

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

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



"To the law —

REVELATION 10:1-6

— and to the testimony."

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"WHEN the Lord turned again the captivity of Zion, we were like them that dream. Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with singing: then said they among the heathen, The Lord hath done great things for them. The Lord hath done great things for us, whereof we are glad." Psalms 126:1-3.

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LITTLE did we dream, when we first conceived the plans for this Conference, that it would become one of the greatest meetings we have yet conducted. That which had been our hope, our aim and our prayer for the past few years, has now become a reality. The break and disorder, which had come in among God's people, due to war- and other difficulties, could be mended satisfactorily, and proper order and unity could be established. Through the years the enemy of souls has sought to disrupt the cause of God, and will continue to do so in the future. But with the help of God a stunning blow was dealt to him at

our Field Conference. This Conference will go down in the history of this Reformation as a *mile-stone*, never to be forgotten. We have only one thing to regret, and that is, that some were not able to attend. We pray that God may bless you, dear believers, who could not be present, and that the report which we give in the following of the meetings which were held, may prove an inspiration to you, as the days we spent together did for us.

God has been good to us and has blessed us far above and beyond our expectation and deserving. We had asked for blessings: He

gave them. Let us not forget now, to give Him thanks.

The Conference was officially opened by Elder E. J. Stabel, at 8:00 P. M., Wednesday, June 4th. His subject "The Wheel and the Stone", was based on the first chapter of the book of Ezekiel, and on the second chapter of 1st Peter. Elder Stabel called our attention to the perfect unity that exists in the great God-head, as expressed by the perfect unity of the symbols in the first chapter of Ezekiel. The church of God, too, can be looked upon as a 'wheel within a wheel'; each Conference, each church, each group, and each individual member driving for the same purpose. If every member of God's church has this desire for unity and harmony, this can and will be a reality. Even as the various members can compose this great machinery of God's organization, so likewise can they, by their proper relationship to God, compose the stones, perfect and symmetrical, to represent God's spiritual temple on earth. We were admonished to live in unity with God, in our church, in our home, in our individual life.

The blessings of each succeeding day of the Conference surpassed those of the day before. We felt the presence of the Spirit of God in both, the spiritual- as well as in the business phases of the Conference. Questions of great importance could be taken up by the Committee, and resolutions to further promote the cause of God could be adopted.

We were especially happy that the dear brethren A. Mueller, A. Ringelberg, M. Ringelberg from

Europe, Bro. Kozel from South America, and Bro. Korpman from Canada (formerly Estonia), could attend. Through their presence it was possible to solve some of the great international problems which had confronted God's people. Plans for the welfare of the work, both, at home and abroad, could be formulated, and will be carried out with the help of the Lord. We were very thankful for the spiritual food these brethren could impart to us, and we trust that our dear Elder Doerschler will be able to return a portion of this blessing to our believers in Europe, when he shall go there very soon.

At the time of this writing most visiting brethren from those various lands will have returned safely. We thank God for His protecting hand, not only over these brethren, but also over our dear believers from far and near. Though the enemy succeeded in destroying the automobile of one dear family from California, God would not permit him to put his hand on our dear believers who, thank the Lord, escaped uninjured. Praise His holy name!

Friday night proved a wonderful experience to us, when Elder Doerschler, following his impressive service, made a solemn appeal. Seven dear souls responded and made their desire known to make a covenant with the Lord in baptism. This solemn ritual was performed in a small lake nearby, early Sunday morning. On Sunday afternoon a Communion Service for those who were baptized and for those who had not been privileged to partake of the Lord's table for some time, was conducted. At this

occasion another dear soul could be taken into church fellowship on profession of faith. We thank God for these dear souls. May He richly bless them and keep them faithful to Him and His precious truth, until Jesus comes.

We all enjoyed the Sabbath School and were made happy to hear that the overall attendance in all departments was 112. Our Juniors could render a fine program following the praise service on Sabbath afternoon.

The various meetings throughout the Conference were very interesting as well as inspiring. Those who attended the meeting, conducted in the open nature, especially built and suited for such a purpose, will not forget the communion they could hold with God. Neither will those, who attended the singing by the fireside, forget that blessed event.

