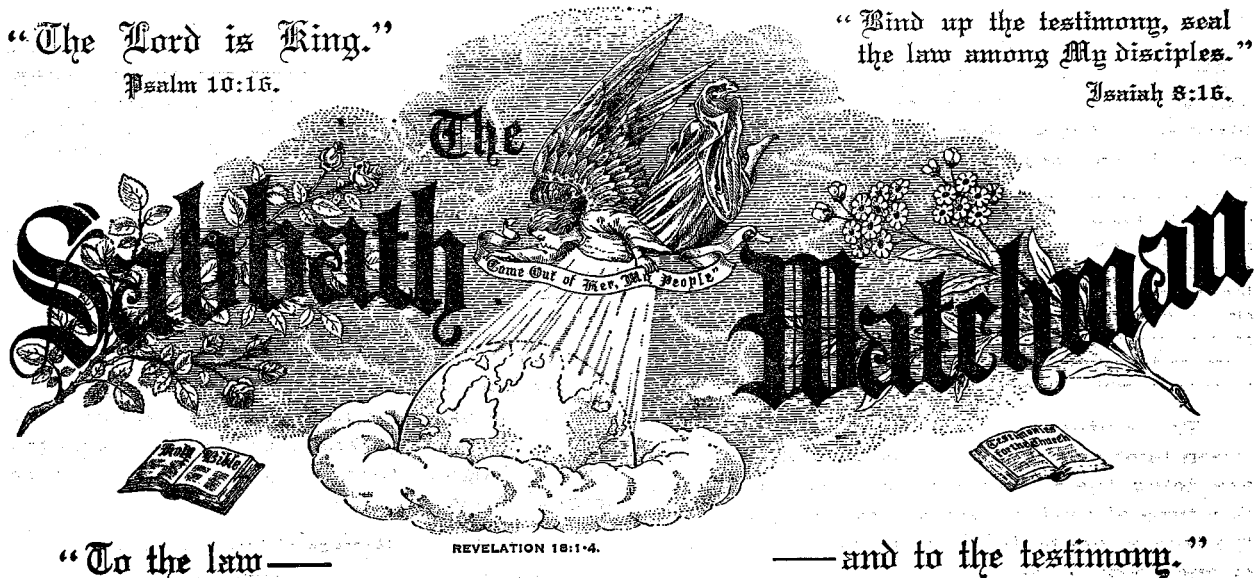


"The Lord is King."
Psalm 10:16.

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



"To the law —

REVELATION 18:1-4.

— and to the testimony."

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Let The True Colors Be Flung To The Breeze

This is a personal message to you. God has commanded you to let the true—not false colors be flung to the breeze. Are you obeying the Lord's command? Do you see the necessity of doing so? Are you always ready to make your true position known? There is a solemn responsibility resting upon you. Time is very short. We are living at the present time in the

now being rapidly spent. "The great day of the Lord is near, it is near and hasteth greatly." Do you vividly sense it?

The Solemn Call of God for this Hour—To You!

Precious light has been shining upon you. The Lord has called you to be one of His children. He has in His mercy extended to you the

"I saw a company who stood well guarded and firm, giving no countenance to those who would unsettle the established faith of the body. God looked upon them with approbation. I was shown three steps,—the first, second, and third angel's messages. Said my accompanying angel, "Woe to him who shall move a block or stir a pin of these messages."—
"Early Writings," p. 258.

Which Side Will You Be On

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"A company was presented before me under the name of Seventh-day Adventists, who were advising that the banner, or sign, which makes us a distinct people, should not be held out so strikingly; for they claimed that this was not the best policy. . . . But this is not a time to haul down our colors, to be ashamed of our faith."—"Testimonies," Vol. 6, p. 144.

most momentous period of the world's history. The fast fulfilling signs of the times declare that the coming of Christ is near at hand. The political, social, and religious conditions indicate unmistakably that earth's final days are

light of reformation. You have the privilege to be one of God's remnant church. But because of these blessings, you have a duty to perform. There is a solemn call of God for this hour to you. If you fail to heed this divine call, upon

you will be pronounced the sentence: "Found Wanting." Concerning your personal duty the spirit of prophecy said:—

"It is in the time of conflict that the true colors should be flung to the breeze. It is then that the standard-bearers need to be firm, and let their true position be known. It is then that the skill of every true soldier for the right is tested. Shirks can never wear the laurels of victory. Those who are true and loyal will not conceal the fact, but will put heart and might into the work, and venture their all in the struggle, let the battle turn as it will."—"Testimonies," Vol. 3, p. 272.

