



# CONVERSION

## ITS TRUE MEANING AND PURPOSE

Jesus said ye must be born again. But one may say He only meant Nicodemus. Others may say the same of the Seventh Day Sabbath: "It was given to the Jews only." But is Conversion only to be found and approved of after the birth of Christ? In Ps. 19:7 we read: "The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul." David prayed that God would create in him a clean heart—and then he would teach transgressors the way and sinners shall be CONVERTED unto thee. Verse 13. It was through the law that St. Paul taught the road to conversion. Gal. 3: 24, 25. To the Romans he writes: "For where there is no law, there is no transgression" (Rom. 4: 15) but since ALL have sinned, and come short of the glory of God (Rom. 3: 23) and the wages of sin is death (Chapter 6: 23) one can only look then to Christ for salvation. In Ps. 51: 5 we hear David exclaim: "Behold I was shapen in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me." But he cried unto God and said: "Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow" (verse 7). The same thought is found in Isa. 1: 18, when the Lord pleads for His people, saying: "Come now and let us reason together," saith the Lord; "though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool." David also declared a broken and contrite heart: "O God, thou wilt not despise (Ps. 51: 17). God has said: "I dwell in the high and holy place." With him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit to REVIVE the heart of the contrite

ones (Isa. 57: 14). It is those who sorrow for their sins, and see a need of a Saviour that will be converted. Peter did not realize his condition when he rebuked Christ (Mark 8: 32), nor even when he was told to strengthen the Brothers (Luke 22: 32). Little did he know he belonged to Satan's family (Mark 8: 33). Many today suppose that because their parents were Christians and they were sprinkled in infancy, their salvation is secured. But there was no such thing as sprinkling or prayers for the dead until the Thirteenth Century, A. D. The same process of cleaning will have to be individually as in the days of the Apostles. When the people cried out: "What must we do to be saved?" and Peter said: "Repent." (Acts 2: 27, 28). Again he brings to view conversion in chapter 3: 19, when he said: "Repent ye therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the time of refreshing shall come for the presence of the Lord."

Since the heart of man is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked (Jer. 17: 9), we need to have the Lord search our hearts as in the days of David (Ps. 139: 23, 24) when he said to the Lord: "See if there be only wicked ways in me, and lead me in the way everlasting."

There is not more than half of the young people who profess religion and truth that have been truly converted. Cleanse the fountain and the streams will be pure, and there will be clean words come from the lips. True Godliness is lacking, in careless, trifling, prayerless persons—they are not Christians. Such ones need to go to the

closet alone with God, and cry unto Him as did David: "Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me." Be in earnest, be sincere, like Jacob of old. When he said: "I will not let thee go" (Gen. 32: 26), or as Jesus in the garden, when he prayed so earnest that drops of blood came upon his brow. Do not leave your closet until you feel strong in God. If you expect salvation, you must pray. Be not hurried and careless in your prayers.

God looks at the heart—all things are naked and opened unto the eyes of Him with whom we have to do (Heb. 4: 13). Will He be satisfied with anything but the truth in the inward parts? Every truly converted soul will bear the unmistakable marks that the carnal mind is subdued. Deal truly with your own soul, remember that a church without spot or wrinkle is the only thing Jesus will present to His Father (Eph. 5: 27). Will you be of that church? How are you to know you are accepted of God? Study His word prayerfully, lay it not aside for any other book. This book convinces of sin. It plainly reveals the way of Salvation. It brings to view a bright and glorious reward. It reveals to you a complete Saviour, and teaches you that through His boundless mercy alone can you expect salvation. Do not neglect secret prayer, for it is the soul of religion. With earnest, fervent prayer, plead for purity of soul. Plead as earnestly and as eagerly as you would for your mortal life were it at stake.

For Satan is going about seeking whom he may devour (1 Peter 5: 8).

Be not conformed to this world, but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind that ye may PROVE what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God (Rom. 12: 2). Train your thoughts so that it will be easy for them to dwell upon pure and holy things. Cultivate a love for spirituality and true godliness.

But if ye have bitter envyings and strife in your hearts, glory not, and lie not against the truth. This wisdom descendeth not from above, but is earthly, sensual, devilish (James 3: 14-16). These things prove that the fountain is unclean. Many profess to be on the Lord's side, but they are not. The weight of their actions is on Satan's side. By what means shall we determine whose side we are on? Who has the heart? With whom are our thoughts? Upon whom do we love to converse? If we are on the Lord's side, our thoughts are with Him, and our sweetest thoughts are of Him. We long to bear His image, breathe His spirit, do His will, and please Him in all things.

Conversion is a work that most do not appreciate. It is not a small matter to transform an earthly, sin-loving mind, and bring it to understand the unspeakable love of Christ, the charms of His grace, and excellency of God so that the soul shall be imbued with divine love, and captivated

with the heavenly mysteries. When he understands these things, his former life appears disgusting and hateful; he hates sin, and breaking his heart before God, he embraces Christ as the life and joy of the soul; he renounces his former pleasures, he has a new mind, new affections, new interest, a new will.

We either gather with Jesus, or scatter abroad. Thus conversion is a radical change, the very drift of the mind and bent of the heart should be turned, and life becomes new again in Christ. God requires the children to give Him their heart's best and holiest affection. He claims their service, they are not their own (1 Cor. 6: 20). Jesus has made infinite sacrifices for them. A pitying, loving Saviour will receive them if they will come to him just as they are, and depend on his righteousness and not their own merits. Through repentance, faith and good works, we may perfect a righteous character, and claim through the merits of Christ, the privilege of the sons of God.

