

EMNANT PROPHECY SEMINAR

Self-Sacrificing Love

07: Truth in the Outer Court

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We have been seeking to make Jesus Christ the great center of the Third Angel's Message and also dealing with the Fruit of the Spirit; the Golden oil of Love, which is found in the vessels of the Wise Virgins as well as in their lamps.

Psalm 97:10 "Ye that love the LORD, hate evil: he preserveth the souls of his saints; he delivereth them out of the hand of the wicked."

We were learning about the Seal of God and the Bible speaks of Self-sacrificing Love as a Seal upon our hearts and minds in Songs of Solomon 8:6, 7. The love that we are seeking to define is the Law of Self-sacrificing Love; the principles of the Ten Commandments; Love to God; Love to man. The Bible says that many waters cannot quench love; neither can the floods drown it.

Self-sacrificing Love is the actuating principle and power of the gospel; it actually motivates us and constrains us to want to put away sin; because we would not want to crucify the Son of God afresh and put Him to open shame by wounding and bruising Him with our transgressions and sins. We have Calvary before us and we realize what sin has cost; it cost the Son of God to give His life that we might have another trial and probation. When we understand that it was OUR sins that killed Jesus and broke His heart, this is when the Holy Spirit can work through divine grace and lead us into an experience of true repentance and godly sorrow for sin where we have that repentance that needeth not to be repented of.

In this verse the Bible measures our love of God; if we really love God, then we should be hating evil and sin; hating transgression and iniquity. The Bible says of Jesus:

Hebrews 1:9 "Thou hast loved righteousness, and hated iniquity; therefore God, even thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows."

Our first text talks about those that Love the Lord and hate evil. The same basis for keeping God's commandments; "If ye love Me, keep My commandments." If we really Love God we are going to hate sin because we realize what sin has cost, and what sin has done to Jesus Christ and we do not want to repeat and re-enact the scenes of Calvary once again where Jesus goes through the shame, suffering and agony for OUR sins.

The Bible says, "He preserveth the souls of His saints". In the last days, the saints are described as those that have patience and keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus. "He delivereth them out of the hand of the wicked"; this points to the time of the Mark of the Beast crisis, where in the last days, just like Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, those that come to the time of the decree are forced to worship the 'golden image' as it were, on pain of death. The Bible says they will be in the hand of the wicked; the hand of the King of the North. God has promised

He will deliver us as we have victory over the Beast, his Image, his Mark, number and name. This is pointing us to the time of Daniel 11:40-45.

Love not the World

In the Bible, we have been commanded by God to 'love not the world neither the things that are in the world'. If any man loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. Either we have the love of God, which is Self-sacrificing Love which leads us to hate sin and to crucify it; or we are going to love the world and all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes and the pride of life; and when iniquity abounds, the love of many waxes cold.

The things that are in the world are used by Satan as a fire extinguisher to put out our Love for God, which leads us to truly obey Him and be dead to self and sin; Self-sacrificing Love; which is the glory of the Law and gospel. There is a principle that when we truly love God's Law, it is going to lead us to hate sin, hate iniquity, hate transgression, depart from iniquity and have nothing to do with it.

Psalm 119:97 "O how love I thy law! it is my meditation all the day. 98 Thou through thy commandments hast made me wiser than mine enemies: for they are ever with me. 99 I have more understanding than all my teachers: for thy testimonies are my meditation. 100 I understand more than the ancients, because I keep thy precepts. 101 I have refrained my feet from every evil way, that I might keep thy word. 102 I have not departed from thy judgments: for thou hast taught me. 103 How sweet are thy words unto my taste! yea, sweeter than honey to my mouth! 104 Through thy precepts I get understanding: therefore I hate every false way."

Because we love God's law, Self-sacrificing Love, this is what leads us to refrain our feet from evil so that we can keep God's Word. Through His precepts we get understanding; we hate every false way.

Verse 103 says, "How sweet are thy words unto my taste! yea, sweeter than honey to my mouth!" The only way the Word of God becomes sweet to our mouth and to our taste is if we eat it. We have been commanded to take the 'Little Book' and eat it. The experience of truly eating the book and filling our bowels, or our heart and inward parts with God's Word, is that we are going to hate every false way. If you are hating every false way then you are not going to be committing sin, transgression or iniquity. You will truly hate iniquity and love righteousness.

Psalm 119:113 "I hate vain thoughts: but thy law do I love."

When we love the Law of God we are going to hate the vain thoughts of this world.

Psalm 119:114 "Thou art my hiding place and my shield: I hope in thy word. 115 Depart from me, ye evildoers: for I will keep the commandments of my God. 116 Uphold me according unto thy word, that I may live: and let me not be ashamed of my hope. 117 Hold thou me up, and I shall be safe: and I will have respect unto thy statutes continually. 118 Thou hast trodden down all them that err from thy statutes: for their deceit is falsehood. 119 Thou puttest away all the wicked of the earth like dross: therefore I love thy testimonies. 120 My flesh trembleth for fear of thee; and I am afraid of thy judgments."

Psalm 119:121 "I have done judgment and justice: leave me not to mine oppressors. 122 Be surety for thy servant for good: let not the proud oppress me.

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123 Mine eyes fail for thy salvation, and for the word of thy righteousness.
124 Deal with thy servant according unto thy mercy, and teach me thy statutes.
125 I am thy servant; give me understanding, that I may know thy testimonies.
126 It is time for thee, LORD, to work: for they have made void thy law."

