

"TESTIMONY FOR ALL OUR PEOPLE"

BACKSLIDING IN HEALTH REFORM

Sanitarium, Calif., March 29, 1908

"I am instructed to bear a message to all our people on the subject of health reform for many have backslidden from their former loyalty to health reform principles, the light that God has given is being disregarded. A true reformation needs to take place among the believers in Washington in the matter of healthful living. If the believers there will give themselves unreservedly to God, He will accept them. If they will adopt in the manner of eating and drinking the principles of temperance that the light of health reform has brought to us they will be richly blessed. Those who have received instructions regarding the evils of the use of flesh meats, tea and coffee, and rich and unhealthful food preparations, and who are determined to make a covenant with God by sacrifice will not continue to indulge their appetites for food they know to be unhealthful. God demands that the appetites be cleansed and self-denial be practiced in regard to these things which are not good. This is a work that will have to be done before His people can stand before Him a perfect people . . .

"The Lord has given clear light regarding the nature of the food that is to compose our diet: He has instructed us concerning the effect of unhealthful food upon disposition and character. Shall we respond to the councils and cautions given? Who among our brethren will Sign A Pledge to dispense with Flesh Meats, Tea, Coffee, and all injurious foods and become health reformers in the truest sense of the term? . . .

"Let the good work begin at Washington and go forth from there to other places. I know whereof I am writing. If a temperance pledge providing for the abstinence from flesh foods, tea and coffee, and some other foods, that are known to be injurious were circulated through our ranks a great and good work would be accomplished. I ask you at this time, will you not circulate such a pledge? . . . I am instructed to say to parents, place yourselves, soul and spirit on the Lord's side of this question . . . I am sure that if you will begin at Washington to do this work of reform, in school, in the printing office and among all the workers, the Lord

will help you to present a pledge that will help the people to return from their backslidings on the question of health reform. As you seek to carry out the will of the Lord in this particular, He will give you clear understanding of what the health reform will do for you." . . .

Signed ELLEN G. WHITE

THE PLEDGE

"I solemnly promise, before God, to abstain from tobacco, spiritous liquors, snuff, tea, coffee, flesh-meats, butter, spices, rich cake, mince pies, a large amount of salt, and animal fat of all kinds, baking powder, soda or saleratus in any form, and cheese, and from all exciting articles of food, and to abstain from eating between meals, and to do all I can to induce others to do likewise."

Testimony and pledge sent to the General Conference March 29, 1908.

This Testimony on health reform was sent directly to Elder Daniels, but it was withheld and not circulated because he said it would "split the church". He evidently did not know that "the gates of hell shall not prevail against" God's true church. God's true church is composed of "faithful souls" A. A. Page 11 and is not the Laodicean Church. Later on when Elder Daniels wanted to see Sister White, she refused to see him saying: I have nothing more for him. I understand that this Testimony was the last one in the way of reproof ever sent to the Laodicean Church.

"God gave the light on health reform, and those who rejected it, rejected God."

Testimony Series B. No. 6, Page 31

In rejecting health reform the Seventh-Day Adventist Church has rejected part of the third angel's message. Parts of the foundation upon which the church was built has been rejected by the church. And nearly all church members have followed the church in stepping off of the true foundation.

TESTIMONY ABOUT THE LAODICEAN CHURCH ALSO SLIGHTED AND REJECTED

The Laodicean Church is the Seventh-Day Adventist Church. "The Laodicean message applies to the people of God who profess to believe present truth." Vol. 4:87, See also Vol. 3:252 — But the church represented by the foolish virgins in Matt. 25 is also the Laodicean Church. Here is the proof:

"I am often referred to the parable of the ten virgins, five of whom were wise, and five foolish. This parable has been and will be fulfilled to the very letter, for it has a special application to this time, and like the third angel's message, has been fulfilled and will continue to be present truth till the close of time. In the parable, the ten virgins had lamps, but only five of them had the saving oil with which to keep the lamps burning. This represents the condition of the church. The wise and the foolish have their Bibles and are provided with all the means of grace; but many do not appreciate the fact that they must have the heavenly unction . . .

