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Striving to be among the remnant of her seed

The Sinner's Trials

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We often hear the life of the christian described as being filled with trials, sadness and sorrow, with but little to cheer and comfort; and the impression is too often given, that if he should give up his faith and his efforts for Eternal Life, the scene would be changed to pleasure and happiness. But I have been led to compare the life of the sinner with the life of the righteous. The sinner does not have a desire to please God; therefore can have no pleasing sense of his approbation. He does not enjoy his state of sin and worldly pleasure without trouble. He feels deeply the ills of this mortal life. O yes, at times he is fearfully troubled. He fears God, but does not love him.

Is the sinner free from disappointment, perplexity, earthly losses, poverty and distress? O no! In this respect he is no more secure than the righteous. He often suffers lingering sicknesses, yet has no strong and mighty arm to lean upon, no strengthening grace from a higher power to support him. In his weakness he must lean upon his own strength. He cannot look forward with any pleasure to the resurrection morn, for he has no cheering hope that he will then have part with the blest. He obtains no consolation by looking forward to the future. A fearful uncertainty torments him, and thus he closes his eyes in death. This is the end of the poor sinner's life of vain pleasures.

The Christian is subject to sickness, disappointment, poverty, reproach and distress. Yet amid all this he loves God, and loves to do his will, and prizes nothing so highly as his approbation. In the conflicts, trials, and changing scenes of this life, he knows that there is One who understands it all; One who will bend his ear low to the cries of the sorrowful and distressed; One who can sympathize with every sorrow and soothe the keenest anguish of every heart. He has invited the sorrowing ones to come to him and find rest. Amid all his affliction the christian has strong consolation, and if he suffers a lingering, distressing sickness, before he closes his eyes in death, he can with cheerfulness bear it all, for he holds communion with his Redeemer. You often see his countenance radiant with joy, while he contemplates the future with heavenly satisfaction—only a short rest in the grave, and the Life-giver will break the fetters of the tomb, release the captive and bring him from his dusty bed immortal, never more to know pain, sorrow or death. Let this hope of the christian be our hope, and we will ask no more.

Many speak of the life of the christian taking away

from us pleasure and worldly enjoyment. I say it takes away nothing worth having. Is there perplexity, poverty and distress endured by the christian? O yes, this is expected in this life. But is the sinner of whom we speak as enjoying the pleasures of this world free from these ills of life? Do we not often see in him the pale cheek, the racking cough, indicating a fatal disease? Is he not subject to burning fevers, and contagious diseases? How often do you hear his complaints of meeting with heavy losses of worldly goods; and consider, this is his only treasure. He loses all. These troubles of the sinner are overlooked.

Christians are too apt to think they are the only ones who have a hard time, and some seem to think that it is a condescension in them to embrace unpopular truth, and profess to be Christ's followers. The road seems hard. They think they have many sacrifices to make, when in truth they make no real sacrifice. If they are adopted into the family of God, what sacrifices have they made? Their following Christ may have broken friendship with worldly relatives; but look at the exchange—their names written in the Lamb's Book of Life—elevated, yes, greatly exalted to be partakers of salvation—heirs of God and joint heirs with Jesus Christ, to an imperishable inheritance. If the link which binds them to worldly relatives is weakened for Christ's sake, a stronger one is formed, a link which binds finite man to the Infinite God. Shall we call this a sacrifice on our part because we yield error for truth, light for darkness, weakness for strength, sin for righteousness, and a perishable name and inheritance, for honors that are lasting, and an immortal treasure? But even in this life the christian has One upon whom to lean for support who will help him bear all his trials. But the sinner has to bear his trials alone. He goes down into the grave suffering remorse, under darkness, bound by Satan, for he is his lawful prey.

It does seem to me if there is any one who should be continually grateful, it is the christian. If there is any one who enjoys happiness even in this life, it is the faithful follower of Jesus Christ. It is the duty of God's children to be cheerful. They should encourage a happy frame of mind. God cannot be glorified by his children living continually under a cloud and casting a shadow wherever they go. The christian should cast sunshine instead of a shadow. The unbeliever often receives the impression that religion is a gloomy thing, and that the life of the christian has nothing inviting in it. If the christian dwells too much upon the rough pathway, he makes it harder than it really is. If he dwells upon the

bright spots in the way, and is grateful for every ray of light, and then dwells upon the rich reward that lies at the end of the race, instead of gloom, mourning and complaints, he will bear a cheerful countenance. He has carefully treasured every token for good, and God can safely bless him, and give him gladness of heart.

May the Lord ever give us a lively sense of the

great sacrifice which has been made for us, and then present before us the inheritance purchased for us by that dear sacrifice, and may our vision be brightened and clear to dwell upon and appreciate the reward and excellent glory prepared for the faithful christian.

—Ellen G. White

But above everything else it should be impressed upon the individuals who have decided to become God’s servants, that they must be converted men. The heart must be pure.

Godliness is essential for this life and the life which is to come.

The man without a solid, virtuous character will surely be no honor to the cause of truth.

The youth who contemplates laboring together with God, should be pure in heart.

In his lips, in his mouth, should be no guile. The thoughts should be pure.

Holiness of life and character is a rare thing, but this the worker must have or he cannot yoke up with Christ.

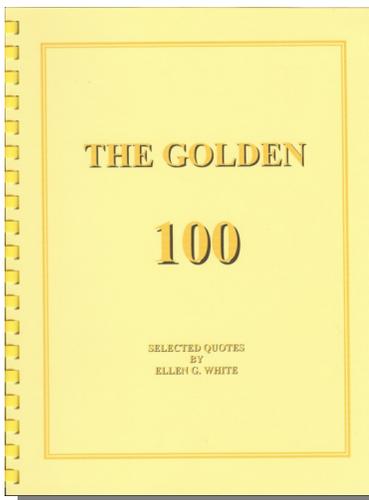
Christ says, “Without Me ye can do nothing.”

If those who purpose to work for others’ good and for the salvation of their fellow men rely on their own wisdom, they will fail. If they are entertaining humble views of themselves, then they are simple enough to believe in God and expect His help.

“Lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy paths.”

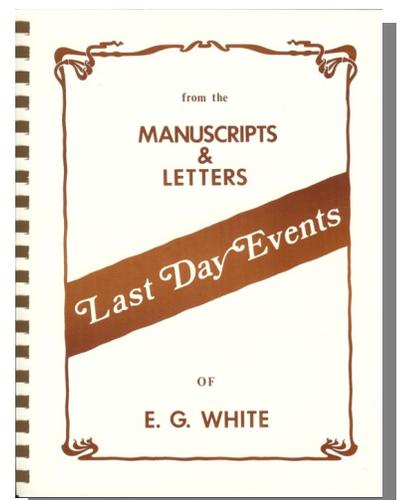
Then we have the privilege of being directed by a wise counselor, and increased understanding is given to the true, sincere seeker for truth and for knowledge.

Fundamentals of Christian Education p.109.3



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Editorial—Blessed Are The Pure In Heart

Imagine listening to Christ teaching the beatitudes on the mount that day. Looking around at all the people in the crowd, how do you think they would have reacted to the words that were being spoken? Perhaps some were taking everything in with open hearts, perhaps others had challenging thoughts or questions, and maybe others still were uncertain, looking around to see how their friends or family were responding before deciding how they should react.