Sunday afternoon two dear young people, a brother from California and a sister from Michigan, were united in marriage by our dear Elder Welp, Sr. Elder Welp and his dear wife made the long trip from California to attend the meetings. We are confident that God rewarded them with joy and blessings. And though the journey was strenuous, they were happy to be present. May God also bless the dear ones who were united in Holy Wedlock.

Following the farewell service, our believers could plan to make their homeward journeys with happy hearts, praising God for all that He had done. Surely "the Lord hath done great things for us, whereof we are glad."

It was apparent that the camp chosen had been well suited for the

purpose. The quietness of the nights, combined with the waking up to beautiful Christian music played over the amplifier, prepared the way for a blessed and happy day. How soothing it was again to lie down to rest with strains of music descending from the hill. Yes, it was indeed a slight foretaste of heaven. Would to God that all who read this report could have been present!

It gave us great joy and much satisfaction to see that everything fared so well and so smoothly. The food was well prepared, and the accommodations were ample for nearly all. In behalf of the Conference we again wish to thank everyone for the splendid co-operation and assistance rendered, which was very helpful to make this Conference a full success. May God bless each and everyone of you, and keep you on His merciful Fatherhand, until we shall soon, if it be His will, see you again in your respective fields, is our prayer.

E. J. STABEL, *Secretary*

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God. The number of new converts, so boastfully mentioned, are in most cases an indication that true godliness is a thing of the past.

May the great and holy God open the eyes of God's people today and impress them seriously with the solemn truth to **work out their salvation with fear and trembling, and to resist unto blood, striving against sin, and ban forever the sweet-sounding song of false security that millions will be saved from this generation.**

OBEY—Acts 5:22

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 3, page 28.

REVIVAL AND LATTER RAIN

by
Elder A. W. DOERSCHLER

THE latter rain experience can come to those only who have experienced a genuine reformation of life. And a reformation of life can come to those only who experience a deep spiritual revival.

In the second chapter of Joel the Lord calls for a revival and a reformation, and promises to give the latter rain to those who make an acceptable response to His call. In the prophecy of Zechariah the Lord says:

"Turn you to the stronghold, ye prisoners of hope: even today do I declare that I will render double unto thee. ... And the Lord their God shall save them in that day as the flock of His people: for they shall be as the stones of a crown, lifted up as an ensign upon His land. For how great is His goodness, and how great is His beauty! ... Ask ye of the Lord rain in the time of the latter rain; and so the Lord shall make bright clouds, and give them showers of rain, to every one grass in the field." 'Zech. 9:12-17; 10:1.

The prophet Hosea says:

"Come, and let us return unto the Lord: for He hath torn, and He will heal us; He hath smitten, and will bind us up. ... Then shall we know, if we follow on to know the Lord: His going forth is prepared as the morning; and He shall come unto us as the rain, as the latter and former rain unto the earth." Hosea 6:1-3.

Here the condition upon which the latter rain is to be received is that we return unto the Lord; that we be healed; that we follow on to know the Lord more fully.

In the messages of the Spirit of prophecy a great abundance of definite counsel is given regarding the spiritual revival and the reformation of life the people of God must experience to prepare them for the fulness of the latter-rain experience. Here is a most important statement:

"The latter rain, ripening earth's harvest, represents the spiritual grace that prepares the church for the coming of the Son of man. But unless the former rain has fallen, there will be no life; the green blade will not spring up. Unless the early showers have done their work, the latter rain can bring no seed to perfection. There is to be 'first the blade, and then the ear, after that the full corn in the ear.' There must be a constant development of Christian virtue, a constant advancement in Christian experience. This we should seek with intensity of desire, that we may adorn the doctrine of Christ our Saviour. ...

"The heart must be emptied of every defilement, and cleansed for the indwelling of the Spirit. It was by the confession and forsaking of sin, by earnest prayer and consecration of themselves to God, that the early disciples prepared for the outpouring

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False Security

EDITORIAL

"And it shall come to pass at that time, that I will search Jerusalem with candles, and punish the men that are settled on their lees: that say in their heart, The Lord will not do good, neither will he do evil." Zeph. 1:12.

"Times have changed. These words strengthen their unbelief, and they say, The Lord will not do good, neither will he do evil. He is too merciful to visit his people in judgment." *-Testimonies*, Vol. 5, page 211.

