

The Return of the Exiles—No. 5, Loss Through Delay

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During the earlier years of the restoration of the Jews from Babylon, the Samaritans were untiring in their opposition. They “weakened the hands of the people in Judah, and troubled them in building, and hired counselors against them, to frustrate their purpose, all the days of Cyrus king of Persia, even until the reign of Darius.”¹ By their false reports they aroused suspicions in minds easily led to suspect. At times, the rulers in authority seemed to be influenced to work against the purposes of God. But for many years the influences for evil were held in check, and the people of God had liberty to continue their work

Throughout these years, Satan was striving to influence the highest powers of the kingdom of Medo-Persia to show disfavor to God’s people. It was Satan who prompted the Samaritans to persevere in their opposition. But angels of God were working in behalf of the returned exiles, and all heaven was intensely interested in the controversy. In the tenth chapter of Daniel is given a glimpse of this mighty struggle waged for many years between the forces for good and the forces for evil.

In this vision of the prophet, the angel Gabriel declared: “The prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me one and twenty days: but, lo, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me; and I remained there with the kings of Persia.”² For three weeks Gabriel had been wrestling with the powers of darkness, and seeking to counteract the influences at work on the mind of King Cyrus. Before the contest closed, Christ himself came to Gabriel’s help. All that heaven could do in behalf of the people of God, was done. The victory was finally gained, and the forces of the enemy were held in check all the days of Cyrus, who reigned for seven years, and all the days of his son Cambyses, who reigned about seven years and a half.

This was a period of wonderful opportunity for the Jews. While the highest agencies of heaven were working on the hearts of kings, the people of God might have been most active in carrying out the decree of Cyrus to restore the temple and its services, and in re-establishing themselves in their Judean homes. But many failed of co-operating with God. In the day of his power, they proved unwilling.

3. Ezra 3:12

1. Ezra 4:5,5

2. Dan. 10:13

The opposition of the enemies of God’s truth was strong and determined. Gradually the builders lost heart. Some could not forget the scene at the laying of the corner-stone, when “many of the priests and Levites and chief of the fathers, who were ancient men,”³ and who had seen the temple that Solomon built, gave expression to their lack of faith in the enterprise by lamenting because of the seeming inferiority of the plans for this second temple. And as the Samaritans grew more and more bold, many of the Jews began to question whether, after all, the time had come for rebuilding. This feeling soon became widespread. Many of the workmen, disheartened and discouraged, returned to their homes, and engaged in the ordinary pursuits of life,—in sowing and reaping, and in building and beautifying houses for themselves.

During the reign of Cambyses, the work on the temple progressed very slowly. Finally, in the brief reign of the false Smerdis (named Artaxerxes in Ezra 4:7), the Samaritans induced the unscrupulous impostor to issue a decree forbidding the Jews to rebuild their temple and city.

For over a year the temple was neglected,—well-nigh forsaken,—while the people dwelt in their homes, and labored to attain temporal prosperity; but their situation was deplorable. Work as they might, they could not prosper. The very elements of nature seemed to conspire against them. A drought prevailed, and the harvests were meager.

These were the conditions existing during the early part of the reign of Darius Hystaspes, king of Medo-Persia. Spiritually as well as temporally, the Israelites were in a pitiable state. So long had they murmured and doubted; so long had they chosen to make their personal interests first, while they viewed with apathy the Lord’s temple in ruins, that many had lost sight of God’s purpose in restoring them to Judea.

For a time, the forces of evil seemed to triumph. But even this dark hour in the history of God’s people was not without hope for those whose trust was in the Lord God of Israel.

In tender compassion, the Lord wrought in a marked manner to save his chosen people from utter spiritual ruin. The prophets Haggai and Zechariah were raised up to meet the crisis. In stirring testimonies these appointed messengers of God revealed to the people the cause of their troubles. Their lack of temporal prosperity was the result of their

neglect to consider God’s interests first. By honoring God and by showing him due respect and courtesy, through the building of his house, they would have invited his presence and blessing.

“In the second year of Darius the king, in the sixth month, in the first day of the month, came the word of the Lord by Haggai the prophet unto Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and to Joshua the son of Josedech, the high priest, saying, Thus speaketh the Lord of hosts, saying, This people say, The time is not come, the time that the Lord’s house should be built.”⁴

The expression, “This people say,”⁵ is significant. In the hour of their opportunity, the Israelites had not shown themselves willing. Prompt obedience is expected of those whom the Lord chooses and leads. Pleas for delay are a dishonor to God. And yet those who choose to follow their own way, often frame ingenious excuses in self-justification. Thus the Israelites declared that they had begun to rebuild, but that they were broken off in their work because of the hindrances devised by their enemies. These hindrances, they reasoned, were an indication that it was not the proper time to rebuild. They declared that the Lord had interposed difficulties to reprove their hot haste. This is why, in a communication through his prophet, he referred to them not as “my people,” but as “this people.”⁶

The Israelites had no real excuse for leaving their work on the temple. The time when the most serious objections were raised, was the time for them to

persevere in building. But they were actuated by a selfish dislike to encounter danger by arousing the opposition of their enemies. They did not possess the faith that is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.⁷ They hesitated to move forward by faith in the opening providences of God, because they could not see the end from the beginning. When difficulties arose, they were easily turned from the work.

This history will be repeated. There will be religious failures because men do not have faith. When they look at the things that are seen, impossibilities appear; but God can lead them step by step in the course he desires them to take. His work will advance only as his servants move forward by faith. While they may be called upon to pass through trying times, yet they should ever remember that they are contending with a weakened, beaten foe. God’s people will finally triumph over every power of darkness.

