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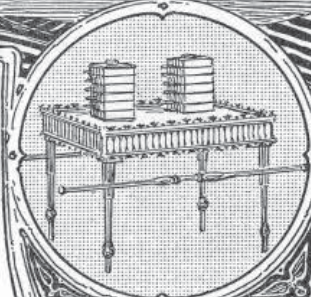
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*"The Lamb opened the seventh seal." "Ye have approached Mount Zion, and the City of the Living God, the Heavenly Jerusalem. . . See that ye refuse not Him that speaketh . . . saying . . . 'Yet once more I shake not the earth only but also heaven' . . . Wherefore, receiving a Kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and Godly fear." "Christ being come as High Priest . . . by a greater and more perfect Tabernacle . . . obtained eternal deliverance."—Rev. 8: 1; Heb. 12: 22, 25, 26, 28; 9: 11, 12.*



# Motto Text 2013

John 8: 31 & 32

*If you continue in my word, then are you my disciples indeed;  
And you shall know the truth and the truth shall set you free.*

We perceive, then, that Christ is the sufficiency which God has provided for us in all respects, “who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness [justification], and sanctification, and redemption [deliverance]” (1 Cor. 1: 30). We first received, through learning of His sacrificial work on our behalf, necessary wisdom, instruction and guidance, by which we may through His merit come to the Father, and He is our wisdom all along the way. The Heavenly Father had a glorious Plan before the foundation of the world; this was hinted in Eden, just after Adam’s fall. In due time God gave a further intimation of that Plan through Enoch and through

Abraham, and still later through Moses and the Prophets, but how the world was to benefit from this text was hidden, kept secret.

When Jesus came the way of life was opened up, made manifest. “He [Christ] has brought life and immortality to light through the Gospel” (2 Tim. 1: 10). The essence of the Gospel was never even declared, much less known, before Jesus came. The Apostle Paul says that this salvation “at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard him” (Heb. 2: 3). Our Lord began to speak it; but the secret of the Gospel was not fully revealed until after Pentecost. It was not until after Jesus was anointed of the Holy Spirit that He Himself began to comprehend it clearly—not until then did He begin to set before us the way of life and immortality. Even then His words were parabolic, and not until His followers were given the Holy Spirit were they able to enter into “the deep things of God,” His wisdom. In addition to His being our wisdom, Jesus becomes our righteousness. He covers our sins. He tentatively imputes to us His own righteousness, the merit of His own sacrifice. And this imputation brings us to a condition of righteousness—not actual, but reckoned, which God is pleased to recognize in the way He has arranged.

Our Lord does not become the righteousness of everybody—not even of those who give some heed to His words—but *fully to those alone who accept Him as Savior and come to the point of full submission to the Father’s will.* There is good reason for this; for only those who offer themselves in consecration would be eternally profited by a justification by faith now. It is only those who come to Him now to walk in His steps that have faith justification with a seal set upon it.

The step of consecration on the part of those who become Jesus’ disciples is in the Scriptures called sanctification. But it is not the same sanctification which comes to us through Him. God says, “Sanctify yourselves, and I will sanctify you”—that is, set yourselves apart, and then I will set you apart; I will put you into this place where you desire to come. So, to all of us who come to the Father through Him, Jesus not only becomes our justification,



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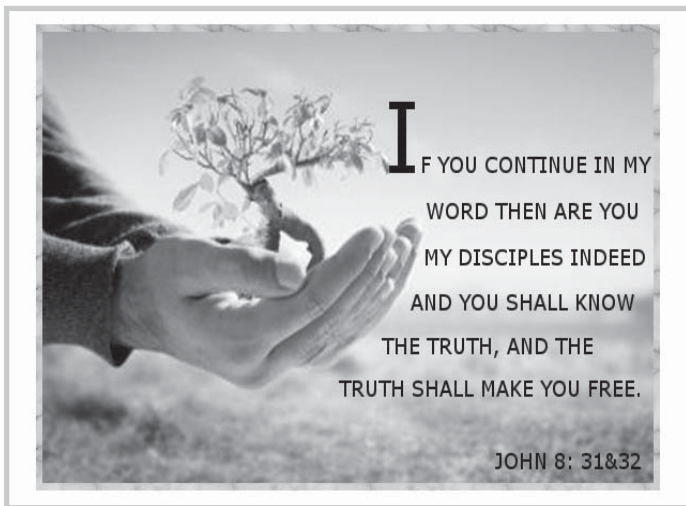
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Free from all sects, parties, organizations, and creeds of men, but bound to God as it understands His Word, this magazine stands for —

- The defense of the Parousia Truth, given by the Lord through “that Servant,” as basic for all further development of the Truth;
- The defense of the arrangements, charter and will given by the Lord through “that Servant,” as binding on controlling corporations and associations among Truth people; and for
- The exposition and defense of the unfolding Epiphany-Basileia Truth, as meat in due season for the Lord’s people, as He is pleased to provide it.

but through Him we also have sanctification—the complete setting apart. We are accepted in Him, and His grace and advocacy enables us to attain complete and final sanctification.

God sets us apart by giving us the Holy Spirit. This is scripturally called a foretaste, or earnest of our inheritance (which will be experienced to the full in the resurrection). But this earnest of our inheritance is given us with the intention of our growing in the process of sanctification already begun in us until its completion. We attain this through Christ, Yes, “If you continue in my word.” Those of the elect who make satisfactory progress in sanctification will have, in the resurrection, deliverance from imperfection in all their faculties—mental, moral, physical, artistic and religious. Christ becomes their deliverance. We shall then attain the full completion of sons of God.



In all these things Christ is the center; through Him alone can we obtain these blessings. While the Father provides them, they are given through His Son, who is the Father’s representative. Jesus received the Spirit of the Father and has shed it forth upon us. God who has “raised up the Lord Jesus from the dead shall raise us up also by Jesus” (2 Cor. 4: 14) that is to say, Jesus will be the active agent. But there are certain features of the Divine Plan which Jesus will accomplish in His own name; for instance, the world’s blessing and uplifting. While the Father is the Author of the entire Plan, yet this blessing comes to the world exclusively through the sacrifice of the Son. Christ will do the work of the Millennial Age, and will then deliver mankind up to the Father (1 Cor. 15: 24). Jesus’ special work for the elect is different. It is not the Son who has bestowed His Spirit upon the us, though it is through the Son that we receive this Divine favor. The

price, or cost, of obtaining this special Divine favor is the sacrifice of our lives. The particular thing which the elect receive more directly from the Son is justification. Yet this justification of the Father, is not an actual justification, but an imputed justification. It is a special arrangement on the Father’s part for us that we may come into his favor now in advance of the world—special fruits unto God and the Lamb.

In His prayer to the Father our Lord said, “Sanctify them through your truth; your word is truth” (John 17: 17). By the word *truth* Jesus was here referring to the Father’s revealing of His Divine Plan through the Holy Spirit; and the sanctifying influence would come through the knowledge of that Truth, received into a good and honest heart. This sanctification, or setting apart, strictly speaking, began with the Pentecostal blessing, and still continues to operate. And this sanctification progresses as long as the individual allows the Truth to have its designed influence in his life.

We see a difference between our text (John 8: 31, 32) and the one just quoted. In the latter case (John 17: 17) it is the Word of Jehovah. In John 8: 31, 32 it is the word of Jesus. Jesus says, “If you continue in my word,” you will become more and more acquainted with the Heavenly Father, and will know His will, His way, His methods, and you will know His Word. All things are working out the will of the Father. If we see and do the will of the Father the sanctifying process will follow. Jesus says to all, I am the way; I am the truth; I am the life. I am the only one through whom you can come to the Father; and abiding in me will bring you the grand consummation.

