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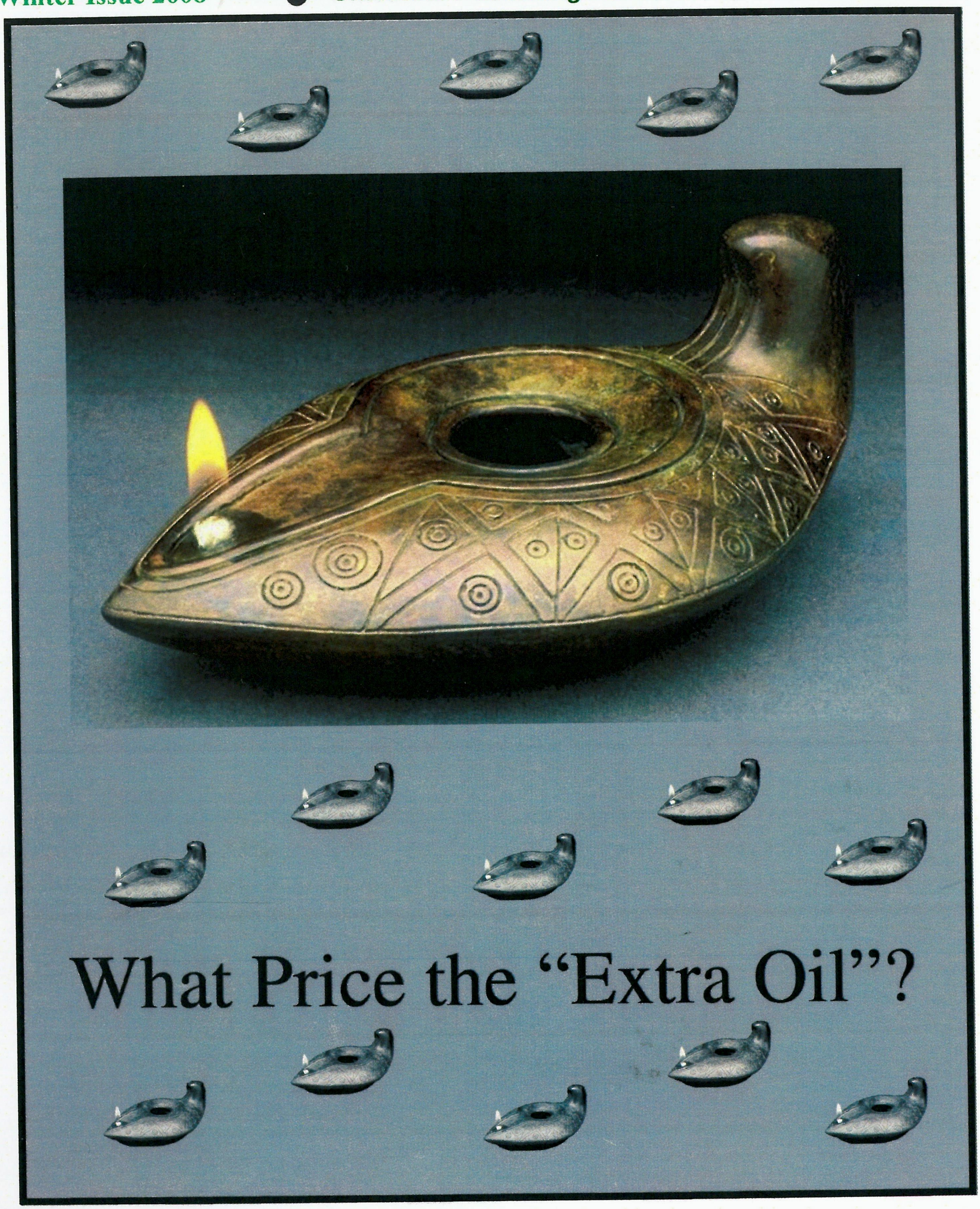

What Price the "Extra Oil"?