A good number of years ago a group of people, not of our faith, created quite an excitement with their message under the slogan: "Millions, now living, will never die." The Advent people in those days were solemnly charged by their ministering brethren to not give heed to such trumpet tones of **false security**. Adventist literature repeatedly made mention of this bold delusion, based on a false conception of the Millennium.

How paradox this theory is, and how boldly it strikes against the actual truth, can readily be seen by Scripture proof alone, not to speak of the Testimonies of His Spirit. What greater wrong can there be, for an instance, than to calm the fears of the passengers of a sinking vessel at sea with talks of utter security? Remember the fate of the Titanic? Many hundreds perished because of false security talks.

With Scripture in hand, let us proceed to investigate the point under question: The standard of holiness, described by Isaiah the prophet, is as follows:

"And an highway shall be there, and a way, and it shall be called The way of holiness; the unclean shall not

pass over it;..." "... for henceforth there shall no more come into thee the uncircumcised and the unclean." Isa. 35:8. 52:1.

Nothing but **perfect holiness** is the standard we must attain to, if we wish to be saved. But since "the whole world lieth in darkness" (1 John 5:19), the disciples are asking the question: "Lord, are there few that be saved?" Luke 13:23. And as if not to discourage His followers, Jesus says to them: "Strive to enter in at the straight gate: for many, I say unto you, will seek to enter in, and shall not be able." Verse 24. This statement is further carried out By Jesus' questioning words in Luke 13:8, "Nevertheless when the Son of man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth?" And it is for this, and no other reason, that He compares our day with the days of Noe when, out of the many thousands of people that inhabited the earth "few, that is, eight souls were saved by water." 1 Peter 3:20.

Nearly 4000 years have elapsed since the Antediluvian world perished in the swirling waters. Has our world grown better since? "But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived." 2 Tim. 3:13.

True to the general attitude of unbelief, which Jesus prophesied for these last days, it will be again a very small number, which will embrace the truth and be saved. Only 144000 seems as nothing left from the untold millions that inhabit the earth at the present time. And how many apparently good people are there among the other churches yet! not to speak of nearly a million of believers in Jesus' second coming, which keep the seventh-day Sabbath. "They cannot all be lost?!" - we may reason, like Abraham did when he pleaded for Sodom. But the Lord proved Abraham wrong. Sodom perished because that besides his own relatives there was not a single righteous soul left in that city. And how does Ezekiel describe his experience? After the man with the writer's inkhorn has passed through, and the punishment is being meted out to all those, who do not have the mark or seal of the Living God on their foreheads, he says: "And it came to pass, while they were slaying them, and I was left, that I fell upon my face, and cried, and said, Ah Lord God! wilt thou destroy all the residue of Israel in thy pouring out of thy fury upon Jerusalem?" Ezekiel 9:3. Thus, out of the whole city of Jerusalem only one single soul remained. And if we remember that Jerusalem is a symbol of God's professed church and not of the world in general, we may rightly conclude that but a very small remnant of God's professed Advent people will survive the last crisis. Indeed, their number will not run into millions, but merely into a handful of 144000 souls, - in spite of all wishful thinking of seeing millions saved.

The prophecy of Scripture, looking down throughout the ages to our own day, describes the remaining few who escape the fiery indignation that will utterly destroy the wicked, in Revelation, Chapter 7. Before the 4 angels let go of the winds of universal strife, another angel commissions them to hold, till the servants of God are all sealed, or else they must perish with the wicked. This sealing is described twice in the Bible. Here we find it in Revelation 7, and again in a similar form it is engraven on the sacred pages by Ezekiel in his 9th Chapter. Many have tried to separate these chapters, but the Spirit of prophecy declares:

"This sealing of the servants of God is the same that was shown Ezekiel in vision. John also had been a witness of this most startling revelation." *Testimonies to Ministers*, page 445.

Whence then comes all this mighty proclamation that millions will accept Jesus during this (misconstrued) Millennium reign? The Master answers: "Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it." John 8:44.

"Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts, ... But the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men." 2 Peter 3:3,7. Then we may know that, although many will seek to enter into heaven at this time, but few will actually be saved.