When is the time when Papists, Protestants and Worldlings are going to come together in a three-fold union to make void God Law? We know that this is the event of the Sunday Law crisis, when the Mark of the Beast is enforced upon us; the test comes to every soul. What should be our reaction and response when we see God's Law made void.

127 "Therefore I love thy commandments above gold; yea, above fine gold."

The Bible says, "Therefore", because the law has been made void; Sunday is enforced now by Church and State, modern Babylon; "Therefore I love thy commandments above gold; yea, above fine gold." Why are we to love God's commandments above gold in the time of the Sunday Law? It is because we will not be able to buy or sell unless we have the Mark in the right hand or the forehead.

This reminds me of Daniel 11:41-43 when the King of the North, after conquering the Glorious land and conquering Egypt, he is going to have power over the precious things and the treasures of gold and silver. The Ethiopians and the Libyans will be at his steps. If you want any gold in the last days, you are going to have to be in step, in subjection, be a servant to the King of the North and therefore be able to buy and sell.

128 "Therefore I esteem all thy precepts concerning all things to be right; and I hate every false way."

In Psalm 119:97-112: If we love God's Law truly, the principle of Self-sacrificing Love leads us to hate evil: First Angel's Message.

119:113-120: I hate vain thoughts; Your Law I Love. Why is that important? We know that the Seal of God can never be placed on the forehead of an impure man or woman. If we have worldly, corrupt and wicked thoughts, we are not having a mind or character prepared for the Seal of God. This is the experience of the Second Angel, coming out of Babylon.

119:121-128: where we actually see the Third Message, when the Law of God is made void and we still love God's Law above fine gold and we are hating every false way. This is why many waters can't quench Love; neither can the floods drown it. The floods of Papal persecution will be unleashed first in the United States, and then the rest of the world, but we will not be swept away by storm and tempest because we will be rooted and grounded in love; we'll have the Golden oil of Love; the Fruit of the Spirit; the fullness of the former and latter rain. This is what we need to get us through the Little Time of Trouble, and Jacob's time of trouble if we are to live and make it through that experience.

When we look at the experience of Peter, he denied his Lord three times. Then after his fall, conversion and restoration, Jesus asked him three times, "Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou Me?" Why did Jesus ask this three times? This is what Peter was lacking; he had an understanding of Bible Prophecy; he even understood that Jesus was the Son of the living God. When Peter saw many disciples that had walked with Christ leave Him to walk with Him no more, Jesus asked, "Are you going to leave also?" Peter said, "Lord, to whom shall we go? Thou hast the words of eternal life." Peter understood Jesus to be the Messiah, but his understanding of truth did not keep him in

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the crisis. He needed to have a first love experience, Self-sacrificing Love, this is what would have kept Peter in the hour of temptation.

So if we don't have this Self-sacrificing Love as an abiding principle in our hearts, then when iniquity abounds, the love of many will wax cold and we will fall away and apostatize and receive the Mark of the Beast in the right hand or the forehead.

The only remedy; the only antidote; the only cure to the sin problem in our lives where we are no longer struggling with sin; not compromising with sin, or yielding to temptation, is the Love of Christ; Self-sacrificing Love; Love to God and love to man. Loving righteousness and hating iniquity; I love Thy Law Lord, but vain thoughts and wicked ways do I hate. The Love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Spirit.

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2 Chronicles 29:1 "Hezekiah began to reign when he was five and twenty years old, and he reigned nine and twenty years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Abijah, the daughter of Zechariah. 2 And he did that which was right in the sight of the LORD, according to all that David his father had done. 3 He in the first year of his reign, in the first month, opened the doors of the house of the LORD, and repaired them."

As we look at Hezekiah and the work that he and the priests did; this is the work that God's people, Seventh-day Adventism, the royal priesthood and holy nation, need to be doing spiritually in these last days. Notice that Hezekiah opens the doors of the Lord's house and he repairs them. This is the work of Isaiah 58:12; they that be of thee shall build the old waste places; they will raise up the foundations of many generations; they will be called repairers of the breach and restorers of paths to dwell in. Those that take part in the work of Isaiah 58 are the reformers of the Third Angel in these last days.

Sister White comments more on Isaiah 58 than any other chapter. We are told to study that chapter verse by verse and point by point. Not only does it describe the Everlasting Gospel, and medical missionary work; but it is also the remedy for the lukewarm disease of the church, pride, selfishness and love of the world. Keep Isaiah 58 in mind and the work of Ezra, Nehemiah and Zerubbabel, as we read these verses. We're talking about repairing the breach, restoring the paths to dwell in; raising up the foundations of many generations.

2 Chronicles 29:4 "And he brought in the priests and the Levites, and gathered them together into the east street,

I like the fact that it is in the east street because when you study the east in prophecy, it is where the glory of God comes from. It also carries us to the 'tidings that come from the east and the north'. The priests and Levites represent God's messengers, those that have the Law of truth in their mouths; those seeking knowledge can get it from the Levites. They are those that are walking with God in peace and equity and turning many from iniquity to righteousness.

2 Chronicles 29:5 "And said unto them, Hear me, ye Levites, sanctify now yourselves, and sanctify the house of the LORD God of your fathers, and carry forth the filthiness out of the holy place."

Before the Levites were to go and sanctify the house and cleanse the temple, they first had to sanctify themselves. This is why the minister or servant of God has to first be sanctified. If he is not

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consecrated to the work then how can he think to cleanse and sanctify the temple? How can he think to actually benefit God's people?