When the message of truth is presented in our day, there are many who, like the Jews, cry, Show us a sign. Work us a miracle. Christ wrought no miracle at the demand of the Pharisees. He wrought no miracle in the wilderness in answer to Satan's insinuations. He does not impart to us power to vindicate ourselves or to satisfy the demands of unbelief and pride. But the gospel is not without a sign of its divine origin. Is it not a miracle that we can break from the bondage of Satan? Enmity against Satan is not natural to the human heart; it is implanted by the grace of God. When one who has been controlled by a stubborn, wayward will is set free, and yields himself wholeheartedly to the drawing of God's heavenly agencies, a miracle is wrought; so also when a man who has been under strong delusion comes to understand moral truth. Every time a soul is converted, and learns to love God and keep His commandments, the promise of God is fulfilled, "A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you." Ezek. 36:26. The change in human hearts, the transformation of human characters, is a miracle that reveals an ever-living Saviour, working to rescue souls. A consistent life in Christ is a great miracle. In the preaching of the word of God, the sign that should be manifest now and always is the presence of the Holy Spirit, to make the word a regenerating power to those that hear. This is God's witness before the world to the divine mission of His son.

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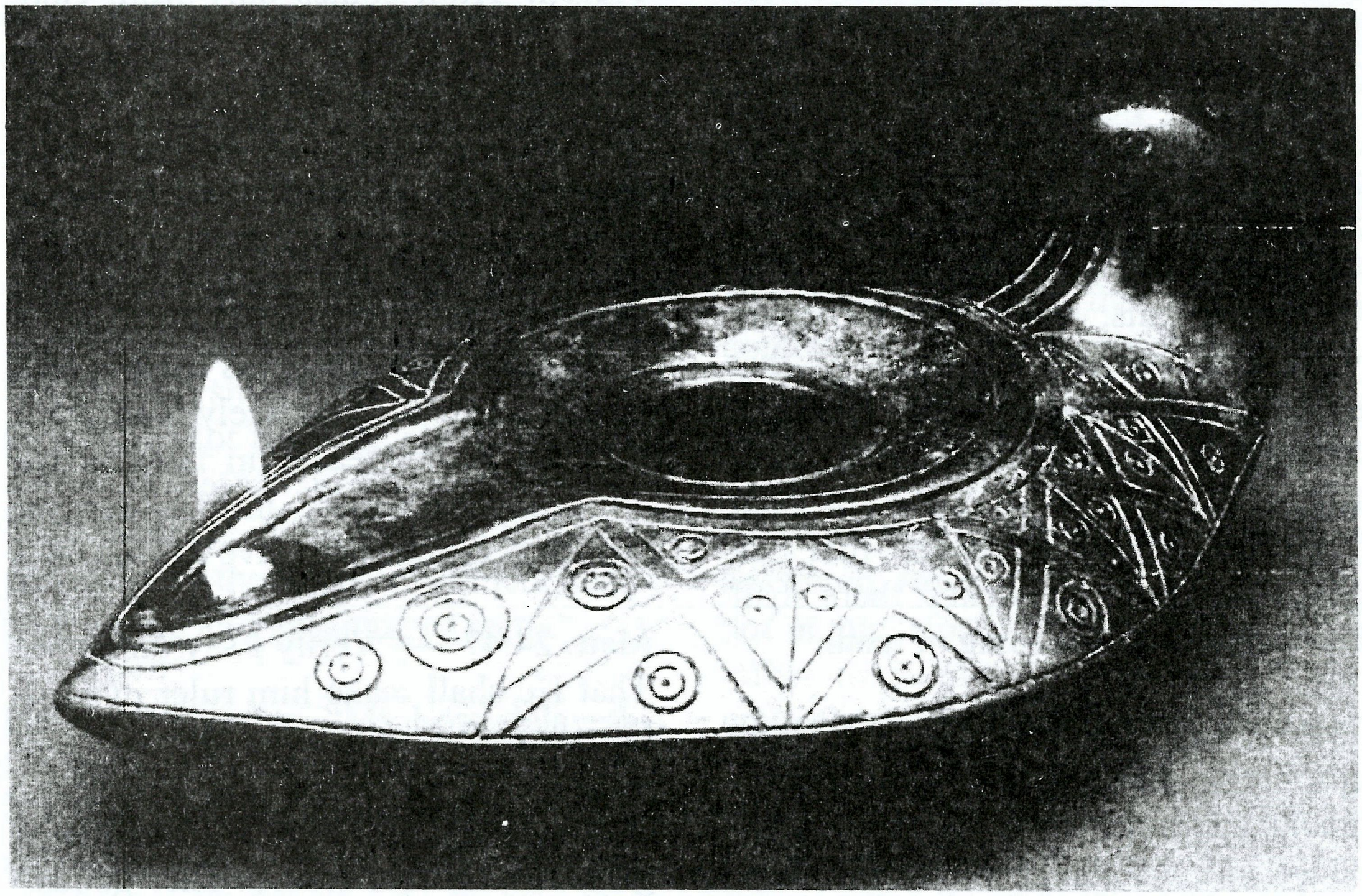

WHAT PRICE THE "EXTRA OIL"?

