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- *Medical Ministry*, page 63

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Prophecy News Alert!

The Restraint Removed

By Elene Rodgers

Being the king of the world has been the attempted goal for many powerful leaders throughout history. Nimrod reached this position during the time the Tower of Babel was being built as the world was united under one government. (Read Genesis 10:8-10 and Genesis 11:1) Other powerful rulers such as Nebuchadnezzar and Alexander the Great attempted to reach this height; but though they were able to rule over vast territories, they were never able to conquer the world.

God explained the reason He did not want the world united under one government in Genesis 11:6; "And the LORD said, Behold, the people is one, and they have all one language; and this they begin to do: and **now nothing will be restrained from them, which they have imagined to do.**"

Every evil that is imagined in the hearts of evil men would not be held back when the world is united under one government. Think about what has happened in the history of nations; when a country would become vile, this would reflect in their laws that governed their land and would weaken the nation leading to it being overthrown by another nation. This check and balance system benefited the world because if one country got out of line, another country was able to come and takeover. Without this system, the opportunity to tyrannize the world exists.

Also, when one nation would be oppressive to its citizens, the citizens would flee to another country for a place of refuge; but under a global system there would be no place to run because the entire world would be under the same oppressive enactments.

Without a global system in place you would not be able to force laws that would affect the entire world!

When you see this globalization in action, recognize that the restraint is removed and the evil imagined will occur. In fact, this was prophesied in the Bible in the books of Daniel and Revelation as what would occur at the end of time. The world will be united under one authoritarian ruler that would make oppressive enactments that would "devour the whole earth, and shall tread it down, and break it in pieces." (Daniel 7:23) This oppressive world government will enforce worship that is a violation of the law of God. Those who do not comply with its enactments will not be able to buy or sell all over the world - not just one country. This is revealed in Revelation 13:15-17, "And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed. (16) And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads: (17) And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name."

Though God's people throughout the world will not be able to buy or sell, when they see this prophecy being fulfilled they remember another prophecy that will also be fulfilled that is an assurance that God will deliver them. Daniel 12:1 declares, "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."

The Advent Missionary Command Magazine's Mission

There is a world perishing, in need of light. The mission of this magazine is to inspire you to arise and fulfill the commission given us by Jesus to go into all the world teaching and preaching the everlasting gospel. We must be lights for Christ.

The people are to be called to "behold the Lamb of God which taketh away the sins of the world" and accept His gift of salvation. God's law is to be upheld, the Seventh-day Sabbath is to be clearly presented before the people. Babylon is to be revealed and the people are to be called from it. This is the Three Angels' Message of Revelation 14 that unites with the Four Angels' message of Revelation 18.

This message must go to all the world. We hope this magazine encourages you to go forward giving this message, seeking to save the lost!



The Editorial

The Joys of Service

By Elijah M. Rodgers

In the life of Jesus Christ while on earth, we see a pattern of service. Though He is King of kings, and Lord of lords, all of His actions and all of His ministry was devoted to the service of others.

The life of Christ defines what true service means. Jesus Christ did not come to earth for His benefit. He came to sacrifice all for the salvation of humanity. Throughout His entire time on this earth, He lived each day for the uplifting of others. The motivation of His ministry was service. He pitied the poor cripple and healed them. He had compassion on the hungry multitude and fed them. He had mercy on a world “dead in trespasses and sins” and paid the ultimate price for our redemption.

There are two motivating principles to service. These principles were outlined by Christ when a scribe who asked “Which is the first commandment of all?”. To this question Jesus said, “And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment. And the second is like, namely this, Thou

shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. There is none other commandment greater than these.” Mark 12:28,30-31

The first motivating principle of service is love to God. If we truly love God, then we will be constrained to love our neighbor. These two precepts are the foundation and summary of the Law and the Scriptures. Love to God and humanity are the principles that imbues the entire life of the true Christian.

As we see in the example of Christ, true service requires self-sacrifice and humility. The apostle Paul said, “Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others.” Philippians 2:4 This is the mind of Christ.

All self-seeking and selfishness is excluded. We do not live for ourselves. Humanity is a large family. We all came from Adam and Eve. If everyone had a spirit of self-sacrifice and service, the planet would be a better place.

We see an example of these principles in action in the story of the good Samaritan. He showed true love for humanity. He had a spirit of humility and self-sacrifice. He saw in the beaten Jew a poor, wounded, son of God in need of compassion.

The spirit of true service is completely different from the world’s concept of self-seeking and self exaltation. Self-seeking does anything to benefit itself even if it requires running over fellow human beings. This spirit is the result of sin and causes so much pain, suffering, war, and death on the earth.

When everyone is selfishly seeking for their own benefit, nobody will truly benefit and have peace. To illustrate this principle, there is a story of a conference with 50 attendees. The speaker wanted to impress upon the attendees the importance of service. To do this he gave each individual a balloon with their name written on it. These balloons were placed in a room. The presenter then wanted them to go to the room and find the balloon with their name on it. They all went frantically searching for their balloon but could not find it in the allotted time. The presenter then asked them to pick up any balloon and give it to the person it belonged to. Within minutes everyone had their balloon. In seeking the benefit of another, everyone was benefited.

True service is truly a key to happiness and success. As you seek the benefit and joy of another you will be blessed and delighted. There is truly joy in service.

Our family runs a small farm called Abundant Living Farm. We grow strawberries, blueberries, okra, and many other things. We call it Abundant Living Farm because we want to show all of our costumers how to live an abundant life physically, mentally, and spiritually. We also have a community supported agriculture program where people get a box of fresh produce all from our farm, every week. When these individuals get their produce they are very excited to get beautiful fresh produce. It really makes us excited and drives us to continue to expand our farm and grow high quality produce to the glory of God.

There is really nothing more exciting than when someone is genuinely blessed as a result of an effort on your part.

Service is the essence of the medical missionary work. All genuine medical missionary work will represent the work and character of Christ in service to humanity. When we do the medical missionary work, we are doing the very work that Christ did on this earth. As we go forward and do this work, it is very precious to understand that Christ is literally with us always. (Matthew 28:18-20) As our Leader, He will stand by our side and guide our steps.

