

# THE OUTPOURING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT WITH POWER AND THE LOUD CRY OF THE THIRD ANGEL.

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Revelation 18:1-4: - "And after these things I saw another angel 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 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."

Our study is going to be on the Loud Cry of the Third Angel. I am sure that there is a lot of confusion and ignorance over this subject, which I hope this study will help to clear up to some degree. We are going to look at the glory of this Angel that enlightens the whole earth, what the term "Loud Voice or Cry" signifies, and then briefly look at some of the various aspects of the message of Revelation 18. Then I will answer from inspiration some of the questions which most Sabbath-keepers have concerning this issue, such as: -

- How will the Message be carried?
- How many believers will have a part in giving this message?
- Will ministers and theologians lead out in giving this message?
- Why has the Lord withheld the pouring out of the Holy Spirit upon his professed people, so as to usher in the Loud Cry?
- Will the Church and Nominal Adventists give this message? How will they respond to this message?
- What do we have to do to prepare to have a part in giving this message?
- The end result of the Loud Cry message.

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If you don't know what the message is, how will you be able have a part in giving it and to be able to recognize it when it comes?

## **THE TRUTH AND GLORY OF GOD ARE INSEPARABLE: -**

The angel of Revelation 18 that is to give the "Loud Cry" message is to lighten the whole earth with his glory.

Revelation 18:1: - "And after these things I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power; and ***the earth was lightened with his glory.***"

We have been informed by inspiration that the truth and glory of God are inseparable.

1884 Great Controversy, p. 416: - "***The truth and the glory of God are inseparable***; it is impossible for us, with the Bible within our reach, to honor God by erroneous opinions." {4SP 416.2}

Special Testimonies, Series B, No. 7, p. 63: - "***When the truth in its simplicity is lived in every place, then God will work through His angels as He worked on the day of Pentecost, and hearts will be changed so decidedly that there will be a manifestation of the influence of genuine truth, as is represented in the descent of the Holy Spirit.***" {SpTB07 63.4}

**NOTE**: - As the truth and glory of God are inseparable, the angel of Revelation 18:1 is going to enlighten the world with his glory - **with the genuine truth of God - pure and unadulterated!**

Well did the prophet Isaiah prophesy of the light and glory that is to come upon God's truth loving people at the end of time, in marked contrast with the gross spiritual and moral darkness that will be enshrouding the people of the earth.

Isaiah 60:1 & 2: - "***Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the LORD is risen upon thee.*** For, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people: ***but the LORD shall arise upon thee, and his glory shall be seen upon thee.***"

## **WHAT DOES THE TERM "LOUD VOICE" SIGNIFY?**

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The angel of Revelation 18 proclaims his message with a “strong” or “loud voice”.

Revelation 18:1 & 2: - “And after these things I saw another angel 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 a cage of every unclean and hateful bird.***”

What does the term “Loud Voice” signify? It indicates that the message is given with the power of the Holy Spirit, and that it is going to be a world-wide message.

Bible Comments, Volume 7 p. 980 – Comments on Revelation 14 :9-12 : - ***“It is represented as being given with a loud voice; that is, with the power of the Holy Spirit.”*** {7BC 980.3}

The Signs of the Times, published in 1853, by Elder James White, p. 113: - “It is a well known fact that the burden of the first message was given from 1840 to the first part of 1844. It is also a fact that the announcement, “Babylon is fallen,” was made in 1844, and that the burden of that message, which called many thousands from the different churches, closed in the Autumn of 1844. ***This movement being local, the angel is not said to make his proclamation with a loud voice. But the first angel announces the hour of God’s judgment with a loud voice. The fulfillment was a mighty movement, which took hold of the public mind.***”

The power of the Holy Spirit that will be manifested under the “Loud Cry” will far exceed that displayed under the preaching of the 1<sup>st</sup> Angel’s message. Elder James White brings this truth out very clearly, as does also the testimony of Jesus.

R. & H., October 20, 1859 – article by Elder James White, entitled - “THE LOUD VOICE OF THE THIRD ANGEL.”: - ***“For certain reasons, which we now design to give, we believe the third message will increase in strength, and close with far greater power than the first. ... But we solemnly believe that the work of the third angel will be far greater than the first, ... the third message is yet to be proclaimed everywhere with tremendous power, sufficient to arouse all to a decision, a final decision. ... Rev. xviii, 1, 2: “And after these things I saw another angel 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 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.” Notice the terms which express the greatness of the work. The angel has “great***

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*power," the "earth was lightened with his glory," he "cried mightily with a strong voice." Be assured, dear reader, this glorious message will forget its febleness soon; for the angel is to have great power, and cry "mightily" with a "strong voice." This work will not be finished up in a corner; for the earth is to be lightened with his glory."*

1884 Great Controversy, p. 429: - *"The angel who unites in the proclamation of the third message is to lighten the whole earth with his glory. A work of world-wide extent and unwonted power is here brought to view. The Advent movement of 1840-44 was a glorious manifestation of the power of God; the first message was carried to every missionary station in the world, and in this country there was the greatest religious interest which has been witnessed in any land since the Reformation of the sixteenth century; but these are to be far exceeded by the mighty movement under the loud cry of the third message."* {4SP 429.2}

### **LET US BRIEFLY EXAMINE SOME ASPECTS OF THE LOUD CRY MESSAGE: -**

We need to firstly understand that this Fourth Angel of Revelation 18 **JOINS** the warning of the Third Angel and it *swells* to a Loud Cry.

1884 Great Controversy, p. 422: - "Hence the movement symbolized by the angel coming down from Heaven, lightening the earth with his glory, and crying mightily with a strong voice, announcing the sins of Babylon. In connection with his message the call is heard, "Come out of her, my people." *As these warnings join the third angel's message, it swells to a loud cry.*" {4SP 422.1}

**NOTE: -** Every reference to the expression *"the Loud Cry"* that is contained in the 1884 Great Controversy Chapter entitled "The Loud Cry", has been deleted in the 1911 Great Controversy Chapter entitled "The Final warning". There is **NO** Loud Cry message, that is, there is **NO** power of the Holy Spirit that is going to accompany the Fourth Angel's Message in the changed book!

Let's take a careful look at the first part of this Fourth Angel's message.

The first part of this Fourth Angel's message is a repeat of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Angel's message of the fall of Babylon that was proclaimed in 1844.

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Revelation 14:8: - "And there followed another angel, saying, Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city, because she made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication."

