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Christ Our Righteousness

Christ Revealed by God the Father -

"God reveals Christ to the sinner and when he sees the purity of the Son of God, he is not ignorant of the character of sin. By faith in the work and power of Christ, enmity against sin and Satan is created in his heart. Those whom God pardons are first made penitent."

-Review and Herald, April 1, 1890.

Christ Draws the Sinner to Himself -

"Christ draws the sinner by the exhibition of His love upon the cross, and this softens the heart, impresses the mind, and inspires contrition and repentance in the soul." *-Ibid.*

"Christ is constantly drawing men to Himself, while Satan is as diligently seeking by every imaginable device, to draw men away from their Redeemer." *-Ibid.*

"As Christ draws them to look upon His cross, to behold Him whom their sins have pierced, the commandment comes home to the conscience. The wickedness of their life, the deep-seated sin of the soul, is revealed to them. They begin to comprehend something of the **righteousness of Christ**, and exclaim, "What is sin, that it should require such a sacrifice for the redemption of its victim? Was all this love, all this suffering, all this humilia-

tion, demanded, that we might not perish, but have everlasting life?" "

-Steps to Christ, p. 31.

Christ Gives Repentance

"Repentance is as much the gift of Christ as is forgiveness, and it cannot be found in the heart where Jesus has not been at work. We can no more repent without the Spirit of Christ to awaken the conscience, than we can be pardoned without Christ." *-R.H. April 1, 1890.*

Christ the Source of Power

"Christ is the source of every right impulse. He is the only one who can arouse in the natural heart enmity against sin. He is the source of our power if we would be saved. No soul can repent without the grace of Christ." *-Ibid.*

Christ

the Embodiment of Righteousness

"The righteousness of God is embodied in Christ. We receive righteousness by receiving Him." *-Thoughts From the Mount of Blessing, p. 34.*

"No repentance is genuine that does not work reformation." *-D.A. 555.*

Christ the Heavenly Merchantman

“Jesus is going from door to door, standing in front of every soul-temple, proclaiming, ‘I stand at the door, and knock.’ As a heavenly Merchantman, He opens His treasures, and cries, ‘Buy of Me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear.’ The gold that He offers is without alloy, more precious than that of Ophir; for it is faith and love. The white raiment He invites the soul to wear is His own robe of righteousness; and the oil for anointing is the oil of His grace, which will give spiritual eyesight to the soul in blindness and darkness, that he may distinguish between the workings of the Spirit of God and the spirit of the enemy. Open your doors, says the great Merchantman, the possessor of spiritual riches, and transact your business with Me. It is I, your Redeemer, who counsels you to buy of Me.” —*Review and Herald, Aug. 7, 1894.*

The Root of Righteousness

“Righteousness has its root in godliness. No man can steadily maintain before his fellow men a pure, forceful life, unless his life is hid with Christ in God. The greater the activity among men, the closer must be the communion of the heart with heaven.” —*Ministry of Healing, p. 136.*

“Righteousness has its root in godliness. No human being is righteous any longer

than he has faith in God and maintains a vital connection with Him. As a flower of the field has its root in the soil; as it must receive air, dew, showers, and sunshine, so must we receive from God that which ministers to the life of the soul. **It is only through becoming partakers of His nature that we receive power to obey His commandments.** No man, high or low, experienced or inexperienced, can steadily maintain before his fellow men a pure, forceful life, unless his life is hid with Christ in God.... ” —*Testimonies, Vol. 7, p. 194.*

Working Out

What Divine Grace Works In

“Because he [man] needs divine aid, it does not make human activity unessential. Faith on the part of man is required; for faith works by love and purifies the soul....He has given to every man his work; and every true worker sheds forth light to the world, because he is united with God and Christ and heavenly angels in the grand work of saving the lost. From divine association he becomes more and more intelligent in working the works of God.... ” —*Review and Herald, Nov. 1, 1892.*

“What is justification by faith? It is the work of God in laying the glory of man in the dust and doing for man that which it is not in his power to do for himself . When men see their own nothingness, they are prepared to be clothed with the **righteousness of Christ.**” —*RH, Sept. 16, 1902*

"NOT A BITE TO EAT"

With the stock market tumbling over the past few months, and President Bush seemingly eager to go to war with Iraq, there has been a lot of talk about the economy. But, for so many of us, trying to understand modern economic science and how our country manages its finances, is like trying to figure out at a glance where all the wiring in your motor car goes. All you can see are hundreds of different colored wires knotted together, running in every direction imaginable.

The major difference is that the electrical components of your car usually work while our economy does not—at least it doesn't work for most of us, but against us. Have you ever wondered about that? And, have you ever wondered where all of this mumbo-jumbo about price index, taxation, interest rates will lead?

The truth is that modern economics is fed to the full by bargain priced greed. It is the tightest noose and biggest whip of our Assyrian rulers. But all of this will very soon end up in many not having "a bite to eat or a drop to drink"—unless, of course, we are under God's special care.

But you may ask, beside some small glitches, isn't our economy doing well? Interest and jobless rates are relatively low, and we just avoided another recession. If things are so bad, you may be thinking, why are finance experts hopeful and keep reassuring us that all is

under control? A simple illustration could demonstrate the problem. Have you ever seen an expensive house built atop a ridge, then one day you find out that the five million dollar mansion that everybody admired so much is sliding down a muddy, rain-soaked hillside?

That's our economy. On bright sunny days it looks luxurious and immovable, but below the surface the mansion is actually built on loose sandy soil, and one day in the midst of a storm it will come slithering down the hillside of fate. Why? Because like that mansion our economy is built on poor ground, and while the sun of prosperity is shining it seems like it will last forever. But one day, when the storm rains of geopolitical-economic forces beat down on us, it will all become a scrap heap.

Economics—A General History

Now, before endeavoring to understand this whole jumble of a situation, as you can guess, it would take volumes to fully untangle the so-called economics of our day. And as you may have also guessed, we will attempt to accomplish this gargantuan task in just a few pages. To do this we will have to avoid much of the jargon and details—we don't think you'll mind anyway; it's more than likely that you just want to get right down to the heart of the matter. Right? Well, here we go.

The Bible tells us that "the love of money is the root of all evil." (1 Tim. 6:10). If it were not for greed, the free enterprise system as we term it, would be very simple.

In ancient times, man bartered or traded commodities. But as society grew and became more dependent on the goods and services of others, it was necessary to have a national economic system. To insure a equitable system of order and to promote the prosperity of respective nations, government became involved facilitating economic balance. Coins were invented as an obvious medium of exchange in place of trading physical goods. But coins or other forms of money had to be based on physical goods. In other words, they represented something tangible so that coins could purchase a certain amount of goods. Later nations based their standards of money on gold or other precious metals.

But whatever the standard, keeping the balance between goods and money was critical to maintaining a fair economy and a prosperous country. That was not so difficult in earlier times. But as we entered the industrial age and more and more people saw their opportunity for extreme wealth, maintaining a balanced economy became exceptionally challenging. To make matters worse, paper money became more commonplace but that made it easier for a group to manipulate the economy. Not that paper money of itself is bad, but since it could be easily printed or counterfeited without physical basis, it made it easier to mismanage or manipulate a nation's finances. That is, money could be printed

without the backing of gold or physical goods.

Removing the standards for paper money did not happen suddenly. The U.S., for example, first used the gold standard, then later the gold reserve systems to back its paper money. But these methods had their problems. Some believe that the depressions of the 1870's and the early 1900's were the result of basing our monetary exchange on gold.¹ So sharp-eyed wealthy citizens saw their opportunity to move America closer to a managed currency without a basis of goods or gold. The big turn in the road came during the term of President Woodrow Wilson.

In 1913, Congress passed the *Federal Reserve Act*. This act established a privately owned central banking system, termed the Federal Reserve Bank. Within a year or so America became involved in World War One and seventeen years later the country and the world sank into the great depression of the 1930's. After World War Two, the economy rebounded, but with it came inflation and numerous other pestering economic woes.

Since then, the economy has gone through booms, bounces, and spins of all types, with everyone guessing as to what the future holds. It's true, the nation appears prosperous, we have more goods, services and other signs of prosperity. We apparently have more production and wealth, but its all built on a sandy foundation of *debt and usury*.

What is the Problem?

The Bible tells us "that if thou lend money to any of my people that is poor by thee, thou shalt not be to him as an *usurer* [interest holder], neither shalt thou lay upon him *usury* [interest]." (Ex. 22:25). [Brackets added] "Unto thy brother thou shalt not lend upon usury: That the Lord thy God may bless thee." (Deut. 23:20).

Our All-Wise knowing God, had a good reason why he condemned a system of economics based on debt and usury. **It's true that there's a lot of wealth, but it is moving upward. The rich are getting richer and the middle class and the poor are finding it harder to make a living.** This is the heart of the problem with our modern-day economic system. This is evident with a simple analysis of the circumstances and lifestyle of the average citizen.

Today, wives are working in unprecedented numbers, husbands hope for overtime hours to earn more, or work two or three jobs to make ends meet. Family debts are at their highest levels. More and more companies are going bankrupt or swallowed up by larger ones. We seem to have more things but less money.

How did this happen you ask?

The U.S. and practically the whole world are operating on an economic system that is best summarized by President Franklin Roosevelt when he took the U.S. off the gold standard, "We are thus continuing to move towards a *managed currency*." So, one part of the problem is that this form of economics is easily manipulated,

especially by the wealthy. After all, paper money, as we use it today, is not based on physical goods or precious metals like gold.

But even this would be workable as long as Congress regulates the coinage and value of money. In fact, Article 1 of the U.S. Constitution states: *Congress shall have the power to coin money and regulate the value thereof.*" But this is not the case. Instead of the Constitutional method of creating our money and putting it into circulation, it is now done by the nation's central bank. The Federal Reserve System literally has the country's financial heart in its hands. It can create, raise, or lower inflation. That's right! In fact, it admits to having such powers: *"Thus, the ultimate capability for expanding or reducing the economy's supply of money rests with the Federal Reserve."*² Anyone following the news and particularly economic matters, knows that one word from Mr. Alan Greenspan, the present Chairman of the Federal Reserve Board, and the whole economy contorts for good or bad.