LAODICEA AND REFORMERS

What is it then that causes Jerusalem, or the professed Adventist Church of today, to fail in the end? This was shown to John in vision: In Chapter 3 of his Revelation his attention is drawn to the last church of the seven in the Christian dispensation. Laodicea is neither cold nor hot, but "wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked." Verse 17. But instead of acknowledging this fact, the church says, "I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing." Only a very few, indeed, will listen to the Stranger at the door, who says, "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." Verse 19.

Only one certain class will receive the seal of God, and none other, namely those, "that sigh and that cry for all the abominations that be done in the midst thereof." Ezekiel 9:4. How different this sounds, than what the general attitude toward any Reform attempt in the Adventist church shows! Anyone who sighs and cries over the prevailing worldliness and the letting down of the standards everywhere, is declared a "criticiser or accuser of the brethren" and an "Offshoot." Who is right? those, who sigh and cry, or those who merely use a Bible term to cover up their sins? We let the dear reader decide!

There is one particular item that causes us to sigh and cry today: When years ago an Adventist minister branched off from the body, declar-

ing he had new light on Bible prophecy, then he declared, among other deviations from the truth, that the 144000 were only a special class of Adventists, which were to bring in a "great multitude" under the latter rain. Thus not only the 144000 would be saved in this last generation, but besides them an innumerable company. This false security message found ready entrance into the minds of many unwary souls. They accepted this new Elijah (as he calls himself) with open arms. And what was the attitude of the Adventist clergy? Since this teaching was in opposition to Bible instructions, it was disapproved and rejected then. But of late, since the growth of the Adventist organization is way past the 144000 mark, and searching souls, no doubt, are perturbed over the popularity and great number of Advent believers now, the enemy is making his best of this situation. That, which once was declared a terrible error, namely that "Millions, now living, shall never die," and which was declared out of tune with the denominational teaching, as taught by this false Elijah, is now becoming a bold teaching of church leaders, of which we shall quote only the following:

"This innumerable company of Revelation 7, like the 144,000 live through the seven last plagues and experience hunger, thirst, heat and weeping. They doubtless will be among those translated at the coming of the Lord." *Quiet Hour Talks*, by J.L. Tucker, p. 19.

WHO IS THIS INNUMERABLE COMPANY?

Are they people, living on the earth today? and will they never see death? These questions shall first be answered by two of the faithful pioneers of the message,

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of the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost. The same work only in a greater degree, must be done now." —*Review and Herald*, March 2, 1897.

"I saw that many were neglecting the preparation so needful, and were looking to the time of 'refreshing' and the 'latter rain' to fit them to stand in the day of the Lord, and to live in His sight. Oh, how many I saw in the time of trouble without a shelter! They had neglected the needful preparation, therefore they could not receive the refreshing that all must have to fit them to live in the sight of a holy God.

"I saw that none could share the 'refreshing,' unless they obtain the victory over every besetment, over pride, selfishness, love of the world, and over every wrong word and action. We should therefore, be drawing nearer and nearer to the Lord, and be earnestly seeking that preparation necessary to enable us to stand in the battle in the day of the Lord. Let us all remember that God is holy, and that none but holy beings can ever dwell in His presence." *Early Writings*, page 71.

The "needful preparation" emphasized in this statement is evidently the "spiritual reformation" called for so earnestly in later messages. In one of the early testimonies we find the following

"Those who come up on every point, and stand every test be the price what it may, have heeded the counsel of the True

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HELD AT "CAMP IDRA-HA-JE"

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Elders Uriah Smith and S. N. Haskell. Then these statements will be affirmed by the inspired pen of Mrs. E. G. White. The former writer remarks in "Daniel and the Revelation," (old edition), page 459 as follows:

"The sealing having been accomplished, John beholds a countless multitude worshipping God in rapture before his throne. This vast throng are undoubtedly the saved out of every nation, kindred, and tongue, raised from the dead at the second coming of Christ, showing that the sealing is the last work accomplished for the people of God prior to translation."

And Haskell writes in the "Story of the Seer of Patmos", on page 139:

"Once more the prophet John was shown the end of the sixth seal. The creatures of God's love were gathered from all ages. An innumerable company of the redeemed were seen standing before the throne and before the Lamb."

