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Prophecy News Alert!

If They Can Tell You When to Stop, They Can Tell You When to Go

It was late Friday night, March 13, 2020, when the urgent text message came that immediately shut down many SDA churches across the world. Just like that, local churches were told not to have service because of the fear of Covid-19. Churches across denominational lines were affected by the governmental mandate that determined churches were “nonessential” and therefore to be closed. Churches that violated the order could be faced with fines and penalties. This along with the public pressure to stop the spread of the virus closed the doors of many churches.

This was unprecedented. In Biblical days when a person was sick they were isolated from those who were healthy to stop the spread of disease. (Leviticus 13:46) But in this case, billions of healthy people around the world were told to stay home. This is a change of handling disease that has had other negative consequences as well. The constitution of America states that Congress shall make no laws establishing religion or prohibiting the free exercise thereof. This mandate to close churches is a violation of religious freedom because it has stopped healthy citizens from being able to freely come together and worship God according to the dictates of their own conscience.

This is also interesting because God has given His people a mandate that as you see the day of His coming drawing nearer we are not to stop coming together but to call out and invite people to draw even nearer together. Hebrews 10:23-25 says, “Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised;) 24 And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works: 25 Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting [to call near, invite] one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.” Satan knows if he can get God’s professed people to neglect this principle that the people are on course to follow directives as he tells them when to go to church.

As you see some churches begin to open you should watch for the next phase of the government overstepping its boundaries and begin to tell people when to go - Sunday. Revelation 13:11, 15-17 “And I beheld another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb, and he spake as a dragon. 15 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.” The mark of the beast crisis is coming wherein the government will force false worship by mandating when to go to church and those who refuse will be threatened with fines and penalties and even death as crises continue to escalate.

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 arouse 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 Angel’s 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 Greatest Virus

By Elijah M. Rodgers

The world is now in a great pandemic of the coronavirus, which has sickened hundreds of thousands. The people are just scared. All over the world public gatherings have been banned. Schools have closed. Churches have closed. Millions have been basically confined to their homes through many “shelter in place” orders. Back in March, Germany and England banned all gatherings of up to two people! The world has gone into lock down mode. The normal life of many has been totally disrupted.

Some of the measures taken to stop the virus have been mind blowing. It just shows what lengths people would go to “save” themselves. But we see they could not prevent it from spreading and infecting others even with their mandating orders. From China, it went to the world. Italy and Europe were soon overwhelmed by the virus and thousands lost their lives within weeks. Things that seemed unthinkable a few months back very soon became reality here in the United States, and it quickly grew to the country with the most reported cases.

But the reality is, the only hope we have is Jesus Christ. The people of the world are only looking at the temporal life, but if a person is not right with God, what comes next? There is a far greater

pandemic that must be saved from. It has taken billions into captivity, leading them to eternal destruction. There is only One who can save us from its awful malady—this virus is SIN.

Sin is actually what causes death. “For the wages of sin is death...” Romans 6:23. “Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned.” Romans 5:12. In Romans 6:21 the question was asked, “What fruit had ye then in those things whereof ye are now ashamed? for the end of those things is death.” The only fruit sin brings is death.

Ezekiel 18:4 reveals just how deadly sin is. “...The soul that sinneth, it shall die.” No earthly physician can cure a soul of this disease of sin. But, the news does not stop there! There is One who can heal us from the terrible curse of sin, who is revealed in the Bible. The only One that can save us from sin is Jesus Christ. Matthew 1:21 says, “And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins.” This is the hope--Jesus saves! Jesus can make our life free from sin.

But in order for us to be saved from sin Jesus had to pay the penalty of sin—Death. That is why He died on the cross. 1 Peter 3:18 says, “For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh,

but quickened [raised] by the Spirit:” 1 John 3:5 also says, “And ye know that he was manifested to take away our sins; and in him is no sin.” And many years before Jesus came to earth as the Messiah the prophecy was given in Isaiah 53:5, “But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.” This is what Jesus did that we might have the gift of salvation and righteousness. For even though the “the wages of sin is death;” the hope is, “but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.” Romans 6:23. “Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them.” Hebrews 7:25

The door of salvation is open! God is now calling the world to repentance. Romans 13:12-14 says, “The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light. 13 Let us walk honestly, as in the day; not in rioting and drunkenness, not in chambering and wantonness, not in strife and envying. 14 But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfil the lusts thereof.” Sin must now be put away through the power of Christ. The call is again given in James 1:21, “Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with

meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls.” Jesus wants to cleanse us from sin and give us a new heart. Ezekiel 36:25-27 “Then will I sprinkle clean water upon you, and ye shall be clean: from all your filthiness, and from all your idols, will I cleanse you. 26 A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh. 27 And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments, and do them.” This is what Jesus will do for you if you give your life to Him.

No sin will be saved. Sin, at the Second Coming, will fall and flee before God. So if we want to stand when Christ comes, we must have been washed in the blood of Jesus, made free from sin. 1 Corinthians 6:9-11 makes it very plain. “Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, 10 Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God.” Even though these things will not be in heaven, the hope is given in verse 11, “And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God.”

Sin is the greatest virus that we are to fear, but did you know that this virus is a sign of the last days?

When the disciples were asking Jesus for signs of the end of the world in Mathew 24, Jesus gave the prophecy in Matthew 24:7-8, “For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places. 8 All these are the beginning of sorrows.” So as sign of

the last days we see that there would be wars, nation rising against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. Also, we see that there would be famines and earthquakes which we have seen a lot more lately. But Jesus also said that there would be pestilences, which in the Greek translation means, a plague. There have been plagues before, like the black plague. Even in more recent times we have had the Ebola virus, but nothing in recent history has disrupted the entire world as much as COVID-19. But Jesus revealed that things would happen and that these will be signs of His soon return.

This is not how God wanted it to be but the Bible reveals why these things are happening. Isaiah 24:3-5 says, “The land shall be utterly emptied, and utterly spoiled: for the LORD hath spoken this word. 4 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.” This destruction is happening because they have transgressed God’s moral Law of the Ten Commandments (Matthew 5:17-19; Exodus 20:3-17; Romans 3:31), changed His ordinance, and broken the everlasting covenant - that offers life and salvation to the world.

So these signs of the last days are a call to the world to turn back to God and his Holy Scriptures! 2 Peter 3:11 says, “Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation

and godliness,” Now is the time to fall before God in humility and ask Him to search our heart, so there will be found no wicked way in us. Now is the time to make sure your life is right with God! The only hope in this time is Jesus! 1 John 2:1,2 says, “My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous: 2 And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world.”

Jesus seeks to heal not only the physical life but the spiritual life that determines the life hereafter.

The thing the world is looking at in the fight against this virus is trying to save their life, but the reality is that even if they survived COVID-19 and they are still spiritual sick with sin, they will die eternally!

