

“The Lord is King.”
Psalm 10:16.

“Bind up the testimony, seal
the law among My disciples.”
Isaiah 8:16.



“To the law —

— and to the testimony.”

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OUR SABBATH-SCHOOL WORK

“The Sabbath-school work is important, and all who are interested in the truth should endeavor to make it prosperous.”—“Testimonies,” Vol. 5, p. 127.

It is indeed a great inspiration for us to see the deep interest which our members take in this important branch of the work. While the Sabbath-school work is making continual progress, we see the blessings of the Lord attending it. For the encouragement of our Sabbath-schools we like to publish the following Report.

SABBATH-SCHOOL REPORT OF DETROIT, MICH. MAY 13, 1933.

Jesus comes with pow'r to gladden,
When love shines in,
Ev'ry life that woe can sadden,
When love shines in.

Love will teach us how to pray,
Love will drive the gloom away,
Turn our darkness into day,
When love shines in,

THUS WE SANG TO OPEN OUR LAST SABBATH-SCHOOL. OUR HEARTS MUST BE MELTED AND SUBDUED BY THE LOVE OF CHRIST. WE MUST CHERISH THE LOVE THAT HE SHOWED IN DYING FOR US ON THE CROSS OF CALVARY. WE NEED TO DRAW CLOSER AND CLOSER TO THE SAVIOUR. OUR HARD HEART NEED TO BE BROKEN. WE NEED TO COME TOGETHER IN PERFECT UNITY, AND WE NEED TO REALIZE THAT WE ARE THE PURCHASE OF THE BLOOD OF JESUS CHRIST OF NAZARETH. IT WAS HE WHO HAS GRAVEN US UPON THE PALMS OF HIS HANDS. IT COST SOMETHING TO ENGRAVE THEM THERE. IT COST UNTOLD AGONY. CHRIST LAID ASIDE HIS ROYAL ROBE, HIS KINGLY CROWN, AND HIS COMMAND, AND STEPPED DOWN, DOWN TO THE LOWEST DEPTHS OF HUMILIATION. BEARING HUMAN NATURE, HE MET ALL THE TEMPTATIONS OF HUMANITY, AND IN OUR BEHALF DEFEATED THE ENEMY ON EVERY POINT.

WE SHALL PASS THROUGH THIS WORLD BUT ONCE. SHALL WE NOT STRIVE TO SHOW AND LET OUR LOVE REALLY SHINE OUT TO THOSE AROUND US, AND TRY TO DO SOMETHING FOR OUR SAVIOUR WHO LOVED US ENOUGH TO DIE FOR US?

FOR OUR SCRIPTURE READING, WE READ THE 125TH PSALM, AND BROTHER DOERSCHLER OFFERED OUR HUMBLE PETITIONS TO THE LORD WHILE WE REVERENTLY KNELT. TO CONTINUE WE SANG, “I MUST TELL JESUS.” THE REVIEW AND LESSON FOLLOWED. THEY WERE TAKEN FROM ROMANS ON “THE CORDIAL LOVE OF PAUL FOR ISRAEL” AND “THE REMNANT OF ISRAEL AND THE GENTILES.” BROTHER ALLEN SANG A SOLO TO CLOSE THE SABBATH-SCHOOL. “MY MOTHER'S BIBLE.”

IDA BEGEMAN, Secretary.

OBEY—Acts 5:32

PRAY—Luke 11:13

TARRY—Luke 24:49

RECEIVE—Acts 2:4

"RECEIVE YE THE HOLY GHOST"

"To us today, as verily as to the first disciples, the promise of the Spirit belongs."—"Testimonies," Volume 8, page 20.

THE FRUIT BEFORE THE GIFTS

"Reader, are you seeking the fulness of the Holy Spirit for service in the work of the Lord? If so, you are seeking for the gifts of the Spirit. For every one who is baptized with the Spirit for service in the cause of Christ is thereby given one or more of the gifts of the Spirit. But before you can have one of the gifts of the Spirit in its fulness, you must have every one of the manifestations of the fruit of the Spirit. It is the plan of God to divide the gifts of the Spirit, "dividing to every man severally as He will;" but He never divides the fruit. The fruit of the Spirit can not be separated and divided among the members of the church, giving to one "love," and to another "long-suffering." One can not say, "I have love, and you have long-suffering and kindness" (R.V.); for he that has love has long-suffering and kindness, and he that has long-suffering and kindness has love, because love, and love only, is long-suffering and kind; "love suffereth long, and is kind." 1 Cor. 13:4. R. V. Neither can one say, "I have love and you have meekness," for love is meek; "love is not puffed up." Verse 4.

He that offendeth in one point of the royal law is guilty of all. James 2:10. So he who lacks one of the manifestations of the fruit of the Spirit lacks every one. It is impossible for one to possess the "love" and "joy" of the Spirit, and in the place of the "peace" of the Spirit manifest "strife," the fruit of the flesh. Neither can one possess the kindness and meekness of the Spirit and manifest emulation, hatred, and wrath, which are works of the flesh. As well claim to have the Son without the Father or the Holy Ghost without the Father and Son as to claim to have one manifestation of the fruit of the Spirit and not the others.

Reader, you either possess every one of the manifestations of the fruit of the Spirit, or you possess none. This is a terribly solemn truth, but there is no denying it. Now read the description of the fruit of the Spirit slowly, and meditate seriously, and see if it is the fruit your life is bearing.

"The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, long-suffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, meekness temperance; against such there is no law." Gal. 5:22, 23, R. V.

Do not despair if the torch of truth discovers only leaves. The first step toward fruit-bearing is the discovery of the lack of fruit. Have you discovered a lack? Do you want to

bear the fruit of the Spirit? The Lord wants you to bear the fruit of the Spirit; and He knows you can not bear this fruit alone. Hear Him speak:—

"As the branch can not bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in Me. I am the vine, ye are the branches. He that abideth in Me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit; for without Me ye can do nothing."

"Herein is My Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be My disciples. As the Father hath loved Me, so have I loved you; continue ye in My love. If ye keep My commandments, ye shall abide in My love; even as I have kept My Father's commandments, and abide in His love." John 15:4, 5, 8-10.