But this Fourth Angel has additional warnings in his message besides just repeating the fall of Babylon as given by the 2<sup>nd</sup> Angel.

Revelation 18:2: - "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."

1884 Great Controversy, p. 421: - "In this scripture (that is Revelation 18:1, 2, 4 -compiler) the announcement of the fall of Babylon, as made by the second angel, [REV. 14:8.] is repeated, ***with the additional mention of the corruptions which have been entering the churches since 1844.***" {4SP 421.2}

Revelation 18:2 indicates that since the fall of Babylon was first proclaimed in 1844, the teachings of spiritualism have come into the churches, for they have "*become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit*". The Fourth Angel by the power of the Holy Spirit warns against, and condemns spiritualism in the churches. And the Scriptures have indeed prophesied of the rise of modern spiritualism in the last days, as being a sign of the end of the world.

The Holy Spirit warns us **EXPRESSLY** against spiritualism in the last days.

1<sup>st</sup> Timothy 4:1: - "Now ***the Spirit speaketh expressly***, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils."

What is one of the doctrines of devils that some are going to accept and thus depart from the faith? The apostle James has outlined the truth that the devils believe in the one true God, they even tremble at him, but their belief is just that - it is faith alone, without works.

James 2:19 & 20: - "***Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also believe, and tremble.*** But wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith without works is dead?"

This is one of the doctrines of devils, which has swept through the ranks of the churches since 1844. We have other Scripture predictions of the rise of spiritualism and the deceptive miracles of Satan in the last days that will deceive the world.

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Revelation 13:13 & 14: - "And he doeth great wonders, so that he maketh fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men, and deceiveth them that dwell on the earth by [the means of] those 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 a sword, and did live. And he doeth great wonders, so that he maketh fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men."

Revelation 16:13 & 14: - "And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs [come] out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet. For they are the spirits of devils, working miracles, [which] go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty."

Secondly the Loud Cry message describes Babylon since 1844 as being "*a cage of every unclean and hateful bird.*" What does this phrase mean, and who can this be referring to? The prophet Jeremiah uses similar terminology to describe the houses of God's professed people, because they are full of deceit.

Jeremiah 5:26 & 27: - "***For among my people are found wicked [men]:*** they lay wait, as he that setteth snares; they set a trap, they catch men. ***As a cage is full of birds, so [are] their houses full of deceit: therefore they are become great, and waxen rich.***"

**NOTE:** - This passage shows us that amongst God's professed people are found wicked men whose houses have become full of deceit like a cage of birds. So by using Jeremiah 5 to interpret Revelation 18, we can see that the Fourth Angel of Revelation 18:2 is warning against, and exposing God's professed people who have filled their houses with deceit and who have therefore become great and have become rich. Solemn message!

Another additional sin which has arisen since the 2<sup>nd</sup> Angel's message was given in 1844, which the 4<sup>th</sup> Angel has exposed, is found in the following verse.

Revelation 18:3: - "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."

Babylon has committed spiritual fornication or has formed an unlawful union with the kings of the earth. In other words, the churches are going to unite with the civil power, which

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we should recognize in Bible Prophecy as being the Image to the Beast, which the Third Angel warns against.

### **THE WARNING OF THE THIRD ANGEL: -**

There are three specific things which the 3<sup>rd</sup> Angel warns us against: -

Revelation 14:9 & 10: - "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 in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb."

1. The Worship of the Beast;
2. The Worship of the Image to the Beast; and,
3. The reception of the Mark of the Beast.

A careful study of the Third Angel's Message with Revelation 13:11-17 indicates that it is the Two-Horned Beast of Protestant America that enforces these three things upon the world. The testimony of the Scriptures and the Testimony of Jesus reveal this truth.

Revelation 13:12: - "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."

Revelation 13:14 & 15: - "And deceiveth them that dwell on the earth by [the means of] those 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 a 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."

1884 Great Controversy, p. 278: - "**The formation of this image is the work of that beast whose peaceful rise and mild professions render it so striking a symbol of the United States.**

Here is to be found an image of the papacy. When the churches of our land, uniting upon such

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points of faith as are held by them in common, shall influence the State to enforce their decrees and sustain their institutions, ***then will Protestant America have formed an image of the Roman hierarchy.***" {4SP 277.2}

Revelation 13:16 & 17: - "***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."

Original Testimony, No. 6, p. 54: - "The conflict is between the requirements of God and the requirements of the beast. ***The first day, a Papal institution which directly contradicts the fourth commandment, is yet to be made a test by the two-horned beast.***"

We need to understand this simple truth that the Third Angel's message is warning us against the work of the Protestant daughters in enforcing upon the world the worship of the First Beast of Revelation 13. This persecuting work has been clearly outlined for us as far back as 1850.

Spalding-Magan Collection, p. 1: - "I saw that the two-horned beast had a dragon's mouth, and that his power was in his head, and that the decree would go out of his mouth. Then I saw the Mother of Harlots; that the mother was not the daughters, but separate and distinct from them. ***She has had her day, and it is past, and her daughters, the Protestant sects, were the next to come on the stage and act out the same mind that the mother had when she persecuted the saints. I saw that as the mother has been declining in power, the daughters had been growing, and soon they will exercise the power once exercised by the mother.***" {SpM 1.4}

**NOTE:** - So coming back to the Loud Cry message of Revelation 18:3, Babylon or the Protestant Churches will commit fornication with the kings or civil powers of the earth as outlined in Revelation 13:11-17.

### **HOW WILL THE LOUD CRY GO?**

This last message is going to go with incredible power and lightning speed, as God will cut short his work in righteousness in this world.



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Romans 9:28: - "*For he will finish the work, and cut [it] short in righteousness*: because a short work will the Lord make upon the earth."

The latter rain is to come **AS** the Midnight Cry of 1844, and with ten times the power.

Spalding-Magan Collection, p. 4: - "*I saw the latter rain was coming as the midnight cry, and with ten times the power.*" {SpM 4.3}

The Loud Cry is going to be carried **AS WAS** the Midnight Cry of 1844.

1884 Great Controversy, p. 430: - "The message will be carried, *as was the midnight cry of 1844*, not so much by argument as by the deep conviction of the Spirit of God." {4SP 430.1}

**NOTE**: - The phrase "*as was the midnight cry of 1844*" has been deleted from the 1911 Great Controversy, p. 612.

**The Midnight Cry of 1844** commenced in July 1844, and it took off with the power of the Holy Spirit at the Exeter Camp meeting in New Hampshire in August 1844. And from that Camp meeting the Advent believers went forth and proclaimed the message with the power of the Holy Spirit, "*Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him.*" - Matthew 25:6. And by October 22, 1844 a period of only about 3 months, the message had accomplished the work that God had designed in its proclamation.