This is what Jesus did; in John 17:19 after He said, "Sanctify them through Thy truth; Thy Word is truth;" He said, "And for their sakes I sanctify Myself that they also might be sanctified through the truth." "I am sanctifying Myself so My brethren, my disciple might be sanctified." We see the same work happen here; where the priests are told, "Sanctify yourselves and then sanctify the house of the Lord God of your fathers and carry forth the filthiness out of the holy place." Before you carry the filthiness out of the Holy Place, or out of the church, we have to be sure that the filthiness, unclean things of this world, idols, and other gods are first carried out of our temple, out of our house and soul. Our soul temple has to be cleansed from all impurities.

2 Chronicles 29:6 "For our fathers have trespassed, and done that which was evil in the eyes of the LORD our God, and have forsaken him, and have turned away their faces from the habitation of the LORD, and turned their backs."

The reason why they had to sanctify themselves and the house, carry out the filthiness, the sin out of the church, is because, "Our fathers have trespassed, and done evil in the eyes of the LORD our God." Why did they do evil? Why is it that we do evil? What is the foundation of all those that do evil? No matter what wickedness it is, it is because of sin, it is selfishness; it is because we love something more than we love God. We are lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God. This is why we have a form of godliness without the power. The reason they did evil was they loved something more than Jesus. Something was put where the Cross of Calvary should be; so there was no power to keep from doing evil and yielding to wickedness.

Where else do we see a group that turn their back on the habitation of the Lord and their faces are toward the east and they worship the sun? This is found in Ezekiel 8 and symbolizes the reception of the Mark of the Beast. Those that are involved with abomination after abomination that comes from Babylon and as a result probation closes upon them with the Mark of the Beast. Verse 6 is describing what happened in Ezekiel 8; and all those abominations are what they love more than truth, more than the righteousness of Christ; more than God.

2 Chronicles 29:7 Also they have shut up the doors of the porch, and put out the lamps, and have not burned incense nor offered burnt offerings in the holy place unto the God of Israel.

When you study the sanctuary, especially in Exodus, the priest was to make sure that the lights of the lamp were to burn continually. That light was never to go out, showing that the light of truth is never to be extinguished. The light of God's Law and Jesus the light of the world is to continually shine in the midst of darkness; in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation. The reason why the lamps went out. . . you can see this in the life of Eli; Eli was a priest that let the lamp go out. He was not vigilant.

The reason why the lamp goes out is because there is no more oil. When there is no oil; no oil of grace, oil of truth or righteousness, no oil of love, then there is nothing to feed the lamp and darkness comes in. The fact that the lamps were not burning shows that there was an absence of oil. Those that have no oil in their vessels are the Foolish Virgins; the Foolish Virgins are responsible for what has taken place; they haven't burned incense, they have not offered burnt offerings in the Holy place.

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Why were they not burning incense and offering up their offerings in the sanctuary? It wasn't because they were not burning incense; they were burning incense and giving their burnt offerings, but it wasn't in the sanctuary. Where were they doing it? They were in the groves, in the high places, and under every green tree, burning incense to Baal and giving their offerings to Moloch; probably their children.

True worship in the system of the sanctuary that reveals the plan of salvation, reveals Jesus the way, the truth and the life, this is all suspended, all shut up. Baal worship, the doctrines of Jezebel, Balaam, and the Nicolaitanes had come into the church because they had left their first love; therefore the candlestick was removed out of its place.

2 Chronicles 29:8 "Wherefore the wrath of the LORD was upon Judah and Jerusalem, and he hath delivered them to trouble, to astonishment, and to hissing, as ye see with your eyes. 9 For, lo, our fathers have fallen by the sword, and our sons and our daughters and our wives are in captivity for this."

Israel, Samaria, had already been destroyed by the Assyrian power. The curse of Moses was already upon them and they were carried into captivity by the King of Assyria. Judah remains; Hezekiah, the son of Ahaz, was the King of Judah.

2 Chronicles 29:10 "Now it is in mine heart to make a covenant with the LORD God of Israel, that his fierce wrath may turn away from us."

We are talking about those that are going to enter into covenant with the Lord by sacrifice.

2 Chronicles 29:11 "My sons, be not now negligent: for the LORD hath chosen you to stand before him, to serve him, and that ye should minister unto him, and burn incense."

There is about to be a mighty revival and reformation; a returning back to the foundations and the Old Paths, the good way. Verses 12-14 mention all the names of the priests, Levites and ministers that were leading out in this work.

2 Chronicles 29:15 "And they gathered their brethren, and sanctified themselves, and came, according to the commandment of the king, by the words of the LORD, to cleanse the house of the LORD."

Here we see a gathering together for the work of cleansing themselves and sanctifying themselves. There is a recovery and regaining of their first love experience.

2 Chronicles 29:16 "And the priests went into the inner part of the house of the LORD, to cleanse it, and brought out all the uncleanness that they found in the temple of the LORD into the court of the house of the LORD. And the Levites took it, to carry it out abroad into the brook Kidron."

This was not a surface work; it went deep; it went inside beyond the veil, beyond the court, beyond the holy place, they went inside and cleansed from the inside and then brought it out. What Satan deceives us into doing is to clean up the outside and eventually, maybe, get to the inside. God starts working from the inside; He starts from the heart and based upon what He does on the inside it is going to be manifested on the outside.