That this teaching was fully endorsed by the Spirit of prophecy, is forcefully illustrated in "Early Writings," pp. 279-282, of which we quote the following:

"I was pointed down to the time when the third angel's message was closing. The power of God had rested upon His people; they had accomplished their work and were prepared for the trying hour before them. They had received the latter rain, or refreshing from the presence of the Lord, and the living testimony had been revived. The last great warning had sounded everywhere, and it had stirred up and enraged the inhabitants of the earth who would not receive the message."

I saw angels hurrying to and fro in heaven. An angel with a writer's inkhorn by his side returned from the earth and reported to Jesus that his work was done, and the saints were numbered and sealed. Then I saw Jesus, who had been ministering before the ark containing the ten commandments, throw down the censor. He raised His hands, and with a loud voice said, 'It is done.' And all the angelic host laid off their crowns as Jesus made the solemn declaration, 'He that is unjust, let him be unjust still: and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still: and he that is righteous, let him be

righteous still: and he that is holy, let him be holy still.'

Every case had been decided for life or death.".....

.. "The plan of salvation had been accomplished, but few had chosen to accept it. And as mercy's sweet voice died away, fear and horror seized the wicked. With terrible distinctness they heard the words, 'Too late! too late!'"

It seems that some of the eminent leaders of today are opening another door, one that Jesus has not prescribed, in telling people that the words Too Late do not actually mean just that. They seem to say, like one of the leaders expressed it already some years ago:

"Do not deceive yourselves by a false interpretation of the 144,000 question. ... I expect that there will be millions waiting and ready to meet the Lord at His coming." - Elder R. A. Underwood to Bro. W. S. Boone, March 18, 1927.

Sad, sad indeed! will not these teachers of false security open their blinded eyes and accept God's word, as it is written, and not set aside the counsel of God in the Testimonies?

This false teaching of seeing millions saved, is very treacherous and deceiving. Why? because it creates the impression that salvation is an easy matter, lightly to be treated, and not in question at all. A mere assent to the Advent faith seems all that is necessary. How cunningly devised is this product of Satan's invention! No, a thousand times, No! the path is still as narrow as Jesus said it was, and the gate is just wide enough for single souls to pass through - one by one, in single file. The mass conversions in modern revivals are therefore neither genuine, nor pleasing to

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Our Homes and Our Health

No NARROW IDEAS

by
Mrs. E. G. WHITE

"BECAUSE we, from principle, discard the use of those things which irritate the stomach and destroy health, the idea should never be given that it is of little consequence what we eat. I do not recommend an impoverished diet. Many who need the benefits of healthful living, and from conscientious motives adopt what they believe to be such, are deceived by supposing that a meager bill of fare, prepared without painstaking, and consisting mostly of mushes and so-called gems, heavy and sodden, is what is meant by a reformed diet. Some use milk and a large amount of sugar on mush, thinking that they are carrying out health reform. But the sugar and milk combined are liable to cause fermentation in the stomach, and are thus harmful. The free use of sugar in any form tends to clog the system, and is not unfrequently a cause of disease. Some think that they must eat only just such an amount, and just such a quality, and confine themselves to two or three kinds of food. But in eating too small an amount, and that not of the best quality, they do not receive sufficient nourishment.

There is real common sense in health reform. People cannot all eat the same things. Some articles of food that are wholesome and palatable to one person, may be hurtful to another. Some cannot use milk, while others can subsist upon it. For some, dried beans and peas are wholesome, while others cannot digest them. Some stomachs have become so sensitive that they cannot make use of the coarser kind of graham flour. So it is impossible to make an unvarying rule by which to regulate everyone's dietetic habits.

Narrow ideas, and overstraining of small points, have been a great injury to the cause of hygiene. There may be such an effort at economy in the preparation of food, that, instead of healthful diet, it becomes a poverty stricken diet. What is the result? Poverty of the blood. I have seen several cases of disease most difficult to cure, which were due to impoverished diet. The persons thus afflicted were not compelled by poverty to adopt a meager diet, but did so in order to follow out their own erroneous idea of what constitutes health reform. Day after day, meal after meal, the same articles of food were prepared without variation, until dyspepsia and general debility resulted. ...

Never cheat the stomach out of that which health demands, and never abuse it by placing upon it a load which should not bear. Cultivate self-control. Restrain appetite; keep it under the control of reason. Do not feel it necessary to load down your table with unhealthful food when you have visitors. The health of your family and the influence upon your children should be considered, as well as the habits and tastes of your guests." *-Counsel on Health*, pp. 154-156.

