our need leads us to pray earnestly, and our heavenly Father is moved by our supplications" (COL 172.2).

"Often those who suffer reproach or persecution for their faith are tempted to think themselves forsaken by God. In the eyes of men, they are in the minority. To all appearance their enemies' triumph over them. But let them not violate their conscience. He who has suffered in their behalf, and has borne their sorrows and afflictions, has not forsaken them" (COL 172. 3)

"The children of God are not left alone and defenseless. Prayer moves the arm of Omnipotence. Prayer has "subdued kingdoms, wrought righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched the violence of fire"—we shall know what it means when we hear the reports of the martyrs who died for their faith—"turneth to fight the armies of the aliens." (Hebrews 11:33, 34),(COL 172.4).

"If we surrender our lives to His service, we can never be placed in a position for which God has not made provision. Whatever may be our situation, we have a Guide to direct our way; whatever our perplexities, we have a sure Counselor; whatever our sorrow, bereavement, or loneliness, we have a sympathizing Friend. If in our ignorance we make missteps, Christ does not leave us. His voice, clear and distinct, is heard saying, "I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life." John 14:6. "He shall deliver the needy when he crieth; the poor

also, and him that hath no helper." (Psalms 72:12), COL 173.1).

When we murmur about our difficulties, we are creating the impression that to be a Christian is not a joyous affair.

"In this time of trial, we need to be encouraged and comforted by one another. The temptations of Satan are greater now than ever before, for he knows that his time is short and that very soon every case will be decided, either for life or for death. It is no time now to sink down beneath discouragement and trial; we must bear up under all our afflictions and trust wholly in the Almighty God of Jacob" (Eg 46:1).

"The Lord has shown me that His grace is sufficient for all our trials; and although they are greater than ever before, yet if we trust wholly in God, we can overcome every temptation and through His grace come off victorious". (EW 46. 1).

"If we overcome our trials and get victory over the temptations of Satan, then we endure the trial of our faith, which is more precious than gold, and are stronger and better prepared to meet the next. But if we sink down and give way to the temptations of Satan, we shall grow weaker and get no reward for the trial and shall not be so well prepared for the next. In this way we shall grow weaker and weaker, until we are led

captive by Satan at his will. We must have on the whole armor of God and be ready at any moment for a conflict with the powers of darkness. When temptations and trials rush in upon us, let us go to God and agonize with Him in prayer. He will not turn us away empty, but will give us grace and strength to overcome, and to break the power of the enemy. (EW 46.2).

"God has shown me that He gave His people a bitter cup to drink, to purify and cleanse them. It is a bitter draught, and they can make it still more bitter by murmuring, complaining, and repining. But those who receive it thus must have another draught, for the first does not have its designed effect upon the heart. And if the second does not affect the work, then they must have another, and another, until it does have its designed effect, or they will be left filthy, impure in heart. I saw that this bitter cup can be sweetened by patience, endurance, and prayer, and that it will have its designed effect upon the hearts of those who thus receive it, and God will be honored and glorified"(EW 47.1).

"The very ones that we regard the dearest upon the earth may cause us the greatest sorrow and trial. They may view us in the wrong light. They may think us in error, and that we are deceiving and degrading ourselves because we follow the dictates of enlightened conscience in seeking for the truth as for hid treasures"(DG 230.5).

"Take the word of Christ as your assurance. Has He not invited you to come unto Him? Never allow yourself to talk in a hopeless, discouraged way. If you do you will lose much. By looking at appearances and complaining when difficulties and pressure come, you give evidence of a sickly, enfeebled faith. Talk and act as if your faith was invincible. The Lord is rich in resources; He owns the world. Look heavenward in faith. Look to Him who has light and power and efficiency." (COL 146. 5).

"God will do great things for those who trust in Him. He will help His believing children in every emergency, if they will place their entire confidence in Him and faithfully obey Him."(EP 349.3).

"A Thousand Ways—Our heavenly Father has a thousand ways to provide for us of which we know nothing. Those who accept the one principle of making the service of God supreme, will find perplexities vanish, and a plain path before their feet." —The Ministry of Healing, 481 (1905).(CM chap 114.1).