Why does the Lord speak these tender words to you? Hear Him again: "These things have I spoken unto you, that My joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full." John 15:11. The Lord wants you to bear much fruit both for His joy and your joy. But the Lord knows you can not bear the fruit of the Spirit without the indwelling Spirit. Therefore, it will bring joy to the Lord to give you the fruit-bearing Spirit.

"But," you say, "how shall I receive that which it is His joy to give?" Give Him your whole body as a perpetual temple for the Holy Spirit. "Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin; but yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God. For sin shall not have dominion over you." Rom. 6:13, 14.

Will you do this? Will you do it now? Have you done it? Is it now done? Do you now yield every fiber of your being, every faculty of your mind, every organ of your body, every plan of your life, every earthly possession, your occupation, home, family, and friends, to the Lord, to be His now and forever?

Now, you have reached the crisis. Here is where the rich young man failed. Here is where the proud young woman fails. If you refuse to make this entire surrender, it will be useless for you to read further.

Having surrendered yourself to the Lord for the bearing of the fruit of the Spirit, throw open the door of your heart and ask the Lord to come in by His Spirit. He says, "Behold, I

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FOLLOWING JESUS

"My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me." John 10:27.

The expression is often used: "Follow the crowd." Those who use this expression, do not understand the plan of salvation. A true Christian will never use such language, because he knows too well, that the crowd—or majority of people—is always on the broad road to destruction. His language will be: "Follow the Leader," thereby pointing to Jesus, who is the Author and Finisher of our faith. It is a small, humble, poor, and afflicted flock that will follow Him. Those who are attracted by a crowd, will surely meet disappointment when they see the flock of Jesus. But God's children are not impressed by a crowd, they will not boast of numbers and institutions, because their only center of attraction and admiration is Jesus Christ, the Son of God, who alone is able to give them eternal life.

We must ever keep in mind that two flocks and two leaders are represented in this world. Both flocks bear the characteristics of their leader. It is therefore very easy to distinguish between them. One flock constitutes a big crowd, which has chosen the enemy to be their leader. The other flock, small in number, has accepted the leadership of Christ. If we follow the crowd, we may enjoy a life of sin for the time being, but shall receive destruction hereafter. If we follow Jesus, our reward will be joy and happiness forevermore.

How may we know our Leader?

Before we would accept anyone to be our leader we would like to know him. No one would enjoy to follow a stranger, because it might cause him harm and danger. When Jesus spoke about His sheep, He said: they know His voice." Accordingly, before we can follow Jesus, we must be acquainted with Him. But, you may ask, how is this to be done. Well, in order to know a person, you must find out where he lives, and come in contact with him. Our first duty therefore is, to find out where Jesus makes His home. This can only be done if we take the directory—the Holy Bible—to find His abiding place. Let us see what the dwelling place of Jesus is:—

"That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith, that ye, being rooted and grounded in love." Eph. 3:17.

"Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me." John 15:4.

"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." Rev. 3:20.

It seems to be clearly evident by the foregoing Scriptures, that Jesus will make the heart

His dwelling place, or abode. Now since we believe this, we must carefully consider a few more important facts. You all will agree, that Jesus cannot make your heart His dwelling place, if that place is still occupied. No one would dare to move into a house that is not empty. And then again, before we can move into a house, necessary arrangements have to be made. So in order that Jesus can make our heart His dwelling place, we must first decide that our former occupant has to move. This may not be so easily accomplished, especially when Satan is about to lose control of one of his subjects. It is impossible in our own strength to free ourselves from the enemy, but help is freely provided by Jesus. Through a severe struggle we will finally succeed in getting Satan out. Now the heart is empty. Upon your request, Jesus will move in, He will make His abode with you, that means, He will have a lease for life. A Christian who has once given his heart to Jesus, should never reclaim that gift.

Now Jesus is living in your heart, but remember, not your life, His life. He will have His way with thee, not you your way with Him. Your thoughts, your actions, your whole being will be conformed to His will. This was the way the apostle Paul understood genuine conversion for he said:—

"I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me." Gal. 2:20.

If you have experienced true conversion, it will be manifested in your life. You will find yourselves always in explicit obedience to the will of God. If this is the case in your life, you may know that Christ is your personal Saviour. You may also know that you have eternal life. It is indeed a precious privilege for a Christian to know these things, but if one is destitute of this assurance, he may know that his life is not what it ought to be.

"Christ within you"

"Christ within you, the hope of glory." What a wonderful thought. Christ lives in your life, and you get acquainted with Him. There is no question, you will learn to know Him better day by day. And as you learn to know Him, you will learn to follow Him. You will grow from grace to grace, from glory to glory. Your life will be a life of continual victory. Your victories will increase day by day. You are on the road to perfection. All the power and

strength you need is at your disposal. Truly, the Christian life need not be a life of failure. The plan of salvation is full and complete.

If the Christian life is to be a life of continual victory, it is easy to understand that he will finally reach perfection. If a Christian in his personal life must attain to perfection, that indicates also that Christ will have a perfect church. Let us see if the Bible sustains this teaching:—

“Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ.” Eph. 4:13.

“That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.” Eph. 5:27.

“The remnant of Israel shall not do iniquity, nor speak lies; neither shall a deceitful tongue be found in their mouth: for they shall feed and lie down, and none shall make them afraid.” Zeph. 3:13.

With these statements before us, I can not see how any one is able to say that tares will be found in the church till Jesus comes. Such teaching is erroneous. Only those who want to cover up sin will adhere to such teaching. The word ALL as given in our Scripture text, includes everybody. Every member of God’s family will reach perfection. God will have a clean and holy church. There will be no tares among the wheat when Jesus comes. While we believe that the church of God at the present time is still the church militant, it will surely go on to triumph. This can only be accomplished if the church will follow closely in the footsteps of Jesus. The day is not far distant when the desire of Christ for His church will have been realized.

The Church will follow Jesus

If a church continues to follow Jesus all the way He leads, that church is on the sure road to perfection, but as soon as a church ceases to follow Jesus, that church is on a downward grade. It is of very great importance to follow Jesus, yes of far more importance as many conceive. Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life. It is impossible to separate the way from the truth, or the truth from life. Wherever we find the truth in its purity, we will also find the way which leadeth to everlasting life. Some claim to know the way, others again to have the truth and still others to have eternal life. There is only one way that leadeth to everlasting life and that is the way of truth. Error will never bring us eternal life, and wherever it is presented, we may know that the way cannot be found there.

