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"God has qualified His people to enlighten the world. He has entrusted them with faculties by which they are to extend His work until it shall encircle the globe. In all parts of the earth they are to establish sanitariums, schools, publishing houses, and kindred facilities for the accomplishment of His work." - Medical Ministry, page 330

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#### From Filled With Violence, To Filled with Peace

By Elene Rodgers

If you have glanced through recent news headlines, or listened to conversations, you know that violence is a major concern now. It seems like the land is filled with violence. Since most are aware of it, the purpose of this update is to show what has happened in Bible history when a land is filled with violence and to give you hope for a time when the land will be filled with righteousness and peace.

During the time of Noah and the Ark, the land was filled with violence: "And GOD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually." (Genesis 6:5) "The earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence. And God looked upon the earth, and, behold, it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted his way upon the earth. And God said unto Noah, The end of all flesh is come before me; for the earth is filled with violence through them; and, behold, I will destroy them with the earth." (Genesis 6:5,11-13)

During the time of Sodom and Gomorrah the land was filled with violence before they were destroyed: "And the LORD said, Because the cry of Sodom and Gomorrah is great, and because their sin is very grievous;" (Genesis 18:20) "But before they lay down, the men of the city, even the men of Sodom, compassed the house round, both old and young, all the people from every quarter: (5) And they called unto Lot, and said unto him, Where are the men which came in to thee this night? bring them out unto us, that we may know them:(6) And Lot went out at the door unto them, and shut the door after him, (7) And said, I, pray you, brethren, do not so wickedly. (9) And they said, Stand back. And they said again, This one fellow came in to sojourn, and he will needs be a judge: now will we deal worse with thee, than with them. And they pressed sore upon the man, even Lot, and came near to break the door." (Genesis 19:4-7,9)

During the time before Nineveh's destruction, the land was full of violence, "Woe to the bloody city! it is all full of lies and robbery; the prey departeth not; (3)The horseman lifteth up both the bright sword and the glittering spear: and there is a multitude of slain, and a great number of carcases; and there is none end of their corpses; they stumble upon their corpses:" Nahum 3:1,3

Even Judah was filled with violence before their destruction: "Then he said unto me, Hast thou seen this, O son of man? Is it a light thing to the house of Judah that they commit the abominations which they commit here? for they have filled the land with violence, and have returned to provoke me to anger: and, lo, they put the branch to their nose." (Ezekiel 8:17)

Also, just before the Second Coming of Jesus Christ the land will be filled with violence. Violence will be so great that if Jesus did not come back again, no one would be alive: "For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be. And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened." (Matthew 24:21,22) Violence in the world will increase until it reaches its limit, until "the cup which she hath filled" is full of abominations. (Revelation 18:6)

As you witness violence in our world today, it is important to stay focused on the promises of God which is a shield that will protect you from "the fiery darts" of Satan. By faith, you can look beyond this land filled with violence to the Promised Land of peace: "And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God. And 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. And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And he said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful." (Revelation 21:2-5).

Words of famous Hymn: In the Sweet By and By Sanford Bennett

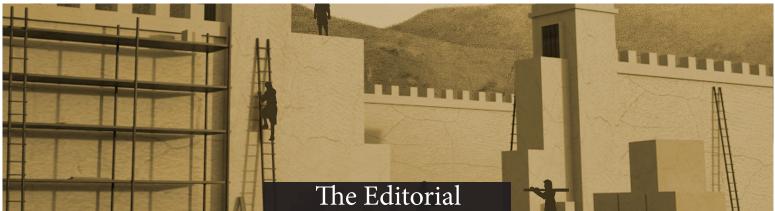
There's a land that is fairer than day And by faith you can see it afar For the Father waits over the way To prepare us a dwelling place there

### 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 Fourth 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!



## Wholeheartedly Committed

By Elijah M. Rodgers

The laws of a free country are the foundational components of order in society. They outline the acceptable rules of conduct and the penalties that will follow its violation. What do these laws protect? Life and property. What if drunk driving was freely permitted? Many more thousands of innocent people would die from reckless intoxicated drivers. What if there was no punishment for robbers that stole the property of another?

When rebellion against the laws that protect society from fraud and violence is regarded as freedom, lawlessness is the result. Property nor life would be respected. Robbery and violence would prevail throughout the land unchecked. Sadly, we see this unfolding before us in society now. Many people see this problem and are trying to find solutions. But what really is the foundation of this derogation of morals in society? It is deeper than many realize.

To understand this better we will look at the moral standards of God's government. God's universal government has a law for the health and happiness of all mankind. It defines our obligation to God and mankind. It is summarized in Ten Divine Commandments.

God's moral law defines sin. 1 John 3:4 says "Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the

transgression of the law." And Romans 7:7 declares "What shall we say then? Is the law sin? God forbid. Nay, I had not known sin, but by the law: for I had not known lust, except the law had said, Thou shalt not covet."

Though the law defines sin, it has no power to cleanse the sinner from sin. We are justified by faith in the blood of Jesus Christ.

Righteousness by faith and God's moral law go hand in hand. When the sinner looks "into the perfect law of liberty", he sees his sinfulness and the punishment of transgression (James 1:25). As Christ reveals the sinner's true condition through the moral standard, the sinner is pointed to Christ to redeem them from the bondage of sin.

The "...law is spiritual: but I am carnal, sold under sin." (Romans 7:14) Humanly our lives are in opposition to the law and therefore is under the condemnation of the law. "Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be." (Romans 8:7) Of this condition Paul says "O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death?" (Romans 7:24) Since sin was brought into this world we are naturally transgressors of the law.