These words of Jesus, “*If you continue in my word, then are you my disciples indeed; and you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free,*” were not addressed especially to the twelve Apostles, but to the Jews in general who were sympathetically drawn (John 8: 31). Nicodemus may have been one of these; he was inclined to stumble over the spiritual things; he could not see how one could be born again (John 3: 1-12). The Holy Spirit was not yet given, we read, “because Jesus was not yet glorified” (John 7: 39). The Apostle Paul tells us that “the natural man receives not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned” (1 Cor. 2: 14). But some saw enough in Jesus to attract them to Him. These, in honesty of heart, said, surely His words are true, and His criticisms of our nation are true. However, we do not see how He is going to fulfill these prophecies; but He

says to us, hold on and you will understand later. Some did hold on—“over five hundred brethren” (1 Cor. 15: 6). As Jesus had promised, these were given the privilege of becoming disciples indeed.

When Pentecost came, the Heavenly Father received all who had continued in Jesus’ word, and they were begotten of the Holy Spirit into the Lord’s family. Then they began to see spiritual things—they were illuminated. All the light did not come at once, however they progressed as the days and years went by. They were indeed Christ’s true disciples—such followers of Jesus as the Father was pleased to recognize. They were not only made free from the condemnation of the Law Covenant, but also made free from the Adamic condemnation (Rom. 8: 1). They received a new will, a new mind, and the Holy Spirit showed “the deep things of God” to them. Jehovah is a wonderful God, and His great Plan of the Ages is marvelous beyond expression! Our hearts rejoice that our eyes have been anointed to see these glorious things hidden to the many during this Gospel Age, knowing that all the blind eyes shall yet be opened, and all the deaf ears will be made to hear! Yes, disciples indeed.

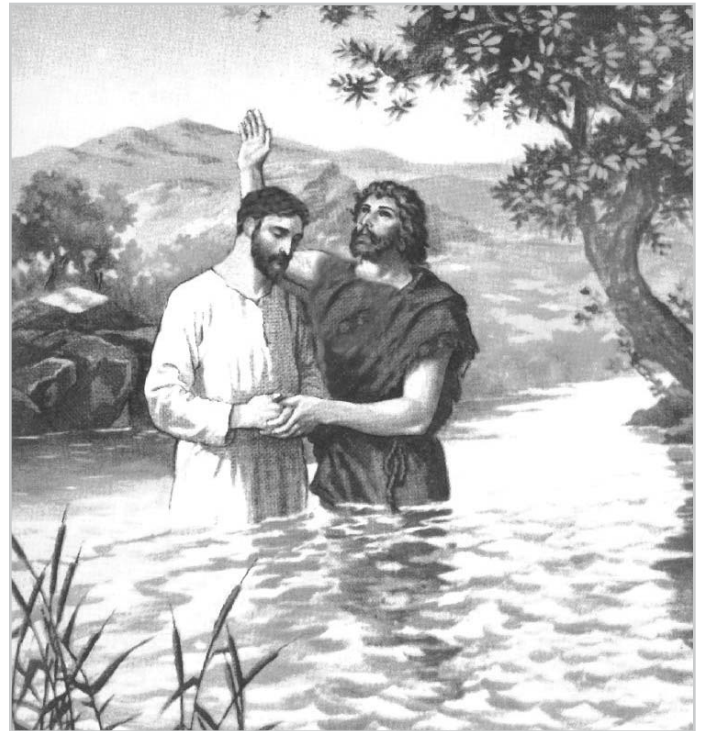
The Lord’s expression, “Then are you my disciples indeed,” implies a distinction between real and merely nominal disciples. Since we desire to continue to be Jesus’ sincere disciples, let us mark the expressed condition: “If you continue in my word, then are you my disciples indeed.” The hypocrisy of maintaining only a nominal discipleship is an abomination to the Lord.

It is a blessed thing to take the first step in the Christian life—that of repentance and acceptance of Christ as our Redeemer and Lord and yielding ourselves fully to the Father through Him. The reward of this step depends entirely upon our continuance in His Word, in the attitude of true disciples. The disposition of human pride is to wander away from the simplicity of Divine truth and to seek out new theories and philosophies of our own, or to pry into those of others who desire to be considered wise and great according to this world’s estimate.

The reward of continued discipleship is, “You shall know the truth,” not, you shall be “ever learning and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth” (2 Tim. 3: 7). Here is the mistake many make; they fail to continue in the Word of the Lord, they delve into various human philosophies, which ignore or pervert the Word of the Lord and set up opposing theories. To those who seek for the Truth among these human theories, there is no

promise that they shall ever find it, and they never do.

Divine truth is found only in channels appointed by Jehovah—our Lord, the Apostles and the Prophets. To continue in the doctrines set forth in the inspired writings of the Prophets and the Apostles, to study and meditate upon them, to trust implicitly in them, and to faithfully conform our characters to them, is what is implied in “continuing in the word” of the Lord. And this is entirely



Then cometh Jesus from Galilee to Jordan unto John, to be baptized of him. Matt. 3: 14

compatible with the heeding of all the helps which the Lord raises up from among our brethren, as enumerated by the Apostle Paul (Eph. 4: 11-15; 1 Cor. 12: 12-14). The Lord has always brought forward, and will to the end raise up, such helps for the edification of the true disciples; but it is the duty of every one to carefully prove their teachings by the infallible Word.

If we continue in the Word of the Lord as earnest and sincere disciples, we shall indeed “know the truth,” be “established in the present truth [the Truth as due],” and “be rooted and grounded in the truth”; we shall be “firm in the faith,” and “able to give a reason for the hope that is in us”; to “earnestly contend for the faith once delivered to the saints”; to “war a good warfare”; to “witness a good confession” and firmly “endure hardship as good soldiers of Jesus Christ,” even unto the end.

We do not come into the knowledge of the Truth at

a single bound; but gradually, step by step, we are led into the Truth. Every step is one of sure and certain progress leading to a higher vantage ground for further attainments both in knowledge and in established character. The Truth acquired, step by step, becomes a sanctifying power, bringing forth in our lives its blessed fruits of righteousness, peace, joy in the Holy Spirit, love, meekness, faith, patience and every virtue and every grace, which time and cultivation ripen to a glorious maturity.

Not only will the true disciple know the Truth and be sanctified by it, but the Lord also said, “The truth shall make you free.” Those who have received the Truth know by blessed experience something of its liberating power. As soon as any measure of the Truth is received into a good and honest heart, it begins to strike off the fetters of sin, ignorance, superstition, fear and man-made institutions and organizations. Its health-restoring beams penetrate the darkest recesses of our hearts and minds, and thus invigorate our entire being.

Can sin endure against the light of Truth? NO, and for those who continue to live in sin when a sufficiency of light has been received to manifest its deformity must inevitably lose the light they once had; because they are unworthy of it. Ignorance and superstition must vanish before this light. What a blessed realization it is to be liberated! Yet millions are still under the blinding influence of error. Under its delusions they fear and reverence some of the most basic tools and organizations of Satan for their oppression and degradation, because these hypocritically claim Divine appointment; and they have been made to fear God as a vindictive tyrant, consigning the vast majority of His creatures to an eternity of torment or annihilation in Armageddon. Thank God! We who have

received the Truth have awakened from that horrible nightmare and the bondage of Satan over us is broken.