In other words, the Federal Reserve creates and supplies money while regulating interest rates. Anyone or any entity that has this kind of power literally runs the economy. The sad but real truth is that the Federal Reserve is privately owned and has never been audited. That's right. Although the name "federal" would suggest that it is owned and regulated by the Government, it is a private organization.

Thus through the private wealthy trustees of the Federal Reserve System, the

economy is manipulated on a basis of debt and interest rates. This system, as said previously, makes lots of money for the bankers and the wealthy.

How Do They Do It?

The small group of "privileged" people who lend us money have accrued to themselves all of the profits of printing our money. Since 1913 they have "created" tens of billions of dollars in money and credit, which, as their own personal property, they then lend to our government and our people at interest.

Here's an example of how it works. You will need to read this slowly as it can be a bit mind-boggling. The Federal Reserve Bankers print it—we borrow it and pay them interest. The Government, having spent more than it has taken from its citizens in taxes, needs, for the sake of illustration, one billion dollars. Since it does not have the money, and Congress has given away its authority to "create" it, the Government must go to the "creators" for it. But, the Reserve does not just give its money away. They are willing to deliver the one billion in money or credit to the Government in exchange for the Government's agreement to pay it back—with interest! So Congress authorizes the Treasury Department to print the one billion in U.S. bonds, which are then delivered to the Federal Reserve Bankers.

The Reserve then pays the cost of printing the one billion (which could be around one thousand dollars, let's say) and makes the exchange. The

Government then uses the money to pay its obligations. The results of this fantastic transaction? Well, one billion in Government bills are paid, BUT the Government has also indebted the people to the Bankers on which the people must pay interest! Now multiply this scenario hundred of thousands of times since 1913. Now you can understand one of the primary reasons for the U.S.'s trillion dollar national debt! First we overspend, then borrow with interest. Supposedly, our children will pay the over 100 billion dollars a year in interest alone with no hope of paying off the principal.³

There's More

That's terrible! you say. Yes, but there's more. The Federal Reserve can also use those same bonds as "assets" to create more "credit" to lend. Under current known reserve requirements, they are allowed 15 billion dollars or more in new credit to lend to States, municipalities, individuals and businesses. Thus, adding the original one billion to the 15 billion for a total of 16 billion of "created credit" out in loans paying them interest with their only cost being one thousand dollars (1,000) for printing the original one billion.

And there is even more. The vast wealth drawn to them through this almost unlimited usury, the Reserve bankers who control the money at the top are able to approve or disapprove large loans to large and successful corporations to the extent that refusal of a loan will bring about a reduction in the price a corporation's stocks. After depressing the price, the

Banker's agents buy large blocks of the stock, after which the multi-million dollar loan is approved, the stock rises, and is then sold for a profit. In this manner billions of dollars are made with which to buy more stock. Although there is now more checks and balances, the practice is so refined today that the Reserve Board need only announce to the press an increase or decrease in interest rates or their "rediscount rate" to send stocks up and down.

Using this system, high-level bankers or the wealthy can purchase in secret or in the open, their control of practically every large corporation in America. The more control they have in their hands they can almost force the corporations to borrow more money. This leaves little profits for the average stockholder or individual. Those who default on loans lose their property or businesses just in time for the wealthy to buy them cheaply and sell them for more profits.⁴

Of course, the system does not always work as planned and smaller banks and businesses often get left out in the cold, so to speak. But hopefully it's clear to see why our economy is heading for disaster.

Economy and War

Few things can stimulate an economy like war. That's right. It is a well known fact that war is big business. To fight an "enemy" you need troops, and troops need food, weapons—and often new ones at that—more tanks, planes, clothes and fuel. Somebody has to make these things. But before making them, somebody has

to research for these new weapons, tanks, planes, and gear. Somebody has to design and build them. To build them you need factories or buildings. To do that you need architects and builders, and so on. Yes, war is big business.

However, although war seems to help the economy, it does not necessarily help everyone. First of all, the Government has to find money it does not always have, so it has to borrow it. To get the money it goes back to the Federal Reserve and hence more debt.

Furthermore, war does not help the infrastructure of a nation. It does not help the poor or provide more social services or municipal functions. Instead it produces weapons and things related to war. Yes, it can help the average worker improve their personal lot—they get a job, purchase more goods, houses, and vehicles, and so it does help the economy. But by-in-large, big corporations and the wealthy owners benefit the most. And as it is becoming clearer every day that big corporations influence America and its politics more than any other single entity, you can see why war is "good business" and "good politics." After all, it was capitalist big business men who funded the Communist Revolution and Hitler's war machine. Neither Communism nor Hitler could have done what it did without massive amounts of money from the European and U.S. wealthy men and their corporations.

We know that we are heading for the "greatest of all battles" (2 TG 41:18). And we also know that it will be a long

war. (13 SC 1:19). What will this do to our economy? We think you can guess? Such a prolonged and dreadful war rather than helping will overwhelm us, decimate our infrastructure and our finances. Like the 1930's depression, many will suffer, especially the average citizen. According to the Bible, food and drink will be scarce. Yes, the U.S. and the world will suffer—the economy will collapse and our Church will not have a bite to eat or a drop to drink. (See Isa. 3:1- 8). Inspiration put it this way:

“The time is at hand when the sinners in Jerusalem and in Judah—the General Conference men and the church as a whole, will not have a drop to drink or a bite to eatTo say ‘come and rule over us because you have clothing,’ is perhaps equivalent to saying, ‘if you rule over us you can at least give us something to wear, and this ruin shall be under your control, you can remedy the situation.’ The people’s way of thinking and acting in this soon-coming time of trouble, ruin, and adversity of all kinds, clearly reveals that they are not taking God into consideration—no, not at all. They are trusting in men and goods. They hope that someone can yet remedy the situation, can save them from ruin. . . .The one that is called to rule, also shares the people’s attitude. He declares that he is not able to heal the evil, that he, too, is poor. . . .Not the world, but Jerusalem is ruined, and Judah is fallen. Why? — Because their doings and their tongues are against the Lord; that is, they are against His judgment Truth. . . .” (1 TG. 5:16 - 18).

When the world economy collapses will you be among those who have placed their trust and confidence in the Word of

God; who have a deep and personal relationship with our Savior and know and stand for His Truth? To such, God has promised that their “bread shall be given him, his waters shall be sure.” (Isa. 33:16). Or will you among those who have placed their affections on the things of this world. To such, they will not “have a drop to drink or a bite to eat.”

1. So You Wish to Learn All About Economics, Lyndon H.

LaRouche, Jr.

2. Board of Governors, The Federal Reserve System, p. 75

3. Drawn from, Billions for the Bankers, Debts for the People, Sheldon Emry.

4. Ibid. □

FROM THE GOLDEN BOWL

Meeting Opposition

Ellen White

“Our ministers and teachers are to represent the love of God to a fallen world. With hearts melted in tenderness let the word of truth be spoken. Let all who are in error be treated with the gentleness of Christ. If those for whom you labor do not immediately grasp the truth, do not censure, do not criticize or condemn. Remember that you are to represent Christ in His meekness and gentleness and love. We must expect to meet unbelief and opposition. The truth has always had to meet these elements. But though you should meet the bitterest opposition, do not denounce your opponents. They may think, as did Paul, that they are doing God’s service, and to such we must manifest patience, meekness, and long-suffering...” (See Testimonies, Vol. 6:120, 121.)

WHY IRAQ?

Could a war with Iraq lead to a major war in the Middle East? This question raises significant apprehension in both national and political circles. We as present truth believers, are deeply concerned that this war could lead to the “greatest of all wars [that] is to be fought in the Holy Land.”¹

Indeed, there is great tension in the air, not just in America, but in the world. President Bush seems determined to attack Iraq with or without the support of the allies, to do what he terms, disarming the Iraqi dictator, Saddam Hussein, and to eliminate the potential of his using biological and nuclear weapons against the West or any other nation.

On the surface this may appear to the average person a worthy endeavor or just mildly risky, but there are perils beyond what one can imagine. To truly grasp the magnitude of the quagmire we may be getting ourselves into, and how it may fulfill prophecy, we need to peek behind the curtains and get a glance, and we do mean just a glance, as to why Iraq **COULD** play an important role in the current events, and how a confrontation between it and the United States **COULD** lead to the fulfillment of prophecy.

In the Cradle of Civilization

As far as we know Iraq is not mentioned specifically in prophecy. God has not given us any symbols or references to this nation located in the fertile crescent—what has been referred to as the cradle of civilization. However, we do know that modern-day Iraq is located on the Euphrates and Tigris rivers, which inculcated the ancient cities of Babylon and Nineveh—the capital of Assyria. Abraham was called out of Ur of the Chaldees and moved to Haran both located in the region known today as Iraq. Historians tell us that nearly all very ancient people originated from this region—also known as the fertile crescent or Mesopotamia.

So Iraq was the birthplace of the nations, as well as the physical birthplace of Abraham, the father of the Jews, Arabs, and Christians. Makes you think doesn't it? But there is more.

It is also possible that the Garden of Eden, and the tower of Babel were located there. One of the rivers that went out from the Garden of Eden was the *Euphrates*,² giving the impression that the home of our first parents may have been located in or near this region. The Tower of Babel was built in “a plain in the land of Shinar.”³ And guess where

Shinar was located? You guessed it, what is now modern-day Iraq.

Where did Jacob flee to? The Bible tells us that it was Padan-Aram. And where was ancient Padan-Aram? That's right! In the same area.

A Land Promised To Abraham

Did you know that the original land promised to Abraham and his descendants included modern-day Iraq? Yes, He vowed to give Him the land of Canaan,⁴ but that is not merely modern-day Palestine, but the entire territory from the borders of Egypt to Mesopotamia. *"In the same day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, unto thy seed have I given this land, from the river of Egypt unto the great river, the river Euphrates."*⁵

The river of Egypt is understood to be the Nile, the most noted of and important of rivers in both ancient and modern Egypt. The river Euphrates is located in Iraq. If you look on a map of the Holy Land, you would see that tracing the lands from Egypt to the Persian Gulf, includes all of modern-day Palestine, possibly Syria, Lebanon, Jordan, upper Saudi Arabia, and Iraq.