The conflict is at hand. It is a conflict between light and darkness. Satan and his forces are doing their utmost to win the battle. In this time of conflict, you are called upon, to let the true colors be flung to the breeze. Let every one know on which side you have choosed to stand. Do not hide that precious light under a bushel. Be a firm standard-bearer. Do not conceal the fact that you have taken your stand with God's afflicted and persecuted people. We do not need to be ashamed of our faith. Put your all into the work. Do not worry about consequences. Let the battle turn as it will. You may rest assured that truth will be victorious.

Lift up thy Voice

A solemn responsibility is resting upon the people of God. The Lord commanded them, "Lift up thy Voice." Are you heeding this command? Let me quote to you several testimonies which clearly present to us our duty in this respect:—

"Men are needed for this time who are not afraid to lift up their voices for the right whoever may oppose them. They should be of strong integrity and tried courage. The church calls for them, and God will work with their efforts."—"Testimonies," Vol. 4, p. 271.

"God calls for men who, like Nathan, Elijah, and John, will bear His message with fearlessness, regardless of the consequences; who will speak the truth though to do this calls for the sacrifice of all they have."—"Gospel Workers," p. 150.

"God wants brave men of action, who will not regard the setting up of idols and the coming in of abominations without lifting up the voice like a trumpet, showing the people their transgressions, and the house of Jacob their sins."—"Testimonies," Vol. 4, p. 517.

"In the work of reform to be carried forward today, there is need of men who like Ezra and Nehemiah, will not palliate or excuse sin, nor shrink from vindicating the honor of God. Those upon whom rests the burden of this work, will not hold their peace when wrong is done, neither will they cover evil with a cloak of false charity. They will remember that God is no respecter of persons, and that severity to a few may prove mercy to many. They will remember also that in the one who rebukes evil, the spirit of Christ should ever be revealed."—"Prophets and Kings," p. 675.

Who is willing to obey the call? Who is willing to join the Lord's army? Soon the battle will be ended, the victory won. Then we shall wear the laurels of victory. Please notice the following testimony:—

"The work of God is onward. Reforms must be carried on, and we must take hold and help move the car of reform....Not one of us is excused."—"Testimonies," Vol. 3 p. 540.

Dear reader, take hold. Consecrate thy life to God. Help to move the car of reform. Ask not to be excused. Truly time is short. Concerning the time of the end Paul wrote: "And that knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed. The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light." (Rom. 13:11, 12). Oh, that we might realize it!

A Personal Message of Jesus—To You!

The Saviour said: "Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven. But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father which is in heaven." Matt. 10:32, 33). Two distinct classes are here presented. You may either choose to deny or to confess Christ. God abhors neutrality. To confess Christ means eternal life, but to deny Him, eternal death.

Dear reader, did you read very carefully the two testimonies inserted on the front page? The spirit of prophecy presents also two companies. These two companies bear different characteristics. One company is willing to confess Christ before men, the other to deny Him. The name of both companies is Seventh-Day Adventists. The special characteristic of the first company is to haul down the colors of our faith. They believe it is not the best policy to hold out the banner which makes us a distinct people so strikingly. The other company stands well guarded and firm. They give no countenance to those who would unsettle the established faith of the body. They believe in the three-fold angel's message in its purity. They believe it their duty to proclaim the Sabbath more fully.

Let me ask you the question: "Do you recognize these two companies? Do you choose to walk in the light of God's counsel? Are you willing to bear reproach for the cause of Christ? If so, then make your true position known.