We, who are “disciples indeed,” are made free from the fear that we now see coming upon the whole world as the great civil and ecclesiastical systems that have so long ruled the world are being terribly shaken. All thinking people are in dread of the possible outcome of anarchy and terror; the fear of the multitudes is increasing as we near the awful crisis toward which we are rapidly hastening, and as the danger becomes more and more apparent. Yet in the midst of it all, and with the fullest assurance of the infallible Word of God as to the terrors of the conflict through which the world will soon have to pass, the true disciples of Christ who abide in His Word are not afraid, but rejoice; for they know that God’s object in permitting this mighty storm is to clear the moral ambiance of the world, and that after the storm there shall come, by Jehovah’s providence, an abiding peace. The restored world, instructed in the Truth, will realize the necessities of the situation, and have confidence in the Divine providence that can make man praise Him. Yes, make all things work together for good. A Blessed Promise!

The Motto Text for 2013 (John 8: 31, 32) brings two great blessings to the fully consecrated—Hope and Promise! “If you continue in my word, then are you my disciples indeed; and you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.” Vs. 36 “If the Son therefore shall make you free, you shall be free indeed.” To the called according to His purpose, fully consecrated, having received this wondrous favor from the Lord, surely will continue in it, giving no heed to seducing doctrines and organizations, rather bringing forth its blessed fruitage in our lives!

## *THE TIME OF OUR LORD’S RETURN*

### *Part II*

#### **THE PROPHETIC DAYS OF DANIEL**

(5) Take another line of prophecy: we find that the 1260 days, and the 1290 days, and the 1335 days, so particularly set forth in Daniel’s prophecy (Dan. 12: 7, 11, 12), and confirmed in Revelation, as the 1260 days ending in 1799, (539 A.D.+1260=1799); the 1290 days ending in 1829, and the 1335 days ending in 1874 (Rev. 11: 3; 13: 5). Our Second Adventist friends applied these “days of Daniel,” somewhat similarly, but they abandoned them after 1844 passed (the date they expected our Lord’s return) when

they failed to see Jesus with their natural eyesight, in a body of flesh and with Calvary’s scars. They have dropped these “days of Daniel” entirely, because they find no way of applying them which would prolong them beyond 1844. The fault is not with the prophetic days but with their incorrect 1844 date and the wrong things expected. They, in common with other groups and individuals look for the Second Advent to be visible to men’s natural eyes; in error expecting that the Gospel Age, which has been a spirit and faith epoch, will end with a flesh and sight

fulfillment; in expecting that the spiritual kingdom of Satan will be followed by a fleshly kingdom of Christ. But the true Watchers among the Adventists, as well as in other denominations, have gotten the eyes of their understanding opened by the anointing of the promised eye salve (Rev. 3: 18), and therefore have learned that Christ's Return is invisible to the natural eyes. It was concerning this last period that the angel declared to the Prophet, "Blessed is he that waits, and comes to the 1335 days." What blessedness? We answer, a joy of heart and rejoicing to the Watchers is what is here intimated.

It is since this prophetic date, Oct. 1874, where Daniel's 1335 days intimated that a *great blessing would begin*, where the Jubilee types indicated that the *restitution of all things would begin* (which implies the Second Presence of the great Restorer), and where the parallelism of the two houses of Israel shows that the Second Presence of our Lord as *the Great Reaper is due* — from this date a great blessing *has come* to the Watchers. Since *then* the Word of God has opened before us in a most marvelous manner. Since *then* the sure word of prophecy as a lamp to our feet has shown us many evidences that we are in the end of the Age. Since *then* the day-star has been rising in the hearts of the Watchers, and has illuminated our minds, releasing us from the terrible nightmare of error respecting eternal torment, revealing to us the true character of our Heavenly Father, making plain to us the necessity of the great atonement for sin, and showing us distinctly the object of the permission of evil and revealing, one by one, various features of the Divine Plan: the "high calling" of the Church to the Divine nature and to joint-heirship with Christ in His Millennial Kingdom, and the resulting blessing of restitution to human perfection for the world of mankind in general. All who have been brought "out of darkness into His marvelous light" can appreciate the words of our Lord, and heartily say, "Blessed are our ears, for they hear, and our eyes, for they see; for many prophets and many righteous persons have desired to know these things, and have not known them" (Matt. 13: 16, 17).

### SIGNS OF THE TIMES

(6) We could refer to other prophecies and types in the Scriptures which are being fulfilled in the signs of the times, and which show that we are living in the "Harvest" time of this Age, in the *parousia* and *epiphaneia* of the Son of Man, but we will not do so in this connection. The fact that this present world, as He predicted, continues in its usual course; eating, drinking, planting, building, *etc.*, and *knows not* of His presence, so far from being an evidence against these prophetic testimonies, quite to the

contrary, shows us that the fulfilment has come, just as the Master predicted. That the day of the Lord, the day of His presence, has come upon the world as a thief in the night, secretly, quietly, stealthily, unknown. The only ones favored with a knowledge of events transpiring on the other side of the veil being the Watchers, who, if they have slumbered at all, have nevertheless maintained a waiting attitude of readiness for the announcement, The Lord is now present in His Second Advent!

### PYRAMID CORROBORATIONS

The six lines of proof (prophetic time and sign features) pointing out 1874 and 1914, are marvelously corroborated by the Great Pyramid measurements. See Chap. 10 in Vol. 3 of "*Studies in the Scriptures.*" God Himself tells us that He has made a corroborative witness of His Word and Plan in Egypt (Isa. 19: 19, 20). The Great Pyramid, by its location, structure, passages, rooms and measurements, proves itself to be this very corroborative witness to the Lord. In connection with the Grand Gallery one of the measurements shows that 1874 would be the time of our Lord's Return; and at the meeting place of the descending passage and the pit the Pyramid measurements point out 1914 as the date when the overthrow of Satan's empire was due to begin, which we show elsewhere began with the World War. In this way the Bible time and sign prophecies on our Lord's Return in 1874 and on the beginning of the destruction of Satan's empire in 1914, are remarkably corroborated by the Pyramid.

### "BEHOLD THE BRIDEGROOM"

This announcement was not, Behold, the Bridegroom *cometh*, but "Behold the Bridegroom!" already here, present, knocking gently with the prophecies to arouse the virgins, but not to arouse the world (Rev. 3: 20). The passage as just quoted is the reading of the oldest Greek manuscripts, which omit "*cometh.*" Our Lord says, "If any man hear my voice [knock] and open the door, I will come in to *him* and dine with *him.*" This message to the Laodicean phase of the Church, intimates very clearly (1) that the "knock" and "voice" will be inaudible to natural ears, and heard only by the ears of the understanding, the hearing of faith; (2) that it will not be a denominational knock or call (as to Adventists, Presbyterians, *etc.*), but (3) that it will be a knock that must be heard individually and responded to individually. "Any man" who hears the "knock" or "voice," if he so wills, may *exercise faith* and open the door of his understanding and realize his Lord's Second Presence. The man who never hears the "knock" is not counted worthy to hear it. But those who hear are evidently not compelled to respond and to accept

the present, knocking King. He says, *if* the hearing one *opens the door*, “I will come in.” However, only those who recognize the “knock” and who respond and by faith open to the Lord and receive Him as their *present* King, are privileged to have the great blessing of spiritual nourishment, the feast of “meat in due season,” “things new and old,” which the Master promised to provide at that time, to strengthen the faithful for the judgments, trials, testings and siftings which must “begin with the house of God.” “I will come in to him and dine with him and he with me” (Rev. 3: 20 and Luke 12: 37).

