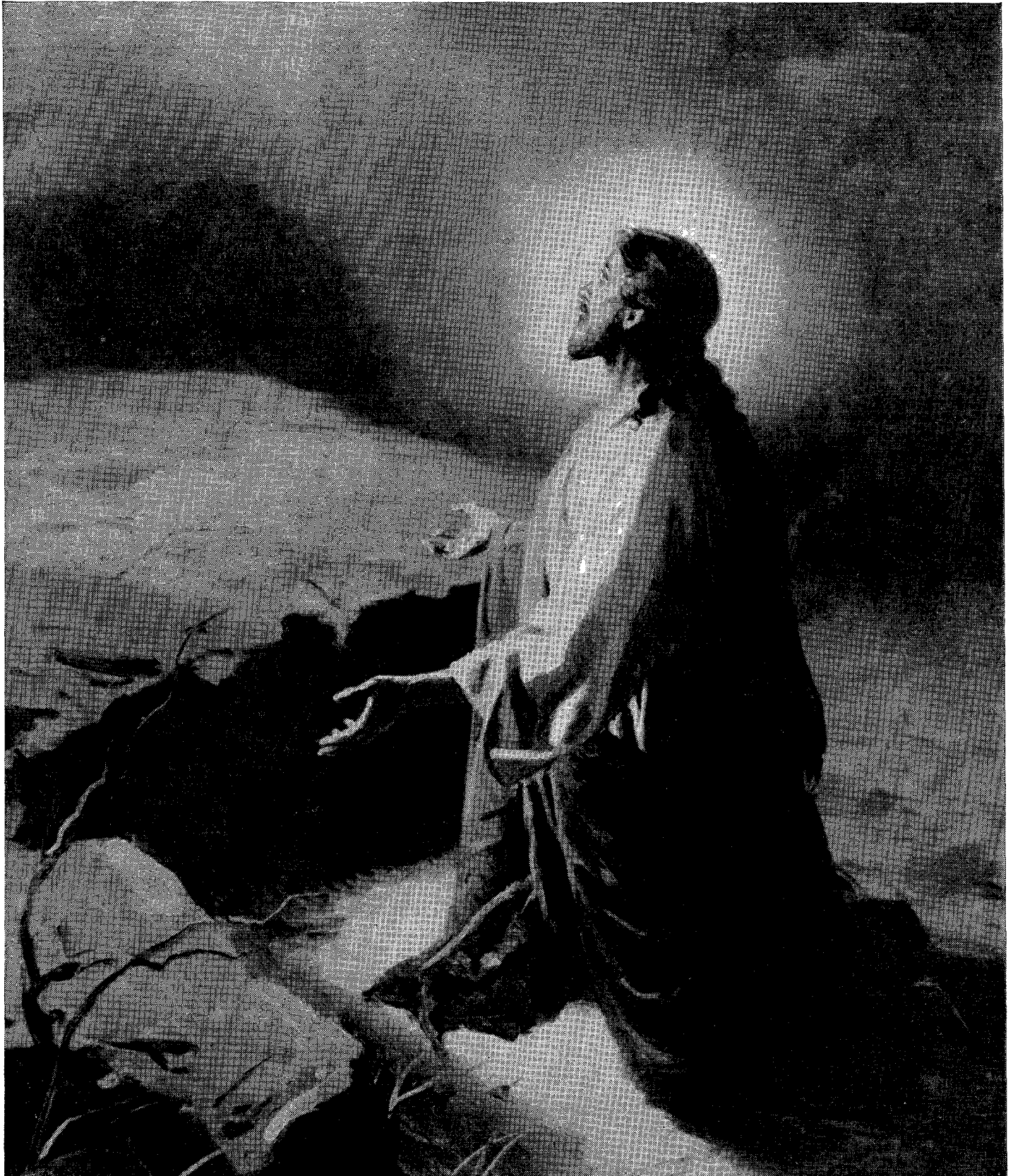


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READINGS FOR THE Week of Prayer

To Be Read in All Our Churches
 NOVEMBER 10 to 17, 1951

FOR many years the Seventh-day Adventist Church has followed the custom of devoting a week to special services of prayer. Once more we come to such a week. How great and how evident are the reasons that should bring us to our knees in prayer to God in days such as these.

We need to pray for divine grace in our own lives, that we may be prepared to stand in the time of trouble. What does it avail us if we live by the spiritual momentum of the church now, only to fail in the critical hour when every soul must stand alone?

Each of us needs to pray for the church of which he is a member. It is when hearts are united in fellowship that God can pour out His blessing on a company of believers. God cannot give His blessing to a church where dissension is present. We are still identified in heaven as Christ's disciples by that simple rule He set: If we have love one toward another. Let us pray God to bind our hearts together. That very binding together is part of our protection against the assaults of the devil.

We need to pray for a greater infilling of that holy boldness that will cause us to measure up to our personal responsibility to proclaim God's last message in the community where we live. It is a solemn business to be a Seventh-day Adventist in such a time as this. On us individually rests a responsibility to bear a witness for the truth.

We need also to look beyond our local community to lands afar where dark and forbidding shadows lie across the path of our missionaries, and seek to shut out the light of the everlasting gospel. We need to pray that the legions of heaven may protect these missionaries and that the light of heaven may be caused to shine through the darkness that covers the earth.

Last, and above all else, we need to pray for the soon coming of our Lord, who will bring darkness and sin to an eternal end. This earth, stained with tears and marked by death, is not our home. We look "for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God."

To Pastors and All Church Officers

UPON you rests in a very special way the solemn duty of preserving for the church the blessings of this Week of Prayer. We cannot be content to have the membership refreshed only for one week. All the weeks ahead should be weeks of spiritual life and increased consecration.

It is not by accident that for long years the Week of Prayer and the special season for promoting the REVIEW have been placed in the same month. Through all our history the REVIEW has stood next to the Bible and the Spirit of prophecy as a source of spiritual guidance for the church. Those who read its pages will ever be drawn toward the Inspired Word, and thus being drawn, will be built up in the most holy faith.

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The Day Is at Hand

By H. L. RUDY

THE great day of the Lord is near, it is near, and hasteth greatly, even the voice of the day of the Lord: the mighty men shall cry there bitterly." Zeph. 1:14.

This scripture aptly describes the rapid approach of the day of the Lord. Living as we do this far down the stream of time, these words take on new meaning. Today we can verily hear "the voice" of the great day of the Lord. The rapidly transpiring events of these last days proclaim clearly that "the great day of the Lord is near, . . . and hasteth greatly."

We can hear the cry of "the mighty men" giving utterance to the nearness of the great day of God. Generals of armies, statesmen, historians, scientists, and philosophers are heard speaking the language of the end of the world. We hear them saying: "If we do not devise some greater and more equitable system of international agreements than we now have, Armageddon will be at our door." "This generation of mankind is destined to live in a tragic era between two ages. It is an era when one age is dead and the other is powerless to be born." "For a generation our ablest prophets have told us that we are living at the end of an age, and now we know that this analysis was correct." "The Biblical declaration that the end of the world will come suddenly is driven home to us with fresh meaning. The writing on the wall of threatened doom and destruction can now be read clearly by all thoughtful men." "There is no way out, or around, or through the impasse. It is the end."

Nature also joins the cries of the mighty men of earth: "The whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain" waiting for the "manifestation of the sons of God." Rom. 8:22, 19. The burden of sin resting with ever-increasing weight upon the earth is causing the very elements to sigh and long for the day when the curse will be removed and the sons of God will be at peace in the Eden restored.

There is no need for multiplying evidence to prove the nearness of the second coming of Jesus. Writing to the people who will see the last signs of the end, the apostle Paul said, "Of the times and the seasons, brethren, ye have no need that I write unto you. For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night." 1 Thess. 5:1, 2. We have perfect knowledge of the times in which we live. We know too that the Lord is not slack concerning His promises,

and that the great day of God will come when least expected.

But precisely because we know these things the Lord has sent us special messages of warning and admonition. The ten virgins all knew that the bridegroom was coming to the wedding. They even knew the day of his coming and had started out to meet him. But when he finally arrived five of them were shut out from the marriage. They were found to be foolish and unprepared for the great occasion.

In spite of all the prevailing evidences of Christ's soon return, God's people still find themselves in a dangerous position. "We are in a most trying position, waiting, watching for our Lord's appearing." —*Testimonies*, vol. 5, p. 216.

"The warning that the Son of man is soon to come in the clouds of heaven has become to many a familiar tale. They have left the waiting, watching position. The selfish, worldly spirit manifested in the life reveals the sentiments of the heart, 'My Lord delayeth His coming.' Some are enveloped in so great darkness that they openly express their unbelief, notwithstanding our Saviour's declaration that all such are unfruitful servants and their portion shall be with hypocrites and unbelievers." —*Ibid.*, p. 9.

"Be Ye Also Ready"

We are living in the tarrying time, a time which calls for a state of constant preparedness—not *getting* ready, but *being* ready. No time should be wasted. The perils of the day are too great and the precious moments of grace too short to be regarded carelessly or indifferently. The door, whether in death or in judgment, can close before us at any time. What if that moment finds us unprepared? "Watch ye therefore: for ye know not when the Master of the house cometh, at even, or at midnight, or at the cock-crowing, or in the morning. Lest coming suddenly he find you sleeping." Mark 13:35, 36.

There will be great surprises when Jesus comes to gather His saints together. Some will be surprised to find themselves among the elect of God. When they hear the loving words of the King: "Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world," they will hardly believe the benediction. They will scarcely recall that they had fed their hungry Lord and given Him drink and shelter and clothing. All

self-righteousness will be gone from their minds. They have been living by faith alone, now to discover suddenly that they have entered upon the reality of what they believed. What a glorious surprise that will be after the night of sorrow and suffering!

Then there will be another group who will also be surprised, but with bitter disappointment. They discover to their astonishment that the door is shut. Standing outside and knocking they call, "Lord, Lord, open unto us," fully expecting that the door of heaven will swing back and they will be ushered into the kingdom. But lo, the reply comes, "I know you not whence ye are." Then they will say, "We have eaten and drunk in thy presence, and thou hast taught in our streets." But he will reply, "I tell you, I know you not whence ye are; depart from me, all ye workers of iniquity." Luke 13:25-27.

What a sobering thought it is to realize that one can eat and drink at the table of the Lord, receive divine instruction from the Master Teacher, and yet remain in a lost condition. The outward life and conduct may be without reproach, and still the heart be far removed from the Lord. Fitness for the kingdom of heaven is not judged by external conduct alone. The inner temple of the soul must be cleansed. The heart must be perfect toward God. The Holy Spirit must give the witness that we are the children of God, and the life must give evidence of the fact.

Living as we do in the tarrying time, we must never lose sight of the certainty of Christ's return. The second coming of Christ is the most certain event of the future. This certainty is emphasized in Hebrews 9:27, 28: "As it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment: so Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation."

Christ came once for sin, to pay its penalty in death. That was a real event. No one can seriously deny the birth of Christ in Palestine, nor can anyone destroy the record of His life. Neither can anyone deny His resurrection from the dead and His ascension into heaven. The first coming of Jesus is an undeniable fact of history. It is as certain as death and the judgment. Now the Word of God states that just as surely as men die and face the judgment, so surely Christ will come the second time to save those who are eagerly waiting for Him.

Through His first coming Christ has linked Himself with humanity with a tie that cannot be broken. He became our Elder Brother in order to save to the uttermost. As a prophet and teacher of mankind He established His kingdom of grace in the hearts of men. In the realm of man's thought and his way of life upon earth the principles of divine government have been forever established and demonstrated in the name of Jesus. Through incarnation and loving ministry Christ has become inseparably united and identified with the human family. By these unbreakable links the children of God are forever united with Christ their Lord. They belong to Him, and He will come the second time to save them. This time He will come to save them from the presence of sin and temptation. He will raise them from their graves and translate the living righteous, transform their bodies like unto His glorious body, and place them at the right hand of His glory. He will confirm them in the everlasting inheritance which He has promised to all who truly love Him and who wait for His appearing.

It is the first coming of Jesus that has made His return the blessed hope of the saints. "The grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, 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." Titus 2:11-13.

So bright was this hope with the early Christians that they formed it into a greeting. During the days of their suffering under the lash of the enemy they were compelled to hide in tombs and caves during the light of day. At night they traveled the roads and streets to find food and friendship. When they passed a fellow traveler they would gently say the Aramaic watchword, "Maranatha" (1 Cor. 16:22), which means, "The Lord cometh." If the passer-by was a Christian, he replied with the same greeting, and the two would encourage each other. It was the blessed hope of the second coming of Jesus that sustained those primitive Christians in the times of great tribulation. The same hope, kept alive during the ages and cherished in the Christian's heart today, will sustain him in the time of waiting and watching for the Lord's appearing.

The promise of salvation as meant in Hebrews 9:28 is not for everyone. It is for "them that look for him," or who are eagerly waiting for Him. Those who have made the necessary preparation for the judgment will then be ready and waiting for their Lord to return. Only those who are ready will be found waiting and watching for Him. Those who are not ready will be found sleeping and preoccupied with the cares of this life, and the door will be closed against them.

"Therefore let us not sleep, as do

others; but let us watch and be sober. For they that sleep sleep in the night; and they that be drunken are drunken in the night. But let us, who are of the day, be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love; and for an helmet, the hope of salvation." 1 Thess. 5:6-8.

Here the apostle Paul admonishes the believers (1) to watch and be sober, (2) to gird on the breastplate of faith and love, and (3) to wear the hope of salvation as a helmet. These three sum up the preparation needed in order to be ready for the great day of the Lord.

Be Ready Always

Watchfulness combined with sobriety constitutes the first evidence of preparedness. To be sober means to be wide awake. The ten virgins were watching for the coming of the bridegroom, but they fell asleep while they were waiting. Spiritual wakefulness must accompany watching. The Christian must ever be on guard against the stealthy invasion of the soul by the enemy. The avenues of the soul must be strictly guarded against the subtle inroads of evil. The life and character must be kept pure and inviolate. The lamps must be kept trimmed and burning.

"Be always ready; 'in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh.' Go to your rest at night with every sin confessed. Thus we did in 1844, when we expected to meet our Lord. And now this great event is nearer than when we first believed. Be always ready, in the evening, in the morning, and at noon, that when the cry is heard, 'Behold, the Bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet Him!' you may, even though awakened out of sleep, go forth to meet Him with your lamps trimmed and burning."—Mrs. E. G. WHITE in *Review and Herald*, Nov. 24, 1904, p. 17.

In the time of waiting the Christian must ever be girded with the breastplate of faith and love. These two attributes—faith and love—compass the entire range of godlikeness. The great octave of the divine nature begins with faith and ends in love (2 Peter 1:5-7): "Add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; and to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness; and to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity." It takes perfection in all these qualities of divine character to enable us to stand against the attacks of the enemy. These characteristics constitute the breastplate that shields the life. The breastplate covers the vitals of the body, particularly the heart. In like manner the righteousness of God covers and protects the believer in the time of final temptation and trial after Christ has left His ministry in the sanctuary and the seven last plagues are being poured out.

The hope of salvation, worn as a helmet, constitutes another decisive weapon in the Christian's armor. The helmet protects the head, the seat of knowledge and conduct. It also decorates

the face, thus giving due expression to the blessed hope. This is what Jesus emphasized in connection with the signs of His coming when He said, "When these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh." Luke 21:28.

Those who will be ready and waiting for Christ's second coming will be radiant souls, with heads lifted up, and rejoicing in their hearts. Salvation for which they have longed and waited is coming quickly. The promise of Christ's appearing in glory is at long last to be entered upon. Through the ages the promise: "Surely I will come quickly," has kept alive the blessed hope. Now the great day of the Lord is hastening. The final events connected with the work of salvation are transpiring, and Christ's appearance in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory will follow quickly. In complete unison the refrain will be heard in the last and final prayer of God's children around the world: "Even so, come, Lord Jesus." Rev. 22:20.

Only those who are ready will be able to unite in that prayer. Dear friends, are you prepared now to pray: "Even so, come, Lord Jesus?" Are you ready to have Him come quickly? Or do you find yourself saying in your heart: "I don't want Him to come in my day?" Are you so in love with the world and your own selfish ambitions that you don't want Jesus to come quickly? If that is your response, you should heed the admonition of the Lord to watch and be sober, for He will come when you are not expecting Him. Put on the breastplate of faith and love, and the salvation promised will be yours, and make you ready for that great day.

Jesus does not call on us to follow Him and then forsake us. If we surrender our lives to His service, we can never be placed in a position for which God has no made provision. Whatever may be our situation, we have a Guide to direct our way; whatever our perplexities, we have a sure Counselor; whatever our sorrow, bereavement, or loneliness, we have sympathizing Friend. If in our ignorance we make missteps, Christ does not leave us. His voice, clear and distinct, is heard saying, "I am the way, the truth, and the life." "He shall deliver the needy when he crieth; the poor also, and him that hath no helper."

"Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on Thee: because he trusteth in Thee." The arm of Omnipotence is outstretched to lead us onward and still onward. Go forward, the Lord says; I will send you help. It is for my name's glory that you ask; and you shall receive. Those who are watching for your failure shall yet see My word triumph gloriously. "All things whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive."—*Gospel Workers*, p. 263.

Startling Events Soon to Take Place

By MRS. E. G. WHITE

WE ARE standing on the threshold of great and solemn events. Many of the prophecies are about to be fulfilled in quick succession. Every element of power is about to be set to work. Past history will be repeated; old controversies will arouse to new life, and peril will beset God's people on every side. Intensity is taking possession of the human family. It is permeating everything upon the earth.¹

The fast-fulfilling signs of the times declare that the coming of Christ is near at hand. The days in which we live are solemn and important. The Spirit of God is gradually but surely being withdrawn from the earth. Plagues and judgments are already falling upon the despisers of the grace of God. The calamities by land and sea, the unsettled state of society, the alarms of war, are portentous. They forecast approaching events of the greatest magnitude.

The agencies of evil are combining their forces and consolidating. They are strengthening for the last great crisis. Great changes are soon to take place in our world, and the final movements will be rapid ones.

The condition of things in the world shows that troublous times are right upon us. The daily papers are full of indications of a terrible conflict in the near future. Bold robberies are of frequent occurrence. Strikes are common. Thefts and murders are committed on every hand. Men possessed of demons are taking the lives of men, women, and little children. Men have become infatuated with vice, and every species of evil prevails.