That is why God is calling the world to repent and turn to Him. God makes the appeal in Ezekiel 18:30-32, “Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, every one according to his ways, saith the Lord GOD. Repent, and turn yourselves from all your transgressions; so iniquity shall not be your ruin. 31 Cast away from you all your transgressions, whereby ye have transgressed; and make you a new heart and a new spirit: for why will ye die, O house of Israel? 32 For I have no pleasure in the death of him that dieth, saith the Lord GOD: wherefore turn yourselves, and live ye.”



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The Missionary Work

Health Reform and the Third Angel's Message

By Ellen G. White

“Much of the prejudice that prevents the truth of the third angel's message from reaching the hearts of the people, might be removed if more attention were given to health reform. When people become interested in this subject, the way is often prepared for the entrance of other truths. If they see that we are intelligent with regard to health, they will be more ready to believe that we are sound in Bible doctrines.

This branch of the Lord's work has not received due attention, and through this neglect much has been lost. If the church would manifest a greater interest in the reforms through which God Himself is seeking to fit them for His coming, their influence would be far greater than it now is. God has spoken to His people, and He designs that they shall hear and obey His voice. Although the health reform is not the third angel's message, it is closely connected with it. Those who proclaim the message should teach health reform also. It is a subject that we must understand, in order to be prepared for the events that are close upon us, and

it should have a prominent place. Satan and his agents are seeking to hinder this work of reform, and will do all they can to perplex and burden those who heartily engage in it. Yet none should be discouraged at this, or cease their efforts because of it. The prophet Isaiah speaks thus of one characteristic of Christ “He shall not fail nor be discouraged, till He have set judgment in the earth.” Then let not His followers talk of failure or discouragement, but remember the price paid to rescue man that he might not perish, but have eternal life. Testimonies for the Church 2:537-538; Testimonies for the Church 1:466

Ministers and people must make greater advancement in the work of reform. They should commence without delay to correct their wrong habits of eating, drinking, dressing, and working. I saw that quite a number of the ministers are not awake upon this important subject. They are not all where God would have them. Testimonies for the Church 1:469-470

One important part of the work of the ministry is to faithfully present to the people the health reform, as it stands connected with the third angel's message, as a part and parcel of the same work. They should not fail to adopt it themselves,

and should urge it upon all who profess to believe the truth. Testimonies for the Church 1:486

The health reform, I was shown, is a part of the third angel's message, and is just as closely connected with it as are the arm and hand with the human body. I saw that we as a people must make an advance move in this great work. Ministers and people must act in concert. God's people are not prepared for the loud cry of the third angel. They have a work to do for themselves which they should not leave for God to do for them. He has left this work for them to do. It is an individual work; one can not do it for another. Testimonies for the Church 1:560

The health reform is a branch of the special work of God for the benefit of His people. Letter 57, 1896

Health reform is as closely related to the gospel as the arm is to the body; but the arm can not take the place of the body. The proclamation of the gospel message, the commandments of God, and the testimony of Jesus, is the burden of our work. This message is to be proclaimed with a loud voice, and is to go to the whole world. The presentation of health principles is to be united with the proclamation of this message, but it is

not in any way to take the place of it, or be independent of it. Testimonies for the Church 1:559

The health reform is closely connected with the work of the third message, yet it is not the message. Our preachers should teach the health reform, yet they should not make this the leading theme in the place of the message. Its place is among those subjects which set forth the preparatory work to meet the events brought to view by the message; among these it is prominent. We should take hold of every reform with zeal, yet should avoid giving the impression that we are vacillating, and subject to fanaticism. Testimonies for the Church 3:62

The self-denial, humility, and temperance required of the righteous, whom God especially leads and blesses, is to be presented to the people in contrast to the extravagant, health-destroying habits of those who live in this degenerate age. God has shown that health reform is as closely connected with the third angel's message as the hand is with the body. There is nowhere to be found so great a cause of physical and moral degeneracy as a neglect of this important subject. Those who indulge appetite and passion, and close their eyes to the light for fear they will see sinful indulgences which they are unwilling to forsake, are guilty before God. Manuscript 23, 1901

The sanitariums which are established are to be closely and inseparably bound up with the gospel. The Lord has given instruction that the gospel is to be carried forward; and the gospel includes health reform in all its phases. Our work is to enlighten the world; for it is blind to the movements which are taking place, preparing the way for the plagues which God will permit to come upon the world. God's faithful watchmen must give the warning....

Health reform is to stand out more prominently in the proclamation of the third angel's message. The principles of health reform are found in the word of God. The gospel of health is to be firmly linked with the ministry of the word. It

is the Lord's design that the restoring influence of health reform shall be a part of the last great effort to proclaim the gospel message. Our physicians are to be God's workers. They are to be men whose powers have been sanctified and transformed by the grace of Christ. Their influence is to be knit up with the truth that is to be given to the world. In perfect and complete unity with the gospel ministry, the work of health reform will reveal its God-given power. Under the influence of the gospel, great reforms will be made by medical missionary work. But separate medical missionary work from the gospel, and the work will be crippled. Letter 146, 1909

Our sanitariums and our churches may reach a higher, holier standard. Health reform is to be taught and practiced by our people. The Lord is calling for a revival of the principles of health reform. Seventh-day Adventists have a special work to do as messengers to labor for the souls and bodies of men.

Christ has said of His people, "Ye are the light of the world." We are the Lord's denominated people, to proclaim the truths of heavenly origin. The most solemn, sacred work ever given to mortals is the proclamation of the first, second, and third angel's messages to our world. In our large cities there should be health institutes to care for the sick, and to teach the grand principles of health reform. Testimonies for the Church 3:161

December 10, 1871, I was again shown that the health reform is one branch of the great work which is to fit a people for the coming of the Lord. It is as closely connected with the third angel's message as the hand is with the body. The law of ten commandments has been lightly regarded by man; but the Lord would not come to punish the transgressors of that law without first sending them a message of warning. The third angel proclaims that message. Had men ever been obedient to the law of ten commandments, carrying out in their lives the principles of those precepts, the curse of disease now flooding the world would not be.

Men and women cannot violate natural law by indulging depraved appetite and lustful passions, and not violate the law of God. Therefore, He has permitted the light of health reform to shine upon us, that we may see our sin in violating the laws which He has established in our being. All our enjoyment or suffering may be traced to obedience or transgression of natural law. Our gracious heavenly Father sees the deplorable condition of men, who, some knowingly, but many ignorantly, are living in violation of the laws that He has established. And in love and pity to the race, He causes the light to shine upon health reform. He publishes His law, and the penalty that will follow the transgression of it, that all may learn, and be careful to live in harmony with natural law. He proclaims His law so distinctly, and makes it so prominent, that it is like a city set on a hill. All accountable beings can understand it if they will. Idiots will not be responsible. To make plain natural law, and urge the obedience of it, is the work that accompanies the third angel's message, to prepare a people for the coming of the Lord. The Ministry of Healing, 129-130

The progress of reform depends upon a clear recognition of fundamental truth. While, on the one hand, danger lurks in a narrow philosophy and a hard, cold orthodoxy, on the other hand there is great danger in a careless liberalism. The foundation of all enduring reform is the law of God. We are to present in clear, distinct lines the need of obeying this law. Its principles must be kept before the people. They are as everlasting and inexorable as God Himself.