"Satan uses those who claim to believe the truth but whose light has become darkness as his medium to utter his falsehoods and transmit his darkness. They are foolish virgins indeed, choosing darkness rather than light, and dishonoring God. . . . Are we wise virgins, or must we be classed among the foolish? This is the question which we are deciding today by our character and attitude . . . "The state of the Church represented by the foolish virgins is also spoken of as the Laodicean State." R. & H., August 19, 1890.
By Mrs. E. G. White

Part of this Testimony was reprinted in the R. & H. a few years ago but the words where the Laodicean Church is classed as the Church of the foolish virgins were very carefully left out. I am publishing these Testimonies because I know they are being withheld by the church-leaders. The Spirit of the Lord will bear witness with me and guide every honest soul away from Laodicea. Were not all of the foolish virgins lost? Will the Laodicean Church not be spewed out? The Seventh-Day Adventist Church, the foolish virgin church, and the Laodicean Church represent in the future one and the same thing. The Lord has told us: "The

foolish virgins can not light their lamps and join the procession that goes into the marriage supper of the Lamb". Mrs. E. G. White in Special to Ministers, No. 7, page 54-55.

Is not also this Testimony being rejected by the Church? Another portion of the foundation is being rejected by the Church?

TESTIMONIES CONCERNING DRUGS

"The Health Retreat was established at a great cost to treat the sick without drugs. It should be conducted on hygienic principles.. Drug medications should be worked away from as fast as possible until entirely discarded."

Mrs. E. G. W. in C. on Diet and Foods, Page 406

"Drugs never cure disease; they only change its form and location.

"Drugging should be forever abandoned, for while it does not cure any malady, it enfeebles the system, making it more susceptible to disease.

"Medicines have no power to cure, but will most generally hinder nature in her efforts."

Mrs. E. G. White in Healthful Living, Pages 243-244, See also Test. Vol. 5:311

"It is the Lord's purpose that His method of healing without drugs shall be brought into prominence in every large city through our medical institutions" Test. Vol. 9:169

In rejecting these Testimonies the S. D. A. Church has taken another step off the original platform of truth. They are rejecting the third angels message. They say: "In many cases drugs are needed." Modern Medical Counselor, Page 171.

THE ALPHA AND THE OMEGA OF APOSTASY IN THE MEDICAL DEPARTMENT

Dr. Kellogg was a good doctor, and the Lord was with him. But when he took it upon himself to write the book "The Living Temple" he made a mistake which resulted in the beginning of an apostasy in the medical department of the S. D. A. church. "In the book 'Living Temple' there is presented the alpha of deadly heresies. The omega will follow, and will be received by those who are not willing to heed the warning God has given."

Mrs. E. G. White in Series B. No. 2, Page 50

The alpha and the omega are the first and the last letters of the Greek alphabet. Likewise there are two great apostasies in the medical department of the Seventh Day Adventist Denomination. The first was at the time of the Kellogg apostasy This was the ALPHA. The OMEGA is a much greater apostasy in the S. D. A. medical department because Sister White says: "'Living Temple' contains the Alpha of these theories. I know that Omega would follow in a little while; and I tremble for our people." Mrs. E. G. White in Series B, No. 2, Page 53

Why did Sister White tremble?

Evidently our people are in much greater danger of being led astray by this modern medical apostasy or else she would not "tremble for our people."

This great apostasy in the medical department which developed at the time when Dr. Kellogg wrote his book "The Living Temple" will continue and increase until Jesus comes in the clouds of heaven. The S. D. A. medical department and the Church itself will never come back to God again for we read:

"One thing it is certain is soon to be realized, —the great apostasy which is developing and increasing and waxing stronger. and will continue to do so until *the Lord shall descend from heaven with a shout*. We are to hold fast the first principles of our denominated faith, and go forward from strength to increased faith. Ever we are to keep the faith that has been substantiated by the Holy Spirit of God from the earlier events of our experience until the present time. We need now larger breadth, and deeper, more earnest, unwavering faith in the leading of the Holy Spirit. If we needed the manifest proof of the Holy Spirit's power to confirm truth in the beginning, after the passing of the time, we need today all the evidence in the confirmation of the truth, when souls are departing from the faith and giving heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of devils. There must not be any languishing of soul now." Mrs. E. G. White, Series B., No. 7, Page 57

Yes, dear brother, this apostasy in the Seventh Day Adventist Church which we now see will continue until "the Lord shall descend from heaven with a shout."