The enemy has succeeded in perverting justice and in filling men's hearts with the desire for selfish gain. "Justice standeth afar off: for truth is fallen in the street, and equity cannot enter." Isa. 59:14. . . .

There are not many, even among educators and statesmen, who comprehend the causes that underlie the present state of society. Those who hold the reins of government are not able to solve the problem of moral corruption, poverty, pauperism, and increasing crime. They are struggling in vain to place business operations on a more secure basis.²

A Faithful Few

Not all in this world have taken sides with the enemy against God. Not all have become disloyal. There are a faithful few who are true to God; for John writes: "Here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus."

Rev. 14:12. Soon the battle will be waged fiercely between those who serve God and those who serve Him not. Soon everything that can be shaken will be shaken, that those things that cannot be shaken may remain.

Satan is a diligent Bible student. He knows that his time is short, and he seeks at every point to counterwork the work of the Lord upon this earth. It is impossible to give any idea of the experience of the people of God who shall be alive upon the earth when celestial glory and a repetition of the persecutions of the past are blended. . . . They are to take their stand on the living word: "It is written." This is the only foundation upon which they can stand securely. . . . The worshipers of God will be especially distinguished by their regard for the fourth commandment, since this is the sign of God's creative power and the witness to His claim upon man's reverence and homage.³

A Time When Men Choose Sides

As the storm approaches, a large class who have professed faith in the third angel's message, but have not been sanctified through obedience to the truth, abandon their position, and join the ranks of the opposition. By uniting with the world and partaking of its spirit, they have come to view matters in nearly the same light; and when the test is brought, they are prepared to choose the easy, popular side.

Men of talent and pleasing address, who once rejoiced in the truth, employ their powers to deceive and mislead souls. They become the most bitter enemies of their former brethren. When Sabbath-keepers are brought before the courts to answer for their faith, these apostates are the most efficient agents of Satan to misrepresent and accuse them, and by false reports and insinuations to stir up the rulers against them.

In this time of persecution the faith of the Lord's servants will be tried. They have faithfully given the warning, looking to God and to His Word alone. God's Spirit, moving upon their hearts, has constrained them to speak.⁴

From those who thus boldly witness for Christ, men will hear truth who never heard it before. In some hearts the seed will take root. The converting power of God will win souls from darkness to light. Some of the very men on the judgment-seat—lawyers and jurors—will embrace the truth, and in their turn will confess Christ, and show their loyalty to all the commandments of God, especially

the Sabbath command, which will be made, as it has ever been, the test question.⁵

When the storm of persecution really breaks upon us, the true sheep will hear the true Shepherd's voice. Self-denying efforts will be put forth to save the lost, and many who have strayed from the fold will come back to follow the great Shepherd. The people of God will draw together and present to the enemy a united front. . . . The love of Christ, the love of our brethren, will testify to the world that we have been with Jesus and learned of Him. Then will the message of the third angel swell to a loud cry, and the whole earth will be lightened with the glory of the Lord.⁶

In the last extremity, before this work shall close, thousands of dollars will be cheerfully laid upon the altar. Men and women will feel it a blessed privilege to share in the great work of preparing souls to stand in the great day of God, and they will give hundreds as readily as five dollars are given now.⁷

Many . . . will be seen hurrying hither and thither, constrained by the Spirit of God to bring the light to others. The truth, the Word of God, is as a fire in their bones, filling them with a burning desire to enlighten those who sit in darkness. Many, even among the uneducated, now proclaim the words of the Lord. Children are impelled by the Spirit to go forth and declare the message from Heaven. The Spirit is poured out upon all who will yield to its promptings, and casting off all man's machinery, his binding rules and cautious methods, they will declare the truth with the might of the Spirit's power. Multitudes will receive the faith and join the armies of the Lord.⁸

The work will be similar to that of the day of Pentecost. As the "former rain" was given, in the outpouring of the Holy Spirit at the opening of the gospel, to cause the upspringing of the precious seed, so the "latter rain" will be given at its close, for the ripening of the harvest. . . . "In the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my spirit upon all flesh." "And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

The great work of the gospel is not to close with less manifestation of the power of God than marked its opening. The prophecies which were fulfilled in the outpouring of the former rain at the opening of the gospel, are again to be fulfilled in the latter rain at its close. Here are "the times of refreshing" to which the apostle Peter looked forward when he said, "Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord; and he shall send Jesus."

Servants of God, with their faces lighted up and shining with holy consecration, will hasten from place to place to proclaim

the message from heaven. By thousands of voices, all over the earth, the warning will be given. Miracles will be wrought, the sick will be healed, and signs and wonders will follow the believers. Satan also works with lying wonders, even bringing down fire from heaven in the sight of men. Thus the inhabitants of the earth will be brought to take their stand.

The message will be carried not so much by argument as by the deep conviction of the Spirit of God. The arguments have been presented. The seed has been sown, and now it will spring up and bear fruit.⁹

During the loud cry, the church, aided by the providential interpositions of her exalted Lord, will diffuse the knowledge of salvation so abundantly that light will be communicated to every city and town. The earth will be filled with the knowledge of salvation. So abundantly will the renewing Spirit of God have crowned with success the intensely active agencies, that the light of present truth will be seen flashing everywhere.¹⁰

In the issue of the conflict all Christendom will be divided into two great classes, those who keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus, and those who worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark. Although church and state will unite their power to compel all, "both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond," to receive the mark of the beast, yet the people of God will not receive it.¹¹

Satan will excite indignation against the humble minority who conscientiously refuse to accept popular customs and traditions. Men of position and reputation will join with the lawless and the vile to take counsel against the people of God. Wealth, genius, education, will combine to cover them with contempt. Persecuting rulers, ministers, and church members will conspire against them. With voice and pen, by boasts, threats, and ridicule, they will seek to overthrow their faith. By false representations and angry appeals they will stir up the passions of the people. Not having a "Thus saith the Scriptures" to bring against the advocates of the Bible Sabbath, they will resort to oppressive enactments to supply the lack. To secure popularity and patronage, legislators will yield to the demand for a Sunday law. Those who fear God cannot accept an institution that violates a precept of the Decalogue. On this battlefield comes the last great conflict of the controversy between truth and error. And we are not left in doubt as to the issue. Now, as in the days of Mordecai, the Lord will vindicate His truth and His people.¹²

"And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be

found written in the book." By this we see the importance of having our names written in the book of life. All whose names are registered there will be delivered from Satan's power, and Christ will command that their filthy garments be removed, and that they be clothed with His righteousness. "And they shall be mine, saith the Lord of hosts, in that day when I make up my jewels; and I will spare them, as a man spareth his own son that serveth him."

In the time of trouble, Satan stirs up the wicked, and they encircle the people of God to destroy them. But he does not know that "pardon" has been written opposite their names in the books of heaven. He does not know that the command has been given, "Take away the filthy garments" from them, clothe them with "change of raiment," and set "a fair miter" upon their heads.¹³

Every one must live by faith as he is forced into close and apparently deadly conflict with the powers of darkness. Each must stand or fall for himself. The arrows of the destroyer are about to be hurled against the faithful ones, and no earthly power can turn aside the shaft. But could our eyes be opened we could see angels of God encircling the righteous, that no harm may come upon them. We have only to trust in God, and go forward in the way of obedience, and we shall be victorious.¹⁴

God's People Delivered

It was at midnight that God chose to deliver His people. As the wicked were mocking around them, suddenly the sun appeared, shining in his strength, and the moon stood still. The wicked looked upon the scene with amazement, while the saints beheld with solemn joy the tokens of their deliverance. Signs and wonders followed in quick succession. Everything seemed turned out of its natural course. The streams ceased to flow. Dark, heavy clouds came up, and clashed against each other. But there was one clear place of settled glory, whence came the voice of God like many waters, shaking the heavens and the earth. There was a mighty earthquake. The graves were opened, and those who had died in faith under the third angel's message, keeping the Sabbath, came forth from their dusty beds, glorified, to hear the covenant of peace that God was to make with those who had kept His law.

The sky opened and shut, and was in commotion. The mountains shook like a reed in the wind, and cast out ragged rocks all around. The sea boiled like a pot, and cast out stones upon the land. And as God spoke the day and the hour of Jesus' coming, and delivered the everlasting covenant to His people, He spoke one sentence, and then paused, while the words were rolling through the earth. The Israel of God stood with their eyes fixed upward, listening to the words as they came from the mouth of Jehovah and

rolled through the earth like peals of loudest thunder. It was awfully solemn. At the end of every sentence the saints shouted, "Glory! Hallelujah!" Their countenances were lighted up with the glory of God, and they shone with glory as did the face of Moses when he came down from Sinai. The wicked could not look upon them for the glory. And when the never-ending blessing was pronounced on those who had honored God in keeping His Sabbath holy, there was a mighty shout of victory over the beast and over his image. Then commenced the jubilee, when the land should rest. . . .

Soon appeared the great white cloud, upon which sat the Son of man. When it first appeared in the distance, this cloud looked very small. The angel said that it was the sign of the Son of man. As it drew nearer the earth, we could behold the excellent glory and majesty of Jesus as He rode forth to conquer. A retinue of holy angels, with bright, glittering crowns upon their heads, escorted Him on His way.

No language can describe the glory of the scene. The living cloud of majesty and unsurpassed glory came still nearer, and we could clearly behold the lovely person of Jesus. He did not wear a crown of thorns, but a crown of glory rested upon His holy brow. Upon His vesture and thigh was a name written, King of kings, and Lord of lords. His countenance was as bright as the noonday sun, His eyes were as a flame of fire, and His feet had the appearance of fine brass. His voice sounded like many musical instruments. The earth trembled before Him, the heavens departed as a scroll when it is rolled together, and every mountain and island were moved out of their places. "And the kings of the earth, and the great men, and the rich men, and the chief captains, and the mighty men, and every bondman, and every freeman, hid themselves in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains; and said to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb; for the great day of his wrath is come, and who shall be able to stand?" . . .

The earth mightily shook as the voice of the Son of God called forth the sleeping saints. They responded to the call, and came forth clothed with glorious immortality, crying, "Victory, victory, over death and the grave! O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?" Then the living saints and the risen ones raised their voices in a long, transporting shout of victory. Those bodies that had gone down into the grave bearing the marks of disease and death came up in immortal health and vigor. The living saints are changed in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, and caught up with the risen ones, and together they meet their Lord in the air. Oh, what a glorious meeting! Friends whom death had separated were united, never more to part.¹⁵

The coming of the Lord is nearer than when we first believed. The great controversy is nearing its end. Every report of calamity by sea or by land is a testimony to the fact that the end of all things is at hand. Wars and rumors of wars declare it. Is there a Christian whose pulse does not beat with quickened action as he anticipates the great events opening before us? The Lord is coming. We hear the footsteps of an approaching God, as He comes to punish the world for its iniquity. We are to prepare the way for

Him by acting our part in getting a people ready for that great day. No entreaties are so tender, no lessons so plain, no commands so powerful and so protecting, no promises so full, as those which point the sinner to the fountain that has been opened to wash away the guilt of the human soul. Let every heart as well as every hand be engaged to do the work that must be done. The word is given from the throne of God, "Every man to his work, each to do his best."¹⁶
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(Reading, Monday, November 12, 1951)

The Spirit of Prophecy

By C. H. WATSON

THE church of Christ is God's agency for the proclamation of truth; she is empowered by Him to do a special work; and if she is loyal to God, obedient to His commandments, there will dwell within her the excellence of divine power. If she will honor the Lord God of Israel, there is no power that can stand against her. If she will be true to her allegiance, the forces of the enemy will be no more able to overpower her than is the chaff to resist the whirlwind."
—*Testimonies*, vol. 8, p. 11.

"In a special sense Seventh-day Adventists have been set in the world as watchmen and light bearers. To them has been entrusted the last warning for a perishing world. On them is shining wonderful light from the Word of God. They have been given a work of the most solemn import—the proclamation of the first, second, and third angels' messages. There is no other work of so great importance. They are to allow nothing else to absorb their attention.

"The most solemn truths ever entrusted to mortals have been given us to proclaim to the world. The proclamation of these truths is to be our work. The world is to be warned, and God's people are to be true to the trust committed to them."
—*Ibid.*, vol. 9, p. 19.

By these and similar statements in the writings of the Spirit of prophecy, Seventh-day Adventists understand that their God-given work is to proclaim the message of the soon-coming Saviour to all the world. The darkness that now covers the earth and the gross darkness that envelops its peoples are reasons for urgency in our efforts to advance this work rapidly and thus prepare the way of the Lord.

In those writings the magnitude of our task is clearly set forth, and we are given to understand that great difficulties will be met as our work is advanced.

To serve this cause satisfactorily and

fruitfully, the Advent people are called to experience true godliness and to reveal the saving power of God within themselves. Nothing spurious is acceptable to God in our lives and effort. Those to whom we proclaim truth must be given opportunity to know that we "have been with Jesus, and learned of him."

To serve in the "special sense" referred to by the Spirit of prophecy, as watchmen and light bearers; to be true to the sacred trust so seriously committed to us; to proclaim the most solemn truths ever entrusted to mortals; to bear unflinchingly and successfully the great responsibility of speaking for God to needy souls in this hour, demand a preparation of heart and life that can come to us only under the hand of God. None of us doubts the need for this preparation, and few of us are without positive conviction that before the Second Advent Movement began, the Lord had provided that such a preparation would be possible to us personally. So complete and so readily available to each one of us is this provision that the servant of the Lord has assured us that "if we surrender our lives to His service, we can never be placed in a position for which God has not made provision."
—*Gospel Workers*, p. 263.

For the Guidance of Believers

To help prepare us to serve the Lord in this "special sense . . . as watchmen and light bearers," it has pleased God, almost at the commencement of our work, to set the Spirit of prophecy in the church for the guidance and counsel and instruction of believers. By the simple, direct messages from this instrumentality He has called our attention to His Holy Word, and has urged us "to fashion our lives in accordance with its pure and elevated teachings."

Our knowledge of the Bible is all too limited. We have not studied it sufficiently with a desire to reach its standards and "attain to Christian perfection."

This is one reason why the Lord has sent us messages from the Spirit of prophecy, and by them He counsels us, warns us, and reproves us; and by them also He calls and encourages and uplifts us. By them He seeks to keep our "feeble faith from dying, and presses home upon believers the necessity of shining as lights in the world." Those written messages are a voice in the church, lifted up "like a trumpet," to show us our transgressions and the whole church its sins.

The sins that are so very common to our nature are, perhaps, pride, selfishness, envy, jealousy, and evil speaking, and none other are more effective than they are in preventing our growth in grace and our fitness to serve in the "special sense" for which the hour and our message call. While such sins reveal themselves in us as habits of our lives, not only is our spiritual growth prevented, but we are unqualified to serve as watchmen and light bearers in a world wholly unprepared to meet its soon-coming Lord.

Had the Spirit of prophecy no reproof for sin in us, its relationship to our personal needs would be basically unsound and insufficiently helpful. If we are to know the mercy and goodness of God experimentally, and to find grace to help us live humbly, speak tenderly, act helpfully, serve faithfully, and be true to our trust, God must speak to us about our sins, remind us of His mercy, and invite us to take hold of His strength.

In giving Mrs. E. G. White her special service in the remnant church, the Lord commanded her "to set before the backslider and the sinner his true condition and the immense loss he is sustaining by continuing a life of sin."
—*Testimonies*, vol. 2, p. 608.

In harmony with the instruction given her, Mrs. White, throughout her long life, bore faithful testimony against sin in both the Advent church and the believer. But her reproof was never divorced from the mercy of God.

"God sets the sins of His erring people before them," she wrote, "that they may behold them in all their enormity under the light of divine truth. It is then their duty to renounce them forever." "If God's people would recognize His dealings with them and accept His teachings, they would find a straight path for their feet and a light to guide them through darkness and discouragement."
—*Ibid.*, vol. 4, pp. 15, 14.

"The Lord reproves and corrects the people who profess to keep His law. He points out their sins and lays open their iniquity because He wishes to separate all sin and wickedness from them, that they may perfect holiness in his fear. . . . God rebukes, reproves, and corrects them, that they may be refined, sanctified, elevated, and finally exalted to His own throne."
—*Ibid.*, vol. 2, p. 453.

Among the important duties of the prophet are those that have to do with

the personal, day-to-day experience of individual church members. To accomplish its declared purpose, then, the Spirit of prophecy must concern itself with us individually, not merely as a reprover, but as a guiding, refreshing, comforting, strengthening instrumentality. It must strengthen "the weak hands, and confirm the feeble knees," and "say to them that are of a fearful heart, Be strong, fear not: behold, your God . . . will come and save you." Isa. 35:3, 4.

This the Spirit of prophecy does for all those who accept its testimony. Fearful tests and trials have been experienced in recent years by many of the people of God, and these will intensify as the end draws nearer. Never has the Spirit of prophecy been so needed by us as now. Its ministry is especially intended for our present need. If we receive its messages, understanding of the purpose of the trials of the last days will be given us, and we shall be led to look trustfully to God for strength to endure.

Peace in Exchange for Trial

"God permits trials to assail His people, that by their constancy and obedience they themselves may be spiritually enriched, and that their example may be a source of strength to others. 'I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the Lord, thoughts of peace, and not of evil.' The very trials that task our faith most severely, and make it seem that God has forsaken us, are to lead us closer to Christ, that we may lay all our burdens at His feet, and experience the peace which He will give us in exchange."—*Patriarchs and Prophets*, p. 129.

"God leads His children by a way that they know not; but He does not forget, or cast off those who put their trust in Him. He permitted affliction to come upon Job, but He did not forsake him. He allowed the beloved John to be exiled to lonely Patmos, but the Son of God met him there, and his vision was filled with scenes of immortal glory."—*Ibid.*

"Jesus does not call on us to follow Him, and then forsake us. If we surrender our lives to His service, we can never be placed in a position for which God has not made provision. Whatever may be our situation, we have a Guide to direct our way; whatever our perplexities, we have a sure Counselor; whatever our sorrow, bereavement, or loneliness, we have a sympathizing Friend. If in our ignorance we make missteps, Christ does not leave us. His voice, clear and distinct, is heard, saying, 'I am the way, the truth, and the life.' 'He shall deliver the needy when he crieth; the poor also, and him that hath no helper.'"—*Gospel Workers*, p. 263.

What a wealth of instruction, assurance, promise, and appeal we have in these messages from God! It is soul warming to know that they are for us personally. They are ours to help us find a

blessed nearness to God and to keep us constantly conscious of our utter dependence on Him. They are ours to bring us in simple directness to Christ whatever may be our condition or our need.