Could this be the reason why Iraq has become so pivotal in current events and why the constant tension between the West and Saddam Hussein?

Is it possible that the upcoming kingdom of God will include the territory of Iraq? Don't think that this is impossible. While it is true that God's eternal kingdom will be established in Canaan, we must always keep in mind that the original promise made to Abraham included Mesopotamia or modern-day Iraq. It makes you wonder, doesn't it?

Now consider this,...We are told that the land in the kingdom will become too small for the inhabitants so they will need more room. Isaiah puts it this way: *"For thy waste and thy desolate places, and thy destruction, shall even now be too narrow by reason of the inhabitants, and they that swallowed thee up shall be far away. The children which thou shall have, after thou hast lost the other, shall say again in thine ears, the place is too strait for me: give place to me that I may dwell."*⁶ Inspiration says about these verses:

"From this verse we gather that the children which Zion shall lose, are those who refuse to be converted. Her loss, though is to be replaced with a great number from all nations and thus shall the land become too narrow." -I TG:46:9.

Could it be that God will expand the borders to include the original area promised to Abraham and his children? It certainly seems plausible since God made a solemn covenant and we know that God never, never, breaks His Word!

Scud Missiles and Chemical Weapons

In 1991, when Iraq, in an attempt to anger Israel and evoke a military response from them,—trying to draw Arab support,—it was easy to see how that war could have led to a major war in the Middle East. Israel would have been supported by the West—the U.S. and her allies, and the Communist nations such as China and Russia would have more than likely supported the Arabs. Fortunately, the U.S. convinced Israel to exercise restraint, thereby avoiding a massive conflict which could have become the “greatest of all battles.” Obviously His people were not ready, so a loving heavenly Father restrained events so that we would have time to prepare for the dreadful days ahead.

But now, after almost 12 years, the tensions between Israel and the Palestinians have galvanized more Arab hatred against Israel and the West—especially the United States. What would be the result if such a scenario is repeated? Suppose scud missiles should again hit Israel, or Iraqi chemical weapons kill U.S. soldiers, what **COULD** be the result? A war with Iraq could create another reason to increase terrorism. It could rally Arab support for Iraq—although it is not a conservative Moslem nation—and at least convince them to marshal their forces against Israel and the U.S. Then, as customary, the Israelis would retaliate, the U.S. would support them and one or more

of the Communists regimes would support a counter attack. In short, we have a gigantic Middle East war.

We can't say for certain how things will unfold, but we can see that it is all possible, and that we are surely getting closer to the establishment of God's eternal kingdom. Whatever may betide, are you ready?

1. 2TG.41:18

2. Gen. 2:14

3. Gen. 11:2

4. Ps. 105:8-11

5. Gen 15:18

6. Isa 49:19, 20



FROM THE GOLDEN BOWL

THE SHEPHERD'S ROD - WHAT IS IT?

“The primary purpose of *The Shepherd's Rod* is to unlock the long-concealed mystery concerning the ever-challenging and much discussed subject of the **144,000** (Rev. 14:1), with the central object in view of bringing about among God's people that ‘thorough reformation’ foretold by the Spirit of Prophecy (*Test. Vol. 8:251*).

“These truths, Divinely revealed, are of supreme importance to the church just now because of the trying, sifting circumstances through which God's people are soon to pass. Being vital concerns to salvation, they call for decided action from ministry and laity alike to separate themselves from all worldliness and to anchor themselves on the Solid Rock by obedience to all the truth known to the church, if they would escape the forthcoming ruin....” -/ SRp:5

FIELD HIGHLIGHTS

Good News from Zambia

Zambia, is a kidney-shaped plateau country with an altitude of 1,300 meter above sea level and covering an area of 750,000 kilometers square. It is landlocked by eight countries in South-Central Africa, namely: The Congo, Tanzania, Malawi, Mozambique, Zimbabwe, Botswana, Namibia and Angola and lays between 10 and 18 degrees south of the Equator. Its moderate climate of three seasons includes the rainy season, December to April; the cool season, May to August and the very hot season, September to November.

Zambia has many rivers and lakes and therein you will find one of the 7 wonders of the world, the mighty Victoria Falls. It is a huge waterfall about 1690 meters wide and 103 meters deep. At its peak (March or April) the waters cascade into its gorge at an amazing 550,000 cubic meters per minute.

Zambia is divided into 9 provinces with a population of about 10 million, with about ten percent living in **Lusaka**, its capital city. The population growth is one of the fastest in the world, with a rate per annum of approximately 3.7 percent. There are 73 different tribes and dialects with 7 major ones, but the national language is English.

We may not witness a great harvest now, but praise our heavenly Father that the work in Zambia is steadily pushing forward. Although some do fall away,

new members are regularly joining the ranks of present truth. We plan to enter as much of the field of Zambia as we can as a matter of urgency. We are now targeting mostly the copper belt and central provinces. Our next target is north, followed by the Luapula Provinces. Then we will be aiming at the Northern Province. The Eastern Province will be our last target. Our plans are to have at least one worker in each province.

Believers are in various locations, but at present the Branch is composed of *seven primary areas: Kalobo, Kaoma, Kanyama and Chawama in Lusaka, Kaloma, Nazilongo and Livingstone.* In Nazilongo we have two study groups manned by Br. Jones Siazilo, a longstanding believer.

In August, 2002, the **Chalala SDA church** in Lusaka, by God's grace opened its doors to the study of the message for 7 consecutive Sabbaths. Elder Ramadan gave permission to our Bible worker, Br. Henry Musipili, to present these studies on Sabbath afternoons. We hope and pray that souls will embrace the truth, heed the Voice of God and escape the impending slaughter of Ezekiel 9.

Chilongola SDA church has also started studying the message. Sabbath afternoons have been allocated to us. This is a marvel but nonetheless God has allowed it to happen even as he has

declared in His Word that a short work will he perform in these last days.

We are so grateful to Br. Siazilo who is reaching rural South Zambia and Sr. C. Kakula and the team who are reaching rural West Zambia. Br. Henry Lumpa (once a local church elder) has taken it upon himself to translate a tape on Zechariah 6 into Bemba, one of the main local languages. What this means is more people will be reached, particularly those in rural areas. In Zambia we have many people that cannot read or understand English, so translation becomes a vital tool in reaching them. Br. Lumpa's translation is evidence of this. In northern Zambia he reports that the tape has received a very favorable welcome. As a result, he is contemplating translating more tapes.

In Kalomo, the situation is very volatile. The pastor there, having at one time been acquainted with the message before he was called back to the conference, is bitterly fighting it and its advocates. Two members, Brs. Willie Mweemba and Libuku Muwanei, have been disfellowshipped, and five more are pending. We are being opposed and threatened here, but thank God because once the saints resolve to uphold the name of Jesus, nothing can change their minds.

Br. Tandi Siamatendu has been denied baptism on account of having accepted present truth. Br. Lawrence Lutangu's name was announced publicly at camp meeting and everyone was warned against associating with him. We have been classified as worse than Satanists, and are said to be sponsored by the Catholics. Unfortunately, most Adventists believe it.

Announcements are made from the pulpit that hundreds of dollars (US) are placed in the Shepherd's Rod literature when they are sent from the Headquarters, as a way of buying souls and that Davidians are also paid large amounts every week. This is why they say we are so zealous for our cause. Yes, our missionary efforts are met with stiff challenges, but we are determined in Christ's strength to remain encouraged and to persevere to the end!

As far as events among believers are concerned, we are pleased to inform you that on August 11, 2002, Kalomo became a "section." The secretary of the Zambia Branch, Br. L. Hacibondo, officiated at the establishment of the Kaloma Section. Fifteen members were present at this wonderful occasion and four of these were from Livingstone. Br. Lawrence Lutangu was chosen as the area leader, Br. Medico Siamatendu, as Treasurer, and Br. Clement Munsanje as Secretary.

The other work that is underway is that of translating tracts. The Zambia Branch will choose a committee to oversee this and will particularly encourage individuals who can do this work, under its supervision.

It is our prayer and aim that every established area will have a picture roll (chart) to utilize. We feel that this is cardinal and so we extend our request to the Headquarters to consider sending us present truth charts.

Another important matter is acquiring suitable land for our Branch office where we can train workers and administer the work in Zambia. Pursuant



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LEFT TO RIGHT, HENRY, LEVY, RODGERS, SAME, ALBERT, MORGAN

to this end, God has helped us to acquire 25 acres of farm land in the outskirts of Lusaka. It is beautifully situated in the woods with all the facilities within its bounds. The purchase of this plot has been made possible through Headquarters who paid for the parcel in full. This is a grand project and our great challenge is to develop it.

From the date the title was issued we have 18 months to develop the land or we may lose it. We now have about 14 months remaining. It is our goal to make this a center of the work not only for Zambia, but for all of Southern Africa. We again request the field to assist us anyway they can in our efforts to build this camp. You can send assistance through Headquarters.

It is our prayer that God will bless our efforts and our vision, according to His will, and as we endeavor to promulgate the Eleventh-hour Message. Also that every Davidian will "sigh and cry" in their respective part of the vineyard. This is the whole duty of every true candidate of the Kingdom of God.

If we don't meet here, while sojourning in this wilderness of sin, then let us make a date to meet in the Vineyard—the Promised Land—soon!

Levy Hachibondo,
Bible worker

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From the Golden Bowl:

A WORD TO THE ELECT OF GOD, THE 144,000

To you who hear the voice of the Good Shepherd, and who are not known to us by name, but only by prospective number

(144,000) and office (God's guileless servants, kings and priests),—to each of you comes the solemn certainty that the sealing time is very short, its end very near. Therefore, Brother, Sister, make sure that you receive the seal of God on time; do not delay the return to our Eden home. 'Today if ye will hear His voice, harden not your hearts.' Heb. 4:7. He that is on the Lord's side, let him tarry no longer. The time has fully arrived for the 144,000 to come into line with God's program for the finishing of His work and the preparing of them for translation. So, saith the Lord: 'As a shepherd seeketh out his flock in the day that he is among his sheep that are scattered; so will I seek out My sheep, and will deliver them out of all places where they have been scattered in the cloudy and dark day.' Ezekiel 34:12. 'And the Lord their God shall save them in that day as the flock of His people: for they shall be as the stones of a crown, lifted up as an ensign upon His land.' Zechariah 9:16.