The principles of divine truth received and cherished in the heart will carry us to a height of moral excellence that we had not dreamed it possible for us to reach. And it doth not yet appear what we shall be; but we know that when He shall appear, we shall see Him as He is, and every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself even as he is pure (1 John 3: 2-3). Those who are but half converted are as a tree whose boughs hang upon the side of truth, but whose roots firmly embedded in the earth strike out into the barren soil of the world. Jesus looks in vain for fruit upon its boughs; he finds nothing but leaves (Mark 11: 13, 21). The natural man must die, and the new man, Christ Jesus, take possession of the soul, so that the followers of Jesus may say in verity and truth, "I live, yet not I but Christ liveth in me" (Gal. 2: 20). (This is a mystery to the worldly man.)

"He that forsaketh not all that he hath," says Jesus, "cannot be my disciple" (Luke 10: 33). Those who experience the work of true conversion of their hearts will reveal the fruits of the Spirit in their lives. O, that those who have so little spiritual life would realize that eternal life can be granted only to those who become partakers of the divine nature, and escape the corruption that is in the world through lust! (? Peter 1: 4). The power of Christ, alone, can work the transformation in heart and mind, that all must experience who would partake with Him of the new life in the Kingdom of Heaven. "Except a man be born again," the Saviour has said, "he cannot SEE the Kingdom of God" (John 3: 3). The religion that comes from God is the only religion that can lead to God. In order to serve him aright, we must be born of the divine spirit. This will lead us to watchfulness. It will purify the heart and renew the mind, and give us a new capacity

for knowing and loving God. It will give us willing obedience to all His requirements. This is true worship. "Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy" (Jude 24), ever guide the mind and footsteps of the readers, is the desire of the writer of this article.

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Rev. 2:3-4: God asks HIS PEOPLE TO REPENT, and be CONVERTED to their FIRST love, which THEY HAVE LOST by their FAILURE to follow in the footsteps of the self-sacrificing Redeemer.

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## SABBATH SCHOOL LESSONS

### MINISTRY OF ANGELS

1. Lesson . . . . Sabbath, October 1, 1927

#### QUESTIONS

- 1.—What is said of their adoration? Luke 2: 13-14.
- 2.—Who were to shout for joy when the foundation of this earth was laid? Job 38: 4-7.
- 3.—To keep in the ministry of angels, what was placed upon the Ark? Ex. 25: 18-22
- 4.—What was Satan said to be once? Eze. 28: 14-16.
- 5.—How was Christ made in order to pay the debt of sin? Heb. 2: 6-7, 16.
- 6.—Who was the Creator of the angels? Col. 1: 16-17.
- 7.—In what way will man be equal with the angels, and when? Luke 20: 34-36.
- 8.—Who is the father of lies? Gen. 3: 4-5.
- 9.—How does John make known the children of God? 1 John 3: 7-8.
- 10.—How can we, the children of the fallen angel, be known as Gods children? 1 John 3: 9-10.
- 11.—Who was the war's? and who are his children who seek to kill? Rev. 12: 7-8. 1 John 3: 15.

NOTE: One does not have to commit murder openly to be a murderer.—Test Vol. 2, 125.

- 12.—In what respect is man said to be lower than the angels? Ps. 8: 1-5.
- 13.—After man fell by taking the advice of the fallen angel, what is said of His helpers, to restore him to his lost estates? Heb. 1: 13-14.
- 14.—What is said of these angels, concerning God's work on the earth? Ps. 103: 20; Matt. 18: 10.
- 15.—When the Children of Israel were hedged about on every side, with their enemies, what did God do? Isa. 37: 32-36.

16.—Who is he able to save in these days? Heb. 7: 25.

NOTE: We have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. 1 John 2: 1.

- 17.—But what is said about knowing Him? Test. Vol. P. 310. 1 John 2: 3, 5, 6.
- 18.—What is said of them that say and do not keep His commandments? 1 John 2: 4.
- 19.—What is said of the doing of the angels? Ps. 103: 20.
- 20.—What is said of the overcomers whose steps have been watched by the angels? Rev. 22: 14.

NOTE: May we ever be found in harmony with the holy angels and partake of the Tree of Life, from which our first parents were driven for harkening unto the fallen angels.

### MINISTRY OF ANGELS

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2. Lesson . . . . Sabbath, October 8, 1927

#### QUESTIONS

- 1.—In the days of Abraham, as his heart was filled with sorrow and pity for the cities of the plains, who came to minister unto him? Gen. 18: 1.
- 2.—How did he treat them and their message? Gen. 18: 6-7.
- 3.—How did Lot treat those messengers? Gen. 19: 1-2.
- 4.—How did the inhabitants of Sodom receive their visitors? Gen. 19: 5, 9.
- 5.—As one of the angels was the Lord, who came to Abraham in angel form, how was he treated when he came in the form of man? Isa. 53: 3; Matt. 27: 22, 30.
- 6.—What does the angel tell John about the last Church, or the Laodicean Church? Rev. 3: 14-16.

7.—What is the church now saying? Rev. 3:17.

8.—What does the angel of the Lord counsel the church to do? Rev. 3:18.

9.—What is the question asked the Church and what warning is now given and what is she called?

Sister E. G. White: "Who can truthfully say, 'Our gold is tried in the fire, our garments are unspotted by the world?' I saw our instructor pointing to the garments of so called righteousness. Stripping them off, he laid bare the defilement beneath, then he said to me, 'Can you see how they have pretentiously covered up their defilement and rottenness of character? How is the faithful city become an harlot? My Father's House is made a house of merchandise, a place whence the divine presence and glory have departed! For this cause there is weakness, and strength is lacking.' (thus the warning) Unless the church, which is now being leavened with her own backsliding, shall repent and be converted, she will eat of the fruit of her own doing, until she shall abhor herself." Test. Vol. 8, 250.