The church leaders did not want the laymembers to know anything about this Testimony so they have taken the Series B Testimonies out and burned them. A Sister who lived near headquarters in Wash., D.C. has told me this. "I have been shown that some in these days have even gone so far as to burn the written words of rebuke and warning, as did the wicked king of Israel." Test. Vol. 5, Page 678

The church leaders have rejected the third angel's message. But can they destroy the message by burning the books?

APOSTASY IN OUR MEDICAL SCHOOL

The Lord wanted his professed people to have a medical school of their own. But at the same time the word of the Lord was plain and positive that doctors and nurses who graduated from that school should not use drugs or poisonous medicine of any kind. "In the work of the school maintain simplicity. No argument is so powerful as is success, founded upon simplicity. And you may attain success in the education of students as medical missionaries, without a medical school that can qualify physicians to compete with the physicians of the world. Let the students be given a practical education. And the less dependent you are upon worldly methods of education, the better it will be for the student. Special instruction should be given in the art of treating the sick without the use of poisonous drugs, and in harmony with the light that God has given. Students should come forth from the school without having sacrificed the principles of health reform."

Mrs. E. G. White in Loma Linda Messages, Page 81

In medical schools of the world doctors learn how to give poisonous drugs. But in the S. D. A. medical school the doctors and nurses could learn the evil effect of poisonous drugs and how to do without them. "The law would not recognize the diplomas of our physicians unless they have studied some things that we do not think really essential. For instance, in their preparation they have to study a number of things that we think they might get along without, but we can teach them. We do not have to teach these subjects in their way. We can teach them in our way. When it comes to the study of drugs, they teach how to give them. We teach the dangers of using them, and how to get along without them." Loma Linda Messages, Page 176

Are there any S. D. A. doctors today who live up to this rule?

"Let none seek to tear away the foundations of our faith,—the foundations that were laid at the beginning of our work by prayerful study of the word and by revelation." Test. Vol. 8:296-7.

Yet the church has removed nearly all their original foundation.

"I am instructed to say that in our educational work, there is to be *no compromise* in order to meet the world's standard. God's commandment—keeping people are not to unite with the world, to carry various lines of work according to worldly plans and worldly wisdom." L. L. Mess., Page 177.

S. D. A. have not only compromised with the world, they have even compromised with the powers of darkness: the devil. Vol. 5:222

"Our people are now being tested as to whether they will obtain their wisdom from the greatest Teacher the world ever knew or seek to the god of Ekron." Loma Linda Messages, Page 177

The message of the Third Angel still includes: "A simple diet and the entire absence of drugs" H. L. 248 by Mrs. E. G. W.

In this respect the Seventh Day Adventist have nearly all completely rejected the Third Angel's message. "We have wandered away from the old landmarks" Vol. 5:137.

Is there any prophecy stating that the S. D. A. Laodicean Church ever will repent and come back to God?

A REFORMATION

"God's people will not endure the test unless there is a revival and a reformation." Vol. 7:285.

"Unless there is a decided reformation among the people of God, He will turn His face from them." Test. Vol. 8:146.

There are many good S. D. A. who are aware of the apostasy in their church, and who fondly hope for a reformation in the church. To all such this chapter is dedicated with the prayer that it may help them.

There was a reformation in the Jewish Church at the time of Christ and of the Apostles, but it did not save that church. There

was a reformation in the Catholic Church in Luther's time but it did not reform the Catholic Church.

There was a reformation in the English Church in the days of Wesley but it did not change the English Church.

There was a reformation in the Protestant Churches in and around the year 1844 but this reformation did not revive any of the sleeping and dying churches existing at that time.

In all these cases mentioned a reformation has never brought a backslidden, sleeping, dying church back to God. Is this not the plain truth?

The sure word of prophecy tells us, that there will be a reformation in the future and that many people will repent and turn to God. But will the Seventh Day Adventist Church be benefited by this reformation? Will that church repent and come back to God? If an individual commits a sin, such a person must confess that sin, in order to be right with God. Likewise also if a Church or a congregation commits a sin, that sin must be confessed and repented of by the church or congregation or else that Church is rejected by God.—See Leviticus 4:13—

The Jewish Church was rejected not because of sins committed but because that church would not repent and accept the reformation-Christ so freely offered. The same is true about all other fallen churches. They have fallen because they have rejected the message of truth sent to them. None of them accepted the message of truth that the reformation brought to their notice.