(The sermon Brother Houteff delivered November 11, 1944 has been selected for this issue of the Code because it deals with the importance of the Certificate of Fellowship. It is particularly timely since it is now in order for the holders of the Certificate to have theirs renewed, and it explains to new Davidians the significance of being eligible for it.)

At the very time that the signs of the times are being fulfilled around us men will be putting rotten timber into their character instead of improving them-selves. Why? — Because Satan needs them as his agents. How long will they continue in their evil course? — A short time and then it will all be brought to view. This reading says it is men of intelligence who are engaged in God's service that will be putting the rotten timber into their characters. This should be a great warning to us; for right now is the time the servant of the Lord is talking about. Let us not play the fool.

Matt. 24:45-51 — "Who then is a faith-ful and wise servant, whom his lord has made ruler over His

household, to give them meat in due season? Blessed is that servant whom his Lord when He cometh shall find so doing. Verily I say unto you, That He shall make him ruler over all His goods. But and if that evil servant shall say in his heart, My Lord delayed His coming; and shall begin to smite his fellow servants, and to eat and drink with the drunken; the Lord of that servant shall come in a day when he looketh not for Him, and in an hour that he is not aware of, and shall cut him asunder, and appoint him his portion with the hypocrites: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

Two types of servants are here described. The servant is the ministry, those appointed to rule over the household, the church. God's servants, the ministry, are to give meat in due season, present Truth — Truth which is applicable to the time in which we are now living, not 1844. Present Truth from 1844 to our time was not the institution of the Sabbath or the state of the dead, for they have been truths since the beginning. True, they had been lost sight of. The knowledge that since 1844 the Judgment of the Dead has been in progress in the heavenly sanctuary is what has constituted present Truth since 1844. We were made to understand what was going on in our time. But when the Judgment for the Living is about to commence then the Judgment for the Dead is no longer present Truth. Present Truth comes only from God. Man does not know the seasons, and therefore God Himself must appoint the time for present Truth to be revealed.

There is a special blessing promised to those whom He finds giving meat in due season. But what was meat in due season in 1844 most likely would not be meat in due season in 1944. If we do not desire meat in due season, however, He does not give it to us.

Matt. 24:47 — "Verily I say unto you, That He shall make him ruler over all His goods."

This is speaking of him who faithfully gives meat in due season. The "goods" is present Truth. We are told in Malachi that before the great and terrible day of the Lord, Elijah is to come. Then when Elijah appears his message will be present Truth. He is to warn and prepare God's people for the great and dreadful day of the Lord. To be sure his message will be present Truth before the great and dreadful day of the Lord as much as Noah's message was present Truth before the flood. It verily will mean the difference between life and death to God's people to whom it is delivered today as Noah's message meant life or death to the people in his day.

The verses we have been studying this afternoon show that there are two classes of servants: the faithful and the unfaithful.

Matt. 24:48-51 — "But and if that evil servant shall say in his heart, My lord delayeth His coming; and shall begin to smite his fellow servants, and to eat and drink with the drunken; the lord of that servant shall come in a day when he looketh not for Him, and in an hour that he is not aware of, and shall cut him asunder, and appoint him his portion with the hypocrites: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

If the servant says, "My Lord delayeth His coming," it would indicate that he had expected the coming of the Lord to occur sooner. The early pioneers among us as Adventists looked for His imminent coming, but now the banners we used to see in our churches foretelling His coming "in this generation" are disappearing. Moreover, we as a people are enjoined to follow a restricted diet, and because the Lord has not come many are eating and drinking with the drunken. The Lord comes to such a servant in an hour he does not expect Him. Then shall the Kingdom of Heaven be likened to ten virgins.

Matt. 25:1-13 — "Then shall the Kingdom of Heaven be likened unto ten virgins, which took their lamps, and went forth to meet the Bridegroom. And five of them were wise, and five were foolish. They that were foolish took their lamps, and took no oil with them: but the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps. While the Bridegroom tarried, they all slumbered and slept. And at midnight there was a cry made, Behold, the Bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet Him. Then all those virgins arose, and trimmed their lamps. And the foolish said unto the wise, Give us of your oil; for our lamps are gone out. But the wise answered, saying, Not so; lest there be not enough for us and you: but go ye rather to them that sell, and buy for yourselves. And while they went to buy, the Bridegroom came; and they that were ready went in with Him to the marriage: and the door was shut. Afterward came also the other virgins, saying, Lord, Lord, open to us. But He answered and said, Verily I say unto you, I know you not. Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh."

