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REVELATION 1-3

INTRODUCTION

Dear reader, this book is for all those who have walked and seek to walk with God. Its message follows the book “40 days alone with God”, where the three angels’ messages of Revelation 14 and the message of the angel of Revelation 18 were presented through Psalm 37.

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In this book you have in your hands, the Eternal - the One who is, who was, and who is to come, who stands in the midst of the seven golden lampstands, walking from church to church, from congregation to congregation, from heart to heart - addresses mortals and those who profess to be His people in an up-to-date way through direct messages.

The Watchman of Israel neither slumbers nor sleeps. If the lamps were left in the care of human beings, how often would the light shine and go out! But God has not given His Church into the hands of men. Christ, the One who gave His life for the world, gives light and knowledge again. And those who do not disdain His Words will be guarded and protected when the world turns against them, for great wrath and trial is prepared for the faithful.

To those who do not deny the faith, he says: “I fight for and protect My special treasure, and these will stand before you in worship, for they will recognize that a power above them is with you, and they will not stand against you, for My power will rest upon you, for such a synagogue of evil will have no part nor power over any who bear the seal of the living God.”

To the Lord be all glory and honor.

Maranatha! The Lord is coming!

EDITOR'S NOTE

In your hands is a version of this book containing the biblical texts of Revelation 1-3 and at the end of each chapter some comments by Ellen White on each of the messages to the 7 churches. There is also a space with lines for you to make notes as you read.

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This book is a continuation of a call that began with the book “40 Days Alone with God” and it is our sincere desire that we take not His words with indifference or disbelief and that we allow this study to be an impactful and transforming experience.

May Jesus, the Eternal, bless you.

The Editors

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REVELATION 1

¹ The Revelation of JESUS CHRIST, which GOD gave unto Him, to shew unto His servants things which must shortly come to pass; and He sent and signified it by His angel unto His servant John: ² Who bare record of the word of GOD, and of the testimony of JESUS CHRIST, and of all things that he saw. ³ Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein: for the time is at hand.

⁴ John to the seven churches which are in Asia: Grace be unto you, and peace, from Him which is, and which was, and which is to come; and from the seven Spirits which are before His throne; ⁵ And from JESUS CHRIST, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth Unto Him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in His own blood, ⁶ And hath made us kings and priests unto GOD and His Father; to Him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

⁷ Behold, He cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see Him, and they also which pierced Him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of Him. Even so, Amen.

⁸ I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the LORD, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty.

⁹ I John, who also am your brother, and companion in tribulation, and in the kingdom and patience of JESUS CHRIST, was in the isle that is called Patmos, for the word of GOD, and for the testimony of JESUS CHRIST.

¹⁰ I was in the Spirit on the LORD's day, and heard behind me a great voice, as of a trumpet, ¹¹ Saying, I am Alpha and Omega, the first and the last: and, What thou seest, write in a book, and send it unto the

seven churches which are in Asia; unto Ephesus, and unto Smyrna, and unto Pergamos, and unto Thyatira, and unto Sardis, and unto Philadelphia, and unto Laodicea. ¹² And I turned to see the voice that spake with me. And being turned, I saw seven golden candlesticks; ¹³ And in the midst of the seven candlesticks one like unto the Son of man, clothed with a garment down to the foot, and girt about the paps with a golden girdle. ¹⁴ His head and His hairs were white like wool, as white as snow; and His eyes were as a flame of fire; ¹⁵ And His feet like unto fine brass, as if they burned in a furnace and His voice as the sound of many waters. ¹⁶ And He had in His right hand seven stars: and out of His mouth went a sharp twoedged sword: and His countenance was as the sun shineth in His strength.

¹⁷ And when I saw Him, I fell at His feet as dead. And He laid His right hand upon me, saying unto me, Fear not; I am the first and the last: ¹⁸ I am He that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death. ¹⁹ Write the things which thou hast seen, and the things which are, and the things which shall be hereafter; ²⁰ The mystery of the seven stars which thou sawest in My right hand, and the seven golden candlesticks. The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches: and the seven candlesticks which thou sawest are the seven churches.

BIBLE COMMENTARY (EGW)

1-2 | (2 Pet. 2:1) (1 John 4:1) - The Trustee of Divine Revelation (Rev. 1:1-2)

The whole Bible is a revelation; for all revelation to men comes through Christ, and all centers in Him. God has spoken unto us by His Son, whose we are by creation and by redemption. Christ came to John exiled on the Isle of Patmos to give him the truth for these last days, to show him that which must shortly come to pass. Jesus Christ is the great trustee of divine revelation. It is through Him that we have a knowledge of what we are to look for in the closing scenes of this earth's history. God gave this revelation to Christ, and Christ communicated the same to John. {7BC 953.7}

John, the beloved disciple, was the one chosen to receive this revelation. He was the last survivor of the first chosen disciples. Under the New Testament dispensation he was honored as the prophet Daniel was honored under the Old Testament dispensation. {7BC 953.8}

The instruction to be communicated to John was so important that Christ came from heaven to give it to His servant, telling him to send it to the churches. This instruction is to be the object of our careful and prayerful study; for we are living in a time when men who are not under the teaching of the Holy Spirit will bring in false theories. These men have been standing in high places, and they have ambitious projects to carry out. They seek to exalt themselves, and to revolutionize the whole showing of things. God has given us special instruction to guard us against such ones. He bade John write in a book that which should take place in the closing scenes of this earth's history (Manuscript 129, 1905). {7BC 953.9}

Revelation is an Open Book

Many have entertained the idea that the book of Revelation is a sealed book, and they will not devote time and study to its mysteries. They say that they are to keep looking to the glories of salvation, and that the mysteries revealed to John on the Isle of Patmos are worthy of less consideration than these. But God does not so regard this book.... {7BC

954.1}

The book of Revelation opens to the world what has been, what is, and what is to come; it is for our instruction upon whom the ends of the world are come. It should be studied with reverential awe. We are privileged in knowing what is for our learning.... {7BC 954.2}

The Lord Himself revealed to His servant John the mysteries of the book of Revelation, and He designs that they shall be open to the study of all. In this book are depicted scenes that are now in the past, and some of eternal interest that are taking place around us; other of its prophecies will not receive their complete fulfillment until the close of time, when the last great conflict between the powers of darkness and the Prince of heaven will take place (The Review and Herald, 08-31-1897).

8 | (1 Cor. 15:22,45)

9 | Companions of John on Patmos

John was sent to the Isle of Patmos, where, separated from his companions in the faith, his enemies supposed he would die from hardship and neglect. But John made friends and converts even there. They thought that they had at last placed the faithful witness where he could no longer trouble Israel or the wicked rulers of the world. {7BC 954.5}

But all the heavenly universe saw the result of the conflict with the aged disciple and his separation from his companions in the faith. God and Christ and the heavenly host were John's companions on the Isle of Patmos. From them he received instruction which he imparted to those separated with him from the world. There he wrote out the visions and revelations he received from God, telling of the things which would take place in the closing period of this earth's history. When his voice would no longer witness for the truth, when he could no longer testify of the One he loved and served, the messages given to him on that rocky, barren coast were to go forth as a lamp that burneth (Manuscript 150, 1899). {7BC 954.6}.

(1 John 1: 1-10) - Glorious Truths Entrusted to John

Often the very best men, those whom God uses to His name's glory,

are unrecognized by human wisdom, but not for one moment are they forgotten by God. When John was exiled to the Isle of Patmos, there were many who thought him to be past service, an old and broken reed ready to fall at any time. But the Lord saw fit to use him in that lonely island home where His servant was imprisoned. The world and the bigoted priests and rulers rejoiced that they were at last rid of his ever fresh testimony. [1 John 1:1-3 quoted.] {7BC 954.7}

This whole chapter is full of brave courage, of hope and faith and assurance. It was because of this testimony, so amazing to those who wished to forget Christ, who hated the crucified Redeemer, whom they had rejected, that they wished to get that voice beyond their hearing, that his testimony might no more be a witness against their wicked deeds in crucifying the Lord of glory. But they could not put him in any place where his Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ could not find him. {7BC 954.8}

Christ's servants who are true and faithful may be unrecognized and unhonored by men ..., but the Lord will honor them. They will not be forgotten by God. He will honor them by His presence because they have been found true and faithful. Those who have grown old in the cause and work of God have an experience of great value for the church. God honors His servants who have grown old in His service. The most glorious truths concerning the last chapters of this earth's history were given to the aged disciple whom Jesus loved (Manuscript 109, 1897). {7BC 954.9}

9-10 | (Psal. 71:9, 92:14) (Isaiah 46:4) - John's Last Years

It was after John had grown old in the service of the Lord that he was exiled to Patmos. And on that lonely isle he received more communications from heaven than he had received during the rest of his lifetime (The Review and Herald, 07-26-1906). {7BC 955.1}

Christ's aged representative was exiled that his testimony might no longer be heard; for it was a living power on the side of right. But though separated from his brethren, he was visited by Christ, whom he had not seen since the ascension (The Review and Herald, 05-16-1899). {7BC 955.2}

9-15 | God's Plan for Future Ages

The hand of persecution falls heavily on the apostle. He is banished to the Isle of Patmos “for the word of God, and for the testimony of Jesus Christ.” He writes, “I was in the Spirit on the Lord’s day.” He was filled with unspeakable joy; for heaven seemed open before him. In clear, distinct tones a voice spoke to him, saying, “I am Alpha and Omega, the first and the last.” Turning, he beheld his Master, with whom he had walked and talked in Judea, on whose breast he had leaned. {7BC 955.3}

But Oh, how changed is His appearance! John had seen Him clothed in an old purple robe and crowned with thorns. Now He is clothed with a garment of heavenly brightness, and girt about with a golden girdle. Writing of His appearance, John says, “His head and his hairs were white like wool, as white as snow; and his eyes were as a flame of fire; and his feet like unto fine brass, as if they burned in a furnace; and his voice as the sound of many waters.” ... {7BC 955.4}

God’s plan for future ages was revealed to John. The glories of heaven were opened before his enraptured vision. He saw the throne of God, and heard the anthems of joy resounding through the heavenly courts. As we read his description of what he saw in his vision, we long to stand with the redeemed in the presence of God. {7BC 955.5}

Half a century had passed since Jesus ascended to present His church before God, and to prepare mansions for His faithful ones. He still loved His people; for He came to His aged servant to reveal to Him God’s plans for the future. {7BC 955.6}

On the rugged, desolate island John was left alone with God and his faith. Here, among the rocks and cliffs, he held communion with his Maker. He reviewed his past life, and at the thought of the blessings he had received at the hand of God, peace filled his heart. He had lived the life of a Christian, and he could say in faith, “It is well with my soul.” Not so the emperor who had banished him. He could look back only on fields of warfare and carnage, on desolated homes and weeping widows and orphans—the result of his ambitious desire for pre-eminence (Manuscript 99, 1902). {7BC 955.7}

10 | CHRIST Appears on the Sabbath

The Sabbath, which God had instituted in Eden, was as precious to John on the lonely isle as when he was with his companions in the cities and towns. The precious promises that Christ had given regarding this day he repeated and claimed as his own. It was the sign to him that God was his.... On the Sabbath day the risen Saviour made His presence known to John. [Revelation 1:10-13, 17, 18 quoted.] {7BC 955.8}

The persecution of John became a means of grace. Patmos was made resplendent with the glory of a risen Saviour. John had seen Christ in human form, with the marks of the nails, which will ever be His glory, in His hands and His feet. Now he was permitted again to behold his risen Lord, clothed with as much glory as a human being could behold, and live. What a Sabbath was that to the lonely exile, always precious in the sight of Christ, but now more than ever exalted! Never had he learned so much of Jesus. Never had he heard such exalted truth (The Youth’s Instructor, 04-05-1900). {7BC 955.9}

16, 20 | (Chap. 2: 1, 1-5)

18-20 | (John 1: 1-3) - The Self-existent, Unchangeable One

(Revelation 1:18-20 quoted)

These are wonderfully solemn and significant statements. It was the Source of all mercy and pardon, peace and grace, the self-existent, eternal, unchangeable One, who visited His exiled servant on the isle that is called Patmos (Manuscript 81, 1900). {7BC 955.11}



EPHESUS

ITS MESSAGE

“¹ Unto the angel of the church of EPHESUS write; These things saith He that holdeth the seven stars in His right hand, who walketh in the midst of the seven golden candlesticks; ² I know thy works, and thy labour, and thy patience, and how thou canst not bear them which are evil: and thou hast tried them which say they are apostles, and are not, and hast found them liars: ³ And hast borne, and hast patience, and for My name's sake hast laboured, and hast not fainted. ⁴ Nevertheless I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love. ⁵ Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first works; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thou repent. ⁶ But this thou hast, that thou hatest the deeds of the Nicolaitanes, which I also hate. ⁷ He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of GOD.



Revelation 2:1-7 ”

THE ETERNAL knows the works of every mortal, even, when they have not yet been executed. If these works are for the good of the salva-

tion of the mortal, that is, in favor of His Kingdom of Love, Truth and Justice, THE HOLY SPIRIT impels the mortal ~ with His Strength and Vigor, Wisdom and Truth ~, to promote that work which will be a great blessing. Firstly, for those who receive it, and then, for those with whom it is shared. And no one will be able to stop it! Even, if all hell roars.

THE ETERNAL knows each work ~ small or big ~ that must be done to carry His Work forward. And, since His Work does not go after titles, or honors, or earthly goods, but is about the Transformation of Characters for the Salvation of Eternal Life, both the one who prays to Him in secret, interceding for his neighbor, as the one who carries The Word, is recognized by Him in their different spheres for the Salvation of mortals. For, he who asks his FATHER in secret, He will reward in public.

The condition of Ephesus was this: it was a church of works, of hard work and patience. Therefore: THE ONE WHO HAS THE SEVEN STARS AT HIS RIGHT HAND AND WALKS IN THE MIDDLE OF THE SEVEN CANDLESTICKS: CHRIST JESUS, saw it and saw this very profitable in her. He saw a reflection of these qualities of His Character. EPHESUS, just as THE ETERNAL, could not stand wickedness, sin. It did not hate its neighbor, that is, the sinner, but did hate the sin born and externalized in him.

There arose at that time some who claimed to be apostles ~ like The Sanhedrin in the time of JESUS, and Erudition today ~. But, when they were examined by the Law, the Commandments and Statutes, they were found liars, disapproved. Thus automatically creating a separation between THE PURE TRUTH and the mixture of TRUTH and lie ~ which is confusion of Babylonian origin, with premeditation and treachery - to move those who seek salvation in CHRIST JESUS away from the REAL PATH. And there, in Ephesus, they were able to discern these [who had the real truth] from those who claimed to have THE TRUTH, but THIS was far from them. For, they called themselves APOSTLES, as if they had received this title from CHRIST; however, they were apostles of Beelzebub.

