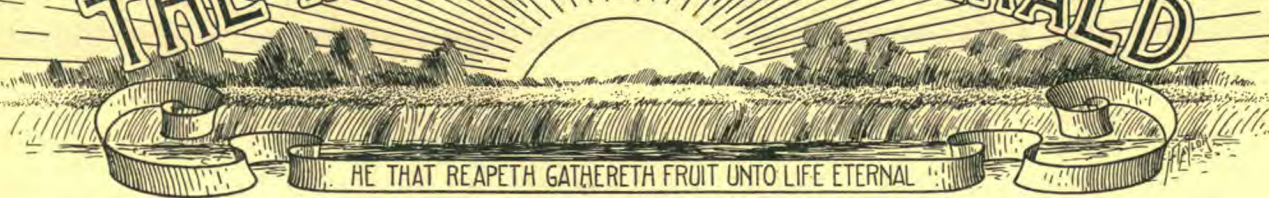


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## Who Is Right?

In the 2 Cor. 3:7 we find these words, "But if the ministration of death written and engraven in stones was glorious, so that the children of Israel could not steadfastly behold the face of Moses for the glory of his countenance; which glory was to be done away." Our opponents claim that this text refers to the ten commandments. Now it is plain that whatever law is spoken of is abolished and done away from verses 11 and 13; "For if that which is done away was glorious, much more that which remaineth is glorious." The position of our early workers was that this ministration of death was not the ten commandments.

A ministration is a service. The service of the Levitical priesthood was continually ministering death

to its offerings. Moses was the chief figure of the service at that time and his face shone with the glory accompanying the giving of that testament. The glory of his face passing away indicates that that service was to pass away. That is the glory of the Levitical priesthood called in our text. "Ministration of death" was to be done away. This could in no sense ever be true of the law of God. Its glory has never passed away, nor has the law of God ever been abolished. Christ expressly states that he came to make it glorious by "Magnifying it." Now to magnify the law would not in any sense take away its glory.

But says one, "This ministration of death was written in stones and therefore must refer to the law of God." But not so, for we shall find that the law of Moses was written in stones. In Joshua 8:30-32. "And he wrote there upon the stones a copy of the law of Moses, which he wrote in the presence of the children of Isreal. Here it plainly states that the law of Moses, which was the ministration of death, was written in stones—all our opponents to the contrary. This ministration of death was glorious until Jesus came and its glory passed away to give room for the new covenant, which was "more glorious." It was a glorious thing that Isreal by the ministration could be saved, but it was much more glorious to be saved under the new dispensation. Our friends must find us the text that says that the ten commandments were engraven in stones. We can assure our reader that it will not be in the Bible. Again in verse 13

we find that this law was abolished, and we know that the ceremonial law was abolished but the law of God never. But let us look further, Paul says that in the reading of the old testament (or ceremonial system) the vail is upon their hearts. Most assuredly the Jew is still clinging to the old ceremonial system in place of Christ. Further it says that if (they) would turn to the Lord (Christ) the vail would be taken away. It would be nonsense for any one to teach people to turn from the ten commandments to Christ.

It seems to us that nothing can be plainer than that this text refers to the ceremonial law, which was nailed to the cross and abolished, and done away, and never to the ten commandments which are holy, just and good, and shall last till the heaven and earth pass away.

C. A. HANSEN.

## Attention!

A large supply of the new readers adopted by the General Conference Educational Department for use in all our primary schools will be found at the book stand at the camp-meeting. This will give all an opportunity to examine the books and purchase the same that the pupils may be ready for work upon the very first day of school.

Let me urge upon all the importance of purchasing these books and thus taking one more advance step in the direction of uniformity.

Commendation of the books in this connection is superfluous, as I have several times expressed my opinion as to their merits. See that every pupil is supplied.

CLIFFORD RUSSELL.



### Department of S. D. A. Young People.

For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, teaching us that we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world; looking for that blessed hope and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works."