"Never let your courage fail. Never talk unbelief because appearances are against you. As you work for the Master you will feel pressure for want of means, but the Lord will hear and answer your petitions for help. Let your language be: "The Lord God will help me; therefore, shall I not be confounded: therefore, have I set my face like a flint, and I know that I shall not be ashamed." Isaiah 50:7. —Testimonies for the Church 7:244 (1902). (CM 117.1).

"Let us be hopeful and courageous. Despondency in God's service is sinful and unreasonable. He knows our every necessity. He has all power. He can bestow upon His servants the measure of efficiency that their need demands." —Testimonies for the Church 8:38 (1904). (CM 117.2).

"Be strong, and talk hope. Press your way through obstacles. You are in spiritual wedlock with Jesus Christ. The word is your assurance. Approach your Saviour with the full confidence of living faith, joining your hands with His. Go where He leads the way. Whatsoever He says to you, do. He will teach you just as willingly as He will teach someone else."—Testimonies for the Church 6:462 (1900). Cm 117.3

"Exercise Faith of Caleb—It was Caleb's faith in God that gave him courage; that kept him from the fear of man, even the mighty giants, the sons of Anak, and enabled him to stand boldly and unflinchingly in defense of the right. From the same exalted source, the mighty General of the armies of heaven, every true soldier of the cross of Christ must receive strength and courage to overcome obstacles that often seem insurmountable.... We want Calebs now ... who with courageous words will make a strong report in favor of immediate action."—Testimonies for the Church 5:378-383 (1885). (Cm 117.4).

"Face Difficulties Bravely—Difficulties will arise that will try your faith and patience. Face them bravely. Look on

the bright side. If the work is hindered, be sure that it is not your fault, and then go forward, rejoicing in the Lord." —Testimonies for the Church 7:244 (1902). CM 118.2

THE TRIALS OF JESUS

"Pilate was astonished at His bearing. Does this Man disregard the proceedings because He does not care to save His life? he asked himself. **As he looked at Jesus, bearing insult and mockery without retaliation**, he felt that He could not be as unrighteous and unjust as were the clamoring priests...(DA 726.4).

"Pilate delivered Jesus again to the soldiers, and amid the **jeers and insults** of the mob He was hurried to the judgment hall of Herod."(DA 728.3).

"He was **oppressed, and he was afflicted**, yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth."

"He was taken from prison and from judgment: and who shall declare his generation? for he was cut off out of the land of the living: for the transgression of my people was he stricken."

"And he made his grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death; because he had done no violence, neither was any deceit in his mouth." (Isaiah 53:7-9).

"Like wild beasts, the crowd darted upon their prey.

Jesus was dragged this way and that, Herod joining the mob in seeking to humiliate the Son of God." (DA 731.1).

"Yet His divine patience failed not." (DA 731.2)

"The spotless Son of God hung upon the cross, His flesh lacerated with stripes;

those hands so often reached out in blessing, nailed to the wooden bars; those feet so tireless on ministries of love, spiked to the tree; that royal head pierced by the crown of thorns; those quivering lips shaped to the cry of woe. And all that He endured—the blood drops that flowed from His head, His hands, His feet, the agony that racked His frame, and the unutterable anguish that filled His soul at the hiding of His Father's face—speaks to each child of humanity, declaring,

It is for thee that the Son of God consents to bear this burden of guilt; for thee He spoils the domain of death, and opens the gates of Paradise.

He who stilled the angry waves and walked the foam-capped billows, who made devils tremble and disease flee, who opened blind eyes and called forth the dead to life,— offers Himself upon the cross as a sacrifice, and this from love to thee. He, the Sin Bearer, endures the wrath of divine justice, and for thy sake becomes sin itself." (DA 755.1)

Dear beloved friends, many times we doubt whether God will come through for us in troublesome times. Why will Jesus make the ultimate sacrifice, and die for you, and me, and now abandon us? We need to have more faith.

When the children of Israel engaged in physical battles, they **always** won the battles - when they submitted to God, likewise, God will come through for us in spiritual battles.

RIGHTEOUSNESS BY FAITH



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"Thy way, O God, is in the sanctuary: who is so great a God as our God?" Psalms 77:13

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