"Those who understand the laws of health and who are governed by principle, will shun the extremes, both of indulgence and of restriction. ... While they do not urge their views offensively upon others, their example is a testimony in favor of right principles. These persons have a wide influence for good." *-Ministry of Healing*, page 319.

the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?" Micah 6:8. If the Lord would give grace and impart to us this virtue, then we should hold on to it, according to the following words: "Yea, all of you be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility." 1 Peter 5:5. It is left with us to humble ourselves under the mighty hand of God.

"I saw that God's people are on the enchanted ground, and that some have lost nearly all sense of the shortness of time and the worth of the soul. Pride has crept in among Sabbathkeepers—pride of dress and appearance. Said the angel, 'Sabbathkeepers will have to die to self, die to pride and love of approbation.'

Truth, saving truth, must be given to the starving people who are in darkness. I saw that many prayed for God to humble them; but if God should answer their prayers, it would be by terrible things in righteousness. It was their duty to humble themselves. I saw that if self-exaltation was suffered to come in, it would surely lead souls astray, and if not overcome would prove their ruin. When one begins to get lifted up in his own eyes and thinks he can do something, the Spirit of God is withdrawn, and he goes on in his own strength until he is overthrown. I saw that one saint, if he were right, could move the arm of God; but a multitude together, if they were wrong, would be weak and could effect nothing." — *Early Writings*, page 126.

There are examples where men did not wish to humble themselves under the mighty hand of God. King Nebuchadnezzar did not recognize God as king over him. He rejected the counsel of Daniel. (Chapter 4:24.) and therefore had to suffer the chastening of God in order to humble him. At the close of this testing time he thanked God for it

and said, "... those that walk in pride He is able to abase." Dan. 4:37. Had he humbled himself out of his own free will, he would have been spared this dreadful experience.

David has left an example that God will keep us from great dangers if we humble ourselves before Him. After all his experiences he says: "Lord, my heart is not haughty, nor mine eyes lofty: neither do I exercise myself in great matters, or in things too high for me. Surely I have behaved and quieted myself." Ps. 131:1,2. In a special measure is this virtue of the utmost importance to those, who have a part in the work of God. Here, especially, every soul is being tested whether he is really humble in heart, or ~~has~~ only the appearance of it. And unless we examine ourselves daily and are sufficiently on our guard, we shall, sooner or later, make some very sad experiences. Proverbs 16:18.

Humility is the right foundation; it sanctifies the zealous and untiring forward move; it is a protection against backsliding and a keeper in grace. The more humble here, the higher there. Luther says the following about humility:

1. To count oneself in his heart of less importance than other people, and gladly be counted less.

2. To never disrespect or judge, but at all times to look upon oneself.

3. To flee from inherited honor and to shun it, and when it must be had, to be sad about it.

4. To suffer patiently under contempt and to be glad about it.

5. To gladly associate with people of lower standing, and not to think oneself superior to them, yes, to think of oneself as the chief of sinners.

6. To obey gladly and cheerfully, not alone to the great ones, but also to the very least.

May the Lord give us grace that these words, spoken in weakness, may serve to come to the full knowledge of ourselves. Our prayer should therefore be continually: "Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts: And see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting." Ps. 139:23, 24.

DRESSES, THAT WILL ALWAYS BE MODERN, AND ARE GIVEN FREE

What dresses may these be? you may ask. Watch! and I will show them to you! We turn to the Bible and read in Col. 3:12-14: "Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, **humbleness of mind, meekness**, longsuffering, forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye. And above all these things put on **charity**."

Are these not seven gorgeous dresses which we may put on and which always stay in style? Shall we now take these seven dresses and take them under closer scrutiny:

First of all the gala dress "bowels of mercies" toward every men. It speaks out of every word, out of every glance. It fascinates mankind. Study once in the Bible how often it speaks of Jesus, "He

had compassion." And we? O how it is lacking in us! How cold and indifferent we pass by the people which are in distress! Jesus shall ask you on the judgment-day for this gala dress, and he, who is found without it, shall be lost. Read **Matth. 9:13**.

