

Habakkuk's Promise: The Bridegroom Cometh

The **testimony** and **commandments** are linked together, **they cannot be separated**; ... {Ms1-1848.9}

I saw a company who stood well guarded and firm, and would give no countenance to those who would unsettle the established **faith of the body**. God looked upon them with approbation. **I was shown three steps--one, two and three--the first, second and third angels' messages**. Said the angel, **Woe** to him who shall move a block, or stir a pin in **these messages**. **The true understanding of these messages is of vital importance. The destiny of souls hangs upon the manner in which they are received**. {1SG 168.2/ 58 GC}

As early as 1842, the Spirit of God had moved upon Charles Fitch to devise the **prophetic chart**, which was generally regarded by Adventists as a fulfillment of **the command** given by the prophet **Habakkuk**, "to write the vision and make it plain upon tables. {4SP 241.2}

There must be no long discussions, **no presenting of new theories in regard to prophecies that God has already made plain**. ... Are we **one** with Christ as he is **one** with the Father? Are we heirs of God and **joint heirs** with Christ? Are we working in co-partnership with the Saviour? {RH November 27, 1900, par. 13}

The **only ground** on which we may expect **unity** is in **obedience to the commandments of God**. Christ denounced the teachers who in His day made void the law of God. He stamped them as deceivers, and **plainly stated the character of His church**. **We are to voice no other message than that which combines the truth of the first, second, and third angels' messages, which require obedience to God's law**. {Ms134a-1897.2}

So, I saw, that those who had no experience in **the first and second angels' messages** must receive them from those who had an experience, and followed down through the **messages**. **As Jesus was crucified, so I saw that these messages have been crucified**. And as the disciples declared that there was salvation in no other name under heaven, given among men; **so, also, should the servants of God faithfully and fearlessly declare that those who embrace but a part of the truths connected with the third message must gladly embrace the first, second and third messages as God has given them, or have no part nor lot in the matter**. {1SG 75.1}

I saw that God was in the publication of the chart by Brother Nichols. I saw that **there was a prophecy of this chart in the Bible**... {13MR 359.1}

God showed me the necessity of getting out **a chart**. I saw it was needed and that **the truth made plain upon tables** would affect much and would cause souls to come to the knowledge of **the truth**.--Letter 26, 1850, p. 1. (To Brother and Sister Loveland, November 1, 1850.) {5MR 202.4}

On our return to Brother Nichols, the Lord gave me a vision and showed me that **the truth must be made plain upon tables**, and it would cause many to decide for **the truth** by the **third angel's message** with **the two former** being made **plain** upon tables... {5MR 203.1}

The Bible was designed to be a guide to all who wish to become acquainted with the will of their Maker. **God gave to men the sure word of prophecy**; angels and even **Christ himself came to make known** to **Daniel and John** the things that must shortly come to pass. **Those important matters that concern our salvation were not left involved in mystery**. They were not revealed in such a way as to perplex and mislead the honest seeker after **truth**. Said the Lord by **the prophet Habakkuk**, "Write the vision, and make it **plain** upon tables, that he may run that readeth it." [**Habakkuk 2:2, 3**]. **The word of God is plain** to all who study it with a prayerful heart. Every truly honest soul **will come to the light of truth**. "Light is sown for the righteous." [Psalm 97:11.] No church can advance in holiness unless its members are earnestly seeking for **truth** as for hid treasure. {BEcho December 16, 1895, par. 6}

So in the prophecies **the future** is opened before us as **plainly** as it was opened to the disciples by the words of Christ. The **events** **connected** with the close of **probation** and the **work of preparation** for the time of trouble, are clearly presented. But **multitudes have no more understanding of these important truths** than if they had never been revealed. {RH June 7, 1906, par. 3}

My mind was **carried to the future**, when the signal [**Dan 11:45- Islam takes residence in Jerusalem**] will be given. "**Behold, the Bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him**." But **some will have delayed to obtain the oil for replenishing their lamps, and too late they will find that character, which is represented by the oil, is not transferable**." Review and Herald, February 11, 1896.

It is in a crisis that **character** is revealed. When the earnest voice [**Rev 14 in our pioneers day and Rev 14 & 18 angel in our day**] proclaimed at midnight, "**Behold, the bridegroom cometh go ye out to meet him**," and the **sleeping virgins** were **roused**

This was not **Habakkuk's** only experience in the exercise of strong **faith**. On one occasion, **when meditating concerning the future**, he said, "I will stand upon my watch, and set me upon the tower, and will watch to see what he will say unto me." Graciously the Lord answered him: "**Write the vision, and make it plain upon tables, that he may run that readeth it**. For the vision is yet for an appointed time, but **at the end it shall speak, and not lie; though it tarry, wait for it; because it will surely come, it will not tarry**. **Behold, his soul which is lifted up is not upright in him; but the just shall live by his faith**." Habakkuk 2:1-4. {PK 386.2} {RH July 8, 1915, p 12}

from their slumbers, it was seen who **had made preparation** for the **event** [**our day: Dan 11:45- Islam takes residence in Jerusalem**]. Both parties were taken unawares; but **one was prepared** for the emergency, and **the other was found without preparation**. So now [**in our day**], **a sudden and unlooked-for calamity, something that brings the soul face to face with death** [**Islam's destruction over the earth**], **will show whether there is any real faith** [**Hab 2:4**] **in the promises of God**. **It will show whether the soul is sustained by grace**. The great final test [**Sunday observance**] comes at the **close of human probation** [**soon, after Islam takes residence in Jerusalem**], **when it will be too late for the soul's need to be supplied**. {COL 412.1}

Let all our brethren and sisters beware of any one who would set a time for the Lord to fulfil his word **in regard to his coming, or in regard to any other promise** he has made of special significance. "It is not for you to know the **times or the seasons**, which the Father hath put in his own power." **False teachers** may appear to be very zealous for the work of God, and may expend means to bring their theories before the world and the church; but as **they mingle error with truth, their message is one of deception, and will lead souls into false paths. They are to be met, and opposed, not because they are bad men, but because they are teachers of falsehood, and are endeavoring to put upon falsehood the stamp of truth.** What a pity it is that men will go to such pains to discover some theory of error, when there is a whole storehouse of precious gems **of truth** by which the people might be enriched in the most holy **faith**. **Instead of teaching truth, they let their imagination dwell upon that which is new and strange, and throw themselves out of harmony with those whom God is using to bring the people up upon the platform of truth.** {RH September 12, 1893, par. 6}

There are many who have a merely nominal faith, but this faith will not save you. Many believe in Christ because somebody else does, because the minister has told them this or that; but if you rest your **faith** only on the minister's word, **you will be lost.** **You must not do as did the foolish virgins, who, when the cry came, "Behold, the bridegroom cometh," found no oil in their vessels.** When they discovered their lack, they sought those who were wise, and applied to them for **oil for their dying lights**; but it was too late to supply them. The wise had only enough for their own use, and they told the foolish virgins **they must go and buy oil for themselves.** We all must buy **oil** for ourselves. **We must not be content with a mere profession. We are to take a stand for the truth by profession, and the principles of truth must become a part of our life.** {RH October 1, 1889, par. 4}