Why does God commission this work of service to us? The medical missionary work is a tool God uses for revival. A working church is a living church. This is why it is very important for every member of the church to get involved in the medical missionary work.

The key to true successful medical missionary work in these last days is, start now where you are. Doing the medical missionary does not require you to start some major health center or become a health coach; it requires you to live the life of Christ right now where every you are, whatever occupation you may do and show others how they also can have an abundant life, physically, mentally, and spiritually.

You must also yield yourself completely, everyday, to the control of the Holy Spirit and pray for heavenly eyesalve. As you are completely filled and have the heavenly eyesalve, the Holy Spirit will continue to lead and guide you into a deeper and fuller

understanding of the work.

There is a quote that I really like; it is found in the Medical Ministry book by Ellen White that perfectly summarizes what true service means. Writing to medical students she wrote, "To medical students I would say, Enter upon your course of study with a determination to do right and to maintain Christian principles. Flee temptation, and avoid every influence for evil. Preserve your integrity of soul. Maintain a conscientious regard for truth and righteousness. Be faithful in the smaller responsibilities, and show yourselves to be close, critical thinkers, having soundness of heart and uprightness, being loyal to God and true to mankind." Medical Ministry, p. 63.4 This message is for us all.

Dear reader, I pray that you will commit your entire life to service, being loyal to God and true to mankind. Let's work with Christ!



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The Missionary Work

Our Influence

By Ellen G. White

The life of Christ was an ever-widening, shoreless influence, an influence that bound Him to God and to the whole human family. Through Christ, God has invested man with an influence that makes it impossible for him to live to himself. Individually we are connected with our fellow men, a part of God's great whole, and we stand under mutual obligations. No man can be independent of his fellow men; for the well-being of each affects others. It is God's purpose that each shall feel himself necessary to others' welfare, and seek to promote their happiness.

Every soul is surrounded by an atmosphere of its own—an atmosphere, it may be, charged with the life-giving power of faith, courage, and hope, and sweet with the fragrance of love. Or it may be heavy and chill with the gloom of discontent and selfishness, or poisonous with the deadly taint of cherished sin. By the atmosphere surrounding us, every person with whom we come in contact is consciously or unconsciously affected.

This is a responsibility from which we cannot free ourselves. Our words, our acts, our dress, our deportment, even the expression of the countenance, has an influence. Upon the impression thus made there hang results for good or evil which no man can measure. Every impulse thus imparted is seed sown which will produce its harvest. It is a link in the long chain of human events, extending we know not whither. If by our example we aid others in the development of good principles, we give them power to do good. In their turn they exert the same influence upon others, and they upon still others. Thus by our unconscious influence thousands may be blessed.

Throw a pebble into the lake, and a wave is formed, and another and another; and as they increase, the circle widens, until it reaches the very shore. So with our influence. Beyond our knowledge or control it tells upon others in blessing or in cursing.

Character is power. The silent witness of a true, unselfish, godly life carries an almost irresistible influence. By revealing in our own life the character of Christ we co-operate with Him in the work of saving souls. It is only by revealing in our life His character that we can co-operate with Him. And the wider the sphere of our influence, the more good we may do. When those who profess to serve God follow Christ's example, practicing the principles of the law in their daily life; when every act bears witness that they love God supremely and their neighbor as themselves, then will the church have power to move the world.

But never should it be forgotten that influence is no less a power for evil. To lose one's own soul is a terrible thing; but to cause the loss of other souls is still more terrible. That our influence should be a savor of death unto death is a fearful thought; yet this is possible. Many who profess to gather with Christ are scattering from Him. This is why the church is so weak. Many indulge freely in criticism and accusing. By giving expression to suspicion, jealousy, and discontent, they yield themselves as instruments to Satan. Before they realize what they are doing, the adversary has through them accomplished his purpose. The impression of evil has been made, the shadow has been cast, the arrows of Satan have found their mark. Distrust, unbelief, and downright infidelity have fastened upon those who otherwise

might have accepted Christ. Meanwhile the workers for Satan look complacently upon those whom they have driven to skepticism, and who are now hardened against reproof and entreaty. They flatter themselves that in comparison with these souls they are virtuous and righteous. They do not realize that these sad wrecks of character are the work of their own unbridled tongues and rebellious hearts. It is through their influence that these tempted ones have fallen.

So frivolity, selfish indulgence, and careless indifference on the part of professed Christians are turning away many souls from the path of life. Many there are who will fear to meet at the bar of God the results of their influence.

It is only through the grace of God that we can make a right use of this endowment. There is nothing in us of ourselves by which we can influence others for good. If we realize our helplessness and our need of divine power, we shall not trust to ourselves. We know not what results a day, an hour, or a moment may determine, and never should we begin the day without committing our ways to our heavenly Father. His angels are appointed to watch over us, and if we put ourselves under their guardianship, then in every time of danger they will be at our right hand. When unconsciously we are in danger of exerting a wrong influence, the angels will be by our side, prompting us to a better course, choosing our words for us, and influencing our actions. Thus our influence may be a silent, unconscious, but mighty power in drawing others to Christ and the heavenly world. - Christ Object Lessons page 339-341



Ellen White (1827- 1915) was one of the founders of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Filled with the gift of prophecy, she wrote over 100,000 pages of warning, instruction, encouragement, and hope for the church. Her writings continue to inspire the church today.

AAGE Network

Adventist Association for Global Evangelism

“Shining Light, Into All the World”

The Mission of the AAGE

The fundamental mission of the Adventist Association for Global Evangelism is to carry the Seventh-day Adventist message to the world, and to work for the revival of the true medical and educational work in all its fullness.

The AAGE is an association of the Seventh-day Adventist movement as a whole. Jesus Christ draws us together. Proclaiming the Seventh-day Adventist message to the world is the mission that unites us.

United by the pure bond of the Holy Spirit we will work together heart to heart, shoulder to shoulder to proclaim the everlasting gospel to the world!

The AAGE Network is wholeheartedly committed to fulfilling the mission that God has committed to His remnant church. If that is your mission too, we highly encourage you to join the AAGE Network!

