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WHAT IS THE CHAFF TO THE WHEAT?

MRS. E. G. WHITE

RELIGION in the heart, planted there by the Spirit of God produces beauty in the character. It is not as sounding brass or a tinkling cymbal. The Spirit of truth, the righteousness of Christ, produces beauty in the soul. It is that inward adorning of great price. The Spirit of holiness if received from God into the inner sanctuary of the soul, will, if it pervades the soul-temple, work outward, moulding and fashioning the character after the divine similitude. The Spirit, the life from Jesus Christ, flows from the soul. It is represented as a well of water, springing up unto everlasting life.

Genuine faith and love, and the reverence and fear of God, will have a refining influence on the life. Spurious pretences, emotional, fitful, religious experiences will also make themselves apparent in the life. Too often, for a time, these pass for genuine religion; but their influence is such that the question is forced upon those who have a knowledge of the fruits of righteousness, What is the chaff to the wheat?

Those whose religion depends on circumstances are altogether unreliable. Their experience being fashioned by their surroundings is fitful and unsafe, and misleading to themselves; and the atmosphere which surrounds their souls is misleading to others also. The high, ecstatic flashes that occasionally brighten up their experience are regarded by many as the inspiration of God; but it is simply the development of the natural phase of character.

These two classes are represented in the fiftieth chapter of Isaiah: "Who is among you that feareth the Lord, that obeyeth the voice of his servant, that walketh in darkness, and hath no light? Let him trust in the name of the Lord, and stay upon his God." "For thus saith the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity, whose name is Holy; I dwell in the high and holy place, with him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit to revive

the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones." And the warning is given to the other class, "Behold, all ye that kindle a fire, that compass yourselves about with sparks: walk in the light of your fire, and in the sparks that ye have kindled. This shall ye have of mine hand; ye shall lie down in sorrow."

There is a marked contrast between the strange fire kindled by selfish human efforts and the sacred fire of God's own kindling. The one bears the decided imprint of humanity. Its fruit testifies to the character of the tree. "By their fruits ye shall know them." The souls that fix their attention on the fountain of truth and wisdom, who go straight to the source of true wisdom, will not be disappointed. "If any man lack wisdom, let him ask of God, who giveth liberally and upbraideth not [any man for his lack of knowledge], but let him ask in faith, nothing wavering; for he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea, driven with the wind and tossed." To those who thus seek, it shall be given.

The Holy One has presented his law to us as a standard of character. And the Lord is our judge, as well as our law-giver, and our king. There can be sinless human agents, who will not swerve from the strictest truth and honesty. Abraham was God's representative in his generation. God calls him the father of the faithful.

And Christ says, "Abraham rejoiced to see my day; and he saw it and was glad." How could Abraham behold the plan of redemption? How could he comprehend the great and grand working out of this plan through the future ages? By faith. He saw the root and offspring of David, the bright and morning star. He saw the one great anti-typical Sacrifice gracing the word with his presence, living the life of God in this sinful world; and his righteousness was going before him showing him the way, and the glory of the Lord was his rearward.

Abraham had a special interest in the Lamb of God, who taketh away the sin of the world. To him it was revealed that in Christ his hopes of eternal life were centered. Through his sacrifice his salvation was complete, and Abraham's heart was filled with comfort, hope, and assurance, which was to him a firm foundation, a solid rock, upon which he rested in confidence that could not be shaken. The very truth that came down from heaven, was welcomed into his heart. He was not an occasional Christian, and an apparently devout worshiper. God said, "I know him." He could trust Abraham.

Among his children God would have no tampering with the conscience of young or old, master or servant. There is to be no conniving at transgression. The ten holy precepts had not been written upon the tables of stone by the finger of God in Abraham's day. But Abraham was acquainted with them. They had been handed down from generation to generation; parents had taught their children the will of the Creator. Having educated himself to obey the law of God, the spirit of the commandments given in Eden was woven into the character of Abraham, fashioning his life after the divine pattern; and as a result his family was enlightened. He feared the Lord with all his house; for God's standard of holiness was made known by Abraham to both masters and servants.

