

The Advent Missionary Command

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“And so it is in the army of Prince Immanuel. Our General, who has never lost a battle, expects willing, faithful service from everyone who has enlisted under His banner. In the closing controversy now waging between the forces for good and the hosts of evil He expects all, laymen as well as ministers, to take part. All who have enlisted as His soldiers are to render faithful service as minutemen, with a keen sense of the responsibility resting upon them individually.” - *Testimonies to the Church Volume 9* page 116.2

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Prophecy News Alert!

Brexit and End Time Prophecy

As King Nebuchadnezzar was thinking about “what should come to pass hereafter” God gave him a prophetic dream detailed in Daniel chapter 2 to reveal “what shall come to pass” from his kingdom of Babylon all the way to the time when God sets up His kingdom “which shall stand for ever.” Daniel 2:29 God said that “the dream is certain, and the interpretation thereof sure.” Daniel 2:44 In the dream of this great image which represented many of the powerful kingdoms of history, the head of gold represented Babylon, the chest and arms of silver represented the Medes and the Persians, the belly and thighs of brass represented the kingdom of Greece, and the legs of iron represented Rome, then we have the feet with ten toes made of iron and clay, after that was the stone that crushed the image, representing God’s everlasting kingdom. But going back to the ten toes, we see in history that after the Roman Empire fell, the western part of the kingdom divided into ten tribes or nations which make up modern Europe. Those 10 divisions of the ex-Roman Empire are the Saxons who are now modern England; the Franks who are now modern France; the Visigoths who are now modern Spain; the Suevi who are now modern Portugal; the Burgundians who are now modern Switzerland; the Alemani who are now modern Germany; and the Lombards who are now modern Italy. The other three divisions; the Vandals, the Heruli, and the Ostrogoths do not exist today because they were uprooted by the “little horn” as prophesied in Daniel 7:7,8 which gives more details of the dream in Daniel 2. These ten divisions match up perfectly with the ten toes on the feet of part iron and part clay described on the prophetic statue in Daniel 2.

Concerning the ten toes Daniel 2:41-43 says, “And whereas thou sawest the feet and toes, part of potters’ clay, and part of iron, the kingdom shall be divided; but there shall be in it of the strength of the iron, forasmuch as thou sawest the iron mixed with miry clay. 42 And as the toes of the feet were part of iron, and part of clay, so the kingdom shall be partly strong, and partly broken. 43 And whereas thou sawest iron mixed with miry clay, they shall mingle themselves with the seed of men: but they shall not cleave one to another, even as iron is not mixed with clay.”

For about 1,500 years after the countries divided into the 10 kingdoms these countries remained divided. They often warred themselves and vied for supremacy. There were many fruitless efforts to join this divided land. Then the European Union began to unite the nations, starting out small but growing into the majority of this region. “They joined themselves together”, had free trade for goods and people could travel between countries freely without a passport which virtually eliminated borders, had its own currency called the euro,.... It looked to many that this union was defying the prophecy in that Europe was coming together, even their logos were rebellious and defiant as if to say that they were defying the prophecy but in fact they were actually fulfilling the prophecy that they would mingle or join themselves together but that they would not cleave (stick) together. The prophecy implied that they would join but “it would not cleave” and it did not stick just as foretold in prophecy. On January 31, 2020 Brexit occurred, the United Kingdom (UK) officially withdrew from the European Union (EU). This was a major blow for the EU which other countries expected to follow because the UK was one of the main contributors of the EU. It did not stick. Daniel 2:44 says “And in the days of these kings [kingdoms] shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever.” So from here we can see that the end is near. Now is the time to give the warning to the world!

The Advent Missionary Command Newsletter’s Mission

There is a world perishing, in need of light. The mission of this newsletter 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 newsletter encourages you to go forward giving this message, seeking to save the lost!



The Editorial

Minutemen for Christ

By Elijah M. Rodgers

Back in the colonial days, for the defense of the colonies, there were men who volunteered to be ready to fight in a moments notice in the case of war. The volunteers were civilians who were known and chosen for their enthusiasm, strength, and their capability to be ready at all times for service, even in a minutes notice, hence they earned the name “minutemen”. These minutemen played a major role in the American Revolution as a highly mobile, rapidly deployed force, ready to vigorously fight for the independence of the United States.

But did you know that God is calling for minute men and women today for service in His army? These soldiers are chosen from the common people that have a love for the truth, and have a desire to share it to others. They are filled with enthusiasm, and power to share the gospel. They are prepared at any call to be ready for service.

How do these soldiers prepare for the spiritual battle which they have to fight? The first thing Jesus tells one that wants to be His soldier is, “...**If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me.**” Matthew 16:24. This is the first qualification of being a soldier of Jesus. The self-denying soldier entangleth not “...himself with the affairs of this life; that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier.” 2 Timothy 2:4. Self is put

away and only Christ is lifted up, and the soldier of Christ takes up his cross and follows Christ.

This is what the disciples of Jesus had to do. When Jesus was walking by the sea of Galilee, Jesus saw Peter and John, He “...saith unto them, **Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.**” 20 And they straightway left *their* nets, and followed him.” Matthew 4:19. In Matthew 8:19,20, “...a certain scribe came, and said unto him, Master, I will follow thee whithersoever thou goest.” then Jesus revealed to him, “...**The foxes have holes, and the birds of the air have nests; but the Son of man hath not where to lay his head.**” Peter and Andrew were called, at the time they were fishing for a livelihood. Even though they were not wealthy men, they had enough means to sustain themselves, and were living well. So when called to follow the humble Nazarene, they could have worried about what they would eat and where they would sleep, because Jesus had not earthly wealth, and decided not to follow Him. But they had seen the baptism of Jesus and heard John declare Him to be the Christ, and this they believed with their heart. They had to take up their cross, and follow Christ. With self put away and their hearts humbled they could be, as His disciples, taught by Christ.

But there was another man that did not want to make this sacrifice. He was a ruler of the people and was very rich. He came to Christ asking, “what shall I do to inherit eternal life?” (Luke 18:18)

Jesus revealed to the man that he must be obedient in order to have eternal life. “All these things have I kept from my youth up: what lack I yet?” Matthew 19:21. This man, according to his standard, had thought he had fulfilled all this. But he came to Christ because he felt that he was lacking something. His ceremonial obedience did not satisfy the soul, so Jesus revealed to Him his lack and “...said unto him, **If thou wilt be perfect, go and sell that thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come and follow me.**” Matthew 19:21. He needed to make a sacrifice and follow Jesus, and learn of Him who would satisfy what was lacking in his soul. The call Jesus gave to the other disciples was given to him, “follow Me.” But he had covetousness, and did not want to forsake what he had in order to follow Christ like the other disciples had done. When he thought of all the possessions he had, all the praise and worldly honor he would lose if he decided to follow the humble Jesus of Nazareth, who was despised and rejected of men, he thought that all this was too much for him, and he went away sorrowful.

The young rich man just looked at the present earthly things, his position, honor, wealth. But in reality he could only enjoy them while he was living, when he died, he could not take them with him. In his condition, he would die without having any hope. But if He gave his life to Jesus, and followed Him, God revealed to Him that he would have treasure in heaven. Jesus says “And every one that hath forsaken houses, or brethren, or

sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my name's sake, shall receive an hundredfold, and shall inherit everlasting life." Matthew 19:29.

"For which of you, intending to build a tower, sitteth not down first, and counteth the cost, whether he have *sufficient* to finish it?" Before embarking on so great of task of building a tower, the cost had to be counted. Did he first have the money to get the materials? Would he have enough materials to finish the building? All these things had to be thought about, "Lest haply," says Jesus, "after he hath laid the foundation, and is not able to finish it, all that behold it begin to mock him, Saying, This man began to build, and was not able to finish." Luke 28-30.