The documentation is given below concerning the Midnight Cry commencing in July, 1844, and going for about three months under the power of the Holy Spirit. The following article also highlights the manifestation of the Holy Spirit's power under the Midnight Cry message.

"THE PRESENT MOVEMENT. - ITS RISE, PROGRESS AND CHARACTERISTICS." - THE ADVENT  
HERALD, AND SIGNS OF THE TIMES REPORTER, OCTOBER 16, 1844, SECOND EDITION: -

The Present Movement. -

ITS RISE, PROGRESS, AND CHARACTERISTICS.

After the passing away of 1843 - the Jewish year, - the great body of the Adventists settled down in their belief that we could henceforth reckon particular times with no degree of positiveness. - They believed that we were where our chronology points, as the end of all the prophetic periods, at the termination of which the Advent is expected, and that while we should have to wait only the *little while* that our chronology might vary from God's time, yet they believed that we could have no more clue to the definite time. They had all taken their lamps and gone forth to meet the Bridegroom; but the Bridegroom had tarried beyond the time (1843) in which he was expected. During this tarrying of the vision, it seemed to be the determination

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of all to *wait* for it, believing it could not be long delayed and that it might be momentarily expected. It was, however soon very evident that multitudes were forming plans for the future, which they would not form if they believed the Lord would come this year; and that they had fallen asleep with regard to a realizing sense of the Lord's immediate appearing. In other words, they thought he might come any day, or that it might be delayed some little while, during which they might enjoy a refreshing repose. Well, this was as our Savior said it should be: - "While the Bridegroom tarried they all slumbered and slept."

As early as May 1843, Mr. Miller had called our attention to the seventh month, of the Jewish Sacred year, as the time of the observance of those types which point to the Second Advent; and the last Autumn, we looked to that point of time with much interest. After it had passed away, Bro. S. S. Snow, fully embraced the opinion, that according to the types, the Advent of the Lord, when it does occur, must occur on the tenth day of the seventh month; but he was not positive as to the year. He afterwards saw that the prophetic periods do not actually expire until the present 1844; he then planted himself on the ground that about the 22d of Oct., - the tenth day of the seventh month of this present year, must witness the Advent of the Lord of glory. This, he preached in New York, Philadelphia, and other places during the past spring and summer; and while many embraced his views, yet, no particular manifestation of its effect was seen, until about July.

In the early part of the season, some of our brethren in the north of New Hampshire, had been so impressed with the belief that the Lord would come before another winter, that they did not cultivate their fields. About the middle of July - which was the midnight of the evening of the Jewish day-year, evening-morning, reckoning from the new moon of April, the commencement of this Jewish year - others, who had sown and planted their fields, were so impressed with a sense of the Lord's immediate appearing, that they could not consistently with their faith, harvest their crops. Some, on going into their fields to cut their grass, found themselves entirely unable to proceed, and, conforming to their sense of duty, left their crops standing in the field, to show their faith by their works, and thus to condemn the world. This rapidly extended through the north of New England.

About the middle of July, the blessing of God began to attend the proclamation of the *time*. And those who embraced either the tenth day of the 7<sup>th</sup> month, or the views of our brethren in New Hampshire, manifested a marked change and a sudden waking out of sleep. As was predicted, "at midnight there was a cry made, behold the Bridegroom cometh, go ye out to meet him." "Then all those virgins arose and trimmed their lamps." From July, the two movements - one in New Hampshire, and the other in the south of N England, above referred to - were distinct, but were each marked by the presence of God, in the sanctification of his saints. At the Exeter Campmeeting, in August, the two influences met, mingled into one and spread rapidly through all the Advent bands in the land.

At first, the definite time was generally opposed; but there seemed to be an irresistible power attending its proclamation, which prostrated all before it. It swept over the land with the velocity of a tornado, and it reached hearts in different and distant places almost simultaneously, and in a manner which can be accounted for only on the supposition that God is in this matter. It has produced everywhere the most deep searching of hearts and humiliation of souls before the God of high heaven. It has caused a weaning of affections from the things of this world, a healing of controversies and animosities, a confession of wrongs, a breaking down before God, and penitent broken-hearted supplications to Him for pardon and acceptance. It has caused self-abasement and prostration of soul, such as we never before witnessed. As God by

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Joel commanded, when the great day of God should be at hand, it has produced a rending of hearts and not of garments, and a turning unto the Lord with fasting and weeping and mourning. As God said by Zechariah, a spirit of grace and supplication has been poured out upon His children, they have looked to Him whom they had pierced, and there has been a great mourning in the land, every family apart and their wives apart; and those who are looking for the Lord have afflicted their souls before him. Such has been its effect on the children of God. And we have to confess that we have had no agency in producing this movement, but while we opposed it, God brought it about in spite of us: and in receiving it we could but exclaim, "What were we, that we should resist God?"

The effect that this movement has produced upon the wicked has greatly served to strengthen us in our belief that God is in it. While God's children have met together to prostrate and humble themselves before God, & to prepare for his coming, as it becomes a company of sinners to do, the wicked have manifested the greatest malice. When we had given no notice of our meetings, save in our own paper, nor invited the public there, the sons of Belial crowded into our meetings, and caused much disturbance. On Saturday evening, of the 12<sup>th</sup> inst. when we had no meeting, they broke into the Tabernacle, but were expelled by the city authorities. On the Sabbath, after the building was filled, a dense crowd occupied the street in front of the building, - many of them being enraged that any should believe in the advent of the Lord. In the evening no meeting was held; yet the street was filled with a mob at an early hour; but the prompt interference of the Mayor and his efficient police, which was unsolicited, cleared the street, after sending a very few to the watch-house. The city authorities have been very prompt and efficient in affording us that protection which the laws give to all peaceable citizens.

How true has the prophecy proved, that the wicked shall do wickedly, and none of the wicked shall understand. - They were like the mob which gathered around the door of Lot before the destruction of Sodom. The wicked manifest the same feelings in New York, Philadelphia and other places. When we consider the rise and progress of this movement, with its effect upon both the saints and sinners, we can but regard it as the work of God, as the true midnight cry, and as a sign to which all should take heed.