He who combines faith and works will command his household after him, and like Abraham, will fear the Lord with all his house. Of him God said, "I know him, that he will command his children and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of the Lord, to do justice and judgment; that the Lord may bring upon Abraham that which he hath spoken." He who is a true child of Abraham will cultivate home religion. It is the privilege of every one to walk in the light, if they will seek the Lord earnestly for wisdom. The word of the Lord was made known to

Abraham direct by heavenly intelligences. The same word was made known to the following generations by the Old Testament Scriptures; and is now revealed in the New Testament gospel. The written word can be taken into every family. It should be opened before the members of the household as their guide book; to be studied and obeyed. In every difficulty that may arise, let all inquire, What hath God said in his word; for that is our directory, our rule of life? The word is the bread of life to the hungry soul; the water of life to the thirsty soul.

David beheld the wondrous glory of Jesus Christ, "And while I was musing the fire burned; then spake I with my tongue." How could he keep silent? He must give utterance. He must tell of the grand scenes opened before him; the power, the majesty, the glory of Christ. Who can behold the glory of our Redeemer and not speak of it? Who, with the eye of faith, can see his beauty and not extol it? Who can taste of his love and not adore him, the Lord God of hosts is his name. Even the chosen of God cannot give expression to the glory of his goodness and love. Language fails to reveal it. Lost in wonder, one of old exclaimed, He is "the chiefest among ten thousand. . . . Yea, he is altogether lovely! He is my beloved, and I am his." In the 145th psalm David offers him beautiful tribute of praise, saying, "I will extol thee, my God, O king; and I will bless thy name forever and ever. . . . Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; and his greatness is unsearchable. . . . All thy works shall praise thee, O Lord; and thy saints shall bless thee." Unable to find words to express what was in his heart, John calls upon all to behold him: "Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God!"

"That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, of the Word of life (for the life was manifested and we have seen it, and bear witness, and show unto you that eternal life [Jesus Christ], which was with the Father, and was manifested unto us); that which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ. And these things write we unto you, that your joy may be full. This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all."

The golden chain binds the Old and New Testaments together. They both express the same thing; declaring unto humanity the living testimony of the King in his beauty. All the writers show forth the praises of him who hath called them out of darkness into his marvelous light.

We also are to open our lips in praises. From the heart subdued with his love, let expressions of adoration arise; tell of his goodness, tell of his loveliness; extol his grace;

magnify his lovely character. To the true believer, he is more precious than gold, even the

finest gold of Ophir; yea, more precious to me than life itself.

THE COLORED SCHOOLS OF THE SOUTHERN MISSIONARY SOCIETY

A DEMONSTRATED FACT

We know very well that many of our dear friends in the North are interested in the colored schools of the Southern Missionary Society. If anything has been demonstrated, beyond all question, concerning the colored work in the South, it is the fact that these schools established and conducted on the principles believed in by Seventh-day Adventists, have accomplished a noble work. To this one source must be accredited a good proportion of the success which has attended the Southern Missionary Society in reaching the colored population of the South.

FIRST EFFORTS

It speaks well for the good sense of those who undertook the philanthropic work at great sacrifice, for the purpose of reaching the colored people, that among the first efforts of those connected with the "*Morning Star*" was the establishment of schools. Perhaps there was no field in the South where it was more difficult to establish our work than that around Vicksburg, Yazoo City, and adjacent territory.

Among the first things that seemed to be necessary was the instruction of those who had become interested. Night schools were established, and every effort made to instruct those who had become believers, or who were in process of becoming such.

A SAMPLE OF RESULTS

We have often heard tell of one old colored sister who did not know how to read, but who under these instructions, in a comparatively short time, became able to read her Bible through. She was well advanced in years. This was a success that even white people who had not had early advantages might appreciate.