What Are the Benefits of Becoming A Member?

- Join the AAGE Social Network! This offers great networking capabilities between members constantly. Easily communicate, give updates, share resources, and encourage each other!
- Access the AAGE Network directory.
- Join a network of ministries that have a strong passion for giving the everlasting gospel and for the revival of the true medical and educational work.
- Create a special connection between ministries, institutions, health centers, and businesses to individuals who are committed to the work.
- Join in global initiatives
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The Missionary Update



Advancing the Work

There is a lot happening that is all moving forward for the advancement of the Lord's work around the world. A major contributor to the global mission will be Blueprint College. The educational work is a very important work. When done in accordance to the blueprint it has a profound impact on the advancement of the entire work.

Blueprint College is an extremely new educational institution whose mission is to educate young men and women in accordance with the Seventh-day Adventist faith, and the educational blueprint from the Holy Scriptures and the writings of Ellen White.

Blueprint College is looking for individuals to join the faculty who are committed to the work in these last days. I want to use this update to appeal to individuals who the Lord has blessed with knowledge and skills to use their knowledge to train laborers in the Lord's vineyard. Take an active part in the work. When the Lord opens doors for you, never turn it down. If you are interested email info@BCMEonline.org or call 704-465-8500.

Lastly, AAGE Network has a Medical Ministry Action Plan (mMAP) discussion on Sabbaths at 7:00 pm EST. The Medical Ministry book is a very comprehensive book on the medical missionary work from the writings of Ellen White. This book opens up a lot of very important topics for practical discussions, some of which we do not discuss often. These discussions are live on Zoom and the AAGE Network YouTube. For information how to join in these meetings, go to AAGEnetwork.org. - Elijah M. Rodgers

20 Years in His Service

When we signed the contract to do radio broadcasts in Charlotte, NC in 2002, we had no idea that 20 years later we would still be earnestly working for the Lord. Initially, we only intended to do 10 radio programs - that was it. It was our way of showing our appreciation to God for taking us through a difficult time as a result of a stillbirth. We found peace through the study of God's Word and wanted to share the things we were learning with others.

We recognized that when Jesus said, "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations..." He made it personal. This is a command for all the members of the body of Christ to use their gifts and talents to actively spread the everlasting gospel, being a light to the world.

Our mission statement is still the same as it was at the beginning: uplifting Jesus Christ throughout the Bible from Genesis to Revelation, for He is our PEACE. That is why the name is Pathway to Peace Ministries.

Our zeal now is even greater than it was before. It has increased with our understanding of the character of God as we have studied His Word and shared it with others. We have been blessed as we have been used by Him to be a blessing.

As we move forward by faith, God is still expanding the work. We have done radio, television, and internet broadcast evangelism along with efforts to reach our local community. Now we are excited about our newest endeavor which will begin soon - Blueprint College. This will be a way to train others how to become effective missionaries following the blueprint God has given combining the gospel with the health work.

We praise God for what He has done, is doing, and will do!





Biblical Thought of the Month

Blind Guides: A Pattern Before Destruction

By Elene Rodgers

A guide, in general, is someone who leads others in the way or path to go. A guide is expected to know the way because they are in a position to lead others. A guide should help others to avoid pitfalls that may be in the way in order to have a prosperous journey. But what happens when a guide is blind? This may seem funny at first thought, but think about it. First of all, a person that can see would not follow a blind guide. As the blind guide is leading off the path into an unsafe area, a person that can see would recognize it and not follow along. But blind guides would be a serious hazard when those whom they are leading are also blind. The Bible explains this in Luke 6:39, "And he spake a parable unto them, Can the blind lead the blind? shall they not both fall into the ditch?" In other words, expect a serious fall, when the blind lead the blind. History reveals that blind guides who lead people away from God's truth are a pattern that occurs before destruction.

Jeremiah describes the condition of the guides before the destruction of Jerusalem in 586 BC by Babylon: "Woe be unto the pastors that destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! saith the LORD. (10) For the land is full of adulterers; for because of swearing the land mourneth; the pleasant places of the wilderness are dried up, and their course is evil, and their force is not right. (11) For both prophet and priest are profane; yea, in my house have I found their wickedness, saith the LORD. (12) Wherefore their way shall be unto them as slippery ways in the darkness: they shall be driven on, and fall therein: for I will bring evil upon them, even the year of their visitation, saith the LORD. (13) And I have seen folly in the prophets of Samaria; they prophesied in Baal, and caused my people Israel to err. (14) I have seen also in the prophets of Jerusalem an horrible thing: they commit adultery, and walk in lies: they strengthen also the hands of evildoers, that none doth return from his wickedness: they are all of them unto me as Sodom, and the inhabitants thereof as Gomorrah. (16) Thus saith the LORD of hosts, Hearken not unto the words of the prophets that prophesy unto you: they make

you vain: they speak a vision of their own heart, and not out of the mouth of the LORD. (17) They say still unto them that despise me, The LORD hath said, Ye shall have peace; and they say unto every one that walketh after the imagination of his own heart, No evil shall come upon you. (22) But if they had stood in my counsel, and had caused my people to hear my words, then they should have turned them from their evil way, and from the evil of their doings." (Jeremiah 23:1, 10-14,15,17,22)

Jesus describes the condition of the guides in Jerusalem who led out in His crucifixion. The rulers of the people also persecuted His followers before the destruction of Jerusalem in 70 AD by Rome. "But woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye shut up the kingdom of heaven against men: for ye neither go in yourselves, neither suffer ye them that are entering to go in. (14) Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye devour widows' houses, and for a pretence make long prayer: therefore ye shall receive the greater damnation. (15) Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye compass sea and

land to make one proselyte, and when he is made, ye make him twofold more the child of hell than yourselves. (16) Woe unto you, ye blind guides, which say, Whosoever shall swear by the temple, it is nothing; but whosoever shall swear by the gold of the temple, he is a debtor!" (Matthew 23:13-16)

Blind guides are the same as blind leaders as shown in this parallel scripture of Matthew 15:14: "Let them alone: they be blind leaders of the blind. And if the blind lead the blind, both shall fall into the ditch." It was the leaders of the people that caused the people to err. In fact, the Bible reveals that the reason why people did not believe in Jesus Christ was because the leaders rejected Him, and the people followed their leaders; "Have any of the rulers or of the Pharisees believed on him?" (John 7:48)

Interestingly, Jesus healed a man that was born blind, but the influence of the leaders against Jesus was so great that even the man's parents did not openly acknowledge who healed him because they feared that the leaders would kick them out the synagogue. John 9:20-22 states, "His parents answered them and said, We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind: (21) But by what means he now seeth, we know not; or who hath opened his eyes, we know not: he is of age; ask him: he shall speak for himself. (22) These words spake his parents, because they feared the Jews: for the Jews had agreed already, that if any man did confess that he was Christ, he should be put out of the synagogue."