A Glorious Message

In the last of Mrs. White's writings before her death, she left a glorious message for each individual believer. It rebukes our unbelief, our lack of blessing because of doubt, and cheers our faith, and appeals for our trust in the Lord Jesus. It recommends that we take Jesus at His word and believe His promises. It assures us of prompt and complete acceptance by the Saviour if we come, thus believing. It pledges victory through faith in the Redeemer. It promises rejoicing in exchange for remorse, and peace that comes with dependence on divine power.

It entreats us to put away our distrust of our heavenly Father. It declares that "God is waiting to bestow the blessing of forgiveness, of pardon for iniquity, of the gifts of righteousness, upon all who will believe His love and accept the salvation He offers." It calls us to take Christ at His word, and let our lips declare that we have gained the victory. It tells us that by living faith we are to trust Him, even though the impulse is strong within us to speak words of distrust. (*Testimonies to Ministers*, pp. 516, 517.)

"I rejoice," declares God's servant, "in the bright prospects of the future, and so may you. Be cheerful, and praise the Lord for His loving-kindness. That which you can not understand commit to Him. He loves you, and pities your every weakness. . . . It would not satisfy the heart of the Infinite One to give those who love His

Son a lesser blessing than He gives His Son."—*Ibid.*, p. 518.

What a wonderful closing message is this to that long life of special ministry! It impresses with tender helpfulness the purpose of God in placing the writings of the Spirit of prophecy in the remnant church and reveals their wonderful spiritual value to each Advent believer. In the words of the psalmist shall we not most sincerely say, "Thy testimonies have I taken as an heritage forever: for they are the rejoicing of my heart. I have inclined mine heart to perform thy statutes always, even unto the end. . . . Uphold me according unto thy word, that I may live: and let me not be ashamed of my hope"? Ps. 119:111-116.

The end of all things earthly is at hand. The coming of Christ is near. His way is in serious preparation among the peoples of the whole world. The work that has been given us to do has now been far advanced toward its close. This is not the time for us to be living in careless relationship to the will of God for us. It is time for us to know by personal experience that the gospel of Christ is the power of God unto salvation, by which we can be led to put away our sins, to do the will of God, and to prepare to meet our Lord when He comes in glory.

Let us, then, be of good courage in the Lord and cherish His ways and love to do His will. In these last hours of time shall we not "lift up our heart with our hands unto God in the heavens" (Lam. 3:41) and accept His mercy, and turn to Him with all our hearts, and hold that fast which we have in the truth for this time, that we lose not the life hereafter, and no man take our crown?

(Reading, Tuesday, November 13, 1951)

The Secret of a Happy Home

By D. E. REBOK

YOUR home on your street is witnessing for or against God, for or against the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Your neighbors are forming their opinion of Seventh-day Adventists in general by what they see in your home. What is even more serious, their opinion of your God is largely determined by what they see in you and in your home.

Solemn thought? Yes, indeed, and we do well at this very moment to sit in quiet meditation and give some most serious thought to our homes—your home, my home. Is it a place where angels delight to dwell, where children are happy and content, where peace and quietness and order prevail? Is it a symbol of and a preparation for the home in heaven? This, in a word, is God's plan and purpose, and we

are admonished to remember "that the home on earth" is to be a foretaste of "the home in heaven."

Seriously now, is your home today just the kind you want your home in heaven to be? Christ says that we are to live in "mansions" there. Should we not now be learning how to live in our homes here so that we shall feel at ease and at home in the "mansions" over there?

The servant of the Lord tells us that Christ came to show us how to live, and then she describes the conditions which His heavenly Father chose to be the environment of His earthly home. They were:

1. "A secluded home in the Galilean hills;

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2. "A household sustained by honest, self-respecting labor;
3. "A life of simplicity;
4. "Daily conflict with difficulty and hardship;
5. "Self-sacrifice, economy, and patient, gladsome service;
6. "The hour of study at His mother's side, with the open scroll of Scripture;
7. "The quiet of dawn or twilight in the green valley;
8. "The holy ministries of nature;
9. "The study of creation and providence; and
10. "The soul's communion with God, —these were the conditions and opportunities of the early life of Jesus."—*Ministry of Healing*, pp. 365, 366.

Pause a moment and study each of these ten items which God arranged for the early life of His own Son when He came down from heaven to show us how to live in preparation for the life to come. Think of your own home, and check each item that you are now carrying out for yourself and your family. Then look at the other items and see what you *can* and *should* do about them.

Brethren and sisters, we should ever bear in mind that our first day in our heavenly home will not be different from our last day here on earth, and live accordingly. If we would make our home in the Eden restored, then we must make a little Garden of Eden of our home here on earth.

For Adam and Eve He made such a home and provided it with everything their hearts could wish. The Garden of Eden was to our first parents a paradise—a heavenly home. Angels freely conversed with them. Birds caroled their sweetest songs. The lovely hues of the flowers and the rich green of the grass never changed, faded, or disappeared. There was nothing to make them unhappy or uncomfortable. There was no sin or sign of decay; there were no drooping flowers, no dead leaves, no thorns and thistles. All nature was perfect. Luscious fruits, gorgeous flowers, beautiful and lofty trees that stretched out their branches toward the clear blue heavens—all flourished in the Garden of Eden.

"With every needed blessing, Adam and Eve were abundantly supplied. Not a shadow interposed between them and their Creator. They knew God as their beneficent Father, and in all things their will was conformed to the will of God. And God's character was reflected in the character of Adam. His glory was revealed in every object of nature."—Mrs. E. G. WHITE in *Youth's Instructor*, June 2, 1898, p. 425.

There you have the secret of the happy home in Eden, and that secret will restore Edenic happiness to every Christian home today. First, *they knew God*; second, *in everything their will was conformed to*

the will of God; third, *God's character was reflected in them*. Thus it was in the Eden home, and it would have remained so but for one thing.

"She [Eve] was perfectly happy in her Eden home by her husband's side; but like restless modern Eves, she was flattered that there was a higher sphere than that which God had assigned her. But in attempting to climb higher than her original position, she fell far below it. This will most assuredly be the result with the Eves of the present generation if they neglect to cheerfully take up their daily life duties in accordance with God's plan. . . .

"A neglect on the part of woman to follow God's plan in her creation, an effort to reach for important positions which He has not qualified her to fill, leaves vacant the position that she could fill to acceptance."—*Testimonies*, vol. 3, pp. 483, 484.

Solomon looked the situation over in his day and came to a conclusion: "A child left to himself bringeth his mother to shame." Prov. 29:15. As we look about us today and see the wrecked lives of men and women, of boys and girls, we cannot but wonder whether Solomon's analysis of the situation may not account for much of the human wreckage we see all about us. The result is a breaking down of the home as an institution.

Home as It Is Today

Home is a word full of meaning and rich in significance to most of us. It should mean a little bit of heaven on earth. But to the non-Christian world—three fourths of the two billion inhabitants of the earth, including almost one half of the people of the United States—the word *home* has lost its original meaning, especially to people who live in the cities.

The city with its confusion, noise, and excitement has brought thousands and even millions of people into small apartments in congested areas where sin and wickedness prevail. Satan himself is responsible for these centers of crowded humanity, and he concentrates upon them to bring about the complete downfall of society. He struck first at the home and made it into sort of a boarding house or hotel, a place for the family to sleep but not to live, a place to go when there is nothing else to do. He sent mothers to work in the factories or offices while children were allowed to roam on streets or in alleys to find their own pleasures and to while away their time.

He came in between husbands and wives and introduced the devastating triangle with all its complications and distress, so often ending in divorce, with broken families and separations. True, marriage is not all romance, and married life is not free from problems and perplexities, but too many enter into it lightly and with little or no serious

thought. Promiscuity and unfaithfulness are the order of the day.

Little children, unwanted and unwellcome, who result from such free and easy unions are only tolerated, and often turn out to be wild and undisciplined hoodlums. No wonder we have juvenile delinquency and increased crime waves as the result of such parental delinquency.

"Like every other one of God's good gifts entrusted to the keeping of humanity, marriage has been perverted by sin; but it is the purpose of the gospel to restore its purity and beauty. . . . The condition of society presents a sad comment upon heaven's ideal of this sacred relation. Yet even for those who have found bitterness and disappointment where they had hoped for companionship and joy, the gospel of Christ offers a solace."—*Review and Herald*, Dec. 10, 1908.

No broken home is beyond repair; no house is so divided but that it can be united and happiness restored. No parents have wandered so far away from the ideal that God cannot bring them back and make them what they ought to be.

The secret is to be found in Jesus. He stands ready to forgive, to comfort, to encourage, to love. Turn to Him, my brother, my sister. He is ready, waiting, and watching.

Let us read it from the pen of God's messenger: "The grace of Christ, and this alone, can make this institution [marriage] what God designed it should be,—an agent for the blessing and uplifting of humanity. And thus the families of earth, in their unity and peace and love, may represent the family of heaven."—*Ibid.*

The place to begin a reformation and an uplifting of the standards of modern society is in the home. Let Jesus come into the hearts of husband and wife, and the children will be uplifted. They in turn, with Jesus in their hearts and lives, will make Christian fathers and mothers of the next generation. No one can deny that children are, for the greater part, the product of their home nurture and environment. This places the responsibility directly upon us as parents, and we in turn reflect the background of our childhood and are what we are today largely because of what our parents were.

It is just *now* that parents and children should open the heart door and allow Jesus to come in. Not tomorrow, nor next year; not on the deathbed, nor when He appears in the clouds of heaven, will the miracle of transformation take place. The miracle must be *right here* and *right now*.

What hinders, my brother? Why hold back any longer, my sister? You want your home to become a little heaven on earth. You can make it so by surrendering your will, by opening your heart, by taking Jesus in and making Him the ruler of your life.

"The influence of a carefully guarded Christian home in the years of childhood

and youth is the surest safeguard against the corruptions of the world. In the atmosphere of such a home, the children will learn to love both their earthly parents and their heavenly Father."—MS. 126, 1903. Nothing is more effective in the formation of Christian character than is the Christian home in which God is present.

A man's home is his castle. He should guard well its ramparts and every door and window which let in the outside world. As the five senses are avenues of the soul of a man, so the avenues to the home are the doors, the windows, the telephone wire, the radio, the television, the newspaper, the magazines, the letters received, the friends who enter, the books brought in.

Over all these, parents have control. They can choose which influences from without should come in, and keep out those influences which would mar and destroy. It can be done by a mere turn of a knob on the radio or television set, and requires nought but the courage of a conviction. Parents must realize their responsibility in this matter, for they know what is good for the children and what is harmful. It is their duty to help their children cultivate a taste for the beautiful, the noble, the pure, the true. They are to realize their accountability to God and keep their homes free from the sinister influences which so vitally affect the morals of every member of the family.

My brethren, we are living in a most solemn hour of the world's history. We are on the brink of the great crisis. Events are moving so rapidly that the leaders of the nations are bewildered and confused and perplexed. They are being hurled into another world war, a clash of nations such as we have never had before.

These leaders would reach down into our homes and snatch our eighteen-year-old boys away to centers of sin and vice for a training in the awful work of war. A great general of yesteryear called it "hell." Without doubt they will be taking our daughters as well as our sons, and this will be an even greater tragedy for the home life of the future. Witness the homes of today that grew out of war marriages of six or seven years ago. Study the court records and read the articles written by the head of a great law enforcement organization to see what the children of those marriages are doing while their thoughtless and irresponsible parents are crowding the divorce courts to get that piece of paper which sets them free to begin all over again.

These times of such wickedness God cannot much longer endure. He has set His hand to rid this old earth of sin and sinners, to purify it in the fires of great affliction, to burn out of it the dross and the worthless. He will retain only that which is pure and noble and good, that which is fine and lovely and holy.

Fathers and mothers, it is against such

a day that you are now to order your homes, train and prepare your children. A disordered world is the result of disordered homes. Our homes, however, must be the exception, and stand out as lighthouses in a world rushing to its doom.

The Spirit of prophecy admonishes us: "My brethren, we are living in a most solemn period of this earth's history. There is never time to sin; it is always perilous to continue in transgression. . . . We are now upon the very borders of the eternal world, and stand in a more solemn relation to time and to eternity than ever before. Now let every person search his own heart, and plead for the bright beams of the sun of Righteousness to expel all spiritual darkness, and cleanse from defilement."—*Testimonies to Ministers*, p. 147.

That darkness is dispelled when the Sun of Righteousness comes in. Paul says: "I pray that Christ may make his home in your hearts through your faith; so that having your roots deep and your foundations strong in love, you may become mighty to grasp the idea, as it is grasped by all the saints, of the breadth and length, the height and depth—yes, to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled up to all the fulness of God." Eph. 3:17-19, Weymouth.

Such a family is ready to be translated into God's presence in heaven. This means that we must cultivate the sense of the presence of God in the home here and

now—present at every meal, present in every activity, present in every room.

"If we were to cherish an habitual impression that God sees and hears all that we do and say, and keeps a faithful record of our words and actions, and that we must meet it all, we would fear to sin. Let the young ever remember that wherever they are, and whatever they do, they are in the presence of God. No part of our conduct escapes observation. We cannot hide our ways from the Most High. . . . Every act, every word, every thought, is as distinctly marked as though there were only one person in the whole world, and the attention of heaven were centered upon him."—*Patriarchs and Prophets*, pp. 217, 218.

Think what your home—your family—may become when you recognize that God is there.

The dark night of sin and sorrow will soon be over. The end of all things is at hand. The Lord Himself will soon appear in the clouds of heaven. The righteous will soon go home with Him. Men and brethren, what manner of people ought we to be!

The mansions in heaven are all ready for you and me. The beautiful city with its streets of gold, its tree of life, its gates of pearl, stands ready for you and me and our children. The angels are beckoning us to come. Jesus Himself is speaking, "Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world." Matt. 25:34.

(Reading, Wednesday, November 14, 1951)

Filling Your Place in the Church

By C. L. TORREY

UPON this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." Matt. 16:18. In the original the Greek word for "church" means an assembly called out by one of authority, such as a magistrate or government official. When used in the New Testament the word "church" takes its fullest Greek meaning and signifies, "the called out ones."

Paul emphasizes the thought in this language: "The called of Jesus Christ," or, in the Revised Version, "called to be Jesus Christ's." Rom. 1:6. They are His; they belong to Him. He has purchased them with His own blood. He gave Himself for their sins; they are purchased possessions, the called of God. Thus they are called into the close fellowship of His son, Jesus Christ. This is called a "high calling" or a "holy calling," a "heavenly calling." They are members of His body. His body is the church, and Christ is the head of the church.

Writing from Melbourne, Australia, December 23, 1892, the servant of the Lord said, "I testify to my brethren that the church of Christ, enfeebled and defective as it may be, is the only object on earth on which He bestows His supreme regard." God's love for His children is very great. He exclaims through His servant Isaiah, "Behold, I have graven them upon the palms of my hands." Isa. 49:16.

From the earliest times God has had His church. Our first parents, after having been driven from their beautiful garden home because of their disobedience to the commandments of God, worshiped at the gates of Eden. Here they received the promise of a divine Redeemer, and by faith they made their sacrificial offerings representing the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world, and they looked forward in anticipation to the fulfillment of the promise of salvation.

Moses erected a sanctuary in the wilderness for the worship of God after

leading the children of Israel out of Egyptian bondage. Here God handed the Ten Commandments, written on tables of stone, to the church in the wilderness, and here Moses set up standards to guide the church in matters of worship, health, and daily living. The camp was laid out in perfect order, with the sanctuary, or place of worship, in the midst.

For four thousand years the people of God had looked forward in anticipation and hope to the coming of Christ as promised to their first parents in Eden. It was indeed a great event when Christ came to His people. Multitudes accepted and followed Him. They hung upon His words, for they shed a flood of light on the Scriptures. His sermon on the mount set forth anew the principles upon which His church on earth was to endure.

Immediately after Christ's ascension the apostles became the leaders of the church of Christ. These men were filled with the Holy Spirit. The church was on fire. They went everywhere preaching the Word, regardless of the fierce fires of persecution. Multitudes believed, and great were the results of soul winning. Congregations were raised up, officers were appointed to carry the responsibilities of leadership, and the church moved triumphantly forward. True, the purity of the early apostolic Christian church did not endure, but there has ever been a company of faithful ones who have stood firm regardless of apostasy and unbelief surrounding them. Steadfast through tribulation, unyielding before the assaults of the enemy, especially during the dark days of papal persecution, the torch of truth has been passed from hand to hand down to the remnant of our own day.

The members of God's remnant church who live in the last days will be a commandment-keeping people. "This remnant, existing amid the signs and wonders that usher in the great and terrible day of the Lord, is doubtless, the remnant of the seed of the woman spoken of in Revelation 12:17,—the last generation of the church on earth."—*Early Writings*, pp. 142, 143.

The remnant church fully believes in God's leadership and in His command: "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel." In practically every land on earth today, members of the remnant church are giving their lives in service to advance the cause of Christ. The earth is becoming lightened with the glory of God.

It is a very great blessing indeed to be a member of the remnant church. But there is also a definite responsibility resting upon the heart of every member, for God expects each one to take his proper place in the church and to bear fruit. In Christ's sermon on the mount we read, "Ye are the light of the world. . . . Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven." Matt. 5:14-16. Again, Jesus says, "I am the vine, ye are

the branches: he that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit." John 15:5. There must be unity, love of the brethren and love for souls unsaved, the upholding of standards in the church, faithfulness in church and Sabbath school attendance, and a full realization of our financial responsibility to God if we would triumph with the church of God.

As God loved the world, so we must love one another. Jesus, talking to the rich young ruler, said, "Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself." Matt. 19:19. In 1 John 4:10, 11, we read, "Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be a propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another."

Said the servant of the Lord: "I urge those who claim to believe the truth, to walk in unity with their brethren. Do not seek to give to the world occasion to see that we are extremists, that we are disunited, that one teaches one thing, and one another. Avoid dissension."—*Testimonies to Ministers*, p. 57. It was at Pentecost, when the disciples of Christ were all together and of one accord, when their hearts were warmed with love and unity, that the Holy Ghost descended upon them, and three thousand souls were converted in a day.

The True Meaning of Love

If every member of the church would learn the true meaning of love and unity, what a great change would come into the lives of His people! The whole church, every member of it, would be transformed, and the Spirit of the living God would come into each heart with great power, and the experience of Pentecost would again be repeated, and thousands would be converted. There would be no more dissensions, no more backbiting, no more offenses given, no more heartaches as a result of harsh words or criticism, and no more talebearing. God could then use the members of His church in a marvelous way for the finishing of His work.