To save us from this condition God implemented the plan of salvation. "For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh:

That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. (Romans 8:3,4)

Seeing the hope Paul joyfully exclaims "I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord. So then with the mind I myself serve the law of God; but with the flesh the law of sin. (Romans 7:25) This is why Romans 3:31 says, "Do we then make void the law through faith? God forbid: yea, we establish the law."

Now many in the world no longer see any obligation in the Ten Commandments. Even many professed Christian's claim that the Ten Commandments were done away and nailed to the cross. According to Colossians chapter 2 the law that was nailed to the cross was the "handwriting of ordinances" given to Moses "which are a shadow of things to come" (Colossians 2:14,17) "...It is not possible that the blood of bulls and of goats should take away sins," but God had these ceremonial and sacrificial services to point to "...the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all" "...that he might bring us to God". - (Hebrews 10:4; Hebrews 10:10; & 1 Peter 3:18) When Christ was offered for us on the cross, the event which the ceremonial laws pointed to for centuries was fulfilled and the sacrificial services were to end, Christ "...took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross." (Colossians 2:17) This was the law that was nailed to the cross, not God's moral law.

Jesus came to uplift the law. He says,"Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I

am not come to destroy, but to fulfil," Matthew 5:17. Jesus also says in Luke 16:17, "And it is easier for heaven and earth to pass, than one tittle of the law to fail." Jesus did not come to destroy the law, but to establish His law.

"There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit." (Romans 8:1) Those that receive the cleansing blood of Christ are no longer under the condemnation of the law. By taking us from the bondage of sin, Paul says, "Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death." Romans 8:2

The open rejection and violation of God's moral law is the foundation of all of the societal problems the world is facing now. "The earth mourneth and fadeth away, the world languisheth and fadeth away, the haughty people of the earth do languish. 5 The earth also is defiled under the inhabitants thereof; because they have transgressed the laws, changed the ordinance, broken the everlasting covenant. 6 Therefore hath the curse devoured the earth, and they that dwell therein are desolate: therefore the inhabitants of the earth are burned, and few men left." Isaiah 24:4-6 When God's moral law is transgressed, our governmental laws established to protect society would also be disregarded.

Society has sunk deeper and deeper into the moral corruption and it is getting worse. Our world today has become like the days of Sodom and Gomorrah and the violence as Nineveh.

What does God do to counter the tide of rebellion and death sweeping the earth? The psalmist says, "It is time for thee, LORD, to work: for they have made void thy law." Psalms 119:126 Though it seems that the entire world around us is walking in rebellion to God's law, there is a remnant. In the midst of universal rebellion a message rings throughout the world, "...here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus." Revelation 14:12 before attained, and yet many ministers of the gospel are crying, 'Peace and safety.' But God's faithful messengers are to go steadily forward with their work. Clothed with the panoply of heaven, they are to advance fearlessly and victoriously, never ceasing their warfare until every soul within their reach shall have received the message of truth for this time." - *Acts of the Apostles*, page 220.1

Like the faithful men of the ages we must call the world to repentance and transformation through the blood of Christ. This is our world's only hope.

Satan is angered to see sinful man transformed by the redemption of Christ, saved from the condemnation of the law. According to Revelation, the devil is wroth and has declared war on the people of God that "...keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ." (Revelation 12:17)

The devil and his followers will "...make war with the Lamb". With the Lamb are the "...called, and chosen, and faithful." Revelation 17:14 These are followers of Christ that have accepted the call of salvation, have been chosen for service, and remain faithful to their calling. In the face of opposition they stand like a great rock planted in a firm foundation. Under the banner of Jesus Christ they move forward with fearless audacity and unflinching courage. The Lord of lords, King of kings who goes before us will lead us to victory.

"When God opens the way for the accomplishment of a certain work and gives assurance of success, the chosen instrumentality must do all in his power to bring about the promised result. In proportion to the enthusiasm and perseverance with which the work is



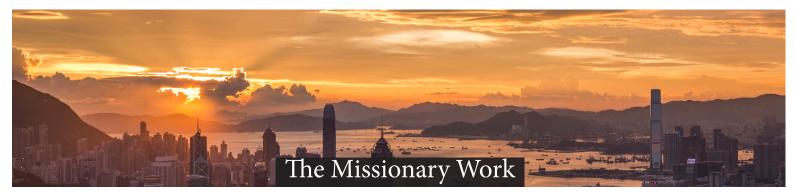
carried forward will be the success given. God can work miracles for His people only as they act their part with untiring energy. He calls for men of devotion to His work, men of moral courage, with ardent love for souls, and with a zeal that never flags. Such workers will find no task too arduous, no prospect too hopeless; they will labor on, undaunted, until apparent defeat is turned into glorious victory." *- Prohpets and Kings*, page 263

The cries of suffering millions in this world ascends before God. The Lord will work through His people to mightily change the world. Many more self-sacrificing workers are needed. These are individuals who will follow in the steps of Christ and commit their lives in the service to our dying world. Another quote by Ellen White summarizes this great need. "What the church needs in these days of peril is an army of workers who, like Paul, have educated themselves for usefulness, who have a deep experience in the things of God, and who are filled with earnestness and zeal. Sanctified, self-sacrificing men are needed; men who will not shun trial and responsibility; men who are brave and true; men in whose hearts Christ is formed "the hope of glory," and who with lips touched with holy fire will "preach the word." For want of such workers the cause of God languishes, and fatal errors, like a deadly poison, taint the morals and blight the hopes of a large part of the human race." Acts of the Apostles, page 507.2

As the end draws nearer and nearer, the devil will only intensify his efforts to destroy humanity. But as the devil intensifies his destruction, the army of the Lord will only oppose it with even greater intensity. Will you join the army of the Lord?