### **"LIKE FIRE IN THE STUBBLE": -**

**R. & H., December 15, 1885: - "When divine power is combined with human effort, the work will spread like fire in the stubble. God will employ agencies whose origin man will be unable to discern; angels will do a work which men might have had the blessing of accomplishing, had they not neglected to answer the claims of God."** {RH, December 15, 1885 par. 8}

The Testimony of Jesus has revealed the fact that the Loud Cry message is going to be carried out contrary to human plans and control. God is going to take the reigns of control into his own hands, and will surprise the workers by the simple way he is going to finish his work.

**Special Testimonies, Series A, No. 6, pp. 59 & 60: - "Unless those who can help in ----- are roused to a sense of their duty, they will not recognize the work of God when the loud cry of the third**

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angel shall be heard. *When light goes forth to lighten the earth, instead of coming up to the help of the Lord, they will want to bind about his work to meet their narrow ideas. Let me tell you that the Lord will work in this last work in a manner very much out of the common order of things, and in a way that will be contrary to any human planning. There will be those among us who will always want to control the work of God, to dictate even what movements shall be made when the work goes forward under the direction of the angel who joins the third angel in the message to be given to the world. God will use ways and means by which it will be seen that he is taking the reins in his own hands. The workers will be surprised by the simple means that he will use to bring about and perfect his work of righteousness.*" {SpTA06 59.1}

### THE LOUD CRY WILL BE CARRIED BASICALLY BY TWO MEANS: -

#### 1. Through house to house work.

Special Testimonies, Series B, No. 8. pp. 3 & 4: - "Recently, in visions during the night season, a representation passed before me. *Among God's people there seemed to be a great reformatory movement. 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 a 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.**" {SpTB08 3.3}

NOTE: - Although this statement does not explicitly and specifically mention God's people doing house to house gospel work, if we reread the following portion of the statement again, this truth should become apparent: - "**Hundreds and thousands were seen visiting families, and opening before them the Word of God.**"

Who were God's people visiting to open the Word of God to? They were visiting families. Where would these families be visited by God's people? In their own homes.

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### 2. Through God's people testifying of their faith before the courts of the land.

1884 Great Controversy, p. 425: - "The church appeals to the strong arm of civil power, and in this work, papists are solicited to come to the help of Protestants. The movement for Sunday enforcement becomes more bold and decided. The law is invoked against commandment-keepers. They are threatened with fines and imprisonment, and some are offered positions of influence, and other rewards and advantages, as inducements to renounce their faith. But their steadfast answer is, "Show us from the word of God our error,"--the same plea that was made by Luther under similar circumstances. ***Those who are arraigned before the courts make a strong vindication of the truth, and some who hear them are led to take their stand to keep all the commandments of God. Thus light is brought before thousands who otherwise would know nothing of these truths.***" {4SP 425.1}

God's people who are going to be giving this message to the world, will be able to travel from place to place, at a time when there is going to be a widespread pestilence or epidemic wiping out many, many of the wicked inhabitants of the world. And the sobering thing to notice from this next quotation is that if we attempt to travel without being sent from God, we will be in danger of being cut down by this prevailing pestilence.

The Present Truth, September, 1849, p. 32: - "***The Lord has shown me that precious souls are starving, and dying for want of the present, sealing truth, the meat in due season; and that the swift messengers should speed on their way, and feed the flock with the present truth. I heard an Angel say, "speed the swift messengers, speed the swift messengers; for the case of every soul will soon be decided, either for Life, or for Death.***" {RH, September 1, 1849 par. 8}

"I saw that those who had the means, were required to help speed those messengers, that God had called to labor in his cause, ***and as they went from place to place, they would be safe from the prevailing pestilence. But if any went that were not sent of God, they would be in danger of being cut down by the pestilence; therefore all should earnestly seek for duty, and be sure and move by the direction of the Holy Spirit.***" {RH, September 1, 1849 par. 9}

"What we have seen and heard of the pestilence, is but the beginning of what we shall see and hear. ***Soon the dead and dying will be all around us. I saw that some will be so hardened, as to even make sport of the judgements of God.*** Then the slain of the Lord will be from one end of the earth, to the other; they will not be lamented, gathered, nor buried; but

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their ill savor will come up from the face of the whole earth. ***Those only who have the seal of the living God, will be sheltered from the storm of wrath, that will soon fall on the heads of those who have rejected the truth.*** {RH, September 1, 1849 par. 10}

**NOTE:** - These three paragraphs have never been reprinted in any of the compiled books, and have been left out of Early Writings, p. 48.

The above inspired statement quotes from the pen of the prophet Jeremiah concerning the judgments of God to be executed upon the wicked inhabitants of the earth, at the end of this world's history. It is profitable to quote the entire context of these passages below.

Jeremiah 25:29-33: - "For, lo, I begin to bring evil on the city which is called by my name, and should ye be utterly unpunished? Ye shall not be unpunished: for I will call for a sword upon all the inhabitants of the earth, saith the LORD of hosts. 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 mightily roar upon his 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, saith the LORD. 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; they shall be dung upon the ground.***"

The previous quotation from The Present Truth refers to the Judgments of God being abroad in the earth at the time the sealing message is going to the world. The prophet Isaiah has informed us that when God's judgments are in the earth, some of the inhabitants of the world will learn righteousness.

Isaiah 26:9: - "With my soul have I desired thee in the night; yea, with my spirit within me will I seek thee early: ***for when thy judgments [are] in the earth, the inhabitants of the world will learn righteousness.***"

### **HOW MANY PEOPLE WILL GIVE THIS MESSAGE?**

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Inspiration has recorded the truth that this message is going to be given by thousands of voices all over the world.

1884 Great Controversy, p. 430: - "***By thousands of voices, all over the earth***, the message will be given." {4SP 429.2}

**NOTE:** - Considering that there are approximately 200 countries in the world, there is not a lot of people to whom the Lord is going to entrust with the power of the Holy Spirit.

### **WILL MINISTERS AND THEOLOGIANS LEAD OUT IN GIVING THIS MESSAGE?**

Jesus himself thanked his Heavenly Father, that the truths which he was communicating to his disciples, had been hidden from those thought to be wise and prudent by this world, but had instead been revealed unto babes.

Matthew 11:25 & 26: - "At that time Jesus answered and said, ***I thank thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent, and hast revealed them unto babes.*** Even so, Father: for so it seemed good in thy sight."