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They went into the inner part of the temple and took out all the uncleanness. Outwardly many look like disciples, look like Christians, like we love Jesus and are servants of God but it is not until you go inside the sanctuary. Ezekiel had to dig and look into a hole in the wall, in the dark and that is where he saw all the abominations, the creeping things and idols. Outwardly it looked like they were righteous and holding to right doctrines—but inside is where you see the uncleanness, the filthiness. The Bible tells us that God wants to fill us with His Spirit in the inner man. Ephesians 3:16.

2 Chronicles 29:17 “Now they began on the first day of the first month to sanctify, and on the eighth day of the month came they to the porch of the LORD: so they sanctified the house of the LORD in eight days; and in the sixteenth day of the first month they made an end. 18 Then they went in to Hezekiah the king, and said, We have cleansed all the house of the LORD, and the altar of burnt offering, with all the vessels thereof, and the shewbread table, with all the vessels thereof. 19 Moreover all the vessels, which king Ahaz in his reign did cast away in his transgression, have we prepared and sanctified, and, behold, they are before the altar of the LORD.

They cleansed all the house of the Lord; they restored the vessels and the furniture. All of this had been cast away; it was closed and shut up but now they restored the true worship of the sanctuary which represents the true gospel, the central pillars and foundation of our faith. Notice, they cleansed the altar of offering, the table of shewbread, and brought the vessels which king Ahaz in his transgression had cast away. That represents getting rid of all of our foundations, pillars, principles and standards of true worship.

Why did he do it? What caused him to cast away the sanctuary so they turned their back on the temple and their faces towards the East and worshipped the sun towards the east? In the story of Uzziah, the reason why he got leprosy in his forehead was because he was using his kingly power to try and combine church and state, because his heart was lifted up to try to take control of the church just like Lucifer wanted to do in heaven as well.

2 Chronicles 28:19 “For the LORD brought Judah low because of Ahaz king of Israel; for he made Judah naked, and transgressed sore against the LORD.”

So Ahaz made Judah naked; nakedness is a state of apostasy. In Genesis 3, when Adam and Eve heard God walking in the cool of the day they hid themselves for they were naked. They were naked because of apostasy; they had encountered the serpent which caused them to be naked; they ate of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil; they received a false education in place of true education. The serpent was the beast power. As he deceived Eve at that tree to partake of the forbidden fruit you can show he was able to get Eve to accept another gospel.

“Did God say you shouldn’t eat of every tree in the garden? God doesn’t know what he is talking about; you shall not surely die.” That was the first sermon on the immortality of the soul; spiritualism. But it doesn’t stop there; “You are going to be as gods knowing good and evil.” A man through sinning is going to be exalted to the standing of God? A man that claims to be God; this is the man of sin the Papal power.

Does he not have a Mark of authority to prove that he is god to the world? That he is bishop of all churches and corrector of heretics? That mark of authority is Sunday. Just as God has a sign of His authority; when you accept the Seventh-day Sabbath you are accepting God’s authority as Creator.

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Right there Satan preached the gospel of Spiritualism; and Sunday sacredness right back there in Eden. And as a result they ended up becoming naked and lost the role of righteousness; they were no longer in God's image, they were in the image of the beast.

In the last days Laodicea is poor, blind, miserable and naked. This is a picture of Laodicea; Ahaz through apostasy had made them naked and they transgressed sore against the Lord. Even when you consider the Golden Calf apostasy; they also danced and worshipped the beast. The Bible says that Aaron had made them naked unto their shame among their enemies.

There is always a leader that makes the people of God naked in connection with the worship of the beast or the image of the beast. When we worship the beast we lose the righteousness of Christ and are no longer in the image of Christ but are now in the image of the beast; we reflect his thoughts and character.

2 Chronicles 28:20 "And Tilgathpilneser king of Assyria came unto him, and distressed him, but strengthened him not. 21 For Ahaz took away a portion out of the house of the LORD, and out of the house of the king, and of the princes, and gave it unto the king of Assyria: but he helped him not."

What was Ahaz doing having an alliance with the king of Assyria? The king of Assyria is the King of the North. Here the leader of God's people has an alliance with the representative of Satan, the king of Assyria; very interesting.

28:22 "And in the time of his distress did he trespass yet more against the LORD: this is that king Ahaz. 23 For he sacrificed unto the gods of Damascus, which smote him: and he said, Because the gods of the kings of Syria help them, therefore will I sacrifice to them, that they may help me. But they were the ruin of him, and of all Israel."

So what is Ahaz doing; is he sacrificing and worshipping the God of Heaven? No; he is sacrificing to the gods of Damascus, the sun, moon and stars.

28:24 "And Ahaz gathered together the vessels of the house of God, and cut in pieces the vessels of the house of God, and shut up the doors of the house of the LORD, and he made him altars in every corner of Jerusalem. 25 And in every several city of Judah he made high places to burn incense unto other gods, and provoked to anger the LORD God of his fathers."

He shut up the sanctuary; he shut up access to where we can have salvation, come to the Lamb and receive forgiveness of our sins, justification. He shuts the doors of the house of the Lord and made him altars in every corner of Jerusalem. Why is he making altars? Is he as a king allowed or entitled to make altars? What does the civil power have to do with making altars and telling us where we can worship, when we should worship, and how we should worship?

Ahaz is doing what Uzziah did that got him the mark of leprosy in his forehead. The same thing that Jeroboam did that got his hand withered. He is burning incense, when the Priests were the only ones set aside to even handle the vessels of the sanctuary; to even burn the incense. We see here the combination of church and state; image of the Beast and when this happens, this is when the sanctuary service and the vessels and furniture get thrown away and in its place is set up another gospel, another Jesus, another spirit. This is what leads us into chapter 29, and now we have a revival and reformatory movement.