10.—Who is to stand up for His people? Dan. 12:1.

11.—What is He called in Jude? Jude 9.

12.—What does Paul tell us about the Archangel? John 5:25.

13.—What did Jesus say about that voice? 1 Thess. 4:13-18.

14.—Out of the great throng, who profess to be God's children, what does Michael or the Archangel which is Christ say, will be saved? Matt. 20:14, 16, 22.

15.—What does Paul call those who are saved at Christ's coming and why? Rom. 11:5, 7, 8.

16.—What word did Christ give to the angel to bid John to write for our time? Rev. 22:12.

17.—What has the Psalmist spoken concerning the angels? Ps. 91:11.

18.—What time in the earth's history does this point to? Ps. 91:3-10.

19.—What more is said concerning them? Ps. 34:7.

May we ever be found under their protection doing the Master's will.

Test. Vol. 9, 104: "Behold I come quickly," Christ declares, "and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be." Rev. 22:12. The Lord, at His coming, scrutinizes every talent; He will demand interest on the capital He has entrusted. By his own humiliation and agony, by His life of toil and His death of shame, Christ has paid for the service of all who have taken His name and profess to be His servants. All are under deepest obligation to improve every capability for the work of winning souls to Him. "Ye are not your own," He says, "for ye are bought with a price," therefore glorify God by a life of service that will win men and women from sin to righteous-

ness. 1 Cor. 6:19, 20. We are bought with the price of Christ's own life,—bought that we may return to God His own in faithful service.

## MINISTRY OF ANGELS

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3. Lesson.... Sabbath, October 15, 1927

### QUESTIONS

1.—What do we learn about the angels from Psalm 34:7?

2.—When Daniel was carried into Babylon what was revealed unto him? Dan. 2:19.

3.—What was the secret? Dan. 2:1.

4.—Could the wise men of his day reveal it? Dan. 2:27

5.—Who then can? Dan. 2:28.

6.—What danger threatened the wise men, because they could not reveal the secret? Dan. 2:12.

7.—Who did those wise men seek and what for? Dan. 2:13.

8.—What did Daniel do when he heard what was to be done? Dan. 2:17-18.

9.—After the secret was revealed to Daniel, what did he do? Dan. 2:19-23.

NOTE: Some think the matter was made known to Daniel by his dreaming the same dream that Nebuchadnezzar dreamed; but Mathew Henry considers it more probable, that "when he was awake, and continually in prayer, and watching in the same, the dream itself and the interpretation of it was communicated to him, by the ministry of an angel, abundantly to his satisfaction. The word "night visions" mean anything that is seen, whether through dreams or visions. D. and R., P. 37.

10.—What kind act did he do, for those who sought his life? Dan. 2:24.

11.—For what purpose did Daniel say the secret was made known? Dan. 2:30.

12.—When was this dream to be fulfilled? Dan. 2:23-29.

13.—After Daniel had given the interpretation to the King, what did he do? Dan. 2:46-47.

14.—After that, what did this same King do? Dan. 3:1.

15.—What was to be done to those, who did not worship the image? Dan. 3:11.

16.—On who did the wise men of those days spy, that would not worship the image? Dan. 3:12.

17.—How did they answer the King when accused? Dan. 3:16-18.

18.—After these men of God had been cast into the fiery furnace, how did the King become, as he looked in where they were cast? Dan. 3:24.

19.—What did he say? Dan. 3:25.

NOTE: The same angel that appeared to Abraham and talked to him about the destruction of Sodom, were guarding the three Hebrew children. He is the same one, that is again mentioned in chapter 8:25,

as the Prince of Princes. He is also called in Chapter 10: 21 Michael your Prince.

20.—What does Job invite us to do? Job 22: 21.

**NOTE:** How few there are in these days who make a study to become acquainted with their Lord and Master and to know of His care for those who serve Him. May we search out His ways and walk therein.

### MINISTRY OF ANGELS

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4. Lesson Sabbath, October 22, 1927

#### QUESTIONS

**NOTE:** In our last lesson we found that the King of Babylon beheld the Deliverer of Israel.

1.—What has He said concerning deliverance? Ps. 91: 3; Jer. 1: 8; Dan. 3: 17.

2.—What was Darius Testimony concerning Daniel? Dan. 6: 27.

3.—What brought this acknowledgment? Dan. 6: 4-5.

**NOTE:** There we find the wise men again plotting, under the mighty angel Satan to destroy Daniel.

4.—What did the King do, seeing that he was drawn into their plot? Dan. 6: 16-18.

5.—When the morning came, what did he do? Dan. 6: 19-20.

6.—How did Daniel greet the King, and what did he tell him? Dan. 6: 21-22.

**NOTE:** Sister E. G. White. "Daniel and his companions were captives in a strange land, but God suffered not the envy and hatred of their enemies to prevail against them. The righteous have ever obtained help from above. How often have the enemies of God united their strength and wisdom to destroy the CHARACTER and INFLUENCE of a few simple persons, who trusted in God. But because the Lord was for them, none could prevail against them.

Only let the followers of Christ be united and they will prevail. Let them be separated from their idols, and from the world, and the world will not separate them from God. Test. Vol. 2, P. 139.

7.—What fate befalls Daniel's enemies? Dan. 6: 24.

8.—What is said of their final destruction? Mal. 4: 1.

9.—During the last King of Babylon, what did Daniel have? Dan. 7: 1.