Is your name, friend, enrolled with the loyal
ones and true?
Will you dare now to stand with the Sav-
iour's faithful few?
Will you join with me now and the cove-
nant renew,
At the front of the battle you will find me.

"Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus." Rev. 14:12.

A. W. Doerschler

Moving Pictures, Religious Dramas, Church Suppers, Food Sales, Picnics are Features of the Seventh Day Adventist Church

It is rather very alarming to see how the Seventh Day Adventist Church is steadily retreating toward Egypt. Years ago it would have been impossible to introduce the above mentioned amusements in the church, but the only reason why they are so safely introduced now is, a course of continual backsliding from just and righteous principles. We call attention to these things with the purpose in mind to arouse those who still love and obey the old principles of truth. Let me quote to you a testimony which depicts clearly the present condition of the church:—

"The line of demarcation between worldlings and many professed Christians is almost indistinguishable. Many who once were earnest Adventist are conforming to the world,—to its practices, its customs, its selfishness. Instead of leading the world to render obedience to God's law, the church is uniting more and more closely with the world in transgression. Daily the church is becoming converted to the world."—"Testimonies," Vol. 8, pp. 118, 119.

How true this testimony is. But I inquire: How many are alarmed because of this terrible condition of apostasy? Are not many indifferent about the prevailing iniquity? O, that the Holy Spirit may arouse those who desire to be saved, to take a decided stand for truth and righteousness.

I have before me denominational literature, programs, etc., and even Newspapers, which announce and advocate the above mentioned amusements. For the benefit of those who are not acquainted with the facts, I shall quote several statements:—

ANNOUNCEMENT IN THE "BATTLE CREEK MOON-JOURNAL," APRIL 27, 1933

FEATURE MOVIES AT TABERNACLE SUNDAY NIGHTS

"Moving pictures will become a regular feature of the Sunday evening programs at the Seventh Day Adventist Tabernacle, starting next Sunday, it was announced today by the pastor, Elder Carlyle B. Haynes.

Erection of a booth and installation of two projection machines was authorized by the church board at a meeting last night. It is planned to show educational films, travelogues, scenic and industrial pictures.

'This Age of Speed' will be the four-reel film to be shown next Sunday evening. It will be presented in connection with Mr. Haynes address on 'Hell—Is it Eternal Torment Or Death.' Special arrangements are

being made for the showing of this picture, as the booth and regular projectors will not be installed for about a month.

'Flying with Lindberg,' moving pictures of Byrd's polar flight and Martin Johnson's pictures of African life are among the films to be shown in the near future."

The following is also a quotation from the "Battle Creek Moon-Journal".

TABERNACLE BUILDING DEBT NEARLY CLEARED OVER TWO-THIRDS OF AMOUNT OWED HAS BEEN RAISED SINCE LAST FEBRUARY

"Over \$6,000 of the \$9,000 owing on the Tabernacle building for the last eight years has been raised since February by projects and donations within the church.

In the first of the monthly rallies 1,000 persons, most of them members of the S. D. A. church, gave \$1,000 in six minutes. Church societies are endeavoring to raise the money by rummage sales, lectures and other means giving value in exchange for the money.

More than 1,000 are expected to attend the cafeteria supper and musical program to be held by the church Thursday evening in the Battle Creek Academy building, 245 North Kendall. Serving will be from 7:30 to 8:30 p. m. The public is invited to the supper. General arrangements are in charge of Mrs. B. T. Van Horn and the musical program is in charge of Miss Grace Fairchild.

Each society of the church has a definite quota to contribute. The rallies are a general feature of the congregation and are held the first Saturday in every month. Dr. A. B. Olson, whose father, the late O. A. Olson, was general conference president of the Seventh Day Adventist church for 10 years in the 90's, is general chairman of the fund campaign and of the church board.

The mothers' societies of the church of which Mrs. A. P. Petersen is general chairman have raised about \$440 of their quota. The money includes proceeds from rummage sale and the Charles Gorst bird lecture.

The Dorcas society under the leadership of Mrs. B. S. Sperry has raised \$200 toward the fund. The Young People's society of which William Robinson is president is making regular contributions toward its quota. The Junior Young People's society in charge of Mrs. Paul Schuster is working on its goal.