Then Jesus reveals the cost of being His disciple; "So likewise, whosoever he be of you that forsaketh not all that he hath, he cannot be my disciple." **"And whosoever doth not bear his cross, and come after me, cannot be my disciple." "And he that taketh not his cross, and followeth after me, is not worthy of me."** Luke 14:33; Luke 14:27; Matthew 10:38. In order to be a part of God's last day army, you must take up your cross on which self is crucified, and follow Jesus Christ.

These soldiers that follow Christ have on the full armor of God upon them that they may withstand the attacks of Satan. They are girded with truth. The righteousness of Christ is their breastplate. Bound on their feet is the gospel of peace, which they present to the world. Also, in order to withstand the temptations and doubts that Satan hurls at them, they have that mighty shield of faith, which is implanted in the solid rock of Christ. For a helmet, they have the hope of salvation. In order to expose and destroy the lies of the devil and to shine light on the path of those in darkness, the offensive weapon of the soldiers of Jesus Christ is the Bible--the book that through centuries of opposition has stood like a mighty conqueror still preaching its mighty message that offers life, peace, and salvation to the world. This armor of the Lord is activated by prayer. Without it everything else has

no power. These have put "on the Lord Jesus Christ" and while in Jesus Christ, in order to be faithful to Him, they make not provision for the flesh. Romans 13:14 These soldiers, while on the battle field of the great controversy, the battle which we are constantly in, these soldiers remain vigilant because they know that they have a great adversary, Satan, who is constantly seeking to destroy their souls. But in order to be always keeping that watch, they must be sober. (1 Peter 5:8) They do not let their appetite, the lustful desires of the flesh, rule their bodies, but understand the importance of temperance, and they bring their body into subjection to God's standards.

To fight against these soldiers, Satan puts out traps and snares of error and sin in their way, but as long as the soldier constantly follows the General and his great instruction map, the Bible, the soldier of the Lord will detect and escape the traps. In the midst of the persecution that Satan fights them with, the soldiers of the cross stand "bold as a lion." (Proverbs 28:1) This is what the early church prayed for when Satan began to bring his fury against them. "And now, Lord, behold their threatenings: and grant unto thy servants, that with all boldness they may speak thy word, By stretching forth thine hand to heal; and that signs and wonders may be done by the name of thy holy child Jesus. And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness." Acts 4:29-31. This gift of boldness was sent by the Holy Spirit in the time of need, and they became bold in speaking the truth. Even the apostle Paul prayed for boldness while in bonds. "And for me, that utterance may be given unto

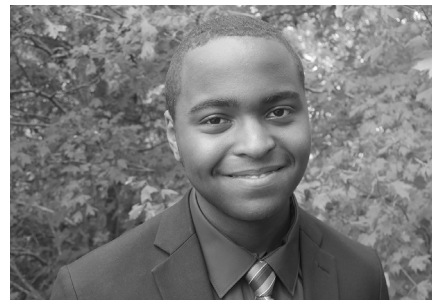
me, that I may open my mouth boldly, to make known the mystery of the gospel, For which I am an ambassador in bonds: that therein I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak." Ephesians 6:19,20

Also these "...endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ." 2 Timothy 2:3. They will not compromise with any threat knowing that **"whosoever will save his life [give up the truth for His life] shall lose it and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it."** Matthew 16:25. They "fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather" they "fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell." Matthew 10:28.

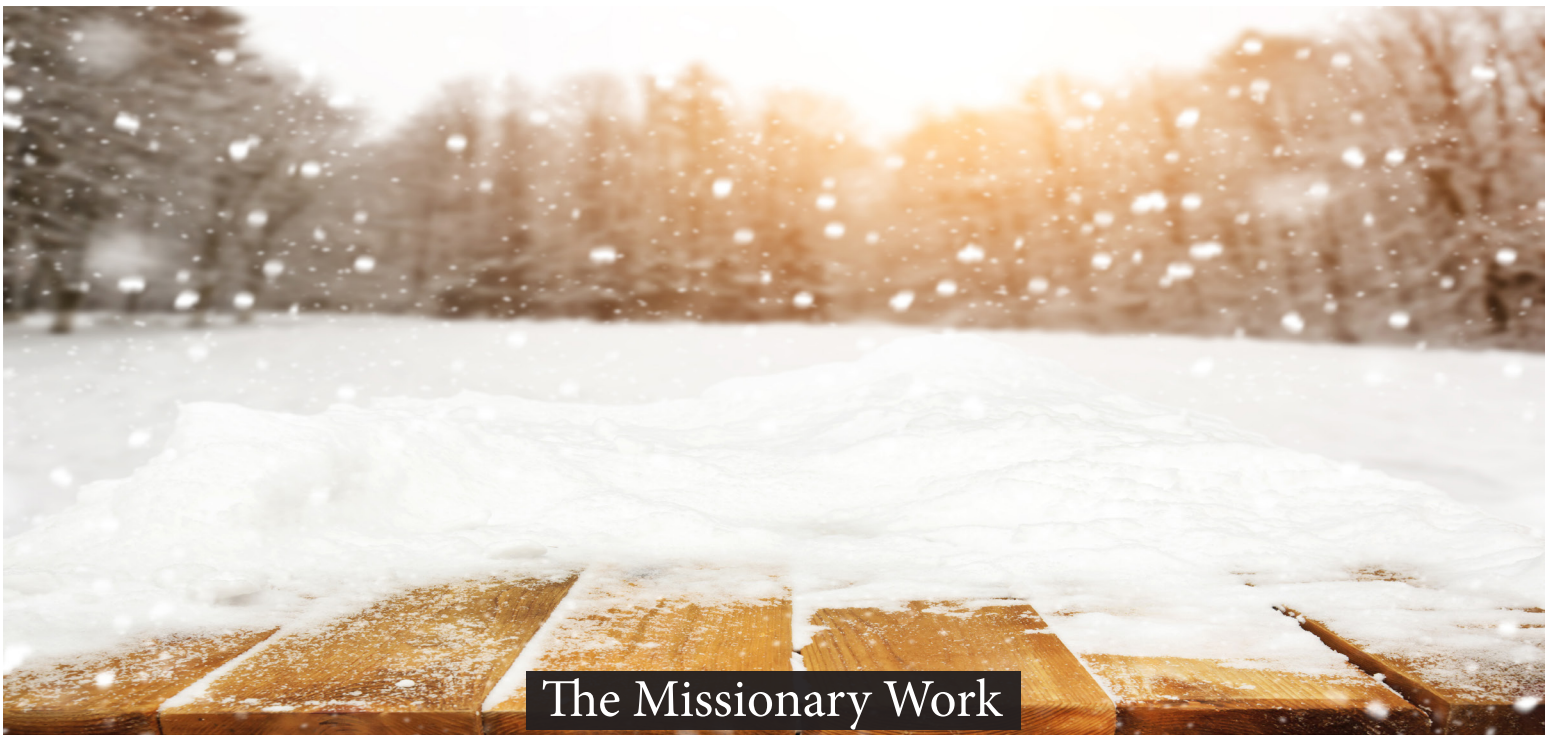
These are the true, ardent, whole hearted soldiers of Jesus, which are filled with the Holy Ghost; "...a vessel unto honour, sanctified, and meet for the master's use, *and* prepared unto every good work." 2 Timothy 2:21. They go forward wherever the Lord sends them, lifting up Jesus and His word.

Against this movement, the gates of hell will not prevail. The church will, under the guidance of our great General, Jesus Christ, at last triumph. The everlasting gospel will be carried to every living person in the planet.

As we are in the new year, 2020, will you decide to be a soldier of Jesus Christ? The end is near, and it's time to take all of our missionary work to another level. There are people who need to know the truth near you. Will you now decide to reveal it to them? Now is the time to become minute men and woman for Christ. Delay no longer.