"Make haste Brother, Sister; immediately take your stand on the Lord's side, so that he may, because of your 'sighing' (repenting) and 'crying' (proclaiming the sealing message), without delay disclose 'to view' as the 'servants of our God,' you who shall escape being among the 'slain of the Lord,' be sent unto the Gentiles, and 'bring all your brethren...out of all nations.' Isa. 66:16, 19, 20.

"Study the message for yourselves, and forbid that any flesh interfere with your salvation. Make your own decision independently of any man, and know for yourself that God is leading you as he did when you were to become an S.D.A. Accept neither priest nor prelate as your God..."
—Victor T. Houteff, 2 Tract:65-67.

**THE DAVIDIC -LEVITICAL
INSTITUTE Mt. Carmel Center,
Mountaindale, New York 2003**

Dear Fellow Believers:

Christian Greetings!

“For if thou altogether holdest thy peace at this time, then shall there enlargement and deliverance arise to the Jews from another place; but thou and thy father’s house shall be destroyed: and who knoweth whether thou art come to the kingdom for such a time as this?”

Want to perfect your skills and increase your knowledge for the Master’s service? Then register for the International DLI class of 2003.

Praise the Lord for all His goodness. We just had our DLI graduation last October 26, 2002 and it was so encouraging for the Staff and the Students as well, who have been with us for the past five months. We are now ready to plunge for another DLI. If you are interested to know more of the message and to get ready to share it to the church, please do send in your application and Register. **Who knoweth whether thou art come for such a time as this?**

Here are the prerequisites for DLI:

1.) “Only those who hold the Association’s Certificate of Fellowship’ are eligible to matriculate in the Davidic-Levitical Institute” 5 Ans.p. 92

2.) “Students who prior to their coming here have done satisfactory work in the school’s correspondence course are allowed ministerial credit...”

3.) “Right is refused to refuse admission to anyone who appears for entrance without having previously filled out and returned an application form and without having received notification of acceptance.” Mt. Carmel Training Center, pp.7-8

4.) It is required that the enrollee deposit

with the Association the qualification fee of \$100.00. This fee will care for his room and board during his first month. “...Should he readily adapt himself to the manual phase of his training, and, during his first month period of orientation, thereby earn enough wages to defray these expenses, then the (\$100.00) fee may be (refunded) credited to drawing or savings.” 5 Ans. p.92

5.) “In addition, he is required to deposit the amount of return transportation home, so that should he not find himself able to fit into the school’s program, or for any other reason decide to leave Mt. Carmel, he as well as the Institute will be protected against his being stranded without sufficient funds to leave.” 5 Ans. p. 92

The class begins on June 2, 2003 and ends on October 25, 2003. We can only accept a limited number of students on a first -come, first -served basis. Please call or send for your application at Mountaindale, New York. Do not procrastinate, tomorrow may be too late.

Now is your great chance to become co-laborer with God. Know the truth and share it. Time is getting shorter every day. Work while the day lasts. We do not know the future, all we have is Today. The Lord is asking: “Whom shall I send?” Let the answer be “Here Am I Lord, send me.”

Yours’ in the Master’s service,

Judith Espinosa-Rollan
Education Director
Mt. Carmel Center
Mountaindale, New York

“The most convincing testimony that we bear to others that we have the truth is the spirit which attends the advocacy of that truth. If it sanctifies the receiver, if it makes him gentle, kind, forbearing, true and Christlike, then he will give some evidence of the fact that he has the genuine truth. But if he acts as did the Jews when their opinions and ideas were crossed, then we certainly cannot receive such testimony,...”-Manuscript Releases, p. 226.

FAMILY MATTERS

RAISING GIRLS

Children a Blessing

"God planned for families. He who gave Eve to Adam as a helpmeet...ordained that men should be united in holy wedlock, to rear families whose members, crowned with honor, should be recognized as members of the family above.

"Children are the heritage of the Lord, and we are answerable to Him for our management of His property...In love, faith, and prayer let parents work for their households, until with joy they can come to God saying, 'Behold, I and the children whom the Lord hath given me.' —*Adventist Home, p. 159.*

"Give study to the early training. The early training of children is a subject that all should carefully study. We need to make the education of our children a business, for their salvation depends largely upon the education given them in childhood. Parents and guardians must themselves maintain purity of heart and life, if they desire their children to be pure. As fathers and mothers, we should train and discipline ourselves. Then as teachers in the home, we can train our children, preparing them for the immortal inheritance.

"Make a right beginning. Your children are God's property, bought with a price. Be very particular, fathers and mothers to treat them in a Christlike manner.

"The youth should be carefully and judiciously trained, for the wrong habits formed in childhood and youth often cling to the entire life-experience. May God help us to see the necessity of beginning right.

"Importance of training the first child. The first child especially should be trained with great care, for he will educate the rest. Children grow according to the influence of those who surround them. If they are handled by those who are noisy and boisterous, they become noisy and almost unbearable.

"The plant—an object lesson in child training. The gradual development of the plant from the seed is an object lesson in child training. There is 'first the blade, then the ear, after that the full corn in the ear.' Mark 4:28.

"He who gave this parable created the tiny seed, gave it its vital properties, and ordained the laws that govern its growth. And the truths taught by the parable were made a reality in His own life. He, the Majesty of heaven, the King of glory, became a babe in Bethlehem, and for a time represented the helpless infant in its mother's care. In childhood He spoke and acted as a child, honoring His parents, and carrying out their wishes in helpful ways. But from the first dawning of intelligence He was constantly growing in grace and in a knowledge of truth." —*Child Guidance, pp. 27, 28.*

The following information was drawn from general sources and is not specifically Christian. However, we believe that you can benefit from the sound, practical lessons expressed as they are in harmony with the principles of the Bible and the Spirit of Prophecy. It should be understood that the first and foremost of all things is to practice, educate, and train our children in the Word of God. This supersedes all other comments, or suggestions.

DAUGHTERS AND PARENTS

"It's my Mother who knows me and my Father who excites me." In a nutshell this quote highlights the difference between how daughters view their parents and the relationship they have with them. It also sums up what each parent brings to the world of a daughter—the roles they play are different yet equally important to the development of a happy well-adjusted young woman.

"Young woman?" say many fathers when looking into the eyes of their precious baby daughter, "never, she'll be my baby forever." The protection instinct comes on strong for many fathers of daughters. My husband says it's because he knows what men are like.

DAUGHTERS AND FATHERS

Fathers have great influence over the development of their children. Their influence is as strong as, though different from, the mother's influence. Being an absent father affects the children as much as being an involved father, only in different ways. Research has shown that fathers influence their children in the areas of self-esteem, sex role identity, and school achievement.

The challenge for fathers is to do the opposite of the above. Not to "protect" but to "equip" their daughters with the important tools to protect themselves. Many parents think the world is a dangerous place—more so for girls. We are bombarded with too much evidence to ignore it but we must get it into perspective. There are not pedophiles around every corner; men in grubby raincoats at every playground and nasty people trying to snatch our daughters outside every school gate. Sensible precautions are in order—the nineties are not the same as the 60's and 70's—but instead of shielding their girls, fathers need to prepare them.

Fathers often elicit pleasing behavior from daughters. When I was young and needed some money I had the killer technique. Head on one side, soft eyes, girl-like voice and Daddy is a pushover. Girls often learn to charm, be compliant and pleasant to get their own way. Hard as it may be Fathers need to enjoy yet also discourage it. Being compliant, charming and pleasant does not get you out of every dodgy situation. The main lesson is how to say "no" in a big, powerful definitely not compliant voice.

WHAT CAN FATHERS DO?

1) Teach their daughters the supposed masculine behavior of problem solving, decision-making and assertiveness. All this in the context of their femaleness, which should not be repressed. So, the protection given by Daddy needs to be in balance. Saving your daughter from every physical danger will not teach her self reliance, inner strength and problem solving skills. Dads need to judge this carefully—if they can work out how to get down from the tree,

encourage them in this, if they are clearly out of their depth in the pool grab them!

2) Daddy brings the outside world into the home and helps their daughters to cope (Moms are out there too, they explain the emotional world to their girls). They need to challenge them emotionally as well as physically. So, playing games with younger girls where she has to discipline them, deal with erratic behavior or solve a problem are good preparations for the big world outside. They need to be carefully balanced, but these "dry runs" are invaluable.

3) Adolescence is the toughest time for girls, what with changing shape, peer group pressure to look a certain way and then balancing all of this with school work. Fathers should not withdraw at this time in their daughters lives, even though they find their daughters awakening sexuality and her different interests hard to cope with.

4) Girls need Daddy now just as before but differently. They need Dad to find them attractive, both physically and mentally. Girls need their loveliness affirmed by Daddy or they will literally "hunger" for it.

5) Children have higher self-esteem when their fathers are involved, affectionate, and spend more time with them. The way fathers relate to their family members strongly affects the son's and daughter's acceptance of the masculine or feminine role. When a father appreciates his daughter and shows respect for his wife, the daughter accepts her own femininity; she doesn't learn that only the masculine is valuable. A father can affect how highly their children value education. For example, one researcher found a relationship between children's reading levels and the amount of

time they saw their fathers reading in the home.

6) Be involved. Go to school and other events, do practical things and show her the world outside the home, teach her about a car, how to throw a football, play with her, read to her, take her shopping, and show her the endless possibilities that await her.

7) Support your daughter. Expect success from your daughter and encourage her to voice her opinions. Listen to her and show how you value what she says. Accept and support her individuality and uniqueness. She is becoming her own person, and needs to be guided as well as accepted for who she is.

8) Spend the time. Time with your children is an investment in their future. Taking time for your child when she needs it will be more important than taking time for the child when it is convenient.

9) Know your daughter. What does she think and feel? What are her hopes and dreams? What is her everyday life like? Know the person inside so that when her body matures and she looks like a woman, you still have a connection to the person who is your daughter.