In a special sense **Seventh-day Adventists** have been set in the world as watchmen and **light-bearers.** **To them has been entrusted the last warning for a perishing world.** On them is shining wonderful **light** from the **Word of God.** **They have been given a work of the most solemn import—the proclamation of the first, second, and third angels' messages.** There is no other work of so great importance. **They are to allow nothing else to absorb their attention.** {Ms53-1910.6}

Will our brethren bear in mind that **we are living amid the perils of the last days?** **Read Revelation in connection with Daniel. Teach these things.** ... when these **angels** empty from themselves the **golden oil of truth** into the heart of him who is teaching **the word**, then the **application** of **the truth** will be a **solemn, serious matter.** The **angel messengers** will expel sin from the heart, unless the door of the heart is padlocked and Christ is refused admission. **Christ will withdraw himself from those who persist in refusing the heavenly blessings that are so freely offered them.** {SpTA08 24.1} **Sanctify them through thy truth; thy word is truth Jn 17:17**

At the time of the loud cry of the third angel those who have been in any measure **blinded by the enemy, who have not fully recovered themselves from the snare of Satan, will be in peril, because it will be difficult for them to discern the light from heaven, and they will be inclined to accept falsehood.** Their erroneous experience will color their thoughts, their decisions, their propositions, their counsels. The evidences that God has given will be no evidence to those who have blinded their eyes by choosing darkness rather than light. **After rejecting light, they will originate theories which they will call "light," but which the Lord calls, "Sparks of their own kindling," by which they will direct their steps.** The Lord declares, "Who is among you that feareth the Lord, that obeyeth the voice of his servant, that walketh in darkness, and hath no light? Let him trust in the name of the Lord, and stay upon his God. **Behold, all ye that kindle a fire, that compass yourselves about with sparks: walk in the light of your fire, and in the sparks that ye have kindled. This shall ye have of mine hand; ye shall lie down in sorrow.**" **Jesus said: "For judgment I am come into the world, that they which see not might see; and that they which see might be made blind."** "I am come a **light** into the world, that whosoever believeth on me should not abide in darkness." "**He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him: the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day.**" {RH December 13, 1892, par. 3}

We must not, for a moment, allow our hands to drop our **burdens**, or our voice to be silent. **Satan will do all in his power to intercept every ray of light from heaven,** but **we must lift our voices and with no uncertain sound, proclaim the third angel's message.** "And **the third angel** followed them, saying with a loud voice, If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark in his forehead or in his hand, the same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be **tormented with fire and brimstone [plagues from Islam]** in the presence of the holy angels and in the presence of the Lamb." **[Revelation 14:9, 10.]** {Lt25b-1895.6}

"And after these things," John writes, "I saw **another angel [Rev 18 angel repeats warning 3rd angel's message of Rev 14] come down from heaven, having great power; and the earth was lightened with his glory.** And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, **Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and the cage of every unclean and hateful bird. For all nations have drunk of the wine of her fornication, and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies. And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues.**" **[Revelation 18:1-4.] This is the message Satan would have silenced.** {Lt232-1899.23}

There is to be in the churches **a wonderful manifestation of the power of God**, but it will not move upon those who have not humbled themselves before the Lord, and opened the door of the heart by confession and repentance. **In the manifestation of that power which lightens the earth with the glory of God** (*Rev 18 angel*), they will see only something which in their blindness they think dangerous, something which will arouse their fears, and they will brace themselves to resist it. Because the Lord does not work according to their ideas and expectations, they will oppose the work. “Why,” they say, “should not we know the Spirit of God, when we have been in the work so many years?—Because they did not respond to the warnings, the entreaties of the messages of God, but persistently said, “I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing.” Talent, long experience, will not make men channels of light, unless they place themselves under the bright beams of the Sun of Righteousness, and are called, and chosen, and prepared by the endowment of the Holy Spirit. {1888 765.5}

Now is the time for us to do our appointed work. Now is the time for us to reveal living faith. I ask you to **prepare** for what is coming upon the earth—**plagues**, war, and confusion of nations. I pray that the Lord may hold the **four winds** until the servants of God are sealed in their foreheads. **We have no time to halt between two opinions.** Let us do the work that must be done in these last days—set our own hearts in order, that they may be purified, refined, elevated, and ennobled. {Lt115-1899.3} God has chosen his way to refine our character through these warning messages of the plagues/ the four winds—Islam!

I saw that the **four angels would hold the four winds** until Jesus’ work was done in the sanctuary, **then the seven last plagues** will be poured out. {Ms2-1849.2}

When Christ saw in the Jewish people a nation divorced from God, **He saw also a professed Christian church united to the world and the papacy.** And as He stood upon Mount Olivet, weeping over Jerusalem till the sun sank behind the western hills, so **He is watching over and pleading with sinners in these last moments of time.** Soon He will say to the angels who are holding **the four winds**, “Let the **plagues** loose; let the **darkness, destruction, and death** come upon **the transgressors of My law.**” Will He be obliged to say to those **who have had great light and great knowledge**, as He said to the Jews, “O that thou hadst known, even thou in this thy day, the things which belong unto thy peace. But now they are hid from thine eyes”? [Luke 19:42.] {Lt98-1900.49}

In the Scriptures are presented truths that relate especially to our own time. **To the period just prior to the appearing of the Son of man**, the prophecies of Scripture point, and here their **warnings and threatenings** pre-eminently apply. **The prophetic periods of Daniel, extending to the very eve of the great consummation, throw a flood of light upon events** then to transpire... {RH, September 25, 1883 par. 6}

The prophetic periods of Daniel [Dan 11:45], extending to the very eve of the great consummation [2nd coming], throw a flood of light upon events then to transpire. **The book of Revelation is also replete with warning and instruction** for the last generation. The beloved John, under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, portrays the fearful and thrilling **scenes connected with the close of earth’s history**, and presents the duties and **dangers** of God’s people. None need remain in ignorance, none need be unprepared for the coming of the day of God. {RH September 25, 1883, par. 6}

The world is stirred with the spirit of war. The prophecy of **the eleventh chapter of Daniel** has **nearly** reached its complete fulfillment. Soon **the scenes of trouble** spoken of in the prophecies will take place.--Testimonies, vol. 9, p. 14. {ChS 54.5}

Let us read and study the **twelfth chapter** of Daniel. **It is a warning that we shall all need to understand before the time of the end.**--15MR 228 (1903). {LDE 15.4}

12th Chapter of Daniel:

VERSE 1 And at that time [After Dan 11:45] shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and **there shall be a time of trouble [a warning]**, such as never was since there was a nation [even] to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book.