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The Missionary Work

The Work for This Time

By Ellen G. White

We are standing upon the threshold of great and solemn events. Prophecies are fulfilling. Strange, eventful history is being recorded in the books of heaven. Everything in our world is in agitation. There are wars and rumors of wars. The nations are angry, and the time of the dead has come, that they should be judged. Events are changing to bring about the day of God, which hasteth greatly. Only a moment of time, as it were, yet remains. But while already nation is rising against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, there is not now a general engagement. As yet the four winds are held until the servants of God shall be sealed in their foreheads. Then the powers of earth will marshal their forces for the last great battle.

Satan is busily laying his plans for the last mighty conflict, when all will take sides. After the gospel has been proclaimed in the world for nearly two thousand years, Satan still presents to men and women the same scene that he presented to Christ. In a wonderful

manner he causes the kingdoms of the world in their glory to pass before them. These he promises to all who will fall down and worship him. Thus he seeks to bring men under his dominion.

Satan is working to the utmost to make himself as God and to destroy all who oppose his power. And today the world is bowing before him. His power is received as the power of God. The prophecy of the Revelation is being fulfilled, that "all the world wondered after the beast." Revelation 13:3.

Men in their blindness boast of wonderful progress and enlightenment; but to the eye of Omniscience are revealed the inward guilt and depravity. The heavenly watchers see the earth filled with violence and crime. Wealth is obtained by every species of robbery, not robbery of men only, but of God. Men are using His means to gratify their selfishness. Everything they can grasp is made to minister to their greed. Avarice and sensuality prevail. Men cherish the attributes of the first great deceiver. They have accepted him as God, and have become imbued with

his spirit.

But the cloud of judicial wrath hangs over them, containing the elements that destroyed Sodom. In his visions of things to come the prophet John beheld this scene. This demon worship was revealed to him, and it seemed to him as if the whole world were standing on the brink of perdition. But as he looked with intense interest he beheld the company of God's commandment-keeping people. They had upon their foreheads the seal of the living God, and he said: "Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus. And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them. And I looked, and behold a white cloud, and upon the cloud One sat like unto the Son of man, having on His head a golden crown, and in His hand a sharp sickle. And another angel came out of the temple, crying with a loud voice to Him that sat on the cloud, Thrust in Thy sickle, and reap: for the time is come for Thee to reap; for the harvest of the earth is ripe. And He that sat on

the cloud thrust in His sickle on the earth; and the earth was reaped. And another angel came out of the temple which is in heaven, he also having a sharp sickle. And another angel came out from the altar, which had power over fire; and cried with a loud cry to him that had the sharp sickle, saying, Thrust in thy sharp sickle, and gather the clusters of the vine of the earth; for her grapes are fully ripe. And the angel thrust in his sickle into the earth, and gathered the vine of the earth, and cast it into the great winepress of the wrath of God.” Revelation 14:12-19.

When the storm of God’s wrath breaks upon the world, it will be a terrible revelation for souls to find that their house is being swept away because it is built upon the sand. Let the warning be given them before it is too late. We should now feel the responsibility of laboring with intense earnestness to impart to others the truths that God has given for this time. We cannot be too much in earnest.

The heart of God is moved. Souls are very precious in His sight. It was for this world that Christ wept in agony; for this world He was crucified. God gave His only-begotten Son to save sinners, and He desires us to love others as He has loved us. He desires to see those who have a knowledge of the truth imparting this knowledge to their fellow men.

Now is the time for the last warning to be given. There is a special power in the presentation of the truth at the present time; but how long will it continue? Only a little while. If there was ever a crisis, it is now.

All are now deciding their eternal destiny. Men need to be aroused to realize the solemnity of the time, the nearness of the day when human probation shall be ended. Decided efforts should be made to bring the message for this time prominently

before the people. The third angel is to go forth with great power. Let none ignore this work or treat it as of little importance.

The light we have received upon the third angel’s message is the true light. The mark of the beast is exactly what it has been proclaimed to be. Not all in regard to this matter is yet understood, nor will it be understood until the unrolling of the scroll; but a most solemn work is to be accomplished in our world. The Lord’s command to His servants is: “Cry aloud, spare not, lift up thy voice like a trumpet, and show My people their transgression, and the house of Jacob their sins.” Isaiah 58:1.

There is to be no change in the general features of our work. It is to stand as clear and distinct as prophecy has made it. We are to enter into no confederacy with the world, supposing that by so doing we could accomplish more. If any stand in the way, to hinder the advancement of the work in the lines that God has appointed, they will displease God. No line of truth that has made the Seventh-day Adventist people what they are is to be weakened. We have the old landmarks of truth, experience, and duty, and we are to stand firmly in defense of our principles, in full view of the world.

It is essential that men be raised up to open the living oracles of God to all peoples. Men of all ranks and capacities, with their various gifts, are to co-operate harmoniously for a common result. They are to unite in the work of bringing the truth to the people, each worker fulfilling his own special appointment.

The three angels of Revelation 14 are represented as flying in the midst of heaven, symbolizing the work of those who proclaim the first, second, and third angels’ messages. All are linked together. The evidences of

the abiding, everliving truth of these grand messages, that mean so much to the church, that have awakened such intense opposition from the religious world, are not extinct. Satan is constantly seeking to cast a shadow about these messages, so that the people of God shall not clearly discern their import, their time and place; but they live and are to exert their power upon our religious experience while time shall last.

The influence of these messages has been deepening and widening, setting in motion the springs of action in thousands of hearts, bringing into existence institutions of learning, publishing houses, and health institutions. All these are instrumentalities of God to co-operate in the grand work represented by the first, second, and third angels, the work of warning the inhabitants of the world that Christ is coming the second time with power and great glory.

Brethren and sisters, would that I might say something to awaken you to the importance of this time, the significance of the events that are now taking place. I point you to the aggressive movements now being made for the restriction of religious liberty. God’s sanctified memorial has been torn down, and in its place a false sabbath, bearing no sanctity, stands before the world. And while the powers of darkness are stirring up the elements from beneath, the Lord God of heaven is sending power from above to meet the emergency by arousing His living agencies to exalt the law of heaven. Now, just now, is our time to work in foreign countries. As America, the land of religious liberty, shall unite with the papacy in forcing the conscience and compelling men to honor the false sabbath, the people of every country on the globe will be led to follow her example. Our people are



“How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace; that bringeth good tidings of good, that publisheth salvation; that saith unto Zion, Thy God reigneth!” - Isaiah 52:7

not half awake to do all in their power, with the facilities within their reach, to extend the message of warning.

The Lord God of heaven will not send upon the world His judgments for disobedience and transgression until He has sent His watchmen to give the warning. He will not close up the period of probation until the message shall be more distinctly proclaimed. The law of God is to be magnified; its claims must be presented in their true, sacred character, that the people may be brought to decide for or against the truth. Yet the work will be cut short in righteousness. The message of Christ's righteousness is to sound from one end of the earth to the other to prepare the way of the Lord. This is the glory of God, which closes the work of the third angel.

There is no work in our world so great, so sacred, and so glorious, no work that God honors so much, as this gospel work. The message presented at this time is the last message of mercy for a fallen world. Those who have the privilege of hearing this message, and who persist in refusing to heed the warning, cast away their last hope

of salvation. There will be no second probation.

The word of truth, “It is written,” is the gospel we are to preach. No flaming sword is placed before this tree of life. All who will may partake of it. There is no power that can prohibit any soul from taking of its fruit. All may eat, and live forever.

Mysteries into which angels desire to look, which prophets and kings and righteous men desired to understand, the remnant church will carry in messages from God to the world. The prophets prophesied of these things, and they longed to understand that which they foretold; but to them this privilege was not given. They longed to see what we see, and to hear what we hear; but they could not. They will know all when Christ shall come the second time; when, surrounded by a multitude which no man can number, He explains the deliverance wrought out by the great sacrifice He made.