One of the most deplorable effects of the original apostasy was the loss of man's power of self-control. Only as this power is regained, can there be real progress.

The body is the only medium through which the mind and the soul are developed for the upbuilding of character. Hence it is that the adversary of souls directs his temptations to the enfeebling and degrading of the physical powers. His success here means the surrender to



“What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God’s.” - 1 Corinthians 6:19-20

evil of the whole being. The tendencies of our physical nature, unless under the dominion of a higher power, will surely work ruin and death.

The body is to be brought into subjection. The higher powers of the being are to rule. The passions are to be controlled by the will, which is itself to be under the control of God. The kingly power of reason, sanctified by divine grace, is to bear sway in our lives.

The requirements of God must be brought home to the conscience. Men and women must be awakened to the duty of self-mastery, the need of purity, freedom from every depraving appetite and defiling habit. They need to be impressed with the fact that all their powers of mind and body are the gift of God, and are to be preserved in the best possible condition for His service. *Christian Temperance and Bible Hygiene*, 10
He who cherishes the light which God has given him upon health reform has an important aid in the work of becoming sanctified through the truth, and fitted for immortality. *Christian Temperance and Bible Hygiene*, 38-39

John the Baptist was a reformer. To him was committed a great work for the

people of his time. And in preparation for that work, all his habits were carefully regulated, even from his birth. The angel Gabriel was sent from Heaven to instruct the parents of John in the principles of health reform. He “shall drink neither wine nor strong drink,” said the heavenly messenger; “and he shall be filled with the Holy Ghost.”

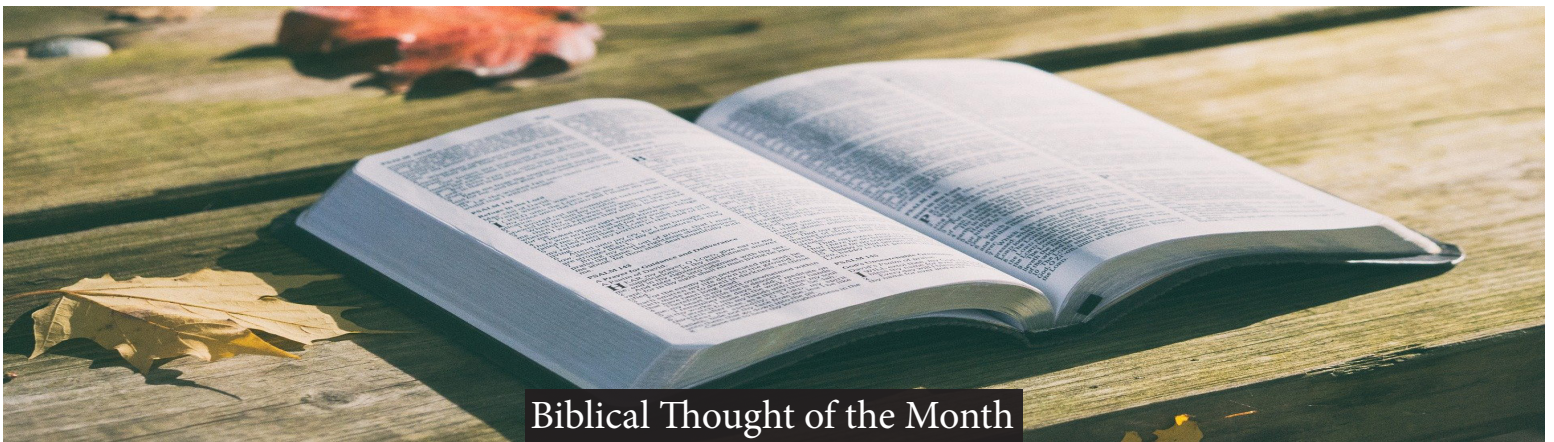
John separated himself from his friends, and from the luxuries of life, dwelling alone in the wilderness, and subsisting upon a purely vegetable diet. The simplicity of his dress—a garment woven of camel’s hair—was a rebuke to the extravagance and display of the people of his generation, especially of the Jewish priests. His diet, also, of locusts and wild honey, was a rebuke to the gluttony that everywhere prevailed.

The work of John was foretold by the prophet Malachi: “Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming

of the great and dreadful day of the Lord; and he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers.” John the Baptist went forth in the spirit and power of Elijah, to prepare the way of the Lord, and to turn the people to the wisdom of the just. He was a representative of those living in the last days, to whom God has intrusted sacred truths to present before the people, to prepare the way for the second appearing of Christ. And the same principles of temperance which John practiced should be observed by those who in our day are to warn the world of the coming of the Son of man.” - *Testimony Studies on Diet and Foods* page 87.4 - 89.9



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Biblical Thought of the Month

The Everlasting Covenant —Our Choice: Life or Death

Elene Rodgers

Sin caused a separation between God and man (Isaiah 59:2). Though apart, God did not forsake man. Because of God's great compassion, He offered His Everlasting Covenant in order to bring them together again. This Everlasting Covenant is offered to every individual who has ever lived on the planet. It is God's offer to save ALL who are doomed to perish as a result of sin. It is God's detailed plan of how He shows mercy for guilty but repentant sinners to save them from the penalty of sin and that is why some people refer to it as the Plan of Salvation. The entire Bible from Genesis to Revelation reveals the Everlasting Covenant.

As we understand this covenant we understand more about God's love for us and why He gave His only begotten Son to save us from sin because without this provision that was made for our salvation we would all perish with no hope of eternal life. Though this gift of salvation is freely offered, we must make a decision to enter into this special contractual relationship with God. It is a choice that each individual has to make and it is literally a life or death decision. "I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live;" (Deuteronomy 30:19). God is pleading with us to choose

life but He will not force us.