The S. D. A. Laodicean Church has committed many sins and mistakes, and these sins have separated that church away from Christ. "The Church has turned back from following Christ her Leader . . ." Test. Vol. 5:217

Can the Church come back to Christ without repenting? Impossible.

Can the Church go to heaven without Christ? Impossible.

Will the Church in order to be saved accept a reformation?

According to the Bible the Church Laodicea will never accept a reformation. It will be rejected by Christ. Rev. 3:16. Christ remains outside of that Church forever. Rev. 3:20.

Yet some people still have a glimmer of hope because we read:

"In visions of the night representations passed before me of a great reformatory movement among God's people. Many were praising God. The sick were healed, and other miracles were wrought. A spirit of intercession was seen, even as was manifested before the great day of Pentecost. 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. On every side doors were thrown open to the proclamation of the truth. The world seemed to be lightened with the heavenly influence. Great blessings were received by the true and humble people of God. I heard voices of thanksgiving and praise, and there seemed to be a reformation such as we witnessed in 1844."

Test. Vol. 9:126

The church leaders often quote this statement and deceive the people by telling them that this reformation will take place in the Laodicean Church. But this statement says nothing about a reformation in Laodicea nor does it say that any sleeping, dying church will even be benefitted thereby. The reformation is among God's people. Second: The reformation is like the reformation in 1844. But the reformation in 1844 did not bring back to God any sleeping, dying church. Therefore the reformation to come will not bring back to God the Seventh Day Adventist Church. Because it is dying: "Our Churches are dying." G. W. 301.

There were no organized churches benefitted by the reformation of 1844. Individuals were benefitted as they repented, received new truths and consecrated themselves to God. The reformation to come will do the same for you if you will do as they did.

NO REFORMATION

"At the General Conference, held in Battle Creek in 1901 the Lord gave His people evidence that He was calling for reformation. Minds were convicted, and hearts were touched; but thorough work was not done . . . God was not honored. The testimonies of His Spirit were not heeded." Vol. 8: Page 97-98

No reformation in the year 1901 or before.

"St. Helena, Cal., Aug. 4, 1903"

"After I received word in regard to the excellent meeting of confession and unity that had been held in Battle Creek, I was writing in my diary, and was about to record the thankfulness I felt because a change had come when my hand was arrested, and there came to me the words: 'WRITE IT NOT. NO CHANGE FOR THE BETTER HAS TAKEN PLACE'".

Test. Vol. 8:231

Soon after this date the S. D. A. headquarters was moved to Wash., D. C., but no reformation took place for we read:

"Testimony to the Review & Herald, Wash., D. C., Nov. the 12, 1903."

"Satan has laid his plans to undermine our faith in the history of the cause and work of God. I am deeply in earnest as I write this; Satan is working with men in prominent position to sweep away the foundation of our faith. Shall we allow this to be done brethren?"
R. & H., Nov. 12, 1903

No reformation took place in the year 1909 for we read: "During the General Conference of 1909 a work should have been done in the hearts of those in attendance that was not done."
Gen. Conf. Bulletin—1913 Page 33-34

The Lord was still calling for a reformation in the year 1913 for we read: "Men of clear understanding are needed now. God calls upon those who are willing to be controlled by the Holy Spirit to lead out in a work of thorough reformation." T. M. 514

The church has knowingly and willingly rejected all these testimonies. "The rejection of truth leaves men captives, the subjects of Satan's deception." Vol. 1, Page 232.

There is where the Laodicean Church now stands.