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"Wickedness is reaching a height never



## The Outlook

By Ellen G. White

We are nearing the close of this earth's history. We have before us a great work,—the closing work of giving the last warning message to a sinful world. There are men who will be taken from the plow, from the vineyard, from various other branches of work, and sent forth by the Lord to give this message to the world.

The world is out of joint. As we look at the picture, the outlook seems discouraging. But Christ greets with hopeful assurance the very men and women who cause us discouragement. In them He sees qualifications that will enable them to take a place in His vineyard. If they will constantly be learners, through His providence He will make them men and women fitted to do a work that is not beyond their capabilities; through the impartation of the Holy Spirit, He will give them power of utterance.

Many of the barren, unworked fields must be entered by beginners. The brightness of the Saviour's view of the world will inspire confidence in many workers, who, if they begin in humility and put their hearts into the work, will be found to be the right men for the time and place. Christ sees all the misery and despair of the world, the sight of which would bow down some of our workers of large capabilities with a weight of discouragement so great that they would not know how even to begin the work of leading men and women to the first round of the ladder. Their precise methods are of little value. They would stand above

the lower rounds of the ladder, saying, "Come up where we are." But the poor souls do not know where to put their feet.

Christ's heart is cheered by the sight of those who are poor in every sense of the term; cheered by His view of the ill-used ones who are meek; cheered by the seemingly unsatisfied hungering after righteousness, by the inability of many to begin. He welcomes, as it were, the very condition of things that would discourage many ministers. He corrects our erring piety, giving the burden of the work for the poor and needy in the rough places of the earth, to men and women who have hearts that can feel for the ignorant and for those that are out of the way.

The Lord teaches these workers how to meet those whom He wishes them to help. They will be encouraged as they see doors opening for them to enter places where they can do medical missionary work. Having little self-confidence, they give God all the glory. Their hands may be rough and unskilled, but their hearts are susceptible to pity; they are filled with an earnest desire to do something to relieve the woe so abundant; and Christ is present to help them. He works through those who discern mercy in misery, gain in the loss of all things. When the Light of the world passes by, privileges appear in all hardships, order in confusion, the success and wisdom of God in that

which has seemed to be failure.

My brethren and sisters, in your ministry come close to the people. Uplift those who are cast down. Treat of calamities as disguised blessings, of woes as mercies. Work in a way that will cause hope to spring up in the place of despair.

The common people are to take their place as workers. Sharing the sorrows of their fellow-men as the Saviour shared the sorrows of humanity, they will by faith see Him working with them.

"The great day of the Lord is near, it is near, and hasteth greatly." [Zephaniah 1:14.] To every worker I would say: Go forth in humble faith, and the Lord will go with you. But watch unto prayer. This is the science of your labor. The power is of God. Work in dependence upon Him, remembering that you are laborers together with Him. He is your Helper. Your strength is from Him. He will be your wisdom, your righteousness, your sanctification, your redemption. Wear the yoke of Christ, daily learning of Him His meekness and lowliness. He will be your comfort, your rest.

The Saviour knows the depths of the world's misery and despair, knows by what means to bring relief. He sees on every hand souls in darkness, bowed down with sin and sorrow and pain. But He sees also their possibilities.

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Ellen White (1827- 1915) was one of the founders of the Seventhday 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"

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## The Missionary Update



#### Forward in Faith

We continue to press forward in faith preparing a broader foundation for schools and health centers. We are working on preparing the ground for our larger sawmill. We have seen the importance of establishing industries as a means of providing employment for students and supporting the work. Interestingly, a lot of Seventh-day Adventist schools used to have industries and saw-milling was among the list. Now that Spring is here, we will be planting our summer crops on the farm. Also, new videos and quizzes are being uploaded to the Everlasting Gospel and Health training course on BCMEonline.org.

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He sees the height to which they may attain. Although human beings have abused their mercies, wasted their talents, and lost the dignity of godlike manhood, the Creator is to be glorified in their redemption.

Christ rejoiced that He could do more for His followers than they could ask or think. He knew that the truth, armed with the omnipotence of the Holy Spirit, would conquer in the contest with evil; and that the blood-stained banner would wave triumphantly over His followers. He knew that the life of His trusting disciples would be like His,—a series of uninterrupted victories, not seen to be such here, but recognized as such in the great hereafter.

"These things I have spoken unto you," He said, "that in Me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world." [John 16:33,] Christ did not fail, neither was He discouraged; and His followers are to manifest a faith of the same enduring nature. They are to live as He lived, and work as He worked, because they depend on Him as the great Master-worker.

Courage, energy, and perseverance they must possess. Though apparent impossibilities obstruct their

way, by His grace they are to go forward. Instead of deploring difficulties, they are called upon to surmount them. They are to despair of nothing, and to hope for everything. With the golden chain of His matchless love, Christ had bound them to the throne of God. It is His purpose that the highest influence in the universe, emanating from the Source of all power, shall be theirs. They are to have power to resist evil, power that neither earth, nor death, nor hell can master, power that will enable them to overcome as Christ overcame.