Inner and Outer

Truth in the outer court; is there a problem with that? The Bible says:

Psalm 51:6 "Behold, thou desirest truth in the inward parts: and in the hidden part thou shalt make me to know wisdom."

When they went to cleanse the temple and remove the filthiness and uncleanness they went inside and they cleansed the inner part. What does this mean to us at the end of the world?

"Those who have a hold of the truth theoretically, with their finger tips as it were, who have not brought its principles into the inner sanctuary of the soul, but have kept the vital truth in the outer court, will see nothing sacred in the past history of this people, which has made them what they are, and has established them as earnest, determined missionary workers in the world. The truth for this time is precious; but those whose hearts have not been broken by falling on the rock Christ Jesus, will not see and understand what is truth. [That is the experience of the Foolish Virgins.] They will accept that which pleases their ideas, and will begin to manufacture another foundation than that which is laid. They will flatter their own vanity and esteem, thinking that they are capable of removing the pillars of our faith, and replacing them with pillars they have devised."

"This will continue to be as long as time shall last. Any one who has been a close student of the Bible will see and understand the solemn position of those who are living in the closing scenes of this earth's history. They will feel their own inefficiency and weakness, and will make it their first business to have not merely a form of godliness, but a vital connection with God. They will not dare to rest until Christ is formed within, the hope of glory. Self will die; pride will be expelled from the soul, and they will have the meekness and gentleness of Christ." LS 430, 431.

The first business is to have a vital connection with God. The first business is also the first work; remember Jesus said, "Repent and do the first works." The first work; the first business is not merely to have a form of godliness, which means we love pleasure more than we love God, but we are to have a vital connection with God.

"Our people have been regarded as too insignificant to be worthy of notice, but a change will come. The Christian world is now making movements which will necessarily bring commandment-keeping people into prominence. There is a constant supplanting of God's truth by the theories and false doctrines of human origin. Movements are being set on foot to enslave the consciences of those who would be loyal to God. The lawmaking powers will be against God's people. . .

She is talking about the Sunday Law time in the near future.

"Every soul will be tested. Oh, that we would, as a people, be wise for ourselves, and by precept and example impart that wisdom to our children! Every position of our faith will be searched into; and if we are not thorough Bible students, established, strengthened, and settled, the wisdom of the world's great men will lead us astray.

"The world is busy, anxious, and devoted. Evil is eagerly followed as though it were righteousness, error as though it were truth, and sin as though it were holiness. Darkness is covering the earth, and gross darkness the people. . .

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When darkness is covering the earth and gross darkness the people, God's people are to 'arise and shine for your light is come'. What is that light that is risen upon us at a time of darkness and gross darkness? That light, that glory, is the glory of Self-sacrificing Love, the character of Christ. It is Love that does not excuse sin, but love that expels sin from the heart and life.

"And shall God's people be asleep at such a time as this? Shall those who hold the truth be silent, as if paralyzed? Infidels declare that if they believed what Christians profess to believe, they would be far more in earnest than they. If we believe that the end of all things is at hand, "what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness?" 5T 546.

If we truly believe that we are living at the End of the World and the Day of the Lord is nigh, we should be growing more in all holy conversation and godliness. If we believe these things and our conversation is not holy and not godly, then there is something wrong.

"Every soul who truly believes the truth will have corresponding works. All will be earnest and solemn, and unwearied in their efforts to win souls to Christ. If the truth is first planted deep in their own souls, then they will seek to plant it in the hearts of others. . .

One way we know that we are really accepting the principles of the truth and that we have corresponding works is we are going to be winning souls to Christ. We are going to be involved in missionary work; we are going to be doing evangelism. Not just in-reach but also out-reach to the Jew and gentile; if the principles of truth are truly planted in our souls; if we really have corresponding works. There is no way we can say, "I believe the truth for this time," and yet we are not trying to win souls for Christ. That is a contradiction; you don't have the truth; you may have the truth theoretically, but it hasn't filled your bowels; it hasn't filled your soul, it is just at your fingertips. It has not gone from the intellect into the spiritual.

"The truth is kept altogether too much in the outer court. Bring it into the inner temple of the soul, enthrone it in the heart, and let it control the life. The word of God should be studied and obeyed, then the heart will find rest and peace and joy, and the aspirations will tend heavenward; but when truth is kept apart from the life, in the outer court, the heart is not warmed with the glowing fire of God's goodness." 5T 547.

Those who do not truly seek to win souls for Christ, Jew and Gentile, at this time before the Sunday Law crisis, the truth is in the outer court. When it is in the outer court it is not in the heart; if it is not in your heart, it can't save you, it won't do anything, it will just condemn you.

"The religion of Jesus is, by many, reserved for certain days, or certain occasions, and at other times is laid aside and neglected. The abiding principle of truth is not merely for a few hours on the Sabbath, or for a few acts of charity, but it is to be brought into the heart, refining and sanctifying the character. If there is a moment when man is safe without this special light and strength from heaven, then he may dispense with the truth of God. The Bible, God's pure, holy word, must be his counselor and guide, the controlling power of his life. It gives forth its lessons to us if we will take them to heart." 5T 547.

"The heart must be brought into conformity to the will of God. As is the health of the heart, so is the religious experience and the fruit seen in the life. Unless the heart is cleansed from all defilement, evil will appear in the life. No one can in truth fulfill the requirements of God's law unless this law is written on his heart. . .