THE ETERNAL saw their suffering, of struggles and strife, among them. And the church of Ephesus continued to work towards the RI-

GHT PATH, without rest. Ephesus hated the works of The Nicolaitans, who were also in their midst. These, The Nicolaitans, their specialty is in transforming The Grace of GOD into debauchery: cheap grace. This doctrine teaches that the Law of GOD is void, that there is no need to put His Words into practice in us. This doctrine was the one that CHRIST JESUS relentlessly condemned when He was here on Earth, when He faced the Clergy that stalked Him in all His Ways. Both the work of The False Apostles, who claimed to be sent ~ or appointed ~ by GOD to bring a gospel of confusion to the people, as that of those who practice and teach The Nicolaitan Religion, walk with the burning torch of hell in their hands; and arrows come out of their mouth ready to drive it into the hearts of those who listen to their words of perdition. These drink daily from the infernal waters of the numbness of the senses, and cause those who listen to them to lose The First Love. He, who remains among these, listening to these evil philosophies and reasoning with them, will end up lulled to sleep with their false teachings, for by declaring themselves apostles, many—not grounded in the faith—follow them and become spokespersons of their deceptions.

Just as in the past, we see it even today. The False Apostle, with title and credential, acclaims to the people who follow him: “Pray! Don’t let go of GOD. The time is evil, but He is with us! Do not fear, your bread and water are sure! Don’t pay attention to the fanatics, to the separatists who say that you have to go to the countryside to sow. GOD has promised us bread and water, like Israel in the desert. Stay calm in your houses, and GOD will always be with you!” To these lying apostles, who have The Doctrine of The Nicolaitanes in their mouths, THE ETERNAL says to them: “remember, Jerusalem. And since MY Own Words spoken by ME were not enough, I raised a prophet, and gave clear instructions to them of what they had to do. And they did so. But these did not listen. And as the time of the siege began ~ still many not noticing it ~, I raised MY Voice again. But those who were wise understood, because they remembered where they had fallen from and repented of their evil actions, and returned to The First Works, as I advised them.

Therefore, THE LORD says: “That’s why I will give these to eat from the Tree of Life, which is in the middle of the Paradise of My

GOD, because, they broke ~ by My power, by humbling themselves to ME and asking for forgiveness ~ the spell that lulled them to be free and able to see THE LIGHT OF MY CANDLESTICK. And these, with their voice and example, alerted others of the deadly spell. And in this way they became, in ME, Real Apostles who instructed others In The Path of Good, like stars to perpetual eternity. But, those who did not listen, since they covered their ears so as not to hear and closed their eyes so as not to see, I will remove THE CANDLESTICK from their midst, so that the darkness will be in proportion to what they rejected from My Words; let's see if in the torment of darkness, some, searching for THE LIGHT, may find ME. Because, the wise man sees evil and turns away, but the fool passes by and receives the blow.”

“Many are carried away by this numbing current forged and elaborated in the laboratories of the Evil One, and with their mediocre gospel believe they are obeying ME. But, MY Last Words are reaching them, and they will have to decide before it is too late. He, who has ears, hear what I speak today to The Church Today - not to the one to which I conferred My Words and who rejected them, and went after the Roman frivolities -; but I speak to those who still see and hear her as if she still had LIGHT, but MY CANDLESTICK is no longer among them.”

Faithful, and true are ther words I leave from the ETERNAL, to each of you. May THE LORD bless us!

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(month 8 in the Time of the ETERNAL)

BIBLE COMMENTARY (EGW)

1 | (Chap. 1:16, 20) (Psal. 121: 3-4) (Eph. 5:25) - Constant Diligence in Behalf of His Church

In the message to the church at Ephesus, Christ is represented as holding the seven stars in His hand, and walking in the midst of the seven golden candlesticks. He is represented as “walking” among them, thus illustrating His constant diligence in behalf of His church. He that keepeth Israel neither slumbers nor sleeps. Nor does He become indifferent. These figures are to be carefully studied by the undershepherds, and faithfully applied to their own experience, that they may not lose sight of their great privilege of securing light from the Source of all light, and giving it in turn to those for whom they labor (Letter 4, 1908). {7BC 956.1}

1-5 | The Warder of the Temple Courts

(Revelation 2:1-5 quoted) The words fall from the lips of One who cannot lie. The picture reveals eternal vigilance. Christ is in the midst of the seven golden candlesticks, walking from church to church, from congregation to congregation, from heart to heart. He that keepeth Israel neither slumbers nor sleeps. If the candlesticks were left to the care of human beings, how often the light would flicker and go out! But God has not given His church into the hands of men. Christ, the One who gave His life for the world, that all who believe in Him may not perish but have everlasting life, is the watchman of the house. He is the warder, faithful and true, of the temple courts of the Lord.... {7BC 956.2}

Christ walks in the midst of His churches through the length and breadth of the earth. He looks with intense interest to see whether His people are in such a condition spiritually that they can advance His kingdom. He is present in every assembly of the church. He knows those whose hearts He can fill with the holy oil, that they may impart it to others. Those who faithfully carry forward the work of Christ, representing in word and deed the character of God, fulfill the Lord's purpose for them, and Christ takes pleasure in them (The Review and Herald, 05-26-1903). {7BC 956.3}

(Eph. 1: 1,15-16) - Evil Results of Neglect

(Revelation 2:1-5 quoted) In this scripture are outlined the conditions of acceptance with God. The first experience of the Ephesus church led to good works. God took delight in the fact that His church reflected the light of heaven by revealing the spirit of Christ in tenderness and compassion. The love that dwelt in the heart of Christ; the love that caused Him to give Himself a sacrifice for humanity, and to suffer with forbearance the reproach of men, even to the extent of being called a devil; the love that prompted Him to perform mighty works of healing during His ministry—this was the love that was to be revealed in the lives of His disciples. {7BC 956.4}

But they neglected to cherish Christ's compassion and tenderness. Self, as manifested in hereditary traits of character, spoiled the principles of the grand, good works that identified the members of the Ephesus church as Christians. The Lord Jesus must needs show them that they had lost that which was everything to them. The love that constrained the Saviour to die for us, was not revealed in its fullness in their lives; and hence they were unable to bring honor to the name of the Redeemer. And as they lost their first love, they increased in a knowledge of scientific theories originated by the father of lies (Manuscript 11, 1906). {7BC 956.5}

2 | (Gal. 5:6) - Bible Religion Means Constant Work

Genuine faith always works by love. When you look to Calvary it is not to quiet your soul in the non-performance of duty, not to compose yourself to sleep, but to create faith in Jesus, faith that will work, purifying the soul from the slime of selfishness. When we lay hold of Christ by faith, our work has just begun. Every man has corrupt and sinful habits that must be overcome by vigorous warfare. Every soul is required to fight the fight of faith. If one is a follower of Christ, he cannot be sharp in deal, he cannot be hardhearted, devoid of sympathy. He cannot be coarse in his speech. He cannot be full of pomposity and self-esteem. He cannot be overbearing, nor can he use harsh words, and censure and condemn. {6BC 1111.4}

The labor of love springs from the work of faith. Bible religion means constant work. “Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.” “Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God that worketh in you, both to will and to do of his good pleasure.” We are to be zealous of good works; be careful to maintain good works. And the true Witness says, “I know thy works.” {6BC 1111.5}

While it is true that our busy activities will not in themselves ensure salvation, it is also true that faith which unites us to Christ will stir the soul to activity (Manuscript 16, 1890).

2-6 | Losing the Talent of Love

This message is an example of the way in which the ministers of God are to give reproof today. Following the commendation for earnest labor comes the reproof for losing the talent of love, which is a most sacred trust. It was the love of God that saved the fallen race from eternal death (Manuscript 136, 1902). {7BC 956.7}

4 | (2 Pet. 3:18) (2 John 6) - Love for Christ Need Not Flag

Nevertheless I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love.” Thine is a decay, a declension in holy zeal—not forsaken is the object of it, but lost is the fervor. The first affection of the convert to Christ is deep, full, and ardent. It is not necessary that this love should become less as knowledge increases, as the more and increased light shines upon him. That love should become more fervent as he becomes better acquainted with his Lord.... {7BC 956.8}

God will accept nothing less than the whole heart. Happy are they who from the commencement of their religious life have been true to their first love, growing in grace and the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. The sure result of their intercourse and fellowship with their beloved Lord will be to increase their piety, their purity, their fervor. They are receiving a divine education, and this is illustrated in a life of fervor, of diligence and zeal.... {7BC 956.9}

It is our work to know our special failings and sins, which cause darkness and spiritual feebleness, and quenched our first love (The Review

and Herald, 06-07-1887). {7BC 957.1}

4-5 | (Chap. 3:14-18) (1 Kings 11:4) - Spiritually Fallen, but Unaware of It

In view of the many virtues enumerated, how striking is the charge brought against the church at Ephesus: “Nevertheless I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love.” This church had been highly favored. It was planted by the apostle Paul. In the same city was the temple of Diana, which, in point of grandeur, was one of the marvels of the world. The Ephesian church met with great opposition, and some of the early Christians suffered persecution; and yet some of these very ones turned from the truths that had united them with Christ’s followers, and adopted, in their stead, the specious errors devised by Satan. {7BC 957.2}

This change is represented as a spiritual fall. “Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first works”—as outlined in the preceding verses. The believers did not sense their spiritual fall. They knew not that a change had taken place in their hearts, and that they would have to repent because of the noncontinuance of their first works. But God in His mercy called for repentance, for a return to their first love and to the works that are always the result of true, Christlike love (Manuscript 11, 1906). {7BC 957.3}

Loss of Love a Moral Fall

The losing of the first love is specified as a moral fall. The loss of this love is represented as something that will affect the entire religious life. Of those who have lost this love, God says that unless they repent, He will come to them, and remove their candlestick out of its place (Manuscript 1, 1906). {7BC 957.4}

6 | (Jude 4) - The Sin of the Nicolaitans

Is it [our sin] the sin of the Nicolaitans, turning the grace of God into lasciviousness (The Review and Herald, 06-07-1887)? {7BC 957.5}

(Rom. 3:31) - Doctrine of the Nicolaitan

The doctrine is now largely taught that the gospel of Christ has made the law of God of no effect; that by “believing” we are released from the necessity of being doers of the Word. But this is the doctrine of the Nicolaitans, which Christ so unsparingly condemned (The Signs of the Times, 01-02-1912). {7BC 957.6}

7 | (Chap. 22:2) - The Leaves of the Tree of Life

(Revelation 2:7 quoted)

Must we wait until we are translated before we eat of the leaves of the tree of life? He who receives into his heart the words of Christ knows what it means to eat the leaves of the tree of life. [John 6:33-63 quoted.] {7BC 957.7}

When the believer, in the fellowship of the Spirit, can lay his hand upon truth itself, and appropriate it, he eats the bread that comes down from heaven. He enters into the life of Christ, and appreciates the great sacrifice made in behalf of the sinful race. {7BC 957.8}

The knowledge that comes from God is the bread of life. It is the leaves of the tree of life which are for the healing of the nations. The current of spiritual life thrills the soul as the words of Christ are believed and practiced. Thus it is that we are made one with Christ. The experience that was weak and feeble becomes strong. It is eternal life to us if we hold the beginning of our confidence firm unto the end. {7BC 957.9}

All truth is to be received as the life of Jesus. Truth cleanses us from all impurity, and prepares the soul for Christ's presence. Christ is formed within, the hope of glory (Manuscript 103, 1902). {7BC 957.10}



SMYRNA

ITS MESSAGE

“⁸ And unto the angel of the church in SMYRNA write; These things saith the first and the last, which was dead, and is alive; ⁹ I know thy works, and tribulation, and poverty, (but thou art rich) and I know the blasphemy of them which say they are Jews, and are not, but are the synagogue of Satan. ¹⁰ Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer: behold, the devil shall cast some of you into prison, that ye may be tried; and ye shall have tribulation ten days: be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life. ¹¹ He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; He that overcometh shall not be hurt of the second death.



Revelation 2:8-11 ”

As all-knowing and everlasting GOD, He knows everything: the tribulations, hardships and the apparent and real poverty of each of His children. Going to the countryside under divine instructions is apparent poverty. Furthermore, THE ETERNAL catalogs this as: kings and queens, this example extracting it today to reality, but, in the time of the church of Smyrna there was tribulation and poverty, because among them there were blasphemies that, so that we could understand this better, it is referred to:

- complaint,
- irreverence,

- rudeness,
- cursing.
- To attribute what belongs to GOD to the human. This was against the sacred; against a “thus says JEHOVAH.”

These claimed to be jews without being so, because The True Jew follows the MESSIAH, CHRIST JESUS. That is, in the spiritual sense he is an Israelite, not by nationality ~ who they say they are and are not ~ but in the spiritual sense: The Modern Israel: The One Spread Throughout The World.

These are:

- the true people of Israel who follow in the footsteps of the MASTER wherever HE goes.
- He walks in holiness before GOD
- He prays for those who insult and persecute him.
- And, if they do him harm, he is not vengeful, but quietly takes his hardships to his LORD and his GOD, CHRIST JESUS.

The real Israelite knows that JESUS died on the cross of Calvary for him, in love for his salvation ~ if he accepts Him and puts His Gospel into practice. This real Israelite, if someone asks him to go one mile with him, he goes two. And, when the needy ask him, he gives a tight measure, large and overflowing. But, as in The Church of Smyrna of old, we see today how there are many false jews among those who claim to be The People of GOD. With their blasphemies, they throw GOD's orders to the ground, lower The Standard and are rude to the CREATOR by mistreating those who do wish to be genuine Israelites; for THE ETERNAL declared: “because you did it to one of these, MY Little Ones, you did it to ME.”

The fight against blasphemers ends when we leave their midst and leave them in their wrong decisions ~ when they know The Real Truth ~; and we continue our way ALONG THE REAL PATH OF SALVATION. Let us remember The Words of the ETERNAL in Matthew 10:14, there: the guideline to remain or not to remain, because, respecting the rights of others is not imposing our own decision, but rather to exhort and leave in the hands of the ETERNAL that each one, choose. And as much as this is painful, it is the right of each person to follow or

not follow in the footsteps of the MASTER: to GOD or to Beelzebub. The exhortation that Joshua gave in his last final words to The People of Israel of Old, after reviewing and explaining all the divine Commands, was: “and if it seems evil to you to serve the LORD, choose you this day who ye will serve: whether the gods: which your fathers served when were on the other side of the river, or: the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.” Joshua 24:15. In this way [the] struggle of this is put to an end and each person chooses his own path; for LIGHT and darkness cannot be together, because one of the two will cease to exist.

And thus says THE LORD, GOD OF THE TRUE ISRAEL: “I see those who pretend to be MY Flock and are not, but are a Synagogue of Satan. In which these, with their cavils and prevarications ~ using slander ~ distort My Words, and, what they analyze with their finite mind, they make a rule for everyone. These inspect MY Infinite Mind because they are a Synagogue of Satan. They falsify The Law and twist MY Truth. But, I write straight even if the lines are crooked. And what seems logical and rational to man is madness in MY Eyes. Just as in times past I was expelled from the synagogues, in the same way today is MY Truth expelled from the one [to] which I gave MY LIGHT.”