The Everlasting Covenant is an official, legally-binding agreement as a specialized type of contract. Like a contract, both parties must willingly enter the agreement without any duress or force, without deceit, and they must have the ability to understand what they are agreeing to. Whereas a contract is in general for goods and services a covenant is more specific in that this type of contract involves the giving of one's own self. For example, when buying a car or a house you get a contract but when you get married it is a covenant. A covenant is a deeper, more intimate type of a contract. Generally speaking, it involves even more formal steps like a ceremony in front of witnesses with a formal dinner as a special recognition that the covenant has been entered into. As in a contract, the Everlasting Covenant has clearly defined duties. Specifically in the Bible, the Ten Commandments written by the finger of God details our duties that we are to perform with God working in us so that we can both desire and do them. (Deuteronomy 9:10,11 and Philippians 2:13) God promises to have mercy on repentant sinners who love Him and keep His commandments as stated in the second commandment. (Exodus 20:6) All who truly believe what God has provided for them will show their faith by their obedience to ALL that God commands in order to have a legal right to receive the benefits stated in the agreement – everlasting life with God. (John 3:16) In Genesis we read about how man lost his right to the tree of life and in

Revelation we read how it will once again be restored. God created a perfect world. He said that "it was very good." (Genesis 1:31) There was beauty and harmony throughout creation. Because there was no sin, there was no death or pain. Everything was perfect. After God formed man in His image and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, God placed them in the garden of Eden. In the midst of the garden was the tree of life where they would eat its fruits and sustain life forever. Also, in the garden was the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. Genesis 2:16,17 "And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: 17 But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die." Surely die is the Hebrew word *mooth* repeated twice, "mooth, mooth." According to Strong's Hebrew Dictionary the word *mooth* with the Hebrew number H4191 means to die. The first *mooth* refers to the first death. If they disobeyed God and ate from the forbidden tree, they would die as the result of living in a world that has been marred with sin. The second *mooth* is known as the second death. It is the penalty or payment for sin. Romans 6:23 "For the wages of sin is death;..." It is this second death that is the eternal death where a person would be destroyed fully, cease to exist, or perish with no hope of living again.

It is very clear that Adam and Eve had a choice to make, to be obedient to God's command or to disobey it. They were not

created by God as automatic robots but with the freedom to voluntarily choose to do right or wrong. Satan cannot make us disobey God, but Satan uses deception, peer pressure, and threats of fines, imprisonment, or even death in order to get people to make a decision to disobey God. In order to influence Eve to sin - Satan lied, "And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die:" (Genesis 3:4) This lie contradicted God's explicit command. Satan made it appear that she would have some better existence like the gods if she disobeyed and that God was keeping something good away from her. Eve was deceived into believing this lie and ate from the forbidden tree. She gave it to Adam and he ate it too. Because they understood God's explicit command yet they chose to disobey it, they were in sin and were doomed to suffer the first and second death if a Saviour did not come. Romans 6:23 says, "For the wages of sin is death; [Praise God it doesn't stop there] but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." In this gift of God is revealed the love of God that is offered to ALL.

Before sin, Adam who was created in the image of God loved the things of God. After sin, man's natural tendency in the flesh was to love sin. There was no enmity or hatred between sin and the sinner. If God did not step in to deliver man from sin, man would have been a captive of Satan lacking the desire and the power to overcome sin. In Genesis 3:15, the promise is given of a deliverer who would save His people from sin by giving them the power to resist Satan. "And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel." It is this enmity that gives God's people a hatred for sin and a love for righteousness. When a person is converted [born again] the natural tendency is to love God and His law as it was at the beginning. This requires supernatural power from God to recreate us and restore us back to our original condition. (2 Corinthians 5:17) This is why Jesus came; to forgive

us and cleanse us from sin (1 John 1:9), restoring us back to the image of God (Genesis 1:27) and bearing the penalty of our sin upon Himself (Isaiah 53:5-7,12).

The penalty for sin is the death of the sinner. (Romans 6:23) It still had to be paid and that is why Jesus took our penalty as He bore our sins at His death on the cross. The penalty for sin was paid by Jesus "the Lamb of God which taketh away the sins of the world." (John 1:29). This shows the awfulness of sin and the love of God who took our place. In order to save man from sin God could not simply change His law because it is unchangeable. God's law is a reflection of His character it is holy, just, and true. It is God's law that gives us liberty so we should not desire for God's law to change. Psalms 119:44,45 says, "So shall I keep thy law continually for ever and ever. 45 And I will walk at liberty: for I seek thy precepts." Liberty is the result of obedience to God's law. Since the law could not be changed, God made a way to change us. Hebrews 13:20,21 "Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, 21 Make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is wellpleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen."

Adam passed the knowledge of the Everlasting Covenant to his descendants and some chose to receive it and others rejected it. We too have to make a choice. To experience the first death happens to the righteous and the unrighteous as a result of living in a world marred with sin. But, to experience the second death is a CHOICE. Ezekiel 18:20, 21 "The soul that sinneth, it shall die... 21 But

if the wicked will turn from all his sins that he hath committed, and keep all my statutes, and do that which is lawful and right, he shall surely live, he shall not die. The Hebrew word for live is *chayah* with Strong's number H2421 which means to live or keep alive. Surely live is the word *live* repeated twice; "*chayah, chayah*" which means to live forever.

Either you will surely live or surely die the decision is your own. Jesus is pleading with you to choose life. Ezekiel 18:30-32 "Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, every one according to his ways, saith the Lord GOD. Repent, and turn yourselves from all your transgressions; so iniquity shall not be your ruin. 31 Cast away from you all your transgressions, whereby ye have transgressed; and make you a new heart and a new spirit: for why will ye die, O house of Israel? 32 For I have no pleasure in the death of him that dieth, saith the Lord GOD: wherefore turn yourselves, and live ye."

The Bible reveals the Everlasting Covenant from what it is, our duties, and examples of the lives of those who chose to take hold of it and those who forsook it. God has even declared the Everlasting Covenant from the beginning all the way to its final fulfillment at the end of time so that at the end of time God's Everlasting Covenant is a witness that proves that God is love and that His law is a reflection of His character and shown in the provision He has made for our salvation through Jesus Christ. Revelation 22:13,14 "I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last. 14 Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city."



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Healthful Living

Cruciferous Vegetables

By Carlene Rodgers

Cruciferous is a category of vegetables that when the vegetable plant is starting to seed are identified by its four petaled flowers resembling a cross. Interestingly, Cruciferous means “cross-bearing”. Cruciferous vegetables remind me of the cross Jesus died on to heal our sin-sick soul. Jesus died so we will not perish, but have everlasting life when He comes again.

Some examples of cruciferous vegetables are; broccoli, collard greens, kale, cabbage, cauliflower, Brussels sprouts, turnips, water cress, bok choy, and radishes. These vegetables are packed with fiber, minerals, folate, and vitamins A, C, E, and K. Vitamin K is good to improve the adsorption of calcium which is good for the bones and teeth.

Cruciferous vegetables are full of antioxidants which are great for fighting against the excess of free radicals in the body and repairs damaged cells. These vegetables fight against and prevent cancer. The natural things found in cruciferous vegetables repair DNA damage and causes cancer cell death. Cruciferous vegetable are good for inflammation, have antiviral, antibacterial, and anti-inflammatory effects. It is also good for the heart. Overall, Cruciferous vegetables are good for the health and fight against and prevent diseases. Let’s look at the benefits of certain Cruciferous vegetables.