SCHOOLS AND CHURCHES ESTABLISHED

As interested persons came out, little schools were established which have been under the protecting care of the Southern Missionary Society. These were established in various localities, and what is most remarkable about them is, that in every single instance, to the best of our information, a small congregation and church was established, and in most of them, through the help of the society, small but neat and decent churches were built. So to-day, in the great state of Mississippi, the colored believers are nearly, if not quite, equal in numbers to the white believers. Another feature that is of special interest is, that nearly as much tithes is paid by the colored believers who are generally poor but hard-working persons, as by the white people of the conference.

A SUCCESSFUL EXPERIMENT

If this movement should be called an experiment, it was certainly a successful experiment, considering the amount of capital invested in it, and the moderate amount of labor bestowed. The results are most satisfactory. One thing can be said, that the success of the colored work in this most difficult portion of the great colored belt has far exceeded that of any other locality or state in the South.

AN IMPORTANT QUESTION

Now, dear brethren and sisters, the question that should be considered by all lovers of this missionary work for an unfortunate race is, Shall these methods still continue? Shall these efforts, which have been successful to a marked degree, and have made the Mississippi Conference peculiar from all others in our whole Southern field, by the number of believers of that race—shall it be continued in various localities, as the way may be opened, and the process carried on until many more, under similar influences and assistance, shall become believers and churches be established in scores of neighborhoods not yet reached by the third angel's message? We cannot conceive how it would be possible for any other answer to be given than this that by all means agencies which have demonstrated their practicability, and from which such marked good has come should certainly be used still further in advancing the work in all directions.

LET THE GOOD WORK GO ON

We can but believe that every true Seventh-day Adventist whose comprehensions of the work of this message are in any sense clear and reasonable, will say, let us go on in this work, by all means. That is what we say, most emphatically. If this be so, we shall expect the help of our brethren in carrying on this good work, begun under difficult circumstances, to a successful conclusion.

THE IMPORTANT FEATURE

It takes means, however, to run these schools; and here is the important feature of this article. We have not the means at our command in this field, and unless our brethren take an interest in it, and assist us in this peculiar field, our efforts will be curtailed, and the accomplishment of good made very difficult.

THE PEOPLE GENERALLY POOR

The colored people of the "black belt" are generally poor. They have not the means to pay anything like a tuition, as ordinarily understood among the white people. The practice of the society has been, as far as possible, to encourage the payment of a tuition that

comes within reach of their means, and this has been adopted and carried on with success. But yet it comes far short of sustaining our schools.

SCHOOL ROOMS NECESSARY

School rooms must be provided. Very often we have to erect a small building. Sometimes this is used for both church and school purposes. Moreover, the payment of the teachers makes money absolutely necessary. We have no source of income to the society but donations prompted by the benevolence of people who love to see the success of this work. We ask our dear brethren and sisters in their more favorable circumstances and conditions to help us.

UNDER CONFERENCE DIRECTION

The Southern Missionary Society is now the Southern Missionary Department of the Southern Union Conference. It is more closely connected with the Southern Union Conference than ever before. It is like all our other institutions of the South, under the direct control and management of the Conference Committee, though we have a sub-committee, of which the writer is the chairman, the members of which look after the special management of this department of the conference. This committee is composed of the following individuals: Geo. I. Butler, C. P. Bollman, W. A. Wilcox, J. S. Washburn, L. A. Hansen, E. H. Rees, and P. T. Magan, of which the first three are respectively chairman, secretary, and treasurer.

A SUGGESTION AND ITS REASON

It would be well for those sending money, to send it directly to the secretary or treasurer, C. P. Bollman, or W. A. Wilcox. It has been thought by many that money sent to the Southern field, or the Southern work, or Southern cause, has often failed to reach the destination designated by the donor; that is to say, the benevolent work of the Southern Missionary Society. Those desiring their means to go especially to this object should send as above, either to the Southern Missionary Society secretary or treasurer.

It may not be known to our people generally that the colored work has other branches, not connected with this society; for example, the Huntsville School and its orphanage. Still other branches of the colored work are connected, with the several state conferences.

GEO. I. BUTLER,

Chairman of the Southern Missionary Society Department of the Southern Union Conf.