“Moreover: more than many who have still come out of these, lay their foundations in The Mortal Erudition, to their own perdition. This one: changes MY Real Medicine for the practice of Witchcraft. And with this bewitches everyone, and makes them believe that they are MY Designs! I gave step by step The Health Plan and everything that it involves, furthermore, this one received it and sold it to the people as a mere advice for their own decision. But this is like this: each one decides. But it is not an advice, they are Health Ordinances so that things go well for you ~ as is MY Wish for each one of you ~.”

“Intermingling The Truth with lies, they deliver black masses to the people instead of The Flowing Truth of My Words. They offer, as in the past, costly prayers to those who ask for them, for, with the supposed piety, they wrap those who follow them mentally, this surrendering all, at their feet. Like this is the synagogue of evil: Gather and give worship to religion, instead of their CREATOR! For, True Religion

is not mere formalism, but the surrender of mind, soul and body to MY Truth, and he does not change it or sell it, because it is treasured like a Pearl of Great Price, and he is not afraid to give his life for it, even if he suffers persecution for some time. For, these have a clear mind, a firm decision and a fixed goal. Thus, these will not receive any harm in the second death, for they will be conquerors in ME and these will be My People and I will be their GOD forever. But those who say they are jews and are not, but are the synagogue of Satan, I will go against them, and their end will be forever, because from their mouths came the satanic and bellicose deception, from which they bring their death and that of all those who follow them. But all who discern this and turn away, and turn back to The Ancient Paths, will receive Great Reward and by Their Testimony, they will show the way to many. And they will become My Kingom and Special Treasure.”

Faithful, and true words that I leave, from the ETERNAL, for each one of you. May THE LORD bless you.

Testimony: 24-10-2023
(month 8 in the Time of the ETERNAL)

BIBLE COMMENTARY (EGW)

7, 11, 17, 29 (Chap. 3: 6, 13, 22) - Ears Closed to Folly and Nonsense

He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches." If you "hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches," and meditate upon the instruction given to them, your ears will be closed to the folly and nonsense which surround you. You will neither hear and repeat these things, nor will you ever hanker after them. When Christ satisfies the soul hunger, these trivialities are to you distasteful and disgusting. You have no desire to feast upon them, but choose instead the bread of heaven (Manuscript 92, 1901). {7BC 957.11}

9 | The Synagogue of Satan

Christ speaks of the church over which Satan presides as the synagogue of Satan. Its members are the children of disobedience. They are those who choose to sin, who labor to make void the holy law of God. It is Satan's work to mingle evil with good, and to remove the distinction between good and evil. Christ would have a church that labors to separate the evil from the good, whose members will not willingly tolerate wrong-doing, but will expel it from the heart and life (The Review and Herald, 12-4-1900). {7BC 958.1}

10 | Crowns Bestowed by Christ

In that day of final punishment and reward, both saints and sinners will recognize in Him who was crucified the Judge of all living. Every crown that is given to the saints of the Most High will be bestowed by the hands of Christ—those hands that cruel priests and rulers condemned to be nailed to the cross. He alone can give to men the consolation of eternal life (The Review and Herald, 22-11-1898). {7BC 958.2}



PERGAMUM

ITS MESSAGE

“¹² And to the angel of the church in PERGAMOS write; These things saith he which hath the sharp sword with two edges; ¹³ I know thy works, and where thou dwellest, even where Satan’s seat is: and thou holdest fast My name, and hast not denied My faith, even in those days wherein Antipas was My faithful martyr, who was slain among you, where Satan dwelleth. ¹⁴ But I have a few things against thee, because thou hast there them that hold the doctrine of Balaam, who taught Balac to cast a stumblingblock before the children of Israel, to eat things sacrificed unto idols, and to commit fornication. ¹⁵ So hast thou also them that hold the doctrine of the Nicolaitanes, which thing I hate. ¹⁶ Repent; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will fight against them with the sword of My mouth. ¹⁷ He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the hidden manna, and will give him a white stone, and in the stone a new name written, which no man knoweth saving he that receiveth it.



Revelation 2:12-17”

- HE WHOSE: EYELIDS SEARCHES THE SONS OF MEN

AND KNOWS WHERE EACH ONE OF HIS TRUE SONS ARE ON THE WIDE FACE OF THE EARTH, HE IS THE ONE WHO HAS THE SHARP DOUBLE-EDGED SWORD; for His Word is effective, penetrating to the point of dividing the soul and the spirit, the joints and the marrow, for He is: Powerful to Discern The Thoughts And The Most Hidden Intentions In The Heart.

- HE, WHO NO MORTAL CAN ESCAPE FROM HIS SIGHT NEITHER ANY EVIL POWER.

- HE, WHO DECIPHERS ~ BEFORE THOUGHTS REACH US ~ WHAT WE WILL EXECUTE: knows exactly where, in our interior, the spiritual fall or rise begins.

- HE WHO CALLS US TO BE PREPARED BEFORE THE ATTACK OF THE EVIL ONE AND GIVES US ALL WARNING AND HELP TO OVERCOME, He knows exactly whether we accept all His help available, or we take at our criteria what we like, and discard what is difficult; and we only do what we like, according to our crooked criteria.

He certainly knows what The Doctrine of Balaam is like. Sold by his greed to Balak, putting like this, with his satanic advice, a stumbling block for The People of Israel of Old. Not fearing GOD, and even listening to His voice, almost dead on the road, he chose to follow his stubborn and greedy heart. He allowed himself to be denigrated by The Evil One, when The Greatest Privilege is: that THE ETERNAL allows us to hear His Voice and have His Wonderful Blessing and Direction. His morbid greed blocked his reasoning and led him to believe that he could deceive GOD, hiding his greedy intentions from Him. Excusing himself at every step in his destructive behavior, he did not realize that his desire for wealth was going to come to his life, but also, it was going to be his destruction forever! Like this is The Doctrine of Balaam.

This Doctrine:

- Distorts
- Omits
- Adds

- And looks for any corner, to see how he can enter his ideas, to make someone who is walking in the truth fall.

Furthermore, this Balaamite Doctrine only causes those, that are not grounded even though they boast of being in The Truth. This false doctrine, affects those who live complaining of The Norm of GOD. Those who, when The Norm is raised by GOD Himself, claim and oppose His Commands. Those who read The Bible with one eye and with the other, are coveting.

Today, The Doctrine of Balaam is widespread in the world of those who claim to have The Truth, especially the nominal SDA. This one, declares that there is no salvation aside from her, while in her interior she teaches to fornicate to her parishioners with balaamite doctrines. Because, she teaches them, and orders them, to be tolerant with:

- The Ordination of Women to Pastor
- The Eldership
- Contemplative Prayer
- Spiritual Formation
- Homosexual marriage
- And, finally, to induce her parishioners, professed followers to this one, to revere Rome: worshiping on its spurious day, the first day of the week, the day of The Sun, as the United States of America calls it.
- Thus, putting stumbling block after stumbling block before her followers, making them eat the things sacrificed to the idols invented by Beelzebub, The Father of Darkness.

Thus, Papal Rome ~ The Beast ~ and The Image ~ the United States ~ The Right Hand and left of the Adversary of the EVERLASTING AND ONLY GOD: CHRIST JESUS, leads those who follow this course to the curse, in order to destroy their effectiveness of Divine Protection, and defeat them, for THE EVERLASTING GOD, will never be able to bless or protect those who violate His Law through concessions of human invention, and with practices that challenge His Law, and unclean practices that degenerate and denigrate the human being, creating abomination in them; for He created man in His image and in His likeness.

Spiritual Fornication is a trick of Satan since ancient times. And even today, those ambivalent whose self is overflowing, like This Doctrine, because it gives them power. But they do not see that it is power

for destruction, just as it was for Balaam. Thus, it brings rebellion and, therefore, separation, from the ONLY ONE who can be for them in the face of The Final Conflict. Thus they barter their Everlasting Salvation, for the apparent temporary ephemeral power, based on their inner desires for Self-Complacency. So, all those who live on pure theories without deeds, those who walk after men of renown are after The Doctrine of Balaam, even without knowing it.

As the church of Pergamos in yesteryear, today in the same way exists ~ together with The Doctrine of Balaam ~ its twin soul: The Doctrine of The Nicolaitanes, which is abhorred by THE ETERNAL. It is abominable before Him! Very similar, to The Doctrine of Balaam but more given to the underhanded defense of Occultism. This, is based on exchanges of ideas and ideals, promoting: having an open mind to all types of thinking and supposed ideals ~ to have a good work team ~ to implement and spread ideas that revolutionize everyone by feeling that they all have something in common, such as:

- The common home
- The right to abortion
- Euthanasia
- Incest
- Cremation, and more.

These Nicolaitanes ~ while The Doctrine of Balaam teaches the leaders, to dissuade the people from departing from The Divine Precepts ~ these are working among the people, making them believe that they have sovereign rights over themselves and that they are so masters of their lives to dispose from it as their desire and criteria may be. This doctrine, together with The Doctrine of Balaam, makes the one who carries it, sit in the same chair as Satan, since he lives in the effervescence of his infernal philosophy.

To these, THE ETERNAL says: “Flee from The Deadly Leprosy, because its touch is so deadly and its tongue so sagacious, that whoever listens to it will fall! They will be fire of destruction, due to their philosophies and influences satanic occultists to many. They sacrifice the fruit of their womb and put their minds on the altar of Molech, to be ruled by The Destroyer. These occult ideas, which ruin and violate the

thought and the heart, are an abomination before MY Eyes and I turn MY Face before this; and MY Presence is not there, because this is a den of jackals and foxes. I will come against these and will kill them with The Sword of MY Mouth, soon.”

“Whoever, repents let him depart from these and come to ME, so that I can cleanse him from all filthiness, and so he will be able to be victorious in ME and I will give him to eat MY Hidden Manna, I will give him a Little White Stone With His New Name, that only he will know. And he will live with ME forever. But, to be a conqueror of this Evil Amalgam, he must open his heart to My Sayings and surrender completely after MY Footsteps; so that he can escape unscathed from the clutches of the Evil One, since, this deadly spell, only comes out, with fasting and prayer. Perhaps, after MY Footsteps, you can be delivered from The Wrath to Come, for these evil ones who spread this malignancy, use the force of their spells and charms to retain those who ~ with duality of thought ~ persist in associating with them! To these, the judgment will be upon them, because having evidence of error they persisted in such deception where The Truth is trampled and error is welcomed, for these, kill the faithful and crown the unfaithful. Whoever is among them, will cease to exist forever.”

“The Doctrine of Balaam cannot subsist without The Doctrine of The Nicolaitanes, neither that of The Nicolaitanes without The Doctrine of Balaam; just as Rome cannot subsist without its right hand, the United States of America, its image. For Rome: The Beast, appeal to the hidden force of The Common Good, and the United States, exercises the energetic power of obliging to fulfill the whims of the Evil One reflected in The Beast.”

Let's pay attention!

Faithful, and true words that I leave, from the ETERNAL, for each one of you. May THE LORD bless you.

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BIBLE COMMENTARY (EGW)

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A photograph of ancient ruins in Thyatira, featuring a large, ornate capital on the left and several standing columns in the background, surrounded by lush greenery.

THYATIRA

ITS MESSAGE

“¹⁸ And unto the angel of the church in THYATIRA write; These things saith the Son of GOD, who hath His eyes like unto a flame of fire, and His feet are like fine brass; ¹⁹ I know thy works, and charity, and service, and faith, and thy patience, and thy works; and the last to be more than the first. ²⁰ Notwithstanding I have a fewthings against thee, because thou sufferest that woman Jezebel, which calleth herself a prophetess, to teach and to seduce My servants to commit fornication, and to eat things sacrificed unto idols. ²¹ And I gave her space to repent of her fornication; and she repented not. ²² Behold, I will cast her into a bed, and them that commit adultery with her into great tribulation, except they repent of their deeds. ²³ And I will kill her children with death; and all the churches shall know that I am He which searcheth the reins and hearts: and I will give unto every one of you according to your works. ²⁴ But unto you I say, and unto the rest in Thyatira, as many as have not this doctrine, and which have not known the depths of Satan, as they speak; I will put upon you none other burden. ²⁵ But that which ye have already hold fast till I come. ²⁶ And he that overcometh, and keepeth My works unto the end, to him will I give power over the nations: ²⁷ And he shall

rule them with a rod of iron; as the vessels of a pot-
tershall they be broken to shivers: even as I received
of My Father. ²⁸ And I will give him the morning star.
²⁹ He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit
saith unto the churches.



Revelation 2:18-29 ”

HE WHO COUNTS THE HAIR OF THE MORTAL ~ AND
KNOWS EXACTLY HOW MANY HAIR HE HAS ~ AND KNOWS
BY COUNT EVERY GRAIN OF SAND IN THE IMMENSE SEA, He
looks at His People in His holiness, as a son of GOD, with Scrutinizing
Eyes. Like the flame of fire: that passes layer after layer until it reaches
the bottom of the matter. With firm foot as fine brass He sees:

- in His Love, Truth and Justice ~ The Works of Charity and Ser-
vice,

- The Steps of Faith and Patience ~ after His Footsteps ~ of His
Children.

- And not only like that, but their works are increasing more and
more, making way ~ through these ~ the service, the charity, the faith
and the patience. But these, without the real prescience of the ETER-
NAL, make the science that we know in the letter of His Word make us
acclaimers of an apparently genuine faith, which gives way to the jezabe-
lian doctrine in life. This diabolical doctrine, this religious tolerance,
throws to the ground the sacred milestones of the real gospel of peace,
truth, love and justice.

The Jezabelian Doctrine believes she is the only one that can un-
derstand the Written Word and proclaims herself ~ in her findings and
innovations ~ a prophetess before everyone. She, quickly gathers and
teaches her helpers with her infernal seductions, making them fornicate
with her, at the same time, to these, and these go out to seduce others,
to follow their own steps of fornication. The Jezabelian Doctrine sends
everything to the past or the future, and the now is not important.
Thus, she seduces everyone to become demoralized in her sensuality,

not only moral, but also spiritual, since what matters is the future preparation ~ and not immediate ~; and wraps them in a lethargy of mortal sleep. But The Jezabelian Doctrine also has another side and it is:

- That her moral seduction leads her to stand as alpha, wherever she is, and no one can be more than Her; for her dominant state of superiority must stand out.

- Her word is the law: Final and last.

- And does not listen to the advice of mortals

- Neither does she allow her heart to be ennobled by Heavenly Love.

- Her haughty heart, authoritarian: fights to be the leader of the pack.

- And This Spurious Doctrine, which is promoted by Belial, needs followers to control and carry out its purposes; as well as the Jezebel of old, who needed to manipulate Ahab for her deadly purposes. Wrapping him, in Her Controlling Love, she made him a prisoner of her seductions and made him eat the things she sacrificed to her idols. And he, in turn, gave to the people. And like this, corrupted them.

The Jezabelian Doctrine:

- Hates the truth as it is. It is unbearable to her because this leaves her without control.

- She persecutes and fight against those who carry The Living and Effective Word.

- She induces her followers to kill the prophets of the ETERNAL

- And challenges the ONLY GOD in great rebellion, like the one that Lucifer began covertly in Heaven ~ until now, openly ~. Like this, she begins covertly, until she externalized it and leads it, even, to Death Penalty.

