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Striving to be among the remnant of her seed

“He Went Away Sorrowful, For He Had Great Possessions” Advent Review and Sabbath Herald, November 26, 1857

At Monterey, Oct. 8th, 1857, I was shown in vision that the condition of many Sabbath keepers was like the young man who came to Jesus to know what he should do to inherit eternal life.

“And behold, one came, and said unto him, Good Master, what good thing shall I do, that I may have eternal life?”

“And he said unto him, Why callest thou me good? There is none good but one, that is God: but, if thou wilt enter into life, keep the Commandments.

“He saith unto him, Which? Jesus said, Thou shalt do no murder, Thou shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt not bear false witness, Honor thy father and thy mother; and, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.

“The young man saith unto him, All these things have I kept from my youth up; what lack I yet?”

“Jesus said unto him, If thou wilt be perfect, go and sell that thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come and follow me.

“But when the young man heard that saying, he went away sorrowful; for he had great possessions.

“Then said Jesus unto his disciples, Verily I say unto you, That a rich man shall hardly enter into the kingdom of heaven.

“And again I say unto you, It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God.

“When his disciples heard it, they were exceedingly amazed, saying, Who then can be saved?”

“But Jesus beheld them, and said unto them, With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.”¹

Jesus quoted five of the last six commandments to the young man, also the second great commandment on which the last six commandments hang. These mentioned, he thought he had kept. Jesus did not mention the first four commandments, containing our duty to God. In answer to the inquiry of the young man, What lack I yet? Jesus said unto him, “If thou wilt be perfect, go and sell that thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven.”²

Here was his lack. He failed of keeping the first four commandments, also the last six. He failed of loving his neighbor as himself. Said Jesus, “Give to the poor.”² Jesus touches his possessions. “Sell that thou hast, and give to the poor.”² In this direct reference he pointed out his idol. His love of riches was supreme, therefore it was impossible for him to love God with all his heart, with all

his soul, with all his mind. And this supreme love for his riches shut his eyes to the wants of his fellow men. He did not love his neighbor as himself, therefore he failed to keep the last six commandments. His heart is on his treasure. It is swallowed up with his earthly possessions. He loves his possessions better than God, better than the heavenly treasure. He heard the conditions from the mouth of Jesus. If he would sell and give to the poor, he should have treasure in heaven. Here was a test of how much higher he prized eternal life than his riches. Did he eagerly lay hold of the prospect of eternal life? Did he earnestly strive to remove the obstacle that was in his way of having a treasure in heaven? O, no, “he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions.”³

I was pointed to these words, “It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God.” Said Jesus, “with men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.”⁴ Said the angel. “Will God permit the rich men to keep their riches, and yet they enter into the kingdom of God?” Said another angel, “No, never.”

I saw that it was God’s plan that these riches should be used properly, and distributed to bless the needy, and to advance the work of God. I saw that if men love their riches better than their fellow men, better than God, or the truth of his word, and their hearts are on their riches, they cannot have eternal life. They would rather yield the truth, than sell and give to the poor. Here they are proved to see how much God is loved, how much the truth is loved, and like the young man in the Bible, many go away sorrowful, because they cannot have their riches and a treasure in heaven too. They cannot have both. They venture to risk their chance of eternal life for a worldly possession.

“It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God.”⁵ Then I saw that with God all things are possible. Truth set home to the heart by the Spirit of God, will crowd out the love of riches. The Love of Jesus and riches cannot dwell in the same heart. The love of God so far surpasses the love of riches, that the possessor breaks away from his riches and transfers his affections to God. And then he is led through his love to God, to administer to the wants of God’s cause, It is his highest pleasure to make a right disposition of his Lord’s goods. Love to God and his fellow men predominates, and he holds all that he has as not his own, and faithfully discharges his duty as God’s steward. Then can he keep

3. Matt. 19:22

4. Matt 19:24

1. Matt. 19:16-26

5. Matt 19:2

2. Matt. 19:21

the first four commandments, and the last six. “Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.”⁶ “Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.”⁷ In this way it is possible for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God. “And every one that hath forsaken houses, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my name’s sake, shall receive an hundred fold, and shall inherit everlasting life. But many that are first shall be last, and the last shall be first.”⁸

Here is the reward for those who sacrifice for God. They receive an hundred fold in this life, and shall inherit everlasting life. But many, I saw, that are first, shall be last, and the last shall be first. I was shown those who receive the truth, but do not live it. They cling to their possessions, and are not willing to distribute of their substance to advance the cause of God. They have no faith to venture and trust God. Their love of this world swallows up their faith. God has called for a portion of their substance, but they heed it not. They reason thus, that they have labored hard to obtain what they have, and they cannot lend it to the Lord, for they may come to want. “O ye of little faith!”⁹ That God who cared for Elijah in the time of famine, will not pass by one of his self-sacrificing children. He that has numbered the hairs of their head, will care for them, and in days of famine they will be satisfied. While the wicked are perishing all around them for want of bread, their bread and water will be sure. Those who will still cling to their earthly treasure, and will not make a right disposition of that which is lent them of God, will lose their treasure in heaven, lose everlasting life.

6. Matt. 22:37

7. Matt. 22:39

8. Matt. 19:29-30

9. Matt. 8:26

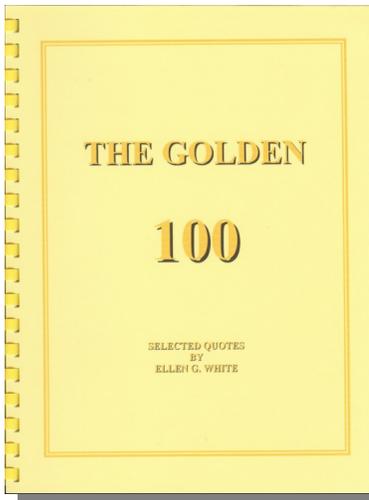
10. James 5:1-3

I saw that God in his providence has moved upon the hearts of some of those who have riches, and has converted them to the truth, that they with their substance may assist to keep his work moving. And if those who are wealthy will not do this, if they do not fulfill the purpose of God, he will pass them by, and raise up others to fill their place who will fulfill his purpose, and with their possessions gladly distribute to meet the necessities of the cause of God. In this they will be first. God will have those in his cause who will do this.

I saw that God could send means from heaven to carry on his work; but this is out of his order. He has ordained that men should be his instruments, that as a great sacrifice was made to redeem them, they should act a part in this work of salvation, by making a sacrifice for each other, and by thus doing show how highly they prize the sacrifice that has been made for them.

I was directed to James 5. “Go to, now, ye rich men, weep and howl for your miseries that shall come upon you. Your riches are corrupted, and your garments are moth-eaten. Your gold and silver is cankered, and the rust of them shall be a witness against you, and shall eat your flesh as it were fire. Ye have heaped treasure together for the last days.”¹⁰

I saw that these fearful words apply particularly to the wealthy who profess to believe the present truth. The Lord calls them to use their means to advance his cause. Opportunities are presented to them, but they shut their eyes to the wants of the cause, and cling fast to their earthly treasure. Their love of the world is

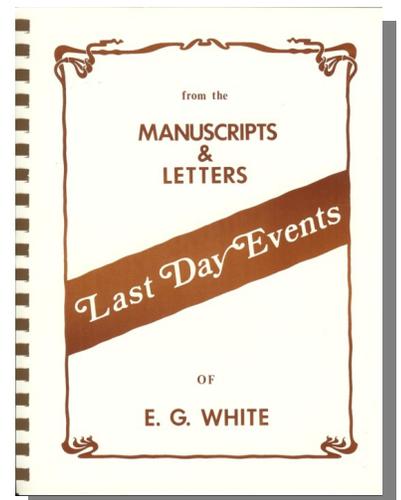


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greater than their love of the truth, the love of their fellow men, or their love to God. He has called for their substance, but they selfishly, covetously, retain what they have. They give a little now and then to ease their conscience, but have not overcome their love for this world. They do not sacrifice for God. The Lord has raised up others that prize eternal life, that can feel and realize something of the value of the soul, and their means they have freely bestowed to advance the cause of God. The work is closing; the rich men have kept their riches, their large farms, their cattle, &c. Their means are not wanted then, and I saw the Lord turn to them in anger in wrath, and repeat these words: "Go to, now, ye rich men."¹¹ He has called, but you would not hear. Love of this world has drowned his voice. Now he has no use for you, and lets you go, bidding you, "Go to, now, ye rich men."¹¹

11. James 1:3

Oh, I saw it was an awful thing thus to be let go by the Lord. A fearful thing to hold on to a perishable substance here, when he has told you, if you will sell and give alms, you can lay up treasure in heaven.