What is in our hearts when we read these words of Christ's? He is telling us that everything in our hearts must be searched and purified before we can be ready for a life in heaven. We must keep our thoughts pure and clean, dwelling on things above and not on the things of this world. Sometimes it is easy for us to forget that our thoughts and motives are recorded in the books of heaven, that even our deepest secrets are known by God. One day the books of heaven will be opened, and if we want a clean record to be seen and read, we must allow Christ to rule in our hearts and govern what we think and say and how we act in our daily lives.

With all that is happening in the world around us these days, we hear so many upsetting things and conflicting messages. Whether on the TV, radio, magazines, or

from those we talk to or hang around with, everything is trying to influence our thoughts and hearts. If we hear someone say something we know is wrong, do we know how to respond? Is our heart open to the Holy Spirit's guidance so that we may answer in a way that honors and upholds Christ, or do we get upset or even choose to ignore what is said? Sometimes it is hard to know what to say when we are approached with unexpected things, but God is always ready to help us get through these times.

The closer we come to Christ, the more we will see areas in our lives needing improvement. We will notice thoughts and behaviors that are not Christ-like, and strive to change them. If we center our whole life on being like Christ, we will be eager to put away anything that separates us from Him. We will be more careful about what we read, watch, or do, because those things we allow into our minds will eventually come back out in our words and actions.

Christ gives us a high mark to aim for, but He also promises that He will be there for us every step of the way. Let us each strive to have only heavenly thoughts dwelling within us so that there will be no room for anything of Satan's to stain our record books. Let us be pure in heart and ready to see God when He comes to take His faithful ones home.

The merciful shall find mercy, and the pure in heart shall see God. Every impure thought defiles the soul, impairs the moral sense, and tends to obliterate the impressions of the Holy Spirit. It dims the spiritual vision, so that men cannot behold God. The Lord may and does forgive the repenting sinner; but though forgiven, the soul is marred. All impurity of speech or of thought must be shunned by him who would have clear discernment of spiritual truth.
DA 302.2

Recipe

Luscious Lentil Soup

1 lb. Bag Lentils, dry
2 fresh carrots, sliced or cubed
1 medium onion, rings or diced
1 Stalk celery
2-3 Tbs. Oil
Garlic (optional)
Salt

Wash lentils, cover with water. Soak 1 1/2 -2 hours. Add to soaked lentils cubed or sliced carrots, diced onion, chopped celery, salt and 1 clove fresh garlic, if desired. Simmer all together till tender, or pressure cook in stainless steel for 10 minutes. Last add 2-3 Tbs. Olive oil or other oil, and salt to taste. Soup is thick. May be thinned if desired.

—*Ten Talents,*
by Dr. and Mrs. Frank Hurd copyright
1968

Satan is now using every device in this sealing time to keep the minds of God's people from the present truth and to cause them to waver. I saw a covering that God was drawing over His people to protect them in the time of trouble; and every soul that was decided on the truth and was pure in heart was to be covered with the covering of the Almighty.
EW 43.2

Children's Story—Hattie's New Dress

Hattie was a young lady of sixteen, and an only daughter of a widow who was in moderate circumstances. She was the light and joy of her mother's household. Great pains had been taken with the cultivation of her mind, and the mother had used the utmost economy in her widowhood that she might give her daughter an education that would be serviceable to her when her means were all gone. Hattie possessed a sweet and amiable disposition, and it had won her many friends at the union school of which she was a member; and although they were her superiors in wealth and social position, she was often invited to their homes.

At the close of the winter term one of her school-mates, Mary S., had persuaded her mother to make her a party, that she might invite her class-mates to her house, and cement the friendship that had already begun at school. The girls had been very studious during the winter term, as the weekly reports of the village paper testified, and Mary's mother gratified her wish, and sent invitations to those whom she wished her daughter to recognize. Among the number was Hattie. How elated she was when she received the invitation, written on a delicate card and enclosed in a beautiful envelope!

It was her first invitation, and she said, "I am sure mother will let me go, for Mary's father is a lawyer of good reputation, and she will be pleased to have me invited in such genteel society." With a merry heart she showed her mother the card of invitation, and watched her closely as she read. A glow of satisfaction lighted up the features of the mother for a moment, but it was soon exchanged for one of sadness. She did not like to pain the sweet child before her, but she said in gentle words, "I am sorry, my daughter, that you cannot go to Mary's party, for I cannot dress you in such style as you desire; and I am sure you would not go with your old dress. My means are limited, Hattie, and I have not the money by me to get you a suitable costume. It pains me to deny you, for I would be glad to gratify you if it were in my power. If I could get the means, I would cheerfully get you a new dress and let you go."

Hattie did not reply, for her heart was too full. She knew her mother would do all she could, and she had no right to ask more. Two days had passed away and her mother had managed to save enough from

her weekly earnings, with the help of her eldest son, to get a dress. She gave the money to Hattie, and told her she might make her own selections. She started at a rapid rate to the store, for she had but a short time to make her dress in, and she wanted to improve every moment.

As she neared the store, she saw a pattern in the window that pleased her well, and she stepped in to inquire the price. As she did so she met little Nettie Wood, the daughter of her mother's washer-woman, coming out, and upon seeing Hattie she sobbed aloud, "Oh! Hattie, mother is sick and I am afraid she will die," and she whispered softly "and we have had nothing to eat to-day."

"Why, Nettie, how is this?"

"Well, I will tell you. Mother has been sick a week, and there is no one to earn anything, and we have eaten all she had in the house, when she was taken ill."

Hattie looked for a moment at the beautiful dress pattern in the window, but her mind was made up. She said, "I will go with you, Nettie, and see your mother."

She did so, and found Mrs. Wood in a very feeble state. She had nothing in the house to eat as Nettie had said, and the anxiety and care she had for her destitute family, together with a threatened fever, had worn her to a shadow.

Hattie felt, as she looked at the children, that her visit was timely, and that the money her mother had given her with which to buy her a dress, could be spent in a far better way. She soon left the destitute family with Nettie and procured necessaries for them, and with a promise of a speedy return, she hurried home to tell her mother what she had done. The mother commended the noble act of her daughter, and with a heart big with emotions, she knelt down and thanked God that her child was being led in the channel of sacrifice, and asked him to watch over and control all her thoughts and actions.

The day of the party dawned brightly, and Hattie, with a basket of delicacies, started on her errand of love and mercy, and she said to herself as she walked along, "I know I should not enjoy the party half as much as I have the consciousness of having done something for Mrs. Wood."

She spent the night with her patient, and did all she could for her; and when morning came, she hastened home to tell her mother the happiness she felt in having been of service to her humble neighbor. Said she, "I would not give the happiness I have experienced, for all the beautiful dresses I ever saw; and oh! mother, the Lord has filled my heart with love;

and I no longer have a desire for parties; but I want to be a humble child of God, and always be found His disciple."

Mrs. Wood improved much under Hattie's treatment and kind attentions, and was soon able to provide for her family.

May you, dear reader, follow the example that Hattie has given in sacrificing self for the good of others, and finally be rewarded with a crown of life.