Here is represented a church which believes that the Bridegroom is coming, believes in the second coming of Christ. In 1844 the ten virgins went into their place of waiting for His coming, five of whom took no oil with them while the other five took extra oil with them. The lamps aptly symbolize the heart, and it is one's belief in Truth that lights up the heart. Yes, it is Truth

which must be indicted by the Holy Spirit that gives light.

The message which was meat in due season in 1844 was the Truth Sister White brought — the Judgment for the Dead — and it was this message which was represented by the oil that was in the lamps when the ten virgins first went in waiting for the Bridegroom to come. The oil that was in the vessels of the five wise virgins must represent an additional Truth, something other than what was in the lamps. It is this additional Truth which is to supplement the 1844 Truth and thus supply sufficient light to the time of the coming of the Bridegroom. And what must this additional Truth be? — It must be the truth of the Judgment for the Living, the last message.

In this parable is seen great confusion when at last the virgins, all ten of them, wake up and learn for a certainty that the Bridegroom is on His way. Now they all find themselves in need of light to illuminate the prevailing darkness about them and to light their way to meet the Bridegroom. But to the utter and painful realization of the five foolish virgins who had failed to procure extra oil (truth of the Judgment for the Living) as the five wise did when it was time to do so are now faced with terrible darkness. Frantically they make their pitiful appeal to the five wise virgins that they share their oil with them.

Now they are fully awake to the fact that they had been mistaken in their belief that the message of the Judgment for the Dead was sufficient Truth to carry them to the end.

Do you not see that the old Spirit of Prophecy should have already been in our hearts (lamps), and in order to go through successfully to the coming of the Bridegroom we must also have in our possession and readily accessible to us the "additional message" mentioned in Early Writings, p. 277, the "extra oil," the truth of the Judgment for the Living, the great and dreadful day of the Lord? Let us say that now we have the extra oil and those represented by the foolish virgins come to us and plead that we share the oil with them. Would any of us refuse to give it to them? — I think we would not. But in the parable the wise women told the foolish women to go and buy for themselves, for they had only enough oil for their own use. You know the sad story — that the foolish were unable to go buy the oil and get back before the door was closed.

Who are those who sell the oil? And why would not the wise give to the foolish?

The wise told the foolish to go and buy oil; therefore the wise must also have had to buy theirs. The extra oil being the "additional message," the message of the Judgment for the Living, must have cost something to those who have it, and they must have paid someone for it. Yes, we had to buy the oil and we could not buy it from everybody.

Many have asked who is eligible to lead in the service of the work? The answer that goes out from Mt. Carmel is that anyone not holding a Certificate of Fellowship cannot be a Davidian teacher. He can listen only. Yet just the granting of a Certificate of Fellowship is a cheap thing. That in itself would have no significance. Who receives the Certificate? — Those who have personally studied all the Message and believe It; those overcoming temptation; those complying with all the requirements; those who put their treasure where moth and thieves cannot enter; those who keep all the commandments; those who are not flesh-eaters, drunkards, or tobacco users; those who do not rob God of tithes and offerings.

We would freely give literature to those who ask for it, but that does not give the light. It is only when one appropriates the oil, the Truth, to his everyday living that the oil becomes transformed into light. It is when one pays this price, and thus becomes eligible to receive a Certificate, signifying he has complied with all the requirements, that he has the light. Hence, though we can freely hand out tracts, we cannot freely hand out the Certificate of Fellowship.

All the parables show different lessons. That is why there are so many parables. The one of the talents shows that we must work, for we are to double our talents. Studying and believing alone does not open the door. We must comply with all the requirements — pay the price in other words. And we cannot steal the oil. Those desiring the Certificate of Fellowship must pay the price. It does take time and effort, and the individual alone can determine how soon he can get his Certificate, for it all depends on how soon he pays the price.

We individually must watch and pray and be ready always, for we know not the day and hour of our personal visitation to have bestowed upon us God's mark and seal for eternity. Therefore be ready always.

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ARE WE READY FOR THE SEAL?"