But, even if she believes to overcome, she will not be able to; because the ETERNAL will always reserve a Faithful Remnant, even under Penalty of Death.

This Jezabelian Doctrine:

- Silences The Truth, or pretends to silence it

- And promotes false peace, under her dictates.

- This one fights to take control of her entire surroundings

- And places eyes at their service in every place so that no one acts on their own, but in total accordance with her commands.

- Her fight is against those who think, speak and act contrary to her plans.

But this is what THE LORD says: "I know your works and what you suffer in the midst of This Infernal Spirit. Believing that you will change him into good thinking, you struggle to make him understand his mistake. But this is in vain. I send Elijah to you, to take you from him to Mount Carmel, so that there:

- You invite others to go with you, so that you have constancy of whothe True GOD is.

- There, through the Embracing and Purifying Fire, I will be able to put to death the doctrine that Jezebel has implanted in you.

- And in this way, when you have had such evidence and conviction, you will turn and see in The Power and in The Spirit of Elijah, The Real Truth.

- And you will expose every doctrine of Baal worship, which Jezebel promotes.

- Thus, many will be able to be freed from the spell of her evil power! And she will come to her destruction.

- Like this, every follower and worshiper of This Harlot will fall dead in his own blood; and I will have no more memory of him.

"Therefore I say, to those who do not have This Doctrine and recognize it as coming from the depths of evil: I will not put any burden on you other than to come out of the midst of her, and turn away, so that My Fury does not overtake you, for, what communion has THE LIGHT with The Darkness?

"Beware, therefore, of the serpents: which with their gaze bewitches the mortal, in order to stick its deadly venom into their bloodstream and annihilate them. Be therefore, diligent in this. And pay full attention to My Commands so that you do not lose everlasting life."

Faithful, and true words that I leave from the ETERNAL, for each one of you. May THE LORD bless you.

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SARDIS

ITS MESSAGE

“¹ And unto the angel of the church in SARDIS write; These things saith He that hath the seven Spirits of GOD, and the seven stars; I know thy works, that thou hast a name that thou livest, and art dead. ² Be watchful, and strengthen the things which remain, that are ready to die: for I have not found thy works perfect before GOD. ³ Remember therefore how thou hast received and heard, and hold fast, and repent. If therefore thou shalt not watch, I will come on thee as a thief, and thou shalt not know what hour I will come upon thee. ⁴ Thou hast a few names even in Sardis which have not defiled their garments; and they shall walk with me in white: for they are worthy. ⁵ 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. ⁶ He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.



Revelation 3:1-6 ”

- HE WHO WALKS AMONG CHERUBS AND SERAPHIM
- HE WHO COMMANDS THE ARMY OF HEAVEN
- HE WHO UNCOVERS THE DEPTHS OF DARKNESS AND

BRINGS TO LIGHT, THE SHADOW OF DEATH: sees the works and weighs them on His Balance that no human has put his hand to alter it. He sees what mortal man is unable to see or measure, unless He pleases to make it known.

He sees those whom many give titles and respect them as superior in spirituality and intellect. These are the first that are in danger of falling, since Pride is constantly knocking on their door. Flattery must be shunned by anyone who wishes to do The Real Work of CHRIST JESUS. No True Militant should indulge in flattery, as this will prevent him from becoming triumphant. He who falls into Flattery struggles to live up to this, and it is there, where Self Complacency takes control of his mind, heart, and externalizes it in gestures, words and being very superior [becoming superior] in the eyes of others. The Arch-Deceiver, usurper since evil was found in him, originated this. And all those who participate in his spirit do the same: they fight for followers to feel pleased in superiority.

How far this is from the REAL PATH! THE PATH of THE ETERNAL! In which His example on this Earth was to walk among those who had nothing to offer Him, because everyone was needy. Wandering from place to place looking for someone to help and carrying the Word of The True Salvation. He had no place of His own. Ignorant people followed Him and they were able to notice:

- The Real Value that was in Him. Not the ostentation of a life, but
- The Words of Salvation,
- His Acts of Kindness,
- His Compassion before the [pain] of a mother for the loss of her son and the deep feeling of sadness for the loss of a great friend ~ which led Him to resurrect him as a testimony before many.
- Sacrifice: was His Letter of Truth to The World.

While the Pharisees lived in great ostentation, shouting to the winds that they were the chosen ones of GOD, these, the Pharisees, lived so that everyone would carry out The Rituals of the Law to the letter. But they lived in pure debauchery. HE WHO KNOWS THE DEPTHS OF OUR BEING, declared: "Do what they say, but not what they do." These words should be analyzed with great attention by those

who make themselves to be known or wish to make themselves known as teachers of CHRIST to His Church.

He who promotes going out into the countryside, but does not comply with what GOD has ordered to be done there, in every aspect ~ be it a lot or a little, according to his strength ~ denies The Gospel of CHRIST and transmits a wrong experience of the Gospel to others. GOD will never command us to do something that cannot be done. We can be eloquence in person and have heavenly religious activity, but if self is woven into this, THE AUTHOR OF THE GOSPEL, will be out, and only will be worked on for his own glory. Even going to the poorest place in the world and feeding all the hungry, but if the pride and the desire is for others to see or appreciate what is done, this does not glorify GOD, and before the ETERNAL we are seen with contaminated garments.

Also in this range are the Sensationalists, searching and over searching for the new, in order to fight for first place, as the focus of attention. These thinking, that The Pure and Simple Gospel seems tedious to them, and they fight for a change ~ accordingly, in their understanding ~ wonderful. And these, without having Spiritual Vision, fall into the sophistry that triggers every experience of falling, as in the past. Thus they fall, as in the past, those who should be the Standard Bearers of The Real Truth of The Simple and Pure Gospel that leads on THE TRUE PATH to Salvation. Thus, having an appearance of piety, without The Real Heavenly Power, they thin out The Salvific Gospel; and what is not salvific, they magnify. There [is] where THE ETERNAL tells us this: Pay attention, only The Revealed is for your salvation.

The fights, between who will be: the literal or symbolic One Hundred and Forty-Four Thousand, to give one example among others: is a distraction, like others, since yesteryear. Through these distractions, The Enemy gains ground in the sensational field, and blurs the focus of those who pay attention to this, from The Real Truth, making this one believe, that he is in THE CORRECT PATH of Salvation, when they are, on the path of perdition. Thus, with The Real Spiritual Eye, that only CHRIST JESUS can give us, is how we can discern sensationalism from The Real and Pure Truth; The Truth, from error. There also,

with The Spiritual Eye that is a Heavenly Gift, you can clearly see the two groups: those who say they are alive, but are dead, and Those Who Fight To Overcome.

Therefore, thus says THE LORD: "I have not found your works perfect before ME, for you think you're alive and you're dead. Your garments are defiled. But I see among these: Some, Who Have Not Defiled Their Garments. But to those who believe they are worthy and are not, to these I say: Be vigilant and affirm the other things that are about to die. Remember, therefore, what you have received and heard; and keep it, and repent. For if you do not watch, I will come upon you like a thief and you will not know at what hour I will come upon you. But, those who fight night and day seeking ME and fighting against their self, until this, by My Power, dies in them: These, who conquer by MY Power Resting On Them, I will dress them in white, garments. Resplendent! And his name, will never be erased from the Book of Life. And I will confess his name before MY FATHER and His Holy Angels. For this reason, keep all THE LIGHT that you have received from Above and live in its heights, because there is no greater reward for the mortal: than to be immortal. And there is no greater joy: than living without sin: in Perfect Peace. Therefore, do not set your affections on the things of The World, for this is on the verge of passing away forever. And The Real World, non-perishable, is closer to you than many of you imagine."

"Keep faithfully The Pact you have made with US: THE HEAVENLY DIGNITARIES, THOSE WHOSE GREATEST ACTIVITY IS:—while The Conflict lasts — To Fight for The Salvation of the mortal; for whom I Died the Death of Cross On Calvary."

"Repent at every moment, daily, of your ravings; for these are the ones that keep you away from Salvation. Remove all pride, all malignity from your thoughts. But how can you do it with your twisted essence, if I do not let you know what happens in you? You must come to ME, night and day, so that I can instruct your consciences and cleanse your secret chambers. Thus, experiencing The True Repentance, you will live in Real Joy, since you will be free from The Powers of Evil, in which for years, you were slaves."

"Familiarize yourselves with the Word of Truth, so that you may be

ready at every angle in the Final Battle that is before you. Are you ready to be in front of The Line of Fire? Can you overcome The Final Battle without ME? Your bodies are not the ones at stake in This Final Fight before you, but your soul. But your soul may be at risk if your body is not submitted in all areas to its CREATOR and DESIGNER, since it is through the body that The Arch-Deceiver fights to destroy the soul. Do you understand this? Analyze, therefore, very carefully what I tell you.”

“Remember Job. Do you consider that trial intense? But I tell you that it is a pale reflection of what you will have to endure. But never, beyond what you can bear, will be allowed. Do you understand this? Therefore, try to be well grounded in ME and you will not be shaken, for whoever neglects this: will be stubble. And, how will you achieve this much-needed Strength to face what comes your way? Doing: fulfilling in your lives, everything that I have commanded you, because each line is essential in your preparation. You fight, but you fight wrong, to please your desires and what you believe is correct. But I say to you: Fight well, by doing what is lawful to you, with The Weapons of The Militia of Faith for Salvation:

- Without preconceptions.
- Without duality of thought.
- Without pride, nor vanity of spirit,
- leaving aside your mortal pride, which buries you in the miry mud.

Because, to be willing to die for ME, you must first die to yourselves: giving everything of the world as lost before The Heavenly Reward.”

“Every time you feel comfortable, lacking nothing, sharpen your thinking, because it is The Evil One who lulls you into his deadly arm. The good soldier does not sleep, but he watches until the battle is over. Fight The Good Fight, fighting in such a way that you win it; because everyone can achieve it under My Designs. The one who does not overcome, is because he disdained one of My Smallest Precepts, one of My smallest instructions; for believing them little and of no importance. Many will perish: because they did not pay attention to the small details and they only attended that, that to their understanding, was of greatest importance!”

“He, who expounds My Words and does not bury his hands in the earth to obtain sustenance from it, is a clanging cymbal. Because he disdains the simple bases of submission to My Method of Destroying The Self in you – for finding it meaningless and degrading. For, before ME, A Good Preacher is: he who learns My Science of feeding off the land; for in him I put Drops of My Prescience so that the fruit of his hands may prosper. That the one who fills his mouth with My Words and live like the bird in the nest, ~ which has not flown ~ opening his beak and chirping, so that sustenance is given to him in his beak. Even this one, at the appointed time, his mother pulls him out of the nest, for him to be on his own, and instructs him, to get food by himself. In this, in these beings, My Irrational creatures, preach to rational beings The Real Task of Living in Harmony With My Sayings. He who does not take time to learn in the Book of Nature, he will never be able to sensitize his hardness of heart and his reasoning will be worse than that of animals, for, he who deviates from the natural and lives in the artificial becomes desensitized.”

How many, not having Their Saddlebags Full, will lose Eternal Life? Many. For, a camel passes through the eye of a needle better than these.

Do not look to those who prosper in this world, to strive to be like them, because they do not know what really benefits them. Rather listen to My Words, pay attention to My Sayings and put them into practice.

I have told you before: your skin will be your test, and your uncontrolled desires will be your fall. But the soul that is hidden in ME, the body that carries it:

- Can be bruised
- Tortured
- And killed

- And the soul will be free and live forever in ME. And I will bring the body back to this. But, this second time, immortal body. And he will forever be My Son; and I, forever his FATHER.

He who has ears to hear, let him hear, for those who are wise will understand.

MESSAGE TO THE 7 CHURCHES

Faithful, and true words that I leave, from the ETERNAL, for each one of you. May THE LORD bless you.

Testimony: 27-10-2023
(month 8 in the Time of the ETERNAL)

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BIBLE COMMENTARY (EGW)

1 | (2 Cor. 4:7) (Gal. 2:20) (Phil. 1:21 y 3:8) - Faithful Stewards Over Ourselves

(Revelation 3:1 quoted)

God calls upon this church to make a change. They had a name to live, but their works were destitute of the love of Jesus. Oh, how many have fallen because they trusted in their profession for salvation! How many are lost by their effort to keep up a name! If one has the reputation of being a successful evangelist, a gifted preacher, a man of prayer, a man of faith, a man of special devotion, there is positive danger that he will make shipwreck of faith when tried by the little tests that God suffers to come. Often his great effort will be to maintain his reputation. {7BC 958.3}

He who lives in the fear that others do not appreciate his value is losing sight of Him who alone makes us worthy of glorifying God. Let us be faithful stewards over ourselves. Let us look away from self to Christ. Then there will be no trouble at all. All the work done, however excellent it may appear to be, is worthless if not done in the love of Jesus. One may go through the whole round of religious activity, and yet, unless Christ is woven into all that he says and does, he will work for his own glory (Letter 48, 1903). {7BC 958.4}

1-3 | Remember How Thou Hast Received

A warning is given of a time when errors would come in as a thief to steal away the faith of God's people, when they must watch diligently and be constantly guarded against the delusions of the enemy. {7BC 958.5}

In Sardis many had been converted through the preaching of the apostles. The truth had been received as a bright and shining light. But some had forgotten the wonderful manner in which they had received the truth, and Jesus found it necessary to send reproof. {7BC 958.6}

One after another of the old standardbearers had fallen, and some had become wearied of the oft-repeated truths. They desired a new phase of doctrine, more pleasing to many minds. They thought they needed

a wonderful change, and in their spiritual blindness did not discern that their sophistries would uproot all the experiences of the past. {7BC 958.7}

But the Lord Jesus could see the end from the beginning. Through John He sent them the warning, "Remember therefore how thou hast received and heard, and hold fast, and repent. If therefore thou shalt not watch, I will come on thee as a thief" (Manuscript 34, 1905). {7BC 958.8}

(2 Tim. 2:23-26) - Hazards of Quibbling

(Revelation 3:1-3 quoted)

Among the people to whom this message was sent, there were those who had heard and been convinced by the preaching of John the Baptist, but who had lost the faith in which they once rejoiced. There were others who had received the truth from Christ's teaching, and who were once ardent believers, but who had lost their first love, and were without spiritual strength. They had not held the beginning of their confidence firm unto the end. They had a name to live, but as far as exerting a saving influence is concerned, they were dead. They had a form of godliness without the power. They quibbled about matters of no special importance, not given by the Lord as tests, till these matters became as mountains, separating them from Christ and from one another.... {7BC 958.9}

"I know thy works, that thou hast a name that thou livest, and art dead." With God outward show weighs nothing. The outward forms of religion, without the love of God in the soul, are utterly worthless. {7BC 958.10}

"Be watchful, and strengthen the things which remain, that are ready to die." This is our work. There are many ready to die spiritually, and the Lord calls upon us to strengthen them. God's people are to be firmly united in the bonds of Christian fellowship, and are to be strengthened in the faith by speaking often to one another about the precious truths entrusted to them. Never are they to spend their time in accusing and condemning one another (The Review and Herald, 08-10-1905). {7BC 959.1}