W. I. Morey who comes to Battle Creek every two weeks from Berrien Springs to direct the Tabernacle choir is in charge of a series of musical programs where an offering is made for the fund. The first of the series was given Sunday evening."

The following is an announcement from "The Battle Creek Enquirer & Evening News".

RECITAL ANNOUNCED

"Miss Grace Fairchild of the Battle Creek Academy will present Culver Wilbur in a piano recital, assisted by

quartet and Glee club, Saturday evening, May 28, in the Tabernacle assembly room. Mr. Wilbur finished a six years course in music a year ago and during the last year has been taking advanced work. The program will include the following numbers: Contra Dance in C (Béethoven), Culver Wilbur; Doan Ye Cry, Ma Honey (Smith), Lullaby Moon (Brown), Culver Wilbur, Francis Foote, Leslie Sargent and Harold Moore; "O Thou Sublime, Sweet Evening Star (Wagner-Liszt) Culver Wilbur; "From the Land of the Sky Blue Water" (Cadmán), and Heav'n, Heav'n (C. Burleigh), Girls' Glee Club; To a Wild Rose (MacDowell) and Spanish Dance (Moskowski), Culver Wilbur; "I'd Like to Go Down South One-Mo' (Parks), Boy Glee Club; Prelude in G Minor (Rachmaninoff), Culver Wilbur."

The following is a statement from the "Review and Herald", June 15, 1933.

DORCAS SOCIETY SALES

"Is it proper for our Dorcas Societies to carry on sales of food, clothing, etc., in order to raise money for various church enterprises? This question has come to us since the publication of our article last week on church food sales. We answer, Yes. We see no reason why it is not just proper for our Dorcas Societies to do this as for our church schools, of which we spoke one week ago. Our Dorcas Societies have rendered in these ways valuable service to many needy causes. And this is the position taken by the Home Missionary Department of the General Conference. This department has issued a leaflet entitled, 'The Dorcas Society, Its Organization and Work.' It offers some valuable suggestions and discusses the principles which should be recognized in carrying on the work of food sales, etc. This leaflet may be secured from our Book and Bible Houses."

No doubt with many the question will arise; Is there anything wrong in these things? We shall answer this question with the spirit of prophecy.

"In this tide of worldliness and pleasure-seeking self-denial and self-sacrifice for Christ's sake are almost wholly lost. 'Some of the men and women now in active life in our churches were educated, when children, to make sacrifices in order to be able to give or do something for Christ.' But 'if funds are wanted now,—nobody must be called on to give. Oh, no! have a fair tableaux, mock trial, antiquarian supper, or something to eat—anything to amuse the people."

Gouverneur Washburn, of Wisconsin, in his annual message, Jan. 9, 1873, declared: 'Some law seems to be required to break up the schools where gamblers are made. These are everywhere. Even the church (unwittingly, no doubt) is sometimes found doing the work of the devil. Gift concerts, gift enterprises and raffles, sometimes in aid of religious or charitable objects, but often for less worthy purposes, lotteries, prize packages, etc., are all devices to obtain money without value received. Nothing is so demoralizing or intoxicating, particularly to the young, as the acquisition of money or property without labor. Respectable people engaging in these chance enterprises, and easing their consciences with the reflection that the money is to go to a good object, it is not strange that the youth of the State should so, often fall into the habits which the excitement of games of hazard is almost certain to engender.'

The professors of religion of the present day, in every church, are lovers of the world, conformers to the world, lovers of creature comfort, and aspirers after respectability. They are called to suffer with Christ, but

they shrink from even reproach... Apostasy, apostasy, apostasy, is engraven on the very front of every church; and did they know it, and did they feel it, there might be hope; but, alas! they cry, 'We are rich, and increased in goods, and stand in need of nothing,'"—"The Great Controversy," pp. 387, 388.

"All true followers of Jesus will have sacrifices to make. God will prove them, and test the genuineness of their faith. I have been shown that the true followers of Jesus will distard picnics, donations, shows and other gatherings for pleasure. They can find no Jesus there, and no influence which will make them heavenly-minded, and increase their growth in grace."—"Testimonies," Vol. 1, p. 288.