I was shown that as the work was closing up, and the truth going forth in mighty power, these rich men will bring their means and lay it at the feet of the servants of God, begging them to accept it. The answer from the servants of God is, "Go to, now, ye rich men. Your means are not needed. Ye withheld it when ye could do good with it in advancing the cause of God. The needy have suffered, they have not been blessed by your means. God will not accept your riches now. Go to, now, ye rich men."¹²

Then I was directed to these words: "Behold, the hire of the laborers who have reaped down your fields, which is of you kept back by fraud, crieth; and the cries of them which have reaped, are entered into the ears of the Lord of Sabbath."¹³

12. James 1:3

I saw that God was not in all the riches that have been obtained. Satan has much more to do with it than God. It has, much of it, been obtained by oppressing the hireling in his wages. The natural, covetous, rich man has obtained these riches by grinding down the hireling, and taking advantage of individuals where he could, and adding to his treasure here, that will eat his flesh as it were fire. A strictly honest, honorable course has not been taken by some. Such must work fast and take a very different course to redeem the time.

13. James 1:5:4

I saw that many Sabbath-keepers are at fault here. Advantage is taken even of their poor brethren, and those who have of their abundance exact more than the real worth of things, more than they would pay for the same thing, while these same brethren are embarrassed and distressed for want of means. God knows all these things. Every selfish act, every covetous extortion, will bring its reward.

I saw it was cruel and unjust to have no consideration of a brother's situations. If he is distressed, or poor, yet doing the best he can, allowance should be made for him, and even the full value of the things he may purchase of the wealthy should not be exacted; but they should have bowels of compassion for him. God will approve of such kindly acts, and the doer will not lose his reward. But I saw a fearful account will stand against many Sabbath-keepers for close, covetous acts.

I was pointed back, and saw when there was but few that listened to, and embraced the truth, they had not

much of this world's goods. The wants of the cause were divided among a very few. Then there was a necessity for houses and lands to be sold and obtain cheaper to serve them as a shelter or home, while their means were freely, and generously lent to the Lord, to publish the truth, and to otherwise aid in advancing the cause of God. As I beheld these self-sacrificing ones, I saw they had endured privation for the benefit of the cause. I saw an angel standing by them pointing them upward, and saying these words, "Ye have bags in heaven!" "Ye have bags in heaven, that wax not old! Endure unto the end, and great will be thy reward.

I saw that God had been moving on hearts. The truth that a few sacrificed so much for, in order to get it before others, has triumphed, and multitudes have laid hold of it. God has in his providence moved upon those that have means and has brought them into the truth, that as the work of God increases, the wants of the cause may be met. Much means are brought into the ranks of Sabbath-keepers.

I saw that at present God did not call for the houses his people need to live in, unless expensive houses are exchanged for cheaper ones. But if those who have of their abundance do not hear his voice, and cut loose from the world, and dispose of a portion of their property and lands, and sacrifice for God, he will pass them by, and call for those who are willing to do anything for Jesus, even to sell their homes to meet the wants of the cause. God will have a free-will offering. Those who give must esteem it a privilege to do so.

I have seen that some give of their abundance, but yet they feel no lack. They do not particularly deny themselves of any thing for the cause of Christ. They still have all that heart can wish. They give liberally, and heartily. God regards it, and the action and motive is known, and strictly marked by him. They will not lose their reward. You that cannot bestow so liberally, must not excuse yourselves, because you cannot do as much as some others. Do what you can. Deny yourself of some article that you can do without, and sacrifice for the cause of God. Like the widow, cast in your two mites. You will actually give more than all those who have given of their abundance. And you will know how sweet it is to give to the needy, to deny self, and sacrifice for the truth, and lay up treasure in heaven.

I was shown that the young, especially, young men, who profess the truth have yet a lesson of self-denial to learn. I saw that if they made more sacrifice for the truth, they would esteem the truth more highly. It would affect their hearts, purify their lives, and they would hold it more dear and sacred.

I saw the young do not take the burden, or feel the responsibility of the cause of God. Is it because God has excused them? Oh, no. I saw that they excuse themselves. They are eased, and others are burdened. They do not realize that they are not their own. Their strength, their time, is not their own. They are bought with a price. A dear sacrifice was made for them, and unless they possess the spirit of self-denial, and sacrifice, they can never possess the immortal inheritance.

—Ellen G White

**Editorial- “Blessed are
they which do hunger
and thirst after
righteousness.”**

This verse is an invitation for us to pray and plead for righteousness, and a promise that we will receive what we ask for if we persist. We have a very patient and loving Saviour willing to accompany us and lend a helping hand during our Christian journey. Just as we relied upon our parents to provide for our wants and needs as children, so must we rely upon God to provide for our spiritual wants and needs as we grow in grace.

Maybe you are a parent yourself, or sometimes when you're out grocery shopping you may hear a child begging their parents for some treat or toy, and for some reason or another the request is denied. Perhaps there is not enough money to spend that day, or it is something not in the child's best interests to have. Sometimes the child is told to be quiet and stop asking.

Christ, however, invites us to keep asking. We must keep striving for the goal of becoming righteous, we must keep hungering and thirsting after it, and trusting that He knows best what we need. He will not turn a deaf ear to our pleas, but will provide these things exactly when we need them. He will give us the wisdom and strength to identify and rid all sin from our lives and bring our character closer to His in righteousness. This invitation should give each of us courage to keep asking, to make a daily habit of it, and hold to the blessed hope and assurance of support from our Heavenly Father. He will not forsake any who strive to walk in His way.

**“If you have a sense of need in
your soul, if you hunger and
thirst after righteousness,
this is an evidence that
Christ has wrought upon your
heart in order that He may
be sought unto to do for you,
through the endowment of the
Holy Spirit, those things which
it is impossible for you
to do for yourself.”
Mount of Blessing, p. 19.**

Story--A Thoughtless Boy Punished

“I shall never forget,” writes a correspondent of the “Agriculturist,” an incident in my childhood by which I was taught to be careful not to wound the feelings of the unfortunate. A number of us school-boys were playing by the roadside one Saturday afternoon, when the stage-coach drove up to a neighboring tavern, and the passengers alighted. As usual, we gathered around it to observe them. Among the number was an elderly man with a cane, who got out with much difficulty, and when on the ground, he walked with the most curious contortions. His feet turned one way, his knees another, and his whole body looked as though the different members were independent of it and of each other, and every one was making motions to suit itself. I unthinkingly shouted, “Look at old rattle-bones,” and the other boys took up the cry with mocking laughter, while the old man turned his head with an expression of pain which I can never forget. Just then, to my surprise and horror, my father came around the corner, and immediately stepped up to the stranger, shook his hand warmly, and assisted him to walk to our house, which was at but a

little distance. I could enjoy no more play that afternoon, and when tea-time came, I would gladly have hid myself, but I knew that would be vain, and so tremblingly went into the sitting-room. To my great relief, the stranger did not recognize me, but remarked pleasantly to my father as he introduced me, “Such a fine boy was surely worth saving.” How the words cut me to the heart. My father had often told me the story of a friend who had plunged into the river to save me as I was drowning, while an infant, and who, in consequence, took cold, and was made a cripple by inflammatory rheumatism; and this was the man whom I had made a butt of ridicule, and a laughing-stock for my companions.