As we softly whisper, “Behold the Bridegroom!” it is not with any hope of arousing the world to faith in the Lord’s presence. They are not worthy to know and would only misuse the knowledge now. By and by, in the Lord’s due time, they shall know, in the end of the period of the *epiphaneia*, or *apokalupsis*, of the Son of Man. They will be awakened by the great crash of the day of trouble. We do, however, promulgate the message, “Behold the Bridegroom [present]!” with the confident expectation that all who were of the “virgin” class (the pure, the justified and consecrated), were permitted to hear the message, were aroused by it, trimmed their lamps, examined the scriptures, investigated the subject, and found the message true, before the great trouble would be over. We well know, however, from the Lord’s prophetic parable, that among those who were aroused to investigation, there were two classes, because there were both wise and foolish “virgins.”

The wise virgins not only consecrated their all, but also were faithful unto death, living not to sin, nor to self, nor to sectarianism, but to the Lord. These, as intimated in the parable, found no difficulty in trimming their lamps and

recognizing the presence of the Bridegroom. The foolish virgins, overcharged with the cares of this life, or the deceitfulness of riches (Matt. 13: 22, wealth, reputation, influence, *etc.*), did not have within themselves (“in their vessels”) a sufficiency of the oil (Holy Spirit); and consequently they were unable to get the light in time to go in with the wise virgins before the elect number was completed, and the door of opportunity to become a part of the Bride of Christ, was forever closed. True, they later do obtain the oil, as is shown in the parable, but too late to be of the “Little Flock,” who are accounted worthy to share the Kingdom and to escape the greatest severity of the Time of Trouble which is upon the world. The foolish virgins were obliged to pass through the trouble with the world, and shared in its distress, and in disappointment, represented in the parable by the words, “wailing and gnashing of teeth.”

However, amid this great tribulation they cleansed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb (Rev. 7: 14). It was their blessed privilege to proclaim the glorious message, “Hallelujah! for the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth!” Despite their sorrows and sufferings incidental to the destruction of their flesh and their cleansing themselves, they rejoiced through their tears that the Bride, the Lamb’s Wife, had been completed in holiness and in number, and proclaimed her glorification with her Lord (Rev. 19: 6-8). They, with joy, in heaven partake as bridesmaids at the marriage supper of the Lamb (Rev. 19: 9; Psa. 45: 14, 15). Being spirit beings like the angels, they will be privileged to serve the Lord in His Temple, as Levites (Rev. 7: 15); while Jesus and His Bride, the wise virgins, will be living stones of the Temple, and Priests (Rev. 1: 6; 5: 10; 20: 6).

## The Gospel Age in Brief

Micah, Chapter 5: 5 —Part IV

We have described six stages of the Church and six principal men. Now we come to the last period of the Gospel Age Church, the Laodicean stage, which has two principal men. The first was the Parousia Messenger (Matt. 24: 45-47), “who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his Lord has

### SEVEN STAGES OF THE CHURCH

Ephesus 29-69 AD

Smyrna 69-313 AD

Pergamos 313-799 AD

Thyatira 799-1309 AD

Sardis 1309-1479 AD

Philadelphia 1479-1874 AD

**Laodicean 1874-1950**

made ruler over His household, to give them meat in due season.” The second was the Epiphany Messenger. He was a principal man. We read in Revelation 19 of a message that the Epiphany Messenger was to declare; that he was to give to the Great Company a charge as a voice from the throne

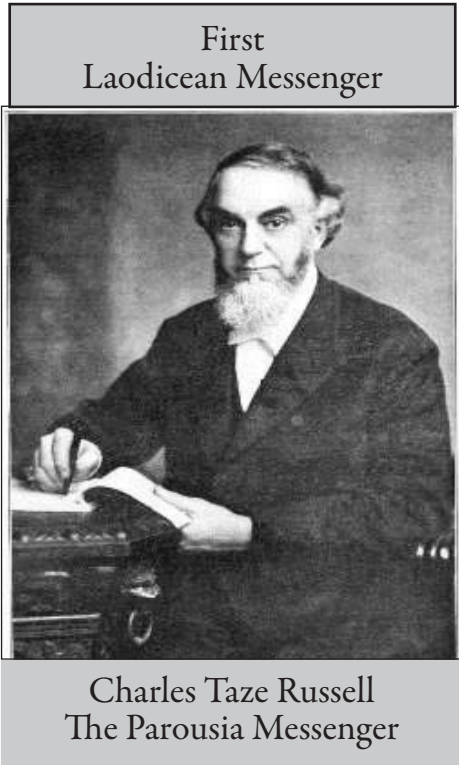
saying, “The Lord God omnipotent reigns! The marriage of the Lamb is come, and His wife has made herself ready.” Then the call to the Great Multitude, “Blessed is he that is called to the marriage supper of the Lamb.” After this message was given by the Epiphany Messenger, the Apostle John, representing the LORD’s people on Patmos in their suffering condition, bowed at his feet to worship this angel, this Epiphany Messenger, for the Parousia Messenger never gave this message. It was not due in his time. It was for the Epiphany Messenger to give, “And I bowed at his feet (the Epiphany Messenger) and he said to me, ‘See that you do not do that! I am one of your brethren!’” The Epiphany Messenger was one of our brethren. Praise the LORD! One of his parting messages, which is in print, warns us against angel worship. We are not to worship the Parousia Messenger or the Epiphany Messenger. However, we may defend their teachings. We may love and appreciate their teachings. We may resist those sifters who come forth and now say, “Oh, there are priests still in the earth!” There was a sifter who once taught and believed the words of the LORD, that the sin offering would be from antitypical Abel (namely the Lord Jesus Christ, whose blood speaks better than the blood of typical Abel) unto the blood of Zacharias. He taught not only to the blood of Zacharias, but a few more; that there are a few more still here. He gained a following. He gained some disciples that like to think that they are priests, when they are not. They follow fiction and fables.

They are turning away their ears from the Truth to fables. But, in open contradiction to what the LORD says, “unto Zacharias,” he brazenly stood up in his literature and tried to get others to join with him in contradicting the LORD in saying, “Oh, no! There are priests still here in the earth after antitypical Zacharias is gone.” Watch out, dear friends! Satan is busy! Satan has one good quality, but it is used in a bad way, and that is determination. He never gives up. No, Satan never gives up. He will fight to the bitter end, even after he knows he is fighting a losing battle. Brethren, we must walk circumspectly. So these seven shepherds and eight principal men have been raised up in the Little Flock, in the Church. The last principal man finished his earthly sojourn and we are now beyond the forty-nine star members and their ministrations to the

Church, yet we are holding faithfully to the Truth that the LORD gave through those stars that He held up in His right hand, supporting them. Oh, they had imperfections. They were not perfect, but when we can prove what they wrote by searching the Scriptures, as the Bereans of old, if these things be so, and we find teachings supported by the Word of God, then we can hold to those teachings through thick and thin, and the LORD is bound to give us the victory. Truth crushed to earth shall rise again.