Satan's tactics have not changed. Before the destruction of the world at the end of time, he will again use blind guides because it is an effective method of getting large numbers of people to sin against God. The Bible warns of this, "...O my people, they which lead thee cause thee to err, and destroy the way of thy paths." "For the leaders of this people cause them to err; and they that

are led of them are destroyed." (Isaiah 3:1) (Isaiah 9:16)

Instead of following blind guides, we need to follow the truth that God has revealed in His Word: "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path." (Psalms 119:105) God's word is an unerring guide that will give us light, so we will not walk in darkness like those who are blind. If anyone contradicts the Word of God, he is blind and should not be followed. Isaiah 8:20 declares, "To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them."

Finally, here is a quote that summarizes the main lesson we should learn from this pattern of blind guides: "He [Christ] had a prophetic view of the work of exalting human authority to rule the conscience which has been so terrible a curse to the church in all ages. And his fearful denunciations of the scribes and Pharisees, and his warnings to the people not to follow these blind leaders, were placed on record as an admonition to future generations." (The Review and Herald, June 7, 1906)

Natural Cold Remedy (Health Special)

- juice of 2 lemons (freshly squeezed)
- 1 onion (peeled)
- 1 whole bulb of garlic (all of the cloves peeled)
- ¼ cup raw honey

Blend all of the ingredients together. Take 1-2 Tablespoons of it every hour or two. This keeps fresh in the refrigerator about 2 days.



Natural Cold Remedy



Elene is a loving wife and mother who teaches her children to love and serve God. She loves teaching the truth of God's word and sharing stories from the Bible that encourages faith and hope. She is the co-founder, with her husband, Cary Rodgers, of Pathway To Peace Ministries.

We have been bought with the price of the blood of Christ. We must learn to treat our body as the holy temple of God. If you are wondering how to cook foods that glorify God, here is a new recipe!

Healthy Living Recipe | Waffle

Filler Waffle

½ cup cornmeal or yellow grits

1½ cup oatmeal (old fashion)

½ cup whole wheat flour

½ (13.66 oz.) can of coconut milk or ½ cup cashews

½ tsp. sea salt

about 2 cups water

Blend all ingredients together in a blender then pour in waffle maker. If you have a large blender and would like to make more, you can double the recipe. Enjoy with pure maple syrurp!





Healthful Living

Bread, the Staff of Life

By Carlene Rodgers

A staff, also known as a walking stick, is used for support in walking. Bread is called the staff of life because it is the support of life. When the staff of the bread was broken the support of life was broken and there was a famine. Psalm 105:16 says, “Moreover he called for a famine upon the land: he brake the whole staff of bread.” “Son of man, when the land sinneth against me by trespassing grievously, then will I stretch out mine hand upon it, and will break the staff of the bread thereof, and will send famine upon it, and will cut off man and beast from it:” Ezekiel 14:13

We see the importance of grain in the famine during the time of Joseph. During the time of plenty, Joseph laid up grain in storehouses. Genesis 41:54-57 says, “And the seven years of dearth began to come, according as Joseph had said: and the dearth was in all lands; but in all the land of Egypt there was bread. 55 And when all the land of Egypt was famished, the people cried to Pharaoh for bread: and Pharaoh said unto all the Egyptians, Go unto Joseph; what he saith to you, do. 56 And the famine was over all the face of the earth: And Joseph opened all the storehouses, and sold unto the Egyptians; and the famine waxed sore in the land of Egypt. 57 And all countries came into Egypt to Joseph for to buy corn; because that the famine was so sore in all lands.” According to Strong’s Hebrew Definition, the word bread means, “...food (for man or beast), especially bread, or grain (for making it)...” Strong’s Hebrew Definition

Why are grains so important? Why is it called the “staff of life”?

What makes whole grains so important is that they provide the body's energy and nutritional needs. Whole grains are full of many nutrients such as fiber (which helps you feel full), vitamins, minerals, antioxidants and phytochemicals. “In recent years, the health effects of whole grains are closely related to their phenolic compounds and their antioxidant activities.”¹ Phenolic compounds are chemicals found in plants that play an important role in the human body to enhance the immune defense of the body and reduce the incidence of chronic diseases such as diabetes, cancer and heart disease. “Some highly active phenolic compounds only exist in whole grains.”¹ It is really the support or staff of life.

Jesus is represented as the Bread of Life. “For the bread of God is he which cometh down from heaven, and giveth life unto the world. 35 And Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst. 53 Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink his blood, ye have no life in you. 54 Whoso eateth my flesh, and

drinketh my blood, hath eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day. 55 For my flesh is meat indeed, and my blood is drink indeed. 56 He that eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, dwelleth in me, and I in him. 57 As the living Father hath sent me, and I live by the Father: so he that eateth me, even he shall live by me. 58 This is that bread which came down from heaven: not as your fathers did eat manna, and are dead: he that eateth of this bread shall live for ever. 63 It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life.” John 6:33, 35, 53-58, 63

Jesus came from heaven to be the Bread of Life to save us from sin and give us the gift of eternal life! Jesus is the Bread of Life, He is the staff of life. He supports and sustains our life now and most importantly for life everlasting.