"The Foundation of OUR Faith"

"Let none seek to tear away the foundations of our faith,—the foundations that were laid at the beginning of our work, by prayerful study of the word and by revelation. Upon these foundations we have been building for the last fifty years. Men may suppose that they have found a new way, and that they can lay a stronger foun-

dation than that which has been laid. But this is a great deception. Other foundation can no man lay than that which has been laid."
Test. Vol. 8:296-297

In the Review and Herald, Jan. 5, 1950, page 12 we read: "Dr. Luke remained there (in Philippi) for a time, practicing medicine and teaching the gospel." Four times they give the evangelist Luke the title "Dr." The Bible tells us, that Luke was a "beloved physician" Col. 4:14 but never gives him any title of Dr. which is contrary to gospel rule. And that the beloved physician practiced medicine and gave poisonous drugs to people like S. D. A. doctors do now is information they must have gotten from the devils apothecary. Neither the Bible nor the Testimonies tell us any such thing. It is not the gospel truth. The R. & H. has apparently as its object to gradually tear away the foundation of our faith.

FOUNDATION TORN AWAY

How much of the original foundation is still left?

"Had the purpose of God been carried out by HIS PEOPLE in giving to the world the message of mercy, Christ would, ere this, have come to the earth, and the saints would have received their welcome into the city of God." Test. Vol. 6:450 written 1900.

It was God's "purpose" and plan to bring the S. D. A. into the Kingdom before the year 1900. The church rejected that plan. Part of the foundation torn away. Thus nearly all of the original foundation stones have been torn away and rejected:

- 1 Health reform rejected.
- 2 True medical missionary work rejected.
- 3 Righteousness by faith rejected.
- 4 True organization in Church rejected.
- 5 Testimonies rejected.
- 6 Inspiration of Spirit of Prophecy writings rejected.
- 7 Part of Bible rejected.
- 8 Not taking part in politics rejected.
- 9 Testimonies on military services rejected.
- 10 Testimonies about "a message yet in the future" rejected.
- 11 Testimonies explaining Daniel & Revelation rejected.
- 12 Testimonies about Laodicean Church rejected.

If all the Testimonies had been received, we would have been in the Kingdom before the year 1900. See also Test. Vol. 8:116 and G. C. 458 and D. A. 634.

"I have stated before them that, from what was shown me, but a small number of those now professing to believe the truth would eventually be saved,—not because they could not be saved, but because they would not be saved in God's own appointed way." Test. Vol. 2:445

The S. D. A. have rejected God's way of salvation. Will they ever come back, repent and accept God's plan for saving them?

"The light behind them went out leaving their feet in perfect darkness, and they stumbled and got their eyes off the mark and lost sight of Jesus, and fell off the path down in the dark and wicked world below. *It was just as impossible for them to get on the path again and go to the City as all the wicked world which God had rejected.* They fell all the way along the path one after another, until we heard the voice of God like many waters, which gave us the day and hour of Jesus coming." Mrs. E. G. White, "Word To The Little Flock" Page 14.

Most S. D. A.'s rejected also this testimony. Do you? God's last Church will have the testimony of Jesus. Rev. 12:17

UNDER WHICH BANNER

The following Testimonies may not all have reached their complete fulfillment at the present time. They are true prophecies and either have been fulfilled or will be fulfilled.

I TESTIMONY

- 1 God's True Church: "It should be holy and without blemish." Eph. 5:27.
- 2 Church of Satan: "The Mother of Harlots." Rev. 17:5.
- 3 Laodicean Church: "How is the faithful city become an Harlot?" Vol. 8:250. — 6:450

II TESTIMONY

- 1 God's True Church: "Keep the Commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus." Rev. 14:12.
- 2 Church of Satan: "He that Committeth Sin is of the devil." I John 3:8.
- 3 Laodicean Church: "They are Idolaters." Vol. 2:441.

III TESTIMONY

God's True Church: "The Holy Ghost—shall teach you all things" John 14:26.

Church of Satan: "Giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils." I Tim. 4:1.

Laodicean Church: "Some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of devils. This word is being fulfilled among our people."

Mrs. E. G. White to Ministers, Physicians and Teachers. Sept. 3, 1904.

IV TESTIMONY

God's True Church: Christ is with his church always. Matt. 28:20.

Church of Satan: Satan dwelleth with his church. Rev. 2:13.

Laodicean Church: "Christ has departed. His spirit has been quenched in the church." Test. Vol. 2:442.

V TESTIMONY

God's True Church: "Taken to Heaven." John 14:3.

Church of Satan: "Cast Down to Hell." Rev. 19:20.

