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A TEST OF GRATITUDE AND LOYALTY MRS. E. G. WHITE

"My soul, wait thou only upon God." Ps. 62:5. "A God, which worketh for him that waiteth for him." Isa. 64:4. (R V.)

WAIT THOU ONLY UPON GOD"

"WAIT only upon God;" my soul, be still

And let thy God unfold his perfect will. Thou fain would'st follow him throughout this

year, Thou fain with listening heart his voice would'st hear

Thou fain would'st be a passive instrument Possessed by God, and ever Spirit-sent

Upon his service sweet - then be thou still,

For only thus can he in thee fulfil Fis heart's desire. Oh, hinder not his hand From fashioning the vessel he hath planned. Be silent unto God and thou shalt know

The quiet, holy calm he doth bestow On those who wait on him; so shalt thou bear His presence, and his life and light e'en where The night is darkest, and thine earthly days Shall show his love and sound his glorious

praise, And he will work with hand unfettered, free, His high and holy purposes through thee.

First on thee must that hand of power be turned.

Till in his love's strong fire thy dross is burned, And thou come forth a vessel for the Lord, So frail and empty, yet since he hath poured Into thine emptiness his life, his love, Henceforth through thee the power of God

shall move.

And he will work for thee. Stand still and see The victories thy God will gain for thee; So silent, yet so irresistible, Thy God shall do the thing impossible.

Oh, question not henceforth what thou canst do: Thou canst do naught, but he will carry through The work where human energy had failed, Where all the best endeavors had availed Then, my soul, wait and be Thee nothing. still;

Thy God shall work for thee his perfect will. If thou wilt take no less, his best shall be Thy portion now and through eternity.

- Freda Handbury.

B. L. ANDERSON writing from China says: "Tobacco and the Sabbath have no more fellowship in China than in the States. Even old men of sixty-five and seventy-six years throw away their tobacco and stone their metal pipes; rather than lose the blessing of heaven that comes from obedience."

"HONOR the Lord with thy substance, and with the firstfruits of all thine increase; so shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine."

This Scripture teaches that God, as the Giver of all our benefits, has a claim upon them all; that his claim should be our first consideration; and that a special blessing will attend all who honor this claim.

Herein is set forth a principle that is seen in all the dealing of God with men. The Lord placed our first parents in the garden of Eden. He surrounded them with everything that could minister to their happiness, and he bade them acknowledge him as the possessor of all things. In the garden he caused to grow every tree that was pleasant to the eye or good for food; but among them he made one reserve. Of all else. Adam and Eve might freely eat, but of this one tree God said, "Thou shalt not eat of it." Here was the test of their gratitude and loyalty to God.

So the Lord has imparted to us heaven's richest treasure in giving us Jesus. With him he has given us all things richly to enjoy. The productions of the earth, the bountiful harvests, the treasures of gold and silver, are his gifts. Houses and lands, food and clothing, he has placed in the possession of men. He asks us to acknowledge him as the Giver of all things, and for this reason he says, "Of all your possessions I reserve a tenth for myself, besides gifts and offerings, which are to be brought into my storehouse." This is the provision God has made for carrying forward the work of the gospel.

It was by the Lord Jesus Christ himself, who gave his life for the life of the world, that this plan for systematic giving was devised. He who left the royal courts, who laid aside his honor as commander of the heavenly hosts. who clothed his divinity with humanity in order to uplift the fallen race: he who for our sake became poor that we through his poverty might be rich, has spoken to men, and in his wisdom has told them his own plan for sustaining those who bear his message to the world.

The Lord has devised this plan because it is best for us. Satan is constantly working to foster in men worldliness, covetousness, and avarice, that he may ruin their souls, and hinder the work of God. The Lord is seeking to cultivate in us gratitude and liberality. He desires to free us from selfishness, which is so offensive to him, because so contrary to his character. In carrying out God's plan, men may by his grace, so relate themselves to him and to their fellow-men that they will be registered in the books of heaven as colaborers with Christ in the great plan of redemption.