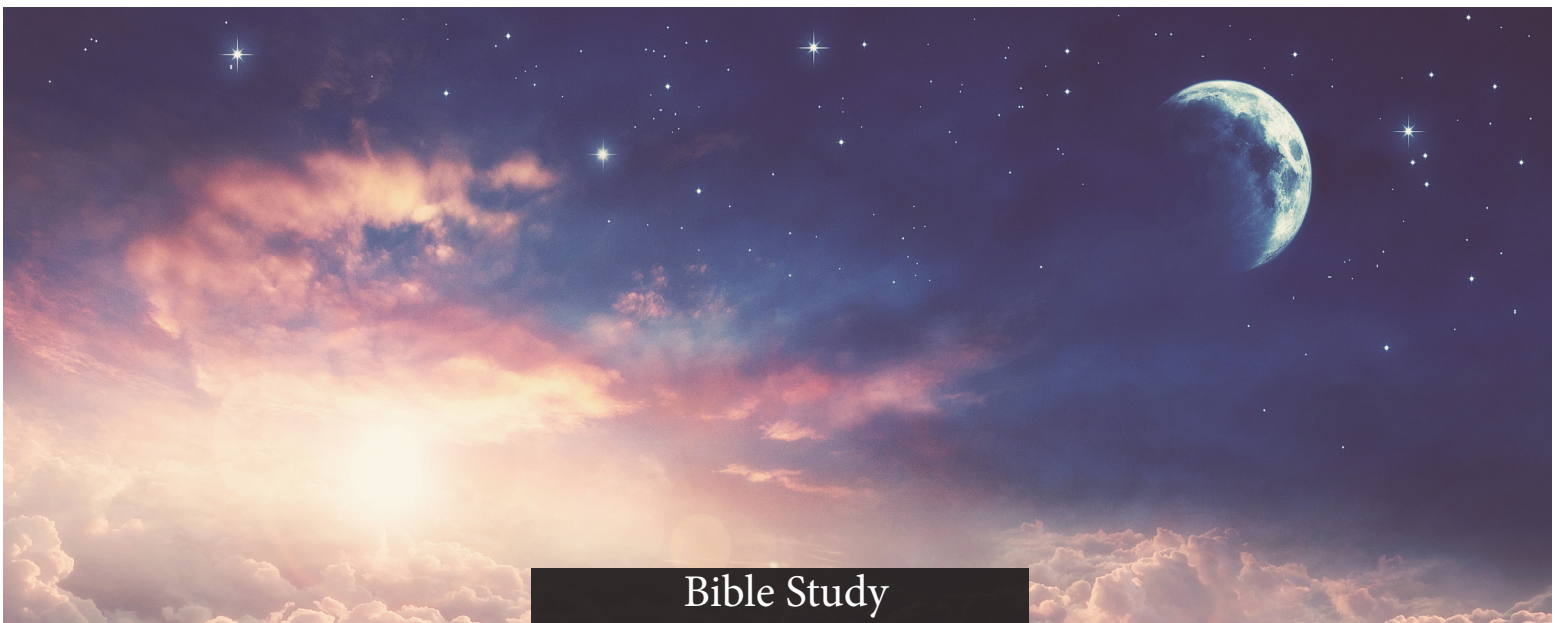
The two important necessities of life that God says are sure are bread and water. Isaiah 33:16 says, “He shall dwell on high: his place of defence shall be the munitions of rocks: bread shall be given him; his waters shall be sure.”

End note

¹ *Functional Properties of Polyphenols in Grains and Effects of Physicochemical Processing on Polyphenols* (hindawi.com)



Carlene Rodgers participates with her parents in ministry at Pathway to Peace Ministries. She designed many of the pamphlets and book covers for the ministry. She enjoys playing the piano and harp. She also enjoys showing people how to cook plant-based food during the cooking classes held at Pathway to Peace every month.



Bible Study

The Third Angel's Message

By Cary Rodgers

The first angel's message given in Revelation 14:6,7 is God's invitation to the entire world for true worship in order to have mercy and forgiveness of sin. For those who do not take heed to this urgent message, the second angel's message in Revelation 14:8 reveals that those who continue to drink the intoxicating false doctrines of Babylon's wine, have fallen away from the truth and will fall if they do not repent and turn from sin. For those who reject the first and second angel's message, God sends the third angel's message.

What is the urgent call of the third angel's message?

Revelation 14:9-11

"9 And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark in his forehead, or in his hand,

10 The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb:

11 And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever [everlasting results]: and they have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name."

What is the fate of all those who receive the mark of the beast?

Beginning of Revelation 14: 10, "The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture..."

This wine of the wrath of God is not mixed with mercy.

What is the wrath of God that will be poured out?

Revelation 15:1

"1 And I saw another sign in heaven, great and marvellous, seven angels having the seven last plagues; for in them is filled up the wrath of God."

Revelation 16:1,2

"1 And I heard a great voice out of the temple saying to the seven angels, Go your ways, and pour out the vials of the wrath of God upon the earth.

2 And the first went, and poured out his vial upon the earth; and there fell a noisome and grievous sore upon the men which had the mark of the beast, and upon them which worshipped his image."

The wrath of God that will be poured out on all who have the mark of the beast will be the seven last plagues!

What will be the final punishment for those who receive the mark of the beast?

Revelation 19:20

"20 And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone."

Not only will those who receive the mark of the beast suffer from the seven last plagues, but their final punishment will be hellfire also known as the lake of fire. This is the fire and brimstone that Revelation 14:10 is speaking about: "he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone."

What is the "Mark of Beast"?

The mark of the beast is not a micro chip placed in the forehead or hand, nor 666 barcode stamped on the forehead or hand.

Remember: Everything that God has that is genuine Satan has a counterfeit. If the mark of the beast is identified as Satan's

counterfeit we need to know God's genuine "mark".

If we clearly identify God's mark on His people, we know that Satan has a counterfeit mark close behind. Let's briefly go to Revelation 7:2,3.

What is the "mark" of the true God of Heaven?

Revelation 7:2,3

"2 And I saw another angel ascending from the east, having the seal of the living God: and he cried with a loud voice to the four angels, to whom it was given to hurt the earth and the sea,

3 Saying, Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, till we have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads."