10.—What did he see? Dan. 7: 2.

11.—What does God interpret sea or waters to mean in Prophecy? Rev. 17:15.

12.—What else did Daniel see? Dan. 7: 3.

13.—What was their likeness? Dan. 7: 47.

14.—After Daniel had beheld the vision in what state of mind was he? Dan. 7: 15.

15.—What have we found to be encamped around God's people? Ps. 34: 7.

16.—What did Daniel then say? Dan. 7: 16.

17.—What was he told these beastly powers were? Dan. 7: 17.

18.—How long were they to reign? Dan. 7: 18, 11.

19.—What else did Daniel want to know? Dan. 7: 19-22.

20.—What did the angel then tell him? Dan. 7: 23-24.

21.—What was that horn or kingly power that was to arise to do? Dan. 7: 24 last part.

**NOTE:** From the historical testimony above cited, we think it clearly established that the three horns plucked up, were the powers named; the Heruli in A. D. 493, The Vandals in 534, and the Ostrogoths in 538. D. and R., P. 136.

22.—To more fully understand about these beastly kingdoms, what was Daniel again shown? Dan. 8: 20-21.

**NOTE:** Little by little does the Lord reveal to His servants the things that must come to pass, may we ever be willing to be instructed as was Daniel.

### MINISTRY OF ANGELS

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5. Lesson . . . . Sabbath, October 29, 1927

#### QUESTIONS

1.—In the vision that Daniel saw, what did the angel tell him, that the horn of the rough goat represented? Dan. 8: 21.

**NOTE:** Here we find that horns in prophesy represent kingly powers.

2.—Where again has God revealed kingly power? Ezek. 34: 21.

3.—What does God call His people? Ezek. 34: 17 first part.

4.—What does He call them that have horns that push? Eze. 34: 17, last part.

5.—What else has He said about His flock? Eze. 34: 31.

6.—What did they do with Jeremiah, the prophet, whom the Lord had told to tell the King of Israel that Israel would be smitten and carried into Babylon? Jer. 38: 6.

7.—What did they do with the prophecy he had written?

**NOTE:** Then the wrath of the wicked monarch rose against Jeremiah and his scribes and he forthwith sent for him to be taken, "But the Lord hid them." After the King had burned the sacred roll, the word of God came to Jeremiah, saying, "Take thee again another roll, and write in it all the former words that were in the first roll." Test. Vol. 4, P. 178.

Here we see that the Lord's message will ever be presented.

8.—What has the messenger of God said about burning reproof in our days.

E. G. White: "Many now despise the faithful reproof given of God in Testimonies. I have been shown that some in

these days have even gone so far as to burn the written words of rebuke and warning, as did the wicked King of Israel."

- 9.—What has Jesus said about the goats? Matt. 25: 32-33.
- 10.—What is said about the proud? Compare Mal. 4: 1; Matt. 25: 41.
- 11.—What has God said of His people at this time? Mal. 4: 2-3.
- 12.—What has He said to remember? Mal. 4: 4.
- 13.—What has He said about them that grow up? Mal. 4: 2, last part.
- 14.—Where has God said they will grow up? Isa. 65: 17-19.
- 15.—What will they do? Isa. 11: 6; Isa. 65: 20-25.
- 16.—What is said of the God of Glory and His promise to Abraham? Acts 7: 2-4.
- 17.—What did the Apostles further say? Acts 7: 5.
- 18.—What is said about those who died in faith? Heb. 11: 39, 40.
- 19.—What are we admonished to do? Heb. 12: 1-2.

### MINISTRY OF ANGELS

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6. Lesson.....Sabbath, November 5, 1927

#### QUESTIONS

- 1.—What has God said about Satan, the fallen angel, as he likens him to the Prince of Tyrus? Eze. 28: 1-3; 17-19.

NOTE: Pride, avarice, selfishness and deception of almost every kind are in the Church. The Spirit of God, which prompts to reproof, is trampled under foot, while the servants of Satan triumph.—Test Vol. 5, P. 210-11.

- 2.—What has God promised us, if we humble ourselves, that our ways please Him? Ps. 91: 11.

- 3.—What was Daniel doing when the angel came to him? Dan. 9: 20-21.

- 4.—What did the angel say he had come for? Dan. 9: 22.

- 5.—What has God said about understanding? Prov. 8: 1, 17.

- 6.—Unto whom does wisdom cry, and understanding put forth her voice? Prov. 8: 4.

- 7.—Who possessed it in the beginning? Prov. 8: 22.

- 8.—What is said further about these? Prov. 16: 16, 22.

NOTE: May we like Daniel, be ready to receive instruction and understanding, that we may possess it like our dear Lord.

- 9.—How did our Lord grow up? Luke 2: 52.

- 10.—What is said of Him after Satan the fallen angel left Him? Matt. 4: 11.

- 11.—What is said further about those angels? Heb. 1: 14.

Sister E. G. White. "Let the hard heart be broken. No longer pet and pity

and exalt self. Look, O look upon Him whom our sins have pierced. See Him, descending step by step, the path of humiliation, to lift up, abasing himself till He could go no lower, and all to save us who were fallen in sin! Why will we be so indifferent, so cold, so formal, so proud, so self-sufficient? Who of us are faithfully following the pattern? Who of us have instituted and continued the warfare against pride of heart? Who of us in good earnest, brought himself to wrestle with selfishness until it should no longer dwell in the heart and be revealed in the life." Test. Vol. 5, P. 17-18.

"The rebuke of the Lord is upon His people for their pride and unbelief. He will not restore unto them the joy of His salvation, while they are departing from the instruction of His Word and Spirit." Test. Vol. 5, P. 190.