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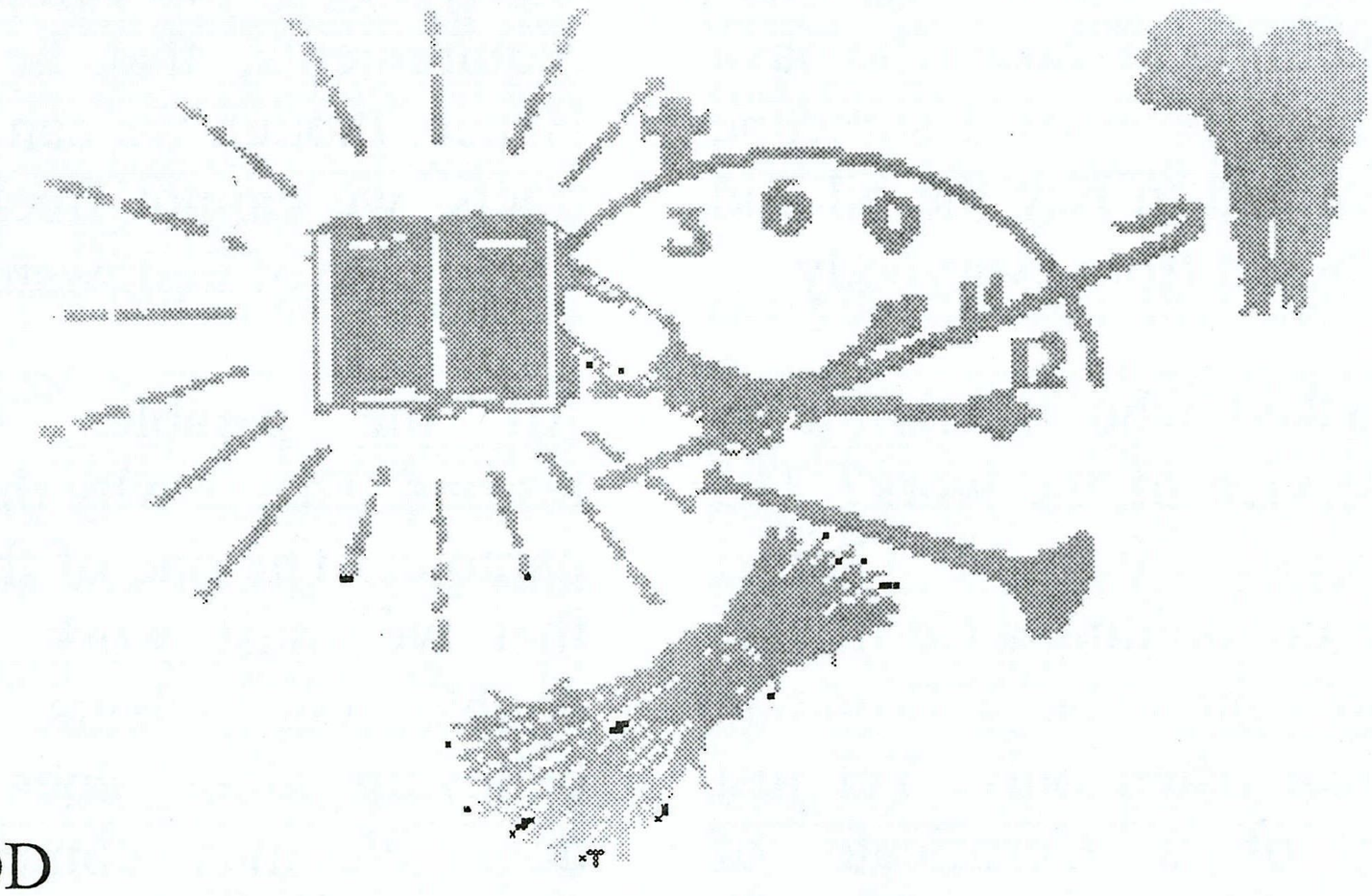


ROBBING GOD

Even from that days of your fathers ye are gone away from mine ordinances, and have not kept them. Return unto me, and I will return unto you, saith the Lord of hosts. But ye said, Wherein shall we return? WILL A MAN ROB GOD? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? IN TITHES AND OFFERINGS. Ye are cursed with a curse: for ye have robbed me, even this whole nation. Bring ye all the tithes into the STORHOUSE, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it." Mal. 3:7-10

"Let all who fear God come up to the help of the Lord, and show themselves faithful stewards. The truth must go to all parts of the world. I have been shown that many in our churches are ROBBING GOD IN TITHES AND OFFERINGS. God will execute upon them just that which He has declared. To the OBEDIENT, He will give rich blessings; to the transgressor a curse. Every man who bears the message of truth to our churches must do his duty by warning, educating, rebuking. Any neglect of duty which is a robbery toward God means a curse upon the delinquent.