FROM SELF-DENIAL BOX USERS

The following paragraphs are from some of the cheering letters received from Self-Denial Box users:—

DEAR BRETHREN: We received your little calendar and Self-Denial Box, and are much pleased with them. When we sent for the box, we sent in faith, trusting in God to give us something to put into it, as the children and I have an inconvenient way of giving offerings.

When the box first came I had no pennies,

but the children insisted on my putting it up anyway, asking God to give us something to put into it; so I put it up, and in a little over a week we had seventeen cents in it. Of course, that means as much to us as that many dollars to some, and it pleases the children so much to deny themselves of something to have pennies to put in the box.

When we saw what blessings the box brought to us, and how the Lord gives us means to put into it, we wanted the Sabbath-school to share in the blessings. One sister had a box, so we got the names of the rest and sent in for one for each. You will please find names and addresses enclosed in this letter.

The Lord has blessed us so much the past two weeks, and we had so many good things to talk about that we walked over six miles yesterday to Sabbath-school, and hauled the baby in the little wagon. The Lord gave me special strength. One sister said she thought the Lord sent me. I told her I would not have undertaken such a trip if I had not thought so too. I got seven more orders there for *Liberty*. Then one brother brought us nearly home. I praise God for his loving care over us.

We are taking a part in the work with the *Special Signs*, too.

I don't know why I am writing this unless it is because I want to tell what the Lord has done for us. I hope I have not taken up too much of your time.

I thank you so much for the little box, and wish that every home might have one; even those who feel as helpless as we did, so they could see how wonderfully God can work for the helpless.

My husband is not in the truth, but God gives us many tokens of his love for him, and gives me showers of blessings to bestow upon him. The Lord opens up many ways for us to work for the salvation of the children's papa. This verse helps me so much: "He will regard the prayer of the destitute, and not despise their prayer."

Yours in the truth,

DEAR BRETHREN: I received the Self-Denial Box last December, but, had the rheumatism all winter, and could not do anything till spring. I have collected one dollar, which I will enclose.

I am a poor widow; will be eighty-one years old in a few days. I am glad I can do a little for the good cause that lies so near my heart. I hope the blessing of my Master will attend this mite.

DEAR BRETHREN: I enclose a money order for fifty dollars for the colored work in the Southern field. I wish I were able to do more for the work in the South, for I know it is a needy field.

As I read of the difficulties and hard times that our workers have to contend with there, I cannot understand why more is not done for that portion of the Lord's vineyard.

May the Lord bless the means that is sent

in, that it may accomplish much in saving souls, is the prayer of

Your sister in Christ,



A CORNET WANTED

A GOOD B or C cornet is greatly needed by the colored tent company at Natchez, Mississippi. If any reader of this notice has such an instrument he would like to donate to this field, let him write to Thomas Murphy (colored), Natchez, Miss.

PROPHETIC AND LAW CHARTS

The Southern Missionary Society publishes two charts. One illustrating the prophetic symbols of Daniel and John, the other containing the Law of God as given on Mount Sinai.

These charts are 20x29 inches in size, printed in beautiful colors on a fine quality of cloth-lined paper, making them attractive, legible and durable. They are particularly desirable for the home, and a set should be owned by every family and hung in a convenient place for reference and study.

These charts will be sent to any address in the postal union for 50c each, or \$1.00 a set.

Address

Southern Missionary Society,
North Station, - - Nashville, Tenn.

RECEIPTS FOR JULY, 1906

The following report is for the donations received during the month July, 1906.