"Even the church, which should be the pillar and ground of the truth, is found encouraging the selfish love of pleasure. When money is to be raised for religious purposes, to what means do many churches resort?—To bazaars, suppers, fancy fairs, even to lotteries, and like devices. Often the place set apart for God's worship is desecrated by feasting and drinking, buying, selling, and merry-making. Respect for the house of God and reverence for His worship are lessened in the minds of the youth. The Barriers of self-restraint are weakened. Selfishness, appetite, the love of display, are appealed to and they strengthen as they are indulged."—"Christ's Object Lessons," p. 54.

These testimonies are very definite. God has spoken, and men ought to obey. He condemns moving pictures. He condemns religious dramas. He condemns church suppers. He condemns food sales. He condemns picnics. But God's professed people are not willing to obey, they love the world, and the things that are in the world. Is it therefore surprising that God looks with displeasure upon them? Is it surprising that His glory and presence have departed? Is it surprising that the church is called an harlot—Babylon? No, indeed not. God is a just and righteous God. He will honor those who will honor Him. But He will dishonour those, who dishonor Him. And He will reject those who have rejected Him.

Often we receive letters at the office inquiring what our attitude is toward these worldly amusements. This article is intended to answer all those inquiries. Once more we like to extend the call of the hour, "Come out of her my people." "Be ye separate." Have no fellowship with unrighteousness, but unite on the firm platform of truth. This is my prayer. Your Brother in Christ,

O. O. Metcalfe

"In the world ye shall have tribulation," says Christ; but in me ye shall have peace. The trials to which Christians are subjected in sorrow, adversity, and reproach, are the means appointed of God to separate the chaff from the wheat... Afflictions, crosses, temptations, adversity, and our varied trials, are God's workmen to refine us, sanctify us, and fit us for the heavenly garner."—"Testimonies," Vol. 3, p. 115.

KNOWING THE TRUTH

"And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."—John 8:32.

It is the writer's intention to impress the reader with the urgent need of knowing the truth. Only those who have fortified their minds with divine truth, will be able to stand in the judgment day. It is not sufficient to claim as a church to know the truth, we must know the truth individually. Praise be to God, that it is possible for each one to obtain a knowledge of the truth.

What Is Truth?

The safest course to answer this important question is through the word of God. Jesus said: "Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth." (John 17:17). If we therefore want to know the truth, we must make the word of God our study. Anything that can not stand the test of the word of God, is no truth, but error.

Truth has divine characteristics. There is a true saying: "Truth speaks for itself". How true this statement is. If we know the truth, we shall speak of the truth. Truth needs no explanation, because it explains itself. Truth is always simple. It is never complicated, but may be understood by all who want to understand.

Jesus said: "Ye shall know the truth." This is a definite promise. But the question is: Who can safely claim that promise? Let us answer again with the Scripture: "If ye continue in my word." (John 8:31). That is the condition to be met. To continue in His word means, to believe and obey His word. All those who accept the word of God, and make this word the rule of their life, will know the truth.

How May We Know Who Is In The Truth?

It is one thing to claim to know the truth, but it is another thing to prove it. Jesus said: "By their fruits ye shall know them." (Matt. 7:16). Every promise is given under conditions. If we meet these conditions we shall receive the promise. But those who claim to possess the promise, will bear fruit accordingly. The question was: How may we know who is in the truth? The answer is: "The truth shall make you free." There is nothing so desirable for the one who loves truth, than to be free from sin and error. Since this is the result in the life of those who know the truth, it will easily be seen whether our claim to know the truth is true or false.

"The Spirit Of Truth"

There is another blessed promise given to the children of God. Jesus said: "Howbeit

when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth." (John 16:13). The Holy Spirit is also called the Spirit of truth. This Spirit of truth will never yoke up with the spirit of error. Many claim to have the gift of the Holy Spirit, but they lack the characteristics of that gift. If we really possess the Holy Spirit, He will lead and guide us into all truth. Remember, the Spirit of truth will never lead into error. All those who claim to have the Holy Spirit, but advocate error, and oppose truth, are destitute of the Spirit of truth.