The truths of the third angel's message have been presented by some as a dry theory; but in this message is to be presented Christ the Living One. He

is to be revealed as the first and the last, as the I AM, the Root and the Offspring of David, and the bright and morning Star. Through this message the character of God in Christ is to be manifested to the world. The call is to be sounded: “O Jerusalem, that bringest good tidings, lift up thy voice with strength; lift it up, be not afraid; say unto the cities of Judah, Behold your God! Behold, the Lord God will come with strong hand, and His arm shall rule for Him: behold, His reward is with Him, and His work before Him. He shall feed His flock like a shepherd: He shall gather the lambs with His arm, and carry them in His bosom.” Isaiah 40:9-11.

Now, with John the Baptist, we are to point men to Jesus, saying: “Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.” John 1:29. Now as never before is to be sounded the invitation: “If any man thirst, let him come unto Me, and drink.” “The Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.” John 7:37; Revelation 22:17.

There is a great work to be done, and every effort possible must be made to reveal Christ as the sin-pardoning Saviour, Christ as the Sin Bearer, Christ as the bright and morning Star; and the Lord will give us favor before the world until our work is done.

While the angels hold the four winds, we are to work with all our capabilities. We must bear our message without any delay. We must give evidence to the heavenly universe, and to men in this degenerate age, that our religion is a faith and a power of which Christ is the Author and His word the divine oracle. Human souls are hanging in the balance. They will either be subjects for the kingdom of God or slaves to the despotism of Satan. All are to have the privilege of laying hold of the hope set before them in the gospel, and how can they hear without a preacher? The human family is in need of a moral renovation, a preparation of character, that they may stand in God's presence. There are souls ready to perish because of the theoretical errors which are prevailing, and which are calculated to counterwork the gospel message. Who will now fully consecrate themselves to become laborers together with God?

As you see the peril and misery of the world under the working of Satan, do not exhaust your God-given energies in idle lamentations, but go to work for yourselves and for others. Awake, and feel a burden for those who are perishing. If they are not won to Christ they will lose an eternity of bliss. Think of what it is possible for them to gain. The soul that God has created and Christ has redeemed is of great value because of the possibilities before it, the spiritual advantages that have been granted it, the capabilities it may possess if vitalized by the word of God, and the immortality which through the Life-giver it may obtain if obedient. One soul is of more value



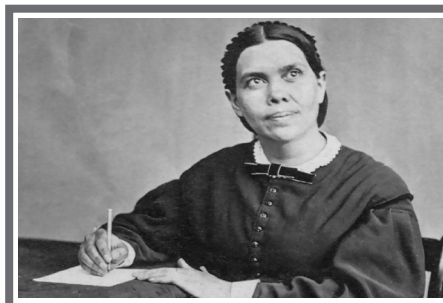
"I say unto you, that likewise joy shall be in heaven over one sinner that repenteth, more than over ninety and nine just persons, which need no repentance." - Luke 15:7

to heaven than a whole world of property, houses, lands, money. For the conversion of one soul we should tax our resources to the utmost. One soul won to Christ will flash heaven's light all around him, penetrating the moral darkness and saving other souls.

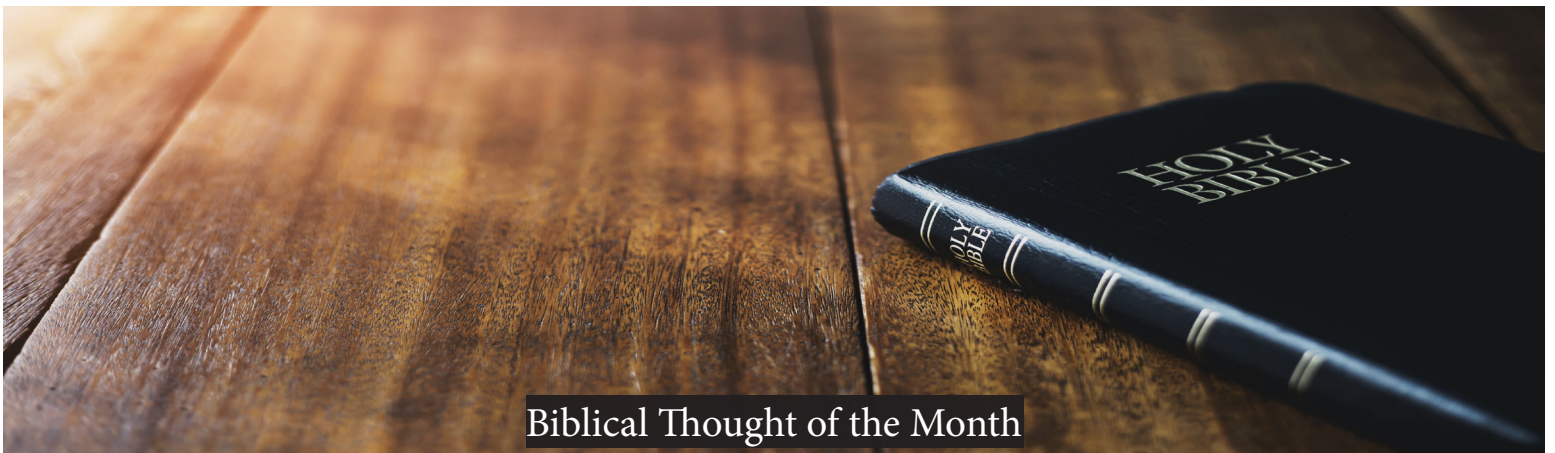
If Christ left the ninety and nine, that He might seek and save the one lost sheep, can we be justified in doing less? Is not a neglect to work even as Christ worked, to sacrifice as He sacrificed, a betrayal of sacred trusts, an insult to God?

Sound an alarm throughout the length and breadth of the earth. Tell the people that the day of the Lord is near and hasteth greatly. Let none be left unwarned. We might have been in the place of the poor souls that are in error. We might have been placed among barbarians. According to the truth we have received above others, we are debtors to impart the same to them. We have no time to lose. The end

is near. The passage from place to place to spread the truth will soon be hedged with dangers on the right hand and on the left. Everything will be placed to obstruct the way of the Lord's messengers, so that they will not be able to do that which it is possible for them to do now. We must look our work fairly in the face and advance as fast as possible in aggressive warfare. From the light given me of God I know that the powers of darkness are working with intense energy from beneath, and with stealthy tread Satan is advancing to take those who are now asleep, as a wolf taking his prey. We have warnings now which we may give, a work now which we may do; but soon it will be more difficult than we can imagine. God help us to keep in the channel of light, to work with our eyes fastened on Jesus our Leader, and patiently, perseveringly press on to gain the victory. -*Testimonies for the Church Volume 6* chapter 2



Ellen White (1827- 1915) was one of the founders of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Filled with the gift of prophecy, she wrote over 100,000 pages of warning, instruction, correction, and hope for the church. Though she has been dead for over 100 years, her writings live on for the church in these last days.



Biblical Thought of the Month

So Send I You: Minutemen In The Bible

Elene Rodgers

It was a time of crisis. Through God's true prophets, He had warned Israel of their coming destruction because of their continual abominations and their stubborn refusal to turn away from sin. Now the time of their desolation drew near. Sadly, during this perilous time many of the priests and false prophets were themselves involved in the apostacy that it was their duty to warn others against. Even King Jeroboam, continued in the idolatry that was started by the first king of Northern Israel who was also named Jeroboam. The first King Jeroboam led the people to worship the golden calves in Bethel and Dan (Read 1 Kings 12:26-30) and the second King Jeroboam in 2 Kings 14:23,24 continued therein, "In the fifteenth year of Amaziah the son of Joash king of Judah **Jeroboam the son of Joash** king of Israel began to reign in Samaria, and reigned forty and one years. 24 And he did that which was evil in the sight of the LORD: **he departed not from all the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who made Israel to sin.**"

Even though the people were in sin, they still considered themselves to be the people of God and were "at ease" saying they desired the day of the Lord but they "put far way the evil day" as revealed in Amos 5:18-20,25-27 and Amos 6:1-3,7,8: "Woe unto you that desire the day of the LORD! to what

end is it for you? the day of the LORD is darkness, and not light. 19 As if a man did flee from a lion, and a bear met him; or went into the house, and leaned his hand on the wall, and a serpent bit him. 20 Shall not the day of the LORD be darkness, and not light? even very dark, and no brightness in it? 25 Have ye offered unto me sacrifices and offerings in the wilderness forty years, O house of Israel? 26 But ye have borne the tabernacle of your Moloch and Chiun your images, the star of your god, which ye made to yourselves. 27 Therefore will I cause you to go into captivity beyond Damascus, saith the LORD, whose name is The God of hosts. 1 Woe to them that are at ease in Zion, and trust in the mountain of Samaria, which are named chief of the nations, to whom the house of Israel came! 2 Pass ye unto Calneh, and see; and from thence go ye to Hamath the great: then go down to Gath of the Philistines: be they better than these kingdoms? or their border greater than your border? 3 Ye that put far away the evil day, and cause the seat of violence to come near; 7 Therefore now shall they go captive with the first that go captive, and the banquet of them that stretched themselves shall be removed. 8 The Lord GOD hath sworn by himself, saith the LORD the God of hosts, I abhor the excellency of Jacob, and hate his palaces: therefore will I deliver up the city with all that is therein."