DONATIONS

Sarah Cornforth.....\$ 70	Charley Morris.....\$ 2 00
Mrs W E Putnam..... 1 00	Mr and Mrs S C Mansfield..... 50
F H Schramm..... 86	Mrs James Smith..... 26
M A Green..... 50	Mrs Martha Becker..... 40
T S Anderson..... 75	German Milwaukee Church..... 1 50
Janet Campbell..... 1 00	Phebe Click..... 1 50
Mrs L G Wilbur..... 85	A J Thomson..... 1 25
J P Ferguson..... 80	Mrs Mary J Lamont..... 5 00
General Conference..... 67 56	O T Bus..... 75
WR Smith..... 1 19	H E Warner..... 55
Mrs L C Smith..... 50	A J Cole..... 1 90
F B Reed..... 2 00	Marie Jensen..... 2 00
W S Wright..... 5 00	Alba Campbell..... 35
Friends..... 1 75	Mrs Etta E Dickenson..... 3 38
Mrs Edw L Taylor..... 1 25	H A Hartman..... 2 50
Wm Oliver..... 20	Minnie Lanning..... 10
Mrs Emma J Moody..... 1 00	A L Randall..... 1 00
Lydia Johnson..... 10 00	Rose Brockway..... 42
Canadian Union Conference..... 14 26	Mrs W H Robbins and Gertrude..... 40
Ontario Conference..... 3 50	Miss Edna A Dagget..... 25
Mrs H B Hayward..... 5 00	Wisconsin Conference..... 4 10
Miss Annie Nostrand..... 1 00	Mrs D A Fisher..... 40
Mrs Mary Kingsley..... 30	Emma McKinzy..... 17
Mrs C Riel..... 50	Lela Nelson..... 07
Mrs Emily A Allen..... 1 00	
Mrs N C Washington..... 30	
Total.....\$122 77	Total.....\$ 49 99

FROM THE SELF-DENIAL BOXES

Miss Rose Coulon..... 20
Mrs Spriggs..... 1 00
J P Larsen..... 1 25
H P Reese..... 25
Mrs Helen Vond..... 50
Emma H Swain..... 1 10
Mrs M L Runnels..... 70
Mrs E T Nowlen..... 2 30
Mrs R J Richardson..... 1 00
W G Twitchell & family..... 1 10
Iva Dean..... 75
East Mich Conference..... 25
West "..... 5 49
Mrs Lillie Berry..... 50
C S Smith and wife..... 1 50
T C Degering..... 25
Mrs F Johnson..... 25
Worthy Johnson..... 10
R T Cornell and wife..... 75

FOR THE SUPPORT OF MINISTERS WORKING FOR THE COLORED PEOPLE

F H Schramm..... 4 14
S J Wentworth..... 5 00
D Kistler..... 5 00
Henry and Carrie Campbell..... 6 95
F H Schramm..... 4 21
D Kistler..... 5 00
Total.....\$ 30 30

GREENVILLE SCHOOL BUILDING FUND

Previously reported..... 224 00
J Q Foy..... 5 00
Mrs E R Van Boskirk..... 1 00
Mrs W S Phillips..... 75
A J Thomson..... 1 00

Total to date \$231 75

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We are sorry that some of our readers who had renewed their subscriptions to the GOSPEL HERALD received papers again last month with the blue cross. This was due to the fact that their renewals were received after the list corrections for the month had been sent to the printers. We believe that our list is now practically correct.

VOLUNTEERS WANTED

We want volunteers to sell 10,000 copies of the "Story of Joseph" before the close of the present year, working without commission, thus donating to the cause in the South the time spent in selling the books.

If you want to help the South, but are unable to give money, cannot you donate a few hours' time?

The "Story of Joseph" sells readily at twenty-five cents a copy. It is owned wholly by this Society, and every cent of profit derived from its sale goes to the support of mission schools among the colored people.

The books are sent out by prepaid mail, express, or freight to any one who agrees to sell them and return the full price to the Southern Missionary Society without unnecessary delay.

Let us hear from you, brethren and sisters; we need your help, and we need it as promptly as possible.

SOUTHERN MISSIONARY SOCIETY,
North Station, Nashville, Tennessee.