- Gospel Workers, page, 36.1 - 39.2



# Nineveh: A Theater of God's Grace and Justice

#### By Elene Rodgers

Nineveh was the capital city of the Assyrian Empire known for its "wickedness". (Jonah 1:2) Jonah being thrown into the sea and swallowed by a fish as he attempted to avoid preaching to the people of Nineveh is interesting. It is also amazing that after he was vomited onto land and went to Nineveh to preach that the people repented; but that is only part of God's dealings with Nineveh. Understanding the rest of the story helps us better comprehend God's grace and justice. And God wants us to know, that is why He put it on public display.

#### The prophecy against Nineveh

This prophecy was given many years after Jonah during a time of its boastful arrogance and great violence: "The burden of Nineveh. The book of the vision of Nahum the Elkoshite." (Nahum 1:1). "Woe to the bloody city! it is all full of lies and robbery; the prey departeth not; The noise of a whip, and the noise of the rattling of the wheels, and of the pransing horses, and of the jumping chariots. The horseman lifteth up both the bright sword and the glittering spear: and there is a multitude of slain, and a great number of carcases; and there is none end of their corpses; they stumble upon their corpses: Because of the multitude of

the whoredoms of the wellfavoured harlot, the mistress of witchcrafts, that selleth nations through her whoredoms, and families through her witchcrafts. Behold, I am against thee, saith the LORD of hosts; and I will discover thy skirts upon thy face, and I will shew the nations thy nakedness, and the kingdoms thy shame. And I will cast abominable filth upon thee, and make thee vile, and will set thee as a **gazingstock**. And it shall come to pass, that all they that look upon thee shall flee from thee, and say, Nineveh is laid waste..." (Nahum 3:1-7).

#### What is a gazingstock?

gazingstock = a spectacle (Strong's Hebrew Definition H7210)

Also, in Hebrews 10:33, the word gazingstock is used to describe how the new Christians were made gazingstocks as they had suffered reproach and affliction.

Gazingstock = from G2302; to expose as a spectacle (Strong's Greek Definition G2301 theatrizō)

In fact in 1 Corinthians 4:9, the word spectacle is used to describe how the apostles were made a "spectacle [G2302] unto the world, and to angels, and to men."

G2302 = a place for public show ("theatre"), that is, general audience room; by implication a show itself (figuratively): Nineveh was prophesied to be a gazingstock (spectacle or theater) where something exhibited would be extraordinary, unusual, or worthy of special notice. So, what was going to be displayed?

#### A Theater of God's Grace and Justice

When Jonah preached to the people of Nineveh, they repented: "And God saw their works, that they turned from their evil way; and God repented of the evil, that he had said that he would do unto them; and he did it not." (Jonah 3:10 ) God delights to have mercy for those who repent. Micah 7:18 explains, "Who is a God like unto thee, that pardoneth iniquity, and passeth by the transgression of the remnant of his heritage? he retaineth not his anger for ever, because he delighteth in mercy." God has no pleasure in the destruction of the wicked but desires them to turn from their evil ways so that they can live: "Say unto them, As I live, saith the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked; but that the wicked turn from his way and live: turn ye, turn ye from your evil ways; for why will ye die, O house of Israel? (Ezekiel 33:11). As an expression of God's infinite love for sinful man, grace is offered to all who repent and renew their allegiance to Him as evidenced by their obedience to His commandments.

God's character of mercy was revealed when He had compassion on those in Nineveh who were once vile but had humbled themselves and repented and were spared from destruction.

When Jonah saw that the people were not destroyed, it bothered him: "But it displeased Jonah exceedingly, and he was very angry." (Jonah 4:1) After Nineveh was spared from destruction, Jonah described God's character but he left a part of it out. Let's compare.

#### Jonah's Description of God's Character

Jonah 4:2 And he prayed unto the LORD, and said, I pray thee, O LORD, was not this my saying, when I was yet in my country? Therefore I fled before unto Tarshish: for I knew that thou art a gracious God, and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and repentest thee of the evil.

#### God's Character as He Proclaimed It

Exodus 34:6,7 And the LORD passed by before him, and proclaimed, The LORD, The LORD God, merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abundant in goodness and truth, (7) Keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, and that will by no means clear the guilty; visiting [punishing] the iniquity of the fathers upon the children, and upon the children's children, unto the third and to the fourth generation.

God's character is merciful and gracious but He is also just in that those who continue in transgressing His law, will be punished. When the people of Nineveh repented, God had mercy and they were not destroyed, but what happened later?

#### **Timeline of Events**

778 BC-763 BC: Time of Jonah, during reign of Jeroboam king of Israel<sup>1</sup> (2 Kings 14:23,25)

**722 BC:** Northern Israel taken into captivity by Assyria in the 6th year of Hezekiah's reign<sup>1</sup> (2 Kings 18:10)

**714 BC:** Sennacherib king of Assyria threatens Judah in the 14th year of Hezekiah's reign<sup>1</sup> (2 Kings 18:13)

663 BC: City of No [also known as No-

Amon or Thebes] sacked by Assyria (referred to in Nahum 3:8-10)

(Note: Since Nahum wrote about No, which was once populous, the prophecy of Nahum 3:1-7 was given after 663 BC shortly before Nineveh was destroyed)

**612 BC:** Battle of Nineveh-"destruction of what was the greatest city in the world, covering 750 hectacres"<sup>2</sup>