Laodicean Church: "And thou Capernaum Seventh-Day Adventist, who have had great light, which art exalted unto Heaven in point of privilege, shalt be brought down to hell." Mrs. E. G. White in R. & H., Aug. 1, 1893.

VI TESTIMONY

God's True Church: "These are they which follow the Lamb." Rev. 14:4.

Satan: "He abode not in the truth." John 8:44.

Laodicean Church: "The Church has turned back from following Christ her leader." Test. Vol. 5:217.

According to all the Bible and all the Testimonies the Laodicean church is in reality not getting to be like Christ at all. She is getting to be more and more like the Church of Satan. They even have gone so far as to make a contract, a "compromise with the powers of darkness." Vol. 5:222.

All who reject truth make an agreement with hell. G. C. 561. How about you?

Are you one of those poor souls who forsake their Savior and go willingly and knowingly blindfolded with the Laodicean Church down to hell? Jesus has made a way of escape. Will you accept it? Only those who study for themselves will be saved. G.C. 625, 593, 598.

If you consider all the light and truth that the S. D. A. Church leaders have had and have rejected, they are some of the greatest unbelievers of our day. A true Christian just can not consent to let himself be guided by unbelievers. "Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers." II Cor. 6:14.

GOD'S LAST EFFORT

God's last effort to save modern Israel will be similar to the last method God used in trying to save ancient Israel. For over one hundred years the Lord has worked to save the Seventh Day Adventist Laodicean Church as a church. But that Church has rejected God's plan of saving the church as a church. Therefore God says: "I will spue thee out of my mouth." Rev. 3:16. This is God's final judgment about that church as a church. I think we should believe what God says.

God still has another plan for individuals. And if you are willing to be saved in God's appointed way, there is still a way of escape for us.

When ancient Israel as a nation and as a Church rejected God's plan of salvation, Christ established a new and different method of worship. The Jews believed they could be saved as a NATION. Now people think they can be saved as a DENOMINATION. Depending on a nation or on a denomination for salvation was Satan's plan in leading ancient Israel astray and is also Satan's plan in leading modern Israel astray. "There is the same falling away." Test, Vol. 5:76.

Now the Jews thought, that if God rejected them as a nation, that another NATION would be chosen to be God's Kingdom. Therefore they always spoke of a Church as a Kingdom. See Matt. 13 and 21:43—25:1, 14, etc. The Jews could not understand, that salvation could come in any other way, then that God would use a nation as His medium for to proclaim the Gospel to all the World. "We have watched for a nation that could save us." Lam. 4:17.

When the Lord rejected ancient Israel as a nation, He did not choose any other nation to represent Him on this earth. Because the devil had taken complete control of other nations. So likewise also now. When God rejects modern Israel as a denomination and Church, He does not choose any other denomination to represent Him on this earth because: "Satan has taken full possession of the Churches as a body." E. W. 273 last sentence.

There will not be another visible church or denomination like the fallen churches we now see on earth, including the S. D. A. Church. Yet God will have a church on this earth. What will it be like?

When a visible church, a nation or a denomination is rejected, God is still able to finish His work in some other way. When ancient Israel was rejected, Christ took the work into His own hands. He used individuals when the supposed to be God's Church failed. Lay members took the place of the Priests and Levites. Angel's of God communicated with men directly. The Holy Spirit worked in a way as never before known to men. God will do the same today when all the denominational churches have failed.

"God is taking the reins in His own hands." T. M. 300.

"Angels will do a work which men might have had the blessing of accomplishing had they not neglected to answer the claims of God." Mrs. E. G. W., R. & H., Dec. 15, 1885.

To the honest seeker after truth "some star of heavenly radiance will be sent, to guide him into all truth." G. C. 312.

"By means of angels there will be constant communication between heaven and earth." Test. Vol. 9:16.

"The Lord calls for volunteers who will take their stand firmly on His side, and will pledge themselves to unite with Jesus of Nazareth in doing the very work that needs to be done now, just now." F. E. 488 by Mrs. E. G. W.

Is it not much better to accept God's plan? The church has its own plan, but "her members have so far departed from God that He can not accomplish His will through them." Vol. 5:189. God's last effort will be to work through individuals.