My dear brethren and sisters, we are living in serious and solemn times, times just prior to Jesus' coming. Are we ready for that great day? Said the servant of the Lord: "I saw that many were neglecting the preparation so needful, and were looking to the time of 'refreshing' and the 'latter rain' to fit them to stand in the day of the Lord, and to live in His sight. Oh, how many I saw in the time of trouble without a shelter! They had neglected the needful preparation; therefore they could not receive the refreshing that all must have to fit them to live in the sight of a holy God."—*Early Writings*, p. 71.

As members of the remnant church we should uphold its standards. We are living in a pleasure-seeking world, a world full of enticements for both young and old. Millions are frequenting the theater, the dance halls, the race tracks, and other

questionable places of amusement. They are filling their minds with the rubbish and chaff of this world. Questionable programs are to be seen and heard on television and the radio—programs with which the children of God should not fill their minds. Indeed, conditions in the world are similar to those in the days of Noah. Then they were eating and drinking and rising up to play.

There is also the question of healthful living. The servant of the Lord has much to say about diet and what the remnant church should eat and drink, so as to uphold the standards of clean living that are set forth for them. "Know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?" 1 Cor. 6:19.

As we seek earnestly and prayerfully to be like Christ and to follow in His footsteps, we will put everything that is unlovely out of our lives. Says Sister White: "The church is firmly and decidedly to hold her principles before the whole heavenly universe and the kingdoms of the world; steadfast fidelity in maintaining the honor and the sacredness of the law of God will attract the notice and admiration of even the world, and many will by the good works which they shall behold be led to glorify our Father in heaven."—*General Conference Bulletin*, 1893, p. 408.

Unfortunately there are many of the believers who absent themselves from the Sabbath school and church services, especially the Sabbath school. Some may think that the Sabbath school is only for children. This is not the case. Every member of the church should be a faithful member of the Sabbath school and attend regularly. No one can afford to miss the services God has ordained and set apart for His creatures. It has been observed that those who faithfully study their Sabbath school lesson during the days of the week are usually regular attendants at Sabbath school. I appeal to our church members who have not been faithful in attending Sabbath school to make a new beginning and thus receive the full blessing God has for them.

It has also been noticed that many of our people seldom attend the church of which they are members, but visit other churches from Sabbath to Sabbath. When we become members of the church we should be loyal to our home church and enter fully into the program and activities of soul winning. If we constantly visit from church to church Sabbath by Sabbath, we usually do not enter into the activities and spirit of our own church, and there is danger that we lose interest and become cold and indifferent. If we enter enthusiastically into soul-winning endeavor in the church where we have our membership, we thereby deepen our own spiritual experience and become a blessing to the church and to the world.

A loving heavenly Father has made provision for undershepherds to care for and nourish His church and devote their full time and strength to seeking and saving the lost. These trusted servants renounce the honors and wealth of the world and give their lives entirely in willing sacrifice for others. God regards His chosen representatives as dear to Him, and has made special provision for their financial support.

In His infinite wisdom, God instituted a plan suited to all conditions, to function in every nation, country, and clime, fair and equitable to all alike, neither oppressing the poor nor favoring the rich. The divine plan for the support of the gospel ministry is clearly set forth in the Bible and is binding upon the conscience of everyone who recognizes the authority of God. It is termed the tithing system, and it requires loyal Christians to render to their Maker one tenth of their income and increase in possessions.

The system of tithing, and also freewill offerings, are intended by God to impress upon the minds of His creatures that He is the source of every blessing enjoyed and that He is the owner of the world and everything in it. Inasmuch as all things come from Him, the Lord expected and directed that one tenth be returned to Him in tithes and that freewill offerings be given also to sustain His work in the earth.

Since the fall man has been tested on two major points; namely, the tithing, calling for one tenth of man's possessions for the service of God; and the Sabbath, claiming a seventh part of man's time. The Holy Scriptures are clear and positive regarding the commands of each. Both are holy unto the Lord, and he who refuses to obey God in respect to either is treading upon dangerous ground, for God's commands cannot be disregarded. In the final accounting man's deeds will come up for review in the judgment, and woe is that man or woman who willfully turns away from following His commandments. Blessed is he who is honest with God. He appeals to his children to "bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and 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." Mal. 3:10.

It is only as we earnestly study and pray and meditate that we can know and live our message. By knowing and living the truth we will be endowed with power to present the message in all its beauty, and souls will take their stand with the Advent people in their march toward the kingdom of God. Let us pray for this power. How urgently we need it! What a joy to be laborers together with God in helping to finish His great work!

My dear brethren and sisters, we are not only homeward bound, but we are

almost home. Let us be faithful to our baptismal vows and to our trust, and when Jesus comes we shall experience the joys and glory of heaven. Sister White has said: "Then I was pointed to the glory of heaven, to the treasure laid up for the faithful. Everything was lovely and glorious. The angels would sing a lovely song, then they would cease singing, and take their crowns from their heads and cast them glittering at the feet of the lovely Jesus, and with melodious voices cry, 'Glory, Alleluia!' I joined with them in their songs of praise and honor to the Lamb, and every time I opened my mouth to praise Him, I felt an unutterable sense of the glory that surrounded me. It was a far more, and exceeding and eternal

weight of glory. Said the angel, 'The little remnant who love God and keep His commandments, and are faithful to the end will enjoy this glory, and ever be in the presence of Jesus, and sing with the holy angels.'"—*Early Writings*, p. 66.

What a joy to contemplate! This life with its disappointments, its heartaches, its sorrows, will soon be forever ended, and we shall, if faithful, live in a land where peace, plenty, and happiness will reign supreme, and where there will be a song in every heart. Let us fill our place in the church, denying self all along the way and giving our hearts, our lives, our money, our time, and our all to the finishing of the work of God, so that Jesus may soon come to redeem His own.

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Waiting Saints in Many Lands

By E. D. DICK

THAT God will bring into His kingdom trophies of the redeemed from every land is abundantly clear. There is purpose in all His designs. God loved the world—the whole world, the peoples of every land—so much that He gave His only Son to save them in His kingdom. To give reality and substance to this devotion, He ordained that the knowledge of salvation must "be preached" unto all them that dwell on the whole earth—"to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people." It was for this purpose that Christ sent forth His disciples in the beginning of the Christian Era. They were to be His witnesses "in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." To make their witness effective, He promised them power through the outpouring and ministry of the Holy Spirit, His Spirit is the regenerating agency to make effectual the salvation wrought by the death of our Redeemer.

This promise was abundantly fulfilled. As the disciples proclaimed the message of redeeming grace, hearts yielded to its power. The church beheld converts coming to her from all directions and from all classes. Thousands were converted in a single day. Under their labors were added to the church chosen men, who consecrated their lives to the work of giving to others the hope that filled their hearts with peace and joy. The glad tidings of a risen Saviour were carried to the uttermost parts of the inhabited world. To every nation was the gospel carried in a single generation.

Such were the purposes of God in the early church. His purposes were fulfilled. Since those meaningful days centuries

have passed, and we have now come to the last of the last days. As in the early church, so in these latter times God has a special work which must be done, a special message to be borne to all the world. As the early church was to proclaim to the world the risen Saviour, so now His followers are to proclaim to the world the good news of our returning Lord.

Our unchanging Saviour still loves the world—the whole world. His is an everlasting love and extends to every living soul. He died that whosoever believeth on Him might not perish. This being so, the gospel, or good news, must in justice to all men be preached to every kindred, nation, tongue, and people. This is the work to which God has called His church and His people in these last, momentous days. And as to the early church, so to us today is to be given in an even greater measure the power of the Holy Spirit. To us as well as to them was this treasured gift promised. It is not limited to any age or race. Christ declared that the divine influence of His Spirit was to be with His followers unto the end.

The preaching of the gospel, when attended by the power of the Holy Spirit, brings a fruitage. "It shall not return unto me void," saith the Lord. The multitude of the redeemed will be as it were without number. The promise made to Abraham of old is to be literally fulfilled: "In blessing I will bless thee, and in multiplying I will multiply thy seed as the stars of the heaven, and as the sand which is upon the sea shore; and thy seed shall possess the gate of his enemies." Gen. 22:17. Even though the redeemed will be saved as individuals, the number thereof will mount to the population of nations.

"And nations that knew not thee shall run unto thee." Isa. 55:5.

These sturdy promises of God stretch the imagination to comprehend the full purposes of God in the number of the redeemed. His purposes are reiterated again and again—"I will bring thy seed from the east, and gather thee from the west; I will say to the north, Give up, and to the south, Keep not back: bring my sons from far, and my daughters from the ends of the earth." Isa. 43:5, 6. Yes, from the ends of the earth. In the words of the early Advent hymn—

"From the north, from the south, all
the ransomed shall come,
And worship our heavenly King."

A panoramic view of the fruitage yet to be harvested from the many dark corners of the earth as given by the servant of God, is worthy of our deep meditation: "Among earth's inhabitants, scattered in every land, there are those who have not bowed the knee to Baal. Like the stars of heaven, which appear only at night, these faithful ones will shine forth when darkness covers the earth and gross darkness the people. In heathen Africa, in the Catholic lands of Europe and of South America, in China, in India, in the islands of the sea, and in all the dark corners of the earth, God has in reserve a firmament of chosen ones that will yet shine forth amidst the darkness, revealing clearly to an apostate world the transforming power of obedience to His law. Even now they are appearing in every nation, among every tongue and people; and in the hour of deepest apostasy . . . these faithful ones, 'blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke,' will 'shine as lights in the world.' The darker the night, the more brilliantly will they shine."—*Prophets and Kings*, pp. 188, 189.

Yes, like the stars of heaven in number—a firmament of chosen ones will yet shine forth in all the dark corners of the earth. Even a cursory review of what is taking place now in lands near and far causes one to say as did Peter at the outpouring of the Spirit of God on the early church: "This is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel: And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams, and on my servants and on my handmaidens I will pour out in those days of my Spirit; . . . and it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved." Acts 2:16-18, 21.

Letters and literature from home and overseas are filled with evidences of this outpouring, this ingathering of souls, in preparation for His coming kingdom. Let us call to mind a few stirring experiences. First we turn to some of the once-be-

nighted islands of the South Pacific. Mussau is one of the Admiralty group. When we entered that island in 1931 the people were controlled by fear and superstition. They lived in squalor and filth. Intertribal wars were frequent. Since that time marvelous changes have taken place. The entire island has been cleaned up. Churches have been built and are well kept. A training school is conducted. Ninety teachers have gone out, many to other islands, as missionaries. Today the entire population of the island, numbering nearly two thousand, are either members of our church or are believers preparing for baptism. This is likewise true of a number of other islands in this same area of the Pacific. Through the simple preaching of Christ the entire populations have felt their debauched, evil ways, have accepted the Saviour, and are living clean, transformed lives, witnesses to the power of God in hearts surrendered to His will.

Miracles in New Guinea

From the island of New Guinea our missionary writes: "Primitive natives, who only two short years ago knew nothing of Christianity, living where the stone ax was in common use, walked for fourteen days over mountain ranges rising nine thousand feet above sea level to attend the meeting. These once-heathen people sat quietly and reverently through meeting after meeting, drinking in the Word of life."

The Scriptures state, "The isles shall wait for his law." Isa. 42:4. Surely these people have waited. Their eagerness in receiving the Word is amazing. From a little island off the coast of New Guinea, where we have no worker, came an appeal for someone to instruct and baptize them. There were twenty-four in this group. We do not know how these people first heard the message.

In Timor, Indonesia, a group of sixty became interested in the message through literature and sent a request for a teacher. One of our national workers was sent, and upon his arrival he found 120 meeting regularly to study the message.

On Bismarck Island two months after our first national worker settled there, seventy-two people were in regular attendance at Sabbath school and worshipping in their new church building. It is a miracle of God's grace and power to find such transformations of heart and habits of life in such a short period of time. On the island of Jamaica we have a baptized membership of 15,138. At one place they recently baptized five hundred souls on a single Sabbath afternoon.

Nor is this mighty work confined to island fields. Our mission leader in our Northeast India Union Mission states: "We are continually surprised by the uniform testimony from all parts of our field of a spiritual awakening among many peoples. In East Pakistan are fifty families interested in the truth and pre-

paring for baptism." In the Lushai Hills in eastern India is a marvelous awakening among these hill people. Christian missionary work has been carried on for many years by others. Their early teachers instructed them that only the New Testament was valid. On the coming of our missionaries, who taught them to believe and honor the entire Bible, the peoples of these giant hills are earnestly inquiring to know and to follow the full light of truth. Amazing transformations are taking place. Men and women long satisfied with their diluted, formal Christian profession are turning with great eagerness to follow implicitly the full light of present truth. A similar response is now taking place among the Khasi people of Assam. God is making bare His arm in the sight of all Israel.

We now turn to the great continent of Africa. Here responses are being witnessed in number exceeding any other place in the world, it would seem. The people in great areas are pressing in to know and follow the better way. There is an outreach for education and spiritual enlightenment never before seen. At our annual camp meetings literally thousands come, over hill and down dale, singing as they journey, making their way to the central mission for their annual convocation. As many as twenty thousand have gathered in our Gitwe Mission in Ruanda. From five to ten thousand frequently gather in other areas. Surely Ethiopia is stretching out her hands unto God. The transformations wrought by the operation of the Spirit upon their once-depraved and darkened minds witness to the simple truth that the gospel is the power of God unto salvation. Indeed from well-nigh all parts of the world field come evidences of the mighty workings of the Spirit of God on darkened hearts and minds, saving to the uttermost all who come unto God by Him.

Our missionaries in the field tell of a "devil worshiper" and his family in Brazil who accepted the Saviour, and through his labors twenty others have been baptized. Also a juju priest of northern Nigeria, whose black magic held his people in awe and fear, after hearing the story of the cross, walked fourteen miles over mountain trails to the weekly baptismal class, and was baptized and later ordained a deacon in their newly organized church of twenty-six members.

In the Gold Coast a powerful and greatly feared fetish dancer was converted through the meetings held by the young people of our training school. In another area was a widely famed fetish priest. Even the chiefs did him honor. He had many personal attendants and servants. He practiced his cult over a wide area. On one of his trips to the south he met one of our native teachers who instructed him concerning the living God, and Jesus His Son, the Saviour of the world. For fear of losing his prestige and wealth he

resisted the message, but the Holy Spirit gripped his heart. He threw away all his juju and medicines and finally accepted the message. Even before his baptism he began to carry his new-found faith to the people of his own and neighboring villages. When he was baptized twelve other souls whom he had won were baptized with him.

What transformations are wrought by the power of the Spirit of God! In Ruanda an unpromising native lad was given a name which interpreted means "vaga-bond." He grew to manhood, and became a witch doctor. Finally the message found him, and today, in the prime of life, he is our most powerful preacher in that country.

The Stolen Bible

Strange indeed is the work of the Holy Spirit on the hearts of men. Down in Old Mexico a thief hated our Adventist minister because, as the thief said, "He was too good." Seeing our minister always carrying his Bible, he assumed that this was a treasured book, so decided to steal it from him. This he did. Weeks later the thief, for lack of something to do, began to read the stolen Bible. He became interested, then intrigued. As he continued he read, "Thou shalt not steal," and felt condemned, and went to return the book. When he did so the one from whom he had stolen the book accepted its return and immediately gave it back to him, offering to help the man study the Book. Studies began. Soon the thief, now no longer a thief, was baptized, and he and the minister, by studying this same Bible with others, won nine persons to their Master.

And so the message is repeated over and over again, gathering strength as it proceeds, winning men and women from the deepest depths of sin in the heathen lands—witch doctors, fetish dancers, juju priests, and robbers—bringing conviction and repentance.

The preaching of the message works similar transformations in the lives of men and women in the enlightened or civilized lands of earth. Reaching the high and the low, the learned and the unlearned, the rich and the poor, the message marches on. Today it is being proclaimed in 690 languages written and oral and in 228 countries and island groups. From these many lands an increasingly larger fruitage is being gathered. In the home base of the message, North America, 44,933 have been baptized in the last three years. Three of our overseas divisions have passed the 70,000 mark in membership. In our Southern African Division 11,952 were baptized last year. This division alone has 141,000 Sabbath school members. In our Southern European Division we have 78,167 members. Over 20,000 have been baptized in our Far Eastern Division in the last three years. Last year 6,689 were baptized in the

Philippine Islands—1,071 in one local mission.

Nor is the work stopped by bamboo and iron curtains. In China last year 3,394 were baptized, the largest number in the history of our work in that land. In Yugoslavia we learn of large accessions to the truth, and in other lands with similar ideologies reports seemingly having good foundation tell of very large numbers keeping the Sabbath in spite of trials and persecutions—earnestly looking forward to the second coming of Christ. Could it not well be that God is using the instrument of persecutions and hardships to finish His work in these lands apparently cut off from our regularly organized work, even as we are told that He did in the days of the early church? "To scatter His representatives abroad, where they could work for others, God permitted persecution to come upon them."—*Acts of the Apostles*, p. 105.

So it is from the far, far north, among the Eskimos of Alaska, the Laplanders of north Norway, to the steaming tropical jungles of the Amazon, the Congo, and the Irrawaddy, and on south beyond the Straits of Magellan to Tierra del Fuego in South America and Invercargill on the southernmost tip of New Zealand, the good news of the second coming of Christ is going—gathering out trophies for the heavenly garner.

The Unfinished Task

Although the record of our past accomplishments gives reason for gratitude, we must be realistic. A great unfinished work awaits the church. But in this we, like Paul—when traveling the Appian Way—in his consciousness of nearing the end of his journey, thank God and take courage. God is with His people. He is shaping the affairs of men and nations for the finishing of the work.

"He will finish the work, and cut it short in righteousness: because a short work will the Lord make upon the earth." Rom. 9:28. His quickened work is seen in the agencies raised up even since the beginning of the movement. Transportation has been accelerated by high-speed trains, the airplane, and fast steamers. Communication has been made almost instantaneous by telephone, telegraph, radio, and now television. No doubt all these have been designed of God as agencies to be used in finishing the work, and that speedily. Concerning the work of the last days, we are told: "The agencies of evil are combining their forces and consolidating. They are strengthening for the last great crisis. Great changes are soon to take place in our world, and the final movements will be rapid ones."—*Testimonies*, vol. 9, p. 11.