NOTE: The Church of today must put away pride and selfishness or receive their final reward for the same.

- 12.—What is said further about heirs of salvation? Rom. 8: 16-17.

- 13.—What can hinder from being heirs and joint heirs with Christ? Hosea 4: 6.

- 14.—What did the Lord say to Israel by the Prophet Jeremiah? Jer. 3: 6.

- 15.—What other words did He tell him to proclaim? Jer. 3: 12-14.

- 16.—What counsel did the Lord send by the angel to the Church in these days? Rev. 2: 5.

Sister E. G. White. "I counsel this Church to give heed to the Saviour's admonition. Remember from whence thou art fallen and repent and do the first works or else I will come unto thee quickly and remove thy candlestick out of his place except thou repent." Test. Vol. 5, P. 191.

May we take heed to this warning that we may walk in the light. 1 John 1: 7.

### MINISTRY OF ANGELS

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7. Lesson Sabbath, November 12, 1927

#### QUESTIONS

- 1.—As Jeremiah was shown, what was to befall Israel? What has God shown us about the Church in our day by His servant?

NOTE, Sister E. G. White: "But she is more willing to depart from God's commandments than to renounce the friendship of the world. She is joined to the idols which she has chosen; and because temporal prosperity and the favor of a wicked world are hers, she believes herself to be rich toward God. This will prove to many a fatal delusion. Her divine character and spiritual strength have departed." Test. Vol. 5, P. 190.

- 2.—What message did the angel give to John concerning the church? Rev. 2: 21.

**NOTE:** It was not so much the sin of Jerusalem that Jesus wept, but because of their hard heart and failure to repent.

3.—What is the message for today?

**NOTE:** Unless there is a decided reformation among the people of God, He will turn His face from them. Test. Vol. 9, P. 126.

The plain, straight testimony must live in the Church, or the curse of God will rest upon His people as surely as it did upon ancient Israel because of her sins. Test. Vol. 3, P. 269.

4.—After those who have heard the plain straight testimony what has God said concerning those who fail to repent? Rev. 2: 27.

5.—Seeing that the church has failed to keep the commandments, what has God said concerning them? Ps. 103: 20.

6.—What is written concerning those who keep His commandments here on earth? 1 John 3: 24.

7.—What did the angel tell John to write? Rev. 22: 14.

8.—What is said further of them that keep His commandments? John 17: 21.

9.—Seeing that Christ must dwell in us that we may do His commandments, what must we have 'else abiding in us? John 15: 7.

10.—What further did the Saviour say? John 15: 8-10.

11.—What is said about the Church in the Wilderness? Acts 7: 38.

12.—What is said further of Him? Ps. 78: 43-53.

13.—What did He call those people in the Church in the days of Moses? Ex. 23: 9.

14.—What has the Psalmist written about this? Ps. 106: 21-23.

15.—Who did the Lord say would go before Moses? Ex. 32: 34.

16.—What else did the Psalmist write? Ps. 78: 25.

17.—When God slew them, who were stiff necks, what did those who were left remember? Ps. 78: 34-35.

18.—What else did they do? Ps. 78: 36.

**NOTE:** May we never be found thus doing without God's help. Amen.

### MINISTRY OF ANGELS

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8. Lesson Sabbath, November 19, 1927

#### QUESTIONS

1.—As Jeremiah had given a plain testimony, what is said here in our days?

**NOTE:** What the servant of God was shown at St. Helena, Calif., January 5, 1903. Concerning the Church of S. D. A. at their General Conference, some things she heard, and wrote are as follows: (Test. Vol. 8, pp. 105-106) "In the year of 1903, the following words were after repeated with clear distinctness, 'As many as

I love, I rebuke and chasten: Be zealous therefore and repent. Behold I stand at the door and knock, if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him and will sup with him, and he with me.'

No one seemed to be too proud to make heartfelt confession, and those who led in this work were the ones who had influence, but had not before had courage to confess their sins. There was rejoicing such as never before had been heard in the Tabernacle.

Then I aroused from my unconsciousness and for a while could not think. The words were spoken to me, 'this might have been.' All heaven was waiting to be gracious. I thought of where we might have been, had thorough work been done at the last General Conference, and an agony of disappointment came upon me, as I realized that what I had witnessed was not a reality."

**NOTE:** Here is a joyous hope turned into sorrow.

2.—Who was, Stephen says, with Moses? Acts 7: 30.

3.—Whom did the angel say he was? Acts 7: 32.

4.—What did he tell Moses? Acts 7: 33-34.

5.—What further did the disciples say? Acts 7: 35.

6.—What made those, who profess to be God's people, angry? Acts 7: 51-53.

7.—What did they then do? Acts 7: 54.

8.—Who did he say they had received the law by? Acts 7: 53.

9.—What does Hosea write concerning Jacob and the angel? Hosea 12: 2.

10.—What admonition is here given? Hosea 12: 6.

11.—What did Jacob say when he saw the Angel of the Covenant? Gen. 32: 30.

12.—If we become an overcomer what will we see? 1 Cor. 13: 12.

13.—What is said of Adam and Eve when driven from the Garden? Gen. 3: 7-10.

14.—What did the angel instruct John to write concerning the Church of these days? Rev. 3: 17, last part.

15.—To such that feel their need, what will be given? Rev. 3: 18.

16.—What may they expect? Rev. 3: 19.

17.—Where does the Lord say that He stands? Rev. 3: 20.

18.—What will be granted to him, or those who repent? Rev. 3: 21-22.

**NOTE:** May the guardian angel ever find us humble, that we may repent and return to God at all times, that we may be heirs of salvation and hear the voice of the Archangel when He calls.