Not only does the Lord claim the tithe as his own, but he tells us how it should be reserved for him. He says, "Honor the Lord with thy substance, and with the firstfruits of all thine increase." This does not teach that we are to spend our means on ourselves, and bring to the Lord the remnant, even though it should be otherwise an honest tithe. Let God's portion be first set apart. The directions given by the Holy Spirit through the apostle Paul, in regard to gifts, present a principle that applies also to tithing. "On the first day of the week, let every one of you lay by him in store as God hath prospered him." Parents and children are here included. Not only the rich, but the poor, are addressed. "Every man, according as he purposeth in his heart [through the candid consideration of God's prescribed plan], so let him give, not grudgingly or of necessity, for God loveth a cheerful giver." The gifts are to be made in consideration of the great goodness of God to us.

And what more appropriate time could be chosen for setting aside the tithe and presenting our offerings to God? On the Sabbath we have thought upon his goodness. We have beheld his work in creation as an evidence of his power in redemption. Our hearts are

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filled with thankfulness for his great love. And now, before the toil of a week begins, we return to him his own, and with it an offering to testify our gratitude. Thus our practice will be a weekly sermon, declaring that God is the possessor of all our property, and that he has made us stewards to use it to his glory. Every acknowledgment of our obligation to God will strengthen the sense of obligation. Gratitude deepens as we give it expression, and the joy it brings is life to soul and body. . . .

"The liberal deviseth liberal things; and by liberal things shall he stand." "There is that scattereth, and yet increaseth; and there is that withholdeth more than is meet, but it tendeth to poverty." The promise to those who honor God with their substance still stands upon record on the sacred page. If the Lord's people had faithfully obeyed his directions, the promise would have been fulfilled to them. But when men disregard the claims of God, plainly set before them, the Lord permits them to follow their own way, and reap the fruit of their doings. Whoever appropriates to his own use the portion that God has reserved, is proving himself an unfaithful steward. He will lose not only that which he has withheld from God, but also that which was committed to him as his own.

Let all study with special care the third chapter of Malachi. That chapter contains warning and instruction in righteousness for every soul. The Lord is still testing us to see whether we will prove faithful servants. He is calling upon his people to consider his goodness, to respond to his mercy, and to give proof of their loyalty by bringing all the tithes into his storehouse. "Prove *me* now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it."

A GRAND RALLY

At a conservative valuation, the property held by the Southern Missionary Society is worth over fifteen thousand dollars. It has always been the policy of the society to pay as it goes just'as far as possible, therefore its property is all free from debt with the exception of the mission buildings at Vicksburg and Greenville. The lien on the latter property is only one hundred dollars, the same being part of the purchase money not yet due. The debt at Vicksburg property is one thousand dollars, secured by mortgage on the mission property which, at a low estimate, is worth five thousand dollars. This amount of indebtedness has been carried for several years, at eight per cent. interest, making an expense of eighty dollars per year.

We feel that the time has come when this mortgage should be lifted, and the Vicksburg property freed from debt.

In view of the desirability of freeing this property from debt, we have decided to ask the friends of the mission school work to make a special effort between now and the first of January to sell a sufficient number of copies of "Story of Joseph" to liquidate this indebtedness. The society has the books on hand and it will only require the sale of about five thousand books to raise this amount of money. This number of books can be easily sold before Christmas if each reader of this article will take hold and help in this work.

We earnestly request you, therefore, to write us at once, telling us how many books you will undertake to dispose of, at twenty-five cents each, sending the society the entire price of the book. The society will place the books in your hands, free of charge, with the understanding that you will sell them and return the full price to assist in liquidating the debt on the Vicksburg property.

All who engage in the sale of this book for this object will be doing just as effectual work in behalf of the mission schools as could be done in any other way.