Broccoli sprouts have an abundance of sulforaphane. Amazingly sulforaphane, found in broccoli sprouts, start working against the cancer in hours

after consuming it. According to NutritionFacts.org on the topic of broccoli sprouts, “three hours after eating a cup of broccoli sprouts, the enzyme that cancers use to help silence our defenses is suppressed in our bloodstream to an extent equal to or greater than the chemotherapy agent specifically designed for that purpose, without the toxic side effects.” Broccoli sprouts are known to help with autism. In the same website it says that “The sulforaphane found in five cents’ worth of broccoli sprouts has been shown to benefit autism in a way no drug ever has in randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled study.” Broccoli spouts promote the healing of traumatic brain injury, help those with autoimmune diseases, is good for the respiratory system like those with asthma. “The prevalence of Alzheimer’s disease and Parkinson’s disease is rapidly rising in the U.S. Unfortunately, conventional treatment options for these diseases do little to address the underlying causes and often have serious adverse effects. Fortunately, studies suggest that sulforaphane may be a useful intervention for these neurodegenerative diseases because it corrects underlying aspects of the diseases process, rather than merely alleviating symptoms.” -<https://www.prohealth.com/library/benefits-broccoli-sprouts-tbi-neurodegenerative-conditions-89704>.

The recipe in this newsletter will have two cruciferous vegetables; broccoli and cabbage. Let’s now take a look at the health benefits of broccoli. Among some of the nutritional content in broccoli is beta-carotene, vitamin C, fiber, folic acid, and calcium. “Beta-carotene and vitamin C are important antioxidants that have been linked to a reduced risk of numerous conditions, including cataracts, heart disease, and several cancers.” “Like all cruciferous vegetables, broccoli naturally contains two important phytochemicals -- indoles and isothiocyanates. Researchers at Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine in Baltimore isolated from broccoli an isothiocyanate, called sulforaphane, that increases the activity of a group of enzymes in our bodies that squelch cancer-causing agents” - <https://home.howstuffworks.com/cabbage3.htm>. Cabbage has iron, calcium, vitamin C, potassium, and fiber (both soluble fiber and insoluble fiber). The insoluble fiber is good for constipation and the soluble fiber cleans out the arteries preventing strokes and heart attacks. Cabbage is great for cancer, lowers high cholesterol, lowers high blood pressure, and fights against heart disease.

So go to the “cross-bearing” vegetables and experience the health benefits of what God has graciously provided for our health.



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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 the new recipe!

Chinese Stir-fry

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Saute with 1tsp. Olive oil

1 onion (diced)

4 cloves garlic (minced)

3 mini sweet peppers (diced)

Then add

½ cabbage (shredded)

2 cup broccoli (chopped)

1 cup carrots (chopped)

1 cup celery stalks (Chopped)

1 tsp. Garlic Powder (opt.)

1 tsp. Onion Powder (opt.)

1 ½ tsp. Salt or to taste

Optional: Mung Bean noodles (follow instructions on package)

Optional: Baked Tofu (cube tofu into a baking pan and add olive oil, garlic powder, turmeric, paprika, and salt to taste and bake at 350 degrees for 20 minutes.)

For more of the nutrients continue to stir-fry until veggies are slightly tender.

This recipe is very flexible. Use any veggies you have it will still taste great. Enjoy!





Our Liberties Threatened

The Constitutionality of Sunday Laws: Part 1

By Cary Rodgers, pastor

Revelation 13:15-17 prophetically records the mark of the beast crisis. Revelation 13:15-17 says, “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.” “He” is the United States of America that represents the beast with two lamb like horns in Revelation 13:11. He has authority to give “life” to the apostate Christian churches. With the merging of church and state, they have power to legislate “religious” laws for the “common good” and “liberty.” These legislations with the political influence of the image of the beast “cause” or make people “worship” them. How? It is through enforcement. Those who refuse to worship as they have legislated are characterized as a small minority of “trouble-makers”, “extremist”, “terrorist”, and “hateful.” They are not able to buy or sell and eventually receive the death penalty.

These “religious” laws will be enforced in the midst of major economic, social, political, moral, environmental, and violent crises.

Currently, many Christian churches in America have unified to build a formidable and powerful political infrastructure to influence elections and laws within the U.S. government. For example, The Gathering, a popular conference movement for the purpose of unifying Christians throughout America from various denominations, churches, and ministries says, “The church must again become the conscience of the government. Through its national solemn assembly it should clearly and respectfully call political leadership to God’s principles for government... It also means we must begin speaking with one voice so that the nation might see a unified church and not one that is fractured and scattered by differences in how we practice our faith.” There are many other Christian conferences and strategy sessions like these sweeping America to gain more political power.

When the popular and influential churches and ministries in America put away their differences and unite on doctrines that they have in common to influence the U.S. government to enforce their religious decrees and support their institutions, “then

Protestant America will have formed an image of the Roman hierarchy, and the infliction of civil penalties upon dissenters will inevitably result.” -Great Controversy pp. 445.1

Don’t forget that the major unifying religious doctrine that brings both the beast and its image together is the Sunday counterfeit sabbath that was established by Papal Rome. This is the “mark” of Papal Rome’s authority.

According to the “Catechism Of The Catholic Church”, concerning “Article 3 - The Third Commandment” referring to the sabbath commandment: “2187 Sanctifying Sundays and holy days requires a common effort. Every Christian should avoid making unnecessary demands on others that would hinder them from observing the Lord’s Day... In spite of economic constraints, public authorities should ensure citizens a time intended for rest and divine worship. Employers have a similar obligation toward their employee. 2188 In respecting religious liberty and the common good of all, Christians should seek recognition of Sundays and the Church’s holy days as legal holidays. They have to give everyone a public example of prayer, respect, and joy and defend their traditions as a precious contribution to the spiritual life of society.”

“Sanctifying Sundays and holy days

requires a common effort” is a call for governments to legislate Sunday “sabbath” laws for “religious liberty and the common good of all.” “Public authorities should ensure a time off intended for rest and divine worship.” These public authorities include the legislators or judges who make and interpret the law and law enforcement who enforce the law. For Sundays to be recognized as “legal holidays” also requires the government to legislate a religious doctrine. Papal Rome believes that a Sunday holy day legislation will not only benefit Christians but all people including non-Christians. It will be a time to “defend their tradition” and contribute to the “spiritual life of society.” The legalization and enforcement of Sunday “sabbaths” is the goal of Papal Rome.

Ellen White who also wrote much on this topic says, “The dignitaries of church and state will unite to bribe, persuade, or compel all classes to honor the Sunday. The lack of divine authority will be supplied by oppressive enactments. Political corruption is destroying love of justice and regard for truth; and even in free America, rulers and legislators, in order to secure public favor, will yield to the popular demand for a law enforcing Sunday observance. Liberty of conscience, which has cost so great a sacrifice, will no longer be respected.”

The legalization and the enforcement of Sunday “sabbaths” is the mark of the beast crisis in which both the beast, Papal Rome, and the image of the beast, apostate Christian churches, will push for in America and around the world.

America is not new to Sunday laws. In the past they have been enacted

and enforced in various states to restrict secular and business activities or sales to promote the Sunday as a religious day of worship and rest. These Sunday laws were mainly known as “blue laws” and were legislated and enforced at the state level. Those who violated the “blue laws” by working or selling on Sundays were punished with fines or imprisoned. In the 1880’s many Seventh day Baptist and Seventh-day Adventist were punished as violators of the Sunday laws because they typically worked on Sundays.