At this critical time in Israel's history, God called Amos to be His minuteman. "The words of Amos, who was among

the herdmen of Tekoa, which he saw concerning Israel in the days of Uzziah king of Judah, and **in the days of Jeroboam** the son of Joash king of Israel, two years before the earthquake." (Amos 1:1). Amos was called from his ordinary occupation to prophesy giving the urgent message offering salvation. Amos humbly recognized, "...I was no prophet, neither was I a prophet's son; but I was an herdman, and a gatherer of sycomore fruit: 15 And the LORD took me as I followed the flock, and the LORD said unto me, Go, prophesy unto my people Israel." (Amos 7:14,15). Out of His love for Israel God sent an invitation for mercy in order for them to escape the coming destruction. This was their only hope. In Amos 5:4,5 God made very clear their only means of salvation, "For thus saith the LORD unto the house of Israel, Seek ye me, and ye shall live: 5 But seek not Bethel, nor enter into Gilgal, and pass not to Beersheba: for Gilgal shall surely go into captivity, and Bethel shall come to nought." This was not a time for a diluted message but a "straight testimony" was necessary in order to turn the people from their sin.

The Message

God gave Amos a message to give that exposed the people's corruptions and warned them of their coming judgement. To make sure that the people understood, God gave Amos the vision of the plumbline in Amos 7:7-9, "Thus he shewed me: and, behold, the Lord stood upon a wall made by a plumbline, with a plumbline in his

hand. 8 And the LORD said unto me, Amos, what seest thou? And I said, A plumbline. Then said the Lord, Behold, I will set a plumbline in the midst of my people Israel: I will not again pass by them any more: 9 And the high places of Isaac shall be desolate, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste; and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword.”

The people of that day understood that a plumbline was a tool used by carpenters in order to determine if their work was straight or crooked. God told Israel that He would set a plumbline in the midst of His people to let them know that He would judge them in order to determine if their work was straight or if it was crooked. For those who were not straight, He would not pass by them any more but they would receive their penalty. Again in Amos 8:1-5 another vision was given showing a basket of summer fruit or grain at the end of the harvest. This was a time of investigation and judgement. All who remained in sin would be utterly destroyed, but the righteous would not perish. God also revealed His prudence in justice to Amos in Amos 9:8,9 whereas the sinful would be “utterly destroyed” and sifted out as the chaff from the grain “yet shall not the least grain fall upon the earth.” This is similar to what David said in Psalm chapter 1 where the godly are blessed and the ungodly are “like the chaff which the wind driveth away” and the “ungodly shall not stand in the judgment... For the LORD knoweth the way of the righteous: but the way of the ungodly shall perish.”

Israel's Rejection of the Message

Amos 7:10-13 “Then Amaziah the priest of Bethel sent to Jeroboam king of Israel, saying, Amos hath conspired against thee in the midst of the house of Israel: the land is not able to bear all his words. 11 For thus Amos saith, Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel shall surely be led away captive out of their own land. 12 Also Amaziah

said unto Amos, O thou seer, go, flee thee away into the land of Judah, and there eat bread, and prophesy there: 13 But prophesy not again any more at Bethel: for it is the king's chapel, and it is the king's court.” It is interesting to note that the time of Jeroboam II was also the time of Jonah who prophesied against the people of Ninevah because of their great wickedness (See 2 Kings 14:25). The people of Ninevah repented when they received the message but the children of Israel did not.

God's Minutemen

Near the end of the Northern Kingdom's close of probation before its utter desolation, God used Amos as a Minuteman. Near the close of Judah's probation Jesus came with the message of salvation and He was rejected but before His ascension, knowing that the close of their probation was near Jesus sent His disciples, some of which were before humble fishermen, as minutemen to continue to give the urgent message of repentance before the coming destruction. They were to go by the power of the Holy Spirit to give the final appeal.

We are now living during the time of judgment and the close of probation is near. This is the close of probation not just for a nation but for the entire world. In this time of crisis when God gives His final warning, He is calling out His servants to be minutemen for Him. Like Amos, the people of God are called to prophesy giving God's last invitation of mercy. God is calling both young and old, rich and poor, and from every nation, kindred, tongue, and people to be minutemen for Him in

sharing the everlasting gospel of Jesus Christ to the world.

“Thus the message of the third angel will be proclaimed. As the time comes for it to be given with greatest power, the Lord will work through humble instruments, leading the minds of those who consecrate themselves to His service. The laborers will be qualified rather by the unction of His Spirit than by the training of literary institutions. Men of faith and prayer will be constrained to go forth with holy zeal, declaring the words which God gives them. The sins of Babylon will be laid open. The fearful results of enforcing the observances of the church by civil authority, the inroads of spiritualism, the stealthy but rapid progress of the papal power--all will be unmasked. By these solemn warnings the people will be stirred. Thousands upon thousands will listen who have never heard words like these. In amazement they hear the testimony that Babylon is the church, fallen because of her errors and sins, because of her rejection of the truth sent to her from heaven. As the people go to their former teachers with the eager inquiry, Are these things so? the ministers present fables, prophesy smooth things, to soothe their fears and quiet the awakened conscience. But since many refuse to be satisfied with the mere authority of men and demand a plain ‘Thus saith the Lord,’ the popular ministry, like the Pharisees of old, filled with anger as their authority is questioned, will denounce the message as of Satan and stir up the sin-loving multitudes to revile and persecute those who proclaim it.” Great Controversy p.606 **Will you accept the call?**



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The True Health Work

The Swine's Flesh

By Carlene Rodgers

Did you know that pork is the most eaten meat in the world surpassing chicken and beef? According to the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, "Pork is the most widely eaten meat in the world accounting for over 36% of the world meat intake. It is followed by poultry and beef with about 35% and 22% respectively." This is in spite of the fact that God plainly forbids eating swine. Deuteronomy 14:8 says, "And the swine, because it divideth the hoof, yet cheweth not the cud, it is unclean unto you: ye shall not eat of their flesh, nor touch their dead carcase."

By nature swine are filthy. They eat almost any detestable thing. They are the garbage collector of the land. Would you want to eat anything that is filled with garbage? The flesh of swine is filled with parasites which if consumed does great harm to the body. When the larva eggs enter the body, the acid in the stomach breaks down the "egg shell" and the larva first infests the intestines and can grow becoming an adult worm and reproducing larva into the blood. From the blood these parasites make their invasion in the human flesh. This causes pain and inflammation in the body. Those who eat swine meat that is infested with parasites may experience diarrhea, nausea, headaches, muscle pain, fever, rashes, swelling in the face, eye infections, inflammation in the brain tissue or of the membranes around the brain and spinal cord, inflammation in the heart muscle, pneumonia, and nephritis. Wherever these worms infest, there would be problems. Additionally, pork can also

cause obesity, heart disease, stroke, and cancer. Even if the worms are killed in the flesh of the pork, would you want to eat dead worms?