Let us keep in mind that to follow Jesus means not Jesus following you. Jesus is to be the leader, He will lead the way. Some people have the idea that Jesus will follow a church in any direction. Here they are badly mistaken.

As soon as a church forsakes divine principles and moves in a wrong direction, a separation between her and Christ takes place. The only way to become fellowship with Him again in such a case is, by returning to the old paths. He is always to be found in the old paths.

Just recently we received a Newspaper clipping telling about some Evangelistic meetings conducted by the Seventh day Adventist Church. In order to attract the crowd to the meetings, a moving picture was presented as a part of the service. This seems to be a good method to attract the crowd to an organization, but it certainly fails to attract the people to Jesus. Surely a church that is following such methods, is destitute of the power of Christ. We do not say this in the spirit of criticism, but in the spirit of reverence for the gospel of Jesus Christ. What we need to-day is a genuine revival of true godliness. When the church will take hold of Christ, and present Him to the world, it will win hearts to Him, and they will be ready to follow in His steps. May the Lord help that our life may be a living example for the cause of truth.

Oh, how sweet is the thought to know that Jesus is able to lead us out of sin and misery upon the way to eternal life. The question is: Are you willing to follow Him? Is it your desire to let Him have His way with thee? Then you may sing that wonderful song:

Jesus I will follow thee,
For I hear thee calling me;
Loving, trusting, glad I come,
To let thee lead me home.

Little eyes might lose the way,
Little feet might go astray;
I might weak and weary be,
But thou art strong for me.

Grief and want may be my foes,
Foolish sins my way oppose,
Full of courage I will be,
Whene'er I follow thee.

There is one more wonderful thought to which I like to call your attention. In the book of Revelation it is stated about the 144000 “They will follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth.” This is the privilege of those who have followed the Saviour in this life on earth. Yes they will also follow Him in the earth made new. They will stand on mount Sion, and sing a new song. They shall serve the Lord in His holy temple. Do you not desire to have that privilege? Will you not then follow Jesus here, instead of following the crowd? May the Lord grant that wherever He leadeth, we may be willing to follow, is my prayer.

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“Let this be the language of your heart: I am thine, O God, to live for thee, to work for thee, and to suffer for thee.”



TESTIMONY STUDY CLASS



"Gather up the rays of light that have been slighted and rejected. Gather them up with meekness, with trembling and with fear."—"Testimonies," Vol. 5, p. 94.

Isaiah 8:20

2 Chronicles 20:20

THE OBJECT OF TRIALS

"And not only so, but we glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation worketh patience." Rom. 5:3.

"The fact that we are called upon to endure trials, proves that the Lord Jesus sees in us something very precious, which He desires to develop. If He saw in us nothing whereby He might glorify His name, He would not spend time in refining us. We do not take special pains in pruning brambles. Christ does not cast worthless stones into His furnace. It is valuable ore that He tests. The blacksmith puts the iron and steel into the fire that he may know what manner of metal they are. The Lord allows His chosen ones to be placed in the furnace of affliction, in order that He may see what temper they are of, and whether He can mold and fashion them for His work."—"Testimonies," Vol. 7, p. 214.

"No cross, no crown. How can one be strong in the Lord without trials. To have strength we must have exercise. To have strong faith, we must be placed in circumstances where our faith will be exercised. The apostle Paul, just before his martyrdom, exhorted Timothy, 'Be thou partaker of the afflictions of the gospel, according to the power of God.' It is through much tribulation that we are to enter the kingdom of God. Our Saviour was tried in every possible way, and yet He triumphed in God continually. It is our privilege to be strong in the strength of God under all circumstances, and to glory in the cross of Christ."—"Testimonies," Vol. 3, p. 67.

"I was pointed to the providence of God among His people, and was shown that every trial made by the refining, purifying process upon professed Christians proves some to be dross. The fine gold does not always appear. In every religious crisis some fall under temptation. The shaking of God blows away multitudes like dry leaves. Prosperity multiplies a mass of professors. Adversity purges them out of the church. As a class, their spirits are not steadfast with God. They go out from us because they are not of us; for when tribulation arises because of the word, many are offended."—"Testimonies," Vol. 4, p. 89.

"There is a high standard to which we are to attain if we would be children of God, noble, pure, holy, and undefiled; and a pruning process is necessary if we would reach this stand-

ard. How would this pruning be accomplished if there were no difficulties to meet, no obstacles to surmount, nothing to call out patience and endurance? These trials are not the smallest blessings in our experience. They are designed to nerve us to determination to succeed. We are to use them as God's means to gain decided victories over self, instead of allowing them to hinder, oppress, and destroy us."—"Testimonies," Vol. 5, pp. 344, 345.

"The purification of the people of God cannot be accomplished without their suffering. God permits the fires of affliction to consume the dross, to separate the worthless from the valuable, that the pure metal may shine forth. He passes us from one fire to another, testing our true worth. If we cannot bear these trials, what will we do in the time of trouble? If prosperity or adversity discover falseness, pride, or selfishness in our hearts, what shall we do when God tries every man's work as by fire, and lays bare the secrets of all hearts?"—"Testimonies," Vol. 4, p. 85.

"The 'time of trouble such as never was,' is soon to open upon us; and we shall need an experience which we do not now possess, and which many are too indolent to obtain. It is often the case that trouble is greater in anticipation than in reality; but this is not true of the crisis before us. The most vivid presentation cannot reach the magnitude of the ordeal. In that time of trial, every soul must stand for himself before God."—"The Great Controversy," p. 622.

"Heaven will be cheap enough, if we obtain it through suffering. We must deny self all along the way, die to self daily, let Jesus alone appear, and keep His glory continually in view. I saw that those who of late have embraced the truth would have to know what it is to suffer for Christ's sake, that they would have trials to pass through that would be keen and cutting, in order that they may be purified, and fitted through suffering to receive the seal of the living God, pass through the time of trouble, see the King in His beauty, and dwell in the presence of God and of pure, holy angels."—"Early Writings," p. 67.

"For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory; While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal." 2 Cor. 4:17, 18.

“We Have Found Him”

Dear reader, is it not wonderful to be able to say, “We have found Him?” Philip, the disciple of Christ, was able to make this exclamation. Truly, it is indeed a happy experience to find something valuable. But let me ask you: What is more valuable than to find Jesus? Of Him it is said, “He is our all and in all.” Naturally, if we find Him, we have found all.