### MINISTRY OF ANGELS

(Continued)

9. Lesson Sabbath, November 26, 1927

#### QUESTIONS

1.—Concerning the image spoken of in Dan-

- iel 2 what did God, in vision, show Daniel it represented? Dan. 2: 37-40.
- 2.—What is the kingdom called? Dan. 2: 40, last part.
  - 3.—Who will set up his kingdom and when? Dan. 2: 44.
  - 4.—What was to break and destroy all these kingdoms? Dan. 2: 34, 45.
  - 5.—What is this stone called? Eph. 2: 20; 1 Peter 2: 6.
  - 6.—In Daniel's dream, what did we find in our past lessons he saw? Dan. 7: 3.
  - 7.—What did the angel tell him they represented? Dan. 7: 17.
  - 8.—How is the first one described? Dan. 7: 4.
  - 9.—Where else does the angel mention this kingdom? Rev. 13: 2.
  - 10.—What other beastly powers are here mentioned? same verse.
  - 11.—What does the second beast, Daniel saw represent? What was he to do? Dan. 7: 5.
  - 12.—What does he say of the third beastly power, of his likeness? Dan. 7: 6.
- NOTE:** We have found that the beastly power that the angel showed John in Rev. 13: 2 has three of these beastly powers likeness.
- 13.—Where did the first beastly power put three of God's children? Dan. 7: 4; Dan. 3: 20-21.
  - 14.—Who was there to deliver them? Dan. 3: 25.
  - 15.—What is said of the second beastly power, and what was he told to do? Dan. 7: 5.
  - 16.—What is his record? Dan. 6: 16.
  - 17.—What did Daniel say God had sent? Dan. 6: 22.
  - 18.—What did the Leopard Kingdom have for fight? Dan. 7: 6.
- NOTE:** Here we find in the Medes and Persian Kingdom it was the wicked people back of the king who caused Daniel to be thrown into the Lions' Den. So it was in the case of the three Hebrews during the Babylonian Kingdom, but the same God had His watch care over them.
- The Medes and Persians were cruel robbers and spoilers of the people. D. & R. This kingdom dates from 538 B. C. and continued to 331. The same we will consider later in our studies.
- 19.—Where else are these beastly kingdoms mentioned? What are they likened unto? What does the angel say they are? Dan. 8: 20-21.
- NOTE:** In verses 4-7, we find both of these powers under these symbols to be full of fight and war.
- 20.—What is said of the people of God and what does it say? 1 Cor. 1: 11, 10.

**NOTE:** The wings of Grecia, are represented by this symbol (wings) if wings upon the lion signify rapidity in conquest, they would signify the same here.

The conquest of Grecia under Alexander has no parallel in historic annals, for

suddenness and rapidity. D. and R. P. 115, 117.

### MINISTRY OF ANGELS (Concluded)

10. Lesson Sabbath, Dec. 3, 1927

#### QUESTIONS

- 1.—As we found in the past lesson there were to be four beastly kingdoms. What did the fourth beastly kingdom, in the day of our Saviour do? Matt. 2: 1-7.
  - 2.—Who warned the parents of the child's danger? Matt. 2: 12.
  - 3.—Who did he send with the message? Matt. 2: 13.
  - 4.—When Herod failed to find the child, what did he do? Matt. 2: 16.
  - 5.—What was the next message God sent by His messenger the angel? Matt. 2: 19-20.
  - 6.—What have we found the angels to be? Heb. 1: 13-14.
  - 7.—When did the things that the angel had shown, John say would come to pass? Rev. 18: 19, 20.
  - 8.—What did God say by the angel He would do, to the seventh or last church? Rev. 3: 16.
  - 9.—What was to come out of that Church? Rev. 12: 17.
  - 10.—Who was to make war with the remnant? Rev. 12: 9.
  - 11.—What message has God for the remnant? Eze. 33: 7-9.
- NOTE, Sister E. G. White:** "Are we to wait until the fulfillment of the prophesies of the end, before we say anything concerning them? Of what value will our words be then? Shall we wait until God's Judgments fall upon the transgressors before we tell him, how to avoid them? Where is our faith in the Word of God? Must we see things foretold come to pass before we will believe what He has said? In clear, distinct rays of light has come to us, showing us that the great day of the Lord is near at hand, even at the door! Let us read and understand, before it is too late.
- 12.—What was it that John was told by the angel concerning the beastly power? Rev. 13: 1-2. To understand, verse 18.
  - 13.—When was the Church to understand the prophesies of Dan.? Matt. 24: 15
  - 14.—What is said concerning that time? Dan. 12: 4.
  - 15.—What was to rise before the time man began to run to and fro? Dan. 7: 24-25.
  - 16.—What is said concerning time? Dan. 7: 25.
  - 17.—Compare this with Rev. 12: 14, last part.
  - 18.—How many days is this same time said to be? Rev. 12: 6.
  - 19.—In prophecy a day is a year. Eze. 4: 5.
  - 20.—How many years would a thousand



two hundred and threescore or 60 days represent?

**NOTE:** Seeing that Media-Persia had not power to reign until it overthrew Babylon, the same be true to the Greek Kingdom, likewise the Romans.

21.—What was said of this little horn power that was to come out of one of the provinces of the once Grecian power? Dan. 8:9-11; 7:20, 24, last part.

22.—Besides subduing three kingdoms out of the ten, which we found to be the Hercules in 493 A. D. and Ostrogoths in 534 A. D. also the Vandals in 538 A. D. doing? Dan. 7:21.

23.—What else did Daniel see this beastly kingdom do?