DAUGHTERS AND MOTHERS

It's often the little things that we remember about our mothers too. The normal seemingly trivial things that connect us to them, the memories of rituals, customs and habits, the tidbits of advice that come back to us over the years, the things we continue with our own children. Many women can remember something little that summed up mother love. One woman I spoke to said her

mother so enjoyed being a mother that it made her want to be one too! Another Australian woman said her Mum really did do the milk and cookies routine when they got home from school and this memory still ties her to her. We do not have to do everything big with our girls, the small stuff counts too, and the ordinary holds connections that our daughters will hold onto forever.

WHAT CAN MOTHERS DO?

1) Mothers need to teach their daughters about the strengths of being female. How to cope with uniquely feminine situations and master them. We need to master things not only to tell our daughters about but to show them as well. There is a lovely saying –if the lights go out light a candle don't curse the dark. In other words show our daughters we can fix things, influence situations, change minds. Again not necessarily in a big way. It could just be changing the light bulb not waiting for Daddy to come home. It's not about being better than men—it's about being better as women.

2) Encourage some strategic thinking too. Engage your daughter in planning and preparation activities—budgets, organizing committees, planning a fundraising event, working out how to afford a new house, etc. Let them see the process, the creative ideas, problem solving, etc. and experience the thrill of it. Allow them to take calculated risk, fail, try again, allow decisions against your own, even if you know they will turn out wrong. Teach them how to argue their case, be assertive—teach her about a democratized society. This all adds up to what's called "mastery"—the example of doing it.

3) How are women portrayed by that all consuming monster—the media? Well some would say the media is merely a reflection of the culture—it all sounds like carts and horses to me. Be careful that your children are not defined by the media, magazines, newspapers, books, television, and radio, but by God's standard of true dignity. We mothers of the nineties cannot underestimate the power of this in the lives of our girls. This is not the time we grew up in, things are very different. How do we hold onto the androgynous nine year old who still runs with the ball, talks about painting a nice picture for Grandma and loves piano lessons?

4) Keep her active, involved and in charge of herself. The sure way to eating disorders, obsessions with boys, drugs and alcohol, is a girl that arrives at high school with nothing but her looks to define her. Something strange happens to girls as they enter high school. Their circle widens, they meet new people, and they redefine themselves. If they already have a physical pursuit (helping others, exercising, etc.) a creative pursuit (art, gardening, etc.) and an intellectual pursuit (reading, music, writing) they stand a better chance of being defined by these activities and the qualities they bring than whether they have the latest gear, etc. If they are not waiting for some boy to affirm they are a worthwhile human being by showing them some attention they are more likely to develop healthy relationships with the opposite sex and get it all in perspective. Of course, they will want the latest gear and will swoon over the football captain but this will not be their all consuming activity. So keep up their recorder practice and put up with the mess in the kitchen as they "experiment" before it's too late.

5) Women are usually natural teachers of values and the interpreters of the emotional life that surrounds us. We must recognize this power and use it well and often. Dads, well they do it differently and often need to give themselves permission to play a role in their child's life. They also may have to defend this right to the mother who's natural instinct is to protect and nurture.

6) Without parental love, attention and affirmation, girls are missing a vital part of their jigsaw—we owe it to our daughters not to fail them.

7) Be an example to your daughter. As a mother, you are your daughter's primary role model. One of the challenges our daughters face today is realizing the possible futures that are before them. Girls have innumerable options. However, many are not aware of the extent of their powers.

8) If you are a mother who works in the house, introduce your daughter to other realities—from books, meeting professional women, through the Internet, through your own stories. If you work outside the home, take time to show your daughter the girl inside of you. Play with her, read with her, let her see that there is more to life than work, and that home is a pleasant place to be.

9) Encourage your daughter. "You can be anything you want to be." "I will love you no matter what you do." Girls need to be encouraged in areas such as technology, math, science, etc. in addition to areas traditionally accepted as appropriate for girls. Expect your daughter to be good in math and science and provide her with the resources she needs to excel. Don't allow her to stumble just because she's a girl.

10) Share with your daughter. Share your history with your daughter, explaining your thoughts and feelings. Share her life, asking, understanding what she experiences. Help bridge the gap between generations and give her a sense of community among women.

11) Learn with your daughter. It's never too late to expand your horizons, increase your knowledge. Set an example for your daughter by taking classes, learning along with her. Showing her that it's never too late to learn.

"I have likened the daughter of Zion to a comely and delicate woman." Jer. 6:2 □

HOW BLEST

**How blest are they who always keep
The pure and perfect way,
Who never from the sacred paths
Of God's commandments stray.**

**How blest, who to His righteous laws
Have still obedient been,
And have with fervent, humble zeal
His favor sought to win.**

**Thou strictly has enjoined us Lord,
To learn thy sacred will;
And all our diligence employ
Thy statutes to fulfill.**

**O then that thy most holy will
Might o'er my ways preside;
And I the course of all my life
By thy direction guide.**

THE GOSPEL OF HEALTH

"The best and most efficacious type of medicine is preventive medicine."

Preventive Health Care

With reference to our physical health, the Bible and the *Spirit of Prophecy* both emphasize **prevention**. Yes, the Lord knew we would many times go over the line somehow and need healing after becoming ill or diseased, but prevention remains the watchword. Ex. 15:26 notes "If thou wilt diligently hearken to the voice of the Lord thy God, and wilt do that which is right in his sight and wilt give ear to his commandments and keep all his statutes, I will put **none of these diseases upon thee, which I have brought upon the Egyptians: for I am the Lord that healeth thee.**"

1 Cor. 3:16, 17; 6:19,20 and 10:31, too, remind us that we have an obligation to our heavenly Father to maintain good health principles in order to better serve and glorify Him.

Sr. White, points out that "the distinction between prevention and cure has not been made sufficiently important. Teach the people that it is better to know how to keep well than how to cure disease. Our physicians should be...warning all against self-indulgence, showing that abstinence from all things that God has prohibited is the only way to prevent ruin of body and mind." —*Medical Ministry*, 221.

In *2 Selected Messages*, 291, she again reminds us "...if all would seek to become intelligent in regard to their bodily

necessities, sickness would be rare instead of common. An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure."

Prevention, of course, is another word for maintaining health and this requires that we become cognizant of and implement the basic principles of healthful living. These principles include eating adequate amounts of the basics—fresh fruits and vegetables, whole grains, nuts and seeds, and avoiding meats, animal fats, white sugar and flour, as found in processed and refined foods. Getting enough pure water is likewise involved as well as getting an adequate amount of fresh air, sunshine, exercise, rest, maintaining a thankful, contented, cheerful attitude and trust in divine power. Our people are encouraged to study this broad multi-disciplined subject the Lord has given us in all of its bearings.

Medical science, too has much information on this important subject. Dr. Ernest Wynder, president of the American Health Foundation in New York, laments the fact that "most of us unfortunately, conduct ourselves in ways that make us old before our time and dead before our full life span has been attained."

Dr. Wynder continues: "We Americans, eat, drink, smoke and neglect exercise to the point where we rob ourselves, our

families and our nation of a large part of our potential creativity and productivity." Is it any wonder our national bill for medical care and hospitalization annually exceeds \$1 trillion— with only 3 to 4 percent of that sum going for prevention?

Meanwhile epidemiologists estimate the major chronic diseases, those responsible for more than two-thirds of all premature deaths (cancer, heart disease, diabetes, stroke, etc.) could be reduced significantly by shifting our emphasis from disease treatment to disease prevention.

Where does this shift begin? With YOU, the consumer, the family-planner, teachers, ministers and health-care providers. Lowel Levin, Yale University professor of public health has stated: "The responsibility for good health has shifted from the scientific community to the family and the individual." More than this, ultimately true complete healing must entail spiritual, physical, mental and emotional healing. And in the words of Dr. William L. Kyle, "this complete healing can only be achieved by a total commitment of the Creator God and obedience to His laws, including His health laws. It requires a lifestyle that is diverse from the world-at-large."

Dear fellow Davidians, we see that the cost of crisis-oriented, after-the-fact medicine is spiraling out of control. Some experts voice concern that the costly chronic ailments of today (heart disease, cancer, diabetes, high-blood pressure, etc.), could bankrupt the health care system. Hence a renewed focus is directed

toward prevention—which can not only improve health and increase longevity but also cut the costs of health care by as much as one-half.

"The people have been led to believe that national health insurance, more doctors and greater use of high-cost, hospital-based technologies will improve health," wrote John Knowles, the distinguished physician and former president of the Rockefeller Foundation. "Unfortunately, none of them will. The next major advances in the health of the American people will be determined by what the individual is willing to do for himself and for society at large."

Dr. Knowles goes on to say that "over 99 percent of us are born healthy and made sick as a result of personal misbehavior and environmental conditions." The ability of the medical profession to remedy this man-made illness has reached the point of diminishing returns, Knowles said. At the same time, however, there is evidence that most serious illnesses, including more of the nation's leading killers and cripples, can be prevented by the adoption of healthier living habits and conditions.

Let us as Davidian Seventh-day Adventists continue to implement the health principles that have been outlined for us in the Bible and *Spirit of Prophecy*. Some of us perhaps need to reinstitute the plan and "tighten our belts" somewhat. Whatever the case, let us in the fear of the Lord be determined to give the world the example the Lord designed that we should be.

PRAYING FOR OTHERS

—and those who hurt us—

One of the Greatest and most instructive instances of intercessory prayer recorded in the Bible is found in the following Scriptures:

"And the Lord turned the **captivity of Job**, when he prayed for his friends: also the Lord gave Job twice as much as he had before." Job 42:10.

Can you imagine, in a time of your greatest calamity, your best and closest friends, adding some more wormwood or cascara sagrada to your cup by questioning your integrity, your very honesty?

Poor Job? As if he didn't have enough problems with the loss of all his ten children in one day, along with all his wealth; and then a grievous sickness lasting a long time;—and now your **best** friends, not just suspecting you in their hearts but actually accusing you.

Ironically, Job's friends defended God and were to **all appearances** right. They argued that God is righteous, and that He never punishes the just, or allows such bad things to happen to the righteous, and therefore Job could not be so righteous as he appeared. In other words they intimidated Job must have been a secret hypocrite whose sins were finally being punished.