“I tell you, boys and girls, I would give many dollars to have the memory of that event taken away. If ever you are tempted as I was, remember that while no good can come of sport whereby the feelings of others are wounded, you may be laying up for yourselves painful recollections that will not leave you for a lifetime.”

The Youth's Instructor June 15, 1871

Recipe-Simple Kale Quinoa (Vegan, Gluten Free)

Ingredients:

- 1 tablespoon vegan butter (can substitute with 1 teaspoon olive oil or 1 tablespoon vegetable stock/broth)
- 1 1/3 cups white quinoa, rinsed
- 2 cups unsalted vegetable stock/broth
- 2/3 cup water
- 1/2 teaspoon dried minced onion or onion powder
- 1/2 teaspoon ground sea salt
- 1/2 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1/4 cup raw pine nuts (can also use pre-toasted pine nuts and skip step #4 below)
- 2 cups packed fresh kale, chopped
- 1 tablespoon fresh lemon juice

Instructions

In a medium saucepan or Dutch oven, melt butter (or olive oil) over medium heat. Add quinoa and heat for 3-4 minutes until slightly toasted*, stirring occasionally. Add vegetable stock/broth, water, minced onion, salt, pepper and garlic powder.

Bring to a boil, reduce heat slightly, cover and simmer for 14-15 minutes, or until liquid is absorbed. Uncover and remove from heat.

Meanwhile (while waiting for quinoa to cook), in a small or medium dry skillet over medium heat, add the raw pine nuts. Stir constantly for about 2-3 minutes until slightly browned, being careful not to burn. You'll know it's ready when it's a little brown and smells nutty. Remove from pan immediately to cool.

To the pot of cooked quinoa, add the chopped kale (the hot quinoa will wilt the kale), lemon juice and pine nuts. Stir until combined. Add additional salt to taste, or additional spices

This recipe makes 4 (1-cup) servings. Store in an airtight container in the fridge for 3-4 days.

<https://veggiechick.com/kale-quinoa/#recipe-container>
—For more suggestions on recipe see web site

Health Nugget—What Is Kale Good For?

Hail to Kale!

Botanical name: Borecole oleracea

Kale Nutrition Facts

Kale is an easy-to-grow green that keeps on giving, thriving even during the cold winter. There are a variety of ways that you can include kale your favorite dishes. For instance, salads can be more delicious if you add small kale leaves, and larger kale varieties are good when they're steamed, sautéed or cooked.

One of the most well-known varieties of this leafy green is dinosaur kale, also called Tuscan kale or Lacinato kale. It has long, crinkly and dark blue- or black-green leaves, and is a good way to take your soups, pasta dishes and salads up a notch.

According to The Spruce, kale plants can be harvested while they're young, so you can enjoy them right away, or they can be allowed to mature. After harvesting, they can last in your refrigerator for up to a week. If you don't have enough resources to grow your own kale, you can buy it at your local farmers market, provided that it's organically grown and GMO-free.

Health Benefits of Kale

The vitamins offered by just 100 grams of this vegetable are quite impressive: 389.6 micrograms of vitamin K, 241 micrograms of vitamin A and 93.4 milligrams of vitamin C. In fact, kale is called a superfood, thanks to its numerous beneficial compounds.

For instance, a 2012 study reported that a kale variety possessed high amounts of beta-carotene and vitamin C. This green vegetable is also a good source of the phytonutrient indole-3-carbinol, which aids in DNA cell repair, stimulates apoptosis or cell death and helps inhibit cancer development.

Sulforaphane, another compound found in kale, was proven by studies to deliver a

protective effect against certain cancers, and may enhance the health of your liver and gastrointestinal tract. Lastly, kale contains lutein and zeaxanthin, both of which may protect your eyes from macular degeneration. Kale was even compared to beef, as both foods contain some quantities of nutrients like iron, protein and calcium.

Omega-3 fatty acids are needed by your body to retain optimal health, but they need to come from outside sources. According to a 2018 study, kale is a good source of these healthy fats, and was shown to provide anti-inflammatory abilities, help build cell membranes and reduce your risk of heart disease, stroke or cardiac arrest. These fats have also been noted for their ability to alleviate symptoms of rheumatoid arthritis and lower your risk for lupus.

If you want to learn more about the different vitamins and nutrients you can get from kale, check out the table below:

Kale Nutrition Facts

Serving Size: 100 grams, raw

	Amt. Per Serving
Calories	35 cal
Calories from Fat	
Total Fat	1.49 g
Saturated Fat	0.178 g
Trans Fat	0 g
Cholesterol	0 mg
Sodium	53 mg
Total Carbohydrates	4.42 g
Dietary Fiber	4.1 g
Sugar	0.99 g
Protein	2.92 g
Vitamin A	241 mg
Vitamin C	93.4 mg
Vitamin K	389.6 mg
Calcium	254 mg
Iron	1.60 mg

Studies Done on Kale

Authors of a 2005 study published in International Urology and Nephrology discovered that out of all the foods involved

in their research, kale had the highest protective effect against bladder cancer, considered the sixth most commonly diagnosed cancer in the U.S.

A 2009 study highlighted that kale possesses an impressive number of flavonoids. Overall, there were 32 phenolic compounds found in the vegetable, including kaempferol and quercetin, as well as three hydroxycinnamic acids. These acids are known to help scavenge harmful free radicals in your body and deliver anti-inflammatory and antimicrobial capabilities.

However, note that the effectiveness of several antioxidants and vitamins in kale can be lessened when the vegetable is cooked. As such, you may want to consider consuming kale raw or cooking it minimally.

Kale Fun Facts

Kale was first cultivated from wild varieties by the Greeks and Romans and later spread throughout Europe. From there, this vegetable reached the Americas in the 1600s.

Summary

Kale is a Brassica vegetable that's made a name for itself as one of the healthiest foods you can grow in your garden or purchased from your local farmers market. It's becoming better known in the U.S., not just for the flavor it brings to soups, salads and other dishes, but because of the many health benefits it provides.

Because kale is loaded with vitamins and nutrients, it may aid in reducing your risk for several cancers, heart disease, autoimmune diseases and even macular degeneration. With all these benefits, you may want to add more of it to your breakfast, lunch or dinner.

For more information and references go here:

<https://foodfacts.mercola.com/kale.html>

—www.mercola.com

“Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness.” The sense of unworthiness will lead the heart to hunger and thirst for righteousness, and this desire will not be disappointed.

Those who make room in their hearts for Jesus will realize His love.

All who long to bear the likeness of the character of God shall be satisfied.

The Holy Spirit never leaves unassisted the soul who is looking unto Jesus.

He takes of the things of Christ and shows them unto him. If the eye is kept fixed on Christ, the work of the Spirit ceases not until the soul is conformed to His image.

The pure element of love will expand the soul, giving it a capacity for higher attainments, for increased knowledge of heavenly things, so that it will not rest short of the fullness.

“Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness; for they shall be filled.”

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AND GOD SPOKE THESE WORDS

Part 3

Now after the Israelites had bound and pledged themselves to faithfully keep this covenant of God's 10 commandments, did you know that the Lord God Michael then did something so completely amazing and astounding that it stands alone in recorded history? Nowhere is it recorded in any of the sacred writings from any culture that any of their pagan deities ever did what the Lord God Michael was now going to do!