Notice: God only seals or marks those in their foreheads who have the character of Christ. So we see in this text that John saw in vision an angel symbolically mark the faithful people of God with the seal of the living God in their foreheads.

Seal (Greek) sphragis (sfrag-ece') - "...a signet (as fencing in or protecting from misappropriation); by implication the stamp impressed (as a mark of privacy, or genuineness), literally or figuratively." Strong G4973

Governments use a seal as a mark of authenticity on an official document or law.

A seal is a device for making an impression in wax, clay, paper, or some other medium, including an embossment on paper, and is also the impression thus made. The original purpose was to authenticate a document. (Wikipedia.com)

The Seal of God is the mark of God's governmental authority. It is His government's official seal.

What is the seal of the living God that officially marks the faithful people of God as a sign of their loyalty and obedience?

Ezekiel 20:12, 20

"12 Moreover also I gave them my sabbaths, to be a sign between me and them, that they might know that I am the LORD that sanctify them.

20 And hallow my sabbaths; and they shall be a sign between me and you, that ye may know that I am the LORD your God."

Sign (Hebrew) meaning: 'ôth [oth] "...a signal (literally or figuratively), as a flag, beacon, monument,... evidence, etc.: - mark, miracle, (en-) sign, token." Strong H226

Sign, Seal, and Mark are the same. They are synonymous in their meaning.

Keeping the Seventh-day Sabbath is a sign or mark of your loyalty to God in which you keep ALL of his commandments as an expression of your love to Jesus.

Where does God place His official seal of authority within the 10 Commandments which makes this document of heaven official?

3 Elements of a legal government seal

- 1. Name 2. Title 3. Territory

The seal of the Ten Commandments is found in the 4th Commandment:

Exodus 20:8 - 11

"8 Remember the sabbath (rest) day, to keep it holy.

9 Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work:

10 But the seventh day is the sabbath of the LORD thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates: (who)

11 For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that

in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it."

The Fourth Commandment reveals the official seal of God:

- 1) His Name: Lord (Jehovah/self existent one)
- 2) Title/position (Creator)
- 3) His territory (heaven, earth, sea and all)

The seal of God or official mark of God that authenticates His Ten Commandments is the Seventh-day Sabbath. The Sabbath commandment reveals the author of the Ten Commandments. This is the reason why Satan has an all out assault on God's true Holy Sabbath.

Seventh-day Sabbath = Sunset Friday to Sunset Saturday (A day begins in the evening. Read Gesesis 1:5,8,13,19,23,31)

Seal of the Living God = TRUE Seventh-day SABBATH including ALL His commandments.

True Worship vs False Worship

The Sabbath of God is the authenticating mark of God that is a test of your loyalty to God

The mark of the beast is a counterfeit "sabbath" that reveals that those who follow it reject the commandments of God and follow the tradition and commandments of men.

If you know that the mark of God is His seventh-day holy sabbath, the mark of the beast is Satan's counterfeit that has to do with a day of worship which opposes God's true seventh-day Sabbath according to the Bible.



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Reviewing The Past

Avondale College

By Elijah M. Rodgers

In 1891, Ellen White went to Australia. She clearly saw the need for a college that would follow the order of true education. At her urging, two large houses were bought to house the new college in. The Lord blessed the school and it was very successful.

But as the school grew, they needed to find more property for the school and its industries. So a search was made for some property and they found one that had 1,450 acres for only \$3.00 an acre.

The land was said to be in very poor condition and not fit for practical use in things like gardening. But God had showed this very place to Ellen White in vision. "I dreamed that, as I was walking about the estate, I came to a neat-cut furrow that had been plowed one quarter of a yard deep and two yards in length. This dream I related to Brother and Sister Starr and my family." —Ellen White, quoted in F.C. Gilbert, *Divine Predictions of Mrs. Ellen G. White Fulfilled*, pp. 343

On May 24, 1894, a group of people went to visit the property and speaking of that visit Ellen White said, "Afterwards as I was walking on the ground; lo, there was the furrow just as I had described it, and the men also who criticized the appearance of the land. The words were spoken just as I

had dreamed."—Ellen White, quoted in F.C. Gilbert, *Divine Predictions of Mrs. Ellen G. White Fulfilled*, p. 344 There were many who criticized the soil as unfavorable, but at last were convinced.

A time of earnest prayer was held. The story is also told that one of the people who knelt with them in prayer was healed of tuberculosis. As they prayed, it became clear that this was to be the property for the college. They then decided to purchase the property for \$4,500.

At first, it was said that the ground was worthless for farming; but in the vision instructions were given on how to make the ground suitable for growing. When the ground was tilled deep as God had told them to do, God blessed it greatly.

A.G. Daniells said of this, "God's blessing rested signally upon the field and orchard at Avondale. I remember at one time, while connected with the school for a short period, I went into the vineyard, lifted up some of the heavy vines, and brought to view large bunches of the most luscious grapes I have ever seen. From the ten-acre orchard I have helped the boys carry to the school kitchen large baskets of peaches, oranges, lemons, and apples, as fine as could be grown."—A.G. Daniells, *Abiding Gift of Prophecy*, chap. 28.