**NOTE:** The Saviour said concerning those days (or years) Matt. 24:22, except they should be shortened there would be no flesh saved.

In our next lesson, we will consider more about the time and the message.

### THE TIME AND THE MESSAGE

11. Lesson. . . . Sabbath, December 10, 1927

#### QUESTIONS

1.—When was the beastly power to cease its work altogether? Dan. 7:21-22.

**NOTE:** This power that was to wear out the saints of the Most High, commenced its reign after subduing three of the Roman Kingdoms as we learned in our past lessons, the third one being in 538 A. D. adding 1260 years we are brought down to 1798. What is the history about this little horn's power (wearing out the saints) Dan. 7:25.

Scats Church History says: "No computation can reach the numbers who have been put to death in different ways, an account of their maintaining the profession of the Gospel, and opposing the corruption of the Church of Rome. A million of poor Waldensees perished in France. Nine hundred thousand orthodox christians were slain in less than thirty years. After the institution of the Order of Jesuits the Duke of Alva boasted of having put to death in the Netherlands thirty-six thousand by the hand of the common Executioner during the space of a few years. The inquisition destroyed, by various tortures, one hundred and fifty thousand, within thirty years. D. and R., p. 127.

2.—What does this church or the little horn power have to say about those who do not join in with her?

**NOTE:** Catechism of the Catholic Religion, Copyright, 1912 and 1919.

**Question:** What for his part is everyone obliged to do?

**Answer:** Everyone is obliged under pain of eternal damnation to become a member of the Catholic Church to believe her doctrine, to use her means of grace, and to submit to her authority.

3.—What is said of those who condemned Christ, who claimed to be the Children of God in His days? Mark 7:7, 8; Matt. 15:6.

4.—What led those in Christ's day to plot for His death? Mark 2:23-24; 3:1-6.

5.—What did they not know? Luke 19:42-44.

6.—What has God said in the past about the prophets and priests? Zeph. 3:4.

7.—When does the Psalmist say it is time for God to work? Ps. 119:126.

8.—At what time, what is he to do? Rom. 9:28.

9.—At what time has He sent a special message? Gen. 6:11-17.

10.—What does Jesus say of this destruction? Matt. 24:28-29.

11.—What next destruction is mentioned? Gen. 18:20-21.

12.—After the angels had done their duty as messengers, what did Abraham see? Gen. 19:27-28.

13.—What did the Saviour say of Sodom and Gomorrah? Luke 17:28-29.

14.—Before Jesus comes for the remnant, what does He say must come before He is revealed? Luke 17:24-30.

15.—What did He say of Lot's wife? verse 22.

16.—Who can tell what happened to her?

17.—What was the next message of destruction God sent His messengers to concerning His people? Jer. 24:8-11.

18.—What had the Lord done for those people? Jer. 24:4, first part.

19.—What would they not do? Jer. 24:4, last part.

20.—What further did the messenger plead with him? Jer. 24:5-6.

21.—What did they do by not hearkening unto God's message? Jer. 24:7.

**NOTE:** There was no fault found against those who gave this message.

22.—What does Paul admonish us not to do? 1 Thess. 5:6.

**NOTE:** May we never be found sleeping on guard, but let us learn the message for this time, that we may give it to others.

### SIN THAT HOLDS BACK THE CLOSING MESSAGE

12. Lesson. . . . Sabbath, December 17, 1927

#### QUESTIONS

1.—Why is the remnant not ready?

Sister E. G. White: "I saw that the remnant are not prepared for what is coming upon the earth. Stupidity like lethargy seemed to hang upon the minds of most of those who profess to believe that we are having the last message. My accompanying angel cried out with awful solemnity 'Get ready, get ready, get ready! for the fierce anger of the Lord is soon to come.' His wrath is to be poured out, unmixed with mercy, and ye are not ready."

If pride and selfishness were laid aside, five minutes would remove most difficulties. Angels have grieved and God displeased by the hours which have been spent in justifying self. I saw that God will not bow down and listen to long justifications, and He does not want His servants to do so, and thus precious time be wasted that should be spent in showing transgressors the error of their ways, and pulling souls out of the fire.

Many have unsubdued, unhumiliated hearts, and think more of their own little grievances and trial than of the souls of sinners. If they had the glory of God in view they would feel for perishing souls around them.

Said the angel, 'Ye have been picking at straws,—dwelling upon little trials, and sinners must be lost as a consequence.'" Early Writings, pp. 119, 120, 121.

2.—What has God said about such? Matt. 12: 30.

3.—What are such servants called? Matt. 25: 30.

4.—What is said of God's people? Eph. 3: 17-19.

5.—What message did the Lord send to His people in August 1, 1893?

NOTE: But I say unto you, It shall be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon at the day of judgment than for you. And thou, Capernaum, (Seventh Day Adventists who have great light) which art exalted unto heaven (in point of privilege) shall be brought down to hell.

6.—What is said about such a Church. Shall the Lord be compelled to say, "Pray not thou for this people, for I will not hear thee." From the original Review and Herald, August 1, 1893.

7.—What is written in Proverbs 1: 24-32 Eze. 2: 5.

8.—What has God further said? Isa. 30: 1; 65: 2.

9.—What is said of those who take away or destroy the words of the prophets? Rev. 22: 19.

10.—What did Daniel say about his sin? Ps. 32: 5.

11.—What is said about the godly? Ps. 32: 6

12.—What did St. Paul write of Israel? Rom. 10: 1-3.

13.—What further has he written? Rom. 9: 27-28.

14.—What did God not do for the angel that sinned? 2 Peter 2: 4.