NOTE: As long as the Jewish Church was not rejected, God sent messages of mercy, judgment and truth to people through the Church. But when the church was rejected God sent *messengers of His own choice* with messages of warning and judgment to the Church. Such messengers were hated and despised by the Church. So it is even today in the S. D. A. Laodicean Church.

It was the last message of salvation to the Jews living at that time. And it is the last message of salvation offered to the S. D. A. Laodicean Church.

"This is the last message. There are no more to follow, no more invitations of mercy to be given after this message shall have done its work." Test. Vol. 5:206 — 207.

I ask every Seventh Day Adventist who is rejecting this message and is following the church blindfolded to hell to repent at once and come back to the message. "We have wandered away from the old landmarks. Let us return." Test. Vol. 5:137.

WORK TOGETHER WITH CHRIST

"The Church is God's delegated authority upon earth." Vol. 5:107.

The Church of God upon this earth was once a family, then a tribe, then a nation, then a congregation, then a few isolated persecuted faithful souls scattered all over the earth. Next after that the true church was found in a denomination, and God's last Church upon this earth will be the ones "which follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth." Rev. 14:4.

It is self evident, that as soon as a church apostatizes from the truth that such a church ceases to be God's delegated authority upon this earth. It has no power from God anymore, but the devil at once supplies what power he is able to give, and the church continues to exercise its power claiming its power comes from God. The Jewish Church fell into this condition and now the S. D. A. Laodicean Church. "There is the same falling away." Vol. 5:76. We are unable to work together with Christ and also work together with such a church. The Disciples tried it and found out that it was impossible. Let us work by faith and do as they did.

Soon after the Disciples began to follow Christ they noticed that there was a difference between His teaching and the teachings of the churchleaders. Likewise when we begin to follow Jesus, we will learn that there is a difference between the Testimony of Jesus and the teachings of the church-leaders. Only those who follow Jesus will find this out. Only those who study for themselves will be saved. Happy are they who are willing to follow Christ no matter in what kind of a church He is found.

"God has a people upon this earth: Who are they? They are those who will purify their souls by obeying the truth as it is in Jesus." Mrs. E. G. White, Sab. April 20, 1901. Gen. Conf. B. page 423 see also G. C. 595.

If we follow the truth we will be saved. If we follow the Laodicean Church we are lost.

"From time to time the Lord will bring in *different agencies* through whom His purpose can best be accomplished. Happy are they who are willing for self to be humbled, saying with John the Baptist, "He must increase, but I must decrease." D. A. 182 Amen.

HOW TO WORK TOGETHER WITH CHRIST

"The trials of the children of Israel, and their attitude just before the first coming of Christ illustrate the position of the people of God in their experience before the second coming of Christ." Mrs. E. G. White in R. & H., Nov. 7, 1894.

In order to work together with Jesus now we will have to face similar conditions in the church today as the Disciples had to meet in their day. Because the same conditions will exist today.

It will not be safe to ask a S. D. A. minister for guidance. The same conditions will exist. "If Nathanael had trusted to the *rabbis* for guidance, he would *never* have found Jesus." D. A. 140.

The Jewish Church had missionaries all over the world. Matt. 23:15. "Yet the people whom God had called to be the pillar and ground of the truth had become representatives of Satan." D. A. 36.

So do the S. D. A. Laodiceans.

"Bewildered and deceived, they were moving on in gloomy procession toward eternal ruin." D. A. 36.

"There is the same falling away . . ." Vol. 5:76.

"Through their reverence for tradition and their blind faith in a corrupt priesthood, the people were enslaved. These chains Christ must break. The character of the priests, rulers, and Pharisees must be more fully exposed." D. A. 611.

"What would the Savior do if he should come to us now as he did to the Jews? He would have to do a similar work in cleansing away the rubbish of tradition and ceremony . . . The Jews were greatly disturbed when he did this work. They had lost sight of the original truth of God, but Christ brought it again to view. *It is our work* to free the precious truths of God from superstition and error . . . Glorious truths have been buried out of sight, and have been made lusterless and unattractive by error and superstition . . . Christ swept away the rubbish of tradition and displayed the real kernel and heart of the purpose of God. When he did this they became exasperated beyond control. They circulated false reports from one town to another that Christ was destroying the work of God. But while Jesus did away with the old forms he reinstated the old truths, placing them in the framework of truth. He matched them together making a complete and symmetrical system of truth. This was the work our Savior did, and now what shall we do? Shall we not work in harmony with Christ?" Mrs. E. G. White in R. & H., June 4, 1889.