This promise of the gift of the Holy Spirit is very comforting for God's children. It would have been impossible of our own selves to know the truth, therefore Jesus gave us the promise of the Holy Spirit. The desire of Jesus is, that His children may have a guide, to lead them in the narrow path of truth to everlasting life. All those who consecrate their life to God, and accept this guide, will be kept from falling.

The Truth About The Advent Movement

Those who are acquainted with the history of the Advent Movement know that it was a movement of prophecy. They know that it was a movement of divine origin. This movement was build upon the firm platform of eternal truth. It was a movement which upheld the law of God in its purity. It was a movement which fought for divine principles of truth. The motto of this movement was: "To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them." (Isa. 8:20). This principle was faithfully adhered to by the pioneers of this message. All doctrines, theories and opinions were tested according to this unerring rule. As a result of this high standard the spirit of prophecy said:—

"We were indeed a peculiar people. We were few in numbers, without wealth, without worldly wisdom or worldly honors; and yet we believed God, and were strong and successful, a terror to evil-doers. Our love for one another was steadfast; it was not easily shaken. Then the power of God was manifested among us, the sick were healed, and there was much calm, sweet, holy joy."—"Testimonies," Vol. 5, p. 534.

"God's people were then accepted of Him. Jesus looked upon them with pleasure, for His image was reflected in them."—"Early Writings," p. 239.

This wonderful condition was enjoyed by the pioneers of the advent message. It was God's plan that this condition of holiness, sweet fellowship, peculiarity, etc., should increase as years passed by. But the desire of God was not

realized. As years rolled on, apostasy made itself apparent among the people of God. When in later years men began to attack the firm platform of truth, the following testimony was given:—

"As a people, we are to stand firm on the platform of eternal truth that has withstood test and trial. We are to hold to the sure pillars of our faith. The principles of truth that God has revealed to us are our only true foundation. They have made us what we are. The lapse of time has not lessened their value."—"Testimonies for the Church," Series B. No. 2, p. 8.

This was a wonderful admonition. If this counsel had been fully heeded, the result would have been glorious. Our only safety as a people was to stand firm on the eternal platform of truth. Only truth made us what we are. But instead of following the Lord's instruction, the church went deeper into apostasy. A general departure from the old landmarks took place. The anxiety of the Lord's servant for His people, that they might return to the first principles, is seen in the following statement:—

"I have been hoping that there would be a thorough reformation, and that the principles for which we fought in the early days, and which were brought out in the power of the Holy Spirit, would be maintained."—"Testimonies for the Church," Series, B. No. 2, p. 13.

This testimony is evidence that hope grew dim as the people of God departed from the faith. The warnings of the Lord were disregarded. The sad condition that followed is described in the following testimony:—

"Oh, the pride that was shown me of God's professed people! It has increased year by year, until it is now impossible to designate professed Advent Sabbath-keepers from all the world around them."—"Testimonies," Vol. 1, p. 135.

In the early days of the Advent Movement the spirit of prophecy declared: "The principles of truth that God has revealed to us are our only true foundation. **They have made us what we are.**" Truly in those days God's people were a peculiar people. But when the above mentioned apostasy was prevailing in the church, the servant of the Lord was no longer able to say: "The principles of truth... have made us what we are." The only reason for prevailing apostasy is to forsake the old principles of truth. How clearly the fore-going testimony depicted the condition of the professed church of God today. Truly, it is impossible to designate professed Advent Sabbath-keepers from all the world around them.

There is a limit beyond which the Lord will no longer recognize us as His people. That limit was passed by God's professed people, and the Lord was forced to reject them. "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."—"Testimonies," Vol. 8, p. 250.