“Then came the word of the Lord by Haggai the prophet, saying, Is it time for you, O ye, to dwell in your ceiled houses, and this house lie waste? Now therefore thus saith the Lord of hosts; Consider your ways.”⁸ Why have you been so passive? Why have you done so little? Why do you feel concern for your own buildings, and unconcern for the Lord’s building? Why have you lost the burning zeal you once manifested in behalf of the restoration of the Lord’s house? What have you gained by serving self at the sacrifice of the best interests of God’s cause? The desire to escape poverty has led you to neglect the

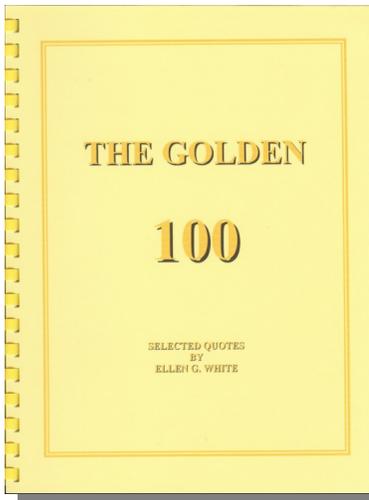
7. See Heb 11:1

4. Haggai 1:1

5. Haggai 1:2

8. Haggai 1:3-5

6. Haggai 1:2

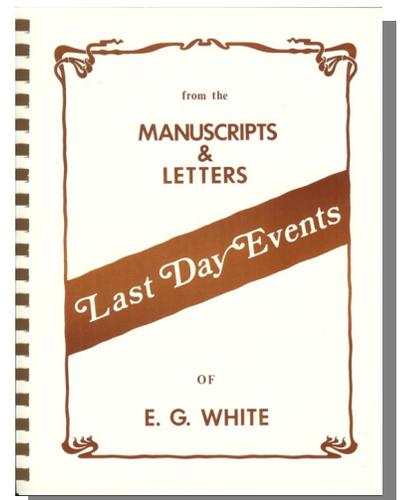


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temple; but this very neglect has brought upon you that which you feared. Nothing has prospered. “Ye have sown much, and bring in little; ye eat, but ye have not enough; ye drink, but ye are not filled with drink; ye clothe you, but there is none warm; and he that earneth wages earneth wages to put it into a bag with holes.”⁹

9. Haggai 1:6

The Lord calls upon them to consider the situation carefully. “Consider your ways,” he repeats. “Go up to the mountain, and bring wood, and build the house; and I will take pleasure in it, and I will be glorified, saith the Lord.”¹⁰ He gives the reason for their having been brought to actual want: “Ye looked for much, and, lo, it came to little; and when ye brought it home, I did blow upon it. Why? saith the Lord of hosts. Because of mine house that is waste, and ye run every man unto his own house. Therefore the heaven over you is stayed from dew, and the earth is stayed from her fruit. And I called for a drought upon the land, and upon the mountains, and upon the corn, and upon the new wine, and upon the oil, and upon that which the ground bringeth forth, and upon men, and upon cattle, and upon all the labor of the hands.”¹¹

10. Haggai 1:7,8

12. Read Haggai 1

13. Haggai 1:12

11. Haggai 1:9-11

How striking is the contrast between the prompt obedience of the things of nature, and the slothful disobedience of men, those for whom Christ has died! The Lord calls upon the dew and the rain and the varied agencies of nature, and they obey his call, to be used either in blessings or in judgments. Inanimate nature is represented as being shocked at man’s

14. Haggai 1:12

disregard for God’s word. God calls for famine and plague and pestilence, for calamities by sea and by land, to punish the inhabitants of the earth for their iniquity. In response to the call of God, the things of nature spring to do his bidding, either in wasting and destruction or in mercies and blessings.

Because the Israelites let God’s house lie waste, the Lord sent upon all their substance a wasting drought. This judgment affected not only all the fruits of the ground, but the living creatures as well. The cattle must suffer because of the sins of men. God has bestowed on his remnant people the fruits of field and garden, the corn and the wine and the oil, as a token of his favor. It was because of the sins of Israel, the Lord declared through Haggai his messenger,—because the people had used all these bountiful gifts so selfishly,—that the blessings were removed.¹²

The messages of counsel and reproof given through Haggai were taken to heart by the leaders of Israel and “all the remnant of the people.”¹³ Roused by these warnings, “Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, and Joshua the son of Josedech, the high priest, with all the remnant of the people, obeyed the voice of the Lord their God, and the words of Haggai the prophet, as the Lord their God had sent him, and the people did fear before the Lord.”¹⁴

Editorial—Still Counting

What do you count? Days? Hours? Years? How about the projects done or undone? Remember the joy of teaching a child to count his fingers? What are we counting now? We count the different stages in prophecy, we count the Seals, the Angels, the Kingdoms. Have you counted up the years since the Great Disappointment? This year it will be 170 years since the day of great disappointment of Oct 22, 1844. In the early 1890s—over 120 years ago—Sister White made the comment that “ere this” we could have been in heaven. We know that we are in the last days. We know that preaching the Third Angel’s Message in all its power is what will bring on the final movements. We also know that a select number of people in this last generation must reflect the image of Christ perfectly in their hearts before Christ can come. Have we ever stopped to think that our Lord is counting, too? Are we striving to be a part of that number, to spread the message and bring the counting to an end so that we may hasten His return?

Following are just two of the quotes you can find if you put in “ere this” in the search box on the EGW CD-ROM. If you have the CD-ROM, check it out. If you do not have the CD-ROM but can get on the Internet go to the White Estate web site and do a search there. <http://www.whiteestate.org/> The subjects that come up around just these two words “ere this” are a sermon that each of us can use to grow closer to our Lord. It may be that you are the last one the Lord is waiting to count.

“If every soldier of Christ had done his duty, if every watchman on the walls of Zion had given the trumpet a certain sound, the world might **ere this** have heard the message of warning. But the work is years behind. What account will be rendered to God for thus retarding the work?” {1888 1129.4}
(Written January 9, 1893, from George’s Terrace, St. Kilda Road, Melbourne, NSW, to Elder William Ings.)

“Had the purpose of God been carried out by His people in giving to the world the message of mercy, Christ would, ere this, have come to the earth, and the saints would have received their welcome into the city of God”.—Testimonies, vol. 6, p. 450. (1900) {Ev 694.3}

Note: We would like to hear of any suggestions for topics, or articles you would like to see in the Voice, so that we may better serve you the reader. Your suggestions can be sent to sdreditor@sdrpa.org We thank you in advance for your ideas.

In this issue we are starting to include as space allows the chapters of Christian Service by Sister White. We will leave both sets of quote in so those that do not have the book can check the quotes where they are found in other books. May God give each of us a burning desire to finish the work He has given to each of us.

Children's Story

The Power of Goodness

A True Story

ONCE there was a good man named John Kant. He lived at Cracow, in Poland, where he taught and preached. It was his rule to suffer wrong rather than to do wrong to others.

When he got to be quite old, he was seized with a wish to see once more the home of his childhood, which was many miles distant from where he then lived.