15.—What will he do for the godly? 2 Peter 2: 9, first part.

16.—What will he do with the unjust, last part.

17.—What does he say on salvation? 2 Pet. 3: 15.

18.—What does He say of those who receive it? 2 Peter 3: 12-13.

NOTE: May we be found hastening on with this message.

## THE CHURCH AND THE REMNANT

13. Lesson Sabbath, December 24, 1927

### QUESTIONS

1.—What has God said about His sealing work? Eze. 9: 1, 3, 6.

2.—Where is the Judgment to commence? 1 Peter 4: 17.

3.—What is done to those who sigh and cry for all abomination? Eze. 9: 4.

4.—Where is this people spoken of? Isa. 1: 9; 4: 3; 11: 16; Jer. 6: 9; 31: 7; Eze. 14: 22-23; Michael 2: 12; Zeph. 2: 9.

5.—What are they said to be doing?

NOTE: They lament and afflict their soul because pride, avarice, selfishness and deception of almost every kind are in the church. Test. Vol. 5, P. 210.

(Thus their power is lacking in the church)

6.—What is said of this church toward Israel?

NOTE: "But the glory of the Lord had departed from Israel." Vol. 5, P. 210.

7.—What has God said of the ancient men, that were given great light, they had betrayed their trust? Vol. 5, P. 211.

8.—What has the servant of God likened them unto? Vol. 5, p. 10-12.

NOTE: But He will detect their hypocrisy and will open before others those sins which they were so careful to hide." Vol. 5, P. 212.

9.—What has God further said?

10.—What will our course of action do?

Our own course of action will determine whether we shall receive the seal of the living God, or be cut down by the destroying weapons.—Vol. 5, p. 212.

11.—What record is again given of the church?

The church has turned her back from following Christ, her leader, and is steadily retreating toward Egypt. Yet few are alarmed or astonished at their want of spiritual power. Doubt and even disbelief of the testimonies of the Spirit of God is leavening our churches everywhere.—Test. Vol. 5, p. 217.

P. S.—Satan would have it thus. Ministers who preach self instead of Christ would have it thus.—Vol. 5, p. 217.

12.—What is said of lukewarmness? Many of our people are lukewarm.

13.—How do they praise Christ?

Many of those, who have great light, Great opportunities and every spiritual advantage, praise Christ and the world with the same breath.

14.—What did the servant of God say as she wrote those words?

I seldom weep, but now I find my eyes blinded with tears.—Test Vol. 5, pp. 76-77.

NOTE: Here are brought to view those ancient men, who had great light.

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15.—What is further stated about them?

There are men among us in responsible positions, who hold that the opinions of a few conceited philosophers, so-called, are more to be trusted, than the truth of the Bible or the testimonies of the Holy Spirit.

16.—What has God through His servant said?

“But the days of purification of the church are hastening on a pace. God will have a people pure and true . . . in this time, the Gold will be separated from the dross in the church.—Vol. 5, pp. 80-81.

17.—What is said of those who stand the test; 2 Peter 3:14; 1 Cor. 1:6-7; Rev. 12:17.

UNITY IN THE CHURCH

14. Lesson . . . Sabbath, December 31, 1927

QUESTIONS

1.—What did Paul write concerning the church? 1 Cor. 1:10.

2.—What did James write? James 3:10-16.

NOTE: Divisions will cease, contentions will cease. But not until the dross and the gold are separated and there is then a remnant left.

3.—What is said of unity by the servant of God?

We should come into a position where

every difference will be melted away.—Review and Herald, Feb. 18, 1890.

Unify, Unify, But we are not to unify with those, who are departing from the faith.—To the Watchman, Apr. 2, 1906.

4.—What is said to be of vital importance?

As we approach the last crisis, it is of vital importance that harmony and unity exist among the Lord's instrumentalities.—Test. Vol. 7, p. 182.

5.—What is written in Zech. 12:8.

Those who are destitute of sympathy, tenderness and love cannot do Christ's work, before the prophecy is fulfilled. Zech. 12:8.

6.—Why cannot the spirit of unity be?

Sister E. G. White: “The spirit can never be poured out while variance and bitterness toward one another are cherished by the members of the church. Vol. 6, p. 42.

7.—What has God bidden the church to do? James 5:16.

8.—What will then be realized? Ps. 51:12-13.

9.—What is said of fruit? Matt. 7:16.

10.—How shall we know the Good and the bad? Matt. 7:20.

11.—How will the father be glorified? John 15:8.

NOTE: If Christians were to act in concert. Moving forward as one under the direction of one power. For the accomplishment of one purpose they would move the world. Vol. 9, p. 221.

12.—What should be our purpose in life?

Sister E. G. White: “Strive earnestly for unity, pray for it, work for it.”—Test. Vol. 9, p. 188.

13.—What prayer will be answered. John 17:21; Test. Vol. 6, p. 400.

14.—What will take place in our ranks, when purification takes place?

Sister E. G. White: “When purification shall take place, in our ranks, we shall no longer rest at ease boasting of being rich and increased with goods and in need of nothing.—Test Vol. 8, p. 251.

15.—What must first be put away?

When the church members will put away all self-worship, and will receive in their hearts the love of God, and for one another that filled Christ's heart, our Heavenly Father will constantly manifest His power through them.—Vision of Eze., July 4, 1906.

16.—What has God said of His people? Eph. 2:4-5.

17.—What has he said of raising them up? Eph. 2:6.

18.—Why has he raised us up to sit together. Eph. 2:7.

When you sit together with Christ in heavenly places, let us tell you, you will reveal in your countenance the very light of heaven.—Berrien Springs, May 22, 1904.