Immediately after their covenant contract and pledging agreement had been ratified and binding between the Lord God Michael and His people, then Michael asked Moses, his brother Aaron, Aaron's two sons, "and seventy of the elders of Israel" to "Come up unto the Lord" apart from the rest of the camp of the Israelites (Exodus 24:1, 9). One of the main reasons for this special private meeting was because the Israelites had not seen the Lord God Michael Himself speaking to them, but had only heard His great voice coming out of the weighty, devouring fire. And so to prevent them all from believing that the Lord God Himself was actually just fire itself and not an actual Divine Being with a form and shape, Michael was going to reveal Himself to these 74 leaders of the Israelites.

Once these leaders had come apart, then the Lord God Michael appeared unto them all "and they saw the God of Israel" (Exodus 24:10). Although most of the Lord God Michael's form and features were not clearly revealed and distinguishable to their sight, yet they were clearly able to make out "his feet," and also saw beneath His feet "as it were a paved work of a sapphire stone" that was clear like the blue sky of the "body of heaven" (Exodus 24:10). So even though they did not clearly see all of the personal form or divine features of the Lord God Michael, yet they knew that "they saw God," that He was not fire itself but an actual living Being, and yet they were all still alive and able to "eat and drink" (Exodus 24:11).

But it was not only just the divine features of His feet that the Lord God Michael ever revealed to any of His servants. While still before Mount Sinai, Moses asked the Lord God Michael to reveal more of Himself to him, saying "if I have found grace in thy sight, shew me now thy way, that I may know thee... And he [also] said, I beseech thee, shew me thy glory" (Exodus

33:13, 18).

This was not a presumptuous request on Moses' part, neither was he just curious what the other form and features of the Lord God Michael looked like above His feet. The Hebrew word for "way" used here is "derek," and it translates and means "a course of life or mode of action" (Strong's, word #1870). The Hebrew word for "know" used here is "yada," and in this context translates and means "to know by recognition, to comprehend, discern, discover, perceive, understand" (Strong's, word #3045). And we already saw that the Hebrew word for "glory" means more than just weighty and splendid devouring fire, but it also means "honor," So Moses wanted God to shew him His way or course of life and action so that he could discover, discern, perceive, understand and comprehend what He was like in character, and thus be able to recognize the glory of the Lord God Himself.

Moses realized that he still had all the work ahead of him in following God's command to "Bring up this people" into the promised land (Exodus 33:12), and with at least 3 million Israelites all watching him in every move he made, Moses wanted to make sure that he gave glory and honor to the Lord God and so did not want to make any mistakes and misrepresent God in character and thus dishonor Him. So if Moses could gain this extra knowledge of the true character of the Lord God Michael Himself, then he would be able to more completely pattern his life after the divine model of character of His Lord God, would thus help all the Israelites to know more about their Creator God, and Moses would also be able, with the Lord's continued help, to then successfully carry out his mission to completion.

As Moses was so close to the Lord God Michael in work and partnership to the point that "the Lord spake unto Moses face to face, as a man speaketh unto his friend" (Exodus 33:11), and as Moses still had a great work ahead of him yet to accomplish and was desirous of not misrepresenting his Lord God but to successfully carry out his work, Michael graciously granted this non-presumptuous request. "And he said, I will make all my goodness pass before thee, and I will proclaim the name of the Lord before thee" (Exodus 33:19). The Hebrew word for

"goodness" used here is "tuwb", and it translates and means "goodness, beauty" (Strong's, word #2898). So Michael was going to allow Moses to see His goodness or beauty and to hear His name. But granting this request was not going to be as easy as it might seem.

The Lord God Michael informed Moses that "Thou canst not see my face: for there shall no man see me, and live" (Exodus 33:20). So even though Moses was so closely connected in copartnership with the Lord God Himself that he could be directly spoken to, yet Moses was still of a fallen nature, and thus unable to physically endure the full splendor and glory of the Lord God Michael's divine radiant face. Yet instead of using this problem as an excuse for denying Moses' request, the Lord God Michael mercifully worked out a solution so that Moses could indeed know more about the way of the Lord, could then know Him more fully, and could see God's glory.

The Lord God Michael said to Moses, "Behold, there is a place by me, and thou shalt stand upon a rock: And it shall come to pass, while my glory passeth by, that I will put thee in a clift of the rock, and will cover thee with my hand while I pass by: And I will take away mine hand, and thou shalt see my back parts: but my face shall not be seen" (Exodus 33:21-23). Michael then told Moses that He would reveal Himself to him early the next day, and he alone was to "come up in the morning unto mount Sinai, and present thyself there to me in the top of the mount" (Exodus 34:2).

You can only imagine what thoughts were going through the mind of Moses during that night. Mixed feelings of excitement tempered with a little apprehension thrilled through his body. Moses probably did not sleep at all as he realized that the mighty Lord God of all the earth had mercifully condescended to grant his request to see and know more about Him. As soon as it began to dawn the next day "Moses rose up early in the morning, and went up unto mount Sinai, as the Lord commanded him" (Exodus 34:4), and as soon as he reached the top of the mount, Moses presented himself and then waited to see what the Lord would do next.

The mighty Lord God Michael then "descended in the cloud, and stood with him there" (Exodus 34:5), He then gently picked

up Moses with His divine hand and placed him in the cleft of the rock and covered his sight with His hand. Then as “the Lord” (Exodus 34:6), His “glory” (Exodus 33:22), and His “goodness” or beauty (Exodus 33:19) “passed by before him” (Exodus 34:6) Moses heard the Lord God proclaim “the name of the Lord” (Exodus 34:5) stating “The Lord, The Lord God, merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abundant in goodness and truth, Keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, and that will by no means clear the guilty; visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children, and upon the children’s children, unto the third and to the fourth generation” (Exodus 34:6-7). The Lord God Michael then removed His hand so that Moses could see the divine features and form of His head, shoulders, back, hips, legs and feet as He continued walking by.

So you can see that even though Moses was able to see the back of the Lord God Michael as He passed by him, yet the name that He heard Him proclaim, and the glory that He saw pass by, were all inseparably connected with the goodness or beauty of His character. And exactly what was the type of the character of the Lord God Michael that was revealed to Moses? There were revealed nine different aspects.

#1—The Lord God Michael is “merciful”. The Hebrew word for “merciful” used here is “rachuw,” which translates and means “full of compassion, mercy” (Strong’s, word #7349). It is derived from the Hebrew word “racham,” which translates and means “to fondle, to love, to have pity” (Strong’s, word #7355).

So the compassion of the Lord God to us is not manifested from a motive of grudgingly extending mercy towards troublesome inferiors because they don’t know any better. Nor is it manifested from a selfish motive of desiring to gain advantages over us because of our plight. Nor is it manifested devoid of any feeling at all. But the Lord God Michael manifests mercy towards us because He loves us and longs to fondle or tenderly hold and comfort us in His strong arms. Thus His heart is touched with pity by seeing His fallen creation having to go through all of the problems and adversities of a life brought about because of sin, and having to live in a world under the control of Lucifer. So as love “seeketh not her own” (1 Corinthians 13:5), then it is only out of a heart full of tender compassion and mercy that the Lord God Michael lovingly reaches out to try and rescue all He can from remaining bound to sin, from being under the control of Lucifer, and from receiving destruction in the end.

#2—The Lord God Michael is

“gracious”. The Hebrew word for “gracious” used here is “channuwn,” which translates and means “gracious” (Strong’s, word #2587). It is derived from the Hebrew word “chanan,” which translates and means “to bend or stoop in kindness to an inferior; to favor, to bestow, to implore or move to favor by petition, to entreat, to make supplication” (Strong’s, word #2603).