Now let us first consider the secret of finding Jesus. Surely, there is a secret connected with it. For instance: If you find a hundred dollars, you know that somebody has lost it, and it is your honest duty to find the looser and return the money. In return for your honesty you may receive a reward, or a part of the money you found. But not so if you find Jesus. You are not obliged to return Him, but to keep Him. Is this not a wonderful secret? Think of it, you may keep what you have found. Is this not wonderful? Yes indeed! Let me ask you again: What is more valuable than to find Jesus? No, no, there is nothing to be compared with Him.

How to find Him?

There is another secret which we have to consider. Anyone who has found Jesus will be able to explain how he did it. The word of God gives light on this important question. Jesus said: “Seek, and ye shall find.” This is a definite promise to the seeker. We do not need to go about this work of seeking and searching in uncertainty, for the promise is: “ye shall find.” This was the secret how Philip found Jesus. Now consider your personal experience. Have you found Him? If not, you may surely know that you have not earnestly searched for Him.

What will be the Result?

The result no doubt will be glorious. Philip was so happy that he had found Jesus, that he began to proclaim the joyful news. Truly, the Christian life brings results. A true profession will always correspond with our fruits. It is impossible for a true Christian to hide the light under a bushel. Let us see how true this is:—

“Just as soon as a person is REALLY converted to the TRUTH, there springs up in his heart an earnest desire to go and tell some friend or neighbor of the precious light shining from the sacred pages. In his unselfish labor to save others, he is a living epistle, known and read of all men. His life shows that he has been converted to Christ, and has become a co-laborer with Him.”—“Testimonies,” Vol. 5, p. 386.

Is this not a wonderful test whereby we can prove if one is really converted to the truth? “Just as soon” the spirit of prophecy declares, “as a person is really converted to the truth, there springs up in his heart an earnest desire to go and tell some friend or neighbor.” Are

you able to stand the test? Are you a co-laborer with Christ? Do you tell your friends and neighbors of the joyful news? If not, you are not really converted.

Yes, Philip proclaimed the joyful news. He made known that what he knew. We cannot advocate anything that we do not possess. But when we do possess something, we will advocate it. This is our great commission. Nobody will be able to stop us in our work. With the apostles we will say: “For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard.” Acts 4:20.

Every one who is truly converted is called to be a missionary. The Lord will not call those who are not converted, because bad results would follow. The reason why the professed church of God is in a backslidden condition is an unconverted ministry. Those who try to work for Christ, but who are not converted, are called “hirelings.” A hireling is in the cause to take something out, while a true servant is there to put something in. His life will be interwoven with the cause of God. How greater the test, how more will he put in. He will not flee or shrink from duty in the time of trial. But the hireling will conform to any worldly standard in order to avoid trials and persecution. He is always looking for his own safety, but never is he willing to save God’s cause.

The case of Philip is worth while considering. We know that the spirit of true missionary work must be revived in the church. Let us see what lesson we have to learn:—

“The case of Philip and Nathanael is an example of true home missionary work. Philip had seen Jesus, and was convinced that He was the Messiah. In his joy he wished his friends also to know the good news. He desired that the truth which had brought such comfort to him should be shared by Nathanael. True grace in the heart will always reveal its presence by diffusing itself. Philip went in search of Nathanael, and as he called, Nathanael answered from his place of prayer under the fig-tree. Nathanael had not had the privilege of listening to the words of Jesus, but he was being drawn toward Him in spirit. He longed for light, and was at that moment sincerely praying for it. Philip with joy exclaimed, ‘We have found Him, of whom Moses in the law, and the prophets, did write, Jesus of Nazareth.’ John 1:45. At Philip’s invitation, Nathanael sought and found the Saviour, and in his turn joined in the work of winning souls for Christ.”—“Testimonies,” Vol. 6, p. 428.

This testimony should impress us as never before with the need of being a missionary in the cause of Christ. If we do the work entrusted to us faithfully, it will bring joy, peace, and happiness to our own soul. But if we neglect to do our duty, the day of the Lord will find us wanting.

Get Somebody Else

According to the signs of the times which are fulfilling rapidly in our day, we firmly believe that the end is very near. There remains only a short space of time in which we can labor for the Lord. But very often when the Lord called men to action, they offered an excuse. So it was with Moses when the Lord called him to lead His people out of the land of Egypt. Instead of obeying the Lord's call instantly, he offered an excuse. He said: "O my Lord, I am not eloquent, neither heretofore, nor since thou hast spoken unto thy servant: but I am slow of speech, and of a slow tongue." Ex. 4:10. Moses meant to say, get somebody else, who can do the work better as I am. But what did the Lord answer him? Now "therefore go, and I will be with thy mouth." Ex. 4:12. Jeremiah, the prophet, was also not ready to accept the Lord's call, for he said: "Then said I, Ah, Lord God! behold, I cannot speak: for I am a child." Jer. 1:6. Did the Lord accept his excuse? No, for he said: "Say not, I am a child: for thou shalt go." Jer. 1:7.

Whenever the Lord calls we should be ready to do His bidding. It is a sin to offer an excuse. We should never say, get somebody else, when the Lord calls us. There is a wonderful song which I like to quote:

Ask not to be excused,
There's earnest work to do;
Stand ready to be used
Where God may station you.
His invitation kind
To thee has oft been given;
Accept, and thou shalt find
'Tis sweet to work for Heav'n.

Ask not to be excused,
The Master calls to-day;
Too long hast thou refused,
Now hasten to obey.
The harvest fields are white,
The laborers are few;
Let this be thy delight,
The Master's work to do.

These words will be an inspiration to those who desire to work for their Master. "They consider it a special privilege to work for Him. Wherever they go, they will proclaim, "We have found Him." Those who refuse to do the Master's bidding, will at last be excused from heaven.

"Here am I; send me"

A wonderful example of readiness to answer the call of the Lord is given us in Isaiah, the prophet. When the Lord inquired: "Whom shall I send?" Isaiah immediately answered: "Here am I; send me." Isa. 6:8. This is a true missionary spirit. Thank God that this wonderful example is recorded for our benefit. It is an example which we should imitate. When everyone will answer the Lord when He calls:

"Here am I; send me", the message will do its work. That such a time would come was seen many years ago by the servant of the Lord.