So he got ready, and, having prayed to God, set out on his way. Dressed in a black robe, with long gray hair and beard, he rode slowly along.

The woods through which he had to pass were thick and dark; but there was light in his soul, for good thoughts of God and God's works kept him company, and made the time seem short.

One night, as he was thus riding along, he was all at once surrounded by men, some on horseback, and some on foot. Knives and swords flashed in the light of the moon, and John Kant saw that he was at the mercy of a band of robbers.

He got down from his horse, and told the gang that he would give them everything that he had on him. He then gave them a purse filled with silver coins, a gold chain from his neck, a ring from his finger, and

from his pocket a book of prayer, with silver clasps.

"Have you given us all?" cried the robber chief, in a stern voice; "have you any more money?"

The old man, in his confusion, said he had given them all the money he had; and when he said this, they let him go.

Glad to get off so well, he went on, and was soon out of sight. But all at once the thought came to him that he had some gold pieces stitched in the hem of his robe. These he had quite forgotten when the robbers asked him if he had any more money.

"This is lucky," thought John Kant; for he saw that the money would bear him to his friends, and that he would not have to beg his way, or suffer for want of food or shelter.

But John's conscience was a tender one, and he stopped to listen to its voice. It seemed to cry to him in earnest tones, "Tell not a lie! Tell not a lie!" These words would not let him rest.

Some men would say that such a promise, made to thieves, need not be kept; and few would have been troubled after such an escape. But John did not stop to reason.

He went back to the place where the robbers stood, and walking up to them, said, meekly: "I have told you what is not true. I did not mean to do so, but fear confused me; so pardon me."

With these words he held forth the gold pieces; but to his surprise, not one of the robbers would take them. A strange feeling was at work in their hearts.

These men, bad as they were, could not laugh at the pious old man. "Thou shalt not steal" said a voice within them. All were deeply moved.

Then, as if touched by a common feeling, one of the robbers brought and gave back the old man's purse; another, his gold chain; another, his ring; another, his book of prayer; and still another led up his horse and helped the old man to remount.

Then all the robbers, as if quite ashamed of having thought of harming so good a man, went up and asked his blessing. John Kant gave it with devout feeling, and then rode on his way, thanking God for so strange an escape, and wondering at the mixture of good and evil in the human heart. — *Sel.*

Youth's Instructor November 1, 1870

"In the miracle of feeding the multitude with a few loaves and fishes, the food was increased as it passed from Christ to those who received it.

Thus it will be in the distribution of our literature.

God's truth, as it is passed out, will multiply greatly.

And as the disciples, by Christ's direction,

gathered up the fragments, that nothing might be lost, so we should treasure every fragment of literature containing the truth for this time.

None can estimate the influence that even a torn page containing the truths of the third angel's message may have upon the heart of some seeker after truth.

—Southern Watchman, Jan. 5, 1904.

{Christian Service 153.3}

RECIPE—*Creamy Kale & Artichoke Dip*

Serves: 8

Ingredients:

1 13-14 oz can of artichoke hearts, chopped
4 cups of finely chopped kale
(spinach, swiss chard or collards)
1 garlic clove minced
1/8 tsp fresh nutmeg
1/8 tsp cayenne pepper (optional)
1 tsp salt
1 cup greek yogurt thinned with a little lemon juice
3 tbs Vegennaise (eggless mayonnaise)
3 tbs Veggie Shredds mozzarella cheese, plus more for top

coconut oil for greasing

Instructions:

1. Preheat oven to 375 degrees
2. Combine all ingredients together in a large bowl and place into a medium sized baking dish (greased with coconut oil)
3. Top with additional Veggie Shredds mozzarella cheese if desired
4. Bake for approximately 30-45 mins covered
5. Remove from oven, and let sit for at least 5 mins before serving with homemade pita or tortilla chips

Notes:

Choose as many organic ingredients as you wish or can afford.
I served in a whole wheat french bread bowl with the bread chunks to do the dipping. (Yes, I made my own whole wheat round french bread bowl)
Editor's comment—Next issues recipe will be the bread bowl.

Adapted from recipe on www.foodbabe.com

by Jean Johnson

“A revival and a reformation must take place

under the ministration of the Holy Spirit.

Revival and reformation are two different things.

**Revival signifies a renewal of spiritual life,
a quickening of the powers of mind and heart,
a resurrection from the spiritual death.**

**Reformation signifies a reorganization,
a change in ideas and theories, habits and practices.**

**Reformation will not bring forth the good fruit
of righteousness unless it is connected with the revival of the Spirit.**

**Revival and reformation are to do their appointed work,
and in doing this work they must blend.”**

—Review and Herald, Feb. 25, 1902.

{Christian Service 42.2}

Health Nugget

How A Fever Benefits Your Health

<http://www.naturalnews.com>

Most of our society lives with the idea that health is a state of “feeling good” and “not being sick or diseased.” We fear contact with bacteria, viruses and other microorganisms. We use antibacterial soap, sprays, pills, potions and lotions. We are constantly “gearing up” for the next big flu pandemic, etc.

In traditional cultures, fevers were always well respected and understood. Most people knew that the fever would build up and then break, much like a wave rolling into shore. Now, our society tries to suppress the fever immediately using antipyretics, or substances that lower temperature.

These antipyretics include acetaminophen and ibuprofen. These quickly lower the temperature, but they also silence the body and hinder the development of the immune system. This allows the invading organisms to survive and contribute to the formation of chronic disease.

Your immune system is a muscle:

The immune system functions like a muscle in that it must be challenged in order to grow stronger. Without resistance the immune system cannot get any stronger. An appropriate resistance may at times give someone a cold or fever. This is a natural adaptive response that the body makes in order to allow the immune system to function at a greater level.

Getting a cold or a flu and having feverish symptoms may be the best expression of health for someone. Their individual immune system’s metabolic capacity may have been so weak that they couldn’t handle the natural environmental stressors. So the body became vulnerable and developed a viral or bacterial infection.

Fevers stimulate the immune system:

The immune system responds to fend off infection and strengthen the body. Microorganisms can only survive at unique temperature ranges. The innate intelligence within our body understands this and has adapted since the beginning of time to create

an environment that is incompatible for these infectious organisms.

As our core temperature rises, it reduces the microorganism load in the body. The body will not want to elevate temperature to the point of killing off all its good microbes but will if necessary. When the body is under extreme infection, the core temperature has to regulate the internal ecosystem by increasing the temperature and killing off microbes.