—Youth's Instructor Dec 1, 1871

In the time of John the Baptist, Christ was about to appear as the revealer of the character of God. His very presence would make manifest to men their sin. Only as they were willing to be purged from sin could they enter into fellowship with Him. Only the pure in heart could abide in His presence.
DA 108.1

Lentils Nutrition Facts

Serving Size: 100 grams

	Amt. Per Serving	% Daily Value*
Calorie	116	6%
Calories from Fat	3.2	
Total Fat	0.4 g	1%
Saturated Fat	0.1 g	0%
Trans Fat		
Cholesterol	0 mg	0%
Sodium	2 mg	0%
Total Carbohydrates	20.1g	7%
Dietary Fiber	7.9g	32%
Sugar	0.8g	
Protein	9g	18%
Vitamin A		0%
Vitamin C		2%
Calcium		2%
Iron		19%

*Percent Daily Values are based on a 2,000 calorie diet. Your daily values may be higher or lower depending on your calorie needs.

Health Nugget— What Are Lentils Good For?

Laudable Lentils

Botanical name: *Lens culinaris*

Vegans and non-vegetarians often welcome lentils (*Lens culinaris*) into their diets because of its versatility in cooking. Lentils also provide numerous dishes with a boost in both protein and fiber content, nutrients that are essential for optimal body function.

Lentils have been part of the human diet since the early civilizations, with traces of domesticated lentils being found on the banks of the Euphrates River. The pioneer civilizations also included lentils in their diet, with Greeks actually considering it as “poor man’s food.”

This, however, is contrary to the Egyptian civilization where lentils were actually found inside the tombs of pharaohs, implying that lentils were often held in high esteem in ancient Egyptian culture. Nowadays, lentils are considered a staple in various cuisines around the world.

Lentils come in a handful of varieties that differ in color, texture and taste. Some of the most common types of lentils include black, green and the red varieties. Black lentils, also known as beluga, are famous for their similarity to caviar. They are often cooked in both cold and warm salads. Green lentils are the most widely available variety of lentils and are one of the easiest legumes to cook. They are often added to side dishes and soups.

Meanwhile, red lentils, which can actually be red, yellow or gold, are widely used in Indian cuisine. It’s the main ingredient in dal, an Indian stew that is often served with rice. Red lentils often break down to a puree-like consistency once cooked, which makes them a good ingredient for soups.

Having been deemed as a superfood, it comes as no surprise that lentils actually offer impressive amounts of vitamins and minerals that your body would be happy to acquire. Continue reading to get more information about this legume and how you can incorporate it into your diet.

Get These Health Benefits From Lentils

Due to the high amount of protein in lentils, those who follow a vegetarian or vegan diet are highly advised to consume this food because of its high protein content. But even if you’re not vegan or

vegetarian, incorporating this food into your diet will give you a plethora of health benefits, as lentils give your body essential vitamins and minerals. Here are some of the health benefits you can get from lentils:

Lowers the risk for cardiovascular disease. Lentils contain fiber and folate. Studies suggest that eating high-fiber foods helps decrease the risk for heart disease, while magnesium helps regulate blood circulation.

Slows the rate of digestion and sugar absorption. The high fiber content of lentils help slow down the rate of digestion. This leads to the slower absorption of glucose, helping regulate blood sugar levels.

May help in the prevention of birth defects in pregnant women. Lentils contain high amounts of folate, a vitamin, necessary for preventing neural tube defects in unborn babies. Insufficient folate intake often cause spinal cord defects and may even lead to brain development problems.

Aids in weight loss. Lentils are low in calories, filling, and nutrient-dense. This means that one serving of lentils usually prolongs the period before hunger sets in again, limiting or decreasing the calories that you take in throughout the day.

What Are the Culinary Uses for Lentils?

Lentils can be cooked in a variety of ways, which means it would take quite a while to run out of ways to incorporate this legume into your meals. One of the most common ways that lentils are eaten is lentil soup or stews. Here are some of the ways that lentils are prepared around the world:

France. France produces Puy lentils, a variety that specifically grows in the region of Le Puy. These lentils are said to be superior in texture and are actually more expensive than other varieties. They are often cooked alongside fish, game and sausages.

India. Red lentils are often used in Indian cuisine to provide consistency to dal and stews. They are cooked with different Indian herbs and spices to add intense flavors.

Lebanon or Syria. Mujadara is one of the dishes in Lebanon with lentils as its main ingredients. This usually consists of cooked lentils, rice and caramelized onions. While it was once called peasant food, it is now being served all around the world.

Egypt. Koshari, the national dish of Egypt, uses lentils as one of its main ingredients, along with Egyptian rice, macaroni and tomato chile sauce. When you travel to Egypt, this is one of the dishes that you’re going to find

almost everywhere, from street vendors to well-established restaurants.

The wide distribution of lentils just shows that a large portion of the world’s population benefits from the nutritional components of this food, all the more reason why you should incorporate it into your diet.

Cooking Guide for Lentils

Because of the numerous varieties available, many people make mistakes when cooking lentils. The different consistency and texture of each variety means that there are certain types of lentils that go well with certain dishes, but they may not go well with other types. Read on to learn how to best cook and enjoy different lentil varieties:

Green lentils or Puy lentils: Green lentils have a rather peppery flavor. This variety of lentils takes the longest to cook, taking about 45 minutes. Even after cooking, they still retain their firm texture, which makes them the preferred type for salads.

Brown lentils. Brown lentils are the most common type of lentils. They usually have a mild earthy flavor. This variety usually takes about 20 to 30 minutes to cook.

Red lentils (red, yellow and gold). Red lentils have the sweetest flavor of all the lentil varieties available in the market. They take about 30 minutes to cook and take on a rather mushy texture once cooked thoroughly. They’re usually added to soups to provide a thick consistency.

If you’re planning on replenishing your stock of lentils, make sure that you choose lentils that are dry, firm, clean and unshriveled. The general rule for cooking lentils is that for each cup used, you should include 4 cups of water or homemade broth (for added flavor).

Lentil Nutrition Facts

Lentils are considered to be one of the most nutritious legumes or beans available. It contains high amounts of folate, protein, manganese, iron, thiamin and phosphorus. There’s 230 calories per cup of lentils. It also contains high amounts of fiber, which helps in reducing appetite and curbing hunger. For more nutritional information for lentils, check out page 4 for chart.

—Mercola.com

...And God Spoke These Words—Part Five

In parts 3 and 4, we discovered that the last time in which the Lord God Michael had personally spoken to any of His people at Sinai was when He called Moses to the top of the Mount and personally revealed to him His glory. He declared: “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).

Thus the Lord God Michael audibly declared to Moses 9 different aspects of His glorious character. In part 3 we examined the first 7 of these aspects of the glory or way or character of the Lord God Michael, in part 4 we examined the 8th aspect, and now we will examine the 9th and last aspect.

#9—The Lord God Michael will be “visiting the iniquity of the fathers” upon their children and grandchildren “unto the third and to the fourth generation.” We have discovered that the Lord God Michael is fully and completely just and fair in all of His dealings with His creation, even declaring that “The fathers shall not be put to death for the children, neither shall the children be put to death for the fathers: every man shall be put to death for his own sin” (Deuteronomy 24:16). As this is true, then how can the Lord God Michael not attribute sin and its punishment of death upon the children of sinful fathers, and yet at the same time be visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon their children to the 3rd and 4th generation?