God is not withholding a good thing when He plainly says, "ye shall not eat of their flesh". God prohibits us from eating swine so we will not reap harmful results. God says in Isaiah 66:17, "They that sanctify themselves, and purify themselves in the gardens behind one tree in the midst, eating swine's flesh, and the abomination, and the mouse, shall be consumed together, saith the LORD."

Did you know there are processed foods in grocery stores that contain swine? As you may already know lard is the fat of swine., but there are some ingredients that you may not be aware of which may contain pig. For example, gelatin is often made from the connective tissues, skin, and bones of pigs and cows. L-cysteine is another ingredient in processed food that can be made from hog hair, human hair or bird feathers. Mono and diglycerides (except if it says from vegetable sources) and stearic acid are also made from the fat of an animal such as a pig or cow. Even if the fat comes from a clean animal that God permitted humans to eat, God still forbids eating the blood and the fat. Leviticus 7:22-27 says, "And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, 23 Speak unto the children of

Israel, saying, Ye shall eat no manner of fat, of ox, or of sheep, or of goat. 24 And the fat of the beast that dieth of itself, and the fat of that which is torn with beasts, may be used in any other use: but ye shall in no wise eat of it. 25 For whosoever eateth the fat of the beast, of which men offer an offering made by fire unto the LORD, even the soul that eateth it shall be cut off from his people. 26 Moreover ye shall eat no manner of blood, whether it be of fowl or of beast, in any of your dwellings. 27 Whatsoever soul it be that eateth any manner of blood, even that soul shall be cut off from his people."

When you go to a grocery store randomly look at the ingredients of packaged food and see how many things contain swine in them. Some of the things that may contain swine, hidden under another name, are jello, marshmallows, Pop-Tarts, some types of candies (including gummy candies, Altoids, and Starburst), Planters dry roasted peanuts, refried beans, capsules, and most of the bread on the shelf (including flour tortillas). I would at times look at ingredients of different flour tortillas in various grocery stores to see if they contained any swine and I found none except one in the frozen section that I was not very impressed with. However, you can make your own flour tortillas that tastes great! When we made these flour tortillas I was very impressed with how they turned out. Here is the recipe.



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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 recipe of the season!

Making a Burrito!

Flour Tortillas

3 cups whole wheat white flour
 1/3 cup coconut oil (melted or soft)
 1 cup cold water
 1 tsp. Salt

Mix all of the ingredients in a mixing bowl and knead together. If you see it needs more water add about 1 or 2 Tablespoons of water but be sure not to add too much. The dough should not be sticky at all. Separate into about 12 round balls and let them sit covered with plastic wrap or a cloth for about 10 minutes. Roll out the balls, with a rolling pin flipping flatten ball in opposite directions every time you roll it out to make nice looking tortillas. Cook on the stove in hot cast iron pan or a non-stick pan on medium heat. Cook for about 25 seconds on each side. Cover the tortillas with a paper towel add a plate on top immediately to keep them pliable and prevent them from getting crispy. Serve right away or store them in the refrigerator and warm before use. Enjoy.



"Cheese" Sauce

Pinto Beans like Refried

Sort and wash pinto beans and cover them with water and let them soak overnight. Rinse the beans and let them and cook them in water that covers the beans about 2 ½ inches. First let the bean boil for about 10 minutes and then turn the burner down to medium-low heat and let it continue to cook for about 2 hours. After it is cooked, add salt to taste.

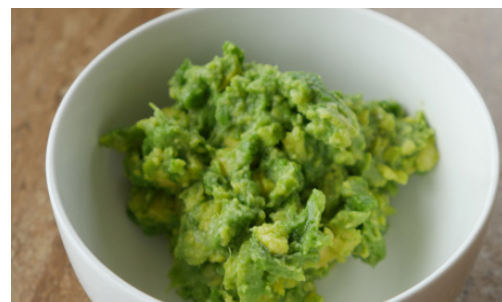
"Cheese" Sauce

1 cup water
 1 cup cashews
 3 Tbsp. sesame seeds or tahini
 1¼ Tbsp. paprika
 1 tsp. salt
 2 tsp. garlic powder
 2 ½ Tbsp. fresh lemon juice

Blend thoroughly until very creamy.

Guacamole

2 Avocados
 ¼ tsp salt (or to taste)
 ½ tsp garlic powder
 Squeeze of lemon juice (optional)



Guacamole

Then Make a Burrito!

Flour tortillas (recipe is listed)
Pinto Beans like Refried (recipe is listed)
 Brown rice (optional)
 Lettuce (shredded)
 Green onions (chopped)
 Red onions (diced)
 Olives (sliced)
"Cheese" sauce (recipe is listed)
 Tomatoes (diced)
Guacamole (recipe is listed)



Burrito



You Are Called

By Cary Rodgers, pastor

Jesus commissions all of His faithful saints to share the good news of the everlasting gospel as a light in a spiritually dark world. Jesus says in Matthew 5:14-16, “Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid. 15 Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house. 16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.”

Those who have a love for Bible truth will have love for sharing the everlasting gospel, the testimonies, and Bible prophecies with others. They are not ashamed of Jesus who has the power to save anybody who has faith in Him. Jesus says in Matthew 28:19,20, “Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: 20 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.”

In a world that is fixated on fake news, the gospel is true news that turns our sadness to gladness, our depression to joy, our darkness to God’s marvelous light, our confusion to understanding the Gospel truth, and our death sentence to everlasting life. The gospel gives hope in a hopeless world and turns chaos and misery into peace.

We are living at the end of time and the fourth angel’s message of Revelation 18:1-4 is the last urgent message to those in Babylon. Revelation 18:1-4, “And after these things I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power; and the earth was lightened with his glory. 2 And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird. 3 For all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies. 4 And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, my people, that ye be not

partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues.” God has called His faithful saints to give this message with urgency, boldness, and consistency.

There are those who say that thy are too shy and afraid of what others may say and do against them. If this is your issue friend, humble yourself and allow the Holy Spirit to work through you to do His bidding. Remember it is not about you, it is about Jesus Christ and the kingdom of God. There is nothing to be ashamed of. God has given us the most wonderful and powerful message that invites others to everlasting life through Jesus and He has ordained us to give this message. Jesus says in John 15:16, “Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you.”

It is a great privilege to be a worker of Jesus Christ in these last days. Isaiah 52:7 says, “How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace; that bringeth good tidings of



“And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come.” - Matthew 24:14

good, that publisheth salvation; that saith unto Zion, Thy God reigneth!” Amen! Have you answered the call? A church who is inactive in giving the gospel and the three angels’ message of Revelation 14 is a dead church spiritually. They have refused to take heed to the call and refused to share the gospel with others. They have become enemies of God. They have allowed Satan to lead them to feel comfortable in their inactivity. Sadly this is the state of many churches today. “There are many whose names are on the church books, but who are not under Christ’s rule. They are not heeding His instruction or doing His work. Therefore they are under the control of the enemy. They are doing no positive good, therefore they are doing incalculable harm. Because their influence is not a savor of life unto life, it is a savor of death unto death.” E.G White--Christ’s Object Lessons, pp. 303, 304.

Those who resist the temptation of Satan to be inactive in the gospel commission will not have a “spirit of fear” but they will have faith that gives them the spiritual vitality and

strength they need to share God’s light and Bible prophecy to others.

God will bless ALL those who deny self and become a living sacrifice as instruments of Jesus Christ to save souls. “All who go forth as Christ has directed, with a sense of their responsibility for the souls to be saved, will have an increasing solicitude to win souls to Christ; and they will be blessed in their work. There are many who desire the truth. After hearing the word from God’s messengers, they receive it. Through diligent searching, they understand their Bibles as never before. All heaven is full of joy when souls thus hunger and thirst after righteousness, confessing their sins, and receiving remission from Christ.” - Ellen White, Review and Herald, July 19, 1898 par. 3

Each Bible teaching that you share should be clear, practical and useful with the power to convict and convert souls for the kingdom of God. You will also grow in the Word yourself as you share it with others. If you are unsure what you should do pray and

ask God for guidance.