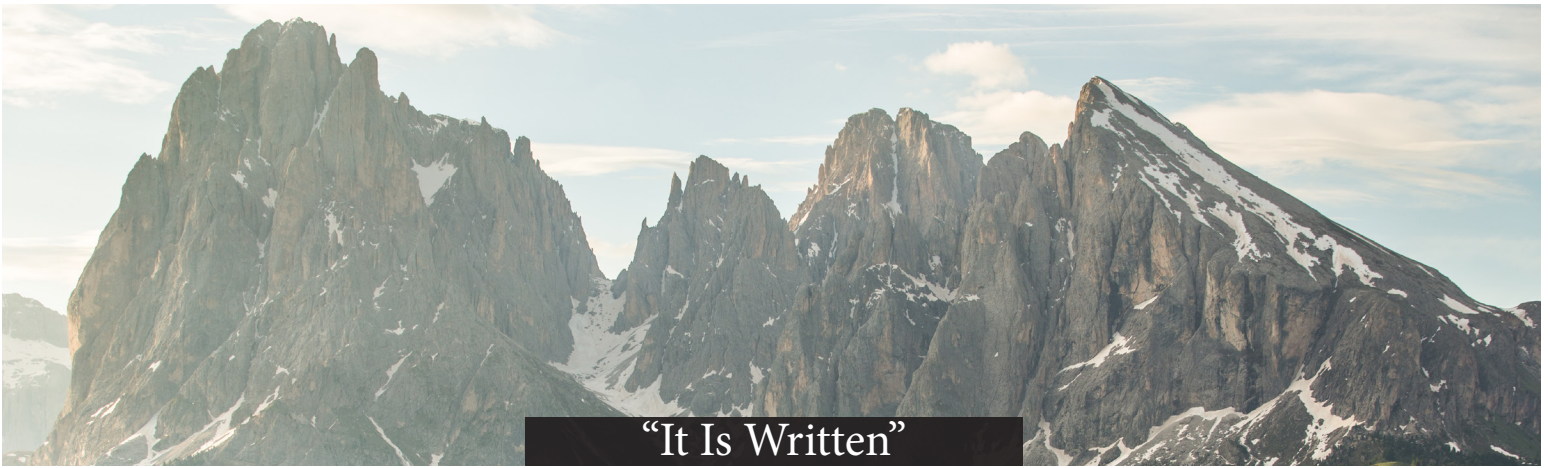
Initially, a hotel was rented and housed the students and the classes. In the day, the students worked. Trees had to be cleared, roots dug up, water drained, all to prepare the property for the school buildings that had to be built. These faculty and students were truly pioneers.

When two buildings had been completed, the school officially opened in April 28, 1897. A hospital was also operated a mile west of the school.

Ellen White lived near by the school in her residence she called "Sunnyside" from 1885 to 1900. During this time she assisted in planning the curriculum, also she wrote many fundraising letters, and a lot of valuable instruction in regards to true education.

The schedule was a busy one with the students waking up at 5:45 am. Classes were held in the morning, and after lunch, they spent three hours in work.

A number of industries were started including a bakery, orchard, farm, a food factory, carpentry shop, and much more. Profits from these industries were used to help other schools and mission projects. God greatly blessed the efforts of this school.



“It Is Written”

Preparing the Way

By Nehemiah Rodgers

We should be preparing the way of the Lord. Mark 1:3 says, “The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.”

We should be preparing the way for God to come again the second time!

Malachi 3:1 “Behold, I will send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me: and the Lord, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple, even the messenger of the covenant, whom ye delight in: behold, he shall come, saith the LORD of hosts.”

And who are the messengers? Well, we as God’s people are. And like John the Baptist, we are to prepare the way. Luke 1:17 “And he shall go before

him in the spirit and power of Elias, to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just; to make ready a people prepared for the Lord.”

Old Paths or New Paths

Jeremiah 6:16 “Thus saith the LORD, Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls. But they said, We will not walk therein.”

So you see that there is an old path and a new path, But the new path is the path to destruction, so we as

God’s people should not be preparing the new way! For example, if you go to an amusement park, you would not be preparing the way of God.

For Those Who Prepare The Way, God Prepares a Place

John 14:3 “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.”

So, if we do our part, God will reward us. We have to prepare the way for God to come again to take us home to the place that He has prepared for us.



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When we were at the market selling and giving out our new brochure a man who received the brochure asked us if we were Seventh-day Adventists because he said, "the Adventists believe in the laws of health." Growing up, he had a friend that was a Seventh-day Adventist and he had heard some of our beliefs. About three years ago he began to study for himself. He said how he studied the Bible and saw that what he had heard from his friend was the truth. Amazingly, he bought an old Bible study book published by Review and Herald that was written over sixty years ago that same day. He studies the Bible a lot now and it shows because he was able to recite from memory several Bible texts in support of the seventh-day Sabbath. He also spoke of the Sunday law and how he believes it is coming

soon because of the homosexuality so prevalent in these last days. His name is Alberto, pray for him because he says he wants to preach to share the word of God with others.

Another interesting story was of a couple who came to our farm to buy strawberries. The lady asked us what is the difference between Seventh-day Adventists and other denominations. My brother Elijah told her that we believe in the commandments which includes the fourth commandment to remember the Sabbath to keep it holy and defines the Sabbath as the seventh day, Saturday, which is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God. The next time when she came to get more strawberries she told us of a picture she wanted to show us that illustrated an old woman who after death went through gates and received a new body and was with Jesus. When she found the picture on her phone she noticed that I was hesitant to respond at first. I told her that the Bible says that the dead in Christ will be resurrected when Jesus comes again. That the trump of God shall sound and that is when the mortal body will put on immortality. When I spoke of the trump, she put her fingers close to her mouth like she was blowing a trumpet. She then told me that she believes the same thing but just likes the picture and she could show it to people who don't know the truth and then tell them how it really is later. She appreciated us telling her the truth.

About two weeks later she called again to ask if the blueberries were ready yet and she testified how her husband tried eating fresh pineapple for his back pain,

which we told her about, and how it worked. We were very glad hear the testimony. She said that she listens to all the things we tell her. It is wonderful seeing the seeds of truth being planted in the heart of many people.

We are also excited to announce the Medical Ministry Action Plan (mMAP) meetings that go over the book entitled, Medical Ministry, which is a compilation of the writings of Ellen White on the medical missionary work. We have abbreviated this series as mMAP. The word map tells me that we are studying the map to see the direction that God has for us to follow in the medical ministry work. This is just the beginning of something greater that God will have us do. You can join this meeting and invite others to join as well. It is live on Zoom and Youtube at 7:00pm EST. Go to AAGEnetwork.org and subscribe to our email list for the link.

Also, we had the yearly Bible and health summer camp for youth ages 5 to 13. We have been doing summer camps in our community since 2007, in which I myself was a camper, but now a teacher. This year one of the participants was the daughter of someone that came to our first camp.