**609 BC:** Assyrian and Egyptian forces failed in attack of Babylon at Harran. End of Assyrian Empire.<sup>3</sup>

When the people of Nineveh repented, they were saved, years later when they rebelled they were destroyed. God desires mercy but if people refuse and rebel, they will be destroyed. Nineveh stands even today on public display of this fact. Today Nineveh can be seen as "an area of 750 hectares (1,900 acres) circumscribed by a 12-kilometre (7.5 mi) fortification wall. This whole extensive space is now one immense area of ruins…" Wikipedia

Everything happened as God inspired Nahum to foretell it. ALL the inspired prophetic words of God will be fulfilled, even what God has prophesied will occur at the end of time: "The land shall be utterly emptied, and utterly spoiled: for the LORD hath spoken this word. The earth mourneth and fadeth away, the world languisheth and fadeth away, the haughty people of the earth do languish. The earth also is defiled under the inhabitants thereof; because they have transgressed the laws, changed the ordinance, broken the everlasting covenant." (Isaiah 24:3-5). This should be a sobering thought for those who trifle with God's mercy.

The message of Nineveh is a solemn appeal to the world to repent as they see what happened to Nineveh as a symbol of what God said would happen to the world. It is also a solid validation that God's Word is true. Today we have the evidence of the truth of God's word! This gives the assurance that one day God will put a total end of sin—then restore the world back to its original intent and beauty.

We are witnesses of the public display of Nineveh, that helps us better comprehend God's grace and justice. Those who humble themselves and repent as Nineveh once did have the certainty that God is merciful and will forgive. Those who have been the victims of violence, they recognize that God is aware of their circumstances and will handle the matter justly after giving the wicked thorough opportunity for repentance.

As we watch a theatrical performance near the end of the show there is a climax. This is the most intense and important part of the drama. For you, the climax will be determined by your decision to submit to God or not. You choose what the ending will be. My prayer is that you make a decision to turn from sin and worldliness and turn to Jesus! He wants to save you and not destroy you. After you have viewed what Nineveh looks like today, let us take heed to what has been displayed at the theater of God's grace and justice.

#### Endnotes

<sup>1</sup>The Evidence www.pathwaytopeace.net/ images/EBooks/PDF\_New\_Second\_Edition\_ The\_Evidence.pdf <sup>2</sup>Battle of Nineveh (612 BC) | Military Wiki | Fandom <sup>3</sup>Siege of Harran | Military Wiki | Fandom



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 are new recipes!

Healthy Living Recipes | Sweet Treat, Sweet Tea, and Delightful Sauce

# Peanut Butter n' HoneyStrawberry-LemonadeCookiesTea

2 cups natural peanut butter (We use<br/>the peanut butter just containing the<br/>ingredients: peanuts and salt.)In a pot, bring to a rolling boil about 2<br/>½ quarts of water and 1 ½ cups of your<br/>strawberries for 10 minutes. Then<br/>turn off the stove and add the juice<br/>from 1 or 2 freshly squeezed lemon<br/>and steep 4 chamomile tea bags for

 $1\frac{1}{2}$  cup wheat flour

Mix peant butter honey, water and salt in a mixing bowl. Then stir in the flour, making a cookie dough. Shape into cookies and bake at 280 degrees for about 20 minutes. These cookies are very delicious! make basic lemonade by mixing the water, lemon juice, and honey togeth without boiling it. Using good tastir local honey makes this drink taste soooo good and is very refreshing. Enjoy!

In a pot, bring to a rolling boil about 2 <sup>1/2</sup> quarts of water and 1 <sup>1/2</sup> cups of your strawberries for 10 minutes. Then turn off the stove and add the juice from 1 or 2 freshly squeezed lemon and steep 4 chamomile tea bags for about 5 minutes. Strain the tea and sweeten your tea with honey. You can drink it warm or cold. You can also make basic lemonade by mixing the water, lemon juice, and honey together without boiling it. Using good tasting local honey makes this drink taste soooo good and is very refreshing. Enjoy!

## Honey Mustard

mustard!)

<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> cup lemon juice (freshly squeezed)
<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> cup flour
1 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> tsp turmeric
1 tsp salt or to taste
2 cloves garlic
<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> cup oil (preferably a light tasting oil such as expeller pressed canola oil)
1 Tbsp. honey (This makes it honey

Blend together lemon juice, flour, turmeric, and salt. Pour into saucepan and cook on medium heat stirring constantly until thickened. Return to blender and add garlic. Slowly drizzle in oil and continue to blend for 15 seconds. (note: if you are using extra virgin olive oil, make sure your blender speed is on low and only blend the olive oil for a few seconds because blending olive oil long makes it taste bitter.) Pour into a container and refrigerate. Enjoy!



# Honey—The Miracle Product

#### By Carlene Rodgers

Raw honey is a miracle product that God has graciously created. Honey bees instinctively make honey for our benefit. Honey is made from the nectar of flowers. Bees carry the nectar to the hive and fan the nectar with their wings to evaporate most of the water. Bees also add enzymes making the final product honey.

Honey has been used for thousands of years. Proverbs 24:13 says, "My son, eat thou honey, because it is good; and the honeycomb, which is sweet to thy taste:" Honey is sweet to the taste and even has sweeter benefits, let us discover some of them.

Raw honey is truly like "liquid gold." "Traditionally, honey is used in the treatment of eye diseases, bronchial asthma, throat infections, tuberculosis, thirst, hiccups, fatigue, dizziness, hepatitis, constipation, worm infestation, piles, eczema, healing of ulcers, and wounds and used as a nutritious supplement. The ingredients of honey have been reported to exert antioxidant, antimicrobial, anti-inflammatory, antiproliferative, anticancer, and antimetastatic effects. Many evidences suggest the use of honey in the control and treatment of wounds, diabetes mellitus, cancer, asthma, and also cardiovascular, neurological, and gastrointestinal diseases."1

Raw honey is also antiviral, antibacterial, and anti-fungal.