"This is not a request of man; it is one of God's ordinances, whereby His work may be sustained and carried on

in the world. God help us to repent…No one can excuse himself from paying tithes and offerings to the Lord.

"God has said, 'Prove Me now herewith…if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it.' What a wonderful presentation in promised blessings is He giving us! WHO CAN VENTURE TO ROB GOD IN TITHES AND OFFERINGS WITH SUCH A PROMISE AS THIS!" *Testimonies to Ministers*, pp. 307, 308.

CRITICISING AND FAULT-FINDING

"Refrain from saying anything that might detract from the influence of another; for by indulging in these words of CRITICISM, you BLASPHEME GOD'S HOLY NAME as verily as you would WERE YOU to SWEAR…" E.G White, 5 Bible Commentary 1093.

"All were created in His image, and even the MOST DEGRADED are to be treated with respect and tenderness. God will hold us accountable for even A WORD spoken in contempt of ONE soul for whom Christ laid down His life." *Mount of Blessings*, p. 57

"If we have in any manner defrauded or injured our brother, we should make restitution. If we have unwittingly borne false witness, if we have misstated his words, if we have injured his INFLUENCE IN ANY WAY, we should go to the ones with whom we have conversed about him, and take back all our injurious misstatements." *Mount of Blessings*, p. 59

"The truly converted man has no inclination to think or talk of the faults of others. His lips are sanctified, and as God's witness he testifies that the grace of Christ has transformed his heart…THOSE ONLY WILL ENTER HEAVEN WHO HAVE OVERCOME THE TEMPATION TO THINK AND SPEAK EVIL." *Sons and Daughters of God*, p. 348

ARE WE GUARDING THE AVENUES OF THE SOUL?

"The apostle sought to teach the believers how important it is to keep the mind from wandering to forbidden themes or from spending its energies on trifling subjects. Those who would not fall a prey to Satan's devices, must GUARD WELL THE AVENUES OF THE SOUL; they must avoid READING, SEEING, OR HEARING" (How about TV) "that which will suggest impure thoughts. The mind must not be left to dwell at random upon every subject that the enemy of

souls may suggest. The HEART must be faithfully SENTINELED, or evils without will awaken evils within, and the soul will wander in darkness." *Acts of the Apostles*, p. 518.

"Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, WHOSE MIND IS STAYED ON THEE: because he trusteth in thee." Isa. 26:3

"Thy WORD have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee." Ps. 119:11

Far too many of God's professed people who would never think of going to the theater, allow the theater to be brought into the home through the medium of the television set.

"Among the most dangerous resorts for pleasure is the theater. Instead of being a school for morality and virtue, as is so often claimed, it is the very HOTBED OF IMMORALITY. Vicious habits and sinful propensities are strengthened and confirmed by these entertainments. Low songs, lewd gestures, expressions and attitudes deprave the imagination and debase the morals. Every youth who habitually attends such exhibitions will be corrupted in principle. There is no influence in our land more powerful to poison the imagination, to destroy religious impressions, and to blunt the relish for the tranquil pleasures and sober realities of life than theatrical amusements. The love for these scenes increases with every indulgence as the desire for intoxicating drink strengthens with its use. The only safe course is to SHUN THE THEATER, the circus, and every other questionable place and amusement." *Adventist Home*, p. 516

WHOM DOES GOD HOLD RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ABOMINATIONS IN OUR MIDST?

"The CHURCH is in a great degree RESPONSIBLE for the sins of her members. She gives countenance to evil if she fails to lift her voice against it." *Prophets and Kings*, p. 651

"But if the sins of the people are passed over by those in responsible positions, His frown will be upon them, and the people of God, as a body, will be held responsible for those sins. They virtually sustain and justify the sinner and are alike guilty and will just as surely receive the displeasure of God for they will be made responsible for the sins of the guilty." *Testimonies*, Vol. 3 pp. 265-266.

"Where are God's watchmen who will see the peril and give the warning?" *Testimonies to Ministers*, p. 296.

"God's displeasure is upon His people, and He will not manifest His POWER

in the midst of them while sins exist among them and are fostered by those in responsible positions." *Testimonies*, Vol. 3 p. 270.