As Michael is our God and Creator, He is so much greater in power and authority than any and all of His creation combined. Yet the mighty Lord God Michael willingly bends and stoops down to favor us with His blessings, and bestow upon us His love and merciful kindness. As love “vaunteth not itself” (1 Corinthians 13:4), so the Lord God Michael reveals His love towards us by not flaunting His exalted divine dignity in our faces, and refuse to have anything to do with us inferiors. As love also “is not puffed up” (1 Corinthians 13:4), then neither does Michael take the position that once He created us, then we are now all on our own and must then deal with our own choices and suffer the consequences of our evil actions alone and without any hope of divine help.

Even though humanity chose to disobey Him and to follow Lucifer, yet the Lord God Michael did not abandon us. This is because He knew what torture and misery humanity would have to endure under the absolute control of Lucifer, and He also knew that once sin was chosen then humanity would need His divine help more than ever in order to obtain freedom. So instead of leaving us to the consequences of our own choice, the mighty Lord God Michael instead humbled Himself and came even closer to us in order that we might be able to better know Him and His love for us. And with this extra knowledge, then we would be more willing to follow and obey Him, and thus obtain His help in escaping from sin and from the devil.

But the graciousness of the Lord God here means more than just personally favoring and bestowing blessings upon inferiors. Since the Lord God Michael is lower in authority and command to the Almighty Lord God of heaven, then Michael graciously implores, petitions, and makes supplication to the Almighty to also favor mankind and be gracious to them for His sake. And yet it is not like the Almighty Lord God of heaven is not interested in the welfare of mankind and has to be first petitioned before He will be gracious and grant them His favor. But as the Lord God Michael is a representative to mankind of the Almighty Lord God of heaven, then the character that Michael is seen manifesting towards mankind is the exact same character which the Almighty God has! Thus in seeing the loving, tender and merciful character of the

Lord God Michael, we actually are seeing the same exact loving, tender and merciful character of the Almighty God being revealed to us!

#3—The Lord God Michael is “long suffering,” There is no Hebrew word for “longsuffering,” as it is a combination of the words long and suffering. The Hebrew word for “long” in this context is “arak,” and it translates and means “to be long, defer, draw out, lengthen, prolong” (Strong’s, word #748). The Hebrew word for “suffering” in this context is “nacah,” which translates and means “to accept, suffer, bear, hold up, spare” (Strong’s, word #5375).

So even though humanity deserves the penalty of death for their choice to sin, yet the Lord God Michael draws out, lengthens and prolongs our time on this earth, deferring or holding up the execution of this penalty and punishment against us until a future time. And why? Because the Lord “is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance” (2 Peter 3:9).

It is the Lord God Michael’s earnest longing that His wayward creation find the freedom from Lucifer’s dominion that can only come by accepting Him as their Saviour and God, and thus escape from death and destruction in the end. This merciful purpose allows Him to defer punishment until everyone has had a precious chance to know more about Him and an opportunity to investigate into the plan devised for their salvation. As this realization and understanding takes various lengths of time to finally dawn upon the minds of mankind, the mighty Lord God Michael accepts our weakness and dullness of comprehension and then patiently suffers and bears with all of our sins and unrighteous actions, sparing us until we wake up because He “remembereth that we are [but] dust” (Psalms 103:14).

Yet at the same time Michael is not inactive. He is not waiting for mankind to take the initiative, but He is working through the Holy Spirit and heavenly angels to wake us up and bring all to a knowledge of the truth so that they can obtain salvation and escape death and destruction. So while the mighty Lord God winks at the time of our ignorance, yet He is calling all to come to repentance and find salvation. Thus “the longsuffering of our Lord is salvation” (2 Peter 3:15)!

This means that the foundation for the mighty Lord God being longsuffering towards humanity, and patiently enduring all our faults, mistakes, sins and dullness of mind, is based upon love for us. Thus God is teaching us that love “suffereth long,” it “Beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things” (1

Corinthians 13:4, 7). So the mighty Lord God Michael patiently endures and bears all of our disobedience, faults, mistakes, and even abuse towards Him because He loves us and hopes that we will finally wake up and be saved. Why else would the Lord God Michael patiently endure all the disobedience and sin against His law? Why else would He suffer all things from those who have ignorantly chosen another master and god, if it was not for the fact that He loves us and desires us to be saved?

Yet the suffering that the Lord God Michael endures is more than just having to patiently wait for us to finally “awake to righteousness, and sin not” (1 Corinthians 15:34). Every sin against His law, each time one chooses to reject His ways or to manifest unappreciation of His blessings, causes Michael sorrow and sadness, and at times even great internal pain. This is because He has shown humanity over and over again exactly how much He loves them and longs for them to come to Him and be saved. When such boundless and infinite love goes unrequited or is unappreciated, it causes the Lord God Michael internal suffering, similar to, but not on the same scale, as to what a human being feels in their heart when the one they truly love spurns them and does not return love back. But when our love is finally returned, then all such internal suffering and pain is quickly replaced with beautiful feelings of peace, contentment and wonderful happiness because finally our love is appreciated and responded to! The same wondrous and joyful experience occurs with our Lord God Michael when we finally respond to His love! In fact, Michael cannot contain exactly how overjoyed He really is because of you—that one precious repenting soul—coming to Him, and “He will joy over thee with singing” (Zephaniah 3:17)!

But it is not just the Lord God Michael who is overjoyed when one of His creation finally chooses to serve, obey and to love Him as their God. But “there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth” (Luke 15:10). And it is not just all the heavenly angels that are overjoyed either. Even the Almighty Lord God joins in the happy heavenly celebration, until all “heaven” is filled with “joy...over one sinner that repenteth” (Luke 15:7)!

4—The Lord God Michael is “abundant in goodness,” The Hebrew word for “abundant” used here is “rab,” which translates and means “abundant in quantity, size, number, quality, abound, exceedingly, manifold, plenteous, sufficient” (Strong’s, word #7227). And the Hebrew word for “goodness” used here is “cheched,” which translates and means “kindness, goodness” (Strong’s, word #2617).

So the Lord God Michael is not just kind and good to His creation on an ordinary scale, but is so abundantly kind and good that it is beyond all computation. Through His goodness He does not just barely supply our daily needs, but His kindnesses towards us abound in quantity, size and number, even doing exceedingly above all that we ask or think.

As it was humanity that chose to disobey and separate themselves from the Lord God Michael in the beginning, and thus only deserves punishment from the Lord, yet instead He is good and “is kind” (1 Corinthians 13:4) to His wayward creation, and all of the manifold blessings He sends us are of the highest quality. All of these sufficient and plenteous blessings are showered upon us to prove over and over again exactly how much the Lord God Michael loves us and is working for our ultimate and eternal good, and thus is wooing and drawing us to return to Him as our God and faithful Husband.

#5—The Lord God Michael is abundant in “truth.” The Hebrew word for “abundant” is the same as above, and means “abundant in quantity, size, number, quality, abound, exceedingly, manifold, plenteous, sufficient” (Strong’s, word #7227). And the Hebrew word for “truth” used here is “emeth,” which translates and means “stability, truth, trustworthiness, faithful” (Strong’s, word #571).

So the Lord God Michael is not just a little in truth, but abounds in it in both quantity, size and number. Nor is the manifold truth that Michael abounds in just of a mediocre grade, but His truth is of the highest quality. In fact, the Lord God Michael is so abundant and plenteous in truth, that truth has interwoven itself so sufficiently and exceedingly throughout His whole Divine Being, that there is nothing in Him but truth, thus making Him truth itself. This means that Michael never deviates from truth, but is fully stable in all His ways and dealings. Michael is never double-minded, nor hypocritical, and this tells us that the Lord God Michael is the same yesterday, and today, and forever.