Honey has been used since ancient times for wound care. Dressing wounds with honey heal faster than many of the conventional dressings. There are

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many grievous wounds that honey aids such as ulcers, large septic wounds, bed sores, abscesses, cancrum, and many other wounds. It even promotes cell regeneration in tissue to repair cuts and burns. "Honey is the oldest woundhealing agent known to mankind when some modern chemicals have failed in this regard. Experimental research illustrated more documents supporting its usage in wound healing because of its bioactivities including antibacterial, antiviral, anti-inflammatory, and antioxidant activities. Honey induces leukocytes to release cytokines, which is what begins the tissue repair cascades. Furthermore, it activates immune response to infection."2

Honey is even used in various eye ailments. Corneal ulcers are sores on the clear outer layer of the eye. Honey fights the infection and speeds up the healing of corneal ulcers. The antimicrobial properties in honey even fight against the bacterial that causes pink eye (Bacterial conjunctivitis). "In the 1930's, 40's and 50's, a Dr. Cary practiced medicine in Southern California, and was known for clearing up cases of cataracts with honey, as follows: a drop of honey in each eye at night before going to bed, which may sting a bit at first; then wash the eyes out in the morning. Cary felt part of the healing effect was due to honey drawing out fluid from behind the eye. Cary related the story of how a California woman who couldn't see to thread a

needle or read a newspaper was told by her ophthalmologist that she had cataracts, but he wouldn't operate until they got bigger. She decided to treat her eyes with honey, and within three weeks she could thread a needle and read the paper. When she returned to her ophthalmologist two months later, he could not see any evidence of the cataracts."<sup>3</sup>

Moreover, honey is good for the brain. It also contains acetylcholine a neurotransmitter that is mostly lost in those with Alzheimer's disease. "Al-Himyari reported that one tablespoon of honey daily to mild cognitive impaired subjects aged 65 and older was able to prevent cognitive decline and development of dementia."<sup>4</sup>

Honey is truly a miracle product. However, as sweet as honey is, there is something sweeter than honey. Psalms 19:7, 10 says, "The law of the LORD is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple. 10 More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold: sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb."

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#### A New Beginning

#### By Cary Rodgers

During the fall, the leaves of trees are stripped from their branches leaving them bare, naked, with the appearance of lifelessness. Every year during the Spring around the time of the Passover, we have the privilege to witness a new beginning in which the trees come back to life. The new buds become new leaves. This illustrates the salvation Jesus Christ offers to all those on the path of sin and destruction, a new beginning. Without this new beginning there is no hope, joy, or peace.

#### **New Beginning**

A new beginning was offered to Adam and Eve after they sinned. God made a way that they could be saved from sin. "Unto Adam also and to his wife did the LORD God make coats of skins, and clothed them." (Genesis 3:21). Coats of skin reveals that an animal had to die in order to get the skin from it. When Adam and Eve sinned, God illustrated His Plan of Salvation to them. By the death of the animal, God showed Adam and Eve that He would pay the wages of sin - death, in place of the sinner to give us everlasting life at the last day when He comes again in the clouds.

Jacob who was a deceiver, a thief, and a liar was changed into the likeness of God. He repented, confessed and turned from sin in which God changed his name

from Jacob to Israel. Israel means God prevails. When God prevails in our lives we prevail over sin and are given a new beginning: "And he said unto him, What is thy name? And he said, Jacob. 28 And he said, Thy name shall be called no more Jacob, but Israel: for as a prince hast thou power with God and with men, and hast prevailed." (Genesis 32:27,28).

Nicodemus a Pharisee and prideful was touched and pricked by the truth and ministry of Jesus Christ. John 3:1-6 reveals, "There was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews: 2 The same came to Jesus by night, and said unto him, Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God: for no man can do these miracles that thou doest, except God be with him. 3 Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. 4 Nicodemus saith unto him. How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born? 5 Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. 6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit." To be born of the spirit of God is a new beginning.

Zacchaeus, a tax collector and thief, was given a new beginning when he confessed and believed in Jesus Christ:

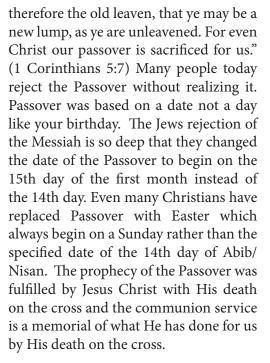
Zacchaeus, which was the chief among the publicans, and he was rich. 3 And he sought to see Jesus who he was; and could not for the press, because he was little of stature. 4 And he ran before, and climbed up into a sycomore tree to see him: for he was to pass that way. 5 And when Jesus came to the place, he looked up, and saw him, and said unto him, Zacchaeus, make haste, and come down; for to day I must abide at thy house. 6 And he made haste, and came down, and received him joyfully. 7 And when they saw it, they all murmured, saying, That he was gone to be guest with a man that is a sinner. 8 And Zacchaeus stood, and said unto the Lord; Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have taken any thing from any man by false accusation. I restore him fourfold. 9 And Jesus said unto him, This day is salvation come to this house, forsomuch as he also is a son of Abraham. 10 For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost." (Luke 19:2-10)

Jesus gave Saul who had persecuted Christians a new beginning: "Whereupon as I went to Damascus with authority and commission from the chief priests, 13 At midday, O king, I saw in the way a light from heaven, above the brightness of the sun, shining round about me and them which journeyed with me. 14 And when we were all fallen to the earth, I heard a voice speaking unto me, and saying in the Hebrew tongue, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me? it is hard for "And, behold, there was a man named thee to kick against the pricks. 15 And I said, Who art thou, Lord? And he said, I am Jesus whom thou persecutest. 16 But rise, and stand upon thy feet: for I have appeared unto thee for this purpose, to make thee a minister and a witness both of these things which thou hast seen, and of those things in the which I will appear unto thee; 17 Delivering thee from the people, and from the Gentiles, unto whom now I send thee, 18 To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me."