“The angels are holding **the four winds [Islam’s destruction on world- plagues].**” {Ms1-1848.15}

“It is God that restrains the powers.” {Ms1-1848.16}

“The angels have not let go, for the saints are not all sealed.” {Ms1-1848.17}

“The **time of trouble has commenced, it is begun.** The reason why **the four winds** have not let go, is because the saints are not all sealed. It’s on the increase, and will increase more and more; the trouble will never end until the earth is rid of the wicked.” {Ms1-1848.18}

VERSE 2 And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, **and some to shame [and] everlasting contempt [a warning].**

VERSE 3 And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever.

When I think of those words of Daniel, I find myself waking up in the night and repeating them over and over: "**And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament: and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever.**" Look at the sun and the stars marshaled in the heavens, and known by their names. The Lord says, **They that turn many to righteousness shall shine as the stars forever and ever.** {HP 364.2}

In order to determine how important are the interests involved in the conversion of the soul from error to truth, we must appreciate the value of immortality; **we must realize how terrible are the pains of the second death [a warning of Rev 2:1; 14:21; 20:6, 14; 21:8]**; we must comprehend the honor and glory awaiting the ransomed, and understand what it is to live in the presence of Him who died that He might elevate and ennoble man, and give to the overcomer a royal diadem. {HP 364.3}

The worth of a soul cannot be fully estimated by finite minds. How gratefully will the ransomed and glorified ones remember those who were instrumental in their salvation! No one will then regret his self-denying efforts and persevering labors, his patience, forbearance, and earnest heart yearnings for souls that might have been lost had he neglected his duty or become weary in well-doing. {HP 364.4}

VERSE 4 But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, [even] to the time of the end: **many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased [a warning].**

Many, very many, will be terribly surprised when the Lord shall come suddenly as a thief in the night. Let us watch and pray, lest coming suddenly He find us sleeping. My soul is deeply stirred as I consider how much we ought to do for perishing souls. **The prediction of Daniel, "Many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased," is to be fulfilled in our giving of the warning message; many are to be enlightened regarding the sure word of prophecy.** [Daniel 12:4.] {Lt12-1907.5}

The Bible was designed to be a guide to all who wish to become acquainted with the will of their Maker. God gave to men **the sure word of prophecy**; angels and even Christ himself came to make known to Daniel and John the things that must shortly come to pass. **Those important matters that concern our salvation were not left involved in mystery.** They were not revealed in such a way as to perplex and mislead the honest seeker after truth. **Said the Lord by the prophet Habakkuk, "Write the vision, and make it plain upon tables, that he may run that readeth it."** [Habakkuk 2:2, 3.] **The word of God is plain** to all who study it with a prayerful heart. Every truly honest soul will come to the light of truth. "Light is sown for the righteous." [Psalm 97:11.] No church can advance in holiness unless its members are earnestly seeking for truth as for hid treasure. {4SP 344.2} (taken from "The Snares of Satan" Chapter)

Referencing Daniel Chapter 12, VERSE 10:

In every city of our world the **warning** will be proclaimed of its sure ruin, because the inhabitants imagine and practice evil, and that continually. Horse racing, gambling, betting, drunkenness, and all kinds of lasciviousness is seen on all sides, almost without limit. **The wicked shall do wickedly, and none of the wicked shall understand [a warning];** but the wise shall understand." [Daniel 12:10.] {Lt27-1897.8}

As we near the close of this world's history, the prophecies recorded by Daniel demand our special attention, as they relate to the very time in which we are living. With them should be linked the teachings of the last book of the New Testament Scriptures. Satan has led many to believe that the prophetic portions of the writings of Daniel and of John the revelator cannot be understood. But **the promise is plain that special blessing will accompany the study of these prophecies.** "**The wise shall understand**" (**verse 10**), was spoken of the visions of Daniel that were to be unsealed in the latter days; and of the revelation that Christ gave to His servant John for the guidance of God's people all through the centuries, the promise is, "**Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein.**" Revelation 1:3. {PK 547.2}

VERSE 13 But go thou thy way till the end [be]: for thou shalt rest, and stand in thy lot at the end of the days.

John stands in his place. In the Revelation, the Lion of the tribe of Judah has opened to the students of prophecy the book of Daniel, and thus is Daniel standing in his place. He bears his testimony, that which the Lord revealed to him in vision of the great and **solemn events** which we **must know [a warning to be given]** as we stand on the very threshold of their fulfillment. {1MR 47.2}

Daniel shall stand in his lot at the end of the days. John sees the little book unsealed. **Then Daniel's prophecies have their proper place in the first, second, and third angels' messages to be given to the world.** {Ms59-1900.22}

Referencing Daniel Chapter 12, VERSES 8-13

In his vision of the last days Daniel inquired, "O my Lord, what shall be the end of these things [verse 8]? And he said, Go thy way. Daniel: for the words are closed up and sealed till the time of the end [verse 9]. Many shall be purified, and made white, and tried: but the wicked shall do wickedly: and none of the wicked shall understand: but the wise shall understand. [verse 9]. . . . Blessed is he that waiteth, and cometh to the thousand three hundred and five and thirty days [verse 12]. But go thou thy way till the end be: for thou shalt rest, and stand in thy lot at the end of the days [verse 13]" [Daniel 12:8-13]. Daniel **has been** standing in his lot since the seal was removed [1844] and the light of truth has been shining upon his visions. He stands in his lot, bearing the testimony which was to be understood at the end of the days. {1SAT 225.5} 1893

Referencing Daniel Chapter 12, VERSES 1-3 & 13:

Daniel is today standing in his lot [verse 13], and we are to give him place to speak to the people. **Our message [Dan 11:45] is to go forth as a lamp that burneth. "At that time shall Michael stand up,** the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book [verse 1]. And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt [verse 2]. And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars forever and ever [verse 3]." {AUCR, March 11, 1907 par. 10} **These words present the work that we are to do in these last days.** We are not one-half awake. We have not the power that is essential to the doing of the work that must be done. We must come into life, **come into union.** Now, just now, we must stand in that position where **repentance and pardon shall be the striking features of our work.** There must be no quarrelling. It is too late to engage with Satan in his work of blinding eyes. It is too late to give heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of devils [a warning]. {AUCR, March 11, 1907 par. 11}

So in the prophecies **the future** is opened before us as **plainly** as it was opened to the disciples by the words of Christ. The **events connected with the close of probation and the work of preparation for the time of trouble, are clearly presented.** But **multitudes have no more understanding of these important truths** than if they had never been revealed. Satan watches to catch away every impression that would make them wise unto salvation, and the time of trouble will find them **unready.** {RH June 7, 1906, par. 3}

It was needful that **men should be awakened to their danger;** that they should **be roused to prepare** for the **solemn events connected with the close of probation [Islam takes residence in Jerusalem].** The prophet of God declares: "The day of the Lord is great and very terrible; and who can abide it?" [Joel 2:11.] Who shall stand when He appeareth who is "of purer eyes than to behold evil, and cannot look on iniquity?" [Habakkuk 1:13.] To them that cry, "My God, we know thee," yet have transgressed his covenant, and hastened after another god, [Hosea 8:2, 1; Psalm 16:4.] hiding iniquity in their hearts, and loving the paths of unrighteousness, to these, the day of the Lord is "darkness, and not light, even very dark, and no brightness in it." [Amos 5:20.] "It shall come to pass at that time," saith the Lord, "that I will search Jerusalem with candles, and punish the men that are settled on their lees; that say in their heart, The Lord will not do good, neither will he do evil." [Zephaniah 1:12.] "I will punish the world for their evil, and the wicked for their iniquity; and I will cause the arrogancy of the proud to cease, and will lay low the haughtiness of the terrible." [Isaiah 13:11.] "Neither their silver nor their gold shall be able to deliver them;" "their goods shall become a booty, and their houses a desolation." [Zephaniah 1:18, 13.] {GC88 309.3}

