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The Spotless Church.

Sermon Delivered in the Tabernacle
April 20, 1907, By Elder M. N.
Campbell.

NUMBER ONE.

The text for the discourse to day will be found in the fifth chapter of Ephesians, the 25th, 26th and 27th verses.

"Husbands love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave Himself for it. That He might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, That He might present it to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish."

Certainly glorious things are in store for the church of Christ. The work of the ages is to close with

a church that is absolutely perfect, washed clean from every stain, from every spot, from every wrinkle or any such thing. And the preparatory work for the development of that particular people is now going forward with very great rapidity. The people who are to compose that church that is to be free from every stain or appearance of sin, are to-day living upon the earth, and I trust that a large number of them are seated in this congregation. This age in which we now live is to witness the mightiest struggle between the powers of light and the powers of darkness, that has ever been witnessed since the creation of the world. In this generation men are to sink to the very lowest depths of wickedness to which it is possible to go. I read in 2d Tim. 3d chapter, beginning with the 1st verse, as follows:

"This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy. Without natural affection, truce breakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce despisers of those that are good. Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God; having a form of godliness but denying the power thereof: from such turn away."

This is a very dark and gloomy picture of the conditions that will prevail on this earth in these last days. All the good qualities that are considered natural to men,—all the good qualities that ordinary people are supposed to possess by nature, will totally disappear even to the loss of natural affection.

And when that virtue disappears, man descends lower than the lowest among the animal creation. When God's holy spirit is finally withdrawn from this world, every virtue,—every trace of righteousness, will absolutely disappear from the hearts of those who have finally turned their backs upon the offers of God's mercy. And this is the situation that finally brings in the time of trouble such as never was upon earth. Men become fierce; lose natural affection; truce breakers; false accusers; personal honor disappears, and men abandon confidence in one another. It is hard for us to imagine what the condition of affairs will be when this mutual confidence which holds society together, is gone; but the picture is given by the inspired apostle, that in the last days perilous times will come. They will be perilous above any ever known in all the long history of the world.

But in this very time when men are rapidly descending the scale of degradation and immorality, God is calling out a people and giving them a training which enables them to stand on a higher plane than any people have ever stood in the history of the world. For concerning that people we read in the 14th chapter of Revelation in the 4th and 5th verses as follows:

"These are they which are not defiled with women; for they are virgins. These are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth. These are redeemed from among men, being the first fruits unto God and to the Lamb. And in their mouth was found no guile: for they are without fault before the throne of God."

This is God's testimony concerning the people who are developing in a time when wickedness has reached its very greatest depth. God will develop a people of whom He can say, "they stand before the throne of God without fault." God himself will not find any trace of sin or evil in their hearts.

And so the controversy is waxing more and more intense. Satan will operate through those who are departing from God, and will bring greater trials and difficulties upon those whom God is leading. Of them it is said that they come out of great tribulation, having washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

In these words which we have selected for our text we have the assurance that God will complete His work. The great purpose of the gospel will be fully realized in the development of a people who are absolutely perfect. I do not mean by that that it will develop a people who will stand up and say they are without sin; who will advertise their perfection, for God has never given to man the right to do that. It will be Christ's righteousness upon which the Father sets His seal, and not our own, so boasting is excluded. Never, even in eternity will we have any opportunity to boast. We will sing the song of Moses and the Lamb; sing because of the Lord's mercy and grace. I want to read the scripture to which I referred a moment ago in the 7th chapter of Revelation beginning with the 13th verse:

"And one of the elders answered saying unto me, What are these which are arrayed in white robes? And whence came they? And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said to me, These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. Therefore are they before the throne of God, and serve Him day and night in the temple: and He that sitteth on the

throne shall dwell among them.