The apostle Paul wrote to the Corinthians, that the Lord has chosen the weak and base things of this world, rather than use the wisdom of man. This is so that no flesh will glory in his presence; but rather, all the glory will go to God.

1 Corinthians 1:19, 20 & 25 -29: - "For it is written, I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and will bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent. Where [is] the wise? where [is] the scribe? where [is] the disputer of this world? ***hath not God made foolish the wisdom of this world?*** ... Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men; and the weakness of God is stronger than men. ***For ye see your calling, brethren, how that not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, [are called]: But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty; And base things of the world, and things which are despised, hath God chosen, [yea], and things which are not, to bring to nought things that are: That no flesh should glory in his presence.***"



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Inspiration has given us a very simple answer to this question that God is going to use those who are humble and consecrated to his service, and who have received the unction or anointing of the Holy Spirit, rather than the self-sufficient ministers and leading men who have received training in theology.

Testimony for the Battle Creek Church – 1882, pp. 63 & 65: - ***“Those who have proved themselves unfaithful will not then be entrusted with the flock. In the last solemn work few great men will be engaged. They are self-sufficient, independent of God, and he cannot use them.”*** {PH117 63.1}

***“ ... God will work a work in our day that but few anticipate. He will raise up and exalt among us those who are taught rather by the unction of his Spirit, than by the outward training of scientific institutions. These facilities are not to be despised or condemned; they are ordained of God, but they can furnish only the exterior qualifications. God will manifest that he is not dependent on learned, self-important mortals.”*** {PH117 65.2}

1884 Great Controversy, p. 424: - ***“As the time comes for the loud cry to be given, the Lord will work through humble instruments, leading the minds of those who consecrate themselves to his service. The laborers will be qualified rather by the unction of his Spirit than by the training of literary institutions. Men of faith and prayer will be constrained to go forth with holy zeal, declaring the words which God gives them.”*** {4SP 424.1}

### **“PROCLAIMING THE SABBATH MORE FULLY”:** -

The Testimony of Jesus has recorded the solemn truth that as the people of God are filled with the Holy Spirit and go forth, they will proclaim the Sabbath more fully. This statement has reference to the giving of the “Loud Cry” message to the world.

A Word to the Little Flock, p. 19: - ***“I saw that God had children, who do not see and keep the Sabbath. They had not rejected the light on it. And at the commencement of the time of trouble, we were filled with the Holy Ghost as we went forth [HO. 6:2,3.] and proclaimed the Sabbath more fully. This enraged the church, and nominal Adventists, as they could not refute the Sabbath truth. And at this time, God's chosen, all saw clearly that we had the truth, and they came out and endured the persecution with us.”*** {WLF 18.4}



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In 1854, Sr. White explained the above statement referring to *“commencement of the time of trouble”*.

Supplement to the Christian Experience and Views of Ellen G. White – 1854, pp. 3 & 4: - ***“The commencement of the time of trouble,” here mentioned, does not refer to the time when the plagues shall begin to be poured out; but to a short period just before they are poured out, while Christ is in the Sanctuary. At that time, while the work of salvation is closing, trouble will be coming on the earth, the nations will be angry, yet held in check, so as not to prevent the work of the third angel. At that time the “latter rain,” or refreshing from the presence of the Lord, will come, to give power to the loud voice of the third angel, and prepare the saints to stand in the period when the seven last plagues shall be poured out.”*** {ExV54 3.4}

We also notice from the above 1854 explanation, that at this time, *“trouble will be coming on the earth, the nations will be angry, yet held in check, so as not to prevent the work of the third angel.”*

The Scriptures indeed describe this period of distress of nations and perplexity coming upon the earth, just before the 2<sup>nd</sup> Coming of Jesus.

Luke 21:25 - 27: - ***“... and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring; Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken. And then shall they see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.”***

In regards to God's people *“proclaiming the Sabbath more fully”*, the following inspired statement indeed identifies this as the message under the “Loud Cry”.

Special Testimony to the Battle Creek Church – 1898, pp. 5 & 6: - *“What are we doing? Are we voicing the message of the third angel? “The third angel followed them [the first and second angels,] 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 in the presence of the holy angels and in the presence of the Lamb: and the smoke of their torment ascendeth up forever and ever: and they have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name. Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and have the faith of Jesus.”* {PH086 5.4}

***“This is the message given by God to be sounded forth in the loud cry of the third angel. The sign or seal of God is the observance of the seventh-day Sabbath, and the Lord's***

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*memorial of his work of creation.* "The Lord spake unto Moses saying, Speak thou also unto the children of Israel, saying, Verily my Sabbaths ye shall keep: for it is a sign between me and you throughout your generations; that ye may know that I am the Lord that doth sanctify you." Here the Sabbath is clearly defined as a sign between God and his people." {PH086 6.1}

### **THE LIVING TESTIMONY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT WILL BE REVIVED: -**

We also notice from the statement made in A Word to the Little Flock, page 19, that the Lord's people will be "filled with the Holy Ghost" as this "time of trouble" commences. We have a number of Biblical examples given to us in the New Testament Scriptures, concerning how the Holy Spirit was manifested in the lives of certain godly individuals who were filled with the Holy Spirit. What it basically indicates is that the gifts of the Holy Spirit will be revived again among God's little flock of Commandment Keepers as this "time of trouble" commences. (Below we shall list the Biblical references and the individuals concerned, and ask the reader to turn to their own Bibles and see how the Holy Spirit was manifested in the respective individual's lives.)

- Luke 1:15 – 17: - John the Baptist.
- Luke 1:41 – 45: - Elisabeth, the mother of John the Baptist.
- Luke 1:67 – 79: - Zacharias, the father of John the Baptist.
- Acts 2:1 – 4: - The disciples on the Day of Pentecost.
- Acts 4:8 – 13: - The Apostle Peter.
- Acts 4:31: - The disciples.
- Acts 6:5; 7:55 & 56: - The Deacon Stephen.
- Acts 11:22 – 24: - The Apostle Barnabas.
- Acts 13:9 – 11: - The Apostle Paul.

The Testimony of Jesus has recorded for us the truth, that the "living testimony" of the Holy Spirit will be revived among God's people, by the pouring out of the "Latter Rain".