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What are the requirements of God's Law? We are to love God with all of our heart all of our soul and all of our mind and to love our neighbor as ourselves. But brethren, we can't do that, we can't love God and love our fellow man as long as we have stony hearts, as long as selfishness; as long as evil, pride and covetousness is in the heart, there is no room to carry out the principles of the law. A selfish heart has no room or place to receive the law; our hearts are full of selfishness, full of impurity, which is why God says, "I have to take away that stony heart because there is no place or space to write My Law. I have to provide a new heart, a new mind that can receive the Law." Then we can carry out the principles of the Law, Self-sacrificing Love. Then we are ready and preparing for the Seal of God; settling into the truth intellectually and spiritually so we can't be moved.

"He only who makes righteousness a part of his life is prepared rightly to estimate the truth. The truth is no truth to the one who merely makes a profession, who is not sanctified by its power, upon whose heart its image is not stamped. . .

Truth has an image; Jesus is the way, the truth and the life; when we are receiving the truth then the image of Jesus will be stamped on the heart.

"Such a one keeps the truth in the outer court. His love for Christ is superficial, exercising little controlling power over his reason."

"When young and old give careful, prayerful thought to the preparation required in order to do true service for God, a decided reformation will be seen. In the place of drinking in iniquity, the heart will be filled to overflowing with the love of Christ. The whole being will be enlisted in God's service. The affections will be set on things above. We shall respond heartily to the words of life, "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbor as thyself." AUCR, July 15, 1902

"Those who profess to believe the special truths for this time need to be converted and sanctified by the truth. As Christians we are made depositaries of sacred truth, and we are not to keep the truth in the outer court, but bring it into the sanctuary of the soul. Then the church will possess divine vitality throughout. The weak shall be as David, and David as the angel of the Lord."

"One question will be all absorbing,--Who shall approach the nearest to the likeness of Christ?"

"Who shall do most to win souls to righteousness? When this is the ambition of believers, contention is at an end; the prayer of Christ is answered." GCDB, February 6, 1893

When the truth is no longer in the outer court, but is brought into the sanctuary of the soul and we are converted; there is only going to be two questions; there is not going to be a lot of theological debate and arguments about the truth. When the Midnight Cry was carried, it wasn't carried by argument but by deep conviction of the Spirit of God, because the arguments had been presented. We know the truth intellectually; but when the Loud Cry is carried to every nation, kindred, tongue and people, again it won't be by argument, but by the Holy Spirit's power. There is one question that will be all absorbing; who shall approach the nearest to the likeness of Christ? Who shall do most to win souls to Christ? If the image of Christ is stamped upon our souls and we are reflecting that image, we are going to be winning souls to Christ. We are going to be turning souls to righteousness.

"When this is the ambition of believers, contention is at an end; the prayer of Christ is answered."

"When this is the ambition of believers;" not so much arguing and dealing with who has the correct position on this book; or on this doctrine; or on this teaching; just wanting to win our arguments; and win our positions and show that we're right and that you're wrong; and that you're a heretic and a fanatic. No; who will approach nearest to the likeness of Christ? Who will do most to win souls to righteousness? When this is the ambition of the believers; there is no more contention. It is at an end! I want the contention to be at an end; I don't know about you.

"The prayer of Christ is answered." Aren't we to study how we should answer the prayer of Christ in John 17, that we all might be one as the Father and the Son are One?

"When the Holy Spirit was poured out upon the early church, 'The whole multitude of them that believed were of one heart and of one soul.' The Spirit of Christ made them one. This is the fruit of abiding in Christ. But if dissension, envy, jealousy, and strife are the fruit we bear, **it is not possible that we are abiding in Christ.**" GCDB, February 6, 1893

Spirit of Antichrist

Something is wrong; if we are not abiding in Christ then who are we abiding in? What are we abiding in? Antichrist! We are abiding in death. Is there dissention? This is serious! Is there dissention? Is there envy; is there fighting? Is there striving and bickering? Is there contention? We are not abiding in Christ! The Bible says:

1 John 3:6 "Whosoever abideth in him sinneth not: whosoever sinneth hath not seen him, neither known him."

It is sad because a lot of the dissention, envy and jealousy is all manufactured. This is man-made; it is of human origin. It has nothing to do with the trials of God at all. In fact, did you know that the only trials that can purify our souls and remove the rough edges and square us, hew us, shape us and mold us into Christ and prepare us to take our place in the heavenly building, are only God's trials? The trials of man can't do that work.

It is like some of us, we think that we're following God's rules and God's commandments and God's Laws but all it really is, is King Saul, kingly power at work that says, "Cursed be any man that tasteth any food until evening until I be revenged of my enemies!" Most of the people are following that oath; they're trembling; they're scared. There is plenty of honey on the ground of God's providing, but the people are scared to eat the honey because of what Saul said; because the king said, "Don't taste it; I need to be avenged of my enemies. I put a curse on you."

Many of us are taking up burdens and taking up yokes that God has never given to us to bear; and we are prisoners; and slaves and servants to man and to sin; we're in the worse bondage.

"Jesus longs to bestow the heavenly endowment in large measure upon his people. . . .

We believe that the Spirit of God is falling in measure right now; but God wants to do it in a large measure. He can't do it right now with all the strife, all the debate, all the contention and dissention. We're not abiding in Christ and it doesn't matter concerning the doctrines and the prophecies and the theologies that we hold if we are not abiding in Christ. What does it mean to us? It can't give us salvation. We can't be saved; we can't reflect His image and likeness; what is it worth? We can't receive the heavenly endowment in large measure upon us as a people.