Now let us face it. Would you feel like praying for such friends? Or if you pray

for them, would you not rather feel like asking God to give them a dose of their own medicine or even some of yours! Would you really, honestly be like the Master and pray:

"Father **forgive them**; for they know not what they do." Luke 23:34? Well if you really would feel like praying lovingly as Jesus did for those who deeply hurt you, you are not like most of us mortals, you are probably sealed and almost ready for translation. But whatever the case, here is the lesson for us:

Before God could bless and turn the captivity of Job, He instructed him to pray for his friends—the very ones who had hurt him deeply in his heart. How truly the God of heaven is interested in seeing that his people are one in unity and love! Isn't that a precious lesson for us! Instead of gossiping and bitterly complaining of those who have hurt us, those who have wrongfully accused us, should not we pray **positively** (not negatively) for them! What a great lesson in forgiveness is this!

But there is more: look who got the biggest blessing when Job prayed for those who accused and hurt him.

"And the Lord turned the **captivity of Job**, when he prayed for his friends: also the Lord gave Job **twice** as much as he had before." Job 42:10.

It has always impressed me greatly when the Bible points out that God did not turn the captivity of Job, when Job prayed for himself, but when he prayed for others—even for those who hurt him! Do we spend the bulk of our time praying for others or for ourselves? Could it be that is why our prayers are not more abundantly blessed? Says the song writer:

"If I pray for myself and not for my neighbors, take the veil [of selfishness] from my eyes, and let me see."

"In His last intercessory prayer Christ pleaded, 'Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on Me through their word.' These words include all who have believed on Christ and all who believe on Him at the present time. 'That they all may be one; as Thou, Father art in Me, and I in Thee, that they also may be one in Us; that the world may believe that Thou hast sent me.' Oneness, harmony, unity of spirit with the Saviour,—these are the signs by which Christians may be distinguished. Thus they show to the world that Christ is the Son of the living God, and that He is able to give salvation, even eternal life, to all who believe on Him." *EGW, Pacific Union Recorder, July 07, 1902.*

Questions and Answers

Q. Is it right for me to use church tithe envelopes to send my tithes to the Association/Headquarters?

A. The following are excerpts from the old codes and are reprinted here to answer your question.

"In order to eliminate money changing for tithe and offering, paying for books, etc. on the Sabbath, a Laodician practice which the word of God condemns, let us carefully attend to all such matters on the preparation day by placing all moneys in envelopes. To this end we advise that each company supply itself with small inexpensive envelopes. Do not use church material where you are no longer paying for them, for it is not right. Vol. 1.SC.No. 7, p. 4,5. (47, 48).

"**BE YE FAULTLESS.** Tithe payers, please do not use the Church's tithe and offering envelopes to enclose tithe and offering sent to Mt. Carmel. Vol. 2.SC. No. 12, p. 10. (268).

Q. "The Shepherd's Rod, Vol. 1, p. 44 says that only the great multitude has palms in their hands, whereas Great Controversy, p. 646 speaking of all 'overcomers' says 'In every hand are placed the victor's palm and the shinning harps.' How are these statements harmonized?"

A. "According to *Shepherd's Rod, Vol. 1, p. 44*, Class number two; namely, the great multitude of Rev. 7:9, have their palms in their hands while they are on earth before being transported to the heaven of heavens. Hence their palms, according to John's vision are symbolic of victory gained. But in the statement from *The Great Controversy, p. 646*: "In every hand are placed the victor's palm and the shinning harps," it will be noted that this gift to the saints is not made until they are in heaven—after they have all been transported from the earth. These palms are real but the others are figurative. To prove that the great multitude have the palms in symbol only, and before Jesus finishes His work in the heavenly sanctuary,

THE MAIL BAG

Dear Sir/Madam:

I am hereby applying for prophetic materials as stated above. I am a Seventh-day Adventist member and am attending our local high school. I have heard most of your audio tapes, but unfortunately they are not my personal tapes. I am just borrowing from friends. My wish is to have my own set of tapes. A friend advised me to write to your good office so that you can assist me with whatever is available of your tapes. May God richly bless you.

ZAMBIA, CENTRAL AFRICA

Dear Brothers:

I have been following along with your tapes and felt really blessed.. I've not heard anyone dig into Daniel and Revelation as you have in many years. I don't know who gave me one of your tapes, but I have been really excited and share with other SDAs.

I am presently having Bible studies in my home with several attending. I feel as if I am "God's miracle," for he has raised me up after having a stroke...Here is a donation for postage and the names of several individuals who would like to receive your tapes.

RICHMOND, VIRGINIA, USA

Dear Friends:

read Rev. 7:11. Here it states that the great multitude have their palms while the elders and four beasts are still before the throne of the investigative judgment in the heavenly sanctuary. (See *Shepherd's Rod*, Vol. 2, pp. 189-191). Therefore, they have their palms while the investigative judgment is in session—before probation closes. Furthermore, in regard to the class and the event of *Great Controversy*, 646, note that in every hand in which is placed the victor's palm there is also placed a shinning harp. Whereas the great multitude have only palms but no harps. Therefore, these are two separate incidents distinct one from the other." Vol. 1.SC.No. 8, p. 10. (64).

Q. "In *Great Controversy*, p. 665, where the different classes of the redeemed are enumerated, are the 144,000 those who are plucked as brands from the burning?

A. The class 'who are plucked as brands from the burning' (GC:665), are the 144,000 who are also plucked as brands from the burning (Zech. 3), and who are 'called the elect of God, precious, and will stand next to the throne of God' (8 Tract, 74), as do the ones in *The Great Controversy*, proves that there are two such classes who occupy about the same position, that is, seeking 'to restore the moral image of God in others.' The former are the ones who died after being plucked, and the latter, the 144,000 who shall never die. After the resurrection of the former and translation of the latter, both of these brands that were plucked from the burning will unitedly be near the throne." Vol. 1.SC. No. 8, p. 10. (64).

"He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life." 1 John 5:12.

I have heard a tape on the 144,000 by Br. Tony. I was informed that I should write and ask you for other tapes...For now I am only interested in the tapes as I am not able to read as much these days as I would like. God bless.

TACOMA, WASHINGTON, USA

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

I thank the Almighty God for showing me where to dig for that hidden treasure. This treasure has been hidden from me since birth, and I am blind to behold the radiance of that treasure.

An Adventist believer told me about the meat that should be given in due season. I'm an Adventist too, but blind. He gave me some of your booklets and I discovered precious truth hidden for so many years. After reading 3 to 4 books from the *Shepherd's Rod*, it seemed that the Holy Scriptures became sweeter and sweeter.

I started paying my tithe into the storehouse of the Lord, because I want to help other Adventists to know about this Present Truth before it's too late. I pray that God will help you, guide you into all truth so that you'll be the supplier of that meat in due season.

VANUATU

Brethren in Christ:

I'm so glad to receive the spring *Symbolic Code, 2002*. I hope some day to attend the annual Session...Please pray to God

for me and the other Adventist church members in China and Hong Kong. Thank you again and God bless you.

HONG KONG

Dear Sir:

I am a regular receiver of your booklets, but since I moved to the new place I have received books at a later time or no books at all. My new address is enclosed, so kindly send the booklets and tapes that are available to the new address. Your books are a source of life and a fountain of knowledge.

NAMIBIA, WEST AFRICA

Hello:

I'm studying the *Shepherd's Rod* message but I have many questions. Would you please kindly send someone here to answer them. Do you have anyone in my area of _____. Hope to hear from you.

MASSACHUSETTS, USA

Dear Brethren:

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. I write this note to acknowledge receiving the parcel containing audio tapes that you sent. Indeed, it was a pleasant moment to listen to the message of the hour freely at my home without having to go to someone to borrow the tapes... The tapes have come at a time when a motion was proposed to disfellowship all those members that are connected with the Davidians at

_____SDA church. This decision was arrived at when the leading brethren stated that Davidians are "very dangerous" and "have been causing confusion in the church" without specifying the actual danger. However, there was a quick counter proposal, so the proposal was abandoned, at least for now. ...May the peace of God be with you all.'

ZAMBIA, CENTRAL AFRICA

Dear Brethren in Christ:

The more I listen to the audio tapes that you sent, the more I long to listen to other tapes from you. The messages are quite touching and appropriate to our present world.... Please send me any and all tapes available on the Davidian message and Ellen G. White.

ZAMBIA, CENTRAL AFRICA

Dear Brethren:

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. I would love to thank you for the work you are doing in trying to shed more light on some topics in the Bible which seem very difficult....I am asking that you send me any audio tapes and written materials on different prophecies and other topics from the *Spirit of Prophecy*... It is very sad to note that members of the SDA church can not understand some of these things regarding the 144,000; Ezekiel 9, and other important topics. ...May the Lord richly bless you.

ZAMBIA, CENTRAL AFRICA

NEWS IN PERSPECTIVE

On an almost daily basis the newspapers, television and other media offer their accounts of murders, kidnappings, robberies, suicides, rapes, and sniper attacks, etc. The threat of terrorist's attacks is ever before us. In addition we are bombarded with accounts of monstrous corporate scandals; cooking the books; high profile executives charged with insider-trading and securities fraud. Accounting misdeeds, false financial statements, the floundering stock market.... Greedy CEOs fudging the books and getting filthy rich at the expense of smalltime investors and employees, are common happenings. Massive accounting breakdowns and many pension plans in tatters seem to be every day occurrences. What's going on here?

The Bible and the *Spirit of Prophecy*, are not silent on these important issues. Consider this:

James 5:1-6 - "Go to now ye rich men, weep and howl for your miseries that shall come upon you. Your riches are corrupted, and your garments are motheaten. Your gold and silver is cankered; and the rust of them shall be a witness against you, and shall eat your flesh as it were fire. Ye have heaped treasure together for the last days. Behold the hire of the labourers who have reaped down your fields, which is of you kept back by fraud, crieth: and the cries of them which have reaped are entered into the ears of the Lord of sabaoth. Ye have lived in pleasure on the earth, and been wanton; ye have nourished your hearts, as in a day of slaughter. Ye have condemned and killed the just; and he doth not resist you."