The Truth About The Reform Movement

When the Lord saw that all His efforts to save His people were fruitless, He permitted a crisis to come about to test their true character. In a severe crisis the true character is always revealed. In a crisis you are forced to take your stand either on the right or wrong side. A crisis is a means of separation. God knew that a separation in His church was an absolute necessity. Those who had lowered the standard of righteousness in the dust, were not able to stand the test of trial. They fell a ready prey to the enemy. This crisis came about in the year 1914. The principles for which we fought in the early days were trampled under foot. Only a small remnant was willing to obey God rather than men. This remnant was dis-fellowshipped from the organization of the church, but accepted by the Lord as His people. They were persecuted by their former brethren. Yes, this reform movement was born under great hardships and trials. It is a movement of prophecy. It is divine in its origin. It is the remnant of the Advent Movement of 1844.

Praise be to God that He has a people on earth today who exalt the eternal platform of truth. Truth is our shield. Truth is our buckler. Truth is our bulwark. Truth will prevail. Nothing is to take the place of truth. Truth will cause unity of like precious faith. Truth will cause separation from sin and error. If you have a struggle to make your decision either for right or wrong, pray to the Lord that He might reveal to you the truth, and the truth shall make you free. God has promised that the truth shall be proclaimed till the end of time.

"The Lord will put new, vital force into His work as human agencies obey the command to go forth and proclaim the truth. He who declared that His truth would shine forever will proclaim the truth through faithful messengers, who will give the trumpet a certain sound. The truth will be criticized, scorned, and derided, but the closer it is examined and tested, the brighter it will shine."—"Testimonies for the Church," Series B. No. 2, p. 8.

Truth is glorious. What a blessed privilege it is to walk in the light of truth. Truth will stand the test of trial. Truth will shine brighter day by day. Truth obeyed will increase. The Spirit of truth will guide you into all truth. Truth will be victorious.

The Christian life is a battle and a march. With the weapon of truth he will fight the enemy. His feet must be firmly established upon the platform of truth. If you dear reader are anxious to know the truth, continue in His

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The Children's Friend

JACOB AND ESAU

Isaac had two sons, named Jacob and Esau.

Esau was a little older than Jacob, and was a hunter of wild animals. Jacob was a shepherd, and cared for his father's sheep.

Esau, the daring hunter, was very dear to his father; but Rebekah loved Jacob most because he was so kind and careful.

God had said to Rebekah that "the elder shall serve the younger." So she knew that the Lord would especially bless Jacob, and finally give him the birthright, which meant that he was to have a double portion of his father's wealth, and also become the head of the family when his father died.

The birthright usually went to the eldest son, but the birthright in the family of Isaac must go to the son who would obey God. He was to be the father of God's people,—the children of Israel.

Jacob loved God, and was willing to obey Him. He greatly desired the blessing which the birthright would bring to him. But Esau did not love God nor care to serve Him. He would rather live the wild, free life of a hunter, and do as he chose, than have the birthright.

Jacob did not trust God as he should, for he feared that Esau would have the birthright because he was the eldest son of Isaac. So he studied all the time to find some plan to get it away from Esau.

One day Esau had been in the fields hunting, but had found nothing. On the way home he became very hungry. Coming to the tent of his brother he found him preparing his dinner of pottage. "And Esau said to Jacob, Feed me I pray thee, with that same red pottage; for I am faint."

Jacob forgot that he ought to be kind to his brother. He only thought that this was the chance he had been looking for. "And Jacob said, Sell me this day thy birthright."

"And Esau said, Behold, I am at the point to die; and what profit shall this birthright do to me?" So he sold his birthright to his brother for a good dinner.

You see Jacob took a mean advantage of his brother when he was faint and hungry. This made it easier for him afterward to do another great wrong, and deceive his father.

One wrong act always makes it easier to do another.

When Isaac was very old he became blind. He was still determined to give the birthright to Esau. So one day he told him to go into the field and kill a deer and make some savory meat, and then he would bless him.

But Rebekah heard it, and she was afraid the Lord would let Esau have the birthright. She thought she must do something to help the Lord keep His promise that Jacob should be head of the family.

So she told Jacob to kill two young goats, and she made savory meat, such as Esau made from venison. Then she dressed Jacob in Esau's clothes, and sent him in to deceive his blind father.