Solemn are the **scenes [Islam takes residence in Jerusalem] connected with the closing work of the atonement [close of probation].** Momentous are the interests therein involved. **The Judgment is now passing in the sanctuary above [a warning].** Forty years has this work been in progress. Soon—none know how soon—it will pass to the cases of the living. In the awful presence of God our lives are to come up in review. At this time above all others it behooves every soul to heed the Saviour's admonition, "Watch and pray, for ye know not when the time is." "Watch ye therefore, ... lest coming suddenly he find you sleeping [a warning]." [Mark 13:33, 35, 36.] {4SP 314.3}

The great plan of redemption, as revealed in **the closing work [Close of probation] of these last days,** should receive **close examination.** The **scenes connected with the sanctuary above [Dan 11:45] should make such an impression upon the minds and hearts of all that they may be able to impress others.** All need to become more intelligent in regard to the work of the **atonement, which is going on in the sanctuary above.** When **this grand truth** is seen and understood, those who hold it will work in harmony with Christ to a people to stand in the great day of God, and their efforts will be successful. **By study, contemplation, and prayer God's people will be elevated above common, earthly thoughts and feelings, and will be brought into harmony with Christ and His great work of cleansing the sanctuary above from the sins of the people.** Their **faith** will go with Him into the sanctuary, and the worshipers on earth will be carefully reviewing their lives and comparing their **characters** with the great standard of righteousness. They will see their own defects; they will also see that they must have the aid of the Spirit of God [a

warning] if they would become qualified for the great and solemn work for this time which is laid upon God's ambassadors. {5T 575.1}

Study the scenes connected with the departure of the Israelites from the land of bondage. Prepare for the call, "Behold the Bridegroom cometh! go ye out to meet Him." [Verse 6.] Not only are you to be aroused; you are to arouse others.

Most startling messages will be borne by men of God's appointment, messages of a character to warn the people, to arouse them. And while some will be provoked by the warning and led to resist light and evidence, we are to see from this that we are giving the testing message for this time. {9T 137.1}

Messages will be given out of the usual order. The judgments of God are in the land. While city missions must be established where colporteurs, Bible workers, and practical medical missionaries may be trained to reach certain classes, we must also have, in our cities, consecrated evangelists through whom a message is to be borne so decidedly as to startle the hearers. {9T 137.2}

The time will soon come when it will be impossible to do the work that ought to have been done years ago. "Gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end." [1 Peter 1:13.] If you would move in the Lord's order, turn your attention wholly to yourselves for a while, until you have no disposition to criticize others. Prepare to meet thy God. You have no time to bind yourselves up with worldly interests. {Lt160-1903.23}

Then I saw that Jesus would not leave the most holy place until every case was decided either for salvation or destruction, and that the wrath of God could not come until Jesus had finished His work in the most holy place, laid off His priestly attire, and clothed Himself with the garments of vengeance. Then Jesus will step out from between the Father and man, and God will keep silence no longer, but pour out His wrath [7 last plagues] on those who have rejected His truth. I saw that the anger of the nations, the wrath of God, and the time to judge the dead were separate and distinct, one following the other, also that Michael had not stood up, and that the time of trouble, such as never was, had not yet commenced. The nations are now getting angry, but when our High Priest has finished His work in the sanctuary, He will stand up, put on the garments of vengeance, and then the seven last plagues will be poured out [a warning]. {EW 36.1}

The warning needs to be often sounded: "Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour." {3T 575.1}

When The warning sign should be seen, *[in our day, this is Islam's move to Jerusalem]* judgment was to follow so quickly [close of probation] that those who would escape must make no delay [must stand for all truth, for Christ, for the Sabbath, proclaim the 3rd angel's message with boldness and distinctness etc]. ... They must not hesitate a moment [must stand for truth no matter the consequences], lest they be involved in the general destruction [from Islam by seven last plagues]. {4SP 26.2} *[a lesson from the past!!—History indeed, is to be repeated!]*

God's eye is upon his people, and he never leaves himself without a witness in the world. No man knows when Turkey will take its departure from Europe, but when that move is made, earth's history will be short. Then it will be said, "He that is unjust let him be unjust still, . . . and he that is righteous let him be righteous still." To-day is "the day of preparation." The fate of Babylon, Medo-Persia, Greece, and Rome is recorded for the edification of the nations of today, and the lessons taught by all center in the events just before us. While the world watches Turkey [Dan 11:45], let the servant of God watch the movements of his great High Priest, whose ministry for sin is almost over [close of probation]. {1901 SNH, SDP 248.2}

Those who would share the benefits of the Saviour's mediation should permit nothing to interfere with their duty to perfect holiness in the fear of God. The hours heretofore given to pleasure, to display, or to gain-seeking, should now be devoted to an earnest, prayerful study of the word of truth. The subject of the sanctuary and the investigative Judgment should be clearly understood by the people of God. All need a knowledge for themselves of the position and work of their great High Priest. Otherwise, it will be impossible for them to exercise the faith essential at this time, or to occupy the position which God designs them to fill. {4SP 312.3}

We are to bear testimony of the great truths which God has committed to us. The sanctuary in Heaven is the very center of Christ's work in behalf of men. It concerns every soul living upon the earth. It opens to our view the plan of redemption, bringing us down to the very close of time, and revealing the triumphant issue of the contest between righteousness and sin. It is of the utmost importance that all who have received the light, both old and young, should thoroughly investigate these subjects, and be able to give an answer to every one that asketh them a reason of the hope that is in them. {4SP 313.1}

We do not understand the **faith** and confidence we may have in God, the great blessings which **faith** will give us, as is our privilege. **An important work is before us. We are to obtain a moral fitness for Heaven. [God has chosen develop our character through the giving of this warning message of the 3rd angel]** Our words and our example are to tell upon the world. Angels of God are actively engaged in ministering to the children of God. **Precious promises are upon record on condition of our obedience to God's requirements.** Heaven is full of the richest of blessings, all waiting to be communicated to us. If we feel our need, and come to God in sincerity and in earnest **faith**, we shall be brought into close connection with Heaven, and shall be channels of light to the world. {T25 179.2}