"In visions of the night representations passed before me of a great reformatory movement among God's people. Many were praising God. The sick were healed, and other miracles were wrought. A spirit of intercession was seen, even as was manifested before the great day of Pentecost. Hundreds and thousands were seen visiting families, and opening before them the word of God. Hearts were convicted by the power of the Holy spirit and a spirit of genuine conversion was manifest. On every side doors were thrown open to the proclamation of the truth."—Testimonies," Vol. 9, p. 126.

What a glorious reformatory movement. The Lord is to-day preparing a people for the outpouring of His Spirit. In the finishing work every member will be a soul-winner, every member a missionary. By hundreds and thousands the message will be given. The Holy Spirit will attend this work, and a spirit of genuine conversion will be felt. Every jewel will be gathered, and the Lord will call us home.

Then we shall see Him face to face. I want to see Jesus, don't you? If you want to see Him, you must find Him here. O, that we all might be able to say, "We have found Him," and he will save us, is my prayer.

A. W. Doerschler.

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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." Rev. 3:20. Open the door and ask Him in. "Ask, and it shall be given you. . . . Every one that asketh receiveth. . . . If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children; how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask Him?" Luke 11:9-13.

Some one will say, "Now that I have asked Him for the Spirit that I may bear fruit, what shall I do next?" Let the Lord answer: "What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them." Mark 11:24. Now do not wait to feel that you have the Spirit, but say, "I have the Spirit; not because I feel that I have Him, but because God has promised to give the Spirit to me if I ask, and I have asked, and to doubt would be to charge God with unfaithfulness. 'He that believeth not God hath made Him a liar.'"

Do you not think that the Lord would be pleased if you believe His promise? Then believe that you receive His Spirit, and please Him. Do it now."—"Power for Witnessing," pp. 137-140.

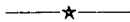


Our Homes and Our Health



GRATITUDE FOR HEALTH

"How often those who are in health forget the wonderful mercies that are continued to them day by day, year after year. They render no tribute of praise to God for all His benefits. But when sickness comes, God is remembered. The strong desire for recovery leads to earnest prayer; and this is right. God is our refuge in sickness as in health. But many do not leave their cases with Him; they encourage weakness and disease by worrying about themselves. If they would cease repining, and rise above depression and gloom, their recovery would be more sure. They should remember with gratitude how long they enjoyed the blessing of health; and should this precious boon be restored to them, they should not forget that they are under renewed obligations to their Creator. When the ten lepers were healed, only one returned to find Jesus and give Him glory. Let us not be like the unthinking nine, whose hearts were untouched by the mercy of God."—"Testimonies," Vol. 5, p. 315.



Ten Health Restorers

1. **DO NOT THINK TOO MUCH ABOUT YOURSELF.** Think of others whose burdens are heavy also. They may need your help. In helping and cheering others you will help yourself.

2. **DO NOT WORRY.** When troubles come upon you like a flood, when they grow to be like large mountains, and you cannot go forward or backward, then think of the children of Israel. There was a way made for them; there will be for you.

3. **DO NOT FEAR.** When you rise up in the morning, or when you go to bed at night, when you walk in the road, or when you ride in a car, when the nerves tell you that something dreadful is coming upon you, do not fear, for the Lord has said, "Fear thou not; for I am with thee."

4. **DO NOT THINK UNPLEASANT, UNHAPPY THOUGHTS.** Think not of all your troubles. You can find many pleasant and happy things to consider, if you will but search a little. If you will count the blessings, the blues will be banished shortly. If you can sing, even though the tears be flowing, sing on; you may be helped, and the tears will dry. It will not hurt you to laugh. Be not too serious, but cultivate a happy disposition.

5. **DO NOT BE OVERSENSITIVE.** If your friends hurt you, misunderstand or misjudge you, do not be depressed. There are many who care for you, and will stand by you. The Saviour was hurt, misjudged, and often abused. He understands, and will help you. Do the best you can, and leave the rest with Him. If you have made mistakes and have confessed your faults, then believe that they are forgiven, and you shall find peace.

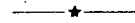
6. **DO NOT REMAIN INDOORS TOO CLOSELY.** Rather be out and enjoy God's sunshine. Spend some time in this way every day if possible.

7. **SLEEP WHEN YOU GO TO BED AT NIGHT.** Think not of everything you have done during the day, and of the many things you have not done. Yesterday is past, and tomorrow has not come. Just forget yourself and all the world. If you have a tendency to worry, then remember the verse which says, "Cast thy burden upon the Lord." Just leave it with Him.

8. **EAT FOR STRENGTH AND HEALTH,** not merely for pleasure or taste. Do not eat between meals, or eat too much rich food. Chew your food thoroughly, and be as cheerful as possible while eating. A wise Creator has planned a good menu for you,—fruits, grains, nuts, and vegetables.

9. **SECURE PLENTY OF FRESH AIR,** when you are sleeping and when you are awake. Remember to breathe deeply, so that all the good air goes to the extremity of the air cells.

10. **TRUST IN THE LORD.** Even though the way seems hard and rough, and the path steep and long, and you are ready to give up, remember to ask God to help you. Has He not said, "Ask, and it shall be given you;" "Come unto Me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest"?—The Oriental Watchman and Herald of Health."



SOWING SEEDS

Mable dropped a few seeds into the ground, and the little leaves soon began to peep up and grow; they liked the air and sunshine so well that they were big in a month or two. Then came buds and beautiful flowers. And the flowers blossomed all summer long, and the old ladies over the way had a bunch of flowers to brighten their rooms each day.

Mable's mother kept dropping kind-word seeds into everybody's heart. Mable watched these seeds grow. They blossomed into comfort and love and bright faces and smiles and thanks.

"I'll plant kind-word seeds, too," said Mable. "I think the flowers are lovely!"—Selected.

Are You Ready?

The question: Are you ready? can not be too often considered. It is a question which involves our eternal welfare. It is a question which means life or death. Life to those who are ready; death to those who are not ready. Yes, it is a question which you and I must meet at the judgment bar. Let me ask you again: Are you ready to meet Jesus? If we want to meet Him with everlasting joy upon our heads we must be ready. Praise God, to be ready is not an impossibility. It is possible for you and me to be ready. Jesus said, "be ye also ready," meaning of course to be **Always** ready. The reason why we need to be always ready is: "for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh." As long as we firmly believe that we must be ready when Jesus comes, let us consider how this is to be accomplished.