1858 Great Controversy, p. 197: - "I was pointed down to the time when the third angel's message was closing. The power of God had rested upon his people. They had accomplished their work, and were prepared for the trying hour before them. ***They had received the latter rain, or refreshing from the presence of the Lord, and the living testimony had been revived.***

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The last great warning had sounded every where, and it had stirred up and enraged the inhabitants of earth, who would not receive the message." {1SG 197.1}

1884 Great Controversy, pp. 429 & 430: - "***Servants of God, with their faces lighted up and shining with holy consecration, hasten from place to place to proclaim the warning from Heaven. By thousands of voices, all over the earth, the message will be given. Miracles are wrought, the sick are healed, and signs and wonders follow the believers.*** Satan also works with lying wonders, even bringing down fire from heaven in the sight of men. Thus the inhabitants of the earth are brought to take their stand." {4SP 429.2}

### **WHY HAS THE LORD WITHHELD THE POURING OUT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT UPON HIS PROFESSED PEOPLE, SO AS TO USHER IN THE LOUD CRY?**

First, we need to understand from the Scriptures, that it is indeed God who withholds the "***latter rain***" from his professed people, because of their sins, because of their committing spiritual adultery and because of their rebellious hearts.

Deuteronomy 11:13-17: - "And it shall come to pass, ***if*** ye shall hearken diligently unto my commandments which I command you this day, to love the LORD your God, and to serve him with all your heart and with all your soul, ***that I will give [you] the rain of your land in his due season, the first rain and the latter rain,*** that thou mayest gather in thy corn, and thy wine, and thine oil. And I will send grass in thy fields for thy cattle, that thou mayest eat and be full. ***Take heed to yourselves, that your heart be not deceived, and ye turn aside, and serve other gods, and worship them; And [then] the LORD'S wrath be kindled against you, and he shut up the heaven, that there be no rain,*** and that the land yield not her fruit; and [lest] ye perish quickly from off the good land which the LORD giveth you."

Jeremiah 3:1 – 3: - "They say, If a man put away his wife, and she go from him, and become another man's, shall he return unto her again? shall not that land be greatly polluted? but thou hast played the harlot with many lovers; yet return again to me, saith the LORD. Lift up thine eyes unto the high places, and see where thou hast not been lien with. In the ways hast thou sat for them, as the Arabian in the wilderness; ***and thou hast polluted the land with thy whoredoms and with thy wickedness. Therefore the showers have been withholden, and***

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*there hath been no latter rain;* and thou hadst a whore's forehead, thou refusedst to be ashamed."

Jeremiah 5:23 – 25: - "But this people hath a revolting and a rebellious heart; they are revolted and gone. Neither say they in their heart, Let us now fear ***the LORD our God, that giveth rain, both the former and the latter, in his season:*** he reserveth unto us the appointed weeks of the harvest. ***Your iniquities have turned away these [things], and your sins have withholden good [things] from you.***"

We need to also understand, that the Loud Cry message of Revelation 18 did indeed arise in the late 1880's among God's professed people.

R. & H., November 22, 1892: - "The time of test is just upon us, ***for the loud cry of the third angel has already begun in the revelation of the righteousness of Christ, the sin-pardoning Redeemer.*** This is the beginning of the light of the angel whose glory shall fill the whole earth." {RH, November 22, 1892 par. 7}

But sadly, inspiration has recorded the truth that this Heaven-Sent Messenger (that is, the Angel of Revelation 18) was rejected at that time, and when the message he will bring again comes, it will be rejected again by the majority (that is, the majority of God's professed people).

"Are Seventh Day Adventists Doing God's Will?", pp. 10 & 11: - "In 1888 in the General Conference held at Minneapolis, Minn., the angel of Revelation 18 came down to his work, and was ridiculed, criticized, and rejected, ***and when the message he brings again will swell into a loud cry, it will again be ridiculed, and spoken against, and rejected by the majority.***" (Entitled taking up a reproach.)

Because of our backsliding, our conformity to the world, and our rejection of God's pure, and unadulterated truth as a people, the Lord cannot pour out his Holy Spirit in power upon us. If the Lord did indeed pour out "*the refreshing*" upon such a lukewarm people, we would be in danger of being uplifted with spiritual pride, and taking the glory to ourselves.

Original Testimony, No. 16, p. 44: - "***We are so weak that we cannot bear much spiritual prosperity, lest we should take the glory, and accredit goodness and righteousness to ourselves as the reason of the signal blessing of God,*** when it was all because of the great mercy and loving kindness of our compassionate Heavenly Father, and not because any good was found in us."

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Testimony for the Battle Creek Church – 1882, p. 25: - “Few receive the grace of Christ with self-abasement, with a deep and permanent sense of their unworthiness. ***They cannot bear the manifestations of the power of God, for this would encourage in them self-esteem, pride, and envy. This is why the Lord can do so little for us now.***” {PH117 25.2}

God will **NOT** manifest his power among his professed people, while sins are existing among them.

Original Testimony, No. 23, p. 27: - “God’s displeasure is upon his people, ***and he will not manifest his power in their midst while sins are existing among them, and fostered by those in responsible positions.***”

In fact, the pen of inspiration has recorded the truth, that when the way has been cleared by his professed people, the Spirit of God will come as on the Day of Pentecost.

Original Testimony, No. 28, p. 59: - “I knew that when the way was cleared the Spirit of God would come in as on the day of Pentecost.”

God’s people need to live out the truth in its simplicity, then the Lord will work as on the day of Pentecost, in the descent of the Holy Spirit. Please note, it will be ***“a manifestation of the influence of genuine truth”*** that will produce this descent of the Holy Spirit.

Special Testimonies, Series B, No. 7, p. 63: - ***“When the truth in its simplicity is lived in every place, then God will work through His angels as He worked on the day of Pentecost, and hearts will be changed so decidedly that there will be a manifestation of the influence of genuine truth, as is represented in the descent of the Holy Spirit.”*** {SpTB07 63.4}

It is the love of the world that has shut Jesus out from the church.

Original Testimony, No. 16, p. 92: - “I was shown that love of the world has to a great extent shut Jesus from the church.”

This helps explain the reason **WHY** the power of the Holy Spirit has been taken away from the church.

1858 Great Controversy, p. 126: - “The church is not the separate and peculiar people she was when the fires of persecution were kindled against her. How is the gold become dim? How is the most fine gold changed? ***I saw that if the church had always retained her holy and peculiar***

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*character, the power of the Holy Spirit which was imparted to the disciples would be with her. The sick would be healed, devils would be rebuked and cast out, and she would be mighty, and a terror to her enemies.” {1SG 126.1}*

### **WILL THE CHURCH AND NOMINAL ADVENTISTS GIVE THE LOUD CRY? HOW WILL THEY RESPOND TO THIS HEAVEN SENT MESSAGE?**

We have two inspired examples that have been recorded for us, which will reveal a precedent for us concerning the giving of the Loud Cry by any Church organization or structure.