1-4 | (Heb. 4:13) - Weighing the Character

(Revelation 3:1-3 quoted)

The discrimination revealed by Christ in weighing the characters of those who have taken to themselves His name, as Christians, leads us to realize more fully that every individual is under His supervision. He is acquainted with the thoughts and intents of the heart, as well as with every word and act. He knows all about our religious experience; He knows whom we love and serve (Manuscript 81, 1900). {7BC 959.2}

1-5 | (Mat. 22:14) - A Few Faithful Ones in Sardis

The church of Sardis is represented as having in it a few faithful ones among the many who had become, as it were, careless and insensible of their obligations to God. "Thou hast a few names even in Sardis which have not defiled their garments; and they shall walk with me in white: for they are worthy." Who is so favored as to be numbered among these few in Sardis? Are you? Am I? Who are among this number? Is it not best for us to inquire into this matter, in order that we may learn to whom the Lord refers when He says that a few have not stained their white robes of character (Manuscript 81, 1900)? {7BC 959.3}

(Rev. 3:14-18) - Read the Third Chapter of Revelation

In the message to the church at Sardis two parties are presented—those who have a name to live, but are dead; and those who are striving to overcome. Study this message, found in the third chapter of Revelation. [Revelation 3:1, 2 quoted.] Who are meant by those that are ready to die? And what has made them thus? The explanation is given, "I have not found thy works perfect before God." [Revelation 3:3-5 quoted.] {7BC 959.4}

To the church of the present day this message is sent. I call upon our church members to read the whole of the third chapter of Revelation, and to make an application of it. The message to the church of the Laodiceans applies especially to the people of God today. It is a message to professing Christians who have become so much like the world that no difference can be seen [Revelation 3:14-18 quoted] (RH 08-20-1903). {7BC 959.5}

3 | (Heb. 3: 6) (4:14) (10:23) - Hold Fast to the Pledge

Remember therefore how thou hast received and heard, and hold fast, and repent,” Those who have been born again remember with what joy and gladness they received the light of heaven, and how eager they were to tell everybody of their happiness.... {7BC 959.6}

“Hold fast.” This does not mean, Hold fast to your sins; but, Hold fast to the comfort, the faith, the hope, that God has given you in His Word. Never be discouraged. A discouraged man can do nothing. Satan is seeking to discourage you, telling you it is of no use to serve God, that it does not pay, and that it is just as well to have pleasure and enjoyment in this world. But “what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?” You may have worldly pleasure at the expense of the future world; but can you afford to pay such a price? {7BC 959.7}

We are to “hold fast” and live up to all the light we receive from heaven. Why? Because God wants us to grasp the eternal truth, and act as His helping hand by communicating the light to those who are not acquainted with His love for them. When you gave yourself to Christ, you made a pledge in the presence of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit—the three great personal Dignitaries of heaven. “Hold fast” to this pledge. {7BC 959.8}

“And repent.” The life we live is to be one of continual repentance and humility. We need to repent constantly, that we may be constantly victorious. When we have true humility, we have victory. The enemy never can take out of the hand of Christ the one who is simply trusting in His promises. If the soul is trusting and working obediently, the mind is susceptible to divine impressions, and the light of God shines in, enlightening the understanding. What privileges we have in Christ Jesus! {7BC 959.9}

A true sense of repentance before God does not hold us in bondage, causing us to feel like persons in a funeral procession. We are to be cheerful, not sorrowful. But all the time we are to be sorry that after Christ had given His precious life for us, we gave so many years of our life to the powers of darkness. We are to feel sorrow of heart as we remember that after Christ had given His all for our redemption, we used

in the service of the enemy some of the time and capabilities which the Lord entrusted to us as talents to use to His name's glory. We are to repent because we have not endeavored in every way possible to become acquainted with the precious truth, which enables us to exercise that faith which works by love and purifies the soul. {7BC 960.1}

As we see souls out of Christ, we are to put ourselves in their place, and in their behalf feel repentance before God, resting not until we bring them to repentance. If we do everything we can for them, and yet they do not repent, the sin lies at their door; but we are still to feel sorrow of heart because of their condition, showing them how to repent, and trying to lead them step by step to Jesus Christ (Manuscript 92, 1901). {7BC 960.2}

4- 5 | (Luke 12:8) - True and Loyal and Faithful

(Revelation 3:4, 5 quoted)

This is the reward to be given to those who have obtained a pure and spotless character, who before the world have held fast to the faith. Jesus Christ will confess their names before the Father and before His angels. They have been true and loyal and faithful. Through evil report as well as good report they have practiced and taught the truth (Manuscript 26, 1905). {7BC 960.4 }

(2 Cor. 4:17-18) - An Eternal Weight of Glory

Thou hast a few names even in Sardis which have not defiled their garments; and they shall walk with me in white: for they are worthy." Because of their faith this honor is bestowed on them. In this life they did not boast, nor lift up their souls unto vanity. With intensity of desire, with a pure, holy faith, they grasped the promise of eternal riches. Their one desire was to be like Christ. Ever they kept the standard of righteousness uplifted. To them is given an eternal weight of glory, because on the earth they walked with God, keeping themselves unspotted from the world, revealing to their fellow beings the righteousness of Christ. Of them the Saviour declares, "They shall walk with me in white, in the world that I have prepared for them" [Revelation 3:5 quoted] (RH 08-10-1905). {7BC 960.5}

4, 5, 10 | (1 Cor. 10:12-13) - The Promise of Victory

(Revelation 3:4, 5 quoted)

These words are given for the people while they are in connection with the world, subject to temptations and influences which are deceiving and deluding. While they stay their mind upon Him who is their sun and their shield, the blackness and darkness that surround them will not leave one spot or stain upon their garments. They will walk with Christ. They will pray and believe and work to save the souls that are ready to perish. These are trying to break the bands that Satan has fastened upon them, and they will not be put to shame if by faith they will make Christ their companion. Temptations and deceptions will be constantly brought up by the great deceiver to spoil the work of the human agent, but if he trusts in God, if he is humble and meek and lowly of heart, keeping the way of the Lord, heaven will rejoice, for he will gain the victory. God says, "He shall walk with Me in white, with unsullied garments, for he is worthy" (Manuscript 97, 1898). {7BC 960.6}

5 | Chap. 13-8) (20:12-15) - Angels Weighing Moral Worth

Christ says of the overcomer, "I will not blot out his name out of the book of life." The names of all those who have once given themselves to God are written in the book of life, and their characters are now passing in review before Him. Angels of God are weighing moral worth. They are watching the development of character in those now living, to see if their names can be retained in the book of life. A probation is granted us in which to wash our robes of character and make them white in the blood of the Lamb. Who is doing this work? Who is separating from himself sin and selfishness (Historical Sketches of the Foreign Missions of the Seventh-day Adventists, 138)? {7BC 960.7}

6, 13, 22 | See comment on Revelation 2:7, 11, 17, 29



PHILADELPHIA

ITS MESSAGE

“⁷ And to the angel of the church in PHILADELPHIA write; These things saith He that is holy, He that is true, He that hath the key of David, He that openeth, and no man shutteth; and shutteth, and no man openeth; ⁸ I know thy works: behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it: for thou hast a little strength, and hast kept My word, and hast not denied My name. ⁹ Behold, I will make them of the synagogue of Satan, which say they are Jews, and are not, but do lie; behold, I will make them to come and worship before thy feet, and to know that I have loved thee.¹⁰ Because thou hast kept the word of My patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth. ¹¹ Behold, I come quickly: hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown. ¹² Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of My GOD, and he shall go no more out: and I will write upon him the name of My GOD, and the name of the city of My GOD, which is new Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven from My GOD: and I will write upon him My new name. ¹³ He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.

Revelation 3:7-13”



Behold:

- HE WHO SEES AND IS IN CONTROL OF ALL FULFILLMENT

- HE WHO PUTS WITH HIS VOICE THE STARS HANGING FROM NOTHING IN THE HEAVENLY VAULT AND COMMANDS THE SUN AND THE MOON ITS COURSE, AND NONE FAILS TO COMPLY WITH HIS COMMAND

- HE WHO IS AWARE OF THE WORKS OF THE ANTS AND DRAWS OUR ATTENTION TO THEM

- HE WHO, BEFORE THE DEADLY VIRAL CREATIONS, INSTRUCTS US ON HOW TO GET FREE FROM THESE

- HE WHO TOUCHES THE WOUNDED MORTAL, AND REGENERATES THE MARROW AND BONES

- HE WHO NOTHING CAN ESCAPE HIS EYES:declares that He knows everything and hears the supplications and attends to them, and He invites us to come freely to Him so that we may be able to get accustomed in saving friendship with our CREATOR and REDEEMER. He urges us to revive our faith, so that we can please Him as He deserves. For how can we not have faith in Him:WHO WITHOUT ANY NEED, BUT ONLY OUT OF LOVE, DIED FOR THE MORTAL HUMAN RACE?

And the arch-deceiver, who induces any sensational belief, of a convenience of self-complacency, will never give his life for any mortal! But, on the contrary, he induces mortals to kill others for him and then, themselves, die for him. But not for Love, but he brings the deception of the false belief of Reincarnation. And he makes them believe: that after living a free life ~ where everything is valid in human complacency ~, far from the Laws of the EVERLASTING GOD, who has His Law in Care and Love for His creatures, he makes them believe: that in violation to This, after death, there will be another opportunity for life in another human or animal body. Sad is the situation of those: who believing this, go through the world at their ease without Law and without GOD! And when their final hour arrives, reality confronts them, that what they were assured that it was, does not exist.

To others:they are intimidated with Purgatory, if they do not obey

the commandments of men: Human inventions, that invents The Evil Arch-Deceiver, to ~ out of fear ~ control the mortal who does not search for himself in The Word of Life. When at the end of his days he closes his eyes in The Sleep of Death, the next thing he will see will be the CREATOR, HIS CREATOR, whether for life, or whether for death! There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth for many, because they decided and preferred to live deceived rather than denying themselves and accept the Word of Truth.

A little bird does not fall to the ground without GOD noticing it. No human exist that lives on the face of The Earth, who having full consciousness, does not know that there exists a GOD CREATOR, who made the heavens and The Earth ~ whether they speak about Him, or know by himself about Him, and accept or reject Him.

Babylon: Papal Rome, The Mother of Confusion, The Root of Hiding The Truth ~ since this is directed by The Power of The Evil One ~ bewitches like the serpent in The Garden of Eden to Eve. Like this she bewitches every mortal who pays attention to her, so that they change or despise The Truth for the error, that she presents to them as a truth free, of self complacency; making the mortal feel good, and comfortable, at the cost of his eternal death. Thus, she causes the mortal to commit fornication and adultery before GOD. In a sense: first spiritual sense, and then, carnally, in every action and decision in life. This is: Satan's Synagogue, where she takes away the rights of parents and gives them to leaders, who cry out to them: "Do whatever you want! You are your own master!" Thus, they not only indoctrinate them with philosophies coming from hell, (Lake of Fire) but, then they urge them to change their natural course, in favor of, according, of the evil plan, of the full enjoyment of the human being. Many forget that this perversion was what provoked The Wrath of the ETERNAL and brought The Flood to end the violence and depravity that existed at that time!

The synagogue of Satan is not only: The Hidden Occultism, but This is manifested openly before everyone, when the mortal is on his continuous course to evil. And there, The Arch-Deceiver openly implants all his blackness which he carries, for his destructive purpose in the human being who lives for himself, with the skin-deep self.

His plan since from Heaven, has been to undermine and sabotage The Divine Government in Peace and Harmony, that he hates so much. Since he who lives for the self, he cannot bear that another next to him stand out more than him. Thus, after being expelled because of open rebellion from Heaven, bringing as his sympathizers, a third of angels ~ who are now demons -, he continues his campaign since when he passed through Eden and trapped The Holy Couple and destroyed their Peace and Happiness, by these paying attention to him. And, from there, Peace fled from The World in general. And only those who come close to their GOD and CREATOR, in humiliation and faith, will find The Real Peace that is only found in Him, The Originator of It, that is, in CHRIST JESUS.

Thus, for centuries, The Synagogue of Satan strives to draw everyone into its ranks of depravity and death. Having This his side of force and his sentimental side, which he implements, according to his purposes, through his companions who serve him night and day. These acclaim to the world that The Common Home must be saved out of love, not only for the present generation but for the future. Praiseworthy exposure to the eye and ears of those who do not delve into Reality, but, are superfluous in their search and understanding! The evil one has never sought the good of any mortal, only uses him for his own purposes and after he fulfills his purposes through him, he induces him to self-destruction!

He torments them, with:

- Stress
- With Depression
- With Oppression
- And Possession
- And then, Death.

Such is the end of those who are members of The Synagogue of Satan.

This religion is based on enlivening the self, in the mortal human being, with the end of self-destruction, and therefore, Everlasting Death. Like this, with the laudable plan of: saving The Common Home, he bypasses, first underhanded and then by Force, The Divine Decalogue.

Changing The Everlasting Law, with which the SOVEREIGN GOD CHRIST JESUS, governs the vast universo. Proposes a family day, a day of rest, a day of zero – or minimal – emissions of environmental pollution. A day of sharing. Laudable plan and action, but, The Synagogue of Satan will never put The Real Day into this, for he hates the CREATOR and everything that has to do with His Law of Government. Thus, causing his Synagogue, promote the day of the Sun in honor of him, as the United States of America calls it in its native language. And he fights to throw to the ground: The Real Day of Rest, THE DAY OF THE CREATOR, The Seventh Day, The Sabbath, The Shabbat.

Some, knowing it, and others ignoring it, are followers of The Synagogue of Satan, since they live behind rituals and formalisms, imposing burdens ~ like the Pharisees and Sadducees at the time when the MESSIAH was here on Earth ~ that they themselves did not fulfill, as same as today. As in yesteryear, THE LIGHT shone, and many realized where they were and left behind The Corrupt Clergy to follow the MESSIAH, like this, in the same way today: they changed from The Synagogue of The Evil One to THE LIGHT OF THE KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.

Those who do not wish, after knowing The Truth, to align themselves in purity of heart in the ranks of THEIR CREATOR, will automatically align themselves in the ranks of The Synagogue of Satan. To these, THE ETERNAL lets them know: behold THE HOLY AND THE TRUE: He WHO HAS THE KEY OF DAVID, HE WHO OPENS AND NO ONE CLOSES AND CLOSES AND NO ONE OPENS: those who come to ME will be My Special Treasure, and The Synagogue of Satan will not prevail against them.”

“Those lying apostles, together with those who leave Their First Love;

- Those blasphemers who proclaim themselves jews, denying My Coming and Sacrifice for Humanity;

- Those that with The Doctrine of Balaam, knowing The Truth that I conferred on them, put a stumbling block to the flock ~ believing themselves to be their rulers. And teach them and introduce sin to them, so that My Blessing and Protection may depart from them.