Do we dare to work together with Christ today and face the wrath of the church? "Christ presented a phase of religion they would not tolerate." D. A. 243. He does the same today. Do you have the courage to present a phase of religion the S. D. A. church leaders will not tolerate?

Christ would not keep still to prevent discord in the church. D. A. 356. Do you have faith and love for God to do as He did?

"To stand in defense of truth and righteousness when the majority forsake us, to fight the battles of the Lord when champions are few, — *this will be our test.*" Vol. 5:136.

"Gather up the rays of light that have been slighted and re-

jected. Gather them up with meekness with trembling, and with fear." Test. Vol. 5:94.

"Place your mind and will where the Holy Spirit can reach them; for He will not work through another man's mind and conscience to reach yours." Test. Vol. 7:214.

"ON BENDED KNEES"

"It is not enough to have good intentions. It is not enough to do what a man thinks is right, or what the minister tells him is right. His soul's salvation is at stake, and he should search the scriptures for himself. However strong may be his convictions, however confident he may be that the minister knows what is truth, this is not his foundation. He has a chart pointing out every waymark on the heavenward journey, and he ought not to guess at anything, but to know what is truth. He should search the scripture on bended knees, morning, noon, and night. Prayer should ascend from secret places, and a continual prayer should arise from his heart that God will guide him into all truth." Mrs. E. G. White, Bible Echo, May 1886.

I did this and found my way back to Jesus.

"FOLLOW THE LAMB"

God's last church upon this sin-cursed earth will be those who follow the Lamb. Rev. 14:4. They are not Laodiceans because they are not defiled with a fallen church. They have their Fathers name (character) written in their foreheads. They belong to God and to no earthly church or organization. They were once ensnared by the false doctrines promulgated by either Laodica or Babylon but have been washed and cleansed by the blood of the Lamb.

They once were bewildered walking upon the mountains going from mountain to hill. Jer. 50:6. But they heard the voice of Jesus calling them and now they have forsaken all and follow the Lamb. They at last have overcome and have stood every test. Vol. I, page 187. The Bible is to them a new book and they love the Testimonies.

Christ has written upon them His new name. They have kept the word of Christ's patience.

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power of God they are kept through the hour of temptation, the time of the falling of the seven last plagues. They have by faith overcome sin in this world and will have the privilege of entering the temple in heaven. E. W. 19. They are well organized and united with Christ as their Leader and fearlessly proclaim "an addition to the third message." E. W. 277.

Have you ever heard the voice of God speaking to you? Well, if you desire to belong to God's last church upon this earth, you "must obey the voice of God speaking to you when there are many other voices crying out against it." Vol. 3:258. The church-leaders of all fallen churches do not teach people this secret, but God's true children would not barter away this blessed privilege for any earthly treasure. We follow Christ for we know His voice. John 10:4. God wants His children now to place themselves in such a condition where the Holy Spirit can speak to them directly "for He will not work through another man's mind and conscience to reach yours." Vol. 7:214.

In God's last Church upon this earth all the members from the least to the greatest will be guided by the Spirit of God like Ananias. Acts 9:11 and like Peter. Acts 10:19, and like Philip. Acts. 8:26. "The Apostles were few in number, but under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, they did more for the conversion of those in Jerusalem than the large religious organization had ever done." Mrs. E. G. White, R. & H., March 29, 1898. God will help us to do the same.

First the Spirit will guide us into all truth. John 16:13 and next guide us in missionary work. All of God's true children will be guided by His Spirit. Rom. 8:14. "Communications from heaven are made to those who will catch the first gleams of spiritual knowledge." Mrs. E. G. W. in F. E. 415.

"Amid the confusion of delusive doctrines, the Spirit of God will be a guide and a *shield* to those who have not resisted the evidence of truth, silencing every other voice but that which comes from Him who is the truth." G. W. 289.

you know, — this will stand in his lot and place, thinking, speaking,
"Gather up the rays of the spirit of God. Then, and not



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