#### **EXAMPLE 1: - THE DAY OF PENTECOST AND THE DISCIPLES OF JESUS: -**

The disciples of Jesus in the Upper Room were of one accord, praying to Jesus, and on the Day of Pentecost the Holy Spirit was poured out upon them with power. This enabled them to preach the gospel message that converted thousands in a day. The Holy Spirit was **NOT** poured out upon the Jewish Church organization or its leaders and priests. In fact, they opposed the Spirit filled message of the apostles with all their might, and tried to squash this spirit-led movement. This is clearly recorded for us in the Book of Acts.

#### **EXAMPLE 2: - THE MIDNIGHT CRY OF 1844: -**

As we have previously found in this study that the Loud Cry will be carried as the Midnight Cry of 1844, we find that no Church organization gave the Midnight Cry of 1844. In fact, the churches closed their doors against the message. This forced those who had the living witness of the Holy Spirit within them to walk out from their churches if they were to be obedient to the Advent Message.

1884 Great Controversy, p. 250: - ***“At the call, “The Bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him,” the waiting ones “arose and trimmed their lamps;” they studied the word of God with an intensity of interest before unknown. Angels were sent from Heaven to arouse those who had become discouraged, and prepare them to receive the message. The work did not stand in the wisdom and learning of men, but in the power of God. It was not the most talented, but the most humble and devoted, who were the first to hear and obey the call.*** Farmers left their

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crops standing in the fields, mechanics laid down their tools, and with tears and rejoicing went out to give the warning. Those who had formerly led in the cause were among the last to join in this movement. ***The churches in general closed their doors against it, and a large company who had the living testimony withdrew from their connection.*** In the providence of God, this cry united with the second angel's message, and gave power to that work." {4SP 250.2}

### **A DIRECT INSPIRED ANSWER TO THIS QUESTION: -**

The Testimony of Jesus has recorded the solemn truth that as the people of God are filled with the Holy Spirit, they go forth and proclaim the Sabbath more fully. This message will enrage *the Church and Nominal Adventists who are unable to refute the Sabbath truth.*

A Word to the Little Flock, p. 19: - "I saw that God had children, who do not see and keep the Sabbath. They had not rejected the light on it. ***And at the commencement of the time of trouble, we were filled with the Holy Ghost as we went forth [HO. 6:2,3.] and proclaimed the Sabbath more fully. This enraged the church, and nominal Adventists, as they could not refute the Sabbath truth. And at this time, God's chosen, all saw clearly that we had the truth, and they came out and endured the persecution with us.***" {WLF 18.4}

In fact, many of God's ***professed*** people will not recognize the Loud Cry message when it comes, and they will call it a false light.

R. & H., May 27, 1890: - "***The third angel's message will not be comprehended, the light which will lighten the earth with its glory will be called a false light, by those who refuse to walk in its advancing glory.*** The work that might have been done, will be left undone by the rejecters of truth, because of their unbelief." RH, May 27, 1890 par. 6}

R. & H., December 13, 1892: - "***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

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which the Lord calls, "Sparks of their own kindling," by which they will direct their steps." {RH, December 13, 1892 par. 3}

"Are Seventh Day Adventists Doing God's Will?", p. 11: - "In the manifestation of the power that lightens the earth with the glory of God, 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 expectations and ideas they will oppose the work, why they say, 'should we not know the Spirit of God, when we have been in the work so many years?' because they did not respond to the warnings and entreaties of the message of God, but persistently said, 'I am rich and increased with goods and have need of nothing.'" (Bible Training School, 1907 - Reprint R. & H., November 7, 1918.)

✎ Related to these solemn truths, we need to ask ourselves the following question, and then we need to allow inspiration to answer it: -

### **WHAT DO WE HAVE TO DO TO HAVE A PART IN GIVING THE LOUD CRY?**

We need to individually **PREPARE** to have a part in being fitted to give the Loud Cry message. Some of the key thoughts from inspiration which give an inspired answer to this vital question we would summarize as follows: -

- We need to individually humble our hearts and zealously repent of our sins that have shut Jesus out of our lives – that is, we need to fully heed the counsel of the True Witness to the Laodiceans.
- We need to practice Health Reform and Christian Temperance.
- We need to live up to all the light that God has graciously shined upon our pathway.
- We need to overcome our sins through the power of Christ.
- We need to come into unity and be of one accord upon the platform of truth.

Original Testimony, No. 5, pp. 32 & 33: - "I saw that the testimony to the Laodiceans applied to God's people at the present time, and the reason it has not accomplished a greater work is because of the hardness of their hearts. But God has given the message time to do its work. ***The heart must be purified from sins which have so long shut Jesus out.*** This fearful message will do its work. When it was first presented it led to close examination of heart. Sins were



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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. But as they failed to see the powerful work accomplished in a short time, many lost the effect of the message. I saw that this message would not accomplish its work in a few short months. ***It was designed to arouse the people of God, to discover to them their backslidings, and to lead to zealous repentance, that they might be favored with the presence of Jesus, and be fitted for the loud cry of the third angel.*** As this message affected the heart, it led to deep humility before God. Angels were sent in every direction to prepare unbelieving hearts for the truth. The cause of God began to rise, and his people were acquainted with their position. If the counsel of the true Witness had been fully heeded, God would have wrought for his people in greater power.”

Original Testimony, No. 11, pp. 41 & 42: - ***“I was shown that the Health Reform is a part of the third angel’s message, and is just as closely connected with this message, as the arm and hand with the human body. I saw that we as a people must make an advance move in this great work. Ministers and people must act in concert. God’s people are not prepared for the loud cry of the third angel. They have a work to do for themselves which they should not leave for God to do for them. He has left this work for them to do. It is an individual work. One cannot do this work for another.*** “Having these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.” Gluttony has been the prevailing sin of this age. Lustful appetite has made slaves of men and women, and has beclouded their intellects and stupefied their moral sensibilities to such a degree that the sacred, elevated, truths of God’s word have not been appreciated. The lower propensities have ruled men and women.”