From the most subtle concessions, according they say harmless, such as celebrating the pagan feasts of Papal Rome, to homosexual acceptance. And, therefore, the surrender of their parishioners ~ controlled by the spurious gospel ~ to those who seek to disappear it; without these realizing that: The Sheep That Hear My Voice, there is no longer their seat, but what prevails there is only an amalgam. These introduce all types of Doctrine, choosing among all the most convenient ones. Converting What Was Pure Into The Doctrine of Nicolaitanes, which I abhor very much! These promote all types of teaching, as coming from ME. They falsify not only The Truth but the Law, and open way for The Harlot: Jezebel, who proclaims herself, to be a prophetess; and she well is, but not Mine, but she sits together to the chair of Satan. And so, with flattery, seductions and conveniences coming from hell (Lake of Fire) she promotes fornication, adultery.

And what she offers to her idols she gives to eat to these who listen to her spurious messages, changing:

- Times
- Laws
- And banishing all that Is Good; and sneakily putting black wickedness in its place.

- And so, she creates the desired metamorphosis in all who follow her infernal protocols. Thus she took control of many and sting them so that, by inserting her poison, she have them controlled, at her feet.”

“I gave time to many for repentance, but they have always gone after their benefits and have remained prisoners of these. But those who heard ME desisted. And even among The Flock there are some, still, whose time is not yet fulfilled. And when My Truth reaches these, they will embrace it. But once this comes, if it is rejected, they will remain there until The End, in darkness; for their works are not perfect and they live boasting of having life, but certainly they are dead, for THEIR NORTH is no longer in their midst and:

- They are shipwrecked in deep waters
- In dense darkness,
- Among raging waves that crash every boat against the floating mountains of the seas and those that come out from them.”

“But I tell you: that My Special Treasure will prevail, for I will deliver all these aberrations coming from The Synagogue of Satan at their feet. These, without desiring it, will recognize them.

Because, even with little strength:

- They keep My Sayings, My Words, putting them into practice
- And do not deny My Name.
- They listen and proceed to execute My Sayings.

- They are not afraid of what may happen by following after My Footsteps to the end, because this, the only thing they fear is dishonoring ME and turning away from ME.

- They put their life faithfully for ME and I will preserve them by My Power. And This Synagogue of multiple satanic tentacles, will recognize that I have loved them.”

“Therefore, continue to hold on to what you have so that no one takes your crown, because to the conqueror: I will make him a pillar in The Temple of My GOD and will never come out from there and on him the Name of MY GOD and of The City of MY GOD, the New Jerusalem, which descends from the heaven of MY GOD and My New Name. So do not fear, because you will be redeemed for My Glory and for My Honor. And the evil one will be angry for not being able to hold you in his infernal clutches, just as he could not hold My Servant Moses when I resurrected him and I took him with ME to Heaven.”

“He will want to oppress you: by denying you what is necessary for human survival, so that you will bow down before His Infernal Deception. But don’t worry, have My Peace in your heart and your mind, in My Sayings. Concentrate, because although they obstruct your path and your work is hindered, they will never be able to close the door that communicates My True Children with ME! From My Throne, I will shed LIGHT on you, even in the deepest darkness, and nothing can stop it, because you are My Special Treasure. Neither mortal nor evil power can intervene. And I will provide everything necessary for you in the face of the strongest storm. There you will see the ministry of My Holy Angels who will be there, next to each one of you. This Angelic Ministry, that since ancient times is for the mortal who seeks ME, among you. And these will protect you and provide you with everything that I have

Faithful, and true words that I leave from the ETERNAL for each one of you. May THE LORD bless you.

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BIBLE COMMENTARY (EGW)

8 | An Open Door

The true Witness declares: “Behold, I have set before thee an open door.” Let us thank God with heart and soul and voice; and let us learn to approach unto Him as through an open door, believing that we may come freely with our petitions, and that He will hear and answer. It is by a living faith in His power to help, that we shall receive strength to fight the battles of the Lord with the confident assurance of victory (The Review and Herald, 07-09-1908). {7BC 960.9}

(Heb. 10:19-20) - The Door of Communication

The true Witness has given us the assurance that He has set before us an open door, which no man can shut. Those who are seeking to be faithful to God may be denied many of the privileges of the world; their way may be hedged up and their work hindered by the enemies of truth; but there is no power that can close the door of communication between God and their souls. The Christian himself may close this door by indulgence in sin, or by rejection of heaven’s light. He may turn away his ears from hearing the message of truth, and in this way sever the connection between God and his soul.... Neither man nor Satan can close the door which Christ has opened for us (The Review and Herald, 03-26-1889). {7BC 961.1}

Light From the Threshold of Heaven

(Revelation 3:8, 9 quoted) Whenever tempted, we have this open door to behold. No power can hide from us the light of the glory which shines from the threshold of heaven along the whole length of the ladder we are to climb; for the Lord has given us strength in His strength, courage in His courage, light in His light. When the powers of darkness are overcome, when the light of the glory of God floods the world, we shall see and understand more clearly than we do today. If we only realized that the glory of God is round about us, that heaven is nearer earth than we suppose, we should have a heaven in our homes while preparing for the heaven above (Manuscript 92, 1901). {7BC 961.2}



LAODICEA

ITS MESSAGE

“¹⁴ And unto the angel of the church of the LAODICEANS write; These things saith the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of the creation of GOD; ¹⁵ I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot. ¹⁶ So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth. ¹⁷ Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked: ¹⁸ I counsel thee to buy of ME gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see. ¹⁹ As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent. ²⁰ Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear My voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with ME. ²¹ To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with My Father in His throne. ²² He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.

Revelation 3:7-13 ”



- HE, WHO LOOKS FROM THE HEAVENS, AND SEES THE SONS OF MEN, LOOKS FROM HIS SUBLIME SANCTUARY AND FIXES HIS GAZE, ON THE EARTH.

- HE WHO PRODUCED VEGETATION ON THE EARTH, HERBS AND SEED-BEARING TREES ACCORDING TO ITS KIND;

- HE WHO BROUGHT NIGHT AND DAY INTO EXISTENCE;

- HE WHO PUT LIFE IN ABUNDANCE IN THE SEA AND FILLED THE EARTH WITH BEASTS AND CATTLE, AND WHATEVER CREEPS UPON IT;

- HE WHO PLACED THE RAINBOW IN THE CLOUDS, AS A COVENANT REMINDER BETWEEN HIM AND HIS PEOPLE;

- HE WHO WITH ONLY HIS SIGHT KEEPS ALL KNOWLEDGE, BUT CONFUSES THE WORDS OF THE UNFAITHFUL AND THE INFAMOUS;

- HE WHO CONTEMPLATES THE ENDS OF THE ENTIRE EARTH AND OBSERVES EVERYTHING UNDER THE HEAVENS:

He Knows The Real Condition of the Mortal:

- His true works, what lives within ~ hidden in his being ~ which when it overflows it is exteriorized.

- He sees her: proud, because she possesses Great Truths that if they had been put into practice would have been for salvation;

- For having Great Light, she hid it between the skirts of The Great Whore;

- For having The Truth that was conferred upon her, they were not sanctified by it.

Her heart became intoxicated with spurious loves, and Pure Love escaped from her. She was offered all The Heavenly Merchandise at her disposal, but she rejected it. She distorts The Truth and sells it adulterated as pure, to many. And all those who live after pride and dissipation follow her, because they seek their own honor before putting on high My Honor. Thus they rejoice, day after day, in their empty works! Denying the truth in their lives, because they throw My Real Truth to the ground, inducing, and inducing each other, to be rebellious to My

Voice of Warning and Preparation, and walk among aberrant things that she carries in her bowels.

They are hearers, but not doers. And they will fight, with great spurious zeal, to destroy The Pure with the false love that it bears, from the depths of evil. The contaminated missionary zeal leaves without The Real Effectiveness the work of this one. But, like car without a brake to the precipice, is their race.

Making consensus about who is right and who is more exalted than the other, they bring sewage water to the people and they drink it without thinking; because these are accustomed to following men instead of GOD.

Self-complacency leads them to mortal self-deception, from which they ~ comfortably ~ do not want to give up. The Truth they call evil and what is evil, good, creating wide-open licentiousness for all: Putting The Gospel so cheap that it is desirable not even for them! But they continue there because of appearances, praising each other.

Self-exaltation is their goal, and with this they stain everything they touch; because, This being a offspring of Pride, it possess the entire being and engenders hypocrisy, to the ambition to be equal to the world: seeking popularity and a life full of great vanity.

He does not look to his CREATOR and REDEEMER to follow His Norm, but he looks to Rome to follow his desires. Fights for his followers and, after intimidation and underhanded manipulation, they control many so that they stay away from The Real Truth. Self-justification: where every end justifies the means, is the excuse in the union with The Great Whore, because a norm that is not high is a step for all types of spurious concessions. They do not fight to eliminate errors, but to remain in them; and induces others to remain like them. They mock My High Norm ~ totally attainable to the mortal who dies to his evil self ~ and ridicules them in order to exert Force upon This, to subject them to their dirty judgments.

Inclined to evil behavior, she claims to be the way to truth and life, usurping My Place! And she sits like a queen, without feeling the need for anything, showing off her knowledge and throwing to the ground everything I pointed out to her. Like that one, that step by step she pas-

sed to be the lair of everyhateful and unclean bird, for having rejected The Real Love and The Real Truth.

Thus says THE LORD: their campaigns, I cannot bear them! For these, are as of old, among the Pharisees and Sadducees, by gaining followers for their purposes and not for Salvation. They indoctrinate him in their falsehoods, and make him ten times worse than he was; for the cold one has hope, but the lukewarm: I will vomit him out of My Mouth. Although, showing off effervescent Christianity, they weave the threads of imperfection so much in others, that even the good that is in them, is spoiled, as has happened in her. But, like a Good Boaster and Flatterer, Crafty and Secretive, she goes with her spurious mixture, feeding with it those who come close to her, following only the molds of her own human invention. And I see them.

“I know those at the top as well as those at the bottom. I know the oppressors as well as those who feel oppressed. And to this, last ones, I fight to still rescue from these noxious spiritual, that, claiming to carry My Cross, with supposed abnegation and supposed self-sacrifice, lie for their own benefit. Living of the flock, who payto these, so that deception and wickedness continue its infernal course! They boast of being rich, and they really are, rich in their own righteousness! For My righteousness is far from them.”

“They expose their supposed spiritual victories, but they are far from being hot; but are overflowing and swollen, in mortal vanity. Therefore, this spirit and spurious work is far from My Approval, since it does not proceed, according to the example that I have given you. To these lukewarm ones who disdain My Words, I spit them, and they will have no part with ME.”

“But there are still some, not many, but they are there, these that I see who still fight and pray for MY REAL LIGHT. These, I will allow MY LIGHT to shine on them so that they can SEE MY REAL PATH and decide to walk along it. But, truly, truly, I tell you that even among the lukewarm, when THE LIGHT shines on them, they will see it, but they will not recognize it; for, intermingled among the unfaithful, they will deny the effectiveness of THIS. But those who receive IT and advance in My Sayings and leave The Amalgam behind, These are the ones

that I, being at The Door, call them and they hear My Voice and they open and I enter to sup with them and they with ME. And I will make them conquerors, just as I have conquered. And as I have sat with MY FATHER on His Throne, he will sit on My Throne with ME. For he retained what he received. He stopped, asked for THE ANCIENT PATH and after he knew: he walked along IT. Therefore, I will keep him in The Hour of Trial that will come to the whole world. This, which is before you. Because he kept the Word of My Patience and retained as a Great Treasure: The Faith. Because these, upon knowing THE PATH OF REAL SALVATION, ran along IT and left behind them The Worst of Deceptions: those who say they are Christians, that is, My followers, but are half Christians, which are worse than those who do not believe in ME. And, in these it is that the evil one most manifests his energetic power so that they do his work that he cannot openly do ~ of deception ~ without being discovered. For, the unbeliever shows himself as he is: moreover, he who claims to be a Christian but is not, is deception in all directions.”

“So I tell you: escape from those who do not put into practice The Word of Truth! For in these The Letter is dead. These listen, but reject. They use My Word for their own purposes, and open the wide road to hell! He who seeks for himself is judged and censured by them, since their goal; is to keep The Truth at bay so as not to obstruct their benefits. For this reason, in your time, I HAVE STOOD at The Door to knock and wait for someone to hear My Call, and, to the one who opens to ME, I will give him My Heavenly Treasure and he will become My Son and I will be his FATHER. And this one, clinging to ME, I will make him overcome and I will cover him with My Righteousness: in WhiteGarments. And I will cover his sad nakedness and cure the blindness of his eyes WITH MY HEAVENLY OINTMENT, and he will see very clearly: The Beauty of My Truth and My Character. Therefore, take My Advice and do not reject it, because if you do not do so I will vomit you out of My Mouth; for, I AM your SUBSTITUTE and GUARANTOR, and without ME, you will be able to do nothing!”

“He, who has ear, let him hear so that he may overcome triumphantly in ME, in the Final Test, and not lay down your crown, before

your flesh. For I AM THE WAY, THE TRUTH AND THE LIFE; He who is still dead, he will live. And Death will not be able to hold him back, because I conquered Death to make, in ME, conquerors all those who come to ME. Therefore, do not disdain The Door that is before you, for those who disdain it will fall and will be dead forever. Like this, those who do not disdain My Words will be guarded and protected when the world turns against them, for Great Wrath is prepared for these. But I will preserve you – for your fidelity to ME - from This Hour of Great Trial.

Because:

- They returned to THE OLD PATH
- They were repairers of the breach, and
- They raised paths
- They did not deny the faith
- And even with little strength, they clung to ME.

And I, as a Powerful Giant, will subject the world to their feet: so that they recognize that I fight and protect My Special Treasure! And these will be before you in worship, for they will recognize: that A FORCE, above theirs, is with you. And they will not subsist against you, for My Power will rest on you; for such a synagogue of evil will have no part or power over anyone who bears THE SEAL OF THE LIVING GOD!

“Hear, therefore, My Words, and do not associate with those Unfaithful:

- Who close their ears so as not to hear and
- Close their eyes so as not to see.
- That they are whitewashed tombs that live on mere formalism ~ they feel pleased with this. For these will be like tow before My Third Coming.

and I will remember them no more because they rejected THE LIVING WATERS OF SILOAM.

Faithful, and true words that I leave from the ETERNAL for each one of you. May THE LORD bless you.