The Hebrew word for “visiting” used here is “paqad”, which translates and means “to visit with hostile intent, to oversee, appoint, bestow, lay up, punish, reckon, set over” (Strong’s, word #6485). So it was not that the children would be held guilty for the iniquity which their father committed, but that their father’s own iniquity would be laid up for, reckoned and appointed to, visited upon and set over his children and their offspring for years to come. In other words, whatever iniquitous habits the father developed before his children were born would be genetically bestowed upon or inherited by all of his offspring, and

thus they would be more susceptible to developing these same sinful habits in their own lives. God is pictured as overseeing this genetic transference process with hostile intent, meaning that He will not intervene or work a miracle to prevent any of these sinful habits from being passed on through the father’s genes to all of his offspring down to the 3rd and 4th generation.

But just what type of iniquitous habits were sure to be passed on through the father’s genes and inherited by several generations of his offspring? The Hebrew word for “iniquity” used here is “avown.” which translates and means “perversity, moral evil, fault, iniquity, mischief” (Strong’s, word #5771). So any fault in character due to the indulgence of any sinful habits, especially those habits dealing with sexual perversity, immorality, sensual pervasiveness, adultery, and any other improper sexual behavior, would become so ingrained into the genetic makeup of the father that he would pass on to his children these same sinful tendencies, as well as through their genes to their children and children’s children, and especially is this the case dealing with sexual evil! This is because lack of sexual control in any area directly affects the body as no other sin can do, since “Every sin that a man doeth is without the body; but he that committeth fornication (unlawful sexual actions) sinneth against his own body” (1 Corinthians 6:18).

Now, when the full realization of what this genetic transference actually means begins to dawn upon each and every father, then they will understand that if any of their posterity should commit the same kind of sinful faults or engage in the same kind of improper sexual behavior which they did, then that father will know that he is held partially responsible for those sins occurring in his posterity. And this would hold true even though that father may have already died before the 3rd or 4th generation of his offspring committed those sins!

With this solemn reality being the case, it behooves all men to make sure they avoid developing any sinful faults, but especially those dealing with any kind of improper sexual behavior, or at least overcome all of these evil habits, BEFORE deciding to get married and have any children. That way the genetic legacy you give to your offspring for generations to come will be upon a much higher and holier scale, thus making it easier for them to overcome sin and become the true followers of God, and not upon a low and evil

scale, thus making it much more difficult for them to overcome and be saved.

But knowing this, we fathers can also try and make the best of it. If we realize what sinful habits our fathers, or grandfathers, or even great grandfathers had and therefore passed on to us, then we have an advantage which will allow us to diligently begin guarding ourselves from being led to indulge in these same sinful areas. Or, if we see our own children developing any sinful habits, then this should also lead us to carefully examine our own lives to see if we are guilty of committing the same sins. If we finally see that we have the same sins to overcome as our children do, then this would especially lead us to be humble, gentle and loving when correcting our children for these same faults.

Now, for all of us who have already inherited the evil tendencies passed on to us through the genes of 3-4 generations of fathers, let us not fret or become discouraged and overwhelmed by all this extra baggage. But let us remember that there are no evil tendencies, and there are no sins or evil habits however strong, that cannot be overcome through the strength and grace freely given us by our Lord God. In our own strength we are doomed to fail, because the Lord God says “without me ye can do nothing” (John 15:5). But on the other hand, “with God nothing shall be impossible” (Luke 1:37) to overcome, and thus together with God we have the firm assurance that “all things are possible to him that believeth” (Mark 9:23).

So even though we have been led into committing all kinds of sins, have also hurt the heart of God in numerous ways, and may have even gone so far away from Him as to deny He really exists, yet He still reaches out to save us all from destruction. This shows us plainly that the love of the Lord God Michael for us “is not easily provoked” (1 Corinthians 13:5), nor does it “behave itself unseemly” (1 Corinthians 13:5), and truly it “envieth not” (1 Corinthians 13:4) and refuses to hold grudges or hot feelings of malevolence towards or against us. But the infinite love of the Lord God Michael is freely manifested towards us to lead us to understand that if we choose to give up our sins and unite ourselves with Him, then through His divine power working in us there will be no sins or character defects that together we cannot overcome!

So, we have now examined all 9 of these different aspects, and exactly what was the way or character of the Lord God Michael that was revealed to Moses? He is **merciful** and full of tender compassion because He loves us and longs to fondle or tenderly hold and comfort us in His strong arms. That even though Michael is our mighty God and Creator, yet He willingly and **graciously** bends and stoops down to favor us with His blessings, and bestow upon us His love and merciful kindness. The Lord God Michael is **longsuffering** towards sinful humanity, patiently enduring all our faults, mistakes, sins and dullness of mind, in the loving hope that soon we will wake up and be saved. Michael is **abundant in goodness** and provides His creation with sufficient and plenteous blessings to prove over and over again exactly how much He loves us and is actively working for our ultimate and eternal good, and thus is wooing us to return to Him as our God. Michael is **abundant in truth** and never deviates from truth; He is not double-minded, nor hypocritical, but whatever He says can be trusted as being necessary and best since He will never lead any of His followers astray. The Lord God **keeps mercy for thousands** because He sees mankind as truly being His creation made in His likeness and image, and thus He courteously tilts or nods His divine majestic fatherly head towards every human being in recognition of the fact that they are His children and thus equal with Him in dignity, worth, and importance. He willingly **forgives all iniquity, transgression and sin**, no matter how evil and heinous its character, if the sinner would only confess, repent and forsake them all, because He understands that we are doomed to destruction without His divine help. But even though the mighty Lord God Michael is willing to forgive all types of sin, yet He will not acquit, make blameless, or **clear the guilty** wicked should they refuse to admit or confess that they have indeed sinned. Although He will warn and even allow some punishment to come to sinners in hope of awakening them to return to Him and repent, yet in the end He not allow any determined and unrepentant sinner to go free without being destroyed by being fully punished for each of their unconfessed sins found recorded in the record books of heaven. And finally, Michael will **visit the iniquity of the fathers upon their children to the 3rd and 4th generation**, meaning that He will not work a miracle to prevent any of the sinful habits of fathers from being passed on through their genes to all of

their offspring. Yet God does not forsake any of these offspring in having to deal with this extra burden alone, but lovingly and gently leads us to understand that all things are possible to overcome through faith in Him and through His divine strength being freely given to and working in us.

Thus the character of the mighty Lord God Michael is clearly seen to be something that is truly beautiful and lovely to behold. His character is seen to be only and truly righteous without the slightest bit of evil mixed in. His character also did not reveal any hatred towards those who had broken His law and committed sin, but instead revealed a longing and patient hope that they would accept Him as their Saviour and God and thus escape from sin and death.

But there is one common principle seen to interweave itself throughout all nine of these glorious characteristics of the Lord God Michael. That principle was love: pure, tender, kind and compassionate love. And since the character of the Lord God Michael did not reveal any hatred, then it clearly showed to all that He was, and is, only and truly love.

In fact, if you examine all that the Lord God Michael had personally done for mankind since creation, you will find that it was all done from love! It was the Lord God Michael's love that prevented Adam and Eve from instantly being destroyed when they chose to sin; it was His love that led Him to become the Substitute and Sacrifice in making the plan of salvation possible for all mankind; it was His love that allowed 120 years of warning messages of a coming flood to be given so all had plenty of time to make their own decisions to be saved or lost; it was His love that chose, watched over, protected, prospered and guided Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and all his posterity while among the heathen and wicked nations; and it was the Lord God Michael's love for His people that led Him to work all of His wonders and miracles in delivering and redeeming every one of them all from their bondage and captivity to the Egyptians! All this was done because of the great love which the Lord God Michael had for His people!