"Today there is need of the voice of stern rebuke, for grievous sins have separated the people from God. Infidelity is fast becoming fashionable…There are many professed Christians who, if they should express their real feelings, would say, WHAT NEED IS THERE OF SPEAKING SO PLAINLY?...

"So men who should be standing as faithful guardians of God's law have argued, till policy has taken the place of faithfulness, and sin is allowed to go unreproved. WHEN WILL THE VOICE OF AITHFUL REBUKE BE HEARD ONCE MORE IN THE CHURCH?" *Prophets and Kings*, pp. 140, 141.

"For evils that we might have checked, we are just responsible as if we were guilty of the acts ourselves." *Desire of Ages*, p. 441

"The Lord's messengers should not complain that their efforts are without fruit until they repent of their own love of approbation and their desire to please men, which LEADS THEM TO SUPPRESS TRUTH.

"Those ministers who are men pleasers, who cry, Peace, peace, when God has not spoken peace, might well humble their hearts before God, asking pardon for their insincerity and their lack of moral courage. It is not from love for their neighbor that they smooth down the message entrusted to them, but because they are self-indulgent and ease-loving. TRUE LOVE SEEKS FIRST THE HONOR OF GOD AND THE SALVATION OF SOULS. Those who have this love will not evade the truth to save themselves from the unpleasant results of plain speaking. When souls are in peril, God's ministers will not consider self, but will speak the word given them to speak, REFUSING TO EXCUSE OR PALLIATE EVIL." *Prophets and Kings*, pp. 141, 142

"Warnings and reproofs are not given to the erring among Seventh-day Adventist because their lives are more blameworthy than are the lives of professed Christians of the nominal churches, nor because their example or their acts are worse than those of the Adventist who will not yield obedience to the claims of God's law, but BECAUSE THEY HAVE GREAT LIGHT, and have by their profession taken their position as GOD'S SPECIAL, CHOSEN PEOPLE, having the law of God written in their hearts…They are God's REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE EARTH. Any sin in them separates

them from God and, in a SPECIAL MANNER, DISHONORS HIS NAME by giving the enemies of His holy law occasion to reproach His cause and His people..." *Testimonies*, Vol. 5 pp. 661, 662

HOW WILL THIS REFORMATION BEGIN?

"If we desire to reform others we must ourselves PRACTICE the principles which we would enforce upon them. WORDS, however, good, WILL BE POWERLESS if contradicted by the daily life. Ministers of Christ, I admonish you: Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine. DO NOT EXCUSE SINS IN YOURSELVES WHICH YOU REPROVE IN OTHERS. If you preach on meekness and love, let these graces be exemplified in your own life. If you urge others to be kind, courteous, and attentive at home, LET YOUR OWN EXAMPLE GIVE FORCE TO YOUR ADMONITIONS. As you have received greater light than others, so is your responsibility increased. YOU WILL BE BEATEN WITH MANY STRIPES IF YOU NEGLECT TO DO YOUR MASTER'S WILL." *Testimonies*, Vol. 5 p. 180

"Be sure that you do not make the word of the Lord offensive.

"We long to see reforms; and because we do not see which desire, an evil spirit is too often allowed to cast crops of gall into our cup, and thus others are embittered. By our ill-advised words their spirit is chafed, and they are stirred to rebellion.

"The truth is to be spoken in LOVE. Then the Lord Jesus by His spirit will supply the force and the POWER. That is His work." *Gospel Workers*, pp. 374,375.

"But it is our work, by CONFESSION, HUMILIATION, REPENTANCE, AND EARNEST PRAYER, to fulfill the conditions upon which God has promised to grant us His blessing. A REVIVAL NEED BE EXPECTED ONLY IN ANSWER TO PRAYER.

"...ARE WE AWAITING FOR SOME COMPELLING POWER TO COME UPON THE CHURCH BEFORE WE SHALL AROUSE? Are we hoping to see the whole church revived? THAT TIME WILL NEVER COME.

"We must enter upon the work INDIVIDUALLY...

"We have FAR MORE TO FEAR FROM WITHIN than from without. The hindrances to strength and success are far GREATER FROM THE CHURCH itself than from the world.

"If we would labor to repress sinful thoughts and feelings, giving them no expression the WORDS or ACTIONS, SATAN WOULD BE DEFEATED. " 1 *Selected Messages*, pp. 121-123.