As the Lord God Michael is “a God of truth” (Deuteronomy 32:4), and never deviates from truth, then there is no falsehood in Him at all. So whatever Michael says can be trusted to be truth and nothing but the truth because “God is not a man, that he should lie... hath he said, and shall he not do it? Or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good?” (Numbers 23:19). As God “cannot lie” (Titus 1:2) because it is “impossible for God to lie” (Hebrews 6:18), then Michael’s trustworthiness in fulfilling His promises to His people is absolute and

will indeed occur at the proper time without doubt or question because He is “the faithful God” (Deuteronomy 7:9) who keeps His word.

This also tells us that the Lord God Michael will never lead any of His followers astray, because what He tells them to do, or directs them to avoid, is exactly what is necessary and best for their welfare. So Michael is not only the truth, He does not only direct His followers in the correct way to follow, but He also leads them away from sin to find everlasting life. Thus the Lord God Michael is actually the way, the truth and the life, and therefore any and all of His followers can truly “Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not to thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy paths” (Proverbs 3:5-6).

As Michael is the “Lord God of truth” (Psalms 31:5), and as He indeed loves us, then He “rejoiceth in the truth” (1 Corinthians 13:6). Thus if any of His followers desire to make their Lord God Michael happy, then they know that in following the truth, they will indeed bring joy and rejoicing to the heart of their God.

#6—The Lord God Michael is “keeping mercy for thousands.” The Hebrew word for “keeping” used here is “natsar,” which translates and means “to guard, protect, maintain, keep, preserve” (Strong’s, word #5341). And the Hebrew word for “mercy” used here is “cheched,” which translates and means “loving kindness, favor, mercy” (Strong’s, word #2617). It is derived from the word “chacad,” which translates and means “to bow the neck only in courtesy to an equal” (Strong’s, word #2616).

So the Lord God Michael does not just dole out mercy on a whim, or on a spur-of-the moment decision to favor someone with His kindness. But His merciful kindnesses are preserved and maintained, and are kept ready to freely bestow upon those of His people who need them. His mercies are, as it were, guarded and protected so that His creation need never fear that His favors will somehow be lost or stolen away from coming to thousands of His people. This truly shows to each and every human being that His love “never faileth” (1 Corinthians 13:8). But it is not just upon His followers that Michael freely bestows His loving kindnesses.

Although the Lord God Michael showers His merciful kindnesses upon those who follow Him, yet He also sends some upon the pagans and upon those who are living in sin and wickedness in order to try and awaken them to the truth. Michael longs to have all these wayward and rebellious people awaken to the fact that they have been deceived and are being misled by Lucifer into dark,

discouraging pathways that will end in their destruction. So Michael sends His merciful kindnesses upon these precious souls in hope that they will soon choose to come to Him and find true and lasting happiness.

But why does the Mighty Lord God Michael send His favor and mercy upon His people, as well as upon those who are still rejecting Him and keeping Him out of their lives? It is because of His great love for all of His creation!

This Mighty Lord God does not see mankind as play things like the pagan gods do. Nor does He see them as worthless and undeserving of His attention, whose sole purpose in life is to eke and scratch out a living while rendering blind obedience, or suffering wrathful punishments when they fail. But Michael sees mankind as truly being His creation, and as such the offspring or the sons and daughters of God. And so this mighty Lord God Michael courteously tilts or nods His divine majestic fatherly head towards every human being in recognition of the fact that even though He is greater than any and all of them combined, yet they are His children and thus equal with Him in dignity, worth, and importance. Although humanity, like Esau, has sold their birthright for a mess of pottage of sin, yet Michael sees what all of humanity have lost, He sees who they really are, and also what they can become with His help. And so Michael wants to redeem them back from being slaves to Lucifer, restore their God-given birthright as His children, and reproduce the image of God in them once again so that they will not be children of God in name only, but will prove that they are children of God in character. And all this merciful and loving kindness is freely offered to all of humanity by their mighty Lord God Michael if they will only choose of their own free-will to allow Him to accomplish such a divine change in their lives. So dear ones, if you will only choose to do so, then Michael will make you “more precious than fine gold, even... the golden wedge of Ophir” (Isaiah 13:12).

With these divine changes in your life and character, you will no longer be the children of the wicked one, the bastard offspring of rebellion and the sire of the bondwoman to be disowned of any inheritance and cast out from eternal life. But you will become “the children of promise” (Galatians 4:28), “the children of God” (Romans 8:16), and will be acknowledged as “an heir of God” (Galatians 4:7) and rightful inheritors of a life measuring with the life of God—which is “eternal life” (Titus 3:7).

#7—The Lord God Michael forgives “iniquity and transgression and sin.” But isn’t iniquity, transgression and sin just different words that all refer to the breaking of God’s

law? Yes. Then why are they called by three different names? Because they are not all the same type of sins, but are three different classifications of sin.

The Hebrew word for “iniquity” used here is “avown,” which translates and means “perversity, moral evil, fault, iniquity, mischief” (Strong’s, word #5771). So iniquity in this case refers to God’s law being broken by some fault in the character, whether inherited or formed by choice, including those sins dealing with moral evil, such as sexual perversity, immorality, illicit relations, sensual mischief and otherwise uncontrolled passions.

Now the Hebrew word for “transgression” used here is “pasha,” which translates and means “rebellion, transgression, trespass” (Strong’s, word #6588). So transgression in this case refers to God’s law not being kept because of rebellion, including trespassing beyond the limits or confines of His commandments.

And the Hebrew word for “sin” used here is “chatta’ah,” which translates and means “an offense, sin” (Strong’s, word #2402). Sin in this case would refer to any other offense that happens to break God’s commandments.

So even though all three of these divisions are indeed sin because they all refer to the breaking of God’s divine law, yet they are not all the same types of sin. These three different types of sins could be committed in a thoughtless or care-less manner, or even done intentionally and knowingly. These could be committed in the times when emotions and passions are allowed to gain the ascendancy over reason, or committed through ignorance, a lack of understanding, or otherwise were unintentional.

But even though these sins might be unintentionally done, God’s law has still been broken and sin has been committed. And if the sinner would only realize that all who “confesseth and forsaketh [their sins] shall have mercy” (Proverbs 28:13) of the Lord, then they would also have hope that God will forgive all 3 of these different divisions and types of sins. And the mighty Lord God Michael will indeed mercifully forgive all of our sins, because He understands that we are all doomed without His divine help, and because of His great love for each one of us. As the Lord God Michael does indeed love us then He “rejoiceth not in iniquity” (1 Corinthians 13:6), but is saddened every time we sin, and longs to free us all from being in bondage and captivity to it if we would just come to Him for help.

Now for all of those who are tempted to believe that they have gone so far into sin that it is impossible for God to forgive them, the Lord God Michael tenderly invites them to “come now and let us reason together,

saith the Lord, though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow, and though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool” (Isaiah 1:18). Thus the Lord God Michael is extending a personal invitation to each individual who is struggling against the weight of the burden of their sins, to come and meet with Him in a private one-on-one session. If you agree to meet together with the Mighty God Michael, then He promises that His whole attention and focus will be centered upon you until you come to understand that no matter how many sins you are guilty of committing, no matter how dark your past history, yet He is willing to freely forgive you of them all—just for the asking!

But what is the point of God forgiving you of all your sins, without there also being a change in heart and outlook on life? Without a change of heart then these sins that you are now cleansed from will continue to hold a power and attraction over you and you will continue breaking God’s law. But with a change of heart, then sin will no longer have the same power over you, and thus it will not be as attractive or pleasurable as before, and God’s law will more easily be kept.