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BIBLE COMMENTARY (EGW)

14-18 | (Verses 1-5) (2 Cor. 5:17) - Our Condition Revealed

The message to the Laodicean church reveals our condition as a people (The Review and Herald, 12-15-1904). {7BC 961.3}

Message for the Idlers in the Vineyard

To the idlers in the Lord's vineyard the Laodicean message is sent (Manuscript 26, 1905). {7BC 961.4}

(Rom. 2:17-24) - Application of Laodicean Message

The message to the Laodicean church is applicable to all who have had great light and many opportunities, and yet have not appreciated them (The Review and Herald, 03-11-1902). {7BC 961.5}

(Chap. 2:4-5) - Fervor of Love Lacking

The message to the Laodicean church is applicable to our condition. How plainly is pictured the position of those who think they have all the truth, who take pride in their knowledge of the Word of God, while its sanctifying power has not been felt in their lives. The fervor of the love of God is wanting in their hearts, but it is this very fervor of love that makes God's people the light of the world (The Review and Herald, 07-23-1889). {7BC 961.6}

Laodicean Message for Adventists

The message to the Laodicean church is highly applicable to us as a people. It has been placed before us for a long time, but has not been heeded as it should have been. When the work of repentance is earnest and deep, the individual members of the church will buy the rich goods of heaven. [Revelation 3:18 quoted.] Oh, how many behold things in a perverted light, in the light in which Satan would have them see. {7BC 961.7}

You may manifest great zeal in missionary effort, and yet because it is corrupted with selfishness, and tastes strongly of self, it is nought in the sight of God; for it is a tainted, corrupted offering. Unless the door of

the heart is open to Jesus, unless He occupies the soul temple, unless the heart is imbued with His divine attributes, human actions when weighed in the heavenly balances, will be pronounced “Wanting.” The love of Christ would make you rich; but many do not realize the value of His love. Many do not realize that the spirit which they cherish is destitute of the meekness and lowliness of Christ, destitute of the love that would constitute them channels of light (Manuscript 33, 1894). {7BC 961.8}

(2 Pet. 3:11) - Has God Made a Mistake?

The Laodicean message is applicable to the church at this time. Do you believe this message? Have you hearts that feel? Or are you constantly saying, We are rich and increased in goods, and have need of nothing? Is it in vain that the declaration of eternal truth has been given to this nation to be carried to all the nations of the world?

God has chosen a people and made them the repositories of truth weighty with eternal results. To them has been given the light that must illuminate the world. Has God made a mistake? Are we indeed His chosen instrumentalities? Are we the men and women who are to bear to the world the messages of Revelation fourteen, to proclaim the message of salvation to those who are standing on the brink of ruin? Do we act as if we were (Manuscript 51, 1901)? {7BC 961.9}

Professors but Not Doers

The Laodicean message applies to all who profess to keep the law of God, and yet are not doers of it. We are not to be selfish in anything. Every phase of the Christian life is to be a representation of the life of Christ. If it is not, we shall hear the terrible words, “I know you not” (The Review and Herald, 10-17-1899). {7BC 962.1}

An Insipid Religious Experience

The message to the Laodicean church applies most decidedly to those whose religious experience is insipid, who do not bear decided witness in favor of the truth (Letter 98, 1901). {7BC 962.2}

(Isaiah 65:5) (Luke 18:11-12) - “Hear, O Hear.”

I tell you in the name of the Lord, that those who have had great light are today in the state described by Christ in His message to the Laodicean church. They think that they are rich, and increased in goods, and feel that they have need of nothing. Christ speaks to you. Hear, O hear, if you have any regard for your souls, the words of the great Counselor, and act upon them [Revelation 3:18 quoted] (Letter 5, 1897). {7BC 962.3}

To Rid the Church of Fanaticism

The design of the message to the Laodiceans was to rid the church of ... fanatical influences; but the effort of Satan has been to corrupt the message, and destroy its influence. He would be better pleased to have fanatical persons embrace the testimony, and use it in his cause, than to have them remain in a lukewarm state. I have seen that it was not the design of the message to lead brother to sit in judgment over his brother, to tell him what to do, and just how far to go, but for each individual to search his own heart, and attend to his own individual work (Spiritual Gifts 2:223). {7BC 962.4}

Bankrupt!

Many are Laodiceans, living in a spiritual self-deception. They clothe themselves in the garments of their own righteousness, imagining themselves to be rich and increased with goods and in need of nothing, when they need daily to learn of Jesus, His meekness and lowliness, else they find themselves bankrupt, their whole life being a lie (Letter 66, 1894). {7BC 962.5}

Self-inflated Religion

Love of self excludes the love of Christ. Those who live for self are ranged under the head of the Laodicean church who are lukewarm, neither cold nor hot. The ardor of the first love has lapsed into a selfish egotism. The love of Christ in the heart is expressed in the actions. If love for Christ is dull, the love for those for whom Christ has died will degenerate. There may be a wonderful appearance for zeal and ceremonies,

but this is the substance of their self-inflated religion. Christ represents them as nauseating to His taste [Revelation 3:17, 18 quoted] (Manuscript 61, 1898). {7BC 962.6}

(Prov. 30:12; Obad. 3) - Self-exaltation a Dangerous Element

Self-exaltation is a dangerous element. It tarnishes everything it touches. It is the offspring of pride, and it works so ingeniously that, unless guarded against, it will take possession of the thoughts and control the actions. {7BC 962.7}

The Laodicean message must be proclaimed with power; for now it is especially applicable. Now, more than ever before, are seen pride, worldly ambition, self-exaltation, double-dealing, hypocrisy, and deception. Many are speaking great swelling words of vanity, saying, "I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing." Yet they are miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked (The Review and Herald, September 25, 1900). {7BC 962.8}

(Eccl. 10:1) (Mat. 7:1-5) - Self-love, Self-deception, and Self-justification

Those whom Christ warns have some excellent qualifications, but they are neutralized by all who have a diseased self-love, self-deception, self-justification for gross neglect to help brethren in the service of God by encouraging words and deeds. There is a dead fly in the ointment. They are being weighed by One who never makes a mistake. He tells the result of actions which demonstrate that the love of Christ is not an abiding principle in the soul. God calls upon you all to learn from Christ His meekness. Put away your faculty for seeing the mistakes of others. Turn your attention to your own defects. Your self-righteousness is nauseating to the Lord Jesus Christ. [Revelation 3:15-18 quoted.] These words apply to the churches and to many of those in positions of trust in the work of God (Manuscript 108, 1899). {7BC 962.9}

Spiritual Novices

There are a large number of professing Christians who do not really follow Jesus. They do not bear the cross by proper self-denial and self-sa-

crifice. Although making a great profession of being earnest Christians, they weave into the fabric of their character so many of the threads of their own imperfections that the beautiful pattern is spoiled. Of them Christ says: "You boast of being rich and increased with supposed spiritual attainments. In reality you are neither cold nor hot, but are filled with vain conceit. Unless converted, you cannot be saved; for you would mar heaven with your unsanctified wisdom. I cannot endorse your spirit and your work. You do not act according to the divine Example. You are following a pattern merely of your own invention. Because you are lukewarm, I must spew you out of My mouth." {7BC 963.1}

Let us thank the Lord that while this class is so numerous, there is still time for repentance. Jesus says, "I, your Redeemer, know your works. I am familiar with the motives that prompt you to declare boastfully in regard to your spiritual condition, 'I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing.' Thou 'knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked.'" {7BC 963.2}

Those who are in this condition are willfully ignorant. They do not discern the real character of sin. By their wrongdoing they constantly misrepresent the character of Christ and put Him to open shame. Professing to have a knowledge of the truth, they act in spirit as novices. They do not seem to understand the truth that must be expressed in word and deed to show a decided difference between him that serveth God and him that serveth Him not. They are false claimants of every Christian blessing and privilege, when, as Christ's representatives, they are not rich in spiritual grace or in good works. They are wretched, poor, blind, maimed. What a position to be in! They stand in their own light. {7BC 963.3}

But notwithstanding their willful ignorance, they are not left by the Lord without added warning and counsel (Manuscript 138, 1902). {7BC 963.4}

15 | The Mount of Vision

If every man who has influence could ascend some mount of vision from which he could behold all his works as Christ beholds them when He declares, "I know thy works"; if the laborer could trace from cause

to effect every objectionable word and act, the sight would be more than he could bear (Manuscript 128, 1903). {7BC 963.5}

15-16 | (Mat. 6:22-24) - Worse Than Infidels

Halfhearted Christians are worse than infidels; for their deceptive words and noncommittal position lead many astray. The infidel shows his colors. The lukewarm Christian deceives both parties. He is neither a good worldling nor a good Christian. Satan uses him to do a work that no one else can do (Letter 44, 1903). {7BC 963.6}

(Luke 13: 24-30) - Fate of the Halfhearted Ones

There are those who, though professedly serving God, are witnessing against Him. To them the message to the Laodicean church is given. Christ says to them, "I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot." When the avenging angel shall pass through the land, Christ cannot say of them, "Touch them not. I have graven them upon the palms of my hands." No; of these halfhearted ones He says, "I will spew them out of my mouth. They are offensive to me." (Letter 44, 1903). {7BC 963.7}

Dead in Trespasses and Sins

To those who do not practice it, the Word of God is a dead letter. Christ says of such, "I would thou wert cold or hot. So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth." He cannot present their case to the Father. If they realized that they were sinners, He could plead in their behalf, and the Lord would arouse them by His Holy Spirit. But they are worse than dead in trespasses and sins. They hear the Word, but make no application of it to themselves; instead, they apply the Word spoken to their neighbors (Manuscript 163a, 1898). {7BC 963.8}

15-20 | (John 4:13-14) - A Fountain of Living Water

The condition of many of those who claim to be the children of God is exactly represented by the message to the Laodicean church. There is opened before those who serve God, truths of inestimable value, which,

brought into the practical life, show the difference between those who serve God and those who serve Him not. {7BC 963.9}

The earth itself is not more richly interlaced with veins of golden ore than is the field of revelation with veins of precious truth. The Bible is the storehouse of the unsearchable riches of God. But those who have a knowledge of the truth do not understand it as fully as they might. They do not bring the love of Christ into the heart and life. {7BC 964.1}

The student of the Word finds himself bending over a fountain of living water. The church needs to drink deeply of the spirituality of the Word. Their service to God needs to be very different from the tame, lifeless, emotionless religious experience that makes many believers but little different from those who believe not, very similar in spirit to the unconverted (Manuscript 117, 1902). {7BC 964.2}

15-21 | Laodicean Message to Go to the World

The Laodicean message has been sounding. Take this message in all its phases and sound it forth to the people wherever Providence opens the way. Justification by faith and the righteousness of Christ are the themes to be presented to a perishing world (Letter 24, 1892). {7BC 964.3}

15-22 | (Col. 4:12-13) - Labor Lost on the Church in Laodicea

(Revelation 3:15-22 quoted)

This is the testimony borne concerning the church at Laodicea. This church had been faithfully instructed. In his letter to the Colossians, Paul wrote: “Epaphras, who is one of you, a servant of Christ, saluteth you, always labouring fervently for you in prayers, that ye may stand perfect and complete in all the will of God. For I bear him record, that he hath a great zeal for you, and them that are in Laodicea, and them in Hierapolis.” {7BC 964.4}

Much excellent labor was bestowed upon the Laodicean church. To them was given the exhortation, “Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect.” But the church did not follow up the work begun by God’s messengers. They heard, but they failed to appropriate the truth to themselves, and to carry out the instruction given them. The result that followed is the result always sure to follow

the rejection of the Lord's warnings and entreaties (Manuscript 128, 1903). {7BC 964.5}

17 | (Rom. 11:20) (12:3) - Exhausting the Patience of God

Christ sees that which man does not see. He sees the sins which, if not repented of, will exhaust the patience of a long-suffering God. Christ cannot take up the names of those who are satisfied in their own self-sufficiency. He cannot importune in behalf of a people who feel no need of His help, who claim to know and possess everything (The Review and Herald, 07-23-1889). {7BC 964.6}

17-20 | Shall We Open the Heart's Door?

We must have the buyers and the sellers cleared out of the soul temple, that Jesus may take up His abode within us. Now He stands at the door of the heart as a heavenly merchantman; He says, "Behold, I stand at the door and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me." "Open unto me; buy of me the heavenly wares; buy of me the gold tried in the fire." Buy faith and love, the precious, beautiful attributes of our Redeemer, which will enable us to find our way into the hearts of those who do not know Him, who are cold and alienated from Him through unbelief and sin. He invites us to buy the white raiment, which is His glorious righteousness; and the eyesalve, that we may discern spiritual things. Oh, shall we not open the heart's door to this heavenly visitor (BE 01-15-1892)? {7BC 964.7}

18 | (Isa. 55:1) (John 14:6) - The Vendor of Priceless Treasures

The great Vendor of spiritual riches is inviting your recognition. [Revelation 3:18 quoted.] ... The Saviour comes with jewels of truth of the richest value in distinction from all counterfeits, all that is spurious. He comes to every house, to every door; He is knocking, presenting His priceless treasure, urging, "Buy of me" (Letter 66, 1894). {7BC 964.8}

The Costly Wares of Heaven

The wares of heaven are offered to our churches. Every individual needs

to have a decided interest in the invitation of Christ. Brethren and sisters, are your thoughts after this order? “These sharp, decided words do not mean me; I am in a fairly good condition spiritually, though I may not have all the fervor and zeal that some have. I believe the truth. Those to whom this message belongs may take it. I think some need it.” You who think and reason thus, be assured that you are the very ones to whom this message belongs. While the costly wares of heaven are open before you, draw nigh and buy that which you have lost—the gold of love and faith, and the white raiment which is the righteousness of Christ (Letter 30a, 1892). {7BC 964.9}

Virtues Wanting Among Us

The gold that Jesus would have us buy of Him is gold tried in the fire; it is the gold of faith and love, that has no defiling substance mingled with it. The white raiment is the righteousness of Christ, the wedding garment which Christ alone can give. The eyesalve is the true spiritual discernment that is so wanting among us, for spiritual things must be spiritually discerned (The Review and Herald, 04-01-1890). {7BC 965.1}

(Isaiah 64:6) (Phil. 3:9) - Ample Provision for All

The true Witness has said, “Buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear.” What is the shame of this nakedness and poverty? It is the shame of clothing ourselves with self-righteousness, and of separating ourselves from God, when He has made ample provision for all to receive His blessing (Historical Sketches of the Foreign Missions of the Seventh-day Adventists, 139). {7BC 965.2}

(Cap. 7:14) - Encouraging Counsel for the Church

The counsel of the true Witness is full of encouragement and comfort. The churches may yet obtain the gold of truth, faith, and love, and be rich in heavenly treasure. “Buy of me gold ... that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear.” The white raiment is the righteousness

of Christ that may be wrought into the character. Purity of heart, purity of motive, will characterize every one who is washing his robe, and making it white in the blood of the Lamb (The Review and Herald, 07-24-1888). {7BC 965.3}

(Isa. 61:10) (Zech. 3:4-5) - Woven in the Loom of Heaven

There is nothing in us from which we can clothe the soul so that its nakedness shall not appear. We are to receive the robe of righteousness woven in the loom of heaven, even the spotless robe of Christ's righteousness (The Review and Herald, 07-19-1892). {7BC 965.4}

(Mat. 6:22) (James 1:23-25) - Correct Views for the Conscience

The eye is the sensitive conscience, the inner light, of the mind. Upon its correct view of things the spiritual healthfulness of the whole soul and being depends. The "eyesalve," the Word of God, makes the conscience smart under its application; for it convicts of sin. But the smarting is necessary that the healing may follow, and the eye be single to the glory of God. The sinner, beholding himself in God's great moral looking glass, sees himself as God views him, and exercises repentance toward God and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ.... {7BC 965.5}

The Laodiceans ... were not entirely blind, else the eyesalve would have done nothing to restore their sight, and enable them to discern the true attributes of Christ. Says Christ, By renouncing your own self-sufficiency, giving up all things, however dear to you, you may buy the gold, the raiment, and the eyesalve that you may see (The Review and Herald, 11-23-1897). {7BC 965.6}

18-20 | A Merchantman Laden With Riches

The great Redeemer represents Himself as a heavenly merchantman, laden with riches, calling from house to house, presenting His priceless goods [Revelation 3:18-20 quoted] (RH 07-23-1889). {7BC 965.7}

(Job 22: 21-25) - Knocking at the Heart's Door

The Lord knocks at the door of your heart, desiring to enter, that He may impart spiritual riches to your soul. He would anoint the blind

eyes, that they may discover the holy character of God in His law, and understand the love of Christ, which is indeed gold tried in the fire (The Review and Herald, 02-25-1890). {7BC 965.8}

(Isa. 13:12) (Mat. 13:45-46) - Spiritual Riches for the Soul

Jesus is going from door to door, standing in front of every soul temple, proclaiming, "I stand at the door, and knock." As a heavenly merchantman, He opens His treasures and cries, "Buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear." The gold that He offers is without alloy, more precious than that of Ophir; for it is faith and love.