Preaching to others is a great way to declare the gospel of Jesus Christ, but it is not the only way. “Nigh and afar off, souls are weighed down by a sense of guilt. It is not hardship, toil, or poverty that lowers and degrades humanity. It is guilt, wrong-doing. This brings unrest and dissatisfaction. Jesus would have his children minister to sin-sick souls. Those that are strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak until they become strong.” - Review Herald, July 19, 1898 par. 11

Ministering to the whole needs of others is the ministry of Jesus Christ through teaching, preaching, and healing. The Bible says in Matthew 9:35-37, “And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people. 36 But when he saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd.”

The health message is the “right arm” of the gospel that teaches God’s healing principles through a lifestyle that uses the natural foods of fruits, veggies, nuts, grains, and seeds for healing without the use of poisonous drugs. The right arm of the health work opens the door to the hearts of many to receive the everlasting gospel. It is truth in which the world so desperately needs. God will strengthen it as it is actively and consistently shared with others.

If you are going out to the community is it best to go at least two by two. Get your family involved to work with you in evangelism. This is the best Heavenly activities that you can do together. This will help with the growth of your children, yourself, and your spouse. Also get the church members involved.

There are many ways to share the gospel that Heaven and the Bible approves. For those who are looking for ideas and suggestions let’s briefly look at some practical ways that you can share God’s Bible truth with others:

1) Spread Bible tracts like leaves of autumn to your neighbors, friends, family, and others. These are relatively inexpensive. They are also short and to the point. Protestant reformers like Martin Luther successfully used Bible tracts to expand the Protestant Reformation. Bible tracts on the Ten Commandments, the Sabbath, how to be saved, the state of the dead, and the coming of Jesus are great studies to share.

2) Sharing Bible prophecy books like the Forgotten Commandment and the Mark of the Beast crisis. This book is very effective in sharing the message

about the Ten Commandments, the Sabbath, Daniel 2, the beast and his image, and the last urgent message to those in Babylon.

3) Give correspondence Bible lessons with others. These type of lessons help establish a relationship with those who take them. You normally don’t give all the lessons at once. When they are finished with one lesson you give them another. You can do this face to face, through regular mail or e-mail.

4) Set up a prayer ministry in which you take prayer request via email, regular mail or phone. You can also go door to door in your neighborhood and community to take requests.

5) Do healthy plant-based cooking demos with health talks at the church or at your home. Also share recipes of the healthy meals that you demonstrated.

6) Visit those you know who are sick and pray with them and encourage them through God’s Word. Make sure they have a Bible and studies to help strengthen them and give them hope.

7) Lead in an exercise walking group in the community with a short Bible lesson and prayer at the beginning of each walk. There are many people especially in the cities who are not comfortable walking by themselves.

8) Do an online media ministry. For example, record video and upload to online platform like YouTube or Facebook. You can also do live programming on these platforms. Even though a camera and recording equipment is great, you can even use your phone if it has a decent video camera.

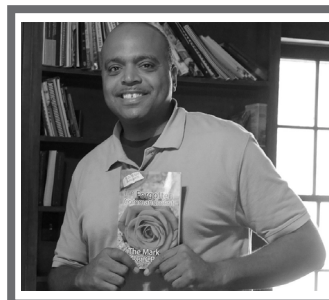
8) Write present truth Bible studies and share them with others.

9) Set up a blog site online through an internet host.

10) Do Bible and Health camps for the youth in your community. It can be for two or more weeks for at least four hours a day. Feed them a plant-based meal. This allows them to taste and experience God’s foods.

11) Do an evangelism and Bible prophecy seminar in your community and / or online.

Of course this list is not exhaustive, but pray and ask God of what He will have you to do.



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Don't Be In Worldliness!

Be not a Friend of the World

By Elijah M. Rodgers

Today the line that separates the church from the world has been blurred. Many professed Christians have become like the world, and have forgotten the words of Christ, "Be ye holy; for I am holy," (1 Peter 1:16). They watch, like and listen to what the world watches and likes. They watch their Hollywood and Netflix, even the NFL and NBA, etc. which promotes lust, sin and rebellion against God. They listen to ungodly music that does not go with the harmony of heaven; the rap, rock, contemporary, jazz, etc... sometimes even putting Christian words to this music which is taking the name of the Lord in vain! They do the dancing of the world in the church. Not only do many "Christians" like the things that the world watches and listens to, but they also take the dress of the world that promotes the lust of the eyes, lust of the flesh, and the pride of the world. (Read 1 John 2:16; 1 Peter 3:3,4; 1 Timothy 2:9,10) They wear the tight, revealing clothing with all the outward adorning as the world does. They, as the world, waste the means that God has given them in the adorning of their houses and cars to please the eyes of people. They are "lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God" (2 Timothy 3:4) and join with the world in their amusements going to the amusement parks where Satan's pulpit is to preach

his lies, spiritualism, familiarity with the world, music of the world, etc.

Now, why is all this coming into the church? They have put away the Bible as the standard of their faith and instituted a standard that accepts worldliness. They are conforming to the world when we as Christians are to be calling the people who are still in the world, from the world to Christ.

But, the Bible says, "And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what *is* that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God." Romans 12:2. Conformed means, "to conform one's self (i.e. one's mind and character) to another's pattern" **Thayer Definition**. We are not to conform our mind and character after the world. The Bible reveals that it is to the mind and character of Jesus that we are to pattern. "Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:" Philippians 2:5.

The world represents the children of the wicked one, Satan; what he wants them to do, they obey. They are the children of the wicked one, the world is the enemy of Christ--an enemy of all righteousness. They "abode not in the truth".

Now, can someone who says they are of the truth and a follower of Christ also be into the things of the world? Absolutely not. They may still claim to be of Christ but the Bible says in James 4:4, "Ye adulterers and

adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God." "For all that *is* in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, **is not of the Father**, but is of the world." 1 John 2:16. Also 2 Corinthians 6:14-16 says, "Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel? And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in *them*; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people."

Righteousness and unrighteousness are at war. There is a great controversy between Christ who is pleading for His people and Satan who is alluring many to worldliness. These two sides cannot join together and each person must make a decision which side to be on.

Oh friends we must separate ourselves from all worldliness and sin! The Bible says in 2 Corinthians 6:17-18, "Wherefore come out from among them, and **be ye separate**, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean *thing*; and I will receive you, And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty." Also 1 John 2:15 says,

“Love not the world, neither the things *that are* in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him.” You cannot serve two masters. You cannot love the world and still love God. Choose you this day whom ye will serve! Will you continue to be a friend of the world and an enemy of God or will you choose to be a follower of Christ and be His servant?

Jesus says in His prayer for His church, “They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world.” John 17:16. Even though God has given the commission to go and preach the gospel to the world, yet His followers are not to be a part of worldliness. Jesus prays and says “I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil.” John 17:15. “As thou hast sent me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world.” John 17:18. We live on the planet earth among a crooked and perverse world that has many evil temptations, but we are not to yield nor partake in them.

Did you know that Christ can give us the power to overcome worldliness? 1 John 5:4,5 “For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, *even* our faith. 5 Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God?” Of ourselves we cannot overcome the world, “But thanks *be* to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.” 1 Corinthians 15:57 We must through the power of Jesus Christ overcome the world, and be conformed into His likeness.

The Bible gives us the promise, “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 I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels.” **“He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son.”** Revelation 3:5; Revelation 21:7.



The Missionary Story

From the Rodgers Family

God has great blessed our family to personally share about 80,000 books of the “Forgotten Commandment and the Mark of Beast Crisis” in all forty-eight states, in cities big and small. This book begins with the importance of the Ten Commandments then reveals the importance of the forgotten commandment, the seventh-day Sabbath. It then advances to Bible prophecy, and studies the three angels’ message of Revelation chapter 14 and the fourth angel’s message of Revelation 18. Here is another missionary story from a major evangelism tour in which many books went to the hands of the people!