It does not pay my brethren and sisters, to become so wrapped up in business interests, in our social activities, or in our search after pleasure, that we shall not take time to reflect upon these things. It is a solemn fact that before us is great tribulation; it is a time when every one will be tested; when the principles upon which we are now building will be examined under the searching eye of God. It is for us to know the foundation upon which we are building; it is time now for us to examine ourselves, to know whether or not we are in the faith; and he who at this time is allowing himself to become so engrossed in business affairs or in the things of this world, that he can not take time to consider his standing before God, is almost sure to be overwhelmed in the perils that we are now entering upon. Seventh Day Adventists should be a very serious minded people in view of the experiences that are before us. We should take life very seriously, for,

"We are living, we are dwelling in a grand and awful time.
In an age on ages telling, to be living is sublime"

(To be continued)

Tarrieth Not.

The prophetic utterances of the 5th chapter of Micah not only span the history of this world, but reach from the eternity of the past to the everlasting of the future.

The second verse foretells the birthplace of the Messiah thus foretelling from what tribe he should spring, then tells us he is to be ruler in Israel, thus showing us that the last dominion is to be restored to its rightful owner. It also shows us he has been coexistent with God the Father from everlasting.

It seems evident to the writer that the seventh verse applies to our own time; and reads thus: "And the remnant of Jacob shall be in the midst of many people as a dew from the Lord, as the show-

ers upon the grass, that tarrieth not for man, nor waiteth for the sons of men." Of course the term "Jacob" embraces the children of faith of all ages, and we all understand the significance of the word "remnant," and the expression "many people" must include every accountable human being on the earth when this prophecy applies. The figure, "as a dew from the Lord" and "as the showers upon the grass" are used to show the effect the "remnant" will have upon the people, and we can see plainly from this that the world must see Christ in his followers. But there is a startling significance in the expressions "tarrieth not for man, nor waiteth for the sons of men."

There are a few of us left yet who have had a half century's experience in this message, and at no time in all these years would we have dared admit to even ourselves that His coming should be delayed much longer, and now it is authoritatively stated that "there shall be delay no longer;" but I suppose the longsuffering of God is waiting—waiting for us as he waited in the days of Noah. And now as the calls come from not only the mission fields but from beyond the outposts, the reader will call to mind a statement from the Spirit of Prophecy about "seeing lights springing up here and there, etc." Surely wherever there is one of these "lights" there must be a representative of the "remnant of Jacob."

The eleventh verse says, "And I will cut off the cities of thy land, and throw down all thy strong holds." How literally this is being fulfilled. Let God's people heed the warning, "Out of the cities."

"Many the sorrows this sad earth hath known,
Hopes have been withered and hearts have been torn.

Tears have been gushing from fountains of grief.

O, for that morning that brings us relief
"Ah! we have tasted of blessings to come.

On we hastened to gain them at home,

There in the light of eternity's morn

Glad shall the saints sing the conqueror's song."

A. B. C.

Questions For Bible Study.

It is said of Christ that "He took not to him the nature of angels; but he took on him the seed (and therefore the nature) of Abraham." Heb. 2:16. He was made "in the likeness of sinful flesh." Rom. 8:3. He was made a partaker of sinful human flesh. Heb. 2:14. Had he not been partaker of fallen human nature He could not have died. The penalty of death for man's sin fell upon man as God surely declared it would; but it was upon the man Christ Jesus in whom the nature of God was blended with the human, thereby also becoming subject to death. But the divine nature, the Father's nature, in Christ made it impossible for Jesus to be held in death. See Acts 2:24.

In the typical service on the great day of atonement the high-priest offered first for himself and then for all the people. See Lev. 16:6; Heb. 9:7.

In the antitypical service will Christ first make atonement for his own human nature (not for personal sin?) Or was that nature atoned for by virtue of His union with the divine at his birth? If so, he could not have possessed such a nature at any subsequent time during his natural life on earth, and therefore he could not have been "tempted in all points like unto his brethren."

Has the fallen human nature of Enoch, Moses and Elijah been atoned for? Or has that nature been transferred to the sanctuary in heaven to be blotted out of the records in the great antitypical day of atonement, and the inbred sin then be placed upon the head of Satan?