In 1888 there was a push at the federal level to expand the blue laws nationally in every state. It was believed that Sunday laws should be legislated and enforced by the U.S. federal government and not individuals states. With the support of labor unions and churches, U.S. Senator Henry Blair introduced Senate Bill No. 2983, “The National Sunday-Rest Bill” to congress, May 21, 1888. The purpose of the bill was clearly stated at the introduction of the bill, “Bill to secure to the people the enjoyment of the first day of the week, commonly known as the Lord’s day, as a day of rest, and to promote its observance as a day of religious worship.”

The proposed National Sunday-Rest law that was vehemently pushed to become the law of the land with the support of many churches, labor unions, organizations, and voters stated, “that no person or

corporation, or the agent, servant, or employee of any person or corporation, shall perform or authorize to be performed, any secular work, labor, or business, to the disturbance of others, works of necessity, mercy, and humanity excepted; nor shall any person engage in any play, game, or amusement, or recreation, to the disturbance of others, on the first day of the week, commonly known as the Lord’s day, or during any part thereof, in any territory, district, vessel, or place, subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of the United States.” This bill also prohibited U.S. mail deliveries, commerce between states, military drills and parades, payment for “any manner for service rendered” with a few exceptions due to accidents, natural disasters, or the preservation of perishable goods.

Alonzo T. Jones, who represented the Seventh-day Adventist church on December 13, 1888, was able to present his arguments of opposition to the National Sunday-Rest law before the United States Committee on Education and Labor and Senator Henry Blair. The Holy Spirit used Jones in a powerful way before the committee. In the end the National Sunday-Rest bill of 1888 did not pass. Since then many of the individual states continued to enforce their version of a Sunday law, but overtime in the mid 1900’s to our modern times, many of the state blue laws were repealed or have not been strictly enforced.



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Don't Be In Worldliness!

The Hour of Judgment Has Come - First Angel's Message

By Elijah M. Rodgers

Many people may think that Revelation is too hard to be understood. But the word, revelation itself signals a disclosure. Concerning the book John was commanded to "Seal not the sayings of the prophecy of this book: for the time is at hand." Revelation 22:10. This book of prophecy was not sealed, because "the time is at hand." It is a book for those living in the last days. Revelation 1:1 says, "The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave unto him, to shew unto his servants things which must shortly come to pass..." So here in the book Revelation are prophecies for the last days which we all must know.

In Revelation chapter 14 and 18, God gives four urgent messages to the world. These messages are given by angels or messengers with a loud voice and at the end of the fourth angels message of Revelation chapter 18, Jesus Himself gives a plea to the world. We cannot delay any longer to understand these four urgent messages, that is why we will go over all four messages in the next series of articles for this section.

The First Angels Message

The introduction to the first angel's message begins in Revelation 14:6. "And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people." This angel flying in the midst of heaven represents God's messengers. Why is the angel in the midst of heaven? In Thayer Definition, midst of heaven means "...where what is done can be seen and heard by all." This reveals the fact that the everlasting gospel will go to all the world, "to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people", and will be seen and heard by all.

The angel flying in the midst of heaven then opens His mouth "Saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come: and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters." Here, a very urgent message is given with a loud voice, first calling the world to fear God and give glory to Him for the hour of His judgment is come. So according to Revelation we are in a time of judgment, which we will look more into in a moment. The messenger then calls the earth to worship the only true God; the one "that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters."

Fear here does not mean to be afraid or scared, it means that we are to respect God. By seeing God's perfect loving character it should lead us to want to serve Him and we should not want to disobey Him. We glorify God by worshiping Him. We are to reverence and worship God who made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters because He is the Supreme Creator and ruler of the universe.

Revelation 14:7 says "the hour of his judgment is come." The judgment is the final trial of both the dead and living which will determine if you will receive His gift of everlasting life or punishment of everlasting death. "For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil." Ecclesiastes 12:14. The lives of men will go in review before the searching eyes of God. Every work will be investigated, whether it be good deeds or evil. Every thought will be review, whether it be good deeds or evil. Every word spoken, whether it be good deeds or evil, will go before the Great Judge.

To the Pharisees that falsely said that Jesus was working by Beelzebub, Jesus speaking to them, and every reader, gave the warning, "But I say unto you, That every idle word that men shall

speaking, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment. 37 For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned.” Matthew 12:36,37. This is a most solemn thought.

In Daniel chapter 7 we read of the Judgment. “...the judgment was set, and the books were opened.” Daniel 7:10. The books that were here opened are books of record. Revelation 20:12 says “...and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works.” There are three record books in heaven. The first is the Book of life. This is the book which all of the saved must have their names written in. Those written in this book are “clothed in white raiment” revealing they have been clothed with the robe of Christ’ righteousness, and have overcome the world through His power. Revelation 3:5 says, “He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life...”

But God is clear, “...there shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie...”. Revelation 21:27. Sin nor its spirit of rebellion will be found in Heaven. Its work has been demonstrated to all the universe—death and woe. All those that continue in sin will not be found in the Book of Life. God says, “...Whosoever hath sinned against me, him will I blot out of my book.” Exodus 32:33. “...whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.” Revelation 20:15. This is the book we should all want our names written in.

There is another book called the “Book of Remembrance” in which the deeds of the righteous are recorded. Malachi 3:16 says, “...and a book of remembrance was written before him for them that

feared the LORD, and that thought upon his name.” Their victories over sin and its temptations, their selfless efforts to save souls, their faith, their times of trial and persecution for Christ sake, all are written and remembered by God in this book. But if the person turns away from the right path, the Bible reveals that all the righteousness that they had done before will not be remembered. “But when the righteous turneth away from his righteousness, and committeth iniquity, and doeth according to all the abominations that the wicked man doeth, shall he live? All his righteousness that he hath done shall not be mentioned: in his trespass that he hath trespassed, and in his sin that he hath sinned, in them shall he die.” Ezekiel 18:24.

But then there is another book of the record of sin—a book which we do not want our names to be in. Every evil act, open or secret, along with every evil thought, with every evil word, are all recorded in this book. “...Every one of us shall give account of himself to God.” “...By thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned.” Matthew 12:37; Romans 14:12. Ecclesiastes 11:9 also says, “Rejoice, O young man, in thy youth; and let thy heart cheer thee in the days of thy youth, and walk in the ways of thine heart, and in the sight of thine eyes: but know thou, that for all these things God will bring thee into judgment.”

Every sin not confessed and forsaken, is written in this book. But there is good news! Proverbs 28:13 says, “He that covereth his sins shall not prosper: but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy.” This is why Jesus came to give us the power to have victory over sin, and have our name written in the book of life. Ezekiel 18:21,22 says, “But if the wicked will turn from all his sins that he hath

committed, and keep all my statutes, and do that which is lawful and right, he shall surely live, he shall not die. All his transgressions that he hath committed, they shall not be mentioned unto him: in his righteousness that he hath done he shall live.”