We know positively that we are living in the end of this world's history and according to the prophecies of the Bible, the scenes which are right before us are the most momentous in the history of all time. The work of the Third Angel is but just begun. It has made vast strides and yet how little has really been accomplished. Who is to do the work which to-day remains undone? Who indeed but our young people. We know of course that the Lord can use the feeble and aged, he can also use little children but he will delight to use you, young man and young woman.

Who shall stand and witness for the truth before kings, before princes, before presidents, before the mighty men of this earth? Shall not our young people? And how shall they obtain a preparation for such a work?

Paul wrote to Timothy, "Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity. Flee also youthful lusts; but follow righteousness, faith, charity, peace, with them that call on the Lord out of a pure heart. And that from a child thou hast known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus."

Timothy was a young man preparing to work for the Lord and Paul told him that the Scriptures were able to purify his thoughts and

give him a thorough fitting to do the Lord's work. Christianity, the word of God in the heart, brings culture and refinement. Unconsciously the grossness and uncouth manners of a city mission convert are subdued, softened, and rendered more worthy of heaven by the converting power of the Holy Spirit.

We hear it said so often that it takes all kinds of people to make up the world and this is true, of this world at any rate. But of the new earth, it will not be so. Each resident will have the character of Christ, else they would be unfit to dwell with Christ and the angels.

So when we are converted, our citizenship is changed and we no longer are citizens of this world but are pilgrims and strangers here, for we look for a city which hath foundations whose builder and maker is God.

When we are converted, the Holy Spirit comes in and takes possession of our hearts just in proportion as we invite him and allow him to rule. The Holy Spirit is the earnest (or beginning) of our inheritance, until the redemption of the purchased possession.

No young man or young woman can hope to succeed in the Master's work without the Holy Spirit. We must know that we have him in our hearts. We read that it is he that shall bring all things to our remembrance, and that he searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God, and God reveals them to us by the Holy Spirit.

In the days of the apostles there were wonderful manifestations of the power of God and the Holy Spirit, when souls were converted and baptized, but to-day it is not so. The reason doubtless is that so many of us are only half-hearted followers of the meek and lowly Jesus. But we know that before Jesus comes this will be different for there is to be a latter rain and some will have surrendered so fully and completely to the Lord Jesus that he can use them in the last great work of warning souls and

at last receive them to himself, a peculiar people, zealous of good works

Now about our preparation for this great time which we see already beginning. The Scripture says, study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed rightly dividing the word of truth. Then we must study to do something. If we have not had the privilege of a good education, there is the more need of study. If we have not had the privilege of a good home training we need to begin to train ourselves. If we have not been taught self-possession, self-control, patience, and all those little virtues that go to make up the well-bred person; it is not too late to begin now. The work will be harder now that our hearts are becoming fixed but in this the Holy Spirit is ever ready to help us.

We are influenced more than we know by our associates. Let us therefore choose the very best society, the companionship of those in whom the Christian graces appear. There is one companion who is himself the embodiment of all grace and truth, in whom all the fullness of the Godhead dwelleth. He is always with us and he is our pattern. If we strive to behold him we will be transformed into his image.

As we meet the people of the world, we find one here who has a little grain of truth, and O, how he prizes it! another there, who has some other little crumb of truth, and he talks it, and preaches it. Such people become one-sided, and fanatical because they have not the full round truth to balance them. What a glorious gospel is the Third Angel's Message! What young man or young woman is not proud to represent it? But it is the Lord's work and this world is under the control of the enemy who knoweth that time will not last much longer and he will hinder the work of God as much as he possibly can and in any way that



he can, and discourage its representatives on earth.

Young men and young women, let us strive to represent the work of the Lord in the very best manner.

When we enter a stranger's house, let us be able to show by our conduct and good behaviour that we are desirable company and an hour spent in conversation with us will not be wasted. Not that they should be attracted by our clothing but by our sincerity and good breeding. Then we can speak the truth and they will listen. While the subject of dress does not come under the head of deportment, it is nevertheless closely connected. Our clothing should be considered carefully and prayerfully for it is a pretty good index to our characters.