Inspiration continues:

Testimonies, Vol. 9, pp. 11-17, (excerpts) -
"...The Spirit of God is gradually but surely being withdrawn from the earth. Plagues and judgments are already falling upon the despisers of the grace of God. The calamities by land and sea, the unsettled state of society, the alarms of war, are portentous. They forecast approaching events of the greatest magnitude.

"...the condition of things in the world shows that troublous times are right upon us. The daily papers are full of indications of terrible conflict in the near future. Bold robberies are of frequent occurrence. Strikes are common. Thefts and murders are committed on every hand. **Men possessed of demons are taking the lives of men, women, and little children.** Men have become infatuated with vice, and every species of evil prevails.

"The enemy has succeeded in perverting justice and in **filling men's hearts with the desire for selfish gain....**In the great cities there are multitudes living in poverty and wretchedness, well-nigh destitute of food, shelter, and clothing; while in the same cities are those who have more than heart could wish, who live luxuriously, spending their money on richly furnished houses, on personal adornment, or worse still, upon the gratification of sensual appetites, upon liquor, tobacco,...The cries of starving humanity are coming up before God, while by every species of oppression and extortion men are piling up colossal fortunes....

"...in heaven an account of every business transaction is kept; every unjust deal, every fraudulent act, is there recorded.

The time is coming when in their fraud and insolence men will reach a point that the Lord will not permit them to pass, and they will learn that there is a limit to the forbearance of Jehovah....

"The Scriptures describe the condition of the world just before Christ's second coming. Of the men who by robbery and extortion are amassing great riches, it is written: (Quotes James 5:3-6)...

"There are not many, even among educators and statesmen, who comprehend the causes that underlie the present state of society. Those who hold the reins of government are not able to solve the problem of moral corruption, poverty, pauperism, and increasing crime. They are struggling in vain to place business operations on a more secure basis. If men would give more heed to the teaching of God's word, they would find a solution of the problems that perplex them.

"Fearful tests and trials await the people of God. **The spirit of war is stirring the nations from one end of the earth to the other.** But in the midst of the time of trouble that is coming,—a time of trouble such as has not been since there was a nation,—God's chosen people will stand unmoved. Satan and his host cannot destroy them, for angels that excel in strength will protect them."

What should be our reactions as we see the condition of the world today? Inspiration has the answer:

"...Above all others, those who are living so near to the great consummation, should be sober and watchful. The watchful Christian is a working Christian, seeking zealously to

purify his life, and to do all in his power for the cause of God. As his love for his Redeemer increases, so also does his love for his fellow-creatures increase. He has severe trials, as did his Master; and like him, he is to some extent a man of sorrows, mourning because of the abominations done in the land. But this grief does not sour his temper, nor destroy his peace of mind. His afflictions, if well borne, refine and purify his nature. He is thus brought into closer fellowship with Christ; and inasmuch as he, through fierce opposition, is a partaker of the sufferings of Christ, he will also be a partaker of his consolation, and finally a sharer of his glory." —Ellen White, *Sketches From the Life of Paul*, p. 115.

Brethren, Inspiration continues to present words of comfort that show that God is in control. Listen:

"In the annals of human history, the growth of nations, the rise and fall of empires, appear as if dependent on the will and prowess of man; the shaping of events seems, to a great degree, to be determined by his power, ambition, or caprice. But in the word of God the curtain is drawn aside, and we behold, above, behind, and through all the play and counterplay of human interest and power and passions, the agencies of the All-merciful One, silently, patiently working out the counsels of His own will....

"The power exercised by every ruler on the earth is Heaven-imparted;...To recognize the outworking of these principles in the manifestation of His power who 'removeth kings and setteth up kings'—this is to understand the philosophy of history." —Ellen White, *Conflict and Courage*, p. 250.

Br. Houteff, too, offers much information on the subject:

"Never did clouds of war, so strong and so dark, hang in an angry thunderhead over the world, and never did the world see itself as it does today. Everywhere,—in government, in industry, in halls of learning, in churches, in homes, on the streets—in every walk of life, the question uppermost is Whitherbound mankind?...

"...In the power-crazed, rule-or-ruin, war-bent and hell-bent, self-destructive course of mankind, in the angry and catastrophic upheavals and out-breakings of the elements of nature, and in the cumulative fulfilment of the fast unfolding prophecies in the Word of God, the signs of the times thunder the warning appeal that we arise in God's light, and make haste to rescue His people from the ills which threaten to devastate the world. If such is not the Church's great mission and duty at this crisis hour, what need, then, do the Lord and the world have of her? But what can the Church do unless her members both lay and clerical, arise together as one man, and throw their all into the conflict.

"Just look at the brute, predatory forces loose and lurking everywhere, and causing the whole earth to erupt with violence, tumult, and terror. Verily, they are making 'men's hearts [to fail] them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth....' Luke 21:26. Will not all Christians everywhere be aroused by these things to "put on the whole armour of God" and to "take...the sword of the Spirit" (Eph. 6:11, 17) while following the Lord as He leads ahead?... —*The White House Recruiter*, pp. 3, 8, 9.

Kids' Corner

CHART STUDY

1. Read *Zechariah 4:1-6, 11-14*, then with the help of your parents, answer the questions that follow.

2. Appropriately color the chart representing Zechariah's vision.

3. Identify each part and function of the prophecy:

Candlestick with seven lamps. (Verse 2)

Bowl. (Verse 2)

Seven pipes. (Verse 2)

Two olive trees. (Verses 2, 11-14)

Two pipes. (Verse 12)

4. What are the above mentioned items made of?

5. What do the two olive trees represent? *Zechariah 4:14; Rev. 11:3,4; GC:267*

6. What do the candlestick and the 7 lamps represent? *Rev. 1:20; Matt. 6:14*

UNSCRAMBLE

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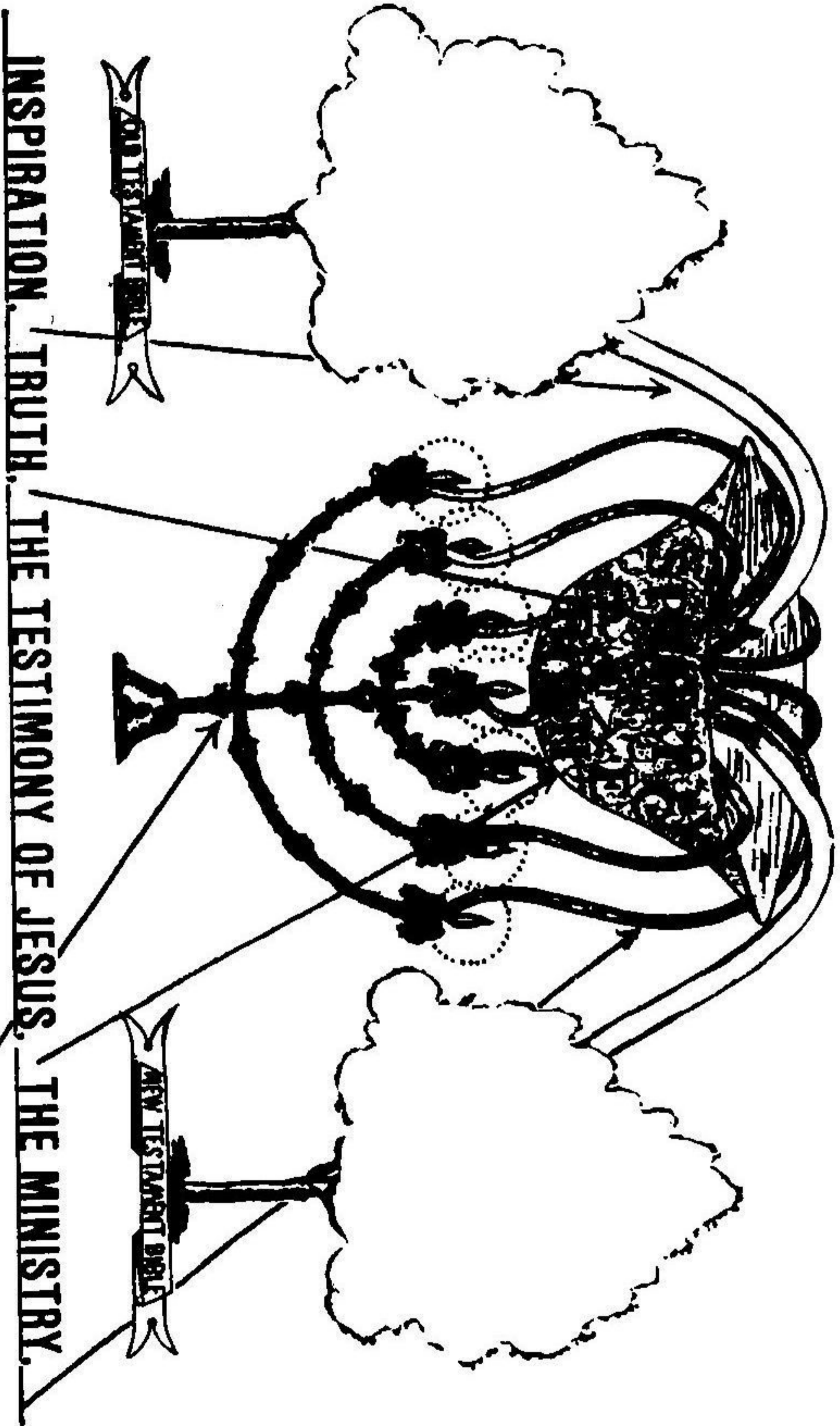
16. phoe

17. athif

18. ievol

19. rete

ZECHARIAH 4:



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 MATTHEW
 MEEKNESS
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 GRACE
 BRETHREN

Young World

“Children obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right. Honor your father and your mother; which is the first commandment with promise; that it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth.” Eph. 6:1-3. “Children obey your parents in all things: for this is well pleasing to the Lord.” Col. 3:20

“Children who dishonor and disobey their parents, and disregard their advice and instructions, can have no part in the earth made new. The purified earth will be no place for the rebellious, the disobedient, the ungrateful, son or daughter. Unless such learn obedience and submission here, they will never learn it; the peace of the ransomed will not be marred by disobedient, unruly, unsubmitive children. No commandment breaker can inherit the the kingdom of heaven. -*Test. vol. 1, p. 497-98.*

YOUTHS, CONSIDER THIS:

The Scriptures clearly state the will of God concerning you, which you **MUST** meet in the judgment. Do you heed these Bible teachings?