When God delivered Israel from Egyptian bondage, He gave them a new beginning literally and spiritually. From Creation on the Jewish calendar, the first month of the year was Tishri [which means beginning]. The first day of Tishri was commemorated and celebrated by the Jews as the beginning of Creation, the beginning of the New Year, Rosh Hashanah: "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth." (Genesis 1:1). Originally the seventh month on the Jewish calendar was Abib which later became known as Nisan. When God delivered the children of Israel out of Egypt on Passover, He gave them a new beginning and Abib/Nisan became the first month. "This month shall be unto you the beginning of months: it shall be the first month of the year to you." (Exodus 12:2)

Passover points to a new beginning, justification and righteousness for those who believe and are covered by the blood of the Lamb: "Speak ye unto all the congregation of Israel, saying, In the tenth day of this month they shall take to them every man a lamb, according to the house of their fathers, a lamb for an house: 4 And if the household be too little for the lamb, let him and his neighbour next unto his house take it according to the number of the souls; every man according to his eating shall make your count for the lamb. 5 Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male of the first year: ye shall take it out from the sheep, or from the goats: 6 And ye shall keep it up until the fourteenth day of the same month: and the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill it in the evening. 7 And they shall take of the blood, and strike it on the two side posts and on the upper door post of the houses, wherein they shall eat it." (Exodus 12:3-7)

God instituted Passover, a prophecy and memorial of the Lamb of God who died for the sins of the world. "Purge out



Jesus offers ALL a new beginning. He will take us from guilty of sin deserving of death to NOT GUILTY in order to receive eternal life. My invitation to you is to accept His gift. 2 Corinthians 5:17 17 Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.



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# Healdsburg College & Atlantic Union College

By Elijah M. Rodgers

Healdsburg College was founded in 1882 in Healdsburg, CA. It started as Healdsburg Academy but later changed the name to Healdsburg College. Later on in 1906, this school would become known as Pacific Union College.

The first president of the College was Sidney Brownsburger. While Brownsburger was the head of the Battle Creek College, he did not follow the blueprint to its fullest extent. The students were taught the regular educational curriculum without practical work.

As he continued to advance in his work, Brownsburger finally learned about the blueprint and embraced it, and applied it to the school. Trades were taught including carpentry, blacksmithing, and printing to name a few.

The blessings of this method of education were seen. The students were happy. Brownsburger said of

the true methods of education, "The In an article published in the Review Signs, May 17, 1883.

been a steadily increasing interest on Agricultural, Domestic and Mechanic the part of the students, in the practical Arts . . But of all studies, the Bible workings of this new system, and I ranks highest. A practical knowledge doubt that there is one of our number of the laws of health is all-important... who would willingly return to the old Pupils will be expected to take but few method . . The students are hard at studies at a time, thereby mastering work at their various employments, and they are happy because they are faithful."—Brownsburger, Review. January 15, 1884.

Many students left this school prepared for missionary work.

#### **Atlantic Union College**

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influence of manual labor upon the Goodle Bell outlined the course students' department has been very of study. "The Course of Study wholesome and in no way has it will embrace English Language; impeded mental progress, but rather Mathematics; Geography; Human accelerated it." - Brownsburger, Physiology and Hygiene; and Bible History; together with practical instruction in Tract and Missionary "Almost from the very first there had Work, and in the most useful of the them the more rapidly."-Review, March 7, 1882.

> The object of the school was dual in nature to prepare the students to work for the church and to support themselves. They wanted to quickly fit students to do effective missionary work.

In April of 1882, South Lancaster The students engaged in daily Bible Academy was established, located in classes, weekly prayer meetings, and Massachusetts. Even though it was literature evangelism. As a result of called an academy it was actually this work, there were many baptisms. In 1922, They were blessed and the Lord's



God Cares By Nehemiah Rodgers

God cares! Isaiah 41:10 says, "Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness."

God cares for everyone! Psalms 145:9 says, "The LORD is good to all: and his tender mercies are over all his works." God cares for all His creation. the birds, the flowers, and man. God shows His care to the flowers that die quickly. Since God cares to make things beautiful that will perish in a day, how much more does He care for His obedient children who can endure for eternity.

When sin came God did not cast man away but he cared for us that we might be saved! "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should

#### "It Is Written

not perish, but have everlasting life." (John 3:16) Also, Matthew 14:14 says "And Jesus went forth, and saw a great multitude, and was moved with compassion toward them, and he healed their sick."

God cares about you. He is a caring God. God's character shows that He cares. Exodus 34:6-7 And the LORD passed by before him, and proclaimed, The LORD, The LORD God, merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abundant in goodness and truth, (7) Keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, and that will by no means clear the guilty; visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children, and upon the children's children, unto the third and to the fourth generation.