The second dress is the evening dress of "kindness." Paul, speaking of the coming of the Savior, says: "But after that the kindness and love of God our Saviour toward man appeared." Titus 3:4. Thus Jesus is called the "kindness" itself. Can you be called by that name? Those little attentions we show, are like sunrays in the family. A kind word, a smile, a bouquet of flowers, a little courtesy extended, are gilding even the poorest life. To say "Thank you!" even to the smallest service, brings happiness. The sister of **kindness** is courtesy, extended to **even** the inferior ones. Read Luke 14:14.

The third dress is the service dress of humility. Humility will gladly do the lowest chores. Jesus washed the disciples feet and added: "For I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done to you." John 13:15.

The fourth dress is the house dress of "meekness." Read Matth. 11:28-30. We must learn this meekness from Jesus. But —says one— one cannot put up with everything!— What is the greatest art? is it to be rough, to fight, **and** hit back? or to take the evil word of the fellow-men, answer back softly and pray for him? I believe the latter shows the courage of a hero. Read Matth. 5:5.

The fifth dress is the work dress

of "patience." The Bible says, "... the patient in spirit is better than the proud in spirit." Eccl. 7:3. "For ye have need of patience," says Heb. 10:36. In James chapter 5 it mentions 6 times the enduring patience in connection with the coming of the Lord. God has so much patience with us that it behooves us to also have patience with those who, perhaps, are making our lives troublesome.

The sixth dress is the dress of "Forgiving." "... forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you." Eph. 4:32. Peter asks the Lord Jesus, "... how oft shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him?" And the answer of Jesus to this you will find in Matth. 18:21-35.

The seventh dress is the wedding dress of "love." Human love loves in order to be loved again, while divine love loves even the enemy. Matth. 5:43-43. "For if ye love them which love you, what reward have ye? do not even the publicans the same?"

Where does Jesus hand to us all these gorgeous dresses? - At the cross! Say to your Saviour: "I can not do it alone; I need Thy strength Saviour, make me one of Thy chosen ones; for the words above are directed to the elect. O wash Thou me clean in Thy blood and present me with these seven dresses, in the which Thou canst glorify Thyself, and in which I, to Thy honor, may live a happy life." Come unto Jesus and get all of this — free!

The Sealing Work

"Those that overcome the world, the flesh, and the devil, will be the favored ones who shall receive the seal of the living God. Those whose hands are not clean, whose hearts are not pure, will not have the seal of the living God. Those who are planning sin and acting it, will be passed by. Only those who, in their attitude before God, are filling the position of those who are repenting and confessing their sins in the great antitypical day of atonement, will be recognized and marked as worthy of God's protection. The names of those who are steadfastly looking and waiting and watching for the appearing of their Saviour,—more earnestly and wishfully than they who wait for the morning,—will be numbered with those who are sealed. Those who, while having all the light of truth flashing upon their souls, should have works corresponding to their avowed faith, but are allured by sin, setting up idols in their hearts, corrupting their souls before God, and polluting those who unite with them in sin, will have their names blotted out of the book of life, and be left in midnight darkness, having no oil in their vessels with their lamps. 'Unto you that fear My name shall the Sun of Righteousness arise with healing in His wings.'

This sealing of the servants of God is the same that was shown to Ezekiel in vision."—"Test. to Ministers," p. 445.

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REVIVAL AND LATTER RAIN (concluded from page 9)

Witness, and they will receive the latter rain, and thus be fitted for translation." *-Testimonies, Vol. 1, pp. 187, 188.*

All these statements in the messages of the Spirit of prophecy are in full accord with the statements of the Scriptures, but they present the matter more in detail and in the common language of our time. The way is made so plain that none need fail. And a truly joyous experience awaits the people of God when they receive the showers of the latter rain:

"I heard those clothed with the armor speak forth the truth with great power. It had effect. Many had been bound; some wives by their husbands, and some children by their parents. The honest who had been prevented from hearing the truth now eagerly laid hold

upon it. All fear of their relatives was gone, and the truth alone was exalted to them. They had been hungering and thirsting for truth; it was dearer and more precious than life. I asked what had made this great change. An angel answered, 'It is the latter rain, the refreshing from the presence of the Lord, the loud cry of the third angel.'" *-Early Writings, p. 271.*

In view of such a visitation from the Lord, how earnestly we should make the "needful preparation" for its reception.

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