"The Lord did not set his love upon you, nor choose you, because ye were more in number than any people; for ye were the fewest of all people: But because the Lord loved you, and because he would keep the oath which he had sworn unto your fathers, hath the Lord brought you out with a mighty hand, and redeemed you out of the house of bondmen, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt." Deuteronomy 7:7-8.

So all that the Lord God Michael had done for His people and followers, and all the many miracles and wonders He performed in delivering them all from their bondage and

captivity to Egypt, in defeating their enemies, feeding and protecting them in the wilderness, was all because of His great love for them. Even though many of the Israelites did not even know if He really existed and thus did not love Him in the beginning of their deliverance, yet the Lord God Michael still showered upon them all these miraculous blessings in order to prove that He really did love them. And even further beyond this, as true "Love covereth all sins" (Proverbs 10:12), then because the Lord God Michael truly loved His followers, then He would mercifully and freely forgive every sin of all who would come to Him in repentance, thus sparing and delivering them from the penalty of sin which is death!

So this love which the Lord God Michael possesses and revealed is a love that is absolutely true and not false or pretending in any fashion. Michael showed a love which is willing to suffer long and is kind; a love that envied not; a love that did not vaunt or puff itself up, and neither sought its own wishes; a love that did not behave unseemly or mistreat others, and was not easily provoked. The Lord God Michael revealed a love that thought no evil against others, rejoiced not in iniquity, but rejoiced instead in the truth; and a love that truly bared, believed, hoped and endured all things. Michael plainly showed to all that His love would not fail or allow Him to become discouraged in seeking the ultimate welfare and eternal good of others.

But exactly what kind of specific love does the mighty Lord God Michael manifest towards each and every human being? His love for humanity is expressed at least 21 different times in the Old Testament scriptures through 4 different Hebrew words: "ahab", "ahabah", "chaba" and "chashaq". Now "ahab" translates and means "to have affection for, to love" (Strong's, word #157); "ahabah" translates and means the feminine form of "to have affection for, to love" (Strong's, word #160); "chaba" translates and means "to hide in the bosom, to cherish with affection and love" (Strong's, word #2245); and "chashaq" translates and means "to cling to or join, to love, to delight in, to deliver" (Strong's, word #2836).

So the type of love that the mighty Lord God Michael manifests towards each and every human being is a love that is full of affection; a love that moves Him to cling to or join with or embrace us in His strong arms and hide us in His bosom, because He delights in us, He cherishes us, and He longs to deliver us from sin and destruction! And this marvelous, cherishing and affectionate love of the Lord God Michael for each human being is not lacking or failing in any area, because His love for us is in both the masculine and feminine form. In other

words, it is not that the Lord God Michael is both a male and female in one Being as the pagans believe, but since the masculine form of love is more of a tough, firm love, and the feminine form is more of a tender, soft love, then the type of love that the mighty Lord God Michael manifests is one that embraces both forms, thus making His love for us rich, full, perfect and wonderfully complete.

Yet not only this, but because the Lord God Michael is no respecter of persons, is impartial and treats everyone the same irregardless of position, rank, cast, wealth or poverty, then His rich, full, perfect and complete love towards us is unpretending and is unreserved. And further, because the Lord God Michael is the same yesterday, today and forever, then His rich, full, perfect, complete, unpretending and unreserved love towards us is not something that is here today and then gone tomorrow, but it is permanent, unchanging and never ending.

“The Lord hath appeared of old unto me, saying, Yea, I have loved thee with an everlasting love...” Jeremiah 31:3.

But is this great everlasting, affectionate and perfectly complete love of the Lord God Michael just kept for and manifested towards His people alone? No, because in Deuteronomy 10:17-18 it plainly tells us that even though the Lord God Michael is “God of gods, and Lord of lords, a great God, a mighty, and a terrible, which regardeth not persons, nor taketh reward:...[who] doth execute the judgment of the fatherless and widow”, yet He also “loveth the stranger”.

So this great and mighty Lord God Michael, this God of gods and Lord of lords, does not just manifest and keep His amazing and great love only for His followers alone, but also freely manifests it towards all strangers, or foreigners or sojourners, irregardless of whether they were heathen and pagans, or even non-religious. But even more than this, because this great Lord God further commanded all of His followers to also “Love ye therefore the stranger” (Deuteronomy 10:19). So His people were not just to be the recipients of God’s love without also sharing this love with others, including with those who did not love and serve their God.

Yet why would this great and mighty Lord God Michael manifest love towards all strangers and those who did not love or follow Him, and then further command all of His followers to also manifest love towards them as well? Because it was not just for the salvation and deliverance of His followers from everlasting destruction that the Lord God Michael was working,

but also for the salvation and deliverance of each and every human being, and one way of manifesting this love to them was through those who professed to be His followers.

As the Lord God Michael’s love for humanity already existed, and before any human manifested love to Him, He chose to freely manifest His love in actions towards all. This was all done in the hope that His unreserved love would awaken in each of humanity a desire to learn more about such a loving God, hoping that by observing “these things, even they shall understand the loving kindness of the Lord” (Psalms 107:43), and in turn begin to fall in love with Him. As their continued searching would finally lead them to the realization that in this loving God alone was their salvation to be found, their growing love for Him would lead them to choose to enter into a covenant relationship with Him by accepting Him as their God and Saviour, and they His followers. Thus their choice to serve God would be done out of love, and not out of fear or from force. And Michael’s love for them would keep Him true to His covenant promise to be their God and save them from everlasting death, and their love for Him as their God and Saviour would keep them true to their covenant promise to keep His commandments and live in them.

Obviously this saving knowledge of the truth that only the Lord God Michael could save anyone from everlasting destruction was not to be kept hidden away for the benefit of His followers alone, but was to be given out to all who would listen and believe. It was for this purpose that the Lord God Michael had chosen Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and all their Israelite posterity above all other people of the earth so that they could be His witnesses to all other nations. By blessing His people above all other peoples on the earth, in miraculously defending them from all their enemies, working mighty wonders in their behalf, and in manifesting such great and infinite love for them, all other nations could not help but take notice that this Lord God of Israel was vastly different from all other known deities. Thus all other peoples would become curious to want to know more about this different God. And as they would ask questions and take the time to search out more about this Lord God of Israel, they would be led to understand that the Lord God Michael was earnestly reaching out to them personally with the knowledge of the truth that He alone could save them from everlasting destruction, and that He was willing to freely save them simply because He really and truly loved them.

As this was true, then what kind of flag or banner was the Lord God Michael unfurling before all the world through all the mighty blessings, miracles and tender dealings with His people? “His banner over me was love”

(Song of Solomon 2:4). And what proved this fact to be indeed true was because this mighty Lord God Michael “hast in love to my soul delivered it from the pit of corruption: for thou hast cast all my sins behind thy back” (Isaiah 38:17).

This amazing, everlasting, unpretending and unreserved love of the Lord God Michael for each and every human being was leading all who realized it to come unto Him in repentance in order to find deliverance and redemption from sin and death. And once such deliverance and redemption from sin and death was so freely provided without cost, even though it was purchased at such a great expense and sacrifice, how could the recipients of such a free gift possibly avoid also falling in love with such a merciful Giver? It was exactly this kind of responding love which was pure and unpretending, and was willingly and freely given from a heart full of gratitude, that the Lord God Michael was seeking from His people, because “He that covereth a transgression seeketh love” in return (Proverbs 17:9).