Christ took his place with and shares the conditions of humanity; if therefore his fallen human nature has not been atoned for as Enoch's was, and will be, He must wear it still. That cannot be possible. But was it not transferred to the sanctuary as was Enoch's and Elijah's to be finally disposed

of in the antitypical day of atonement? At that day the responsibility of Christ's humiliation will doubtless be placed upon Satan.

A. SMITH.

Report of Tithe For May 1907.

Agnew	-	11	26
Allendale	-	6	20
Allegan	-	103	50
Battle Creek	-	749	80
Bangor	-	14	30
Bedford	-	46	77
Belding	-	20	94
Berrien Springs	-	158	20
Benton Harbor	-	46	00
Brookfield	-	2	00
Charlotte	-	62	35
Carson City	-	15	05
Covert	-	14	16
Decatur	-	5	90
Denver Center	-	17	33
Delwin	-	3	40
Douglas	-	36	00
Eaton Rapids	-	4	31
Grand Rapids	-	79	33
Grand Ledge	-	35	16
Glenwood	-	28	68
Grandville	-	26	96
Holton	-	1	00
Individuals	-	11	67
Iowa Conference	-	21	50
Kalamazoo	-	35	57
Kansas Conference	-	3	54
Leslie	-	2	75
Mt. Pleasant	-	13	60
Monterey	-	33	49
Muskegon	-	9	47
Niles	-	6	30
Otsego	-	48	93
Ontario Conference	-	4	00
Palo	-	18	00
Potterville	-	25	78
Rothbury	-	20	78
Shelby	-	54	29
Sturgis	-	5	48
Trufant	-	26	85
		<u>1,830</u>	<u>60</u>

One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollar Fund.

Previously Reported	2,471	99
Pala Sabbath-school	1	00
S. S. Gray	2	50
Muskegon Church	3	53
Potterville Church	4	00
Martin Wilson	5	00

Mrs. Daisy Haughey	-	1	00
Emmit Haughey	-	8	5
Lutin Haughey	-	3	0
George Spaulding	-	5	00
Mt. Pleasant Church	-	12	10
Fremont Church	-	6	15
Janet Hoistra	-	2	53
Battle Creek Church	-	96	64
Total		<u>2,612</u>	<u>59</u>

West Mich. Conference Receipts For May 1907.

Tithe	1,830	60
O. H. F. T. D. Fund	202	99
Conference Imp. Fund	500	00
General Fund	29	60
African N. W. Fund	4	00
Annual Offerings	22	85
Mission Board Offerings	11	01
Sabbath-school Offerings	43	13
Orphans and Aged Fund	65	92
Weekly Offerings	26	14
Finnish Mission	51	87
Jamaica Conference	20	00
Levant Mission	1	00
Birthday Offerings	0	7
West Mich. Sanitarium	13	25
India Mission	10	50
Self-Denial Fund	4	20
Spartanburg Church Fund	11	00
Natches Church Fund	8	09
Jewish Work	7	50
Iceland Mission	2	00
Blind Work	1	00
Total	<u>2,866</u>	<u>63</u>

West Mich. Tract Society.

Merchandise	32	99
On Account	229	49
West Mich. Herald	4	50
Total	<u>266</u>	<u>98</u>
Total	<u>3,133</u>	<u>61</u>

The Publishing Work in Nashville.

The sum of \$6,000 has been appropriated from the \$150,000 fund for the publishing work in Nashville. The following instruction from the Spirit of Prophecy is very clear on this point:

"There is no place in the South better suited than Nashville for the carrying forward of the publishing work. . . . It was in accordance with God's purpose that the pub-

lishing work was started in Nashville."

"At this place there is now a little company of earnest workers who are striving with all their power to carry forward the Lord's work. A publishing house has been established in Nashville for the printing of literature suitable for the different classes of people in the Southern field. This work will need to be sustained, for a time, by gifts and offerings, just as the publishing work in Battle Creek and the publishing work in Oakland were sustained when they were first established."