We will not be judged based on rank, money, title, “For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad.” 2 Corinthians 5:10. It means that all of our names will go before Jesus in the judgment.

All judgment has a standard and the Bible reveals that the Ten Commandments are the standard of Jesus judgment. James 2:12 says, “So speak ye, and so do, as they that shall be judged by the law of liberty.” And Romans 2:12 says, “...as many as have sinned in the law shall be judged by the law;” Our life will be compared to the standard. So if we want to stand in the judgment, we must be in line with the standard.

When our name comes up before God, when our case is reviewed in the courts of heaven, will our lives be in harmony with God and His Holy Scriptures, or will we be absorbed into the things of the world? Knowing that we are living in the time of judgment is a thought. We must make sure that every sin has been covered by the Blood, blotted out of the book, and by faith have our name written in the Book of Life.

Remember, at the second coming of Jesus Christ, our physical bodies will be changed, but our characters will not change. The characters we have here will be the same in heaven. So, it is very important that we have our characters changed by the power of Christ now!



The True Health Work

The True Medical Work

By Elijah M. Rodgers

A great work that is now needed in these last days, more than ever is the true Medical Missionary work.

In the Bible, there are many examples of true medical missionary work. In Isaiah Chapter 38 we read of a time when Hezekiah was “sick unto death”. In this time he cried out to God to heal him because he knew and trusted in God. God heard his sincere prayer and God gave a message through Isaiah that he would recover. God could have just taken away his disease, but Hezekiah was commanded to “...take a lump of figs, and lay it for a plaister upon the boil, and he shall recover.” Isaiah 38:21. Here we see the true medical work in action in the Old Testament. God did not use poisons—like many people do today—to cure Hezekiah, but used the simple fig. Hezekiah recovered and God promised him 15 more years!

That is not the only story of the true medical work in the Bible, in the New Testament we read numerous stories of the Greatest Physician healing the diseases of the hungering multitudes; the lame man by the pool of Bethesda, the man blind from his birth, the healing of the ten lepers, and many more. “And great multitudes came unto him, having with them those that were lame, blind, dumb, maimed, and many others, and cast them down at Jesus’ feet; and he healed them: Insomuch that the multitude wondered, when they saw the dumb to speak, the maimed to be whole, the lame to walk,

and the blind to see: and they glorified the God of Israel.” Matthew 15:30,31. This was the work Jesus did; while ministering to the sin-sick soul, He also sought to heal them physically. There was not one who had faith in His healing power that was not healed.

This work was also continued after Jesus’ ascension by the believers. In Colossians 4:14, we read of “Luke, the beloved physician...” who like Jesus ministered to their physical maladies, and to the spiritually maladies of the soul.

This is true Medical Missionary Work, and the work to be carried forth in these last days, the way Jesus and His followers did it. In Counsels on Health, page 535 we read, “I can see in the Lord’s providences that the medical missionary work is to be a great entering wedge, whereby the diseased soul may be reached.” So we see that the proclamation of the gospel goes along with the true medical work.

In the early days of Seventh-day Adventism this call to the true medical work was made. Here are some examples of them. In 1905 the call was made by Ellen White, “Institutions for the care of the sick are to be established, where those who are suffering from disease may be placed under the care of God-fearing medical missionaries, and be treated without drugs.—Manuscript 50. It is the Lord’s purpose that His method of healing without drugs shall be brought into prominence in every large city through our medical institutions.” -Counsels on Health pp. 393.4

The Lord was calling for the medical institutions to be established, but clearly

and often were the words repeated “without drugs”. The sick were to be treated with the things God has in nature for our healing which would not harm the body with the poisonous mixture of drugs. “Patients are to be supplied with good, wholesome food; total abstinence from all intoxicating drinks is to be observed; drugs are to be discarded, and rational methods of treatment followed. The patients must not be given alcohol, tea, coffee, or drugs; for these always leave traces of evil behind them. By observing these rules, many who have been given up by the physicians may be restored to health.” “Drug medication is to be discarded. On this point the conscience of the physician must ever be kept tender and true and clean. The inclination to use poisonous drugs, which kill if they do not cure, needs to be guarded against. Matters have been laid open before me in reference to the use of drugs. Many have been treated with drugs and the result has been death. Our physicians, by practicing drug medication, have lost many cases that need not have died if they had left their drugs out of the sickroom.” -Medical Missionary 228.6; 227.5. This fact has been becoming more clear, these drugs often come with major side effects.

In the article from Mercola, Death from Prescription Drugs: The New Epidemic Sweeping Across America Dr. Mercola reports: “Death by medicine is a 21st-century epidemic, and America’s ‘war on drugs’ is clearly directed at the wrong enemy! Prescription drugs are now killing far more people than illegal drugs, and while most major causes of preventable deaths are declining, those

from prescription drug use are increasing, an analysis of recently released data from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) by the Los Angeles Times revealed.” - mercola.com Now that’s a major problem. What is supposed to heal disease is causing death! This is not how God wanted the hospitals, which back then were more often known as sanitariums, of the Seventh-day Adventists church to be like. But sadly, in order to be like the world who always resorts to drugs for disease, they did the same.

The true medical missionary work—the one that only uses simple, “rational methods of treatment” that God has given us—must now be revived. This work is to be the right arm of the gospel opening doors to the truth, because really this work looks at the whole life, both physical and spiritual; pointing them to Jesus Christ, the great Physician, “Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases”. Psalms 103:3. This is the work we are all called to partake in.

“We have come to a time when every member of the church should take hold of medical missionary work. The world is a lazar house filled with victims of both physical and spiritual disease. Everywhere people are perishing for lack of a knowledge of the truths that have been committed to us. The members of the church are in need of an awakening, that they may realize their responsibility to impart these truths.” “Why has it not been understood from the Word of God that the work being done in medical missionary lines is a fulfillment of the scripture, ‘Go out quickly into the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in hither the poor, and the maimed, and the halt, and the blind.... The servant said, Lord, it is done as thou hast commanded, and yet there is room. And the lord said unto the servant, Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled.’” -Testimonies for the Church 7:62; Call to Medical Evangelism 9.3



The Missionary Story

Experiences from a Trip to the Northwest Before Covid-19 Really Hit

From the Rodgers Family

Covid-19 has put the world under lockdown, and right before basically everything in the United States was put under lockdown we had to make a trip again to the northwest. This time we did not want to fly, because of many factors, so we decided to drive which would take us over 80 hours roundtrip.

We began our trip on a Sunday and traveled to Tennessee to share The Sabbath of the Lord brochures in Nashville, TN. We had been there before to hand out *The Forgotten Commandment and the Mark of the Beast Crisis* book when the city was full of people partying after a game. This time when we drove through there was not nearly as many people as before, obviously because some of the closing. This was the beginning of what we saw.

At that point of time there were not many people wearing masks like we see today and actually it was recommended that the masks would not protect from the virus by the CDC. There were some that did wear

masks, and actually, further down on the trip, we saw a couple wearing professional respirator masks.