The LORD said that he had these seven shepherds and eight principal men that would be raised up among His Little Flock, among the Church, Zion. Micah 5: 6 “They shall waste the land of Assyria with the sword (the sword of the spirit, the sword of Truth),” and it certainly does waste the land of the Assyrians. It wastes the land of those who would desolate our inheritance of the Truth and the spirit of the Truth; those that would come in and tread down our palaces, for the Word of God is a sword that divides asunder to the minutest parts. The Word of God is a mouth and wisdom such as none can gainsay nor resist. “They shall waste the land of Assyria with the sword and even the land of Nimrod (that is Babylon) at the entrances thereof [their prominent errors like the trinity, eternal torment, consciousness of the dead—entering heaven as soon as you die, even though you are dead].” They have a lot of entrances or prominent doctrines, and it is at the entrances

thereof that the Truth refutes their errors. “He shall deliver us from the Assyrian (from the errorists) when he comes into our land and when he treads within our borders.” V. 7 “And the remnant of Jacob shall be (here we come back to Jacob, fleshly Israel) in the middle as in the middle of many people as is dew from the LORD, as the showers upon the grass that carries not for man or waits for the sons of men.” This reminds us of Deut. 32: 2 where we read that God says, “My doctrine shall drop as the rain, as the dew upon the tender herb and as showers on the grass.” The gentle truths, the A-B-C truths, the milk of the word as dew on the herb and as showers, the Epiphany Truths, the deeper Truths upon the grass (those that are more fully developed) and God’s Word is there spoken of as the doctrine and the



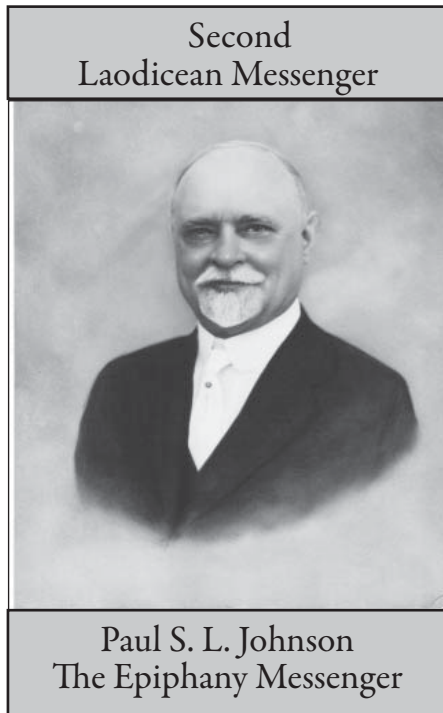
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dew represents the Truth. We have something here in this connection in Zechariah 8: 12, 13 “For the seed shall be prosperous (this is in Restitution), the vine shall give her fruit, and the ground shall give her increase, and the heavens (the spiritual phase of the kingdom also) shall give their dew.” The Truth is going to come from heaven. “And I will cause the remnant of this people to possess all these things (the remnant, those faithful ones of Israel are going to possess the Truth and declare it to others for they are the earthly seed of Abraham that will bless all the families of the earth). It shall come to pass that as you were a curse among the nations (among the heathen) O house of Judah and house of Israel (all twelve tribes) so will I save you and you shall be a blessing. Fear not, but let your hands be strong.” We have heard from Jews that were rather discouraged. They ask, “Has God deserted Israel? See what happened in Russia! See what happened in Germany at the hands of Hitler!” No! They should read Zech. 8: 12, 13 regarding Israel (not only Israel, but the house of Judah also); God will save them and they will be a blessing to the land. In Micah 5: 8 it says, “And the remnant of Jacob shall be among the Gentiles in the middle of many people as a lion among the beasts of the forest, as a young lion among the flocks of sheep: who, if he goes through, both treads down and tears in pieces, and none can deliver.” What does it mean? It means that Israel will stand in the strength of the LORD. The LORD will arise and fight for them as in the days of old. Their enemies will be dispersed, not only at the time of Jacob’s Trouble, but throughout the Millennium they will subdue the nations, the peoples through the Truth. They will be as a lion and as a young lion among the flock. They are going to destroy the wicked and destroy the error with the light of righteousness and Truth. V. 9 “Your hand shall be lifted up upon your enemies, and all your enemies shall be cut off,” either by subjugation to the Truth or by destruction in the second death. V. 10 “And it shall come to pass in that day (the Millennial Age) says the LORD, that I will cut off your horses out of the middle of you and I will destroy your chariots.” Israel is not to trust anymore in the arm of flesh, in their teachings or their organizations. They are to look to God in Restitution. He says, (V. 11) “And I will cut off your cities” (the correct translation is *enemies*, not *cities*); “I

will cut off your *enemies* of the land and throw down all your strongholds.” What are the strongholds? They are political power, military arsenals including nuclear weapons, alliances of nations, ecclesiastical powers and financial consortiums. God will take down all those strongholds. They are not what we are to trust in. V. 12 “And I will cut off all witchcrafts out of your land and you shall have no more soothsayers.” He will cut out all speculations, all prognostications, all wild guesses, all error, witchcraft. V. 13 “The graven images also will I cut off and the standing images out of the middle of you and you shall no more worship the work of your hands.” He is beginning to do this now. There is much more yet to be done in Jacob’s Trouble and thereafter. V. 14 “And



I will pluck up the groves out of the middle of you and I will destroy your cities (*enemies*). In the Revised Version and in the Authorized Version, in the margin, and in Leeser’s translation it is translated *enemies*, not *cities*. V. 15 “And I will execute vengeance in my anger and fury (upon the heathen, upon the wicked, upon the nations) such as they have not heard.” A better translation is in the Revised Version and in Leeser you find it similar to this. “And I will execute vengeance in my anger and fury upon those that have not harkened.” Upon the heathen, upon the nations, and it says such as “they have not heard.” It rather should be “upon those that have not harkened.” That is, those that during Restitution may conform outwardly, but have not really harkened to the

Word of God and to His Holy Spirit. Those that will not hear and obey, they will be cut off. God will execute His vengeance upon all of the goat class, those that have not harkened.

We have here a wonderful prophecy, an epitome of the Gospel Age, but also a forecast of what is ahead in the glorious Millennium, the Restitution of the world of mankind and the cutting off in a destruction of those that will not harken.

We have covered these two chapters very briefly, but it has given us perhaps an epitome, just a hasty glance at a very brief summary of what God has arranged for the Church, for Zion, and for the house of Israel, and the house of Judah, and for the world of mankind. What a beautiful Bible we have. Wherever we turn its pages it speaks to us. May God’s name be praised!

# 2011 ANNUAL REPORT FROM GERMANY

Schwelm, 11 January 2012

Dear Brother Ralph Herzig: Loving greetings in Jesus' precious name!

We rejoice that another time feature of God's plan of salvation has found its fulfillment in this past year and that we are still under the providential care of the Almighty (Psa. 55: 22). How thankful we are for everything especially for the truth as due by which our Lord has blessed our hearts during the past year (Prov. 4: 18).

Our Heavenly Father poured out for us rich blessings at the two General Conventions, the Spring Convention in Velbert and the Autumn Convention in Diez. Our regular guest speaker (for some years) our dear Bro. Piotr Woznicki by his zeal and energy was for all of us a wonderful example of true consecration to the Lord. Services of our local brothers on the conventions were also means of spiritual blessings.

Our dear brethren have finally finished the interactive Chart of the Ages which was launched in December on our German Bible Standard website. Some of our brethren are still engaged by gathering and translating more information for the website dedicated to Bro. Russell.

Our dear Brother Ralph we appreciate your labor of love and that of all dear ones at the Bible House and in our prayer we remember daily all of you that the Lord may give you His strength and joy as you are serving us with truth as due. (Psa. 28: 7)

Dear Brother we send to you, the Bible House brethren and all Lord's dear ones throughout the world our loving greetings.