Thus the mighty Lord God Michael was freely showering His great love and affection upon all of His followers; freely forgiving and covering all of their transgressions, iniquities and sins; freely delivering and redeeming them from death, because He truly loved them and was also seeking their willing love and affection in return. So the Lord God Michael was actually drawing people to Him through manifesting His great love for them. The Lord God Michael “drew them with cords of a man, with bands of love” (Hosea 11:3), and admits that “with lovingkindness have I drawn thee” to Me (Jeremiah 31:3).

Therefore the big question which all the people of the earth was faced with then, and will continue to be faced with until the end, was and is: How will you personally respond to such amazing love which the mighty Lord God Michael has already manifested for you? Will you choose to spurn this amazing love, resist its drawing power and remain hard-hearted and unfeeling towards the Lord God Michael? Or will you choose instead to accept His love, and in turn fall in love with Him and become connected with Him?

Many at that time chose to accept the great love of the Lord God Michael into their lives, and indeed fell in love with Him. They lived the experience listed in Song of Solomon 3:2, 4, and decided that they “will rise now, and go... seek him whom my soul loveth: I sought him, but I found him not.” Yet they did not give up their search, but continued on, and “It was but a little... [while later that] I found him whom my soul loveth: I held him, and would not let him go...” This

plainly declares that each person must individually “seek ye the Lord while he may be found” (Isaiah 55:6), and you are not to quit searching until you find Him. Once you find Him whom your soul loveth you are to hold onto Him and not let Him go, thus becoming fully His, and He yours, in a mutual loving bond and covenant agreement that will keep you both faithful to each other forever!

“And ye shall seek me and find me when ye shall search for me with all your heart, and I will be found of you, saith the Lord: and I will turn away your captivity (or free and save you from all of your sins and death), and I will gather you from all the nations (or separate you away from all groups who have given their affections to Lucifer)... and I will bring you again into the place [of the promised land].” Jeremiah 29:13-14.

This picture of the character of the Lord God being love was indeed something beautiful and glorious to behold. And as the Lord God Michael is a representative to mankind of the Almighty Lord God of heaven, then the character that Michael manifested to mankind is exactly the same character which the Almighty God has! So as we have clearly and plainly seen the true loving, tender and merciful character of the Lord God Michael, then we have actually clearly and plainly seen the very character of the Almighty God being marvelously revealed to us! In fact, Their characters stand alone in comparison with the represented characters of any of the pagan gods/goddesses or deities of any nation – especially the character of Lucifer.

All the characteristics of the pagan deities were represented as being a mixture of good and bad, sometimes doing righteous actions and other times committing evil. Thus the pagan followers came to believe that as long as they mixed some good deeds into their lives then they could be as evil as they wanted to be the rest of the time. They also came to believe that there would really be no dire consequences for any of their evil actions, because they were just imitating the character of their supreme deity.

But the character which the mighty Lord God Michael revealed was strikingly different. He revealed a character that was good, righteous and truly lovely at all times, one that frowned upon evil and punished bad deeds as sinful actions that had broken His righteous law. And even though He punishes sinful actions—especially in the lives of those who have chosen to serve and follow Him as their God, yet the punishment is not done in a

hateful manner or from a heart filled with revenge. But is done in a tender, loving manner designed to correct, and from a loving heart yearning for all to do better and come up to a higher level of character. Thus the Lord God Michael was seeking to lead all of His followers to live a better life that would bring true and lasting happiness; a life that was in perfect harmony with His written holy law, and to help them accomplish this He had already revealed in His own actions towards them all such a holy life as a living example which they could all look up to and imitate.

So the mighty Lord God Michael did in fact “make all my goodness pass before” Moses (Exodus 33:19); He did in fact “proclaim the name of the Lord before thee” (Exodus 33:19); He did in fact make all “my glory” to pass by (Exodus 33:22), and Moses was indeed clearly shown the “way” of the Lord God (Exodus 33:13) so that he might “know thee” (Exodus 33:13), fall in love with Him, and then correctly represent Him to others. All these things were clearly revealed first hand to Moses, and he clearly saw that this goodness, glory, the way and the name of the mighty Lord God Michael all pertained to His glorious, loving character.

After seeing this amazing and lovely image of the mighty Lord God Michael, Moses realized as never before that to know the Lord and be able to proclaim His name to others, was not to know a literal Hebrew or Aramaic name to call Him, but it was to know His beautiful character! Thus to see the way or course of action of the Lord God Michael, to be able to know His name and understand Him and His glory, was to discover and understand His character. And God’s character was pure love, pure righteousness, and pure holiness without the slightest bit of evil or wickedness.

Thus it was God’s righteous character that was His glory—it was His honor, and the reason God’s glory was depicted as devouring fire was because since sin is not a part of His character at all, then it cannot remain in His holy and divine presence without being completely consumed and utterly destroyed.

So what would have happened if the Lord God Michael were to appear in all His glorious splendor from the clouds of heaven that were shielding Him from the view of all the sinful people gathered below Mount Sinai? They would be instantly destroyed by the fiery brightness and sin-consuming splendor of His glory! And so what will happen to all sinners at the end of time who have refused to allow His love to draw them to Him and accept the Lord God Michael or Jesus Christ as their God and Saviour from sin? They will be destroyed by the fiery brightness and sin consuming splendor of His glory when He comes again!

So, dear one, with this glorious and yet solemn picture of truth plainly staring you in

the face, will you choose a loving God to be your Saviour and Redeemer from all sin and death, and cling to Him regardless of the cost? Or will you reject Him and spurn His great love, and instead choose to cling to your sins, allowing the author of all sin—or Lucifer—to continue to be your god, as well as your savior and redeemer from all righteousness and eternal life?

When the Lord God Michael or Jesus Christ comes again will you be heard declaring “Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, and he will save us: this is the Lord; we have waited for him, we will be glad and rejoice in his salvation” (Isaiah 25:9)? Or will you be found vainly trying to escape from being destroyed “with the brightness of his coming” (2 Thessalonians 2:8) by running “into the holes of the rocks, and into the caves of the earth, for fear of the Lord, and for the glory of his majesty” (Isaiah 2:19), and be heard calling “to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb: For the great day of his wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?” (Revelation 6:16-17).

Dear precious soul, What is your decision going to be? I hope that this short series has led you to choose the Lord God Michael/Jesus Christ, and in doing so gain everlasting life!

—end off series
—Robert Sessler

Uganda

Dear brethren, 05-27-20

Heb. 6:10-11 I have been thinking to put every God-given ability to be taxed for furthering the cause of ‘Present Truth’ and spending more of the time at night in search

When the books of Daniel and Revelation are better understood, believers will have an entirely different religious experience. They will be given such glimpses of the open gates of heaven that heart and mind will be impressed with the character that all must develop in order to realize the blessedness which is to be the reward of the pure in heart.