This was very wicked, for Jacob told lies to his father to make him think that he was Esau. So through falsehood Jacob got the blessing which made him head of the family.

When Esau returned and learned what Jacob had done, he was very angry. Fearing that his brother would kill him, Jacob fled from his father's house, and went to Mesopotamia, where his mother's family lived.

He felt very sorrowful on his journey. He was afraid that his sin was too great to be forgiven. But one night he confessed it all to God, and then laid his head on a stone for a pillow, and went to sleep.

In the night the Lord gave him a beautiful dream. In it he saw a ladder which reached from earth to heaven. On this ladder there were angels ascending and descending.

At the top of the ladder Jacob saw his Saviour, who told him that He was the God of Abraham and Isaac, and that He would be his God, and make him the father of a great nation. This was because Jacob was sorry for his sins. The Lord promised to go with him on his journey, and finally bring him back again, and that his children should have the land of Canaan for their home.

From this place Jacob journeyed until he came to the home of Laban, his mother's brother. Here he worked hard twenty years.

One night the Lord came to him in a dream, and said, "Arise, get thee out of this land, and return unto the land of thy kindred." Then Jacob prepared immediately to return to Canaan.

"Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God."

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KNOWING THE TRUTH

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word. God will reveal to you the way of truth. The following testimony is a very timely admonition to those who desire to know the truth:—

"When a doctrine is presented that does not meet our minds, we should go to the word of God, seek the Lord in prayer, and give no place for the enemy to come in with suspicion and prejudice. We should never permit the spirit to be manifested that arraigned the priests and rulers against the Redeemer of the world. They complained that He disturbed the people, and they wished He would let them alone; for He caused perplexity and dissension. The Lord sends light to us to prove what manner of spirit we are of. We are not to deceive ourselves."—"Gospel Workers," pp. 301, 302.

If we heed this divine instruction, the Lord will reveal to us the truth, and the truth shall make us free.

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PATIENCE

Child of God, art thou now undergoing some bitter trial? The way of thy God, it may be all mystery; no footprints of love traceable in the chequered path; no light in the clouds above; no ray in the dark future. Be patient! "The Lord is good to them that wait on Him." "They that wait on the Lord shall renew their strength!" Or hast thou been long tossed on some bed of sickness—days of pain and nights of weariness appointed thee? Be patient! "I trust this groaning," said a suffering saint, "is not murmuring." God by this very affliction, is nurturing within thee this beautiful grace which shone so conspicuously in the character of thy dear Lord. With Him it was the lovely habit of the soul. With thee, the "tribula-

tion" which worketh "patience" is needful discipline. "It is good for a man that he should both hope and quietly wait for the salvation of God." Art thou suffering some unmerited wrong or unkindness, exposed to harsh and wounding accusations, hard for the flesh and blood to bear? Be patient! Beware of hastiness of speech or temper; remember how much evil may be done by a few inconsiderate words "spoken unadvisedly with the lip." Think of Jesus standing before a human tribunal, in the silent submissiveness of conscious innocence and integrity. Leave thy cause with God. Let it be the only form of thy complaint. "Oh God, I am oppressed; undertake Thou for me!"

NOTICE

According to present plans we will shortly leave for St. Louis, Mo. After spending a few days with our little company there, we plan to go to Oklahoma. We pray the Lord that He may bless us in the work before us.

During the month of June we labored in N. Dakota. Our dear Bro. D. D. Kurtz had made arrangements for a field conference to be held at Lehr, N. Dakota. The Lord came very near at this special gathering. A report of this conference will appear in the next issue of "The Sabbath Watchman."

In July and August we visited our believers in the Eastern states and in Canada. We found all brethren and sisters happy in the truth, and the Lord blessed us in all the meetings. Here and there we came in contact with some who are interested in this reform message. The Holy Spirit is doing its work in the hearts of those who love truth. It will not be long now and many will break their fetters and declare their liberty in Christ Jesus. Let us pray for the interested ones.

Our courage in the Lord is good. The day of Christ's coming is fast approaching. Let us therefore put heart and might into the work. May the Lord soon finish His work on earth is our prayer.

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