Vicksburg is, in a very important sense, the headquarters of our mission school work. It is an important city with a large colored population, and the school at that place is really three schools in one,- primary school, grammar school, and an intermediate school. The property there consists of three buildings on two lots. First, the mission house, second the church and school building, combined, and third, a small cottage which was last year fitted up as bath and treatment rooms. In no other place in all the South are there facilities for doing the work that can be done at Vicksburg, and that is being done there in connection with our school. We are anxious to see this property freed from debt and this can be done without burdening any one and without detracting from the strength of any other branch of the work.

There are many people in our ranks who would like to help the cause in the South but who find themselves without the ready means for doing so. Such persons can assist in the manner we have suggested, by devoting a few hours' time to selling the "Story of Joseph." There is a blessing in it, not only to the work, but to the worker.

Let us hear from you, brethren and sisters, promptly. There is no reason why the new year may not see our mission property in Vicksburg free from debt.

To Seventh-day Adventists has been given a message that will insure to the believer eternal life. There are millions who are looking and searching for this, the only way whereby men may be saved. "They come to thee. . . for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee." Contemplate this for a moment! The glory of the God of Israel has come upon His people, and the eyes of the world are turned toward us, that those who are honest in heart may see and be saved.

Tremendous fact involving tremendous responsibilities, yet how precious to the believing heart!

• As we look out upon the great field before us, the Lord calls our special attention to a needy, suffering, neglected people, at our very doors. Our first work is to "bind up the broken hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives" in our very midst. The cry of this people has come up before God. We are to answer their cry for help. Dear brethren and sisters, will you with us unite in dispensing the means of God's grace to this unfortunate race in the eleventh hour of probation?

Send us a word of encouragement, and to God's throne your prayers for this people.

Address: Southern Missionary Society, North Station, Nashville, Tennessee.

WORDS OF CHEER FROM WILLING WORKERS

ELDER F. R. ROGERS, Superintendent of mis-sion school work in Mississippi, writing under date of November 16, says :---

"In my visit to Canton, I find that Brother Gaskin has a real good location. The building that was erected for him is very comfortable, affording plenty of room for school besides two good living rooms. There are good, large grates in the school room and one living room rendering heating stoves unnecessary.

"We had some scrap lumber given us, thus the expense of lumber for desks was light. I made enough desks to seat twenty-two children.

"I believe the prospects are good in Canton for a company of believers soon. Brother Gaskin is doing successful house to house work. His wife is a real help, and thus he is strengthened in the work."

We are indeed thankful to receive so good a report from the newly organized school at Canton. Something less than a year ago we received a letter from a colored Sabbath-keeper at Canton in which he spoke about moving to Jackson, Miss., in order that he might have the benefit of the school at that place. A little later the secretary of the society had a personal interview with this brother in regard to the matter. The brother had a home of his own near Canton which he proposed to sell, that he might remove with his family to Jackson. He was strongly advised not to dispose of his home but to remain at Canton, and the promise was made him that the society would endeavor to establish a school at that place if satisfactory arrangements could be made without building.

This brother proposed to donate an acre of ground if the society would erect a school house. The way did not open to do this but a teacher was secured and a new house of three rooms was rented at a low figure, in an excellent location, for the school. The report from Brother Rogers tells the rest of the story to date.

The result of holding this brother at Canton, instead of encouraging him to move to Jackson, will probably be the organization of a -church at that place within a few months. We believe this because it has been the history of our mission schools from the very beginning of this work, that everywhere a school has been established there a church has been -raised up.

WRITING under date of November 15, the teacher at Jackson says: "I am still trusting in the Lord." A number of difficulties have been encountered at that place but they are being overcome. We are very glad for the zeal and earnestness manifested by this teacher.

THE teacher at Natchez writes :---

"I am truly thankful that I am able to write a few lines about the progress of our Natchez -school. I arrived here October 12, 1906. My work is a delight to me, and also strengthening. Our attendance is very good and there are many more in the neighborhood who would like very much to come. We have dumb bell -exercises and the children think it is a grand thing. Later on, we are expecting to open a sewing class, and I am sure this will draw the children. I pray that I may have my heart in this work, and I desire the prayers of all."