These truths will judge you in the great day of God. Do you read the word of God enough to know its claims upon you?

John admonishes the youth to love **NOT** the world, neither the things that are in the world; for if any man love the world, the

love of the Father is not in him. Is the love of the Father in you?

According to Ellen White (*Testimonies*, vol. 1, p. 498), your youth does not excuse you from the responsibilities resting upon you. You are strong and not worn down with cares and the weight of years. If you therefore withdraw your affections from the world and place them upon Christ, you can hope for a better life with glory and honor; eternal life. If you live to gratify lust of the flesh, lust of the eye, and pride of life, you are seeking the things of the world, thereby pleasing the adversary, and separating yourself from the Father.

Be faithful in little things. Individual, constant, united efforts will be rewarded by success. Whatever you desire to do, do it God's way.

Progress in good works:

“The frequent repetition of one kind of faithful service, is of more value in God's sight than the doing of one great work, and wins for the youth a good report, giving character to their efforts.” *Messages to Young People, p. 369.*

Use your talents to win souls. God holds you responsible for the way you use your talents.

“Let those who claim to be sons and daughters of God aim at a high standard. Let them use every faculty God has given them.” *Messages to Young People, p. 370.*

Deny yourself. “God does not own the pleasure seeker as his follower. Those only who are self denying, and who live lives of sobriety, humility, and holiness, are true followers of Jesus.” -*MYP:376.*

Do not be discouraged. "When assailed by temptation, steadily resist the evil promptings. Believe that strength comes to you through your Savior." -*MYP:112*.

Depend wholly and constantly upon God. "Those who fail to realize their constant dependence upon God will be overcome by temptation. Only through realizing our own weakness, and looking steadfastly unto Jesus, can we walk securely." *Messages to Young People, p.101*.

"God wants the youth to become men of earnest minds, to be prepared for action in His noble work, and fitted to bear responsibilities. God calls for young men with hearts uncorrupted, strong and brave, and determined to fight manfully in the struggle before them, that they may glorify God, and bless humanity.

"I entreat you to be wise, and consider what will be the result of leading a life uncontrolled by the Spirit of God. 'Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption.'

"For your soul's sake, for Christ sake who gave himself to save you from ruin, pause on the threshold of your life and weigh well your responsibilities, your opportunities, your possibilities. God has given you an opportunity to fill a high destiny. Your influence may tell for the truth of God; you may be a co-laborer with God in the great work of human redemption." *Messages to Young People, p. 21*.

"The Lord says to the young, 'My son, give Me thine heart.' The Saviour of the world loves to have children and youth give their

hearts to Him. There may be a large army of children who shall be found faithful to God, because they walk in the light, as Christ is in the light. They will love the Lord Jesus, and it will be their delight to please Him. They will not be impatient if reproved; but will make glad the heart of father and mother by their kindness, their patience, their willingness to do all they can in helping to bear the burdens of daily life. Through childhood and youth, they will be found faithful disciples of our Lord.

"Children and youth, in your earliest years you may be a blessing in the home. What a grief it is to see children of God-fearing parents unruly and disobedient, unthankful and self-willed, full of determination to have their own way, regardless of the inconvenience or sorrow it causes their parents. Satan takes delight in ruling the hearts of children, and if he is permitted he will inspire them with his own hateful spirit.

"Parents may do everything in their power to give their children every privilege and instruction, in order that they may give their hearts to God; yet the children may refuse to walk in the light and, by their evil course, cast unfavorable reflections upon their parents who love them, and whose hearts yearn after their salvation.

"Children and youth, I entreat you, for Christ's sake, to walk in the light. Submit your will to the will of God. When 'sinner's entice thee, consent thou not.' Keep the way of the Lord, for you will have no peace in transgression. By an evil course you bring discredit upon your parents and dishonor upon the religion of Christ...Heed the instruction of Christ, 'Walk while ye have the light....' *Ibid. pp. 333, 334*.

NATURE'S PAGE

-Your Amazing Blood-

Psalms 104:24 - "O Lord, how manifold are thy works! in wisdom hast thou made them all: the earth is full of thy riches."

The life blood that courses through our arteries and veins, is indeed familiar to all of us. Yes, we all know that if you lose enough of it, you will die. And doctors know that the evidences of nearly every human disease can also be traced or found in the blood. Yet, very few persons apart from some physicians and surgeons, begin to understand how complex that precious red substance really is. Here is an interesting quote for an example:

"Blood is made up of many components. Red blood cells carry oxygen to all parts of the body. And even though hemoglobin is based on iron the healthy body, protected by rust inhibitors, doesn't rust. White cells and other blood components fight infection. It's difficult to decide which of the components of blood are more amazing in their design.

"But if awards were given to the various components of blood for the amazing ways in which they work, serum albumin would certainly be in the running. Like one of those gadgets advertised on cable television, serum albumin seems to do more things in the bloodstream than seems possible.

"Serum albumin, which is made by the liver, regulates the volume of your blood helping to keep your blood pressure healthy. It also controls your blood chemistry so that all

the components are there in the right concentration. It stores molecules and moves them to where they are needed when they are needed. When you take an aspirin or a drug, serum albumin sees to it that the medicine gets to where it is needed. Serum albumin also prevents an enzyme which digests proteins in your digestive tract from digesting the proteins in the rest of your body."¹

The Bible has some very interesting statements on blood that show that blood has a very large health and symbolic significance. Here are a few:

Genesis 9:4 - "But flesh with the life thereof, which is the **blood** thereof, shall ye not eat.

Genesis 9:5 - "And surely your **blood** of your lives will I require; at the hand of every beast will I require it, and at the hand of every man's brother will I require the life of man."

Genesis 9:6 - "Whoso sheddeth man's **blood**, by man shall his **blood** be shed: for in the image of God made he man."

And the greatest of all facts as every Christian will recognize, is that we have coursing through our spiritual veins, the most precious substance in the universe, the **blood** of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world." Revelation 13:8.

"For...ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, ...but with the precious **blood** of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot." 1 Peter 1:18, 19.

¹ Creation Moments Transcript, vol. 50.

Dear Believers in Present Truth:

"Let all things be done decently and in order." 1 Corinthians 14:40.

"He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much: and he that is unjust in the least is unjust also in much." Luke 16:10.

In order to carry forward God's work successfully, we need to faithfully obey all God's requirements—including the dress code for all believers in Present Truth. Consider this for example:

"A Necessary Part of Education. No education can be complete that does not teach right principles in regard to dress. Without such teaching, the work of education is too often retarded and perverted. Love of dress and devotion to fashion are among the teacher's most formidable rivals and most effective hindrances." —*Child Guidance, p. 419.1.*

With this perspective in mind we write to all believers and especially to those who visit Mt. Carmel with children. —please be aware of the following. Even visitors should be informed.

- Skirt/dresses should be worn at the appropriate length as the message teaches —halfway between the bend of the knee and the ankle. (Pants are not appropriate to be worn by ladies on campus).
- Clothing should not be close fitting —don't advertise body or flesh.

- The sleeves should be long enough to cover the elbows when the arms are bent.
- Ladies, please remember to wear appropriate head coverings.
- Please wear stockings and shoes type as the message teaches —no heel-less, toeless, etc. and the heels should be "under two inches."
- No jewelry or watches on display
- Men and boys —shirts tucked in to your pants.
- Shirts not worn open lower than the first button

**OF SPECIAL CONCERN:
PLEASE REMEMBER TO KEEP THE
SABBATH DAY HOLY, ALONG WITH
YOUR CHILDREN.**

We ask everyone to please review these rules in 2.TG:38 that heaven's blessings may attend you and us all —especially on Mt. Carmel where people rightly expect a good example.

"In most cases submission to the gospel requirements will demand a decided change in the dress. True conversion of the heart will work wonderful changes in the outward appearance." —*BTS, May 1, 1908, par. 1.*

Sincerely,
Executive Council

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The grace of our
Lord Jesus Christ
be with you all. Amen.
Rev. 22:21.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SESSION 2002

Session 2002 was held from July 26 through August 11. We had a good turn out and the Lord blessed. Details and by-laws are recorded in a separate report. If you did not receive this report and would like to have one, please notify the office.

WANTED

We are still looking for a maintenance person here at headquarters. We ask that they already reside here in the United States and have legal rights to work here. Preferably we are seeking someone with experience in repairs, building, etc. and is capable of working a full work week.

IT'S A BOY!

Br. and Sr. Musipli were blessed with a baby boy on August 2, 2002. The parents and baby are doing fine.

Christian Strange was born September 19, 2002 to Micah and Amy Strange in Florida. Micah is one of our recent DLI graduates and he and his wife are laboring for the Lord in Florida as self supporting workers. We pray that the Lord will give our new parents wisdom in raising their sons to be servants for Him.

WEDDING BELLS

One of our full-time Bible workers in Kenya, East Africa, Lennard Kochwa, has taken a wife. We wish him and his wife, Ruth the Lord's blessings as they begin their life together. Let us remember them and all our members in our prayers.

NEW PRESS

We have finally purchased a new press and by the time you receive this code it will be up and running. The Lord continues to bless us in many ways....More details will follow in a forthcoming letter to the field.

BUILDING PROJECTS

We continue to work on the Trinidad project and have been told that it should be in operation early in the year 2003. Your support is still welcomed and we want to thank all who have already donated to this project and thank the Lord for continued success.

The Zambia group is trying to build a headquarters for the work there in Africa and would like anyone's support in this matter. They need to raise enough money to start the work there or they will lose the land that they have purchased. Please see our field report for this quarter which highlights the work there in Zambia. If you are interested in supporting this project you may send donations to our New York headquarters marked Zambia.

Also, the Vanuatu Islands (about 80 in all) are starting a building project for a Center where the people in these islands will have easy access for obtaining information and getting literature. They are a growing group and are in need of a Center to help in the progress of the work there. If you would like to support them you may send your donations to headquarters marked Vanuatu.

If you are unable to support these projects with financial aid we solicit your continued prayers in their behalf. The work is truly growing in all areas of the world. □

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