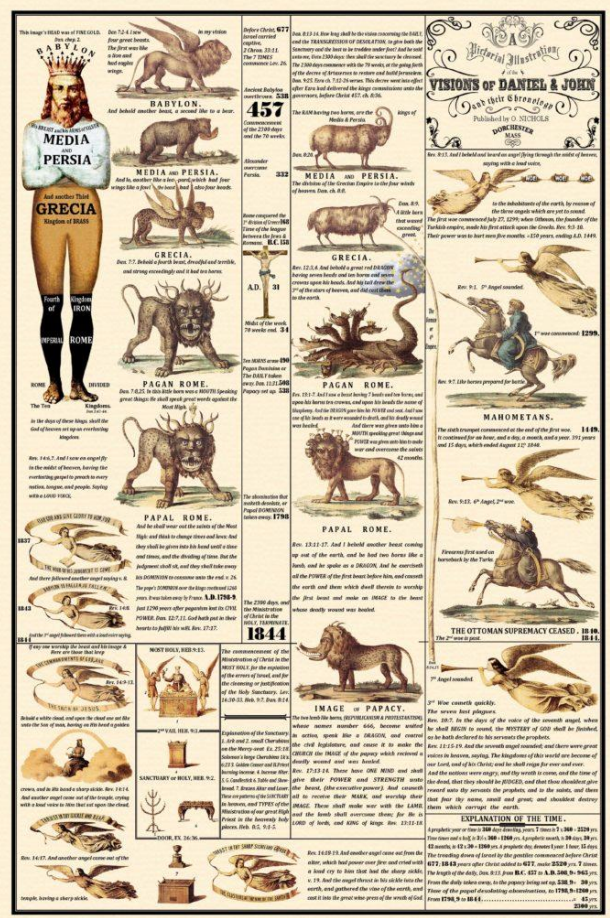
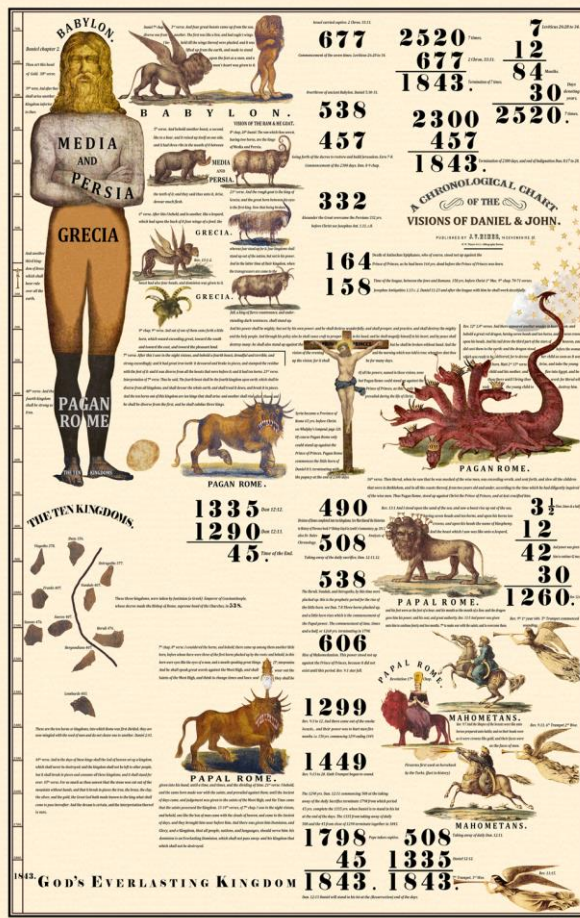
This **fearful message** will do **its work** [**character building**]. When it was first presented, it led to **close examination of heart. Sins were confessed**, and the people of God were stirred everywhere. **Nearly all believed that this message would end in the loud cry of the third angel.** {1T 186.1}

The just shall live by his **faith**. Hab 2:4

The visions of Daniel and John- Tables of Habakkuk 2:1-4:

1843 Chart (Table)

1850 Chart (Table)



The warning has come **echoing down the ages to our time**, "**Behold, I come quickly (this is part of the 3 angel's messages)** and my reward is with me to give every man **according as his work shall be (character building message)**. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last. **Blessed are they that do his commandments, (this includes obeying the command given to Habakkuk (Hab 2:1-2, 3) for the last days: to preach the messages [the vision] as they are depicted on the 1843 and 1850 charts that were directed by the hand of the Lord and of which agree perfectly with the Bible and history)** that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city." {RH August 21, 1888, par. 18}

Habakkuk 2:1, 2- I will stand upon my watch, and set me upon the tower, and will watch to see what he will say unto me, and **what I shall answer when I am reproved [argued with]**. And the LORD answered me, and said, **Write the vision, and make [it] plain upon tables, that he may run that readeth it.**

Let us ever hold in remembrance the cheering message, "**The vision is yet for an appointed time, but at the end it shall speak, and not lie: though it tarry, wait for it; because it will surely come, it will not tarry.... The just shall live by his faith.**" **Habakkuk 2:3, 4.** {RH July 15, 1915, par. 3} (Printed in the Review one day prior to her passing on July 16th)

Daniel and Revelation messages to be given at our camp meetings

We need to exalt God's memorial of creation (*the Sabbath*) at the very beginning of the camp-meeting. Let the message come with such startling abruptness that it will arouse those who otherwise would not be stirred. The impression made will deepen, and the meeting will assume a new significance. Be assured that the best way is to <present sacred, testing truth> with as much force as possible. **Let the people see that it means something to them to receive or reject the truth.** The people who attend our camp meetings expect something surprising. **Give them the truth as it is in Daniel and Revelation.** Let nothing take the place of the testing message for this time. {Ms7-1901.9}

THIRD ANGEL'S MESSAGE SHOULD BE GIVEN AT CAMPMEETINGS

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The third angel's message is to be given to our world in clear, distinct lines. In the fourteenth chapter of Revelation we read, "The third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, If any man worship the beast and his image, or receive his mark in his forehead or in his hand, the same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels and in the presence of the Lamb." **This message embraces the two proceeding messages.** It is represented as being given with a loud voice; that is, with the power of the Holy Spirit. Everything is now at stake. **The third angel's message is to be regarded as of the highest importance. It is a life and death question.** The impression made by this message will be proportionate to the earnestness and solemnity with which it is proclaimed. {Ms16-1900.1}

Satan has devised a state of things whereby the proclamation of the third angel's message shall be bound about. We must beware of his plans and methods. **There must be no toning down of the truth, no muffling of the message for this time.**

The third angel's message must be strengthened and confirmed. **The eighteenth chapter of Revelation reveals the importance of presenting the truth in no measured terms but with boldness and power.** John writes, "After these things I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power; and the earth was lightened with his glory. {Ms16-1900.2}

"And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird. For all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies. And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, **Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues.** For her sins have reached unto heaven, and God hath remembered her iniquities." {Ms16-1900.3}

Babylon is represented as holding a wine cup in her hand, from which she makes all nations drink. **The nations commit spiritual fornication, by divorcing themselves from God and trampling on His commandments.** But there are some who remain true to their allegiance to Jehovah. John beholds the loyal people of God, and he exclaims, "Here is the patience of the saints; here are they that keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus." **The time in which the saints live is a trying one for those who refuse to receive the mark of the beast,** but through it all the saints show their patience. They continue steadfast in the faith, even should their firmness cost them their life. {Ms16-1900.4}