Let no man despise thy youth but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, etc. An example is a pattern, a precedent. Does it mean then that our young people should be patterns for the older people? If this is so the whole character of the church and even the salvation of its members depends upon the young people. This is a weighty responsibility. When our young people realize their part we will not find them on the back seats, ready to laugh if somebody mispronounces a word or worse giving no heed whatever to what is being said by the minister but simply carrying on some small talk among themselves.

Once upon a time a girl who was attending a worldly school had a friend and schoolmate, whom she loved very much and she desired to see her accept the truth. She gradually explained the different points of her faith to her friend and finally persuaded her to attend the Young People's meeting, hoping all the time that she might receive such a favorable impression that she would want to come again. In the seat behind her sat a couple of girls who seem-

ed to have no knowledge of good form or Christian etiquette for they said, and did, things which were entirely out of place in the Lord's house. We need to be so careful lest Satan tempt us to do unseemly things and thus prevent the Lord's work.

"Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report, if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things."

MRS. HARRY GOODRICH.

#### "Thoughts From the Convention."

It was certainly a privilege to attend the Young People's convention recently held at Mt. Vernon, Ohio.

The college building at that place is situated in an ideal spot with ideal surroundings. And truly everything that could be done was done to make it pleasant for those who attended the convention, and altho it is now a thing of the past, yet we believe that the influence of the Spirit which was present at that meeting will be felt for a long time to come by those who were there, and we hope that thro them this same influence may be extended to every young person among us.

Many excellent papers and talks were presented by those who took part in the program, and all with this aim: that our young people be prepared as thoroughly and as quickly as possible to do their part in giving the Third Angel's Message to the world.

As we listened to the calls and appeals for workers in both home and foreign lands we were made to feel that it should be our only business to prepare ourselves to do the great work committed to us of giving the Advent message to the world in this generation.

May we all, as young people, realize that it will take our all to "buy the field," and "press toward mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."

MILDRED WILSON.

#### An Experience.

In Gospel Workers, p 458, we find this caution given, "You should never be surprised, you should never be without your armor on, be prepared for any emergency." p 389, 2nd par. 2nd sentence, "Those who are standing in defense of truth should be calm and self-possessed." Now the promise—G. W. p 397, 1st par. last sentence, when brought in contact with the powers of darkness, angels of God will be right by your side and will preserve you from the wrath of men." Also p 387, a portion of 1st par.: "When you meet opponents you will not have to meet them in your own strength. The angel of God will stand by your side," etc.

When canvassing for one of our largest books some years ago while going to my work I felt deeply impressed that I was to meet a trying experience and I earnestly sought the Lord for strength and His Spirit to fortify me for the ordeal. My first exhibition was to a Methodist minister. He soon interrupted me and was very abusive and among other things said, the Seventh-Day Adventists were the most dangerous people in the world, not excepting the Catholics, etc. He also stated that he had bought all our publications and read them. He said when the foundation for the Tabernacle was being laid he was there one day, and in conversation with the "head man of the denomination"—meaning Elder James White—the Elder told him the world was coming to an end that fall. I said to him, "Sir, he never told you any such thing." He said, "How do you know, you was not there." I said, "I have been connected with this people since 1857 and I know they do not set the time for Christ to come, and so does any one who has read their literature." Of course he was stirred, but I was not "taken off my guard," and I knew who stood by my side, and I staid by the man until he was calm and



subdued, and then I gave him my hand and said, "I am glad to have met you and have you say to my face what you will likely say to my back." He eagerly grasped my hand, and said, "I have been glad to meet a man worthy of my steel." This showed he did not consider himself the victor. May this encourage another soul.