Your Bro. by His grace,  
Janusz Puzdrowski

## SUMMARY OF THE WORK IN GERMANY

Jan. 1, 2011 - Dec. 31, 2011

### CORRESPONDENCE

Letters and postals received..... 342  
Letters and postals sent..... 289

### LITERATURE CIRCULATED

Die Gegenwartige Wahrheit [the Present Truth].... 135

### PILGRIM AND EVANGELIST SERVICE

Pilgrims..... 1  
Auxiliary Pilgrims..... 4  
Evangelists..... 6  
Semi-public Meetings..... 38  
Attendance ..... 2,448  
Parlor Meetings ..... 398  
Attendance ..... 4,333  
Kilometers travelled..... 42,352

### FINANCES

Receipts  
Balance from previous year ..... €3,160.92  
Subscriptions..... €242.00  
Miscellaneous Income ..... €3,894.63  
Total..... €7,297.55

### EXPENSES

Postage ..... €471.47  
Office, Internet, Equipment etc..... €1,745.62  
Total..... €2,217.09  
Balance on hand Dec. 31, 2011..... €5,080.46

# 2011 ANNUAL REPORT FROM INDIA

Dear Bro. Ralph: Christian greetings! Gal. 1:3.

My heart overflows with gratitude to our dear Heavenly Father, for the beneficial and sweet moments and opportunity given to us to serve Him better during the last year. We thank God for His rich blessings and graciousness towards us in the year 2011. And I want to express my gratitude to you for the magazines which you are sending forth that are "meat in due season" and "Present Truth." Thank you for sending magazines and books to India which we are using for the Lord's purpose and colporteur works. The English magazines are the 58 — PRESENT TRUTH AND HERALD OF CHRIST'S EPIPHANY

roots of the LHMM's work, which are spreading all over India. Moreover we have entered into another state "Andhra Pradesh" and two families are now studying the truth diligently. Thank you very much for evaluating and appointing some of our Indian brethren to do the Lord's work better and as a result the LHMM's work in India is gradually increasing. Regarding the literature work, as usual our magazines are translated into three languages i.e., Tamil, Malayalam and Kannada. The work of our new website [www.biblestandardindia.com](http://www.biblestandardindia.com) is great and has been very useful in spreading God's Word. This

year seven brothers and two sisters symbolized their consecration through baptism.

### CONVENTIONS IN INDIA

Our first convention for the year 2011 was held in Hosur on April 22, 23. Nearly 100 brethren attended. The second convention was held, for one day, in Kerala at Vakathanam on Mar 13, 2011. We also observed the opening of the LHMM Meeting Hall.

A General Convention was held at Nazareth in the month of October for three days and the brethren from four states Tamilnadu, Kerala, Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh brought the attendance to nearly 200 brethren. On December 17, 18 the last convention for the year was held at Thottakad in Kerala in our LHMM Hall with the cooperation of our Aux. Pilgrim K.O. Varghese and our appointees.

We ended the year remembering the encouragement and rich blessings that each convention brought to all who attended! Psa. 62: 12.

### PUBLIC MEETINGS

Our first public meeting of this year was held in Tamilnadu, on February 22, 2011. It was arranged by Bro. Ramesh who came to us from the Pentecostal Church. He was a pastor there. After coming into contact with the Truth, Bro. Romesh and his close friend,

Bro. Solomon studied the Truth literature and rapidly understood basic Biblical doctrines and principles and immediately started teaching them, in both classes, to all class members. The public meeting helped many to see the Word of God with the eye of understanding and accepted it and as usual some opposed. Two more public meetings were also conducted in the same venue on different dates.

In Kerala, Evangelist Thomas Mathew conducted a public meeting at Changanachery in Malayalam successfully, with 60 members attending.

#### Printing Project

We are waiting to install the printing press in our own LHMM building. The construction work is in progress. Due to the very heavy rains in South India the building work is progressing slowly.

In closing, I'd like to extend warm Christian love and my gratitude for all you do, especially for your prayers for us. Finally, on behalf of the co-workers, elders, Colporteurs, volunteers and appointees, we extend our Christian Greetings to you and the Bible House family.

Thank you,

Your brother in the Master's service,  
V. Vincent Jeyakumar.

## 2011 ANNUAL REPORT FROM NIGERIA

My Dear Beloved Bro. Ralph,

Christian greetings in the precious name of our Lord Jesus Christ. May you continue to grow in grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ—2 Pet. 3: 18.

We are very grateful and thankful to almighty Jehovah God for making it possible for us to serve another new year despite all of Satan's antics and deceptions that seem to affect the Lord's work here and everywhere. Our Heavenly Father who is all in all, knows the efforts we engage in brings forth many encouraging experiences for us in our pilgrim journey.

You have also been very helpful to us, through the timely topics published in the Bible Standard and Present Truth Magazines and through the supply of literature and books, God Bless you.

We had three conventions in the year 2011, they are as follows:

Agbado General Convention, held on April 22-24, 2011, with the theme "Mercy and Truth, Component,

Element of Christian Character." The attendance was two hundred and eighty nine.

Ndnetong General Convention was held on September 2-4, 2011. The theme was, "The New Earth—Man's Everlasting Home." Attendance was two hundred and thirty nine.

Akwanga National Convention was held on November 25-27, 2011 the theme was "A Righteous Government—Will We Ever Have One?" Attendance was one hundred and seventy eight. This convention was also a great time of reunion for the brethren who hadn't seen each other for quite a while.

We thank Jehovah God that He poured out His blessings on all those who attended the conventions.

During the year 2011, we also started another class in Meiran Lagos State. The Brethren in Meiran though few, have been very serious and committed to the Lord, the truth and the Brethren. Bro. Godwin Obot has been especially helpful and doing much work for the Lord in the Lagos, Agbado area.

**SUMMARY OF WORK IN NIGERIA  
JANUARY-DECEMBER 2011  
PILGRIMS AND EVANGELIST SERVICE**

Pilgrims.....	1
Auxiliary Pilgrims.....	1
Evangelists.....	12
Public Meetings.....	4
Attendance.....	469
Semi Public Meetings.....	5
Attendance.....	2,350
Parlor Meetings.....	606
Attendance.....	6,950
Distance Covered (Km).....	32,660

**FINANCE**

Donations.....	₦90,250
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Money paid for 2010 literature books.....	₦107,000
Balance from previous year.....	₦660,225
Literature received.....	\$1,200 or ₦192,000
Money paid for literature.....	₦125,000
Money yet to be paid for literature.....	100,150
Total amount at hand was.....	₦1,222,250

**EXPENSES**

Convention.....	₦530,000
Pilgrim/Evangelist Trip.....	₦750,000
Telephone/Internet/Postage.....	₦76,000
Total Expenses.....	₦1,356,000

**No balance on hand**

Yours in His vineyard  
W. S. Ebong  
Nigerian Representative

<b>PUBLIC MEETING REPORT FROM INDIA Changanacherry, India</b>
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We are happy to report to the Bible House that the public meeting held on October 7, 2012 was very successful, by the grace of Almighty God. Many people from different churches attended, including the Indian Pentecostal Church, Church of God, Brethren Church, Catholic Church, etc. The meeting lasted for 3 hours and 30 minutes. We explained in detail (by the Word of God—the Bible), that various Prophecies on “Gods Kingdom,” especially that of Daniel, have been fulfilled in the light of world history; and are continuing to be fulfilled which we see in the current world of affairs. The message of the Kingdom was received by them with openness of spirit and they conveyed to us their appreciation. Some of them want us to organize such meetings for them and sought our availability to do so.