Our normal body temperature is said to be 98.6 degrees Fahrenheit. A fever is defined by an oral temperature that exceeds 100.4 degrees. At 101 degrees, most bacteria are unable to survive, and at 102 degrees, the viruses are unable to replicate and spread in the body. Fevers are typically self-limiting and short in duration. They are not dangerous until they get up over 104 degrees in temperature.

The increasing temperature activates the immune system:

As the core temperature elevates, it activates the CD8+ cytotoxic T cell. This is a special lymphocyte that is able to destroy cancerous cells and cells infected with viruses. Researchers have found that higher body temperatures raise the number of CD8+ cytotoxic T cells. This creates a significantly greater immune response against infection.

The increase in core temperature also elevates neutrophils, which are unique immune cells that selectively target infectious bacterial cells. The temperature increase also improves enzymatic activity to create an environment that is unkind to the infectious microbes.

According to Dr. John Wherry, PhD, deputy editor of the *Journal of Leukocyte Biology*, “Having a fever might be uncomfortable,... but [research reports show] that having a fever is part of an effective immune response.”

Over-sterilizing our environment and using synthetic chemicals, such as drugs, artificial vitamins and fever reducers, only makes our body weaker. These products are like a crutch that does not allow the body to adapt and get stronger. So we end up weak

and vulnerable and unable to effectively adapt to a challenging environment.

The role of mucus formation:

Mucosal surfaces are the primary entry points into the body for pathogenic microorganisms. Until recently, most scientists viewed mucus as simply a physical barrier that helped to prevent against the invasion of infectious organisms. It was also thought to play a lubricating role between tissues. However, the latest research shows that mucus appears to be the primary home of unique organisms called bacteriophages.

Bacteriophages, which are also called “phages,” are viruses that infect and replicate within bacteria. They selectively target antagonistic microbes and thus enhance the health of the host. Wherever bacteria and other microorganisms reside you will also find phages.

Researchers have found evidence that phages partner with host animals and humans to kill off unwanted bacterial colonies and control the composition of friendly microorganisms in the body. This reduces infectious organisms and improves the immune system.

In times of fever, the body increases mucus to trap bacteria and enhance the activity of phages in order to reduce infectious organisms. This is an intelligent response by the body to prevent chronic infection and disease development. Trust the body and trust your symptoms!

When is a fever dangerous?

You should always consult your natural health physician when fevers go over 103 degrees or last longer than four days. If the fever causes tremendous discomfort, trouble breathing or convulsions at any time, it would be an indication to go to the emergency room.

One should drink tons of clean water and use electrolytes such as fresh squeezed lemon. This will support the body as it uses up fluids and electrolytes quickly in an effort to rid itself of the infectious organisms. If the temperature gets up over 104 degrees, an ice bath can help bring it down a bit so as to not cause damage to any of the vital organs.

The Pillars of Our Faith

The Temple of God

As we have been discussing the pillars of our faith we are finding out that God has set before us His truths to follow and we do not need to wander after other ideas or beliefs. We do not need to be blown about by every wind of doctrine.¹ But we need to speak the truth in the love of Jesus.

In continuing our study of the “Pillars of Our Faith” we will now study “THE TEMPLE OF GOD.”

The plan for the sanctuary on the earth was given by God at Mount Sinai. God spoke to Moses, giving specific instructions on how to build it and what materials to use. “And let them make me a sanctuary; that I may dwell among them. According to all that I show thee, after the pattern of the tabernacle, and the pattern of all the instruments thereof, even so shall ye make it.”² This was a copy of the heavenly sanctuary.³

“Now of the things which we have spoken this is the sum: We have such an high priest, who is set on the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens; A minister of the sanctuary, and of the true tabernacle, which the Lord pitched, and not man.”⁴

The sanctuary was divided into two parts, the holy and the most holy. “And thou shalt hang up the veil under the taches, that thou mayest bring in thither within the veil the ark of the testimony: and the veil shall divide unto you between the holy place and the most holy.”⁵

The priests went into the holy place every day, but the high priest went into the most holy place (with in the veil) only once a year, on the day of atonement. “And the Lord said unto Moses, Speak unto Aaron thy brother, that he come not at all times into the holy place within the veil before the mercy seat, which is upon the ark; that he die not: for I will appear in the cloud upon the mercy seat. And this shall be an everlasting statute unto you, to make an atonement for the children of Israel for all their sins once a year. And he did as the Lord commanded Moses.”⁶ To understand even better I would suggest reading the whole chapter of Leviticus 16 and the book of Hebrews especially chapters 8 and 9.⁷

The earthly sanctuary and its services were given to point the participants to the time when Jesus would come, shed His blood and die for their sins.⁸ For this lesson they had to bring an animal sacrifice, a male without blemish. “If his offering be a burnt sacrifice of the herd, let him offer a male without blemish: he shall offer it of his own voluntary will at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation before the Lord.”⁹

Then they would ask forgiveness for their sins over the animal and then kill the animal. “And he shall put his hand upon the head of the burnt offering; and it shall be accepted for him to make atonement for him. And he shall kill the bullock before the Lord: and the priests, Aaron’s sons, shall bring the blood,

10. Lev. 1:4-5

11. Heb. 9:22

1. Eph. 4:13-15

12. Lev. 1:5

13. Lev. 1:11
(see also
PP 354-355;
GC 418)

2. Ex. 25:8-9

3. see Heb. 8:5

4. Heb. 8: 1-2

14. DA 447

5. see also
Heb. 9:1-4

15. DA 447

6. Lev. 16:2, 34

7. see also EW 253

8. (see PP 352, 539;
1 SP 201; 2SP 11;
GC 328

9. Lev. 1:3;
see also
Lev. 1:10;
1 Pet. 1:19

16. COL 34-35
see also DA 447;
AA 386-387)

and sprinkle the blood round about upon the altar that is by the door of the tabernacle of the congregation.”¹⁰ “...and without shedding of blood is no remission.”¹¹

The priest would sprinkle the blood on the altar “And he shall kill the bullock before the Lord: and the priests, Aaron’s sons, shall bring the blood, and sprinkle the blood round about upon the altar that is by the door of the tabernacle of the congregation.”¹² After this process the blood of the sacrifice was taken and put on the sanctuary. “And he shall kill it on the side of the altar northward before the Lord: and the priests, Aaron’s sons, shall sprinkle his blood round about upon the altar.”¹³

The priests continued their sacrifices day in and day out through the years. The ceremonies in their exactness continued, except when in captivity or in rebellion.