Now there is no way that this change of heart can be accomplished by ourselves, because “Who can say, I have made my heart clean, I am pure from my sin?” (Proverbs 20:9). And what is the answer? No one. Or “Who can bring a clean thing out of an unclean?” And what is the answer to this question? “Not one.” (Job 14:4). So just as the Ethiopian cannot change his skin color, or the leopard his spots, then we cannot also begin doing good when we are accustomed to doing evil (see Jeremiah 3:23). So just as we must look to God for His forgiveness and cleansing from all our sins, so we must also look to Him for this miraculous change to take place in our hearts and outlook on life. And the Lord God Michael will indeed also freely give you this change of heart and outlook—just for the asking.

“Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit in me.” Psalms 51:10.

And what does the Lord God Michael then promise us?

“Then will I sprinkle clean water upon you, and ye shall be clean: from all your filthiness, and from all your idols, will I cleanse you. A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh. And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments and do them... and ye shall be my people, and I will be your God.” Ezekiel 36:25-28.

So the Lord God Michael not only freely promises to completely forgive and “I will

put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their God, and they shall be my people.” Jeremiah 31:33.

“I will put my laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts; and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a people... For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their iniquities will I remember no more.” Hebrews 8:10, 12.

So then with God’s law and commandments written in our minds and hearts, and a new outlook on life, then sin will lose its hold upon you, and you are indeed set free from bondage to begin living a new life—even a life of faith. Thus “old things are passed away, [and] behold, all things are become new” (2 Corinthians 5:17).

Yet Michael even goes further than only giving us these great blessings, because He also puts the Holy Spirit within each fully forgiven, cleansed and new hearted individual. Thus with the help of the Holy Spirit “who will reprove... [you] of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment” (John 16:8), who will “teach you all things” (John 14:26), and who also “will guide you into all truth” (John 16:13), you can then indeed overcome all your past habits of sin and live this new life of keeping all of God’s commandments. All these great and merciful blessings are given to you for free by the Lord God Michael so that you can have the precious chance to fully escape from the tenacious grasp and corruptive nature of all sin and find salvation.

So the Lord God Michael mercifully states to each and every one of us—He states to you, dear one, that even though you may have “forgotten me days without number” (Jeremiah 2:32), and indeed “have sold yourselves for nought” (Isaiah 52:3) in following after all kinds of wickedness and sin, yet “ye shall be redeemed without money” (Isaiah 52:3), and “I will cleanse them from all their iniquity, whereby they have sinned against me; and I will pardon all their iniquities whereby they have sinned, and whereby they have transgressed against me” (Jeremiah 33:8). Then after doing all this, the Lord God Michael continues and declares, “I will save them... so shall they be my people, and I will be their God” (Ezekiel 37:23). All this is promised if you will just ask for it and believe. If you do so, then the mighty Lord God Michael has already “cleansed you from all your iniquities” (Ezekiel 36:33); He has already “blotted out, as a thick cloud, thy transgressions, and, as a cloud, thy sins” (Isaiah 44:22), and has already created in you a new heart, given you a new outlook, given you the Holy Spirit, and you are now His, and He is now your God.

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freely offered to every individual on this earth—irregardless of their spiritual condition. So no matter if you have given loose reign to sexual passion, indulging in all kinds of immorality, whoredom, prostitution, and harlotry, or even in the unnatural affection for the same sex, or in any other types of sexual or moral evil, yet the Lord God Michael mercifully states that though “thou hast played the harlot with many lovers; yet return again to me, saith the Lord” (Jeremiah 3:1), and all your wickedness will be forgiven.

This wonderful and blessed opportunity is also freely offered to those who may have once accepted the Lord God, but who have slid back into sin, or for those who have tried many times to overcome, and yet have failed and gone back into sin. To you the Lord God Michael longingly declares “Return, ye backsliding children, and I will heal your backslidings” (Jeremiah 3:22).

And this wonderful and blessed opportunity is even freely offered to all those who are involved in any idolatrous practices, including in any of the various dark occultic and Luciferic teachings of paganism, which, of course, all originated from Assyria or Babylon and then spread widely through Egypt and into all the world. The Lord God Michael lovingly offers full forgiveness and complete healing if you will only ask for it and then believe its yours!

“And the Lord shall be known to Egypt, and the Egyptians [idolatrous, pagan followers] shall know the Lord in that day... and they shall return even to the Lord, and he shall be entreated of them, and shall heal them... the Lord of hosts shall bless, saying, Blessed be Egypt my people, and Assyria [Babylon] the work of my hands...” Isaiah 19:21-22, 25.

So no matter who you are, and no matter how great your sins or how deep into iniquity, transgression and sin that you might have gone, yet the Lord God Michael states, “return ye now every one from his evil way” (Jeremiah 18:11), freely promising that He will “forgive their iniquity and their sin” (Jeremiah 36:3). He further promises to all such returning precious souls that He will “give them an heart to know me, that I am the Lord: and they shall be my people, and I will be their God” (Jeremiah 24:7).

But also realize this dear ones, that as you are returning to the loving and merciful Lord God Michael, He is not just sitting down and patiently waiting for you to stumble along until you finally find your way to Him. But at the same time you are coming to Him, He is actively searching and looking for you, so that you can find Him and become completely healed that much faster!

“For thus saith the Lord God; Behold, I,

even I, will both search my sheep, and seek them out. As a shepherd seeketh out his flock... that are scattered; so will I seek out my sheep, and will deliver them out of all places where they have been scattered” into sin, because “I will seek that which was lost, and bring again that which was driven away, and will bind up that which was broken, and will strengthen that which was sick” Ezekiel 34:11-12, 16.

So the mighty Lord God Michael, as a Great Shepherd of the sheep, is seeking you out so that He can shower upon you all these blessings if you will only accept His invitation to meet with Him and ask for all these blessings. Then the mighty Lord God Michael will unhesitatingly fulfill all these promises, forgiving you, cleansing you, changing you and giving you His Spirit, and finally He will lovingly and tenderly embrace you in His strong and protecting arms because you have indeed become His beloved and prized possession, and He has become yours.

Now next time we will continue investigating into this amazing way and glory of the Lord’s character, in part 4 of this series on And God Spoke These Words.

--Robert Sessler

“If you will go to work as Christ designs that His disciples shall, and win souls for Him, you will feel the need of a deeper experience and a greater knowledge in divine things, and will hunger and thirst after righteousness. You will plead with God, and your faith will be strengthened, and your soul will drink deeper drafts at the well of salvation. Encountering opposition and trials will drive you to the Bible and prayer. You will grow in grace and the knowledge of Christ, and will develop a rich experience.” SC 80.1

Letters—Uganda

Dear brethren,

Heb. 6:10-11

The Lord has committed to each of us a work which is plainly outlined in His word. 1 Cor. 12:6 I am positive that by far the largest number of our people and of our ministers holds the view of having personal relationship with their Saviour; being standard-bearers of righteous principles to elevate the gospel standard and declaring of all the truths, precepts, promises, and doctrine of Christianity. I always encourage our people to be on their guard against him and to call Sin by its right name, sin. 1 Tim. 4:1-5 God's Word will be found a profitable guide to those who abide by it and depend on it as the only healing remedy for individuals from earth's woes and fanaticism. CS 83.2

Dear ones our efforts, outreaches and ministries are being muted to a great gospel commission enlightening the world with His glory. I am now concentrating on *SRAPA-UG* to be fully operational to get present truth materials ready in time. We have to run and meet some bills of costs to enable us stride to the next step. The year 2020 is blossoming with wide interest of many ministries and individuals expressing want to unite with us. We are to stand as the morning star by producing guiding materials in bulk to serve our people in due season especially when all signs point to the soon return of Christ.