How to get Ready?

This question is of great importance to those who want to be ready. Since Jesus requires us to be ready for His appearing, He has outlined in His word definite specifications how we can meet this condition. Some seem to be in darkness about this vital question, but this need not to be. There may also be a difference of opinions on this question. One may say, to be ready means to make a confession of Jesus Christ. Another may say, to be ready signifies to keep the Sabbath day. While we consider these things of vital importance, we believe that something else is necessary in order to be found ready. To be ready signifies nothing else then to be free from sin, perfect, without spot or wrinkle. Only those who are counted as overcomers, are in reality ready. The Scripture says: "He that overcometh shall inherit all things." Rev. 21:7. "Be ye therefore perfect." Matt. 5:48. "Be ye holy in all manner of conversation." 1 Peter 1:15. Since this is the condition which we must attain, we will all agree, that in order to be found ready, we need to make a thorough

Preparation

that will enable us to stand in the day of the Lord. In connection with this important work the prophet Amos said: "Prepare to meet thy God, O Israel." Amos 4:12. This work of thorough preparation is to be done in the life of every true Christian. It is a personal work, which no one can do for us. This work of course can only be accomplished with the help of God.

The servant of the Lord speaking about the time of the end said:—

"I saw that the remnant were 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. Rend the heart, and not the garment. A great work must be done for the remnant.'—*"Early Writings,"* p. 119.

"The day of the Lord is near, and hasteth greatly; but where do we find the true Advent spirit? Who are preparing to stand in that time of temptation which is just before us? The people to whom God has entrusted the sacred, solemn, testing truths for this time, are sleeping at their post."—*"Testimonies,"* Vol. 5, p. 101.

God's people are not prepared. They are not ready to meet God. They are sleeping at their post. You may inquire, what is the cause why God's children are not ready? We know that God has made ample provision, yet His people are not ready. Then again we know, that the time to be ready is to-day, because tomorrow is too late. Surely there must be a reason why God's children are not ready, or at least preparing to be ready. Let us first find the reason, and then the remedy.

Who is Responsible?

This is a most solemn question. We do not dare to answer this serious question without a "Thus said the Lord." The spirit of prophecy gives us a definite answer to this vital question:—

"The watchman are responsible for the condition of the people.... Many who have been placed on the walls of Zion, to watch with eagle eye for the approach of danger, and lift their voice in warning, are themselves asleep. The very ones who should be the most active and vigilant in this hour of peril are neglecting their duty and bringing upon themselves the blood of souls."—*"Testimonies,"* Vol. 5, pp. 235, 234.

"Men who stand in very responsible positions at the heart of the work, are asleep. Satan has paralyzed them, in order that his plans may not be discerned, while he is active to ensnare, deceive, and destroy."—*"Testimonies,"* Vol. 2, p. 439.

The watchman upon the walls of Zion have a great responsibility. To them is entrusted the welfare of the flock. God expects them to faithfully sound the message of warning. If he neglects his duty, sad results will follow. The condition of the church will indicate the condition of the watchman. We know that the condition of the professed church of God is sad indeed. We know that the church is making progress, but in the back track. We know that the church is being daily converted, not to God, but to the world. We know that the church is retreating toward Egypt. Is it therefore true that the watchmen are asleep? Yes, indeed. If the watchman would have given the message a clear and certain sound, the people would have

followed, and those not willing to follow, be left behind.

Now since we have found who is responsible for the condition of the people, let us also find the remedy. When we consider the terrible condition of the church, knowing that the watchmen are responsible for that condition and consider the fact that God's people must be found ready when Jesus comes, we may safely arrive at the conclusion that God will raise up other watchmen, and pass by those who have failed.

"In the past God has raised up men, and he still has men of opportunity waiting, prepared to do His bidding,—men who will go through restrictions which are only as walls daubed with untempered mortar. When God puts His Spirit upon men, they will work. They will proclaim the word of the Lord; they will lift up their voice like a trumpet. The truth will not be diminished or lose its power in their hands. They will show the people their transgressions, and the house of Jacob their sins."—"Testimonies to Ministers," p. 411.

"God has promised that where the shepherds are not true, He will take charge of the flock Himself.... The Lord has faithful servants, who in the shaking, testing time will be disclosed to view.... God will choose humble men, who are seeking to glorify His name and advance His cause rather than honor and advance themselves. He will raise up men who have not so much worldly wisdom, but who are connected with Him, and who will seek strength and counsel from above,"—"Testimonies," Vol. 5, pp. 80, 461.

Truly, it is wonderful how the Lord will work in behalf of His people. He is full of pity and of tender mercy. But, instead of being glad that the Lord sends new messengers, many will reject them. They feel satisfied in their present lukewarm condition, and nothing can arouse them. But here and there honest believers will accept the Lord's messengers. The Lord will gather His jewels, and accomplish the work in a very short time.

We are told: "God's messengers have a message." "Early Writings," p. 50. The timely message to be proclaimed at this time is:—

"Cry aloud, spare not, lift up thy voice like a trumpet, and show my people their transgression, and the house of Jacob their sins." Isa. 58:1.

This is not a smooth message. It is not a message that will please the ear of a cold formal professor. It is a message that will cut deep. It will cause separation from sin and sinners. Only those who are truly converted and love the truth, will accept this message. The standard of truth and righteousness will once more be exalted.

God will bless again

The face of the Lord will again shine upon His people. The message will be given in its purity. The great need of being ready will again be presented. The watchman will realize their responsibility. Like Paul their duty is: "Warning every man, and teaching every man in all wisdom; that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus." Col. 1:28. The Lord

will help in this work of perfection, and purify His people in the fiery furnace of affliction. They will go from strength to strength, from victory to victory. God will again look with pleasure upon His people, for His image is reflected in them. God will cause the showers of the latter rain to fall upon them, and the message will be given with power.

Yes, dear reader, it will be a glorious triumphant church which will be ready for the appearance of the Lord. Truly, they will be ready, for they will say: "Lo, this is our God: we have waited for him, and he will save us: this is the Lord; we have waited for him, we will be glad and rejoice in his salvation." Isa. 25:9.