“Three times a year the Jews were required to assemble at Jerusalem for religious purposes. Enshrouded in the pillar of cloud, Israel’s invisible Leader had given the directions in regard to these gatherings. During the captivity of the Jews, they could not be observed; but when the people were restored to their own land, the observance of these memorials was once more begun.”¹⁴ But the reason for the sacrifices was forgotten after a while. They just went through the motions, seemingly, not being concerned with the reasons of what they were doing. “It was God’s design that these anniversaries should call Him to the minds of the people. But with few exceptions, the priests and leaders of the nation had lost sight of this purpose.”¹⁵

When Jesus came to live on this earth, the professed people of God were continuing on with the sacrifices as given to them in the wilderness by God. While Jesus was in their midst they did not recognize Him, and they rejected Him to whom the sacrifices were pointing. “Christ’s mission was not understood by the people of His time. The manner of His coming was not in accordance with their expectations. The Lord Jesus was the foundation of the whole Jewish economy. Its imposing services were of divine appointment. They were designed to teach the people that at the time appointed One would come to whom those ceremonies pointed. But the Jews had exalted the forms and ceremonies and had lost sight of their object. The traditions, maxims, and enactments of men hid from them the lessons which God intended to convey. These maxims and traditions became an obstacle to their understanding and practice of true religion. And when the Reality came, in the person of Christ, they did not recognize in Him the fulfillment of all their types, the substance of all their shadows. They rejected the antitype, and clung to their types and useless ceremonies. The Son of God had come, but they continued to ask for a sign.”¹⁶

When Jesus died on the cross of Calvary He made the sacrifice that the services of the sanctuary on earth were pointing to. The sanctuary service on earth, with the killing of animals, was no longer needed. "For the law having a shadow of good things to come, and not the very image of the things, can never with those sacrifices which they offered year by year continually make the comers thereunto perfect. For then would they not have ceased to be offered? Because that the worshipers once purged should have had no more conscience of sins. But in those sacrifices there is a remembrance again made of sins every year. For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and of goats should take away sins. Wherefore when he cometh into the world, he saith, Sacrifice and offering thou wouldest not, but a body hast thou prepared me: In burnt offerings and sacrifices for sin thou hast had no pleasure. Then said I, Lo, I come (in the volume of the book it is written of me,) to do thy will, O God. Above when he said, Sacrifice and offering and burnt offerings and offering for sin thou wouldest not, neither hadst pleasure therein; which are offered by the law; Then said he, Lo, I come to do thy will, O God. He taketh away the first, that he may establish the second. By the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all. And every priest standeth daily ministering and offering oftentimes the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins: But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God; From henceforth expecting till his enemies be made his footstool. For by one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified."¹⁷

When Jesus died on the cross, "...the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom;..."¹⁸ By that symbol God was showing His people that the earthly ceremonies and their sacrifices were no longer needed. "The rending of the veil of the temple showed that the Jewish sacrifices and ordinances would no longer be received. The great Sacrifice had been offered and had been accepted, ..."¹⁹

After Jesus rose from the dead and ascended to heaven He went into the holy place in the heavenly sanctuary. "For Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands, which are the figures of the true; but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us."²⁰ Jesus sacrifice was not needed over and over again, but only once. "Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them. For such an high priest became us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and made higher than the heavens; Who needeth not daily, as those high priests, to offer up sacrifice, first for his own sins, and then for the people's: for this he did once, when he offered up himself."²¹

"...He taketh away the first, that he may establish the second. By the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus

22. Heb. 10:9-10

23. Heb. 12:24

24. Heb. 4:14-16

25. 1John 1:9

26. Rev. 3:21

27. COL 69

17. Heb.10:1-14
see also
Dan.9:26-27;
PP 365;
AA 194;
GC 327;
MB 50

28. Rev. 3:11

18. Matt. 27:51

19. EW 260
see also
EW 253;
DA 233;
5BC 1109;
1SG 161

20. Heb. 9:24
see also
GC 420

21. Heb.7:25-27
see also
Heb.9:25-28;
Heb.10:12

Christ once for all."²² By Jesus dying on the cross and the shedding His own blood He is the mediator between God and man. "And to Jesus the mediator of the new covenant..."²³ So we may come boldly before the throne of God. "Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession. For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need."²⁴

Also we may ask forgiveness of our sins. "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."²⁵ With the help of heaven we may overcome all our sins. "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."²⁶ And perfectly reflect the character of Christ. "Christ is waiting with longing desire for the manifestation of Himself in His church. When the character of Christ shall be perfectly reproduced in His people, then He will come to claim them as His own."²⁷

We invite you to study this out for yourselves so that you may be grounded in God's truth.

Oh, brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus, we have such a privilege to accept what the Godhead has and is doing for us. Let no man deceive you from this or any other truth God has given. "Behold, I come quickly: hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown."²⁸

Gary Cain

**"The Lord has a place
for every one in His great
plan. Talents that are not
needed are not bestowed.
Supposing that
the talent is small.
God has a place for it,
and that one talent,
if faithfully used,
will do the very work God
designs that it should do."—
Testimonies, vol. 9, p. 37.
{Christian Service 257.8}**

MISSION REPORTS

Kenya & Benin

Kenya

January 25, 2014

Heb. 6:10-11.

I do express my sincere thanks to the Remnant churches/friends for their continual support extended to poor nations in a bid to stand for Christ's cause. 2013 had many challenges which only had to be brought at the foot of the divine grace for each one of us to get a fresh start in 2014. Guilt and corruption are our two great discouragements when we stand before God and world. By the guilt of the sins committed by us we have become obnoxious to the justice of God and by the power of the sin that dwells in us we have become odious to the holiness of God. All God's Remnant people are in danger upon these two accounts.

Uganda was identified by astrologists as the best location in the World to view the 10th Dec., 2013, total solar eclipse; an extraordinary phenomena which closed the year with a planet march of sun and moon marching in one line for only 19 seconds on which is referred to as a battle between the sun & moon locally and the best viewing site was at Obwiny primary school in Nebbi - Packwach northern Uganda. Thousands kept their eyes fixed to watch it come to pass! 2014 has *New Moon* start on the 1st of January to usher a new start after about two decades not marching with the ordinary calendar!