From the pen of inspiration we were told many years ago: "When divine power is combined with human effort, the work will spread like fire in the stubble. God will employ agencies whose origin man

will be unable to discern."—*Review and Herald*, Dec. 15, 1885. Agencies combining, and other agencies which God will employ "whose origin man will be unable to discern," will cause the work to spread like fire in the stubble. The message will be given—to every kindred, nation, tongue, and people. And then will the end come. Then shall be gathered together His people from every land.

Though the way be long and the road rough and dreary, let us be cheered by the certainty of the triumph of the movement. It cannot fail, for Christ has taken "upon himself the responsibility of its success." Of this we have been assured by the servant of the Lord: "Christ did not tell His disciples that their work would be easy. He showed them the vast confederacy of evil arrayed against them. They would have to fight 'against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.' But they would not be left to fight alone. He assured them that He would be with them; and that if they would go forth in faith, they should move under the shield of Omnipotence. He bade them be brave and strong; for One mightier than angels would be in their ranks,—the General of the armies of heaven. He made full provision for the prosecution of their work, and took upon Himself the responsibility of its success."—*The Acts of the Apostles*, p. 29.

Let us be cheered by the words of that grand old hymn:

"At the sounding of the trumpet, when the saints are gathered home,

We will greet each other by the crystal sea;

When the Lord Himself from heaven to His glory bids them come,

What a gathering of the faithful that will be!

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"When the golden harps are sounding, and the angel bands proclaim

In triumphant strains the glorious jubilee;

Then to meet and join to sing the song of Moses and the Lamb,

What a gathering of the faithful that will be!"

What a gathering—yes, what a gathering, at the sounding of the glorious jubilee! What a gathering! Oh, what a gathering! "What a gathering of the faithful that will be!" Let us not fail to be there and meet God's saints from every land!

It is the faithfulness, the loyalty to God, the loving service, that wins the divine approval. Every impulse of the Holy Spirit leading men to goodness and to God, is noted in the books of heaven, and in the day of God the workers through whom He has wrought will be commended.—*Christ's Object Lessons*, p. 361.

Christ in You, the Hope of Glory

By M. K. ECKENROTH

TO WHOM God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory: whom we preach, warning every man, and teaching every man in all wisdom; that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus." Col. 1:27, 28. Mystery of mysteries indeed is this truth of "Christ in you, the hope of glory!" How can it be?

It was just a year ago at the occasion of the closing Friday evening service of the Week of Prayer at Union College, Lincoln, Nebraska. Hundreds of some of the finest young people this denomination possesses were pressing in close to Christ, claiming His promised blessing. The evening testimonial service was growing late. A long line of students were waiting their opportunity to speak for Christ. In due time I was constrained to say, "Now, when these who are in line have spoken we will have to draw this service to a close."

Immediately others quickly fell into line. I shall never forget the testimony borne by the first girl who stepped into line after the announcement had been made. Tears were in her eyes; one could sense the deep struggle within her own soul. A battle had been fought; a victory had been won. Timidly she began: "I know I should not be here. I joined the line after the announcement was made. But I couldn't help it. The terrible thought just came to me: Suppose Jesus would say, 'It is done,' and probation should close and I would not be in line." A sobering silence and stillness gripped the entire audience. Everyone present caught the full impact of her words.

The apostle Paul lived in a most critical time of the world's history. The triumphant armies of Rome were marching roughshod through the earth. Her proud and arrogant legions were extending the borders of the iron monarchy. None seemed able to stay the might and power of the triumphant pagans. The hapless victims of invasion, the tragic wretches of enslavement, and the cries of the conquered were all seen and heard by a loving and patient God.

Paul was by nature a militant nationalist. With vigor and fervor he proceeded to suppress all semblances of social and spiritual change. He carried out his order to suppress the new sect called "Christians." The ideas set forth by the revolutionary from Nazareth must not be given the slightest opportunity to take root. Ruthlessly they must be suppressed. With

full vigor and a zeal bordering on fanaticism he went forth to subdue once and for all this unwelcome movement.

Yet while in the very midst of this mission a most remarkable experience came to him on the road to Damascus. Here he discovered Christ. As a result he now championed the cause of the despised ones he had set out to destroy. How can we account for such a marvelous thing? More than that, how can we understand the words of Paul except we understand something of his positively amazing concept of his Lord? "Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee. So that we may boldly say, The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me." Heb. 13:5, 6.

The Meaning of Contentment

It was in Cristobal, Canal Zone, that I witnessed a sight I shall long remember. It was the day after Christmas. The children were out playing with their new toys. Their happy laughter was heard on every side. One little fellow, obviously from one of the poorer families, had no new bright-red drum like many of his fellows had. But that didn't keep him out of the procession! Not at all! He had taken an oversized tin can and tied a string around it and around his waist, and he was beating a drum as happily and as triumphantly as any of the others. Ah, the childlike lesson, "Be content" and "without covetousness," and thus demonstrate the truth of the ever-present Christ!

Those words "The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me" assume a new importance to us today. It is as though they were just written for 1951! Amid the collapse of civilization's citadels, at a time of supreme peril for all things for which the church has stoutly contended through the centuries; at a time when those things which the blood of saints has nurtured through agonizing centuries are sorely tested, it is a wonderful thing to find a people who confidently and heroically say to the last, "The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me."

This truth of the indwelling Christ and His "peace that passeth all understanding" is in verity the third angel's message. "Several have written to me, inquiring if the message of justification by faith is the third angel's message, and I have answered, 'It is the third angel's message in verity.'"—*Evangelism*, p. 190.

The truth of righteousness by faith is a wonderful, sweet, and distinct truth entrusted to this people. How often selfishness, self-righteousness, pretense, false holiness, self-aggrandizement, have robbed the church of her richest and choicest blessing. "For years the church has been looking to man, and expecting much from man, but not looking to Jesus, in whom our hopes of eternal life are centered. Therefore God gave to His servants a testimony that presented the truth as it is in Jesus, which is the third angel's message, in clear, distinct lines."—*Ibid.*, p. 191.

Wonderful are the provisions God has made for those who have accepted the righteousness of Christ by faith. These words make it very plain. "When we are clothed with the righteousness of Christ, we shall have no relish for sin; for Christ will be working with us. We may make mistakes, but we will hate the sin that caused the sufferings of the Son of God."—*Review and Herald*, March 18, 1890.

This is precisely what Paul meant when he declared, "Not as though I had already attained, either were already perfect: but I follow after, if that I may apprehend that for which also I am apprehended of Christ Jesus." Phil. 3:12. Christ became the great adventure of his life. Christ became his hope. There was no other. There is none other today.

"Our hope is to be constantly strengthened by the knowledge that Christ is our righteousness. . . . The meager views which so many have had of the exalted character and office of Christ have narrowed their religious experience and have greatly hindered their progress in the divine life. Personal religion among us as a people is at a low ebb. There is much form, much machinery, much tongue religion; but something deeper and more solid must be brought into our religious experience. . . . What we need is to know God and the power of His love, as revealed in Christ, by an *experimental knowledge*. . . . *Through the merits of Christ, through His righteousness, which by faith is imputed unto us, we are to attain to the perfection of Christian character.*"—*Testimonies*, vol. 5, pp. 742-744. (Italics supplied.)

"For I say unto you, That except your righteousness shall exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven." Matt. 5:20.

Christ had just witnessed the prayer of a Pharisee. This was his appraisal of the worshiper's religion. Yet from the human viewpoint this Pharisee had many enviable qualities. He prayed; that is more than many others did, or do even now for that matter. Not only was he a praying man, but he loved his church. He paid a most meticulous tithe—something present-day Christians frequently shy away from. He fasted twice a week, and implemented that with deeds of religious service. He kept the Sabbath. By that we mean he

really guarded the sacred hours of God's holy day with a zeal and carefulness that frequently puts to shame God's Sabbath-keepers in this last hour of human history.

Yet in spite of all this Jesus said this man came far short of the minimum requirements for entrance into the kingdom of God! Not that Christ disapproved of a prayer life, faithfulness in the matter of tithe, or careful Sabbathkeeping. All of this was, and is, highly important for salvation. But these are the fruits of God's salvation, not the way of salvation. One is a system of self-aggrandizement, of boasting and works. The acceptable service is one of trustful reliance and appropriation of Christ's righteousness by faith, that produces a radiant religion.

A stranger once entered the church on Sabbath morning and sat beside the minister's wife. The minister spoke most eloquently and movingly of the love of God. He spoke of the joys of the consistent Christian life. The congregation was visibly moved by the pastor's sincere appeal. Finally, the visitor leaned over to the woman sitting next to her and whispered, "What the minister is saying is so wonderful, but surely no one can live such a life." The woman to whom the stranger spoke turned, and with an assuring smile answered, "Yes, I know such a life can be lived. You see, I am the pastor's wife." What a testimony of the pastor's life! What a challenge to every Christian! What is the testimony of those who know us most intimately? It is within the confines of the intimacy of daily, common everyday life that "Christ within you" is put to its severest test.

Consider this appeal, O church of Christ, in this last, last hour:

"There is nothing that Satan fears so much as that the people of God shall clear the way by removing every hindrance, so that the Lord can pour out His Spirit upon a languishing church and an impenitent congregation. If Satan had his way, there would never be another awakening, great or small, to the end of time. But we are not ignorant of his devices. It is possible to resist his power. When the way is prepared for the Spirit of God, the blessing will come. Satan can no more hinder a shower of blessing from descending upon God's people than he can close the windows of heaven that rain cannot come upon the earth. Wicked men and devils cannot hinder the work of God, or shut out His presence from the assemblies of His people, if they will, with subdued, contrite hearts, confess and put away their sins, and in faith claim His promises. Every temptation, every opposing influence, whether open or secret, may be successfully resisted, 'not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord of hosts.' . . .

"What is our condition in this fearful and solemn time? Alas, what pride is prevailing in the church, what hypocrisy, what deception, what love of dress, frivol-

ity, and amusement, what desire for the supremacy! All these sins have clouded the mind, so that eternal things have not been discerned."—*Review and Herald*, March 22, 1887.

"The Hope of Glory"

And what shall be the end of all this? What is the "hope of glory"? Paul again answers this in his tremendous testimony, "For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain." Phil. 1:21. The apostle had an amazing concept of Jesus Christ. "I determined not to know any thing among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified." 1 Cor. 2:2. "I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me." Gal. 2:20. It was because of this concept of Christ that Paul could say, "To die is gain." He never doubted this. That is why his ministry bore such a rich fruitage.

"Let us gather together that which our own experience has revealed to us of the preciousness of Christ, and present it to others as a precious gem that sparkles and shines. Thus will the sinner be attracted to Him. . . . The cross of Calvary is a pledge to us of everlasting life. Faith in Christ means everything to the sincere believer."—*Ibid.*, March 19, 1895.

"Arouse every spiritual energy to action. Tell those whom you visit that the end of all things is at hand. The Lord Jesus Christ will open the door of their hearts, and will make upon their minds lasting impressions.

"Strive to arouse men and women from their spiritual insensibility. Tell them how you found Jesus and how blessed you have been since you gained an experience in His service. . . . Let your cheerful, encouraging words show that you have certainly found the higher way. This is genuine missionary work, and as it is done,

many will awake as from a dream."—*Testimonies*, vol. 9, p. 38.

This is practical religion. This is the spontaneous changed concept of life and death that comes to every soul when by faith he accepts Christ. In this way the church can move forward. New heights are attained. Greater evangelistic results are achieved, new victories wrought out. "Christ in you, the hope of glory." Of course the gospel can be triumphant only in this way. It can be preached in so many different ways: from the sacred desk, from the doctor's office, in the classroom, in the field, in the place of business, in the science laboratory, or in the secretarial office. It may be proclaimed by administrators, or in the byways and hedges by the humblest layman. The musician may play it, the artist may paint it, and all may live it! "For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain." The apostle began to really live when Christ became his one great love and purpose. When he no longer shared divided affections—then Paul said that he began to live.

The most decisive battle of history was not at Waterloo, the Marne, Iwo Jima, or the 38th parallel. It was fought in a quiet garden in Palestine, when a young Nazarene, the Son of God, whose purposes were made clear at the age of twelve, conquered the enemy in Gethsemane. That battle continued until, worn and sweating as it were drops of blood, He rose and walked the rugged way to Calvary, and finally prayed, "Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit." Luke 23:46. Through Him alone we too can become conquerors. Will you, dear reader, say that much tonight? Right now will you also breathe that simplest, yet most eloquent prayer, "Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit"? Oh, glorious victory that may be yours! What peace and joy in your home and life await you as you come to Jesus Christ now!

MY COVENANT OF PEACE

- ☐ 1. I rededicate my life fully and completely to my precious Lord. I have confessed my sins. I ask Him for a new opportunity.
- ☐ 2. I have wandered away from my Saviour. I now return to His side, and seek His forgiveness and desire rebaptism.
- ☐ 3. I have never accepted Christ, but I do so now for the first time, and I determine to go all the way with Him.

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"By My Spirit, Saith the Lord"

By W. H. BRANSON

THE Bible has a good deal to say about a finished work. God does not leave things half done. What He begins He finishes. None can stay His hand. The creation of the heavens and the earth was a great project. It required much planning and careful thought, for it involved bringing into existence beings made in the image of God. But when the work began it went on to completion, so that at the end of the week God was able to look upon a perfect world, complete with all that infinite love could supply. "The works were finished from the foundation of the world" (Heb. 4:3), and God was able to rest and to rejoice in the contemplation of a complete creation.

In the experiences of everyday life men and women take honest pride in seeing a task finished. It is not enough, in building a house, to lay the foundation, erect part of the walls, and then stop. We keep on working until the last tile is on the roof, the last nail is driven, the last stroke of paint applied, all the trash carried away, grass and flowers planted, and the furniture in place. Then we invite our friends to rejoice with us in a finished work.

God and man are laborers together in the great work of redemption. One of these days it will be finished. Just as truly as God sent His Son into the world to die for our sins, this same Jesus will come again to reign forever and ever. God is long-suffering, not willing that any should perish, but He is not slack concerning His promise. The words graven on the tomb of William Miller are also written in heaven and will certainly be fulfilled: "At the time appointed the end shall be." Dan. 8:19.

When the time came for the early apostles to begin the work assigned them by their resurrected Lord, they were in great need. Doubtless they lacked funds. There were no church or office buildings, no equipment, few believers. A more unlikely group from a worldly standpoint would have been hard to find. If anyone ever seemed to be cherishing a forlorn hope, they did. And yet we look back to that hour as a time of tremendous achievement. Why? Because of Pentecost.

The wind and the flame from heaven descended upon the waiting company as "the Infinite One revealed Himself in power to His church. . . . Heaven rejoiced in being able to pour out upon the church the riches of the Spirit's grace. And under the influence of the Spirit, words of penitence and confession mingled with songs of praise for sins for-

given. Words of thanksgiving and of prophecy were heard. All heaven bent low to behold and to adore the wisdom of matchless, incomprehensible love. Lost in wonder, the apostles exclaimed, 'Herein is love.' They grasped the imparted gift. And what followed? The sword of the Spirit, newly edged with power and bathed in the lightnings of heaven, cut its way through unbelief. Thousands were converted in a day."—*Acts of the Apostles*, p. 38.

Power in Advent Movement

Centuries later, as the Second Advent began to draw near, God again manifested His power, demonstrating how consecrated human agents can be used to fulfill the divine purpose. Every Seventh-day Adventist heart has thrilled to the story of the pioneers. The men and women of the 1844 movement were not rich or famous. By any human standard their undertaking was marked out for complete failure. There was no probability whatever that a handful of apparently misguided religious enthusiasts, smarting under the bitterness of the 1844 disappointment, would ever sound the warning cry of the Second Advent to all the world.

The thirty believers who met at Rocky Hill, Connecticut, in the spring of 1848, made no noticeable impression upon the religious world. Early oblivion must have seemed certain to any worldly wise observer, and it surely would have been inevitable without divine guidance and power. The magnificent courage of Joseph Bates, who put his last dollar into the publishing work; the killing toil of James White, who traveled through the snows of winter, preaching in wet clothing amid the jeers and missiles of the ungodly, would not of themselves have kept this message from being wiped off the face of the earth. In spite of the absolute devotion of Ellen White, who journeyed and labored by night and by day, without earthly comforts, often in sickness and privation, the torch of truth would have smoldered and gone out had it been kindled by a human hand. The foreign missionary venture of J. N. Andrews, who sailed for Europe in 1874 with his motherless children, to find a grave in an alien land, might well have been the end instead of the beginning had not the divine touch been upon him. Cold poverty alone, the utter absence of funds, would have strangled the remnant church in its cradle had not the arm of God been strong to deliver.

The farmers and tradesmen of 1844 were just as helpless in themselves as were the fishermen of Galilee. It was the voice of Jesus that made the difference. He spoke to them, and His word was with power. It was the light and power from heaven ministered by the Holy Spirit to the believers in the early days of the remnant church that gave growth and fruitage and set the seal of divine leadership upon the movement.

But the work of God on earth is not yet finished. Our salvation is nearer than when we believed, our redemption draweth nigh, but our task is still undone. More than a century has passed since the great Second Advent Movement began. The great-grandchildren of those who witnessed the falling of the stars are now entering adult life, cherishing the same hope as did their fathers, that they will live to see Jesus come. But the solemn truth must be faced, that if the work of God on earth is ever to be finished, more rapid progress must be seen. Greater power must attend our witnessing. A more intense zeal must lay hold of us. The word concerning the early church is that "with great power gave the apostles witness . . . and great grace was upon them all." Acts 4:33. That is the need of the church today—great power, great grace. The unentered fields still present a mighty challenge. How much longer will the accuser of the brethren be able to mock us with our lethargy, our spiritual inefficiency, our failure to arise and bear aloft the torch of present truth? Just the other day a conference president in North America wrote:

"Nearly 75 per cent of our counties have no organized church or company. We have a tremendous unworked mission field without sufficient means or men to finish the work. At the rate we have gone in the last several years, and as far as the prospects for the future look, it will be three or four generations before the work will be done. Only as a new power comes from on high can we expect to see the work finished."

Time Running Out

Brethren and sisters of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, we do not have an unlimited time in which to complete our task. Who dares look forward to three or four more generations in which to proclaim this truth? How can we continue at the present rate and ever hope to be ready to welcome our returning Lord?

We live in an age when man has discovered many secrets of power. On every hand we see the result. There is today more power for moving men and goods by land, sea, and air. There is more power for carrying the human voice around the world, more power to bring the very sight and sound of far-off events to the eye and ear of everyone who has a connection with that power. There is more power to increase the material well-being of the mul-

titudes, more power also to destroy. There is power all about us. Then is there not more and greater power to bring the cause of God to an early and glorious triumph? Thank God there is! Heaven's storehouse is not empty. Heaven's powerhouse has not shut down. The warm, rich current of divine energy from above is still available in abundant measure.