TM 114.3

Letters—Uganda

of messages to arouse the masses to the natural call of stay home safe but with the interest in devising fresh means to get it all done by media and internet. I have seen door to door, house to house approach working much more good than usual as I got a privilege of meeting particular family members now with discreet mind about the uncertain future. I visited 3 homes every week during the first 3 weeks of lock-down and positive results yielded. Lock-down is hard hitting in cities and towns than in villages where majority people in Africa and Uganda were at ease to travel short distances and therefore some work remains illuminating to the world more so in countryside where Corona virus is still a wave of rumors. We had registered cases of returns from foreign countries indicating no incidence of a case for those natives settled outside cities!

It has also been a period of humbling with prayers for the situation of pandemic, and work of self-individual commitment to the Lord.

I loved to get a literal deep study on prophecy of Daniel 11 with elder Jim, and other African brethren which I believed was very necessary to be used in explaining the present stand of events rolling over so that we can confidently avert a shadow upon the minds of many in the Christian world. The work is great and a work of careful consideration of the prophecy in the bible realms that need to be studied by those who claim to believe the truth for this time. The purity, sincerity, holiness and soberness of soul is to be a great subject matter while we lament deplorable errors encountered in explaining the rolling events pointing to the fulfillment of the second coming of Jesus. (Mark 1:15) The cause of God needs the indwelling and co-working of divinity by His Spirit to awaken the senses to the necessity of true conversion to the perplexed men of the world by a single wave of storm (Matthew 24:8) We have been humbled by a simple call of social distance and isolation as a standing beacon to have life in every nation, race, tribe and kindred but how much abundant life eternal would we hope for if the three angel's message was heralded and heeded. (Rev.14:6-12) Great men, rich and poor are in lock-down but the present truth message must be saturated to find them in

serenity and turn their hearts to the almighty creator.

When I consider the ample means in our hands to be used not improvidently and extravagantly, but economically and wisely, as the case seems to demand, there would be souls planted as banners of truth in many dark places of the earth among the open homesteads in country living appeal of stay home and keep a distance.

Thank you for supporting and praying for me when I was locked up in a motorbike accident which changed my life in the way I have to do things. Praise God I am taking 3 months nursing the dislocated bones which were affected. As I take much time home, I am now using social media to reach out many whom I get their contacts. As we look forward the fulfillment of Dan. 12:4 I pray that available means of radio and TV be thought of since education ministry has embarked on to educate the young generation at home and every other day out of 15 million pupils registered at school; thousands tune to attend programs. The mindset is being turned to tuning on Radios and TV sets alongside literature which is distributed in villages for the young generation. I believe if we press on with the SRA programs, then great results will yield.

I thank all of supporters for great work they do in Uganda and praying for continual support to enable us to do what we cannot do by our individual efforts. God bless you.

—J N

Dear ones,

06-30-20

Heb 6:10-11

During this period of the Pandemic Covid19, our efforts seem to have been restricted and all features of the dragon and signs of the end have become more profound to the earnest readers and prophetic researchers of the word. Many events are rolling over too fast that we can go home soon. The slogan adopted by nations "Stay home Stay safe" automatically kicked out most of the missionary laymen including established institutions! (Mar.190.4) Public transport, gathering and worship were also restricted and a styled operating principle were ushered in to give way to the authoritarians mold and promoted what seems right to fulfill the agendas of the dragon. (Ev. 12:17)

However, we haven't been silent in the meantime but we maneuvered a way out how the last message of 'Mercy' is to be sent out to

the world. At first it fulfilled our efforts of covering the establishment of 'Home Churches' and 'Online Churches' has been for real; which in African settings were a ludicrous mode of handling the separation movement. The condition at stake has forced us to start send rooting messages to most of my online contacts for group chat, talk, share and calls so that the 3 Angels message may continue circulating to all having the device even if they are not separates. This seems a much cheaper means of reaching individual's hearts since the mindset is first contacted by personal self-planting of the word by answering, reading and talking what is coordinated by conscious of brain. In doing this I have created an a FB group to handle concerns of online chats with particular persons. Pastor A__ of B__ and bro. M__ A__ of S. S__ and others are my daily subscribers of this kind of approach.

I have also helped to establish strong feelings and thinking among some few persons being impressed by live talk and texting Bible verses and SOP quotes. I pray that one day some funds will come our way to imagine using TV and Radios as airtime seem a bit expensive.

The social cultural environment created needs a shift in behavioral approach to lessen the tension with the state and peculiar beliefs of the society in general. The fast fulfillment of Dan 12:4 should find us awake to handle issues at rate propelled by evil prevailing so that the earth is filled with His glory. **5T 716.2**

In our endeavors to appear cooperative and to present a positive profile, I have devoted most of time to check with contacts arising from social media and maintain the idea of getting prints out to serve the gap created of no public gathering of more than 5 people.

These are sent out to individual locations so that our brethren can pass out without getting crowds in one area.

Thank you for standing with us in the most difficult time of our generation without which would be very difficult to reach out. It my prayers that you continue supporting us so that many may be saved. God bless

—J.N

A Preposterous Claim

The Lord has a message for our cities, and this message we are to proclaim in our camp-meetings, and by other public efforts, and also through our publications. In

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addition to this, hygienic restaurants are to be established in the cities, and by them the message of temperance is to be proclaimed. Arrangements should be made to hold meetings in connection with our restaurants. Whenever possible, let a room be provided where the patrons can be invited to lectures on the science of health and Christian temperance, where they can receive instruction on the preparation of wholesome food, and on other important subjects. {ChS 138.3}

Those who come to our restaurants should be supplied with reading matter. Their attention should be called to our literature on temperance and dietetic reform, and leaflets treating on the lessons of Christ should also be given them. The burden of supplying this reading matter should be shared by all our people. All who come should be given something to read. It may be that many will leave the tract unread, but some among those in whose hands you place it may be searching for light. They will read and study what you give them, and then pass it on to others. {ChS 138.4}

I have been instructed that one of the principal reasons why hygienic restaurants and treatment-rooms should be established in the centers of large cities, is that by this means the attention of leading men will be called to the third angel's message. Noticing that these restaurants are conducted in a way altogether different from the way in which ordinary restaurants are conducted, men of intelligence will begin to inquire into the reasons for the difference in business methods, and will investigate the principles that lead us to serve superior food. Thus they will be led to a knowledge of the message for this time. {ChS 139.1}

Cooking Schools

I have been instructed to encourage the conducting of cooking schools in all places where medical missionary work is being done. Every inducement to lead people to reform must be held out before them. Let as much light as possible shine upon them. Teach them to make every improvement that they can in the preparation of food, and encourage them to impart to others

that which they learn. {ChS 139.2}

Cooking schools are to be held. The people are to be taught how to prepare wholesome food. They are to be shown the need of discarding unhealthful foods. But we should never advocate a starvation diet. It is possible to have a wholesome, nutritious diet without the use of tea, coffee, and flesh food. The work of teaching the people how to prepare a dietary that is at once wholesome and appetizing, is of the utmost importance. {ChS 139.3}

A Timely Message

I cannot too strongly urge all our church members, all who are true missionaries, all who believe the third angel's message, all who turn away their feet from the Sabbath, to consider the message of the fifty-eighth chapter of Isaiah. The work of beneficence enjoined in this chapter is the work that God requires His people to do at this time. It is a work of His own appointment. We are not left in doubt as to where the message applies, and the time of its marked fulfillment, for we read: "They that shall be of thee shall build the old waste places; thou shalt raise up the foundations of many generations; and thou shalt be called, The repairer of the breach, The restorer of paths to dwell in." {ChS 139.4}