These two incidences in the system of nature would send contemplation to those hoping for the soon coming of Christ that at one time all things will come to an end of this total confusion in the system of nature and be marched in a fresh new start as God intended them to be! And also in a similar way may we have a fresh start in Gospel approach to restore God's righteousness to mankind amidst weary challenges experienced. I believed that all creation is now involved to send a message to human kind that we shall soon come to an end of this confusion in earth's history and have a fresh start in the order of things. It is therefore an individual challenge to march every business in life for a fresh start onto a Christian calling. The divine grace that empowers the DNA to mysteriously code His image in us will enable mankind to reflect God's true characters by His word among the Remnant people (Mt 7:20) and

soon we shall go home.

From Kenya; J___, K___, K___ and I have been involved in reorganising the work here in Uganda and many of our churches are ready to get on with a fresh start in 2014. Efforts are being made to conduct a public crusade in M___ district and K___ in the first quarter of this year. We have scheduled the last Sunday of Jan. 2014 for come together meeting and make a wide programme.

I have been putting a number of downloaded lessons from Rose in good format for print that impressed me for a fresh new start in restoring God's righteousness in man as a third entity of His dwelling in the whole plan of Salvation. Fully illustrated with pictures, I have tried to get on with them as the major work of printery which is among us. I love these lessons because they can be easily interpreted to help the youth among who are always the majority in our churches understand the whole plan of salvation for which was laid right from the very foundation of creation. We have prepared to put down some simple garden work and commit the yield for the work of Gospel within our outreaches later after the harvest and Jeremiah is heading it and in this preparation season, we finished slashing and just waiting for rains to till the land. We shall plant 2000 Matooke suckers. It is a 13 month's project which needs your prayers and support. We hope that adding market gardening to our missionary work will push us into a new start in seeing His blessings to acquire PA system, tents & plastic chairs and a film projector for lessons which are beyond local drawing/summonsing for explanation.

Kind regards
J N

Kenya

January 23, 2014

Happy New Year, and hoping all is ok to those ends. To begin with I've been over taken by the manifestations of God's power to finish His work. Calls from all ends are mushrooming every other day. I hardly get time for my self and now I know the Lord by HIS GRACE is doing us great. Recently I've

been in K___ where some brothers were gathered to find out what is the right way only for the different groups to come to no conclusion. Some were from R___, some from J___, some from K___ and the rest from K___ and K___ itself. Under this situation one of the leaders of those groups from K___ suggested that a man by the names J___ M___ K___ would be in position to help us. He reached this by the urge of the HOLY SPIRIT after a long battle with himself. They had not been long in separation and when this particular brother once in the past heard me teaching the message of separation he had even called me names such as the devil's assistant who wanted only to supplant the church (SDA). Now after their separation he always knew that their separation was the one done in the right time and any group that came out before or after them to be untimely and hence wrong.

But when in their meetings they reached a point of no further knowledge and total disagreement with the other parties so invited the HOLY SPIRIT brought me back to his memory and he had a struggle whether to announce me as a solution to their plight. At long last he vented out my name and said he can't really come to me given the way he had before he called me names. But the rest told him we are here for nothing less or more but for the truth and if that person you are talking about (J___) can give us that we are ready to wait till he comes. So they organized my transport by sending a man with motor bike and told him to only raise me when he had reached K___ . The brother sent reached K___ at 9:42pm in the night, and it is at exactly that time that he called me, informing me of his not having any where to board and also informing me that his destination was my home to see me with glad tidings of sharing what he had for me. So we told him to come over, to our place where we directed him because he did not know there. He reached the junction to home at 10:09 and from there reached home at exactly 10:14. We share our very souls as we introduced each and every one in the house to him, and in like manner he also introduced himself to us. He is called Mr. K___ and it was my maiden time to see him. From word go he wanted to know a bit of the things that were giving them a hell of a time from where he came from, so I shared

with him till 2:00 a.m. in the night. Next morning I was taken by him to K__ on motor bike and that is where I have been for 3 weeks doing the LORD's work. To say but the very least, is that it came out a success story and I will tell more on this next time. We are also preparing a bigger meeting there starting 20 Feb, that will last 2 weeks where they are determined to call all ye brethren both in the different separation groups, SDA'S AND WORLDLINGS AND THEY CHOSE ME TO BE COODINATOR AND INSTRUCTOR OF IT.

God bless,
JM

Benin

January 20, 2014

Shalom and greetings from Republic of Benin. I want to thank God for every one of you who have shown compassion, prayed for me and has sent money through my wife S__ for my treatment in L__ N__. I want to state from the book of Lamentation chapter 3 but most especially verses 21 to 26, It's the Lord's mercies that I did not die because His mercy fails not, they are new every morning great is His faithfulness to me. Without His mercies I would have been history, we treated this sickness here all to no avail and lots of money were wasted until my wife decides to take me to L___. Praise God my health has return to normal now.

I can never explain all that happened, but I give God the praise for my wife S__ who contacted some brethren for intervention which without for sure the situation would have been worsens. I am doing very well in health now, but once in a month the doctors said I should visit for medical checkup. The brethren were so happy to see me once again after several weeks of absent from the church. I had my thanksgiving service last Sabbath to praise God for His loving kindness to me and my family.

I thank God also for my wife who kept me strong throughout my tribulation and my wife is a jewel she demonstrated so much strength and love to me in the time most needed. I appreciate everyone who contributed in one way or the other to see that I am back to God's service.

Continue to pray for the continuous improvement of my health. I thank God I am now strong and doing well.

Shalom and blessings,
M P

Letters to the Editor

From Kenya

Glory to God the Father of Our Lord Jesus Christ who has provided this humble opportunity for us by His Grace. I'm grateful to write to you for the first time. For a long time I've been willing to do so but it seems God's time had not come, because nothing can be done except by His will.

I've been receiving SDR Newsletters by email since the year 2011. I've benefited so much by reading them. I glorify God for the great work you do and encourage you to keep on by His Grace.

I've been a servant in the Lord's vineyard in Kenya since the year 2000. This is now my fourteenth year of active service, building and restoring the old waste places, repairing the breach in God's church under the umbrella of SDR. I heeded the message of separation from apostate churches, then I separated from SDA Church. I and brethren of like mind formed a simple work band, we started preaching identifying ourselves as SDR. We used the name SDR unaware that in America and elsewhere the same name SDR had been proposed. Later, in 2005, I met another separated group in K__-Kenya. Among the members were I__ O__ and N__ O__ who had the same view, proposing to work under the name SDR. We studied the facts concerning the need of changing the name from SDA to SDR until we were convinced that it is the appropriate name for God's people in the last movement. We decided to unite and work under the name "SDR".