The foregoing are a few samples of the letters we are receiving from our mission school teachers. We are glad to be able to assure the readers of the Gospel HERALD that our schools were never in a more prosperous condition nor doing better work as a whole than at the present time. One school which opened a few weeks since with about a dozen -pupils, now numbers forty, all doing good work. We certainly have reason to thank God and take courage for the prosperity that is attending our mission schools the present season.

WITH OUR CORRESPONDENTS

LAST month we gave our readers the benefit of some of the good letters we had received from correspondents. This month we have another budget of equally good things. One correspondent writes :---

"I am very deeply interested in the Southern work. I wish I had one thousand dollars: I would gladly give it. But I am a lonely widow over eighty-one years old, and not a dollar -of my own."

May the dear Lord richly reward the faith of this faithful old soul who, though poor in this world's goods, is evidently rich in faith and, we believe, an heir of the kingdom.

A mother who has evidently instructed her children in practical, missionary work, writes:

"Enclosed find one dollar from my boy's Self-denial Box. This is to be used by the Southern Missionary Society for mission schools. John obtained most of it by getting chestnuts, a few at a time. A small part of it was given by an old lady who has scarcely enough food."

Here we find youth and old age united in practical self denial for the benefit of mission

schools. It gives us courage to know that both children and old people are interested in this work.

A friend in North Dakota writes :----

"I see you wish some one to spend some time in selling the 'Story of Joseph.' I do not know that I can sell any in this community, but I feel like trying, and if you will send me two or three dollars' worth I will do my best. I do not care for the loss of time, but I have a very poor way of doing much in the way of selling anything. I have no way to go except afoot, and as my husband will be eightytwo the 15th of February, and is very feeble, I can only go out a few hours at a time. But I am anxious to do all I can for the advancement of the cause and for the salvation of souls, so I will try with two or three dollars' worth and if I can sell them I will send for more. I certainly would not ask any commission on the books."

This ought to stir up the hearts of young and vigorous people who have every comfort and are enjoying the blessings of health and strength. Will not the young readers of the GOSPEL HERALD take hold of this work and not suffer themselves to be outdone by the old and the feeble.

Another aged pilgrim who has not grown weary because of the weight of years, writes as follows :---

"Enclosed please find one dollar, my donation to the Southern Missionary Society which I laid by for the first Sabbath, October 6, but as no notice was made of it, neither collection taken, I decided to send it direct. If I had it, it would be many many times the amount it is. Have reached the place where earning means with my hands has about ceased. Being in my seventy-eighth year of life and having nothing to fall back upon wherewith to aid in forwarding this last and all glorious message to the world, I will have to be content with what the Lord is pleased to give, and pray for speedy advancement of the work and its finishing up in righteousness in the Lord's own time."

We are sorry that the offering for October 6 was omitted in any place. It speaks well, however, for those earnest souls who have such a desire to give that they will give over the heads of those who, though set as leaders, have been neglectful of their duties. May the Lord greatly bless this good sister and may she have his sustaining grace.

One new reader writes :---

"As I returned from an eastern visit among friends, I found the GOSPEL HERALD lying on the table. I read it with deep interest: it was the first paper of the kind I had seen. Then I looked for the subscription price and found it much lower than I expected, and said I must send for it.

"I was in the first message and have some realization of the magnitude of this work, and the rapidity with which it is going forward.

" May the Lord bless you in your missionary

work and may many souls be led, thereby, to embrace the truth."

Another enthusiastic friend evidently thinks the price of the paper is not as high as it should be, for he writes thus :---

"I have received the Gospel HERALD and see that the subscription price is twenty-five cents for three years. Enclosed find fifty cents for one year."

Another subscriber says: "I have obtained several subscriptions for the Gospel HERALD and hope to get more soon. I enjoy reading the paper very much."

We might give much more from those who are contributing means to the support of this work, but we have not the space.