God's memorial, the seventh-day Sabbath, the sign of His work in creating the world, has been displaced by the man of sin. God's people have a special work to do in repairing the breach that has been made in His law; and the nearer we approach the end, the more urgent this work becomes. All who love God will show that they bear His sign by keeping His commandments. They are the restorers of paths to dwell in... Genuine medical missionary work is bound up inseparably with the keeping of God's commandments, of which the Sabbath is especially mentioned, since it is the great memorial of God's creative work. Its observance is bound up with the work of restoring the moral image of God in man. This is the ministry which God's people are to carry forward at this time. This ministry, rightly performed, will bring rich blessings to the church. {ChS 140.1}

Chapter 12-Bible Evangelism

A Heaven-born Idea

The plan of holding Bible readings was a

heaven-born idea. There are many, both men and women, who can engage in this branch of missionary labor. Workers may thus be developed who will become mighty men of God. By this means the Word of God has been given to thousands; and the workers are brought into personal contact with people of all nations and tongues. The Bible is brought into families, and its sacred truths come home to the conscience. Men are entreated to read, examine, and judge for themselves, and they must abide the responsibility of receiving or rejecting the divine enlightenment. God will not permit this precious work for Him to go unrewarded. He will crown with success every humble effort made in His name. {ChS 141.1}

Our work has been marked out for us by our heavenly Father. We are to take our Bibles, and go forth to warn the world. We are to be God's helping hands in saving souls,—channels through which His love is day by day to flow to the perishing. {ChS 141.2}

The Definite Call

Many will be called into the field to labor from house to house, giving Bible readings, and praying with those who are interested. {ChS 141.3}

Many workers are to act their part, doing house-to-house work, and giving Bible readings in families. {ChS 141.4}

Consecrated women should engage in Bible work from house to house. {ChS 141.5}

If we follow in Christ's footsteps, we must come close to those who need our ministry. We must open the Bible to the understanding, present the claims of God's law, read the promises to the hesitating, arouse the careless, strengthen the weak. {ChS 141.6}

In the experience of Philip and the Ethiopian is presented the work to which the Lord calls His people. The Ethiopian represents a large class who need missionaries like Philip, missionaries who will hear the voice of God, and go where He sends them. There are those in the world who are reading the Scriptures, but who cannot understand their import. The men and women who have a knowledge of God are needed to explain the word to these souls.

{ChS 142.1}

Among the members of our churches there should be more house-to-house labor, in giving Bible readings. {ChS 142.2}

Let the workers go from house to house, opening the Bible to the people. {ChS 142.3}

In many States there are settlements of industrious, well-to-do farmers, who have never had the truth for this time. Such places should be worked. Let our lay members take up this line of service. By lending or selling books, by distributing papers, and by holding Bible readings, our lay members could do much in their own neighborhoods. Filled with love for souls, they could proclaim the message with such power that many would be converted. {ChS 142.4}

Impressive Scenes

Hundreds and thousands were seen visiting families, and opening before them the Word of God. Hearts were convicted by the power of the Holy Spirit, and a spirit of genuine conversion was manifest. {ChS 142.5}

Two Bible workers were seated in a family. With the open Bible before them, they presented the Lord Jesus Christ as the sin-pardoning Saviour. Earnest prayer was offered to God, and hearts were softened and subdued by the influence of the Spirit of God. Their prayers were uttered with freshness and power. As the Word of God was explained, I saw that a soft, radiant light illumined the Scriptures, and I said softly, "Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that My house may be filled." {ChS 142.6}

There are many who are reading the Scriptures who cannot understand their true import. All over the world men and women are looking wistfully to heaven. Prayers and tears and inquiries go up from souls longing for light, for grace, for the Holy Spirit. Many are on the verge of the kingdom, waiting only to be gathered in. {ChS 143.1}

Preparation for the Work

The followers of Jesus are not meeting the mind and will of God, if they are content to remain in ignorance of His Word. All should become Bible students. Christ commanded His followers, "Search the Scriptures; for in them ye think ye

have eternal life: and they are they which testify of Me." Peter exhorts us, "But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts; and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear." {ChS 143.2}

Those who are truly converted must become more and more intelligent in their understanding of the Scriptures, that they may be able to speak words of light and salvation to those who are in darkness and perishing in their sins. {ChS 143.3}

We are to give the last warning of God to men, and what should be our earnestness in studying the Bible, and our zeal in spreading the light! Let every soul who has received the divine illumination seek to impart it. Let the workers go from house to house, opening the Bible to the people, circulating the publications, telling others of the light that has blessed their own souls. {ChS 143.4}

A well-balanced work can be carried on best when a training school for Bible workers is in progress. While the public meetings are being held, connected with this training school or city mission should be experienced laborers of deep spiritual understanding, who can give the Bible workers daily instruction, and who can also unite wholeheartedly in the general public effort being put forth. {ChS 143.5}

Secret of Success

Bring earnestness and fervency into your prayers, and into your Bible readings, and into your preaching, that you may leave the impression that the sacred truths you are presenting to others are to you a living reality. Whatever you do for Jesus, seek with all your powers to do it with earnestness. Never feel that you have attained to the highest point, and can therefore rise no higher... Set your mind to task, that you may present the truth in a manner to interest them. Seize the most interesting portions of Scripture that you can bring before them, come right to the point, and seek to fasten their attention, and instruct them in the ways of the Lord. {ChS 144.1}

Chap. 13 - Ministry of the Printed Page

Work of First Importance

If there is one work more important than another, it is that of getting our publications before the public, thus leading them to search the Scriptures. Missionary work—introducing our publications into families, conversing, and

praying with and for them—is a good work. {ChS 145.1}

Let every Seventh-day Adventist ask himself, "What can I do to proclaim the third angel's message?" Christ came to this world to give this message to His servant to give to the churches. It is to be proclaimed to every nation, kindred, tongue, and people. How are we to give it? The distribution of our literature is one means by which the message is to be proclaimed. Let every believer scatter broadcast tracts and leaflets and books containing the message for this time. Colporteurs are needed who will go forth to circulate our publications everywhere. {ChS 145.2}

Papers and books are the Lord's means of keeping the message for this time continually before the people. In enlightening and confirming souls in the truth, the publications will do a far greater work than can be accomplished by the ministry of the word alone. The silent messengers that are placed in the homes of the people through the work of the canvasser, will strengthen the gospel ministry in every way; for the Holy Spirit will impress minds as they read the books, just as He impresses the minds of those who listen to the preaching of the word. The same ministry of angels attends the books that contain the truth as attends the work of the minister. {ChS 145.3}

Let not the canvassing work be left to languish. Let the books containing the light on present truth be placed before as many as possible. The presidents of our conferences and others in responsible positions have a duty to do in this matter. {ChS 145.4}

The world is to receive the light of truth through an evangelizing ministry of the word in our books and periodicals. Our publications are to show that the end of all things is at hand. {ChS 146.1}

God calls upon His people to act like living men, and not be indolent, sluggish, and indifferent. We must carry the publications to the people and urge them to accept. {ChS 146.2}

Our publications are now sowing the gospel seed, and are instrumental in bringing as many souls to Christ as the preached word. Whole churches have been raised up as the result of their circulation. In this work every disciple of Christ can act a part. {ChS 146.3}

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