Since that time, we have been working by the grace of God. We experienced many challenges on the way but we go forward by faith. Some challenges we experience include, opposition against order and organization, the rise of many independent ministries, causing great confusion, inadequate funds due to poverty, tough government policies etc. I've preached order and organization since 2003, urging separated groups of Sabbath keepers to establish order, but many have opposed and rejected this precious message from God. Some

accepted the message, but due to ignorance failed to take responsibility. I have been praying over this issue without ceasing. By early 2012 a few brethren positively responded to the voice of the Lord. We decided to cooperate to establish order. At the moment we are in the process doing the much we can by the prospering hand of Lord. We hope the Lord will lead us until He place us at a better position to glorify His Name.

I would like to enquire from you plans you have concerning this vital subject of order and organization. As SDR pioneers, what are you doing in America and elsewhere to ensure the establishment of order and organization in SDR church? We would like to have information so that we would be in harmony in planning regarding this subject. Now that in Kenya we are in the process of organizing, I think it is important to share ideas or hear opinions of the brethren of like mind who are burdened in the heart concerning the course of God. I had briefed Bro. R__ M__ about what we do in Kenya, he encouraged us to go forward. Please, if you have any plan, idea or advice, let us know, we are concerned, we will appreciate.

We have nothing to achieve without order. Testimony Vol.1 Page 270, says "...unless churches are so organized that they can carry out and enforce order, they have nothing to hope for in the future; they must scatter into fragments".

The latest distress is education. Public schools in our nation are forcing our children to attend lessons on Saturdays. The case has been taken to the court of law and unfortunately judges have ruled that students must attend classes on Sabbath (Saturday). This has really affected us. I think we need to do something about it, because opening a private school is allowed.

I have much to share with you which I would like to discuss broadly concerning the progress of our church (SDR). I hope we will keep in contact to share ideas to strengthen unity and harmonious action. Let's pray without ceasing. I would urge you to be "steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord." (1 Cor.15:58)

God bless you abundantly,
Brother in the Lord
E.O.

CHRISTIAN SERVICE

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Chap. 1 - God's Call to Service

Part 1

Depending on Human Agents

As His representatives among men, God does not choose angels who have never fallen, but human beings, men of like passions with those they seek to save. Christ took humanity that He might reach humanity. A divine-human Saviour was needed to bring salvation to the world. And to men and women has been committed the sacred trust of making known "the unsearchable riches of Christ."—The Acts of the Apostles, p. 134. {ChS 7.1}

Look upon the touching scene. Behold the Majesty of heaven surrounded by the twelve whom He has chosen. He is about to set them apart for their work. By these feeble agencies, through His Word and Spirit, He designs to place salvation within the reach of all.—The Acts of the Apostles, p. 18. {ChS 7.2}

"Send men to Joppa, and call for one Simon." Thus God gave evidence of His regard for the gospel ministry and for His organized church. The angel was not commissioned to tell Cornelius the story of the cross. A man subject, even as the centurion himself, to human frailties and temptations, was to be the one to tell him of the crucified and risen Saviour.—The Acts of the Apostles, p. 134. {ChS 7.3}

The angel sent to Philip could himself have done the work for the Ethiopian, but this is not God's way of working. It is His plan that men are to work for their fellow men.—The Acts of the Apostles, p. 109. {ChS 7.4}

"We have this treasure," the apostle continued, "in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us." God could have proclaimed His truth through sinless angels, but this is not His plan. He chooses human beings, men compassed with infirmity, as instruments in the working out of His designs. The priceless treasure is placed in earthen vessels. Through men His blessings are to be conveyed to the world. Through them

His glory is to shine forth into the darkness of sin. In loving ministry they are to meet the sinful and the needy, and lead them to the cross. And in all their work, they are to ascribe glory, honor, and praise to Him who is above all and over all.—The Acts of the Apostles, p. 330. {ChS 7.5}

It was the Saviour's purpose that after He ascended to heaven to become man's intercessor, His followers should carry on the work that He had begun. Shall the human agent show no special interest in giving the light of the gospel message to those who sit in darkness? There are some who are willing to go to the ends of the earth in order to carry the light of truth to men, but God demands that every soul who knows the truth shall seek to win others to the love of the truth. If we are not willing to make special sacrifices in order to save souls that are ready to perish, how can we be counted worthy to enter into the city of God?—Testimonies, vol. 9, p. 103. {ChS 8.1}

In His wisdom the Lord brings those who are seeking for truth into touch with fellow beings who know the truth. It is the plan of Heaven that those who have received light shall impart it to those in darkness. Humanity, drawing its efficiency from the great Source of wisdom, is made the instrumentality, the working agency, through which the gospel exercises its transforming power on mind and heart.—The Acts of the Apostles, p. 134. {ChS 8.2}

God could have reached His object in saving sinners without our aid; but in order for us to develop a character like Christ's, we must share in His work. In order to enter into His joy,—the joy of seeing souls redeemed by His sacrifice,—we must participate in His labors for their redemption.—The Desire of Ages, p. 142. {ChS 8.3}

As His representatives among men, Christ does not choose angels who have never fallen, but human beings, men of like passions with those they seek to save. Christ took upon Himself humanity, that He might reach humanity. Divinity needed humanity; for it

required both the divine and the human to bring salvation to the world. Divinity needed humanity, that humanity might afford a channel of communication between God and man.—The Desire of Ages, p. 296. {ChS 8.4}

With almost impatient eagerness the angels wait for our co-operation; for man must be the channel to communicate with man. And when we give ourselves to Christ in whole-hearted devotion, angels rejoice that they may speak through our voices to reveal God's love.—The Desire of Ages, p. 297. {ChS 9.1}

We must be laborers together with God; for God will not complete His work without human agencies.—Review and Herald, March 1, 1887. {ChS 9.2}

A Call to the Individual

A distinct work is assigned to every Christian.—Southern Watchman, Aug. 2, 1904. {ChS 9.3}

God requires every one to be a worker in His vineyard. You are to take up the work that has been placed in your charge, and to do it faithfully.—Bible Echo, June 10, 1901. {ChS 9.4}