Throughout the country are many rivers whose waters have been stored by dams and are used to generate electric power. The visitor looking upstream sees a great lake of quiet water. Below the dam the water level is lower. Between these levels is the powerhouse. A number of gates are arranged in the wall of the dam. As they are opened the water from above flows through, turns the machinery, generates the electric current, and brings light and power to the waiting population in cities and villages far away.

The amount of electric power delivered depends upon the demand of the people. On a quiet holiday, with the sun shining brightly in the sky, the demand for current is low. One gate is opened at the dam, one generator turns, and the people are satisfied. But near the end of a busy day in the midwinter, when every factory wheel is still turning, when the gloom of an approaching storm causes every lamp to burn, and when the housewives in a thousand kitchens are preparing the evening meal, then one gate of power up at the dam is not enough. The engineer opens another, and a second generator roars into life; still another, and yet another, until every gate is open wide to receive the flood that will flash the power to the waiting multitude. And yet the lake above is not drained away. It still lies quiet under the darkening evening sky, an exhaustless reservoir of power waiting only to be called upon, fed by the never-failing rivers from the hills.

We are living in a cloudy and dark day. The hour is growing late. The work is far from done. Do we ask for more time? The answer is, "There shall be time no longer." There is but one solution to the problem of an unfinished task, and that is, more power. The reservoir of heaven is unlimited. It awaits our demand and reception. "It is not because of any restriction on the part of God that the riches of His grace do not flow earthward to men. . . . If all were willing, all would be filled with the Spirit. . . . The Lord is more willing to give the Holy Spirit to those who serve Him than parents are to give good gifts to their children. For the daily baptism of the Spirit, every worker should offer his petition to God."—*Ibid.*, p. 50.

The power needed depends upon the

greatness and the urgency of the task. The work confronting the church of God today was never so great. The need of His people for power was never so urgent. God's plans are of progressive growth. His kingdom is illustrated by the seed, the blade, the leaven. Small and unnoticed at first, like the sprouting seed, it grows steadily into greatness.

The first angel of Revelation 14 flying in midheaven is followed by a second, then a third, and finally by another, having such great power that the earth is lighted with his glory. The stone cut out without hands becomes a great mountain and fills the whole earth. The kingdoms of this world become the kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ.

It is for such a time as this that the church of God needs the spirit of consecration and of power. True, many lands have been entered with the third angel's message. True, marvelous providences have attended the preaching of the Word. True, thousands have turned from idols to serve the living God and to wait for His Son from heaven. But it is equally true that "there remaineth yet very much land to be possessed." Joshua 13:1. Our work in many places has gained barely a foothold. Millions yet wait for the message, and probation's hour is fast slipping away.

The seventh angel is about to sound. The mystery of God is soon to be finished. The divine schedule of events cannot fail. "He that shall come will come, and will not tarry." "Like the stars in the vast circuit of their appointed path, God's purposes know no haste and no delay."—*The Desire of Ages*, p. 31.

The time calls for Spirit-filled men and women—men and women of power. All heaven is astir as the day approaches. Every angel is eager to minister more fully to the heirs of salvation. The Lord Himself is waiting anxiously to revive His commandment-keeping people, enabling them to give the message of final warning with such power that the whole world will tremble and the last sheaf of the harvest be quickly gathered in.

"Ask of the Lord Rain"

On this Sabbath morning I appeal to all our Adventist believers throughout the world to clear the way for the Holy Spirit's full reception. This must be done personally by each individual. God's Spirit cannot fellowship with sin. We can have one or the other but not both.

Let us think seriously at this moment. Does anyone feel a pricking in his heart because of some sin in his life? Is the Spirit gently pleading with you just now to forsake this or that, so you may be

fully prepared for His holy presence and control? If so, beware of refusing His plea lest He be grieved away and return no more.

Have any lost their first love for this mighty truth? Have any become cold, indifferent, worldly, critical? These things serve as barriers to the presence of the Spirit and must be fully removed and forsaken before the power of the living God can take possession of the heart and life.

But there is help in God for everyone. Jesus can save to the uttermost. No case is too hard for Him. At this very hour His grace, pardon, and cleansing are for all who will completely forsake their sins and surrender all to Him. And as we make this full and entire surrender of our lives to God, we may also ask "of the Lord rain in the time of the latter rain." We may accept by faith the promise of the Father. The gift of the Holy Spirit may be received today on exactly the same terms as it was received by the early church at Pentecost. They received the Holy Spirit by taking three necessary steps. First, they recognized and confessed their sins. Next, they asked God to fulfill His promise. Third, they believed that Christ would fulfill the promise He had made. With these three steps—confessing, asking, and believing—Pentecost came. Today we must take the same steps. The conditions of receiving have not changed. Let us take them today, and receive the promise of the Spirit by faith. Thus, and only thus, will we obtain the power needed for the finishing of our world task.

A True Sacrifice Offering

The time has come for the annual Week of Sacrifice Offering. Surely it should be the largest ever given. Giving is a fruit of the Spirit. When Pentecost came to the early church, those who had worldly possessions sold them and laid the money down at the apostles' feet. We should see this taking place again today. It is time for the church members to lay more of their worldly possessions upon the altar. What a privilege is ours to be able to send our means to support the work of God in the needy regions beyond. This privilege will not long endure. Already the unrest among the nations has cut off the free interchange of funds in some parts. Inflation has decreased the value of money so that our gifts cannot now accomplish what they did in former years. But there is still some value to our money, and we should hasten to put as much of it as possible into heavenly, eternal treasure. Let us give today as we will wish we had given when all human values fade and only the eternal values remain. May God's choicest blessings be upon you all.

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Dear Members of the Advent Movement:

My mind keeps turning to one of those short but ominous declarations by our Lord: "For these be the days of vengeance, that all things which are written may be fulfilled." Thus spoke Christ in foretelling the fearful destruction that awaited Jerusalem and the Jewish nation. But that destruction was a type and symbol of the last great judgment that is to overtake the whole world. With vastly added force and timeliness we read His words today. "These be the days of vengeance." Now are we witnessing the fulfillment of all that has been written by the holy prophets.

These are the days to which we have looked forward since the Advent Movement began. These are the days our pioneers forecast on the strength of God's prophetic Word, when all the world around them laughed at their warnings of coming doom. These are the days when of a surety we may confidently expect the heavens to open and reveal to us the face of God and the legions of angels that surround Him.

I wonder if we fully realize what it means to be a Seventh-day Adventist in such a day as this. Do we truly appreciate what manner of persons we ought to be in all holy conversation and godliness? Can we be content, in such an hour as this, to make only a casual endeavor to prepare for heaven? Is this not a time in which spiritual preparation ought to be the first concern of our lives?

Through all the years of the Advent Movement one of the principal aids in such holy preparation has been our church paper, the Review and Herald. Week by week its pages are filled with articles that build spiritual strength into our lives, that give us a constant appreciation of the power of the gospel as our missionaries labor afar, that warn us against the dangers and temptations that ever beset us. The Review and Herald, the authentic voice of the Advent Movement, can help each of you to make the coming year a great and good year for God. This journal can be to you a pastor in print, visiting your home each week, and helping to guide your feet steadily toward the gates of the New Jerusalem. I would encourage every English-speaking Adventist home to subscribe to the Review.

Your brother in Christ,



W. H. Branson,
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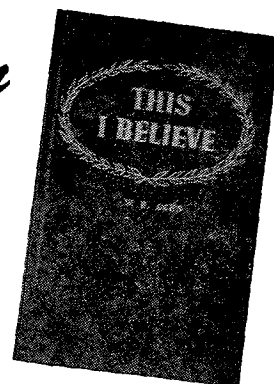
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Lessons for the Children's Week of Prayer, 1951

Prepared by EUGENE SAMPLE

General Suggestions to Leaders

HERE we are at the beginning of another special week when it is our privilege to study with the children some of the true meanings of life and to help them to better understand how we should relate ourselves to God's plan. Our theme for this week is "Preparing to Meet Jesus." Surely there is nothing more important for us to consider. In this day, when millions are grasping for some straw of hope for a doomed world, it is our joy to have a confidence in the soon fulfillment of the promise of Christ's return, which has been the hope of the people of God of all time.

The lessons that follow have been prepared with the same general topics in mind as are found in the readings for the adults. However, we wish to urge all who use these lessons for the children *not to read them directly*. Study them through and use them only as a basis for a presentation that will hold the interest of the children. Obviously all ages of the boys and girls in our schools should not be treated alike. For the younger students some simplification of the material should be made.

It is sincerely hoped that we as leaders will demonstrate our confidence and faith in the soon return of our Saviour. In our own lives we must first possess the experience that we desire to share with the children.

Every effort should be put forth to establish a genuine desire in the hearts of the boys and girls to be ready for Jesus. Perhaps our theme song for the week could be "Lift Up the Trumpet," *Missionary Volunteer Songs*, p. 100. It may be found in most of our songbooks. Sing it at the beginning of every meeting, with an emphasis on preparing to meet Jesus when He comes.

A further suggestion might prove of value. The lessons have been geared to the thought of creating a desire in the child to surrender his heart to Jesus. At the close of each meeting the choruses "Give Your Heart to Jesus" and "Into My Heart"—*Missionary Volunteer Songs*, pages 33, 30—may be sung as an appeal to the children and a response from them. These may be found in the *Missionary Volunteer songbook*. Occasionally during the week a testimony service should be planned. Thus the children will be given a chance to express their determination.

(Lesson I, Sabbath, November 10, 1951)

The Greatest Day of All

WHAT a grand day it was to be for Benny! He had been longing and waiting for it, and now it had come. Today he was going home!

You see, ten-year-old Benny had been in the hospital for three long months. It had been while he was playing in the yard at home on a lovely day in early spring that he

had first noticed the peculiar ache in his head, and then he didn't seem to have his usual energy for play. Before long the muscles in his legs and back seemed to be aching too. Benny went into the house and lay on the couch to rest. It was there that mother had found him, and she asked what the trouble was. Benny told her, and after doing what she could for him, mother called the family doctor. Upon careful examination, it was discovered that Benny was sick with infantile paralysis, a serious illness.

Benny was hurried off to the hospital, where the days had stretched into weeks. Benny had been in an iron lung for more than a month, to help him get well. Then he had special exercises every day to strengthen his muscles. The nurses and doctors had treated him well, and he would miss them, but, oh, how he had wanted to go home.

Now after three months the doctor had said he could. He kept thinking about all the things he wanted to see when he got there. One of the first would be his pet dog, Bimbo. Perhaps Bimbo would come running out to meet him. And then there would be the row of sweet corn that he had planted the week before he got sick. Daddy had told him how tall it had grown and that soon he could have some delicious roasting ears from it. There were a dozen other things he would have to do and see. He could hardly wait for daddy to come and get him. Today he was going home! What a grand day it was!

If any of you boys and girls have ever been away from home for some time, you know just how Benny felt. Right now, however, I am thinking about another day and another trip home. To everyone who is ready it will be the greatest day of his life. You see, it is the trip to the home that Jesus has prepared for us. You remember the promise Jesus made when He was on earth so long ago: "In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also." John 14:2, 3.

This wonderful promise Jesus will surely keep. After He went back to heaven, John, His beloved disciple, wrote about His return. "Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him." Rev. 1:7. Among His last words to John were: "Behold I come quickly; and my reward is with me to give every man according as his work shall be." Rev. 22:12. Jesus wants all His children to be with Him in this lovely home, and He is coming back to the earth to get them. What a glorious day it will be when we can go to our heavenly home!

Benny, our sick boy, had become tired of lying in bed; he had wanted to run and play and do the things he had always done before; he had wanted to go home. He was willing to work hard on his exercises to strengthen his muscles; he was willing to do just what the doctor had said, because he

knew that this would help make it possible for him to go home sooner.

If we longed to go home to heaven as much as Benny wanted to go to his home, perhaps we would work harder to get ready, so Jesus could come and get us.

What will the coming of Jesus bring to us? It will mean the end of all the sorrow and heartache of this world of sin. Little Freddy, who has had to use crutches since an automobile accident two years ago, can throw them away then. Sharon, who was born blind and has never seen all the lovely flowers and other beautiful things, will be able to see.

Richard, who lost his leg in the war in Korea, will have a new one.

The coming of Jesus will mean the end of all wars and crimes that are in the world today. It will bring in a life for God's children where there will be no death, no crying, no more pain. "God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away." Rev. 21:4.

That's worth working for, isn't it? Would you like to be among those who are ready for Jesus when He comes? You and I must be ready every day. Jesus said, "Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come. . . . For in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh." Matt. 24:42-44.

Millions of persons will not be ready for Jesus when He comes. They will cry and wail because of His coming. They will call for the rocks and the mountains to fall on them to hide them from His glory. But those who are ready will look up with rejoicing, knowing that their greatest of all days has come and that they are going home with Jesus.

Because we do not know exactly when Jesus is coming we must be ready all the time to meet Him. The way to get ready is to make all wrongs right, to turn away from temptations, and determine to do what Jesus wants us to do every day and every hour. We must stop being selfish. We must stop bad habits, and we must be more loving and kind and helpful at home and at school. Jesus will take control of our lives and make us what we should be if we will give our hearts to Him.

(Sing the two choruses "Give Your Heart to Jesus" and "Into My Heart.")

(Lesson II, Sunday, November 11, 1951)

When Will It Be?

YESTERDAY we were talking about the hope of the coming of Jesus. For many years His children have longed to see Him come. We are sorry that others gave up their hope and no longer wait for Jesus to come. Satan has worked hard to discourage many and to get them to believe that the coming of Jesus is

a long way off. Jesus Himself saw that this would happen and said that near the end of the world the love for Jesus and His return would grow cold in many hearts.

Jesus told a story of a bad servant who was left to take care of his master's goods. The servant thought his master would be gone many months; therefore he had plenty of time to do his work. Jesus said: "But and if that evil servant shall say in his heart, My lord delayeth his coming; and shall begin to smite his fellow servants, and to eat and drink with the drunken; the lord of that servant shall come in a day when he looketh not for him, and in an hour that he is not aware of, and shall . . . appoint him his portion with the hypocrites: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth." Matt. 24:48-51.

Jesus gave us many signs so that we could know when His coming would be near. He spoke of the great signs in the sun and moon and stars. He said that there would be floods and earthquakes and other disasters by land and sea. He told of wars that would come. He said there would be a great increase in crime and lawlessness. He told how the story of His love would be taken to all the world by missionaries. Then He said, "When ye see these things come to pass, know ye that the kingdom of God is nigh at hand." Luke 21:31.

As we see the conditions in the world about us today, we know that we are living near the time when Jesus will return. Never in the history of the world have there been such earthquakes, floods, and disasters as those we read and hear of day by day. The greatest wars of all time have been fought in this century.

All these things are a fulfillment of what Jesus said would take place just before He would come. We know that He "is near, even at the doors." Matt. 24:33.

Sometimes we may get tired of waiting, and wish Jesus would come, but we must remember that "he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved." Matt. 24:13.

Eleven-year-old Carl sat quietly in a seat of the day coach on a train. The day was hot and sultry, not very comfortable for traveling. The country outside was mostly desert. Carl sat patiently looking out the window. Occasionally he could see a rabbit or a ground squirrel. An old woman passing down the aisle asked sympathetically, "Aren't you tired of the long ride, sonny? It's hot and dusty."

Carl looked up brightly, and with a twinkle in his eye replied, "Yes, ma'am, I'm a little tired. But I don't mind it much because my father is going to meet me when I get to the end of it."

Sometimes the journey to our heavenly home also gets a bit wearisome, but we know that when we come to the end of the journey Jesus will be there to meet us. "We know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is. And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure." 1 John 3:2, 3.

We must be ready to see Jesus. We must avoid getting into trouble. We must let Jesus come into our hearts and give us the victory over our sins and bad habits.

(Ask for an expression from the children of those who really want to be ready when Jesus comes by letting Jesus live in their lives. Sing "Give Your Heart to Jesus" and "Into My Heart.")

(Lesson III, Monday, November 12, 1951)

Light Along the Way

It was one of those nights when the darkness outside seemed so thick that you could reach out and grab it. The Smith family were returning by auto from a camping trip in the mountains. Behind the car was the house trailer they had lived in during their vacation. It was after midnight, and the family were eager to get home. All seemed to be going well when suddenly the lights on the car blinked out, and the road ahead was only blackness.

In less time than it takes to tell it, the driver realized that a fuse had blown out, and he knew he did not have another to replace it. He thought of that road ahead. He knew there were steep banks and narrow passes. He knew that cars coming from behind, not knowing his car and trailer were there, might crash into them. Suddenly he remembered that only about two hundred feet ahead there was a large truck going his way. He turned to his wife and asked her to pray, and then he pressed his foot on the accelerator. Driving cautiously and straining his eyes to avoid danger, he followed the truck for ten miles over that mountain pass—the lights from the truck giving him light in the darkness. Finally they came to a filling station that was open and were able to buy a new fuse that put the lights to working again.

How important it is to have a light to show us the way in the darkness of night. But how much more important it is for us to have the light that will guide us through the darkness of this world of sin. David knew this, for he said, "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path." Ps. 119:105. God knew that Satan would try to bring darkness into the lives of boys and girls. He knew that unless there was light they would lose their way. Jesus is the Light of the world, and if we take His hand, He will lead us through the darkness.

God uses boys and girls as His special light bearers if they are willing to let Him come into their hearts. Many of them have given special messages to help the people see their way through the nighttime of the world.

Such leaders as Moses, Samuel, Daniel, Esther, Paul, and John held aloft the light so that others could find the way to life. In all ages God has had His special messengers to tell His will to the people. Their "sure word of prophecy" revealed by God to them has been as "a light that shineth in a dark place." 2 Peter 1:19.

More than one hundred years ago God began to call people to be ready to meet Jesus. The Bible truth that Jesus would come the second time had almost been forgotten. Among the leaders that God chose to help to carry the light that was needed, was a young girl by the name of Ellen Harmon. He knew He could trust her anywhere and at all times to give the messages that would be a help to His followers. She was thirteen when she gave her heart to God, and seventeen when she received her first special message from God. It seemed a great cross for her to do the work the Lord was

asking, that of pointing out the sins of the people and directing them in the right way. But she was faithful to the call, and for seventy years she worked untiringly for her loving Saviour.