The Long Journey

In this evangelism book tour we started from the east and made our rounds to the north all the way to Billings, Montana, and ended up in the south at Jackson, Mississippi. This was definitely one of the biggest tours we did and at that time the furthest tour driven.

We began by heading north where we gave some books out in Toledo, Ohio.

From there we went to Detroit, Ann Arbor, and Battle Creek, Michigan. Then we stopped to pass out more books in South Bend and on to Gary, Indiana. From there we went to Chicago, Illinois, mainly giving books this time in the south side because we passed out books downtown Chicago on a previous tour. Then we went to Milwaukee, Wisconsin, St Paul and Minneapolis, Minnesota. From there we went to Fargo and Bismark, North Dakota, with our eyes on Billings, Montana. In these cities many people received the books.

We finally made it to Billings, Montana. While there we went to give the books in downtown Billings. By God’s help, many there received the books. When we were about to leave, a man we gave a book there expressed his gratitude for the book and work that was being done. After downtown we went to another university in the area and gave a number of books there. Many seeds of truth were planted there in Billings.

After Billings we had to begin our trip back home. We were traveling on a long road that went through an area that was like the wilderness, going

Will you be God’s minuteman and endeavor to proclaim the glad tidings of salvation? Remember that the Lord will cheer every such worker with the same message the He gave to the apostle Paul. “Be not afraid, but speak, and hold not thy peace, for I AM with thee, and no man shall set on thee to hurt thee: for I have many people in this city.” Acts 18:9,10. “I, even I, AM HE that comforted you, who art thou, that shouldest be afraid of a man that shall die, and forgettest The Lord thy maker that hath stretched forth the heavens, and laid the foundations of the earth.” Isaiah 51.12,13. Please, let all of God’s minutemen respond to the Lord’s call ... “Here am I, send me.” Isaiah 6:8

long stretches without a house in sight. Yet, there were many big cows that were scattered all along the sides of the highway. Also looking in to the fields you could see herds of deer. We have a lot of deer in the east but nothing like we saw there. Sadly, because deer do not know the danger of roads there were many deer that had been hit along the road. But the people here were use to it, and many put big bumpers in front of their vehicles.

As we were traveling we began to come upon a Native American reservation. We stopped at a gas station, then continued. It seemed like out of nowhere when we arrived in a town called Lame Deer which was a part of the Native American reservation in Montana. As we driving we came upon the center part of the town. We noticed that there were many people out selling different goods, and also there was a small store which was probably the main store in the region were many people gathered around. There were a good number of people out to which we could give the books to. The question came, should we stop or continue down the road? We decided to stop.

We began offering the books to the people and they were eagerly receiving them, so that many books went in that area. The people were so thankful for the books! One group even said that they as a family were going to read the book that night! Many seeds of truth were planted, which we pray will produce a harvest.

After the wonderful stop in Lame Deer, Montana, we continued our long journey. We made several more stops in different cities sharing the books and ending up in Jackson, Mississippi.

We hope this will inspire you to begin to fulfill the commission Jesus has given us. Why not begin today to work for those around you?

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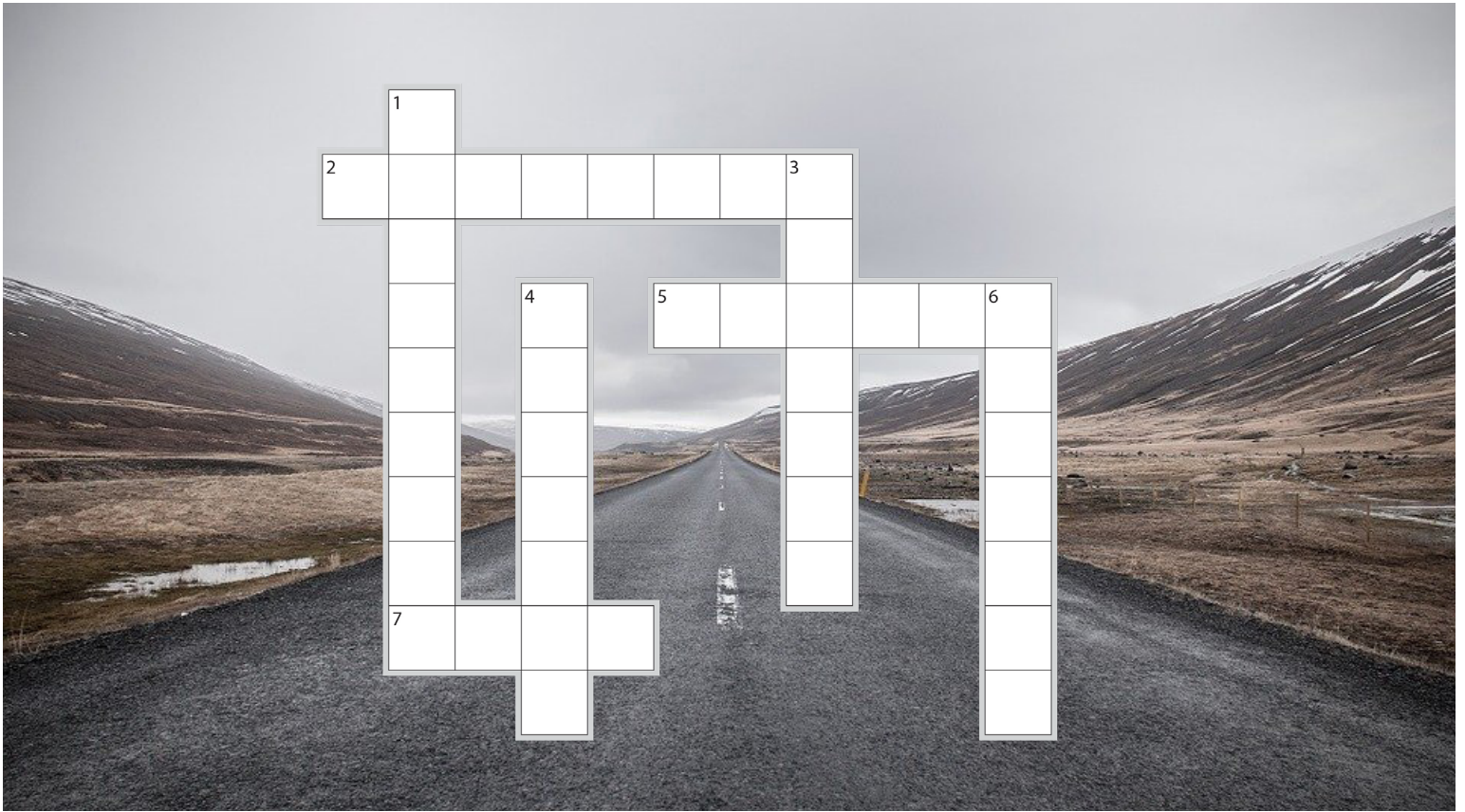
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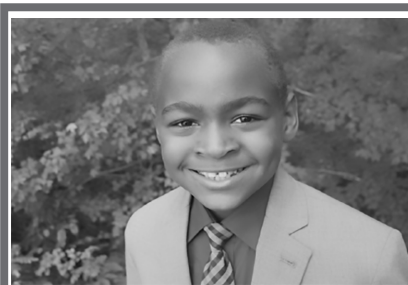


Across

2. Luke 14:23 "And the lord said unto the servant, Go out into the _____ and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled."
5. Matthew 4:19 "And he saith unto them, _____ me, and I will make you fishers of men."
7. John 20:21 "Then said Jesus to them again, Peace be unto you: as my Father hath sent me, even so _____ I you."

Down

1. John 8:31 "Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, then are ye my _____ indeed;"
3. 2 Timothy 2:3 "Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good _____ of Jesus Christ."
4. John 15:14 "Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I _____ you."
6. 2 Timothy 2:15 "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a _____ that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."



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