Were every one of you a living missionary, the message for this time would speedily be proclaimed in all countries, to every people and nation and tongue.—Testimonies, vol. 6, p. 438. {ChS 9.5}

Every true disciple is born into the kingdom of God as a missionary. He who drinks of the living water becomes a fountain of life. The receiver becomes a giver. The grace of Christ in the soul is like a spring in the desert, welling up to refresh all, and making those who are ready to perish eager to drink of the water of life.—The Desire of Ages, p. 195. {ChS 9.6}

God expects personal service from every one to whom He has intrusted a knowledge of the truth for this time. Not all can go as missionaries to foreign lands, but all can be home missionaries in their families and neighborhoods. — Testimonies, vol. 9, p. 30. {ChS 9.7}

Christ was standing only a few steps from the heavenly throne when He gave His commission to His disciples. Including as missionaries all who should believe on His name, He said, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." God's power was to go with them.—Southern Watchman, Sept. 20, 1904. {ChS 9.8}

To save souls should be the life work of every one who professes Christ. We are debtors to the world for the grace given us of God, for the light which has shone upon us, and for the discovered beauty and power of the truth.—Testimonies, vol. 4, p. 53. {ChS 10.1}

Everywhere there is a tendency to substitute the work of organizations for individual effort. Human wisdom tends to consolidation, to centralization, to the building up of great churches and institutions. Multitudes leave to institutions and organizations the work of benevolence; they excuse themselves from contact with the world, and their hearts grow cold. They become self-absorbed and unimpressible. Love for God and man dies out of the soul. Christ commits to His followers an individual work,—a work that cannot be done by proxy. Ministry to the sick and the poor, the giving of the gospel to the lost, is not to be left to committees or organized charities. Individual responsibility, individual effort, personal sacrifice, is the requirement of the gospel.—The Ministry of Healing, p. 147. {ChS 10.2}

Every one who has received the divine illumination, is to brighten the pathway of those who know not the Light of life.—The Desire of Ages, p. 152. {ChS 10.3}

To every one work has been allotted, and no one can be a substitute for another. Each one has a mission of wonderful importance, which he cannot neglect or ignore, as the fulfilment of it involves the weal of some soul, and the neglect of it the woe of one for whom Christ died.—Review and Herald, Dec. 12, 1893. {ChS 10.4}

We should all be workers together with God. No idlers are acknowledged as His servants. The members of the church should individually feel that the life and prosperity of the church are affected by their course of action.—Review and Herald, Feb. 15, 1887. {ChS 10.5}

Every soul whom Christ has rescued is called to work in His name for the saving of the lost. This work had been neglected in Israel. It is not neglected today by those

who profess to be Christ's followers?—Christ's Object Lessons, p. 191. {ChS 10.6}

There is something for every one to do. Every soul that believes the truth is to stand in his lot and place, saying, "Here am I; send me." Isaiah 6:8.—Testimonies, vol. 6, p. 49. {ChS 10.7}

It is the privilege of every Christian, not only to look for, but to hasten the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.—Christ's Object Lessons, p. 69. {ChS 11.1}

He who becomes a child of God should henceforth look upon himself as a link in the chain let down to save the world, one with Christ in His plan of mercy, going forth with Him to seek and save the lost.—The Ministry of Healing, p. 105. {ChS 11.2}

All may find something to do. None need feel that there is no place where they can labor for Christ. The Saviour identifies Himself with every child of humanity.—The Ministry of Healing, p. 104. {ChS 11.3}

Those who have united with the Lord in the covenant of service are under bonds to unite with Him in the great, grand work of soul-saving.—Testimonies, vol. 7, p. 19. {ChS 11.4}

So vast is the field, so comprehensive the design, that every sanctified heart will be pressed into service as an instrument of divine power.—Testimonies, vol. 9, p. 47. {ChS 11.5}

Men are instruments in the hand of God, employed by Him to accomplish His purposes of grace and mercy. Each has his part to act; to each is granted a measure of light, adapted to the necessities of his time and sufficient to enable him to perform the work which God has given him to do.—The Great Controversy, p. 343. {ChS 11.6}

Long has God waited for the spirit of service to take possession of the whole church, so that every one shall be working for Him according to his ability.—The Acts of the Apostles, p. 111. {ChS 11.7}

When He sent forth the twelve and afterward the seventy, to proclaim the kingdom of God, He was teaching them their duty to impart to others what He had made known to them. In all His work, He was training them for

individual labor, to be extended as their numbers increased, and eventually to reach to the uttermost parts of the earth.—The Acts of the Apostles, p. 32. {ChS 11.8}

Not upon the ordained minister only, rests the responsibility of going forth to fulfil this commission. Every one who has received Christ is called to work for the salvation of his fellow men.—The Acts of the Apostles, p. 110. {ChS 11.9}

The real character of the church is measured, not by the high profession she makes, not by the names enrolled upon the church book, but by what she is actually doing for the Master, by the number of her persevering, faithful workers. Personal interest, and vigilant, individual effort will accomplish more for the cause of Christ than can be wrought by sermons or creeds.—Review and Herald, Sept. 6, 1881. {ChS 12.1}

Wherever a church is established, all the members should engage actively in missionary work. They should visit every family in the neighborhood, and know their spiritual condition.—Testimonies, vol. 6, p. 296. {ChS 12.2}

The members of the church are not all called to labor in foreign lands, but all have a part to act in the great work of giving light to the world. The gospel of Christ is aggressive and diffusive. In the day of God not one will be excused for having been shut up to his own selfish interests. There is work for every mind and for every hand. There is a variety of work, adapted to different minds and varied capabilities.—Historical Sketches, pp. 290, 291. {ChS 12.3}

He has intrusted you with sacred truth; Christ abiding in the individual members of the church is a well of water springing up into everlasting life. You are guilty before God if you do not make every effort possible to dispense this living water to others.—Historical Sketches, p. 291. {ChS 12.4}

We are not, as Christians, doing one-twentieth part that we might do in winning souls to Christ. There is a world to be warned, and every sincere Christian will be a guide and an example to others in faithfulness, in cross-bearing, in prompt and vigorous action, in unswerving fidelity to the cause of truth, and sacrifices and labors to promote the cause of God.—Review and Herald, Aug. 23, 1881. {ChS 12.5}

Chapter 1 will continue in the next issue.