In 1846 she was married to James White, and together they did a great work in the Advent Movement. Ellen G. White wrote more than sixty books and hundreds of articles and letters to help point the way to the coming kingdom. These all contain precious instruction. Our boys and girls in our schools study much from these writings, because they are all based on the Bible and help us to understand it. In them is to be found much of the light that will shine brightly in our lives and show us the way to go. (If time and conditions permit, tell one of the stories of Ellen G. White that may be found in *His Messenger*, by Ruth Wheeler, or *Stories of Little Ellen*, by Helen M. Johnson and Evelyn Roose Dinsmore, or from some other source.)

Jesus is coming soon, and we need to study and pray and follow the light so that we shall be ready for Him.

(Lesson IV, Tuesday, November 13, 1951)

What About Our Homes?

TWELVE-YEAR-OLD Jim was running away from home. He had a little bag containing a few things he thought he might need, along with a sandwich and a couple of apples. "Why are you going away?" a boy asked him, and Jim was quick to tell how dad and mother, and even big sister, made him work so hard. All he seemed to do was work, work, work, and he never got anything for it, so he said. He *knew* he could get along better by himself. He would find his way in the world! He was old enough to look after himself!

Now, Jim came by my house, and I asked him about his going away. He wasn't happy, and he admitted it. He said he hadn't done much to make home a happier place in which to live. He had been grouchy and selfish most of the time. Perhaps he should go back and try again! I told Jim I was sure he should.

I don't know just how Jim came out, but I do know that there are hundreds of other Jims in the land today. The newspapers tell of boys and girls who have been disappointed with their home life, and who have turned to the "gang" in the streets to find what they want.

This week we have been thinking about the home that Jesus is preparing for us and how we must be ready to go to that home when He comes again. But the things that we do at home today will either help or hinder us in getting ready for the heavenly home. Boys and girls, we can do much to lift the burdens from father and mother. We can help bring joy to all in the home.

The "home should be a place where cheerfulness, courtesy, and love abide; and where these graces dwell, there will abide happiness and peace. Troubles may invade, but these are the lot of humanity. Let patience, gratitude, and love keep sunshine in the heart, though the day may be ever so cloudy. In such homes angels of God abide."—*Ministry of Healing*, p. 393.

"A house is built of bricks and stone,
Of sills and posts and piers;
But a home is built of loving deeds,
That stand a thousand years.

"A house, though but a humble cot,
Within its walls may hold
A home of priceless beauty, rich
In love's eternal gold."

Jenny wanted fifty cents to buy a trinket at the store. Mother saw no need for her to have it. She kindly and politely said no. But Jenny was angry. She cried and stamped her feet and fretted and fumed. It finally ended by Jenny's going to her bedroom for the rest of the afternoon. I wouldn't say that Jenny was doing her part to make the home a happy one, would you?

One of the Ten Commandments that God gave us to guide our way says, "Honour thy father and thy mother." Do you suppose that means to honor their decisions, to realize that dad and mother have had much more experience and probably do know best? Do you suppose that means to honor their requests for little duties in the home without pouting and sulking about how abused we are to have to do them?

"Children as well as parents have important duties in the home. They should be taught that they are a part of the home firm. They are fed and clothed and loved and cared for; and they should respond to these many mercies by bearing their share of the home burdens, and bringing all the happiness possible into the family of which they are members.

"Children are sometimes tempted to chafe under restraint; but in after life they will bless their parents for the faithful care and strict watchfulness that guarded and guided them in their years of inexperience."—*Ibid.*, p. 394.

Think of the home life of Jesus. Do you suppose that the way He acted as a boy in the home and in the carpenter shop of Joseph had anything to do with the character He developed for manhood? Surely, we say it did! He "faithfully and cheerfully acted His part in bearing the household burdens. He who had been the commander of heaven, was a willing servant, a loving, obedient son."—*Ibid.*, p. 399. Such a course is not always easy for us, but it doubtless was not easy for Him either.

Perhaps it would be well for us to list a few of the things that we might think go together to make the kind of homes we would most like to live in. You can probably think of others, but here are some:

1. *Unselfishness.* Selfishness tears down, but unselfishness builds up. The unselfish person practices the golden rule. He will do things to please someone else. The unselfish person develops a Christian character while he helps to build a successful home.

2. *Patience.* So often we are much less patient with those in the home than we are with our regular friends. We get to know each other so well in the home that we see the faults more plainly. We are tempted to criticize and blame rather than to love and forgive.

3. *Neatness.* It is wrong for us to expect someone else to clean up after us. Each member of the family should keep his things picked up and should help to keep the whole

house clean. It is not just mother's or big sister's job.

4. *Cheerfulness.* How much a friendly smile helps to smooth the way. Everybody occasionally has times when he feels less happy than at other times, but it is then that the rest of the family should say a word or give a smile that will help the discouraged one. And a happy attitude in each task will make the duty seem much lighter.

5. *Courteousness.* Do we ever get rude to each other in the home? How many times do you say Please and Thank-you and Pardon me and other little things that indicate your consideration for the rights of others in the family? Do you save all such things for schooltime?

6. *Gratefulness.* One of the most neglected things in most homes is the little act of showing appreciation for things that other members of the family do for us. So often we take everything for granted. Do you ever show mother that you appreciate all she does for you? Do you ever let daddy know how thankful you are for his love for you? A thank-you costs so little and yet means so much in life.

7. *Integrity.* Do you always keep your promise? Are you home on time? Are your chores finished when they should be? Remember that a junior is dependable.

8. *Love.* Perhaps this is the most important of all. Love helps us to overlook the small annoyances and to see the good in each other. It makes the home the sweetest place on earth.

"Home is not a place to stay,
But where there's good cheer all the day.
Home is not a boarding place,
But where there's sunshine in each face.

"Home is not where riches dwell,
But where sweet patience weaves her spell.
Home is not where all is fair,
But where love lightens every care.

"Home is just a place to see
How brave and splendid one can be,
A place that makes all heroes bold,
And heroines as fine as gold.

"Home is where the bravest hearts
Are daily acting noble parts,
Where angels' feet have hourly trod—
Yes, home is where there's most of God.

—MARY HESTER FORCE.

(Lesson V, Wednesday, November 14, 1951)

How Much Do I Owe?

As we get ready to meet Jesus we must think about the things that He expects us to do for Him. We actually belong to Him, and we owe Him all that we have and all that we are.

A small boy spent many hours making a toy boat. When the boat was finished, he played with it and let it float down the stream. One day it got away from him, and was carried down the river out of his sight. He cried because he had lost his precious boat. Later on, in the window of a pawnshop

the boy saw the boat he had made. He went in and told the storekeeper that it was his boat he had there in the window. The man replied that it was now in his possession, and that if the boy wanted the boat, he would have to pay two dollars and seventy-five cents to redeem it. So the boy worked hard and at last had the money to buy back his boat. He went to the shop and gave the man the money. This time he came away with his boat. As he carried it away he held it close to him and said, "Little boat, you are twice mine. In the first place I made you, and in the second place I bought you back."

So it is with each of us. Jesus, who was the Creator, made us in the first place. When we strayed away into sin He bought us back by dying on the cross for us. The apostle Peter says we are redeemed, or purchased, not with silver and gold, but with the precious blood of Christ. (1 Peter 1:18, 19.)

Many times Satan tempts boys and girls to believe that they can go ahead and do the things he wants them to do without thinking of what they owe to Jesus. It seems unfair to deal with Jesus in this way. Jesus said, "Whosoever will save his life shall lose it; and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it." Matt. 16:25. When we start seeking the pleasures of sin to satisfy our selfish desires we really start losing our lives. But when we surrender to Jesus and walk in His way, we have happiness and joy.

Once there was a suit of clothes hanging in a store window. The sign on it said, "Slightly soiled, greatly reduced in price." Sometimes we think we can get soiled by the filth of sin without affecting our value. We think we are too good to be hurt by going to the theater, or by reading cheap books and magazines, or by allowing ourselves to think dishonest thoughts. Suddenly we discover that we are "slightly soiled," and "greatly reduced in price."

The story is told of a young woman who was defending her attendance at a questionable place of amusement by saying, "I think a Christian can go anywhere."

"Certainly she can," replied her friend, "but I am reminded of an incident that occurred last summer when I went with a party of friends to explore a coal mine. One of the young women appeared dressed in a dainty white frock. When her friends tried to persuade her to change to something else, she appealed to the old miner who was to act as the guide of the party.

"'Can't I wear a white dress down into the mine?' she asked appealingly. 'Yes'm,' replied the old man. 'There's nothin' to keep you from wearing a white dress down there, but there'll be considerable to keep you from wearing one back.'"

The old miner knew that it would be certain that the girl would soil her pretty dress with some of the black of the coal mine. In the same manner it is impossible for us to lower the standards of the church and mingle in the works of sin without soiling our lives.

"We are not to place ourselves needlessly in the way of temptation. God says, 'Come out from among them, and be ye separate, . . . and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, and will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters.' If by associating with worldlings for pleasure, by conforming to worldly practices, by uniting our interests with unbelievers, we place our feet in the path of temptation and

sin, how can we expect God to keep us from falling.

"Keep yourselves away from the corrupting influences of the world. Do not go unbidden to places where the forces of the enemy are strongly entrenched. Do not go where you will be tempted and led astray."
—*Review and Herald*, April 14, 1904.

Many years ago a lad of sixteen left home to seek his fortune. All his possessions were tied up in a bundle which he carried in his hand. As he trudged along he met a neighbor, the captain of a canal boat.

"Well, William, where are you going?"

"I don't know," he answered; "father is too poor to keep me at home any longer and says I must now make a living for myself."

"There's no trouble about that," said the captain. "Be sure you start right, and you'll get along fine."

William told his friend that the only trade he knew anything about was soapmaking and candlemaking, at which he had helped his father once in a while.

"Well," said the old man, "let me pray with you once more and give you a little advice, and then I will let you go."

The two knelt down on the path. The man prayed earnestly for William, and then gave him this advice, "Someone will soon be the leading soapmaker in New York, and it can be you as well as anyone. I hope it may. Be a good man; give your heart to Christ; give the Lord all that belongs to Him of every dollar you earn; make an honest soap; give a full pound, and I am certain you will be a great, prosperous, rich man."

When the boy arrived in the city he found it hard to get work. Lonesome and far from home, he remembered the words of the canal boat captain. He decided to "seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness." He remembered his promise to the old captain, and the first dollar he earned brought up the question of the Lord's share. In the Bible he found that man is commanded to give one tenth; so he said, "If the Lord will take one tenth, I will give that."

He was employed in the soapmaking business, and soon became a partner of the firm. After a few years William Colgate became sole owner of the business. He resolved to keep his promise to the old captain. He instructed his bookkeeper to open an account with the Lord, carrying one tenth of his income to that account. As his business grew he grew rich. He gave the Lord two tenths, and prospered more than ever. Then he gave three tenths; then four tenths, then half. He educated his children, and later gave all his income to the Lord.

We may not become rich, but we can be sure that the blessing of God will be upon us as we first give our lives to Him and second our tithes and gifts.

"Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal; but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven." Matt. 6:19, 20. "But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you." Matt. 6:33. "For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?" Matt. 16:26.

We want to be good stewards for Jesus. Will you determine to always use your life to honor Him? Will you give your tithe and offerings to help tell others of your wonderful Saviour?

(Lesson VI, Thursday, November 15, 1951)

A World to Be Told

AMONG the last words that Jesus told to His disciples before He returned to His home in heaven, He said, "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." Matt. 28:19, 20. A short time before, He had been talking about the time when He would come again. The disciples had asked for some signs that would precede His second coming and the end of the world. Among other things Jesus said, "This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come." Matt. 24:14.

When the love of Jesus enters our hearts we long to tell others about Him. It is like a lovely present that someone gives us for our birthday. We can hardly wait until we can show it to our friends.

From northeast India comes the story of a poor, half-dead Mohammedan boy who was brought into a dispensary. His parents had thought he was dead, but the missionary took such good care of the boy that he recovered. Then he wanted to stay at the mission compound and learn the way of salvation. His parents opposed him and threatened to punish him terribly, but the brave boy remained. When he had finished school he went to the missionary and told him he must now return and tell the good news to his own people. The missionary advised him not to go, and told of the persecution that he would suffer. The missionary was afraid the lad was not strong enough to stand true. But still the boy insisted that his people must be told about Jesus Christ. After he left the compound nothing was heard of him for a long time. Then one day a message came from him asking the missionary to come and spend the Sabbath with him. During his visit the missionary learned that the boy had won his parents and other relatives to Jesus.

Every year thousands of people are converted from their heathen ways to the way of salvation. They are now happy in the thought that Jesus is coming soon.

Today more than a million Sabbath school members are meeting each week to study the Bible. That is nearly double what it was fifteen years ago. Today our missionaries and native workers are preaching the gospel in more than seven hundred languages. In every country, in the islands of the sea, everywhere you go, you can find people who are looking for the soon coming of Jesus.

But there are still millions who have not heard the gospel story. They are waiting for us to tell them of Christ's love. In the words of Jesus, "The harvest is ripe, but the labourers are few." Would some of you boys and girls like to go and help in Africa, India, Japan, South America, or some other country or island? (Urge for an expression from the children on this point.) I am sure that Jesus is made happy to see that you want to help Him. I hope that there will be some missionaries from this group.

However, boys and girls, one of the best ways to prepare to be a missionary in some foreign land is to be a missionary here at home. We can be getting ready to go to a mission land by learning all we can and doing our work just as well as we can. And we can help others about us to know of the love of Jesus. We can also pray for the missionaries across the seas, that God will bless their efforts and save many souls. Another thing we can do is to give of our pennies, nickels, and dimes to help to send other missionaries.

There was a little girl named Mable, who did not have even a penny to give to missions, and she wanted to help. She was ill much of the time, so she could not run and play with the other children. The father in this home pitied his little girl, and one day he brought her a green pencil with which she could draw pictures. It made Mable very happy, and she spent many hours drawing animals, trees, and birds.

A missionary from far across the ocean came to the town and told of the poor heathen in the country in which he had worked, and how much they needed teachers and books to show them that their idols of wood and stone could not save them.

Mable heard the missionary, and she wished she had something to give, but she did not have even a penny. Nothing she possessed could be sent to save the poor little children, and the tears came to her eyes as she thought of them.

Then she remembered! She did have something, even though she had no money. There was her green pencil, the only thing she had.

On the day the money was to be given to the missionary, she wrapped her precious pencil in white paper and sent it to be placed with the other offerings. When the men who counted the money saw the pencil, they did not know what to do with it. A pencil was worth so little, and what good could it do? But one of them thought it had better go to a young woman who had given her life to Christian work among the heathen, so the pencil went across the sea and began its mission.

The young woman who received it could draw pictures. One day she drew the faces of some children, and when they came and looked at her work, they thought it was wonderful. Each one could pick out the face of a playmate, and they stayed to talk and look and listen.

"Would you like a pencil like this that can make faces?" asked the missionary. Yes, they all wanted it; but there was only one pencil.

"I will cut it in pieces and give one piece to each," said the woman. "When you take it home, ask your mothers if I may come and visit at your home."

That was the beginning. The children took their pencils to their mothers and repeated what the missionary had told them. The mothers said she could come, and soon she was in many homes, telling of Jesus who saves from sin and that He is the one who gives us all the good things we have in this world.

Most of us are much better off than was this poor girl. Can we sacrifice as she did by giving the best that we have? God will bless even the small gifts that we make to help to carry the gospel to others.

And while we are helping in the foreign lands in this way, let us not forget the little things we can do to help others near our

homes. We can distribute our literature, hand out tracts, go on singing-band tours, and help in the Missionary Volunteer Society and the Sabbath school.

How many of you would like to dedicate your lives to Jesus, to do your part in finishing the gospel work in the earth? (Close with the theme choruses "Give Your Heart to Jesus" and "Into My Heart," and a dedication service with prayer.)

(Lesson VII, Friday, November 16, 1951)

Our Helper Along the Way

I WAS traveling on a main highway in South Dakota. It was during the month of February, and it was cold. The countryside had become rather monotonous for its snow-covered landscape. As we were passing a frozen lake, however, I noticed many shacks on the lake. Turning to my companion, I asked what they were. "Those are fishing huts," he said. "Ice fishing is one of the popular sports in the wintertime."

There were hundreds of little huts scattered all over the lake. People had driven their cars out onto the thick ice and had chopped holes in the ice through which they might fish. Many of them had small stoves in their "houses" to keep themselves warm. Returning by that way the next night, I noticed that many of the huts had lights in them late in the night.

I thought how the fish of a lake once had complete freedom during the wintertime. They had little to fear of the fisherman's hook. Now the odds were against them. Not only were they likely to be hooked during the wintertime, but apparently even at night they were not safe. Constantly, day and night, through those holes in the ice might be dropped the bait that meant death to them. The poor unsuspecting fish scarcely had a chance.

Then I thought how the devil has gone fishing too. He has built his "hut" near us, and there he camps day and night, determined to catch us on his hook.

The apostle Peter spoke of Satan's diligence when he said, "Your adversary, the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour." 1 Peter 5:8. Have you ever met up with him? I am sure you have, but many times we don't quite recognize him. The bait that he holds out to us fools us. It is sometimes like the fish; if the fish knew the hook was hiding in the bait, he would never bite it, and, of course, he would never get caught.

I have also seen boys and girls who thought they could nibble and nibble at Satan's bait and never get caught. It is dangerous business. If we play around with sin, sooner or later we will get caught.

A man once had a large boa constrictor which he had trained to obey him. It was a huge monster which at his bidding would glide out of the cage and wind itself around his body and head, finally stretching its great head out over the audience. Everybody thought it was a great achievement for a man to have such control over an animal, and they applauded heartily. One evening at a given signal the snake slid along the floor and wound itself around the man's body.

The people applauded, and finally the man gave the command for the snake to return to the cage, but it did not seem to hear. The man spoke again, but still the snake did not respond. Then the man shook his shoulders in an endeavor to get the reptile to obey. As he did this the boa constrictor tightened its grip on the man's body, and then, before the eyes of a horrified audience, it crushed him to death.

So it is with sin; we cannot play with it and expect to be able to shake off the habit. Sin and Satan may get a grip on us that is impossible to break.

I am glad that God has provided a way of safety. "There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it." 1 Cor. 10:13. "The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations." 2 Peter 2:9.