Original Testimony No. 13, pp. 67 & 68: - “I was shown that if God’s people, without making efforts on their part, wait for the refreshing to come upon them and remove their wrongs and correct their errors, and depend upon that to cleanse them from filthiness of the flesh and spirit, and fit them to engage in the loud cry of the third angel, they will be found wanting. ***The refreshing, or power of God, comes only on those who have prepared themselves for it by doing the work which God bids them, namely, to cleanse themselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.***”

**NB:** - This is a very clear statement from the pen of inspiration, and reinforces the importance of practising true Health Reform and Christian Temperance, as necessary preparations to being prepared for receiving the power of God – the refreshing from the presence of the Lord.

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This sobering truth is in harmony with the writings of the inspired apostles of Jesus.

2 Corinthians 7:1: - "Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, ***let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.***"

1 Peter 2:11: - "Dearly beloved, I beseech [you] as strangers and pilgrims, ***abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul.***"

Historical Sketches, p. 155: - "We may be followed with testimony after testimony of reproof; but if we do not overcome the disposition in us to do evil, if we do not respond to the light, we shall be in a state of condemnation before God. ***If, on the other hand, we live up to all the light that shines upon us, that light will continue to increase, and we shall have a clean record in heaven. The third angel's message is to lighten the earth with its glory; but only those who have withstood temptation in the strength of the Mighty One will be permitted to act a part in proclaiming it when it shall have swelled into the loud cry.***" {HS 155.3}

R. & H., April 19, 1906: - "The last great conflict is before us; ***but help is to come to all who love God and obey his law***, and the earth, the whole earth, is to be lighted with the glory of God. "Another angel" is to come down from heaven. ***This angel represents the giving of the loud cry, which is to come from those who are preparing to cry mightily, with a strong voice***, "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." {RH, April 19, 1906 par. 22}

**NB**: - Do we personally love God and obey his law? Are we preparing to have a part to cry mightily with a strong voice the message of Revelation 18?

Both the Scriptures and the Testimony of Jesus make it clear that as the disciples were of one accord on the Day of Pentecost, for the Holy Spirit to be poured out upon them, so God's people need to come into unity for the gifts of the Holy Spirit to be poured out again.

Acts 2:1 - 4: - "***And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.*** And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. ***And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.***"

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R. H., April 30, 1908: - *“Notice that it was after the disciples had come into perfect unity, when they were no longer striving for the highest place, that the Spirit was poured out. They were of one accord. All differences had been put away.* And the testimony borne of them after the Spirit had been given was the same. Mark the word: “The multitude of them that believed were of one heart and one soul.” The spirit of Him who died that sinners might live animated the entire congregation of believers.” {RH, April 30, 1908 par. 11}

Elder James White indeed teaches us that God’s people must come into unity, in the time of preparation for the Loud Cry.

R. & H., October 20, 1859 – article by Elder James White, entitled - “THE LOUD VOICE OF THE THIRD ANGEL.”: - *“The present then, is the time of preparation for the loud cry.* The great truth of the message is being brought out and made plain. And now God is rolling upon his people the weight and importance of the subject of perfect unity of sentiment and spirit. He is making his people one according to the Bible standard of unity. *When they shall fully reach that standard, then, and not till then, will he trust them with the loud cry.* When the church shall stand united perfectly in spirit and sentiment, then they can take care of the thousands in Babylon and the world yet to be brought out by the loud cry. *God will not suffer them to be brought out to be scattered, confused and destroyed by discordant sentiments and spirits.”*

Needless to say though, inspiration has recorded the truth that we are **NOT** to unify on a platform of error, or with those who are departing from the faith. Therefore, our unity must be on the platform of truth.

Special Testimonies, Series B, No. 2, p. 47: - *“We are to unify, but not on a platform of error.”* {SpTB02 47.2}

R. & H., April 19, 1906: - “We have a testing message to give, and I am instructed to say to our people, Unify, unify. *But we are not to unify with those who are departing from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of devils.* With our hearts sweet and kind and true, we are to go forth to proclaim the message, *giving no heed to those who lead away from the truth.*” {RH, April 19, 1906 par. 23}

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1884 Great Controversy, pp. 429 & 430: - "The angel who unites in the proclamation of the third message is to lighten the whole earth with his glory. A work of world-wide extent and unwonted power is here brought to view. The Advent movement of 1840-44 was a glorious manifestation of the power of God; the first message was carried to every missionary station in the world, and in this country there was the greatest religious interest which has been witnessed in any land since the Reformation of the sixteenth century; ***but these are to be far exceeded by the mighty movement under the loud cry of the third message. The work will be similar to that of the day of Pentecost. Servants of God, with their faces lighted up and shining with holy consecration, hasten from place to place to proclaim the warning from Heaven. By thousands of voices, all over the earth, the message will be given. Miracles are wrought, the sick are healed, and signs and wonders follow the believers. Satan also works with lying wonders, even bringing down fire from heaven in the sight of men. Thus the inhabitants of the earth are brought to take their stand.***" {4SP 429.2}

"The message will be carried, as was the midnight cry of 1844, not so much by argument as by the deep conviction of the Spirit of God. The arguments have been presented. The seed has been sown, and now it will spring up and bear fruit. The publications distributed by missionary workers have exerted their influence; ***yet many whose minds have been impressed have been prevented from fully comprehending the truth or from yielding obedience. Now the rays of light penetrate everywhere, the truth is seen in its clearness, and the honest children of God sever the bands which have held them. Family connections, church relations, are powerless to stay them now. Truth is more precious than all besides. Notwithstanding the agencies combined against the truth, a large number take their stand upon the Lord's side.***" {4SP 430.1}

R. & H., December 15, 1885: - "The dust and rubbish of error have buried the precious jewels of truth, but the Lord's workers can uncover these treasures, so that thousands will look upon them with delight and awe. Angels of God will be beside the humble worker, giving grace and divine enlightenment, and thousands will be led to pray with David, "Open thou mine eyes that I may behold wondrous things out of thy law." Truths that have been for ages unseen and unheeded, will blaze forth from the illuminated pages of God's holy word. The churches generally that have heard, refused, and trampled upon the truth, will do more wickedly; but "the wise," those who are honest, will understand. The book is open, and the words of God reach the hearts of those who desire to know his will. ***At the loud cry of the angel from heaven who joins***

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*the third angel, thousands will awake from the stupor that has held the world for ages, and will see the beauty and value of the truth.”* {RH, December 15, 1885 par. 15}