There are only two parties upon this earth—those who stand under the bloodstained banner of Jesus Christ and those who stand under the black banner of rebellion. In the twelfth chapter of Revelation is represented the great conflict between the obedient and the disobedient. "The dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ." "I beheld another beast coming out of the earth, and he had two horns like a lamb, and he spake as a dragon. And he exerciseth all the power of the first beast before him, and causeth the earth, and them which dwell therein to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed. {Ms16-1900.5}

"And he doeth great wonders, so that he maketh fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men. And he deceiveth them that dwell on the earth by reason of the miracles which he had power to do in the sight of the beast; saying to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an image to the beast which had the wound by the sword, and did live. And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed. And he causeth all both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads; and that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast or the number of his name." {Ms16-1900.6}

Satan will work miracles to deceive those who dwell on the earth. Spiritualism will do its work, by causing the dead to be personated. Those religious bodies who refuse to hear God's message of warning will be under strong deception, and will unite with the civil power in persecuting the church. The Protestant churches will unite with the papal power in persecuting the commandment-keeping people of God. This union will constitute the great system of persecution which will exercise spiritual tyranny over the consciences of men. {Ms16-1900.7}

"He had two horns like a lamb, and he spake like a dragon." This lamblike power unites with the dragon in making war upon those who keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus Christ. **Though professing to be followers of the Lamb of God, men become imbued with the dragon-spirit. They profess to be meek and humble, but they speak and legislate with the spirit of Satan, showing by the actions that they are the opposite of what they profess to be.** And Satan unites with Papists and Protestants, acting in concert with them as the god of this world, dictating to men as if they were the subjects of his kingdom, to be handled and governed and controlled as he pleases. {Ms16-1900.8}

If men will not agree to trample under foot the commandments of God, they are brought before councils and fined or imprisoned. "He causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their forehead." "He had power to give life to the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed." Thus Satan usurps the prerogatives of Jehovah. The man of sin sits in the seat of God, proclaiming himself to be God, and acting above God. {Ms16-1900.9}

The Lord's faithful servants will receive the bitterest persecution from false teachers, who will not hear the Word of God, ... who prepare stumbling blocks to put in the way of those who would hear. But God's people are not to fear. Satan cannot go beyond his limit. The Lord will be the defense of His people. **He regards any injury done to His servants for the truth's sake as done to Himself.** When the last decision has been made, when all have taken sides, either for Christ and the commandments or for the great apostate, God will arise in His power, and the mouths of those who have blasphemed against Him will be forever stopped. {Ms16-1900.10}

Every opposing power will receive its punishment. "Therefore prophesy thou against them all these words, and say unto them, The Lord shall roar from on high, and utter his voice from his holy habitation; he shall give a shout, as they that tread the grapes, against all the inhabitants of the earth. A noise shall come even to the ends of the earth; for the Lord hath a controversy with the nations, he will plead with all flesh; he will give them that are wicked to the sword.. .. Thus saith the Lord of hosts, Behold, evil shall go forth from nation to nation, and a great whirlwind shall be raised up from the coasts of the earth. And the slain of the Lord shall be at that day from one end of the earth even unto the other end of the earth; they shall not be lamented, neither gathered, nor buried." {Ms16-1900.11}

We have entered upon a time when the most earnest gospel missionary work is to be done. But I have been given light, decided light, that the so-called medical missionary work in America has absorbed means and labor that were needed in destitute fields, where a strong influence for the truth should be maintained. I was shown large numbers engaged in work for the outcasts, while all through God's moral vineyard were fields ripe for the harvest. If we should all engage in the work that Dr. Kellogg has been doing for the lowest class of people, what would become of the work that is to be done in the places where the third angel's message—the truth upon the Sabbath and the second coming of our Lord—has never been proclaimed? {Ms16-1900.12}

Satan will so mingle deception with truth that side issues will be created to turn the attention of the people from the one great issue, the test to be brought upon men and women in these last days. From the light God has given me, I know that the gospel message for this time is being largely turned aside, for work among the lowest class of people. This work is being made the all-absorbing work; but this is not in God's order. **It is a never-ending work, and if it is carried on as it has been in the past, all the power of God's people will be required to counterbalance it, and the work of preparing a people to stand amid the perils of the last days will never be done.** {Ms16-1900.13}

Our work is to put on the armor and make aggressive warfare. Laborers are not to be encouraged to work in the slums and filth of the cities, where they will only secure converts who need watching, and that continually. There are fields all ripe for the harvest, and all the time and money is not to be devoted to gathering in those who through indulgence of appetite have trained themselves in pollution. Some of these may be saved. And there are those who can labor in the lowest places of the earth without becoming deteriorated in character. But it is not safe to give young men and young women this class of work to do. The experiment would be a dear one. Thus those who could work in the highways would be disqualified for work of any kind. {Ms16-1900.14}

Wherever the truth has been proclaimed and people have been awakened and converted to the truth, the believers are at once to unite in enterprises of charity. Wherever Bible truth has been presented, a work of practical godliness is to be commenced. Wherever a church is established, true missionary work is to be done for the helpless and suffering. {Ms16-1900.15}

Paul wrote to the Corinthian church, "Moreover brethren, we do you to wit of the grace of God bestowed on the churches of Macedonia; how that in a great trial of affliction the abundance of their joy and their deep poverty abounded unto the riches

of their liberality. For to their power I bear record, yea, and beyond their power they were willing of themselves; praying us with much entreaty that we would receive the gift, and take upon us the fellowship of the ministering to the saints. And this they did, not as we hoped, but first gave their own selves to the Lord, and unto us by the will of God. Insomuch that we desired Titus that as he had begun, so he would also finish in you the same grace also." {Ms16-1900.16}

There had been a famine at Jerusalem. Paul knew that many of the Christians there had been scattered abroad, and that those who remained would be likely to be deprived of human sympathy and exposed to religious enmity. Therefore he exhorted the churches to send pecuniary assistance to their brethren in Jerusalem. The work of collecting help for the church at Jerusalem had been begun more than a year before, and Paul felt that the matter should no longer be delayed, that the amount pledged should be gathered in and sent to Jerusalem. The amount raised by the churches of Macedonia had exceeded the expectations of the apostles. The people were filled with joy and gladness because they could help, and they were willing to do "beyond their power." {Ms16-1900.17}

This is the true basis of charity according to the Word of God. {Ms16-1900.18}

Men's feelings may become deeply moved as they see human beings suffering as the result of their own course of action. There are those who are specially impressed to come into direct contact with this class, and the Lord gives them a commission to work in the worst places of the earth, doing what they can to redeem outcasts and place them where they will be under the care of the church. **But the Lord has not called Seventh-day Adventists to make this work a specialty.** He would not have them in this work engross many workers or exhaust the treasury, as has been done, by erecting institutions for the care of outcasts, thus hindering the work of foreign missions. God calls for one hundred missionaries where there is now one. These are to go forth to foreign countries. {Ms16-1900.19}