Oh, how wonderful to be ready when Jesus comes. Are you among those who make the preparation to be ready? Once more the admonition is given:—

"Be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh." Go to your rest at night with every sin confessed. Thus we did in 1844 when we expected to meet our Lord. And now this great event is nearer than when we first believed. Be ye always ready, in the evening, in the morning, and at noon, that when the cry is heard, 'Behold the bridegroom cometh! go ye forth to meet Him,' you may, even though awakened out of sleep, go forth to meet Him with your lamps trimmed and burning."—"Testimonies," Vol. 9, p. 48.

Are you ready? Are you ready? Are you ready for the judgment day? May the Lord grant it is my prayer.

W. O. Welp.

HOLINESS

The doctrine of holiness is not limited to a bare and questionable place, a doubtful, uncertain, existence in the Holy Records; but it is repeatedly and abundantly, explicitly and with great clearness, embodied as a cardinal feature throughout the whole system.

It breathes in the prophecy, thunders in the law, murmurs in the narrative, whispers in the promises, supplicates in the prayers, sparkles in the poetry, resounds in the songs speaks in the types, glows in the imagery, voices in the language, and burns in the whole spirit of the scheme from its beginning to its end.

Holiness needed, holiness required, holiness offered, holiness attainable, holiness a present duty, a present privilege, a present enjoyment, is the progress and completeness of its wondrous theme! It is the truth glowing all over, welling through revelation; the glorious truth which sparkles and whispers and sings and shouts in all its history and biography and prophecy and precept and promise and prayer—the great central truth of the system.

The wonder is that all do not see, that any rise up to question a truth so conspicuous, so glorious, so full of comfort.—R. F. FOSTER.

The Children's Friend

Abraham and Isaac

God had promised Abraham that he should be the father of a great nation, and that the land of Canaan should be their home. This was not to come through Ishmael, but through another son.

God had also promised that "in thy seed shall all nations of the earth be blessed." Genesis 22:18. Paul says, in Galatians 3:16 that the "seed" here mentioned is Christ; so Genesis 22:18 is a promise that Christ; shall come through the family of Abraham. In Christ all nations of the earth are blessed, although not all of them accept the blessing.

Abraham was called "The friend of God," because he loved and served the Lord so faithfully.

He had a son named Isaac, whom he loved very much. God had told Abraham that Isaac should be his heir, or have all that was Abraham's when he died. All the blessings promised to Abraham were to come to his son Isaac.

But a great trial was to come to Abraham to test his faith in God. The Lord said to him, "Take now thy son, thine only son Isaac, whom thou lovest, and get thee in the land of Moriah; and offer him there for a burnt offering upon one of the mountains which I will tell thee of." Genesis 22:2.

What a terrible test this was! How could God's promise be fulfilled if Isaac should die? But Abraham did not distrust God nor question His command. He believed that if Isaac should die God would "raise him up, even from the dead." Hebrews 11:19.

Early the next morning Abraham took Isaac and two of his servants and prepared for the long journey. They cut the wood and bound it to the back of his beast, and started for the place of sacrifice.

None but Abraham knew of the awful command of God. His heart was very sad as they journeyed three days in silence.

On the third day they came in sight of the mountain God has appointed as the place of sacrifice.

"And Abraham said unto his young men. Abide ye here with the ass; and I and the lad will go yonder and worship.

"And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering, and laid it upon Isaac his son; and he

took the fire in his hand, and a knife; and they went both of them together." Genesis 22:5, 6.

As the two walked on in silence, Isaac finally asked, "My father," "behold the fire and the wood; but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?"

This was the first time this question had been asked on the journey. What pain it must have brought to the heart of the loving father! He could not tell him yet, so he said, "God will prepare himself a lamb for a burnt offering."

At last they came to the appointed place. They built an altar and placed upon it the wood. Abraham must now tell his son the command that God had given. He could keep it no longer.

Isaac heard the message of his fate in sorrow, but he did not resist. Abraham was a hundred and twenty years old, and weak from grief. Isaac was twenty years old, and strong and vigorous. He could have escaped if he had desired to do so, but he, too, had faith in God, and was obedient to his parents.

Isaac let his aged father bind him down to the wood upon the altar, just as Jesus was to let Himself be nailed to a cross of wood. The last good-bye had been said, and the last tender words spoken. Then Abraham raised the knife to slay his son.

But before the stroke could fall, an angel calls to him from Heaven, "Abraham, Abraham!" And the patriarch answers, "Here am I."

Then the angel said, "Lay not thine hand upon the lad, neither do thou anything unto him; for now I know that thou fearest God, seeing thou hast not withheld thy son, thine only son from me." Genesis 22:12.

What a joyful command! How easy it was to obey is! Then Abraham saw a ram caught in the bushes. This he took and offered upon the altar in the place of his son. Then they journeyed back to their home with joyful hearts. The Lord blessed Abraham still more because he had obeyed Him.

Abraham was willing that Isaac should die believing it to be best, just as God was willing that Jesus should die for us, knowing it to be best.

Isaac was willing to lay down his own life just as Jesus was willing to lay down His life for us.

Abraham was spared the awful sorrow of seeing his son die. Another victim was found. But no one could take the place of Jesus. His Father and all the angels in Heaven had to see His dreadful death; and it was all for us.

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A WORD OF ENCOURAGEMENT

We thank the Lord that He has been blessing us in the cause of reformation thus far. Recently we had the privilege of laboring in St. Louis again, where we found the believers happy in the truth. It was an inspiration for us to see their courage, and their zeal which they manifested for this cause. The Lord came very near in every meeting, and the word of God brought new hope, courage, joy and strength to us. The little company is laboring untiringly for lost souls, may the Lord bless their efforts.

The Lord also lead our way to Alton, Ill., a distant of 25 Miles from St. Louis. It was wonderful how the Lord brought us in contact with a dear brother here and he, as well as his wife, are deeply interested in this message. The time which we spent together was very profitable, and brought us close to one another. These dear believers expressed their desire to help forward this cause of reformation. Truly the Lord is gathering His jewels one by one.

We plan to labor in N. Dakota during the month of June. Arrangements have been made to hold a series of meetings on different places in this field, and we expect the Lord's blessing. Our annual field conference will also be held in N. Dakota during the month of June. May the Lord come near and bless His children is our prayer.

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GREETINGS FROM DETROIT, MICHIGAN

"Bless the Lord, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless his holy name. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits." Ps. 103:1, 2.