At that point, people began rushing to buy toilet tissue and hand sanitizer, and shelves were going empty. In one area the flour was about all gone. Some areas were responding more than others. But the good thing is that on the way we were still able to get hundreds of tracts out.

On our way we again had to go through Montana and revisited some of the cities we were at before.

While traveling through Montana, we again stopped in the small town of Lame Deer, which we talked about in the last magazine. But this time it was a bit different. We stopped in the town and went to give the Bible studies to the people. There were many people, though not as much as before, where we could give the Bible lessons easily. There was not much difference, but that the gas station nearby had a hand washing station. Also, it seemed that we were asked, much more than before, where we were from, to which question we would reply, North Carolina. My mom and I went into the local grocery store to give Bible lessons. When we headed out there was a guy at the door as if he was coming into the store as we

were going out. He was right there so I offered him the Bible study, and he didn't want it, the first in that town that time to say so to me. I did not think much of that, but then he began informing us of a new executive order put in place that day that only locals could be in the town, so we left. The amazing thing is that he told us this when we were done giving the Bible Lessons, and were on our way out. Satan did not stop us.

We made it to a place in Idaho called Spirit Lakes and gave some Bible lessons there and to some surrounding areas.

On our way back from Idaho, things started to get a bit different and we were many hours from home. We advanced rapidly back, passing the cities we had just seen, but this time we were just trying to get home. As we got closer, many states began issuing stay at home orders, like Indiana, Ohio, West Virginia, Virginia, and when we were about home, North Carolina made one too. But finally after over 80 hours of a marathon trip, we made it home!

The areas that you could see the impact on the most was the cities and that is how it will continue to be in these last days.

Even during this COVID-19 crisis we can still give the gospel. Many people are fearing the things happening, and are asking, "What must I do to be saved?" We as God's messengers must share the gospel with them. In these times we need more faith, not fear.

- Elijah Rodgers

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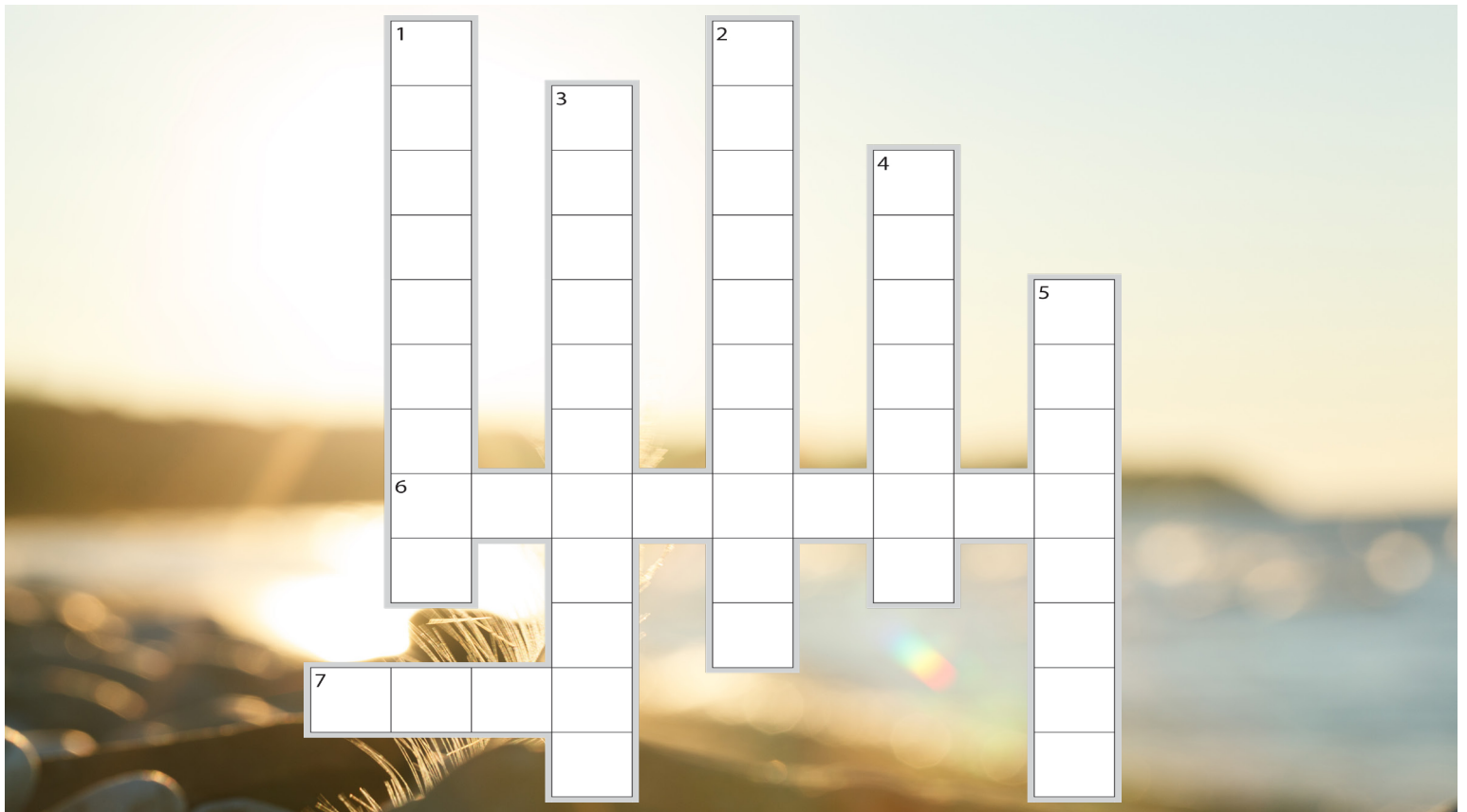
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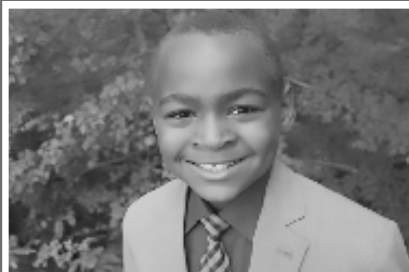


Across

- 6. Romans 6:16 “Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of _____ unto righteousness?”
- 7. Deuteronomy 30:19 “I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore choose _____, that both thou and thy seed may live:”

Down

- 1. Isaiah 25:9 “And it shall be said in that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, and he will save us: this is the LORD; we have waited for him, we will be glad and rejoice in his _____.”
- 2. Mark 1:41 “And Jesus, moved with _____, put forth his hand, and touched him, and saith unto him, I will; be thou clean.”
- 3. Luke 21:11 “And great earthquakes shall be in divers places, and famines, and _____; and fearful sights and great signs shall there be from heaven.”
- 4. 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.”
- 5. Exodus 31:16 “Wherefore the children of Israel shall keep the sabbath, to observe the sabbath throughout their generations, for a perpetual _____.”



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