There were 101 people that attended the meeting, including 55 brethren (LHMM) from various locations in Kerala state.

Our local Ecclesia wants to thank God for HIS blessings to bear witness to HIS kingdom, amid various oppositions from within and outside. May God bless all who heard the message and all those brethren who put their time and effort into organizing such a beautiful gathering.

Much appreciation for the article published in PT 739 which explains the same topic which came into our hands at the right time.

We want to convey warm Christian love and regards from the brethren here and thank all of you at the Bible House for your valuable prayers and support. We assure you dear brethren that we would guard the truth with all diligence, as we have been encouraged to do.

Your humble brother in the Master’s service,  
Bro. Thomas Mathew

Included are pictures of interest from the event.



# EXPIATION OF SIN— ADAMIC AND PARTIALLY WILLFUL

**THE CHASTISEMENT OF SIN** may be viewed from two different standpoints. A satisfaction to Divine Justice for Adamic sin is, first of all, necessary. The decree of the great Supreme Judge of the Universe—that the human race must die—went forth because of the disobedience of Adam; and no one can be released from death until that decree shall have been revoked because of its requirements being complied with. The annulling of that decree of Justice, however, will not make the individual at once a perfect man.

If a man had been put into prison for some offense, and after ten years someone should make satisfaction, should pay up his account and comply with the requirements of the law, the prisoner would be released—justice would be satisfied. But freedom from the restraint of prison life would not give back to the prisoner his clear vision, his teeth, his hair, his health, or anything that he might have lost or that had been impaired during his term of imprisonment. Likewise, whatever satisfaction of Justice is made for mankind, they will not, at the time they are awakened from the tomb, be free from the marks that Sin has placed upon them.

There will be no Divine disfavor holding over upon the world at that time, because the price for man's release will have been met. But mankind at the beginning of the Millennial Age will still have the blemishes resulting from the fall. It will be the work of that Age to restore the human race, to lift them up out of imperfection and weakness. Man will be helped up from his fallen condition, because Justice will have been satisfied.

The world will be in the hands of Christ, who purchased them by the sacrifice of His own life. We are to bear in mind that the satisfaction of Justice does not bring about the restitution of humanity from imperfection, but this judicial satisfaction is merely the turning away of the disfavor of God, the annulling of the death penalty. This gives the opportunity for man to be restored to favor with God, to be brought into a condition worthy of Divine acceptance at the close of the Millennium.

As for this satisfaction of Divine Justice which must take place before the New Covenant can be inaugurated, it includes not only a satisfaction for Adamic sin, but it embraces also stripes for partially willful sins, and

satisfaction for certain gross injustices which mankind has committed when they had a knowledge of a better course and were in a measure responsible for their unjust words and actions. To an extent they were in ignorance, but often they were willfully so, and in proportion to the measure of responsibility Justice will require a recompense.

## JEWISH AGE RECKONING

At the close of the Jewish Age God had a reckoning with the nation of Israel, which was one of the most terrific times of trouble the world had known. The declaration of Jesus was, that of that Age—that generation then living, God would require expiation for all the righteous blood that had been shed from the time of Abel to the time in which He was speaking (Matt. 23: 34-36).

And these partially willful sins of the world are not fully covered by the Sin-offerings. In so far as they have been willful they must be expiated by punishment. These sins and trespasses are shown as placed upon the scapegoat class, the Great Company. In the great Antitype these were allowed to suffer for some of the partly willful sins of the world, especially the sins of Babylon. All the blood of God's holy ones, from the beginning of this Gospel Age, will be required of the present generation, in the "great Time of Trouble, such as never was."

The martyrs of the past, "the souls under the altar," are represented symbolically as crying out for the vindication of Justice, saying, "How long, O Lord, holy and true, do You not judge and avenge our blood upon them that dwell on the earth!" They were bidden to wait until others of their brethren should be similarly killed, when the guilt of all will be avenged (Rev. 6: 9-11).

## RECKONING OF THE GOSPEL AGE

From the above we see that at the close of this Gospel Age there will be another squaring of accounts. A time of trouble such as never was since there was a nation, and never will be afterwards, has now come and will continue for some years yet. (Matt. 24: 21, 22). This is shown forcefully in many prophecies of Scripture. Our Lord is now again present, as the great Judge, and the storm clouds are rapidly gathering in this Day of His Kingly presence.

Why require the full payment for all the wrongs of

the two Ages—the Gospel Age and the one preceding, extending from the time the blood of righteous Abel was shed to the present time—at the closing of these Ages, is it asked? We answer, because the chief light of each Age comes at its close, and because those who sin against such light are worthy of more severe judgment than similar evildoers preceding them, who had less light. The Scriptural argument is that to endorse the wrongs of the past in the light of the present is to multiply the responsibility and to deserve the plagues of the whole. We have not far to look if we would see these iniquities, or inequities, of the world today, especially of Christendom. There is considerable light now shining upon the whole world, and more particularly upon its civilized portion. The principles of righteousness set forth in the Jewish Law, and subsequently amplified by the Lord and the Apostles, have enlightened the minds of the public in general in respect to justice and injustice, right and wrong, good and evil, so that there never was so responsible a generation as the one now living.

Notwithstanding this increase of knowledge, and notwithstanding that there are gross iniquities prevailing throughout the world, we find comparatively few willing to do anything toward a readjustment and equalization of the world's affairs, financial, social and religious. Rather, it seems that the majority of those possessing advantages are quite willing to hold to them, even though recognizing that they are inequitable, iniquitous.

We perceive also that much of the evil done against the Lord's holy ones of the past has so far failed of the punishment due. Great systems which in the name of Christ persecuted the true Church have practiced and prospered, but have not yet received their just recompense of reward. In the terrible trouble of the near future great Babylon will go down as a mighty millstone cast into the sea, when every man's hand will be against his neighbor in anarchy, when "there will be no peace to him that goes out, nor to him that comes in."

### **LEGAL EXPIATION BY SCAPEGOAT CLASS**

But it seems that the legal expiation of these sins must be accomplished by the scapegoat class, as shown in the type (Lev. 16: 20-22). Israel here represents the world. In this scapegoat type, the Lord pictures the sending into the wilderness of isolation and persecution the Great Company who, after consecration, were unwilling to go voluntarily outside the camp, bearing the reproaches "of Christ." They shared not in the Sin-Atonement, but were permitted, yes, forced, to bear the weight of some of the world's willful sins, and to become dead to the world, that

their spiritual being may be saved in the Day of the Lord Jesus.

This class, particularly large was delivered over to the Adversary, to suffer in this great time of trouble. Such of them as responded to these tribulations, faithfully and loyally, were counted as overcomers and be granted palms of victory, as shown in Revelation 7, and are privileged to share in the Marriage Supper of the Lamb and to be honorable servants of the Bride of Christ. If they failed to respond, and to wash their spotted robes in the blood of the Lamb, they went into the Second Death.

It is this great trouble-time which the Little Flock, the Lord's goat class of faithful sacrificers, escaped, and which the Great Company did not escape, but shared. They came up out of this trouble with washed robes, made white in the blood of the Lamb (Rev. 7: 14). Their sufferings did not wash their robes, but in their sufferings they learned to appreciate as never before their relationship to the Lamb of God and to His atoning merit, and were by faith permitted to apply the same to their own cleansing. As we of the earthly callings, the unbegotten, consider the experiences of these children of God from the past, let us all the more manifest our love for the Lord, and all the more seek to be faithful to our Millennial calling and service to our King on behalf of the Household of Faith, the Israel of God.