We have planned big meetings early in 2020 to instruct our fellow men and also pass out our materials locally to all classes of people making them fishers of men in these meetings. We have set the whole quarterly planner calendar in the months of April, August, September and December engaged with huge gatherings hoped to be at international level. Speakers from different countries are expected and are now planning and sourcing funds to ensure that they travel to attend these meetings. Our first home churches to accept the present truth messages within a particular area of location shall be slated to hold these meetings which will include among others T__, K__, M__, E__, K__, N__, & G_ to mention but few. This will help us to strengthen our Christian brotherhood for the Remnant families and I am convinced that we shall be blessed to press forward by His grace as united family.

I have been united with brother R__ gifted with understanding a number of languages to a level of writing them. These include French, Spanish, Chinese & Kiswahili on international standard. I am praying that he becomes a big tool in our project of *SRAPA-UG* as we also hope to use the internet to hasten the spread of the present truth. I pray that elder J__ will help us design and host a website for us to be linked to.

I was involved in traveling to some of our home churches being infiltrated by fanaticism which draws us back with retarding arguments of doctrines of dress reform at a time when many of our African countries copy western culture's dress. These sometimes suppress our Christian doctrinal outlines and etiquette to offset our members. We are always called upon to clear up our positions by presenting sound doctrine about all reform messages. I believe this kind of counseling keeps us united with other churches and strengthens our Christian bond.

We have had a number of tragic deaths and illnesses caused by floods in 2019. Which by your prayers and support have triumphed. I was constrained to go an extra pace to stand by bro. J__ whose beloved dear wife... and settling him to be strong in the Lord for the unspeakable love, privileges and comfort for all those that are in Christ Jesus. It was a trying moment that we all have to go through at one time. Pray for him.

It's now in my prayers on behalf of the whole Remnant families that we meet with here in Africa that you continue with your unconditional sacrifice of offers and donations you give in each time to put a call. We have been made what we are by these very great service to the Lord that the cause of present truth is felt everywhere. God bless you. N__ J__

“How many have their names upon the church books, who know not what it means to have Christ abide in their hearts by faith. There are many who make a profession of Christianity who will have to be born again, or they cannot see the kingdom of heaven. They will have to become partakers of His love and grace before they can present to others the great salvation that has been provided for those who are dead in trespasses and sins. But the promise is given to all who feel their need, “Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness; for they shall be filled.” God has promised the fullness of salvation; and yet while the world is full of those who are hungering and thirsting after the pleasures, the fashions, the applause, of the world, or that they may have their own way, how few are hungering and thirsting after righteousness, and directing their desires along the channel where the fullness of heaven shall be given. Why not determine that you will place your will on the side of God's will, that you may become a laborer together with him? Jesus says, “Ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you; and ye shall be witnesses unto me.” Then is there any excuse for our weakness, for our coldness, for our lethargy? There are many who seem to think that when they have acknowledged that they are full of weakness, they have put a plaster over their sins. But we are not to talk of our inefficiency, but to find in Christ a full salvation. He says. “Him that cometh unto me, I will in no wise cast out.”

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Christian Service –Chapter 10

Methods

“Ministry of Healing” and “Christ’s Object Lessons” are peculiarly adapted for use in tourist centers, and everything possible should be done to place copies of these works in the hands of those who have leisure and inclination to read.—{ChS 127.2}

Health restaurants and treatment-rooms should be established. Our efforts in these lines should include the great seaside resorts. As the voice of John the Baptist was heard in the wilderness, “Prepare ye the way of the Lord,” so must the voice of the Lord’s messengers be heard in the great tourist and seaside resorts.—{ChS 127.3}

Sent Forth Two by Two

Calling the twelve about Him, Jesus bade them go out two and two through the towns and villages. None were sent forth alone, but brother was associated with brother, friend with friend. Thus they could help and encourage each other, counseling and praying together, each one’s strength supplementing the other’s weakness. In the same manner He afterward sent forth the seventy. It was the Saviour’s purpose that the messengers of the gospel should be associated in this way. In our own time evangelistic work would be far more successful if this example were more closely followed.—{ChS 127.4}

Medical Evangelistic Tours

From the instruction that the Lord has given me from time to time, I know that there should be workers who make medical evangelistic tours among the towns and villages. Those who do this work will gather a rich harvest of souls, from both the higher and lower classes. The way for this work is best prepared by the efforts of the faithful canvasser.—{ChS 128.1}

Gospel Medical Missionaries

Workers—gospel medical missionaries—are needed now. You cannot afford to spend years in preparation. Soon doors now open to the truth will be forever closed. Carry the message now. Do not wait, allowing the enemy to take possession of the fields now open before you. Let little companies go forth to do the work to which Christ

appointed His disciples. Let them labor as evangelists, scattering our publications, and talking of the truth to those they meet. Let them pray for the sick, ministering to their necessities, not with drugs, but with nature’s remedies, and teaching them how to regain health and avoid disease.—{ChS 128.2}

My brethren and sisters, give yourselves to the Lord for service. Allow no opportunity to pass unimproved. Visit the sick and suffering, and show a kindly interest in them. If possible, do something to make them more comfortable. Through this means you can reach their hearts, and speak a word for Christ. Eternity alone will reveal how far-reaching such a line of labor can be. Other lines of usefulness will open before those who are willing to do the duty nearest them.—{ChS 128.3}

Industrial Education

There are multitudes of poor families for whom no better missionary work could be done than to assist them in settling on the land and in learning how to make it yield them a livelihood. The need for such help and instruction is not confined to the cities. Even in the country, with all its possibilities for a better life, multitudes of the poor are in great need. Whole communities are devoid of education in industrial and sanitary lines. Families live in hovels, with scant furniture and clothing, without tools, without books, destitute of both comforts and conveniences, and of means of culture. Imbruted souls, bodies weak and ill-formed, reveal the results of evil heredity and of wrong habits. These people must be educated from the very foundation. They have led shiftless, idle, corrupt lives, and they need to be trained to correct habits.—{ChS 129.1}

Attention should be given to the establishment of various industries so that poor families can find employment. Carpenters, blacksmiths, and indeed every one who understands some line of useful labor, should feel a responsibility to teach and help the ignorant and the unemployed.—{ChS 129.2}

Christian farmers can do real missionary work in helping the poor to find homes on the land, and in teaching them how to till the soil and make it productive. Teach them how

to use the implements of agriculture, how to cultivate various crops, how to plant and care for orchards.—{ChS 129.3}

In ministry to the poor there is a wide field of service for women as well as for men. The efficient cook, the housekeeper, the seamstress, the nurse,—the help of all is needed. Let the members of poor households be taught how to cook, how to make and mend their own clothing, how to nurse the sick, how to care properly for the home. Let boys and girls be thoroughly taught some useful trade or occupation.— {ChS 129.4}

Invite to Gospel Meetings

There are many things that persons may do if they only have a mind to work. There are many who will not go to church to hear the truth preached. By personal efforts in simplicity and wisdom these might be persuaded to turn their feet to the house of God. Conviction may fasten upon their minds the first time they hear a discourse upon present truth. Should your solicitations be refused, do not be discouraged. Persevere till success crowns your efforts. —{ChS 130.1}

Gather Into the Sabbath School

Another work in which all may engage is gathering children and youth into the Sabbath school. The young may in this way labor efficiently for the dear Saviour. They may shape the destinies of souls. They may do a work for the church and the world the extent and greatness of which will never be known until the day of final accounts, when the “Well done” is spoken to the good and faithful.— {ChS 130.2}

By Pen and Voice

With pen and voice proclaim that Jesus lives to make intercession for us. Unite with the great Master Worker, follow the self-denying Redeemer through His pilgrimage of love on earth.—ChS 130.3}

Some will work in one way and some in another, as the Lord shall call and lead them. But they are all to strive together, seeking to make the work a perfect whole. With pen and voice they are to labor for Him.—{ChS 130.4}

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