Every one who has heard and accepted the third angel's message is to hold the banner of truth, unstained and uncorrupted, higher and still higher. Every organization among our people, as well as every individual, is responsible to God to give the last message of warning to the world with a loud voice. Strong, decided appeals are to be made. {Ms16-1900.20}

In no better way can the masses be reached than by camp meetings. These meetings reach all classes. Thus men and women are helped to plant their feet upon the platform of eternal truth. {Ms16-1900-21}

More aggressive work must be done. Plans must be made in the cities. **Now is the time to give the third angel's message. But this cannot be done in church buildings.** Camp meetings must be held, not one mammoth camp meeting, but **smaller camp meetings in different places.** The holding of camp meetings is one of the most successful ways of working for the Lord. These meetings should continue two or three weeks, and during this time earnest work should be done for believers and unbelievers. The work done at these meetings should never be of a cheap, low grade. Men of the best spiritual gifts should attend, men **who can give the message for this time and properly bring out the features of our faith which make us what we are—Seventh-day Adventists.** {Ms16-1900.22}

Some have thought it best to gradually prepare the way for the presentation of the Sabbath question. **The Sabbath truth is to be proclaimed with a loud voice,** as represented in the fifty-eighth chapter of Isaiah. **There has been too much beating about the bush in the proclamation of the third angel's message. The message has not been given as clearly and distinctly as it should have been. The third angel's message is to be proclaimed at our camp-meetings, and in a most earnest, decided manner. The trumpet is to give a certain sound.** {Ms16-1900.23}

Camp meetings are not to be made business meetings, so that the public will lose the precious opportunity of hearing the Word of truth. Let short, pointed discourses be given, and after such a discourse, ask those who wish to follow Christ to signify it. Then take them into a tent by themselves, and pray with and for them. Hold fast to those interested, until they are confirmed in the faith. There are too few revival efforts made. There is too little seeking of the Lord. The most determined efforts should be made to arouse the people. At the close of every meeting decisions should be called for. {Ms16-1900.24}

Let all see that you are in earnest because you have a wonderful message from heaven. Tell the people that the Lord is coming in judgment, and that neither kings nor rulers, wealth nor influence, will be able to stand against or ward off the judgments soon to fall. In many places these judgments are already falling; yet by their attitude worldlings and church members say plainly, We want none of these rebukes. We want none of your warnings. We will not hear. {Ms16-1900.25}

Those who have had great light and many opportunities and privileges should be laborers together with God. They must seek the Lord earnestly and yoke up with Christ. Only thus can they do effective work. To our camp meetings come to very classes for whom we are to labor. Let every Seventh-day Adventist who attends gird on the armor, feeling that he is to be a laborer together with God. {Ms16-1900.26}

The work done in the cities must be established on a firm gospel platform. This is best done by holding camp meetings. Everything in connection with these meetings should be neat and tidy, yet without display. Taste and tact do much to attract. Missionary work is to be done at every camp meeting. The standard of temperance is to be lifted. Remember that it is only

through God that we can reach the people. We are to rely holly upon God, holding Him to His promise, "Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord of hosts." {Ms16-1900.27}

When those to whom the Lord has entrusted responsibilities as leaders show their faith by their works, God's power will be manifested. When those who bear the burden of the work purify themselves from all that is displeasing to God, when they plead with God until they know that they have forgiveness and peace, the work of God will go forward with power. **When those who occupy positions of trust fear and tremble before God because of the responsibility of their work, when they feel their own unworthiness and realize that it is time to seek the Lord with humility of heart, God will work through them. No unfaithfulness will then be seen.** {Ms16-1900.28}

Nothing in this world is so dear to God as His church. Nothing is guarded by Him with such jealous care. He would have His church stand as did ancient Israel, when the ark was in their midst. Nothing so offends God as a planning on the part of men to injure the influence of those who are doing His service. Leave the forces of the enemy to do this work. God will call to account all who aid Satan in his work of discouraging. Let the solemn, sacred truth for this time unify the people of God. Let no one, by the manifestation of harsh, unchristlike traits of character, cause the withdrawal of the Holy Spirit. Those who are without sympathy, tenderness, and love cannot do Christ's work. {Ms16-1900.29}

Christ's injunction regarding the importance of preserving unity is sufficiently plain for all to understand. God would make His people honorable if they would die to self. In the heavenly courts angels wait to receive from God the holy oil, which is to be emptied into vessels prepared for it. These holy ones take a special part in the service of man. They prepare the heart to receive the holy oil, given that Christ may be all and in all. {Ms16-1900.30}

God has not given men power over the church or over individuals. He has not given them power to treat the subjects of His kingdom as their perverse tempers shall dictate. Christ will not sustain any man, whatever may be his office, who exalts himself as superior, when by his actions he makes himself in the sight of God, inferior. O, it is the saddest sight in the world to see men and women, who have not enough of the grace of God to control themselves, seeking to control others. **The work of God must be done in gentleness and true courtesy.** O, how much out of place are pride, selfishness, covetousness, and dishonesty. **The Lord will punish those who lift themselves up in haughtiness and self-sufficiency, who refuse to show love and compassion for their brethren, or to encourage them in any way. These self-sufficient ones are the cause of the dearth in the church of the prosperity and success given by the Holy Spirit.** {Ms16-1900.31}

We want decided victories. But if we gain them it will be because God sees that we have received Christ by faith, and that we are revealing Him in our lives. When we do this, the cloud that has been hanging over the work will be rolled back upon the originator of sin. **The work of God must stand forth in its exalted purity.** Who will now prove a false friend to God's cause? Who will betray sacred trusts? Who will cherish their own unchristlike traits of character till Christ is ashamed to have any connection with them? **The Lord desires every soul in His service to be perfect in character. Those who are not cleansed from all uncleanness of the flesh and of the spirit might better leave the work which in God's sight is so sacred. Be they ministers or directors, they are not fit for their office without thorough conversion and repentance.** {Ms16-1900.32}

I write thus plainly because the Lord's work must be advanced in elevated lines. **He prepares the wheat for His garner by separating it from the chaff.** There is need now for every man to stand in his lot and in his place. There is to be perfect unity in the ranks of God's people. **The work of the ministry is to retain its sacred, holy character. Disappointing requests may be seen, as in Christ's day in the case of Judas. And Paul mentions some who departed from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits. Others for love of gain left the work in which the apostles took so much interest and which they carried forward with such rejoicing.** But although errors may have to be corrected, although some of the workers may cause great sorrow, yet the ministry is not to be belittled or ignored. {Ms16-1900.33}

To our camp meetings come all classes of people, the poorest sinner as well as the rich and intelligent. All are to be labored for. Those who are seeking the Lord are to be encouraged to advance. When at these gatherings, we must ever remember that two forces are at work. A battle unseen by human eyes is being waged. The army of the Lord is on the ground, seeking to save souls. Satan and his synagogue are also at work, trying in every possible way is deceive souls. Day by day the battle goes on. If our eyes could be opened to see the good and evil agencies at work, there would be no trifling, no vanity, no jesting or joking. {Ms16-1900.34}