### **JESUS ALONE THE RANSOMER**

It would not be correct to say that the scapegoat class atone for sin and make it possible for a certain part of humanity to be brought forth from the tomb. The tomb represents the penalty upon Adam for his transgression, and this penalty has been inherited by all of Adam's children. The Apostle says that "by one man sin [disobedience] entered into the world, and death by [as the result of] sin; and so death passed upon all men" the whole world. Those for whom Jesus advocates as the members of His Body became associated with Him and identified with Him in His work, not by virtue of their own merit, but because "accepted in the Beloved." These are Scripturally shown as having something to do with the cancelation of "the sin of the world," because of their association with the Head. The Great Company has nothing whatever to do with the cancellation of the sin of the world.

### **RESPONSIBILITY FOR SINS AGAINST LIGHT**

"The sin of the world" (John 1: 29), was the sin of Adam; but there are other sins aside from Adamic sin, which was brought on the race by the fall. We may suppose that in every Age there have been sins committed against

a measure of light. But the Ancients were not begotten of the Holy Spirit, and therefore their sins against light would not involve them in the Second Death.

Nevertheless, in whatever proportion they had of light and knowledge, they had also responsibility. While Jesus died in order that all might have an opportunity of coming back from the tomb, and to perfect life, yet He did not die on account of any individual sin committed against light. For such sins the individual is himself responsible.

In the case of the Church class, willful and persistent evil-doers were cut off from life. The Apostle Paul says that some were delivered over to Satan for the destruction of the flesh, that their spirit might be saved. So it is that every willful sin, no matter by whom committed, or when committed, must be answered for by stripes or by the death of the sinner.

### **SINS NOT COVERED BY CHRIST'S SACRIFICE**

Nothing is to be atoned for by Christ's death but the sin of Adam. But other sins of direct responsibility, sins against light, must also be settled for. In olden times there were bitter persecutions of God's people, and those persecuted were obliged to dwell in caves and dens of the earth (Hebrews 11: 32-40). The transgressions against these, in proportion as they were committed with a degree of light, were to be settled for by the transgressors.

God's providence squared off the account against the Jewish people in the end of the Jewish Age. There came upon that people wrath to the uttermost. The squaring of accounts for that nation, we understand, was completed A.D. 70. As for other nations, we must assume that God has dealt with them along similar lines—though not just the same; because they were not in covenant relationship with Him as were the Israelites.

Coming down to the Gospel Age, many sins have been committed which could in no way be covered by Christ's sacrifice—sins against a measure of light and knowledge. The chief of all these sins have been, according to the Master's words, against His people. He said that whoever would harm one of the "little ones" who believed in Him should have punishment; and that whoever would give even so much as "a cup of cold water" to one of these should have a reward (Matthew 18: 6; 10: 42).

We read of terrible atrocities committed against the saints during the Dark Ages. They were covered with tar and burned; they were fed to wild beasts, their poor bodies being torn to pieces. They were tortured in innumerable ways. We are reasonably sure that some punishment is due to those who committed these atrocities. But the Lord has

told us that we are not to judge before the time. In the Millennial Kingdom the Church shall be made judges of the world undergoing restitution. Now those of us who are not of the Church are to look to the Lord and wait for His judgment.

### **THE ANTITYPICAL SCAPEGOAT**

The Scriptures indicate that as there was a settling time, culminating in A.D. 70, with the Jews, so there will be a settling time with those claiming to be Christian nations. To whatever extent they have lent themselves to injustice, to whatever extent they have sinned against light, they are responsible. We do not know the extent of their responsibility, God knows! But in this Time of Trouble He will square all these matters, in order that the New Dispensation may be free from all accounts, that there may be nothing of this kind charged up to humanity. The sins committed nationally will be expiated nationally. Of course, as individuals suffered from the wrongdoing, so those who have committed wrong will suffer in the expiation.

How will God reckon with the injustice which He wishes to cancel, so that the world may come forth with a clean slate? We answer; the Great Company class had a share in that trouble but since they did not really deserve a share in the trouble, in the sense of having merited Divine wrath, what they suffered was in a measure a suffering for that which was merited by others. It was not a punishment to get into the Great Company class. The Great Company is a very blessed class. They are not seated in the Throne, but serve before the Throne; neither did they obtain the Divine nature. The Little Flock class received the great prize of being associated with the Master, joint-heirs with Him in the Kingdom. The Great Company received a reward on a lower spiritual plane than the Divine—a spiritual plane nonetheless, because they were begotten of the Spirit.

So far as the Great Company was concerned, God's permitting them to share in the trouble at the end of the Age was for their own development. Their Covenant was unto death; and unless they lost their lives in obedience to the Lord, unless they proved faithful unto death, they would not be worthy of any position of life on any plane. It will be to their own personal advantage that they have suffered. They are said to suffer for the iniquities, the sins and transgressions of the people of the world as the antitypical scapegoat (Leviticus 16: 21, 22 **TABERNACLE SHADOWS**, pp. 68-72). Instead of allowing that merit of the Great Company to go for nothing, the Lord makes a credit of it, as it were, to balance the world's account for willful sins.



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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### 2013 CONVENTIONS

#### England

Hyde To be announced  
Barlborough, Derbyshire To be announced

#### France —all conventions in Barlin

Spring March 31, April 1  
Summer August 2—4  
Fall October 26, 27

#### Germany

Velbert May 18—20  
Diez October 4—6

#### India

Hosur To be announced

#### Jamaica

Bartons March 29-31, April 1

#### Lithuania

Kowno June 14—16

#### Nigeria

Meiran Lagos State To be announced  
Ibadan To be announced  
Agbado To be announced

#### Poland

Gdansk March 30, 31, April 1  
Poznan May 1—3  
Leszno July 5—7  
Krakow July 12—14  
Rzeszow July 15—17  
Susiec July 19—21  
Mietne (Near Garwolin) August 30, 31, Sept. 1

#### United States

Seattle, WA March 15—17  
Newark, NJ May 17—19  
Athens, OH July 12—14  
Minneapolis, MIN September 13—15

#### Ukraine

Orlowka June 28—30  
Lwov August 16—18

### SEATTLE, WA CONVENTION 2013

The Convention in Seattle, Washington will be held March 15-17. The class will provide lunches during three convention days.

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Room Rates: \$89.00 + tax. Reservations should be made directly with the hotel, mentioning Bible Standard Ministries to get the special room rate. Ask for a confirmation number.

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### MEMORIAL DATE FOR 2013

Our Lord's Memorial will be Sunday, March 24, after 6:00 p.m. This is calculated as follows (all times Greenwich Mean Time): The vernal equinox is March 20, 11:03 a.m.; the new moon nearest this equinox is March 11, 7:52 p.m.; add 2 hours 21 minutes to get Jerusalem time which is March 11, 10:13 p.m.; therefore Nisan 1 is March 11, 6:00 p.m. to March 12, 6:00 p.m. Nisan 14 begins 13 full days later on Sunday, March 24, 6 p.m., ending Monday March 25, 6:00 p.m. The Memorial should therefore be observed after 6:00 p.m. Sunday, March 24. May God bless you in your preparation for, and commemoration of this wonderful event. Please send reports promptly.

2013 Hymn of the day (sixth in the Manna)

Hymn of the year for 2013

Take up Thy Cross

(Hymns of Millennial Dawn #279)