You cannot out-care the care of God. His capacity to care is infinite and his competence to care is matchless.

"His everlasting arms encircle the soul that turns to Him for aid. In His care we may rest safely, saying, 'What time I am afraid, I will trust in Thee.' Psalm 56:3. To all who put their trust in Him, God will fulfill His promise." { Acts of the Apostles, 467.1} If we let him He will encircle us with His care! Since He has compassion and care for us, we should have care for Him and worship Him! "Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you." (1 Peter 5:7)

Remember, God cares for you!



Nehemiah Rodgers is a young evangelist for Christ. He enjoys the outdoors and loves to play instruments such as the organ and trumpet. Like Nehemiah in the Bible his desire is to be a "repairer of the breach" by helping others learn more about the Word.

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# The Growing Need for Health Centers

A lot has been going on at the ministry. We continue to go to the market and handout our brochures. Our latest brochure is on the ten laws of health. People have been reading the brochure and some have said that they want to start implementing the principles they have learned. Since a lot of people have been getting sick, many are interested in the natural cold remedy that consists of simple ingredients such as raw honey, juice from two lemons, one onion, and one garlic bulb peeled. (as shown on this page)

While we were at the market handing out our health brochure, a gentleman told us, who received the brochure and read it all the same morning, that it was well written. He told us how he sees people go into the hospital and get sicker and if they die they say "well they did all they could do" and when they seem to get better they praise the doctor. Like many others, he was interested in natural remedies.

More people are seeing the need for a reformed method of treating disease instead of how patients are treated traditionally. Seeing what is needed today increases the need to establish hospitals that are based on proven successful ways that use things that assist the body in healing such as pure water, sunshine, nutrition, and fresh air. I know it may sound simple, but those are the things needed to grow healthy plants and they are needed for our life too. People also need healthy alternatives to the traditional foods that are nutritious and delicious. For example, while we were at a

store, a gentleman noticed my dad and he told us how he remembered the cheeseless cheese we demonstrated and how good it was made out of simple natural ingredients. I like to share healthful recipes that take the place of things that are traditionally made in an unhealthful manner.

While we were out in the community passing out our AMC magazines, a pastor, which we know and come by from time to time to deliver our latest magazine, had a lot of people over at her house for a Christmas party; however we still rang the door bell and she invited us in. We accepted the hospitality and went in. We offered to sing some songs which we were



Picture taken while handing out AMC magazines granted the opportunity. My aunt sang Amazing Grace which was a blessing. Before we left the pastor asked if we still had the lifestyle center. We told her that we would be glad to help someone and

that we are working on ways to expand what we did in the past, referring to the health center that we will be starting soon. The medical missionary work is the work Jesus did on this earth and it is the same work that is to be done in these days. Matthew 4:23 says, "And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people." When Jesus healed people from their sickness He was seeking to lead the people to believe in His saving power. The medical missionary work is the right hand to open the doors of the heart of people to the gospel.

- Carlene Rodgers

#### Natural Cold Remedy

(Health Special)

- juice of 2 lemons (freshly squeezed)
- 1 onion (peeled)
- 1 whole bulb of garlic (all of the cloves peeled)
- <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> 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

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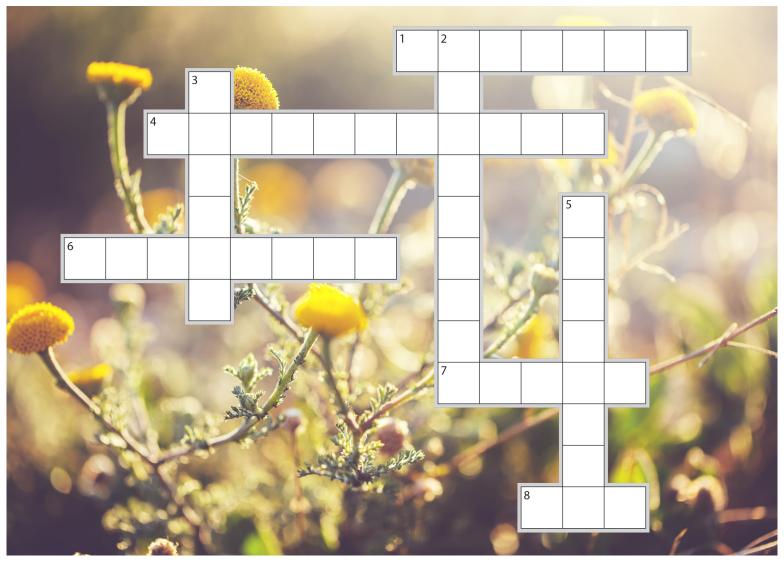
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Matthew 4:23 And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and \_\_\_\_\_\_ all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people.
 Nahum 3:6 And I will cast abominable filth upon thee, and make thee vile, and will set thee as a

6. Revelation 17:14 "...those that are with him [the Lamb] are called, and chosen, and \_\_\_\_\_."

7. Psalms 19:10 More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold: sweeter also than \_\_\_\_\_ and the honeycomb.

8. Corinthians 5:17 Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become \_\_\_\_\_.

#### Down

2. Romans 3:31 Do we then make void the law through faith? God forbid: yea, we \_\_\_\_\_\_ the law.

3. 1 Peter 5:7 Casting all your care upon him; for he \_\_\_\_\_ for you.

5. Genesis 6:13 And God said unto Noah, The end of all flesh is come before me; for the earth is filled with \_\_\_\_\_\_ through them; and, behold, I will destroy them with the earth.

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