RECEIPTS FOR OCTOBER, 1906

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WE feel very much encouraged by the re-HERALD to remember the scantily clothed children of our mission schools this winter and send us the usual donations of clothing. Such shipments should be sent with all charges pre-Time and expense will also be saved paid. by writing to us for shipping directions before sending clothing.

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Please to write us, brethren and verv soon. sisters.

CALENDARS FOR 1907

Our 1907 Calendars will be ready in a few days. Let the friends of the Mission School work send in their orders for the new calendar at once. It will save trouble and expense at both ends of the line if the calendars for a church or company are ordered to one address, to be distributed by the one receiving them. They are sent free by the Society, but each request sent by postal card costs a cent, and there is quite a saving to this office also, where several calendars are sent in one package.

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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. --- Mrs. E. G. White. ~~~~~~~

FROM SISTER WHITE

REFERRING to the Self-denial Boxes and their use Sister White says :---

"Fathers and mothers, teach your children lessons of self-denial, by encouraging them to unite with you in dispensing with the things we really do not need, and in giving to the colored work the money thus saved. Tell your children of the poor colored people and their necessities. Implant in each tender heart a desire to deny self in order to help others. Lead the children early to realize the close relationship existing between money and missions.

"The fields are white for the harvest. Shall not the laborers have means for gathering in the precious grain? Will not those who know the truth see what they can do to help, just now? Will not every one cut off all needless expenditures? See what you can do in self-denial. Dispense with all that is not positively necessary. Come up to the measure of your God-given responsibility. Fulfil your duty toward the colored race. "Some may say: 'We are being drawn upon continually for means. Will there be no end to the calls?' We hope not, so long as there are in our world souls perishing for the bread of life. Until all has been done that you can do to save the lost, we ask you not to become weary of our repeated calls. Many have not yet done that which they might do, that which God will enable them to do if they will consecrate themselves unreservedly to him.

"The Lord's servants are to feel a noble, generous sympathy for every line of work carried on in the great harvest field. We are to be interested in everything that concerns the human brotherhood. By our baptismal vows we are bound in covenant relation with God to make persevering, self-denying, selfsacrificing efforts to promote, in the hardest parts of the field, the work of soul saving. God has placed upon every believer the responsibility of helping to rescue the most needy, the most helpless, the most oppressed. Christians are to enlighten the ignorance of their less favored brothers. They are to break every yoke, and let the oppressed go free from the power of vicious habits and sinful practices. By imparting the knowledge sent from heaven, they are to enlarge the capabilities and increase the usefulness of those most in need of a helping hand."

PLUCK wins; it always wins, though days be slow.

And nights be dark 'twixt days that come and go. Little pluck will win—its average is sure;

He wins the most who can the most endure:

Who faces evils, he who never shirks, Who waits and watches, and who always works.

- Selected.

FROM THE PACIFIC COAST

THE following from a good sister in Oregon is of special interest because it contains a suggestion that may be helpful to other Sabbathschool teachers and officers. If the children do not work it is simply because they receive no encouragement from their elders. Give them half a chance and they will show that they are willing to help. The following from the letter referred to shows one way in which the children may be put in the way of earning money for the mission schools :----

"The children of whom I told you in my previous letter have earned and brought in some more money from their pennies. They want me to send it on to you to help in the work for the colored people, in the Southland.

"This is the result of the pennies which we gave them last spring to invest for missionary purposes. I do not think we gave out more than twenty-five or thirty cents altogether, giving each child a penny.

"One little girl planted potatoes and earned \$1.40; some planted cabbage, some bought an egg and raised a chicken, and some invested in other ways. The children have worked faithfully and feel very thankful that the Lord has blessed their labor.

"You will find an order in this for \$11.55. Of this \$8.25 is the children's money; please credit it to the children of the Salem Sabbathschool, and not to me personally. The rest, \$3.30, is from two other families who wished to help the work in the South. Please credit this last to just, "Two Families," as they do not wish me to send their names. I will tell you, however, that they are not rich and this comes from loving hearts. I read your good letter to the Sabbath-school, and they appreciated it very much."