The white raiment He invites the soul to wear is His own robe of righteousness; and the oil for anointing is the oil of His grace, which will give spiritual eyesight to the soul in blindness and darkness, that he may distinguish between the workings of the Spirit of God and the spirit of the enemy. "Open your doors," says the great Merchantman, the possessor of spiritual riches, "and transact your business with Me. It is I, your Redeemer, who counsels you to buy of Me" (The Review and Herald, 08-07-1894). {7BC 965.9}

18-21 | (Phil. 3:12-15) The Conflict Is for Us

The true Witness presents encouragements to all who are seeking to walk in the path of humble obedience, through faith in His name. He declares, "To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne." {7BC 966.1}

These are the words of our Substitute and Surety. He who is the divine Head of the church, the mightiest of conquerors, would point His followers to His life, His toils, His self-denials, His struggles and sufferings, through contempt, through rejection ridicule, scorn, insult, mockery, falsehood, up the path of Calvary to the scene of the crucifixion, that they might be encouraged to press on toward the mark for the prize and reward of the overcomer. Victory is assured through faith and obedience. {7BC 966.2}

Let us make an application of the words of Christ to our own individual cases. Are we poor, and blind, and wretched, and miserable? Then let us seek the gold and white raiment that He offers. The work of overcoming is not restricted to the age of the martyrs. The conflict is for us, in these days of subtle temptation to worldliness, to self-security, to indulgence of pride, covetousness, false doctrines, and immorality of life (The Review and Herald, 07-24-1888). {7BC 966.3}

(Song. 6:10) (Isa. 1:16-19) - A Hope of Reform

The church must and will shine forth “fair as the moon, clear as the sun, and terrible as an army with banners.” God’s servants must, by laboring together with Christ, roll away the curse that has made the church so lukewarm. [Revelation 3:15-19 quoted.] The chastening reveals a hope of reform [Revelation 3:20, 21 quoted] (Letter 130, 1902). {7BC 966.4}

Laodicean Call Brings Fruitage

I saw that this call to the Laodicean church will affect souls. A becoming zeal is called for by God on our part. We must repent, throw away our whole feelings, feel our destitution, buy gold that we may be rich, eyesalve that we may see, white raiment that we may be clothed (Letter 2, 1851). {7BC 966.5}

(Mat. 25:1-12) - Hope for the Laodiceans

(Revelation 3:15-17 quoted)

Yet the case of those who are rebuked is not a hopeless one; it is not beyond the power of the great Mediator. He says: “I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see.” Though the professed followers of Christ are in a deplorable condition, they are not yet in so desperate a strait as were the foolish virgins whose lamps were going out, and there was no time in which to replenish their vessels with oil. When the bridegroom came, those that were ready went in with him to the wedding; but when the foolish virgins came, the door was shut, and they were too late to obtain an entrance. {7BC

966.6}

But the counsel of the true Witness does not represent those who are lukewarm as in a hopeless case. There is yet a chance to remedy their state, and the Laodicean message is full of encouragement; for the backslidden church may yet buy the gold of faith and love, may yet have the white robe of the righteousness of Christ, that the shame of their nakedness need not appear. Purity of heart, purity of motive, may yet characterize those who are halfhearted and who are striving to serve God and mammon. They may yet wash their robes of character and make them white in the blood of the Lamb (The Review and Herald, 08-28-1894). {7BC 966.7}

There is hope for our churches if they will heed the message given to the Laodiceans (Manuscript 139, 1903). {7BC 966.8}

20 | (Chap. 22:17) (Prov. 1:23-33) - Will You Squander God's Talents?

Says the true Witness, "Behold, I stand at the door and knock." Every warning, reproof, and entreaty in the Word of God, or through His delegated messengers, is a knock at the door of the heart; it is the voice of Jesus, asking for entrance. With every knock unheeded, your determination to open becomes weaker and weaker. If the voice of Jesus is not heeded at once, it becomes confused in the mind with a multitude of other voices, the world's care and business engross the attention, and conviction dies away. The heart becomes less impressible, and lapses into a perilous unconsciousness of the shortness of time, and of the great eternity beyond. {7BC 966.9}

The heavenly Guest is standing at your door, while you are piling up obstructions to bar His entrance. Jesus is knocking through the prosperity He gives you. He loads you with blessings to test your fidelity, that they may flow out from you to others. Will you permit your selfishness to triumph? Will you squander God's talents, and lose your soul through idolatrous love of the blessings He has given (The Review and Herald, 11-02-1886)? {7BC 967.1}

No Discouraging Message for the Church

We have no discouraging message for the church. Although reproofs and cautions and corrections have been made, yet the church has stood as God's instrumentality to diffuse light. The commandment-keeping people of God have sounded forth a warning to the world, to all languages, tongues, and kindreds. The church of God is a living witness, a continual testimony, to convince men if accepted, to condemn them if resisted and rejected (Manuscript 96, 1893). {7BC 967.2}

21 | (Rom. 8:17)

(Gal. 6:7-8) - A Life and Death Question

Wonderful truth! This is a two-edged sword which cuts both ways. This life and death question is before the whole human race. The choice we make in this life will be our choice through all eternity. We shall receive either eternal life or eternal death. There is no middle ground, no second probation. We are called upon to overcome in this life as Christ overcame. Heaven has provided us with abundant opportunities and privileges, so that we may overcome as Christ overcame, and sit down with Him on His throne. But in order to be overcomers, there must be in our lives no petting of fleshly inclinations. All selfishness must be cut out by the roots (Letter 156, 1900).

(Heb. 4:15) - No trace of Imperfection in Christ

Those who claim that it was not possible for Christ to sin, cannot believe that He really took upon Himself human nature. But was not Christ actually tempted, not only by Satan in the wilderness, but all through His life, from childhood to manhood? In all points He was tempted as we are, and because He successfully resisted temptation under every form, He gave man the perfect example, and through the ample provision Christ has made, we may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption which is in the world through lust. 7BC 929.2

Jesus says, "To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in

his throne.” Here is the beginning of our confidence which we must hold steadfast unto the end. If Jesus resisted Satan’s temptations, He will help us to resist. He came to bring divine power to combine with human effort. 7BC 929.3

Jesus was free from all sin and error; there was not a trace of imperfection in His life or character. He maintained spotless purity under circumstances the most trying. True, He declared, “There is none good but one, that is, God”; but again He said, “I and my Father are one.” Jesus speaks of Himself as well as the Father as God, and claims for Himself perfect righteousness (Manuscript 141, 1901). 7BC 929.4

The Obedience of a God or a Man?

Christ’s overcoming and obedience is that of a true human being. In our conclusions, we make many mistakes because of our erroneous views of the human nature of our Lord. When we give to His human nature a power that it is not possible for man to have in his conflicts with Satan, we destroy the completeness of His humanity. His imputed grace and power He gives to all who receive Him by faith. 7BC 929.5

The obedience of Christ to His Father was the same obedience that is required of man. Man cannot overcome Satan’s temptations without divine power to combine with his instrumentality. So with Jesus Christ; He could lay hold of divine power. He came not to our world to give the obedience of a lesser God to a greater, but as a man to obey God’s holy law, and in this way He is our example. The Lord Jesus came to our world, not to reveal what a God could do, but what a man could do, through faith in God’s power to help in every emergency. Man is, through faith, to be a partaker in the divine nature, and to overcome every temptation wherewith he is beset. 7BC 929.6

The Lord now demands that every son and daughter of Adam, through faith in Jesus Christ, serve Him in human nature which we now have. The Lord Jesus has bridged the gulf that sin has made. He has connected earth with heaven, and finite man with the infinite God. Jesus, the world’s Redeemer, could only keep the commandments of God in the same way that humanity can keep them (Manuscript 1, 1892)

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THROW OUT THE LIFE LINE

HYMN #624 – CHURCH HYMNAL

1

Throw out the life line across the dark wave,
There is a brother whom someone should save;
Somebody's brother! oh, who then will dare
To throw out the life line, his peril to share?

Refrain

Throw out the life line! (2x)

Someone is drifting away!

Throw out the life line! (2x)

Someone is sinking today.

2

Throw out the life line with hand quick and strong;
Why do you tarry, why linger so long?
See! he is sinking; oh, hasten today
And out with the lifeboat! away, then, away!

3

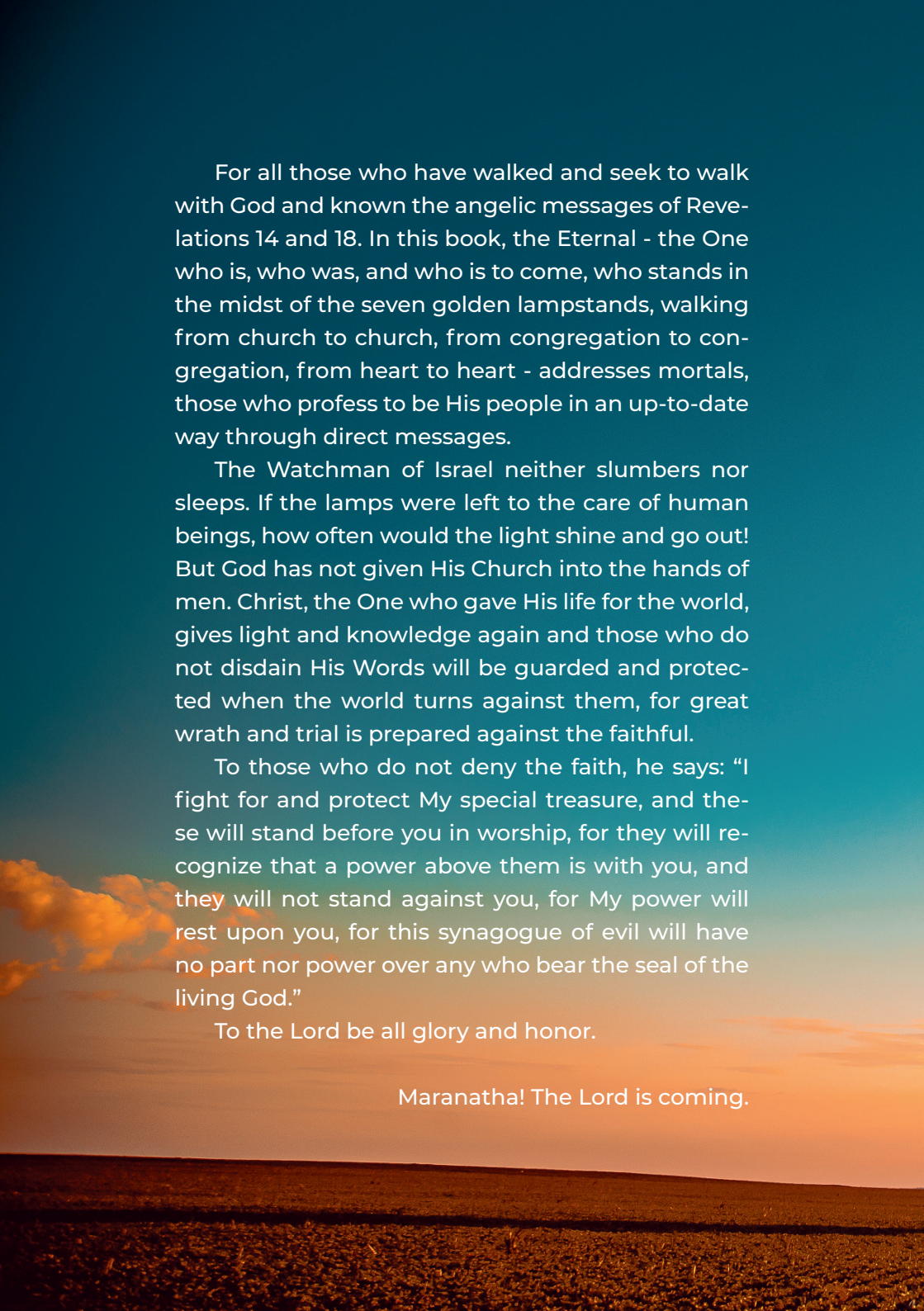
Throw out the life line to danger fraught men,
Sinking in anguish where you've never been;
Winds of temptation and billows of woe
Will soon hurl them out where the dark waters flow.

4

Soon will the season of rescue be o'er,
Soon will they drift to eternity's shore;
Haste, then, my brother, no time for delay,
But throw out the life line and save them today.

Christ is in the midst of the seven golden candlesticks, walking from church to church, from congregation to congregation, from heart to heart. He that keepeth Israel neither slumbers nor sleeps. If the candlesticks were left to the care of human beings, how often the light would flicker and go out! But God has not given His church into the hands of men. Christ, the One who gave His life for the world, that all who believe in Him may not perish but have everlasting life, is the Watchman of the house. He is the Warder, faithful and true, of the temple courts of the Lord!

E.G.W. (Lift Him Up, 318.2)



For all those who have walked and seek to walk with God and known the angelic messages of Revelations 14 and 18. In this book, the Eternal - the One who is, who was, and who is to come, who stands in the midst of the seven golden lampstands, walking from church to church, from congregation to congregation, from heart to heart - addresses mortals, those who profess to be His people in an up-to-date way through direct messages.

The Watchman of Israel neither slumbers nor sleeps. If the lamps were left to the care of human beings, how often would the light shine and go out! But God has not given His Church into the hands of men. Christ, the One who gave His life for the world, gives light and knowledge again and those who do not disdain His Words will be guarded and protected when the world turns against them, for great wrath and trial is prepared against the faithful.

To those who do not deny the faith, he says: "I fight for and protect My special treasure, and these will stand before you in worship, for they will recognize that a power above them is with you, and they will not stand against you, for My power will rest upon you, for this synagogue of evil will have no part nor power over any who bear the seal of the living God."

To the Lord be all glory and honor.

Maranatha! The Lord is coming.