There must now be no indifference or weakness on the part of those who are doing God's service. Remember that while at the camp meeting you are either gathering with Christ or scattering abroad. Do not say, I am not responsible. I have nothing to do in this meeting. Be assured that if Satan has a chance, he will crowd your mind with his thoughts, giving you something to do in the line of criticism. Let not the servants of God allow Satan to make their minds his workshop. {Ms16-1900.35}

To every man is given his work. There is much to be done. We all need light from heaven. If we do not receive this light, it is because we have closed the windows of the soul heavenward and opened them earthward. He who does this will see

everything in a perverted light. Those who desire to be purified must mix faith with the hearing of the Word. {Ms16-1900.36}

Paul sums up his instruction to the Ephesians by saying, “Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord,” not in self, “and in the power of his might,” not in self-confidence and self-sufficiency. “Put on the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities and powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.” How many think of these words when engaged in camp meeting work? O, if all would only put on the whole armor of God, what wonderful victories would be gained. {Ms16-1900.37}

“Wherefore take unto you the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all”—**having obeyed the instruction given by the Lord through His servants**—“to stand. Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; and your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace.” Let the peace of Christ rule in the heart and express itself in words and works of praise and thanksgiving. The peace of Christ in the heart will be revealed by the true child of God. Christlike words and deeds are the fruit the Saviour longs to see in His followers. There is no excuse for spiritual dearth in the soul. The peace of Christ, which passeth understanding, is provided for all. {Ms16-1900.38}

“Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.” Satan is on the ground, for the purpose of hindered those present from gaining the spiritual attainments which they may receive. Confidence in God, a constant exercise of faith, will quench his fiery darts. {Ms16-1900.39}

“And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit”—presented to you by the Captain of the Lord’s host—“which is the word of God.” {Ms16-1900.40}

God stands ready to furnish His children with light and grace and power. Every soldier in the army of the Lord is to stand firm in the faith, working out his own salvation with fear and trembling, knowing that God is working in him, to will and to do of His good pleasure. **God’s soldiers are to be ever ready with the word, “It is written.” When assailed by the enemy, they are not to use words human wisdom, but words of divine wisdom, keeping the eyes fixed on Christ.** And they work to press back the powers of darkness, they are to pray always, “with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints.” {Ms16-1900.41}

Everything good in men and women is the fruit of the working of the Holy Spirit. The Spirit teaches us to reveal righteousness in our lives. **The greatest work that can be done in our world is to glorify God by living the character of Christ.** God will make perfect only those who will die to self. Those who are willing to do this can say, “I live, yet not I, but Christ liveth in me.” {Ms16-1900.42}

Our work is to call upon men to cooperate with us as we cooperate with Christ, and through the power of the grace of God carry out the instruction given in the fifty-eighth chapter of Isaiah. This chapter shows the spirit which fills the hearts of those who are disobedient. They war against truth and righteousness, and complain against God because He does not favor them in their work. **God declares that He cannot bless this class of men, because they fast for strife and debate, and to smite with the fist of wickedness. He says to them, “He shall not fast as ye do this day, to make your voice to be heard on high.”** {Ms16-1900.43}

“Is it such a fast as I have chosen? a day for a man to afflict his soul? Is it to bow down his head as a bulrush, and to spread sackcloth and ashes under him? wilt thou call this a fast, and an acceptable day unto the Lord? Is not this the fast that I have chosen? to loose the bands of wickedness, to undo the heavy burdens, and to let the oppressed go free, and that ye break every yoke? Is it not to deal thy bread to the hungry, and that thou bring the poor that are cast out to thy house? when thou seest the naked that thou cover him, and that thou hide not thyself from thine own flesh? Then shall thy light break forth as the morning, and thine health shall spring forth speedily; and thy righteousness shall go before thee; the glory of the Lord shall be thy reward.” {Ms16-1900.44}

“Then shalt thou call, and the Lord shall answer; thou shalt cry; and he shall say, Here I am. If thou take away from the midst of thee the yoke, the putting forth of the finger, and speaking vanity; and if thou draw out thy soul to the hungry, and satisfy the afflicted soul; then shall thy light rise in obscurity, thy darkness be as the noon day. And the Lord shall guide thee continually, and satisfy thy soul in drought, and make fat thy bones, and thou shalt be like a watered garden, and like a spring of water, whose waters fail not.” {Ms16-1900.45}

“And they that be of thee shall build the old waste places; thou shalt raise up the foundations of many generations; and thou shalt be called, The repairer of the breach, The restorer of paths to dwell in. If thou turn away thy foot from the Sabbath, from doing thy pleasure on my holy day, and call the Sabbath a delight, the holy of the Lord, honorable, and shalt honor him, not doing thine own ways, nor finding thine own pleasure, nor speaking thine own words; then shalt thou delight thyself in the Lord; and I will cause thee to ride upon the high places of the earth, and feed thee with the heritage of Jacob thy father, for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.” {Ms16-1900.46}

The work to be done in these last days has been given us by the Lord. Let us obey His Word. Which side are we on? Are we honoring the Lord by calling His Sabbath holy? Are we engaged in the work of repairing the breach which the man of sin has made in the law of God? There is a great work for all to do who will cooperate with Him who declared, "I am not come to destroy but to fulfill." Shall any one allow himself to be tempted to think, because of the universal scorn thrown on God's law, that Satan's enmity against this law is right? Shall we take sides with the great apostate? No, no; those who are willing to receive the Word of inspiration will say, "They have made void thy law; therefore love I thy commandments above gold; yea, above fine gold." {Ms16-1900.47}

God calls for minutemen. Who will answer the call? We are servants of Christ, and everyone is to arm for the defense of the truth which the people need. **We must study how we can approach people in such a way as to win their confidence.** In the Scriptures the church of Christ is represented as striving, laboring, working, fighting the good fight of faith, and praying in confidence and sincerity, ever ready to unsheath the sword of the Spirit. {Ms16-1900.48}

The bread of life must be given to those ready to perish. Call the attention of the people to the signs of the times. There are wars and rumors of wars. Nation is rising against nation. Selfishness and covetousness lead to violence, crime, and all kinds of wickedness. Nation is watching nation, to see if there is not some advantage to be gained. A concession made by one nation only opens the way for another concession to be called for. The presumptuous, daring deeds of unholy ambition, done to gain strength by robbery, show that men do not realize that those who take the sword must perish by the sword. {Ms16-1900.49}

The signs of Christ's coming are fulfilling. Time is precious, too precious to be frittered away. God needs men who will give the warning message, men who will sell and give alms that the work of warning the world may not be hindered. **God's work has been and is being bound about by the erecting of large, expensive buildings, as if these buildings would proclaim the last message of mercy to a guilty world.** There is money enough to carry forward the work if all will act as God's stewards, giving back to Him His own. The aggressive warfare is to be carried forward with firmness and determination, for Satan has come down with great power to work with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish. {Ms16-1900.50}