J. S. WASHBURN.

From the Field.

Wright Young Peoples Society.

At last we have the amount of money which we decided to give to the Finnish fund.

Our Young People's Society is doing very well altho our numbers are reduced to a mere handful, but we feel God's blessing upon our work.

We are taking a club of "Signs" each week and sending them to people, whose names were gotten from one of our canvassers. We are also writing to these people to whom papers are sent. Some very good letters have been received, opening the way for missionary correspondence and more of our literature. We have sent for about thirty of the 'Temperance Number of the "Youth's Instructor" which we intend to send to different ones.

I think we are doing remarkably well to make our donations buy our papers and send them. I think we are taking fifteen "Signs" each week. Our membership, or our average attendance, is not more than twelve or fifteen at the most.

WINIFRED E. TRUNK.

Quincy.

Dear Reader,—We are now nicely settled here and are getting acquainted with our city and people. We find the brethren and sisters of

good cheer here. They have raised their part of the \$150,000 fund are glad that something shall be done for Quincy this year.

I visited Kinderhook two weeks ago and had a real pleasant time over there. Though their number is small they had a good spirit there and were of good courage in the Lord.

I have also been at Coldwater for two Sabbaths. They have a nice little company, but stand in need of work in that city. There are souls waiting for work there. A Bible worker would find a splendid field. This company is looking forward with joy to the time when two of their number will be baptized—this will probably be mid summer. All in Branch County seem pleased that something is to be done here to hasten the Master's coming. Let us pray for his spirit to give success.

ELDER C. A. HANSEN,
MRS. C. A. HANSEN,
ELDER H. NICOLA.

Summer Normal.

The Lake Union Summer Normal will be held at Emmanuel Missionary College commencing this week, and continuing for five weeks.

At this writing the prospects for a successful school are very encouraging.

Teachers are expected from all parts of the Lake Union and from Iowa.

Opportunity is offered for pursuing advanced lines of study for those who do not care to review the common branches.

The faculty is as follows: N. W. Kauble, President; J. G. Lamson, Principal; W. D. Curtis; J. H. Haughey; Clifford Russell; Pearl Hallock; Floyd Brallier; Fred Green; Cora Hicks; Florence Howell.

We trust that all will come with a spirit of true devotion, and that God's blessing may rest in a large measure upon all connected with the school.

CLIFFORD RUSSELL.

News and Notes.

There will be a Sabbath-school convention at Union City Sabbath, June 22.

Elder W. H. Heckman delivered the Baccalaureate sermon at Cedar Lake last Sabbath.

Elder Fred I. Richardson and wife of Arizona are spending a few weeks in Benton Harbor.

Mr. Fred Green is attending the Summer School at Berrien Springs, and teaching bookkeeping.

Dr. Charles Hanes, who has been laboring in Benton Harbor, has moved with his family to Colorado to connect with the work there.

Dr. L. J. Otis, Clifford Russell and Miss Margaret Haughey attended the Sabbath-school convention at Carleton Center last Sabbath and Sunday.

Miss Winifred Trunk of Wright and Miss Grace Evans of Lowell, both of whom were former Carleton Center church school teachers, attended the convention held there last Sabbath and Sunday.

Program of the Commencement Exercises of the Cedar Lake Academy, Tuesday Evening, June 4.

Music.....	Orchestra
Song.....	Chorus
Invocation.....	Elder S. E. Wight
Music.....	Male Quartette
Address.....	Elder A. G. Haughey
Music.....	Double Quartette
"Young People's Work"	
.....	Ruth Helen Saxby
Music.....	Male Quartette
"Religious Liberty"	
.....	Glen Hiram Straight
Music.....	Male Quartette
Presentation of Diplomas	
Music.....	Chorus
Benediction....	Elder M. N. Campbell