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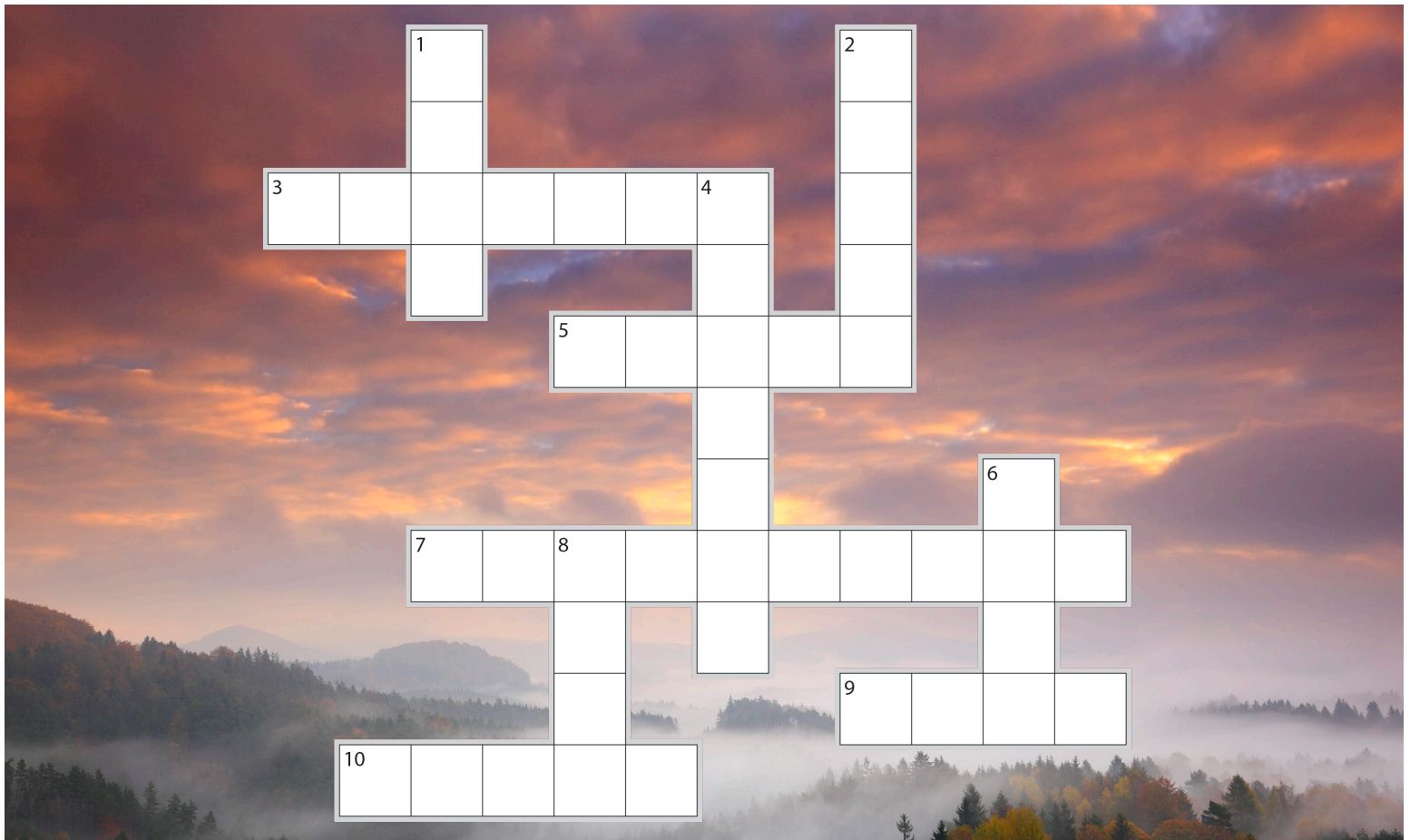
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Across

3. Revelation 14:7 Saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come: and _____ him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters.
5. John 6:35 And Jesus said unto them, I am the _____ of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst.
7. Genesis 11:6 And the LORD said, Behold, the people is one, and they have all one language; and this they begin to do: and now nothing will be _____ from them, which they have imagined to do.
9. Luke 6:39 And he spake a parable unto them, Can the blind lead the blind? shall they not both ____ into the ditch?
10. Matthew 15:14 Let them alone: they be _____ leaders of the blind. And if the blind lead the blind, both shall fall into the ditch.

Down


1. Revelation 14:11 "...and they have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the _____ of his name."
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Matthew 1:21-23 "And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS; for he shall save his people from their sins. Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us."

Jesus came to save us from our sins and give us the gift of salvation. Sin brought pain, suffering, and death upon the world. For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God. Romans 3:23. (Read Romans 5:12)

According to 1 John 3:4, "Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law; for sin is the transgression of the law." (God's Law is found in Exodus 20:3-17)

Because we sinned we were doomed to eternal death. "For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is

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Laws are the structure of all governments, and without them there would be total chaos. A government would not be able to stand without just laws. God has a government. "But the LORD is the true God; he is the living God, and an everlasting king. . ." Jeremiah 10:10. He rules over all. In His government He has a law. His law is known as the Ten Commandments. (Read Deuteronomy 10:4)

In this law He shows us how to obey and love God, and love others. In this short study you will learn about the law of God. What is the law of God? What are the main purposes of the law? Are we to keep God's law? Let's see what the Bible says.

First, where are the Ten Commandments found in the Bible? They are found in Exodus 20:3-17. The first four show us how to love God: (1) "Thou shalt have no other gods before me." (2) "Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth; Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me: And showing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments." (3) "Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD thy God in vain;

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The Bible teaches that we are to keep God's moral law, the Ten Commandments. Jesus Himself says in Matthew 5:17, "Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil." In addition, Romans 3:31 says, "Do we then make void the law through faith? God forbid: yea, we establish the law." Love is the foundation of God's law. Romans 13:10 says, "For this, Thou shalt not commit adultery; Thou shalt not kill; Thou shalt not steal; Thou shalt not bear false witness; Thou shalt not covet; and if there be any other commandment, it is briefly comprehended in this saying, namely, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. Love worketh no ill to his neighbour: therefore love is the fulfilling of the law."

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