A. B. C.

**Rates for the Seventh Day Adventist Camp-meeting at Hastings, Mich., August 15-26, 1907.**

Under date of August 8, 1907, in a letter addressed to the writer signed by James Houston, chairman of the Michigan Passenger Association, we quote the following:

"A rate of one and one-third fare for the round trip to Hastings from points in Allegan, Barry, Berrien, Branch, Calhoun, Cass, Eaton, Ionia, Isabella, Kalamazoo, Kent, Mecosta, Montcalm, Newago, Oceana, St. Joseph and VanBuren Counties; tickets to be sold August 15th, 16th and 19th; return limit August 27th, 1907."

A. G. HAUGHEY.

**A Solemn Duty And a Blessed Privilege.**

How brief the time before the close of this great work no man may know. He only to whom the future is an open book has his eye upon the date. Doubtless, if for a moment we could look forward through the eyes of him who sees the future as clearly as the past, we would be startled to know how near that event is.

Is there anything that has brought our work to the favorable attention of the people more than the sanitariums and the sending out of our literature? When help is given to the publishing houses and sanitariums, the gospel is being thus proclaimed. Note the following solemn words sent to us through the spirit of prophecy:

"The end of all things is at hand. The signs foretold by Christ

are fast fulfilling. The nations are angry, and the time of the dead has come, that they should be judged. There are stormy times before us, but let us not utter one word of unbelief or discouragement. Let us remember that we bear a message of healing to a world filled with sin-sick souls.

"May the Lord increase our faith and help us to see that he desires us all to become acquainted with his ministry of healing and with the mercy-seat. He desires the light of his grace to shine forth from many places. We are living in the last days. Troublous times are before us. He who understands the necessities of the situation arranges that advantages should be brought to the workers in various places, to enable them more effectually to arouse the attention of the people. He knows the needs and the necessities of the feeblest of his flock, and he sends his own message into the highways and the byways. He loves us with an everlasting love."

J. S. WASHBURN.

**A Work For Christian Farmers.**

Christian farmers can do real missionary work in helping the poor to find homes on the land, and in teaching them to till the soil and make it productive. Teach them how to use the implements of agriculture, how to cultivate various crops, how to plant and care for orchards.

Many who till the soil fail to secure adequate returns because of their neglect. Their orchards are not properly cared for, the crops are not put in at the right time, and a mere surface work is done in cultivating the soil. Their ill success they charge to the unproductiveness of the land. False witness is often borne in condemning land that, if properly worked, would yield rich returns. The narrow plans, the little strength put forth, the little study as to the best methods, call loudly for reform.

Let proper methods be taught to

all who are willing to learn. If any do not wish to speak to them of advanced ideas, let the lessons be given silently. Keep up the culture of your own land. Drop a word to your neighbors when you can, and let the harvest be eloquent in favor of right methods. Demonstrate what can be done with the land when properly worked.

Ministry of Healing.

**News and Notes.**

Clifford A. Russell spent last Sabbath with the Portland church.

Elder W. H. Heckman spent Wednesday, August 7, at the Otsego office.

We hope to give quite a full report of the camp-meeting in the columns of the Herald.

If there is a blue pencil mark here it means that your subscription expires with this issue. We hope you will renew at once.

All of our office workers will attend the camp-meeting, consequently there will be no paper next week. The next issue will bear the date of August 28.

Elder J. W. Hofstra informs us that there is a good interest at Grand Haven, and he thinks it will be well to continue the tent effort at that place after camp-meeting.

Elder J. W. Hofstra spent last Sabbath at Allendale where he expected to administer the ordinance of baptism. He baptized two persons at Fruitport and two at Grand Haven recently, all of whom will be added to the Wright church.

Perhaps many of our readers will not have the privilege of attending the camp-meeting, but we hope you will pray for the success of this meeting. We expect showers of blessing at this annual gathering and we hope some drops may fall on those who remain at home. The Lord is no respecter of persons and his blessings are not confined to the multitude, "For the eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth to show himself strong in the behalf of them whose heart is perfect toward him."