We must surrender our lives to Jesus and let Him take over. We cannot gain the victory by ourselves. "Can the Ethiopian change his skin, or the leopard his spots? then may ye also do good, that are accustomed to do evil." Jer. 13:23. It is just as impossible for us to do good of our own selves as it is for a man to change the color of his skin. "There must be a power working from within, a new life from above, before men can be changed from sin to holiness. That power is Christ. His grace alone can quicken the lifeless faculties of the soul, and attract it to God."—*Steps to Christ*, p. 20.

Some may have "an idea that they must do some part of the work alone. They have trusted in Christ for the forgiveness of sin, but now they seek by their own efforts to live aright. But every such effort must fail."—*Ibid.*, p. 73. "The only hope for us if we would overcome is to unite our will to God's will, and work in cooperation with Him, hour by hour, and day by day."—*Mount of Blessing*, p. 205.

It is this surrendering of ourselves to God that allows Him to begin in us the work of victory over sin. The task of overcoming Satan in our lives must be accomplished through the power of Christ alone, but we must first be willing for Him to do it for us, and by surrendering, allow His power to come in.

An old, experienced minister and a young preacher were talking together one day. The young preacher said life was a blood-red war against evil, wickedness, and sin. He talked of swords, shields, and helmets.

The experienced minister said, "Yes, the Christian warfare is one against all evil forces, but do not forget that only by absolute and unconditional surrender we are brought into a position to receive anything from God 'which giveth us the victory.'"

"Thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." 1 Cor. 15:57. "If you will leave yourself in His hands, He will bring you off more than conqueror through Him that has loved you."—*Steps to Christ*, pp. 76, 77.

But all this does not mean that we can sit back and quietly fold our hands and do nothing, letting Christ fight all the battle for us. We must "resist the devil, and he will flee from" us. James 4:7. The greatest sources of our strength are the same as those that Jesus used when He was on earth. You will remember the story of His three great temp-

tations soon after His baptism. Every time Satan tried to get Him to do wrong Jesus met him with a portion of Scripture. God's Word is all-powerful; it is sharper than a two-edged sword; it is the weapon of our defense. David said, "Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee." Ps. 119:11. Jesus said, "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God." Matt. 4:4. As we study our Bibles, with a prayer on our heart, the converting power of God takes possession of the life and gives us the strength we need for victory.

Linked with Bible study, there is an equally important act on our part. That is prayer. Through Bible study God talks to us; through prayer we may talk to Him. Prayer has been spoken of as the breath of the soul. What breathing is to the lungs, prayer is to the heart. Without prayer our spiritual lives will die. Jesus often spent entire nights in prayer; it was the secret of His power over sin. By reading the Scriptures and through prayer Jesus lived the perfect life. So we too may find the victory for our lives. God is waiting to give us this victory. Shall we not today determine to surrender our hearts and let Him come in with power that we need? Only in this way can we hope to be ready for Jesus when He comes.

(Lesson VIII, Sabbath, November 17, 1951)

Partners With Jesus

ON a busy downtown street of a large city I noticed the sign in the window. "Help Wanted," it read. "Reliable partner desired for a good business. Should have some capital and a willingness to work for the good of the company. Inquire within." It seemed strange to me for a man to advertise for a partner in that way, but there was the sign.

I thought about the sign that God has posted calling for partners to go into business with Him. Throughout this week we have been thinking about the joy of looking for the soon coming of Jesus and the preparation we need to make. We hope that the desires of our hearts now will stay with us and help us to be ready to greet Him when He comes. But between now and then Jesus is calling for partners to go into business with Him.

After we accept the salvation offered to us through Jesus, there should come to us a natural desire to share it with others. We often sing:

"I'll share my faith
With others on life's way.
I'll share my faith;
There's no time for delay.

"When Jesus calls for volunteers,
I'll hasten to obey.
I'll share, share, share my faith
Every day."

"When the love of Christ is enshrined in the heart, like sweet fragrance it can not be hidden. Its holy influence will be felt by all with whom we come in contact. The spirit of Christ in the heart is like a spring in the desert, flowing to refresh all, and making those who are ready to perish, eager to drink of the water of life.

"Love to Jesus will be manifested in a desire to work as He worked, for the blessing and uplifting of humanity. It will lead to love, tenderness, and sympathy toward all the creatures of our heavenly Father's care. . . . No sooner does one come to Christ, than there is born in his heart a desire to make known to others what a precious friend he has found in Jesus."—*Steps to Christ*, pp. 82, 83.

God is counting on you and me to do this work for Him. It is in this way that we become partners with Him. We are saved to serve. We must no longer think of our own selfish purposes but think of others who will perish in sin if we do not tell them of salvation through Jesus.

Do I hear you say, "Well, what can I do? I don't know of anything." Listen to this: "Not more surely is the place prepared for us in the heavenly mansions than is the special place designated on earth where we are to work for God." God does have a work for us to do, and if we are faithful in the little things that come to our hands each day, He will show us just where we can work best for Him.

Some of you may have heard the following story:

In a tiny village in beautiful Switzerland, so an old legend says, there lived once upon a time a crippled boy named Hans Anderson. He was unable to run about and play as did his brothers and sisters and all the other children of the neighborhood. Often he sat looking wistfully out of the window, wishing he could be with them. At times he felt very lonely and sad, for he could not even help his mother with her work, so slowly and painfully did he hobble about whenever he moved.

He felt that he was absolutely useless in the world, and longed to die and be out of his suffering. But his mother was a devoted Christian, and she comforted him by saying: "Never mind, son, God has a special plan for every life, and don't forget that He has a plan just for you."

Now, this village was near the border of a powerful country that wished to conquer small Switzerland, and the people were in constant fear lest enemy soldiers should suddenly come over the ridge of hills that were just back of the village and take them unawares. In order that the villagers might be warned in time to protect themselves, guards were ever on watch along the ridge, under orders to keep a sharp lookout. Huge piles of brush were heaped up every few rods along the hilltops to be lighted as signal fires should there be danger.

All went well for month on month. Finally Christmastime approached, and the people became absorbed in their plans for the holiday. The peak of the celebration was to be a great party for all the town, to be held on Christmas Eve. Everyone was eager to go—except Hans. He knew he would not be able to join the others in their frolic; so he chose to stay at home.

As he sat alone thinking, it suddenly occurred to him that perhaps the guards of the hilltop had gone to the party with the others. If so, then there would be no one to sound the warning if the enemy should chance to come. So Hans decided to make sure that all was well, and slowly, painfully, he hobbled to the crest. It was as he suspected. Not a guard had remained at his post.

So the crippled boy took up the watch, all alone in the darkness. Suddenly he seemed to hear a tramp, tramp of soldiers on the march. Was it his imagination? No! As the sound came nearer he realized that he must give the warning. Quickly he reached over to light the brush pile near which he had been sitting, and then hobbled to the next, and the next, and the next. Almost at once his signal was seen; the sounds of merrymaking in the village suddenly ceased; terse orders cracked out in the still, cold night; the men swarmed up the hillside ready to meet the invaders.

As his mother sat by his bedside the next day—for the long hours of exposure had made him very ill—he looked up into her face and smiled and said, "Now I know why God allowed me to be a cripple. If I had been well and strong, I should have been at the party, and there would have been no one to give the warning."

And his mother softly answered, "Yes, Hans, we must always believe that God has a plan for every life; and He has a special plan just for you."

One of the songs I remember that especially helped me when I was a boy growing up is one that we still sing. It says:

"Do not wait until some deed of greatness you may do,

Do not wait to shed your light afar,

To the many duties ever near you now be true,

Brighten the corner where you are."

We may brighten our little corner at home, at school, or at church by faithfully doing our part, and doing it cheerfully and well. We may speak kind words to someone who is in special need. We may be helpful to mother and daddy at home. If each morning we ask Jesus to help us do something for Him during that day, I believe our lives will be a real blessing to others.

In order for our lives to truly brighten the corners where we are, though, we must be sure that there is nothing in them to keep our lights from shining. (This may be nicely illustrated to the children by the object lesson given by Elmer L. Wilder in his book *Easy Object Lessons*, pages 19 and 20. Have a flashlight with the battery removed, and conceal in the battery chamber an imitation cigarette, a small bottle of vinegar, a playing card, and some black rags—or other things that may appeal to you to carry the point.)

"The flashlight does not seem to want to work. What do you think is the matter? The battery is on the outside, but as long as it touches the flashlight, it looks as if it should work. We will put the battery on the inside and see if it will work any better. It does not go all the way in, but that should not matter.

"There are many Christians who are just like this flashlight. The Holy Spirit, who is represented by the battery, is, of course, on the inside of the Christians' hearts, after they have accepted Christ as their Saviour, but they do not allow Him to fill them, and therefore they do not shine for Christ.

"As hard as I try, the battery will not go in farther. Let us see what is the matter. Here is a black rag, which stands for sin. Christians cannot expect the Holy Spirit to fill them unless they have put away any known sin.

"Look at this! A playing card helped to keep the battery from filling the flashlight.

Pleasure often keeps people from being filled with the Spirit. And here is a cigarette. It is not very big, but it helped keep the battery out. There is something rattling down in the flashlight which still keeps the battery from filling it. It is a bottle, and in it is something which looks like whisky. The Spirit of God will not fill the heart where whisky has a place.

"Now that all these things are out, let us notice how beautifully the flashlight shines. It is just so with Christians. When sin is put away, the Holy Spirit will fill the heart and cause the life to shine for Christ."

Yes, Jesus is calling for partners, partners who are willing to let the power of His Spirit shine through them to others. Partners who are willing to give up the ways of sin, and receive the true joys of service for Him. It may cost us something, but He offers us the reward of life eternal.

How many of you today would like to offer yourselves as a partner with Jesus? (Close with consecration service, urging every boy and girl to give up the ways of sin and join the side of right with Christ.)

"It is true that children are the most susceptible to the teachings of the gospel; their hearts are open to divine influences, and strong to retain the lessons received. The little children may be Christians, having an experience in accordance with their years. They need to be educated in spiritual things, and parents should give them every advantage, that they may form characters after the similitude of the character of Christ.

"Fathers and mothers should look upon their children as younger members of the Lord's family, committed to them to educate for heaven. The lessons that we ourselves learn from Christ we should give to our children, as the young minds can receive them, little by little opening to them the beauty of the principles of heaven. Thus the Christian home becomes a school, where the parents serve as underteachers, while Christ Himself is the chief instructor.

"In working for the conversion of our children, we should not look for violent emotion as the essential evidence of conviction of sin. Nor is it necessary to know the exact time when they are converted. We should teach them to bring their sins to Jesus, asking His forgiveness, and believing that He pardons and receives them as He received the children when He was personally on earth." —*The Desire of Ages*, p. 515.

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A MESSAGE from the GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE to CHURCH ELDERS and PASTORS

THROUGH the years the annual Week of Prayer in our churches everywhere has been counted a very special appointment by Adventist believers in all the world. Approaching this important occasion as 1951 draws to a close, our church leaders throughout the world field will desire, we know, to do all in their power to make the season one of the utmost spiritual refreshing and blessing to our church members.

Think of it. Now, in this our day, when the whole world is in confusion and the nations of earth are in perplexity; when the hearts of rulers and statesmen are failing them for fear, and the end of all things is at hand, God in mercy has given it to the members of His remnant church to once again hold their annual Week of Prayer. Our hearts thrill to the thought that we may come as a church in this collective way to seek the Lord in this crisis hour of the world's history, that with fellow believers all around the circle of the earth we may with faith and confidence approach unto the throne of grace.

We think of dear brethren and sisters who in many places are facing sore perplexities and grave dangers. The church is one in all the world, and we are glad for the fellowship that is ours with our brethren and sisters living under trying conditions. "Though sundered far, by faith they meet around one common mercy seat." Let us remember them continually in our prayers, and the witness that is theirs for the Master.

Much will depend on the carefulness

and thoroughness with which church elders and pastors plan for the meetings. Let arrangements be made in every church so that every member may share in the experiences and blessings of the week. The special messages conveyed in the daily readings provided in this number of the REVIEW are timely and soul stirring. Let readers be chosen who will present these important messages clearly and impressively. Extra copies of this special REVIEW number are available for all who desire them.

Particular care should be taken to provide for the children and for the young people of the church. In this issue of the REVIEW there is supplied an excellent series of lessons for the use of those whose task it shall be to conduct the children's meetings.

It is important that throughout the week the purpose of the annual Week of Sacrifice Offering be brought to the attention of the members. Never before has there been such need and such wonderful opportunities for the preaching of the truth. All will desire to have part in bringing to the Lord a special offering at this time as with gratitude and thanksgiving they enter anew into the covenant they have made with Him by sacrifice. It would be well to announce this offering not only on the first Sabbath of the week but also two or three times during the week.

And let us remind ourselves and each other often during this special season, of the personal and individual nature of

this appointment that, with fellow-believers everywhere, we are privileged to keep with the Majesty of heaven. The church as a body will be refreshed and strengthened for the tremendous unfinished task that is hers only as we, as individual members, appropriate for ourselves the Lord's proffered mercies and blessings.

It is time for the church to pray. Then let the week be, principally, a *Week of Prayer*, when alone "in the audience chamber with God," at the family altar, in twos and threes, and in the prayer services members shall press their petitions to the throne of grace. "It is a wonderful thing that we can pray effectually; that unworthy, erring mortals possess the power of offering their requests to God. . . . We may utter words that reach the throne of the Monarch of the universe."—*Gospel Workers*, p. 258.

We are in a time of great emergency, but for Christian believers it is a grand as well as an awful time. Let us come with gratitude and thanksgiving for the privilege of a part in the great Advent Movement and for all that true membership in the remnant church means to those who put their trust in Jesus. "But God's servants are not to trust to themselves in this great emergency. In the visions given to Isaiah, to Ezekiel, and to John we see how closely heaven is connected with the events taking place upon the earth and how great is the care of God for those who are loyal to Him. The world is not without a ruler. The program of coming events is in the hands of the Lord. The Majesty of heaven has the destiny of nations, as well as the concerns of His church, in His own charge."—*Testimonies*, vol. 5, p. 753.



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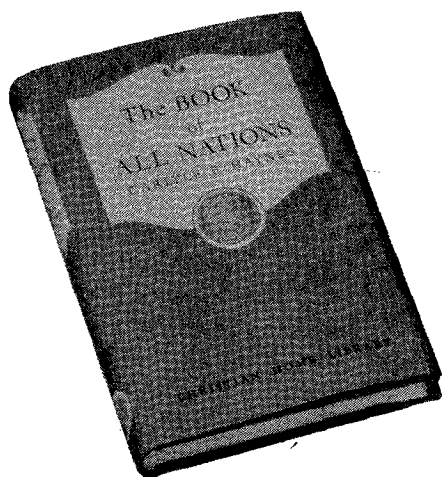
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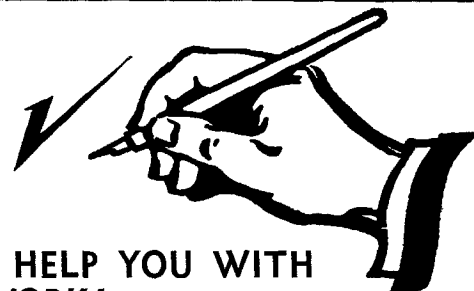
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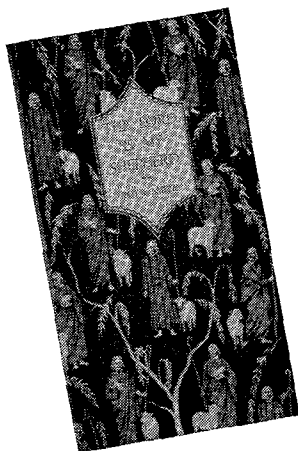


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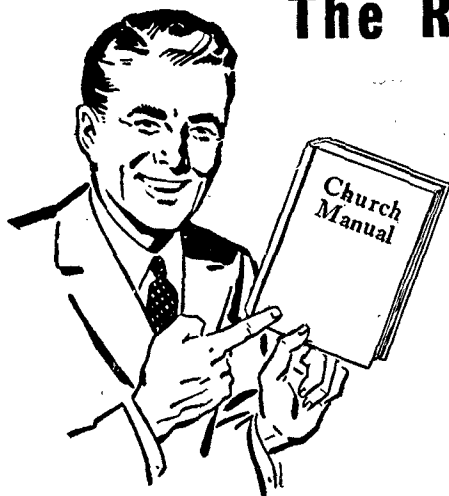
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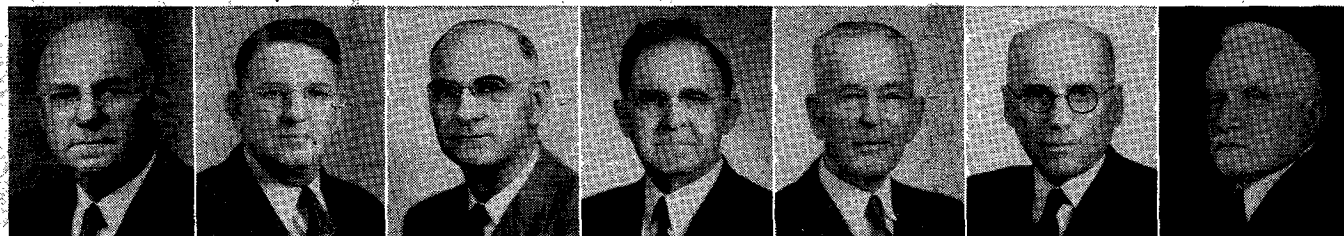
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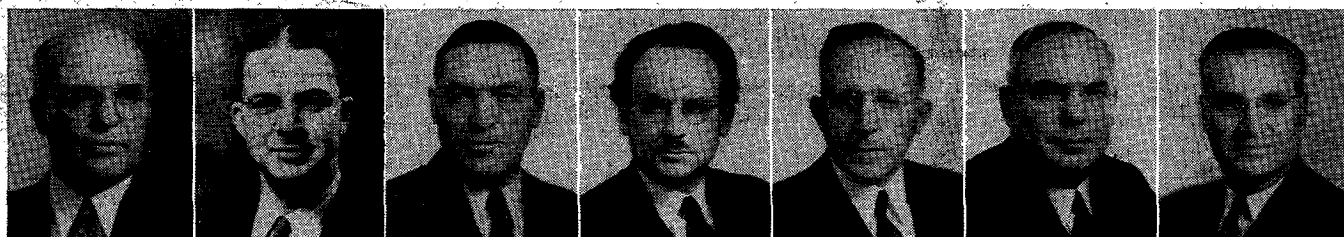
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