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"How great and widespread must be the power of the prince of evil which can be subdued only by the mighty power of the Spirit. Disloyalty to God, transgression in every form, has spread over our world. Those who would preserve their allegiance to God, who are active in his service, become the mark of every shaft and weapon of hell."

"If those who have had great light have not corresponding faith and obedience, they soon become leavened with the prevailing apostasy; another spirit controls them. **While they have been exalted to heaven in point of opportunities and privileges, they are in a worse condition than the most zealous advocates of error.**"

"There are many who have thus been preparing themselves for moral inefficiency in the great crisis." GCDB, February 6, 1893

Imagine this: you have the truth; you know the truth for this time; you know Daniel and Revelation, you're standing on the platform of truth and you know there are people that teach error, teach darkness. You know that people teach theology from Babylon; from Catholicism; from apostate Protestantism, and you know it and can identify it. You can sniff out the heresy and the heretics. But what does it say? If you don't have corresponding faith and obedience with the truth, if we don't bring the truth into the inner sanctuary of the soul, and God has exalted us to points of opportunities and privileges, **we are in a worse position than the most zealous advocates of error.**

Think about the most zealous advocates of error in our church today; and it says you're worse than them. You are condemning them, consigning them to hell; you are closing their probation, they are lost, they haven't accepted the truth; you shut the door on them and you don't know that you are worse than them. **You might as well shut the door on your probation.** You might as well close the gates of glory to yourself; because you are not getting in. She says many have been preparing themselves in this way for moral inefficiency in the great crisis. If we have moral inefficiency for the crisis that's coming then we're repeating the same experience of Peter before his fall. We're going to deny Jesus three times with cursing and swearing.

"We must not think that the reading of the word can accomplish that which only He whom the word reveals, who stands behind the word, can accomplish. Some are in danger of hastening to the conclusion that **because they hold firmly to the doctrines of the truth,** they are actually in possession of the blessings which these doctrines declare shall come to the receiver of truth. Many keep the truth in the outer court. Its sacred principles have not a controlling influence over the words, the thoughts, the actions. **They do not possess the faith which works by love and purifies the soul.** [That is Self-sacrificing Love; that's the Golden Oil of love in the vessel and in the lamps.] **An assent to the truth may quiet the conscience,** but let every believer inquire, "**Does my faith make me a daily, hourly follower of Christ?** Has it a sanctifying influence on my soul? Can I say, The gentleness of Christ has made me great? . .

What makes us great? It is not our intellectual knowledge; it's not our abilities. What makes us great? His gentleness makes me great; in other words it is Christ's character that gives greatness to a man and nothing more. If we don't have the gentleness of Christ then we are just like the Little Horn power that waxed great, very great, and exceeding great, even to the host of heaven. Oh there is greatness but it is not true greatness; it is false greatness; it is self-exaltation. The gentleness of Christ has made me great.

"A faultless creed and a carnal life are too often found together in professed believers."

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A faultless creed such as what? I believe that this is a faultless creed; I believe it; but with this faultless creed what too often goes along with it? A carnal life. A faultless creed; correct doctrines, true platform; I'm standing on it; at least I think I am, but I have a carnal life. What does that mean? I read:

Romans 8:7 "Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be."

What happens when you are not subject to the Law of God? Can you obey the Law of God? If you are not subject to the Law of God, can the Law be written on your heart and mind if you are not subject? So brethren, these truths on the tables that need to be made plain upon tables of our hearts—it can never be, while I have a carnal life; while I have a carnal mind.

Why do you suppose the Papacy 'THINKS' to change times and laws? He can't be subject to the Law because he has a carnal mind. It's a mind of enmity, a mind of death; it's a mind of hatred and rebellion against the Law. Therefore he can't be sealed with the Law of God.

"A faultless creed and a carnal life are too often found together in professed believers. "To be a means to a saving end, the word of God must be intelligently and practically understood and obeyed." RH, October 1, 1901

Not just intellectually brethren, but practically understood and obeyed, if the Word of God is going to save us. Just getting intellectual knowledge, no practicality and it is not understood and obeyed; we are not going to be saved!

"In the lives of many of those whose names are on the church books **there has been no genuine change. The truth has been kept in the outer court.** There has been **no genuine conversion**, no positive work of grace done in the heart. **Their desire to do God's will is based upon their own inclination**, not upon the deep conviction of the Holy Spirit. Their conduct is not brought into harmony with the law of God. **They profess to accept Christ as their Saviour, but they do not believe that he will give them power to overcome their sins.** They have not a personal acquaintance with a living Saviour, and their characters reveal many blemishes."

"Many a one who looks at himself in the divine mirror, **and is convinced that his life is not what it ought to be, fails to make the needed change.** He goes his way, and forgets his defects. . .

These are the Foolish Virgins, not the Wise Virgins.

"He may profess to be a follower of Christ, **but what does this avail if his character has undergone no change**, if the Holy Spirit has not wrought upon his heart? The work done has been superficial. **Self is retained in his life.** He is not a partaker of the divine nature. He may talk of God and pray to God, but his life **reveals that he is working against God.** RH, July 7, 1904

Who works against God in opposition to God, while claiming to be God, or belong to God? It is Antichrist! The Foolish Virgins think they are developing the image of Christ while actually it is the image of the Beast that they are developing. I do not want to be such a one.