GREENVILLE SCHOOL AND CHURCH BUILDING

We are still about \$125.00 short of the necessary amount to put up the modest little school and church building which we have been planning to erect in Greenville, Mississippi. Are there not friends who would like to have a part in providing this building? We would like to hear from any such as soon as possible. The amounts received thus far have been as follows:—

T. T. Heald.....	\$150 00
Miss Heald.....	20 00
Brother Lashen.....	5 00
E. R. Hartman.....	20 00
Jas. Ellis.....	1 00
J. P. Larsen.....	1 00
Mrs. C. M. Lashier.....	1 00
Mrs. Lucinda Lunger.....	1 00
Abby J. Burns.....	10 00
Carry S. Smith.....	10 00
J. N. Loughborough.....	5 00
F. H. Schramm.....	5 00

\$229 00

The plan for the Greenville building has been practically completed, and before another

number of this paper reaches our readers we hope to have the work of construction well under way. It must be ready by the opening of the fall term of school. We feel clear in providing this building, for we have been told that in every city in the South there should be erected such memorials to God. We confidently believe that the friends of the Southern work will approve in a practical way the action of the Society in providing this building for Greenville.

The mission schools that have been established in Mississippi and in other states, are doing a good work; and these should receive our continued support. Hundreds of these schools must be established. This line of effort has been especially presented before me as one of the most effectual and economical methods of giving the truth to the colored people. But the work is almost at a standstill for the lack of money to provide facilities and pay the wages of the teachers. — Mrs. E. G. White.

RENEWALS

If the printed label on the wrapper of your paper shows that your subscription has expired, be so kind as to renew. Please do not put this society to the needless expense of writing you a letter to secure the renewal of a ten-cent subscription. Help us to save for the good of the cause.

WISE COUNSEL

The following paragraphs are from a private letter written by Mrs. E. G. White only a little more than a year ago:—

"Let not your dependence be in man, but in God. You must every moment make him your trust. You, and all the Lord's people, have a work to do. We are to build the old waste places, and raise up the foundations of many generations. The great issue regarding the law of God will soon be upon us. We are to work as those who are called and chosen of God. Our influence is to be united with that of the great Physician in repairing the breach and restoring paths to dwell in. We are to make a determined stand for the truth."

"No one is to be idle now. Oh, that those who have allowed continual differences to arise could see the loss they have thus sustained. Let us work on the plan given in the fifty-eighth of Isaiah. The instruction of this chapter shows what we are to do in co-operation with the great Master-worker. My son,

do what you can to relieve the situation of the colored people of the South, and especially the situation of the colored people in Nashville."

"Let us deal justly and mercifully with every line of the work of God. Those who change the issue, as has so often been done, to shun the doing of the work laid out in the scripture, will lose a most precious blessing. The word of the Lord is sufficient. God calls us to action. Let us all take hold unitedly, with the will to do what God has said must be done. Success will attend those who co-operate with God *all the time*, not just once in a while, when it is for their advantage to do so. We are to regard it as a sacred privilege to work out the purposes of God."

"Are the souls for whom Christ has given his life cared for as they should be? Are those to whom he has entrusted his means moving consistently in relieving the oppressed? Are not the cries and complaints of the poor and needy entering the ears of the Lord God of hosts because his stewards are remiss in the work that they should do as his helping hand? Is not this evil in every church? 'Cry aloud, spare not, lift up thy voice as a trumpet, and show my people their transgression, and the house of Jacob their sins.' Let the present order of things be changed."

A PULL ALTOGETHER

Now is the time to come to the aid of the work in the South by helping the Southern Missionary Society establish a score or more of new mission schools.

Read in another column on this page the paragraph set in black type in which Sister White speaks of this feature of the work.

Just now, brethren, while the eyes of the whole denomination are turned toward this field as never before, is the opportune time to take hold of the work for the colored people as we have never done in the past.

If you are interested in Mission schools; if you want to have a part in giving the Third Angel's Message to the Afro-Americans in the South, if your heart has been touched by the appeal made in the behalf of the millions who have not yet heard the last message of mercy, make a liberal donation for the support of mission schools.

If you want your donation to go into this line of aggressive field work, be sure to state plainly that it is for the Southern Missionary Society. If you neglect to specify the object to which you wish to give, your money may be used in some other line of work, and this without any wrong intention on the part of any one. **THEREFORE, BE SURE TO SAY THAT YOUR DONATION IS FOR THE SOUTHERN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.**