It is with great joy that I write these few lines. My earnest desire is that they may prove an encouragement to our brethren and sisters everywhere.

Our dear Lord has blessed us wonderfully at this place. We are certainly of good courage, and have all reason to be so, because "A mighty fortress is our God." As long as we lean on His powerful arm, nothing can harm or offend us. We appeal to all the believers throughout the field to trust in the Lord. Be not depressed. Do not look upon hardships and trials, but "lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh."

Satan is not asleep. He knows that his time is short. He is ready for the final conflict with God's

children. But, praise be to God, he will not be victorious. God's children will be prepared for the final struggle. The victory will be wonderful; and with great joy will they await the coming of their Saviour.

Let me relate to you now our recent experience we have had. A certain member of the "Church of Christ" had become somewhat interested in the Advent message, and was anxious to hear both sides on the Sabbath question. As long as it is our solemn duty to give "a reason of the hope that is in you", we agreed on having an open reasoning before said Church. The first night came. I think we had more than 500 listeners when Bro. Doerschler opened the meeting in the affirmative position. Satan was not sleeping, because our opponents had appointed a man which, as we think, was not only entirely bare of the Spirit of Christ, but also attacked truth and character. During these days, many prayers were sent up to the throne of grace, that the Lord might enlighten some of the listeners. When the final meeting was held, the Spirit of Immanuel came very near. Bro. Doerschler closed the meeting with an heartsearching appeal to those who were present.

Indeed, "darkness shall cover the earth". We could see how souls are groping around in the gloom of error, listening to the deceiving insinuations of evil spirits. One thing is sure: We claimed a decided victory in the Lord, for the atmosphere that surrounded us was such, that our opponents shook hands with us and said: "We are glad for the wonderful spirit which you manifested. may the Lord bless you." A great harvest might come as the result of these meetings. Our experience reminds me of John who says in his first epistle:—

"And he that keepeth his commandments, dwelleth in him, and he in him. And hereby we know that he abideth in us, by the Spirit which he hath given us." 1 John 3:24.

Surely, my dear brethren and sisters, if you had been present at these meetings, you would have seen the fulfillment of the fore-going Scripture text. O, let us praise the Lord for His wonderful light which is shining in such bright rays upon us in these last days. Let us rejoice in the blessed hope of our soon coming Redeemer. He will soon take us home, that we might be with Him forevermore. May we expect your prayers?

For the Church of Detroit,
Your Brother in the blessed hope,
Oskar Kramer

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strength you need is at your disposal. Truly, the Christian life need not be a life of failure. The plan of salvation is full and complete.

If the Christian life is to be a life of continual victory, it is easy to understand that he will finally reach perfection. If a Christian in his personal life must attain to perfection, that indicates also that Christ will have a perfect church. Let us see if the Bible sustains this teaching:—

“Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ.” Eph. 4:13.

“That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.” Eph. 5:27.

“The remnant of Israel shall not do iniquity, nor speak lies; neither shall a deceitful tongue be found in their mouth: for they shall feed and lie down, and none shall make them afraid.” Zeph. 3:13.

With these statements before us, I can not see how any one is able to say that tares will be found in the church till Jesus comes. Such teaching is erroneous. Only those who want to cover up sin will adhere to such teaching. The word ALL as given in our Scripture text, includes everybody. Every member of God's family will reach perfection. God will have a clean and holy church. There will be no tares among the wheat when Jesus comes. While we believe that the church of God at the present time is still the church militant, it will surely go on to triumph. This can only be accomplished if the church will follow closely in the footsteps of Jesus. The day is not far distant when the desire of Christ for His church will have been realized.

The Church will follow Jesus

If a church continues to follow Jesus all the way He leads, that church is on the sure road to perfection, but as soon as a church ceases to follow Jesus, that church is on a downward grade. It is of very great importance to follow Jesus, yes of far more importance as many conceive. Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life. It is impossible to separate the way from the truth, or the truth from life. Wherever we find the truth in its purity, we will also find the way which leadeth to everlasting life. Some claim to know the way, others again to have the truth and still others to have eternal life. There is only one way that leadeth to everlasting life and that is the way of truth. Error will never bring us eternal life, and wherever it is presented, we may know that the way cannot be found there.

Let us keep in mind that to follow Jesus means not Jesus following you. Jesus is to be the leader, He will lead the way. Some people have the idea that Jesus will follow a church in any direction. Here they are badly mistaken.

As soon as a church forsakes divine principles and moves in a wrong direction, a separation between her and Christ takes place. The only way to become fellowship with Him again in such a case is, by returning to the old paths. He is always to be found in the old paths.

Just recently we received a Newspaper clipping telling about some Evangelistic meetings conducted by the Seventh day Adventist Church. In order to attract the crowd to the meetings, a moving picture was presented as a part of the service. This seems to be a good method to attract the crowd to an organization, but it certainly fails to attract the people to Jesus. Surely a church that is following such methods, is destitute of the power of Christ. We do not say this in the spirit of criticism, but in the spirit of reverence for the gospel of Jesus Christ. What we need to-day is a genuine revival of true godliness. When the church will take hold of Christ, and present Him to the world, it will win hearts to Him, and they will be ready to follow in His steps. May the Lord help that our life may be a living example for the cause of truth.

Oh, how sweet is the thought to know that Jesus is able to lead us out of sin and misery upon the way to eternal life. The question is: Are you willing to follow Him? Is it your desire to let Him have His way with thee? Then you may sing that wonderful song:

Jesus I will follow thee,
For I hear thee calling me;
Loving, trusting, glad I come,
To let thee lead me home.

Little eyes might lose the way,
Little feet might go astray;
I might weak and weary be,
But thou art strong for me.

Grief and want may be my foes,
Foolish sins my way oppose,
Full of courage I will be,
Whene'er I follow thee.

There is one more wonderful thought to which I like to call your attention. In the book of Revelation it is stated about the 144000 “They will follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth.” This is the privilege of those who have followed the Saviour in this life on earth. Yes they will also follow Him in the earth made new. They will stand on mount Sion, and sing a new song. They shall serve the Lord in His holy temple. Do you not desire to have that privilege? Will you not then follow Jesus here instead of following the crowd? May the Lord grant that wherever He leadeth, we may be willing to follow, is my prayer.

W. O. Welp.

“Let this be the language of your heart: I am thine, O God, to live for thee, to work for thee, and to suffer for thee.”