"Let every soul carefully consider his condition, and inquire, What is my state before God? Let him examine closely what kind of material he is bringing into his character-building. Is

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it that which can be compared to solid timbers, or that which can only be likened to that which is rotten and worm-eaten? . .

If the timbers of our building are rotten and worm-eaten, then the boat of our character is going to sink when the storm and tempest come, when the floods come, we are going to make shipwreck of faith.

"We are charged in the word of God to "keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life." **The unconverted heart is the habitation of the evil one**, and it is filled with unholy thoughts, with evil surmisings, envy, jealousy, falsehood, and uncontrolled passions, with strife and confusion and every evil work. . .

What do those descriptions sound like? It says, "The unconverted heart is the habitation of the evil one," then it talks about all the works of the flesh. That reminds me of, 'Babylon is fallen, is fallen, and has become the habitation of devils, the hold of every foul spirit and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird'!

Brethren; if our hearts, if the soul temple, is not cleansed, if truth is kept in the outer court, then our hearts can become a habitation of Babylon; a habitation for Satan. Like Judas, we can have a heart prepared for Satan to enter into and control and we do his bidding and we become the son of perdition and we betray Christ to church and state and crucify Him.

"The unconverted heart is the habitation of the evil one, and it is filled with unholy thoughts, with evil surmisings, envy, jealousy, falsehood, and uncontrolled passions, with strife and confusion and every evil work. Let each one search diligently, and inquire, Is my heart free from all these? Let each one closely examine himself to see whether he is in the faith, **whether the truth which he professes to believe has been kept in the outer court**, or brought into the inner sanctuary of the soul, that he may be sanctified thereby. **The whole heart must be entered and purified by the searching Spirit of God. Jesus will not abide in the soul where pride exists**; . .

But I will tell you who will abide there; it's that other Jesus, it's that false Jesus, Barabbas will dwell in the heart where pride is; but not Jesus Christ.

"and if we desire his presence, the soul temple must be cleansed of **all evil occupants**. If the door of the heart is open to Jesus, he will come in, **and his presence will expel every unholy thought, and by faith we may hold sweet communion with God**. If Jesus abides in the heart, we shall glorify him in our lives; for the Christian is to let his light shine forth to the world in good works. PH152 30.

So Jesus stands at the door knocking; He is knocking on all of our hearts. He's been trying to get in but there is something that bars the door; there is a lot of rubbish in front of the door that prevents us from finding the doorknob so we can open it. What is the rubbish that has barred the entrance between our soul and Jesus? It is evil-surmising; jealousy; pride; wickedness; self-sufficiency; unholy thoughts, uncontrolled passions, strife, envy, all of this has kept Christ out.

Jesus wants to come in. if we would just remove the rubbish out of the way, we could let Christ in! He'll come into our hearts. He'll give us the heavenly wares; He will cleanse the Temple from all of its sacrilegious profanation; He will cleanse it from everything that savors of Babylon and antichrist. He will kick out all of the evil occupants and He will dwell in our hearts by faith. This is what we want, and what we need!

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Jesus is standing at the door of our hearts knocking; we have been ignoring Him; we have not been cognizant of His presence, of His pleadings, of His crying, of His interceding. Perhaps the reason why we have left Jesus out of our hearts for so long is, we're RICH and increased with goods, and don't feel that we have need of anything. We don't need what Jesus is trying to get us to buy. We've accepted another Christ; even antichrist. We've accepted and allowed another spirit to control us thinking it is the Spirit of God when it is not.

Today, the inner sanctuary of our heart has to be cleansed; the only way we can do it is allow Jesus to come in. Do we desire to allow Jesus to cast out the buyers and sellers; allow Jesus to cast out the idolatry; allow Him to cast out the hatred, the strife, the variance, the unholy thoughts, the passions; to drive out worldliness; that He might be able to fill the vacuum with His Holy Spirit; so that He could fill our hearts with Love; Joy; Peace; longsuffering; goodness; meekness; holiness; temperance, patience, faith—the Fruit of the Spirit, instead of the works of the flesh.

Do we desire to have Christ enthroned in our hearts; to have Jesus abiding in us; to be filled with His Holy Spirit that we might glorify Him in our lives? Or are you merely content with having the truth in the outer courts? You just want the truth at your fingertips; you want a theoretical knowledge of truth, hoping that somehow that might get you the practical experience that is not working?

We need to return to our first love; to do the first business; to seek to have a vital connection with Christ and not be satisfied any longer with a 'form of godliness'. We need Jesus to sit on the throne of our hearts and not the antichrist. That is the blessing that will bring all other blessings with it!

Dear Father in Heaven; we stand on the promises of God; stand on His word, trusting alone in the merits of Christ our Saviour, His righteousness and His intercession. We Trust in His mighty Power which alone can save us. We pray that Self-sacrificing Love will be something that we experience. We need to see Jesus; show us Calvary, show us the cross. Let us look upon Him that we have pierced and let us mourn, let our hearts be broken that Jesus might be able to take away that broken heart and give us a heart of flesh; give us a new heart, new mind and new spirit. That He might be able to write His law in our minds, that the truth would not be in the outer court but in the inner heart, and all the filthiness, all the uncleanness can be taken out and cast forth, never to return again. Dear Father; this is our prayer; I pray that you would bless each and every person who hears or reads this message. May we will allow You to finish this work that You are beginning now, as we co-operate with You even unto the Day of Christ. In Jesus' Name we pray, Amen.