"Let the purpose be sincere and unwavering to discern the truth and to OBEY IT AT WHATEVER COST, and you will receive Divine enlightenment. Real piety begins when ALL COMPROMISE WITH SIN IS AT AN END." *Mount of Blessing*, p. 91

"While the investigative judgment is going forward in heaven…there is to be a SPECIAL WORK of purification, of PUTTING AWAY OF SIN AMONG GOD'S PEOPLE upon the earth." *Great Controversy*, p. 425

Evidently a particular specific time will come when conditions will be such, that the honest in heart among us will see the need and the urgency for putting away all sin from their lives that they might receive the seal of God in their foreheads.

"The time has come for a thorough reformation to take place. When this reformation begins, the spirit of prayer will actuate every believer and will banish from the church the spirit of discord and strife. Those who have not been living in Christian fellowship will draw close to one another. ONE MEMBER WORKING IN RIGHT LINES WILL LEAD OTHER MEMBERS TO UNITE WITH HIM in making intercession for the revelation of the Holy Spirit. There will be no confusion, because all will be in harmony with the mind of the Spirit. The barriers separating believers will be broken down, and God's servants will speak the same things. THE LORD WILL COOPERATE WITH HIS SERVANTS." *Testimonies*, Vol. 8 p. 251.

WHAT CAN WE EXPECT FROM THOSE WHO REFUSE TO REFORM?

"All who leave the common track of custom, and advocate reform WILL BE OPPOSED, accounted MAD, INSANE, RADICAL, let them pursue ever so consistent a course." *Testimonies*, Vol. 2 p. 377

"No man can be true to principle without exciting opposition." *Desire of Ages*, p. 356

"Some will not bear this straight testimony, they will rise up against it, AND THIS WILL CAUSE A SHAKING AMONG GOD'S PEOPLE." *Testimonies*, Vol. 1 p 181.

"From what was shown me, but a SMALL NUMBER of those now

professing to believe the truth would eventually be saved — not because they could not be saved, but because they WOULD NOT be saved in GOD'S APPOINTED WAY." *Testimonies*, Vol. 2 p. 445

"Soon God's people will be tested by fiery trials, and the GREAT PROPORTION of those who now appear to be genuine and true WILL PROVE TO BE BASE METAL…

"To stand in defense of truth and righteousness when the MAJORITY FORSAKE US, to fight the battles of the Lord when the CHAMPIONS ARE FEW-THIS WILL BE OUR TEST. At this time we must gather warmth from the coldness of others, courage from their cowardice, and loyalty from their treason." *Testimonies*, Vol. 5 p. 136

WHAT WILL BE THE RESULT OF THIS REVIVAL AND RE-FORMATION?

"In visions of the night, representations passed before me of a GREAT REFORMATORY MOVEMENT AMONG GOD'S PEOPLE. Many were praising God. The SICK WERE HEALED, and OTHER MIRACLES were wrought. A spirit of intercession was seen, even as was manifested before the great day of PENTECOST. HUNDREDS AND THOUSANDS were seen visiting families, and opening before them the Word of God. HEARTS WERE CONVICTED by the power of the Holy Spirit, and a spirit of genuine conversion was manifest. On every side doors were thrown open to the proclamation of the truth." *Testimonies*, Vol. 9 p. 126

"God rebukes His people for their sins, that He may humble them, and lead them to seek His face. AS THEY REFORM, and His love revives in their hearts, His loving answers will come to their requests. He will strengthen them in REFORMATORY ACTION, lifting up for them a standard against the enemy. His rich blessing will rest upon them, and in bright rays they will reflect the light of heaven. THEN A MULTITUDE NOT OF THEIR FAITH, seeing that God is with His people, WILL UNITE WITH THEM in serving the Redeemer. R&H Feb. 25, 1902." *Christ Our Righteousness*, p. 123 (1941 Edition)

"WHEN THE EARTH IS LIGHTED with the glory of the angel of Revelation eighteen, the religious elements, GOOD and EVIL, will awake from slumber, AND THE ARMIES OF THE LIVING GOD WILL TAKE THE FIELD." E.G. White, 7 Bible Commentary p. 983

"Clad in the armor of Christ's righteousness, the Church is to enter upon her FINAL CONFLICT, 'Fair as the moon, clear as the sun, and terrible

as an ARMY with banners' (Song of Solomon 6:10) she is to go forth into all the world, CONQUERING AND TO CONQUER." *Prophets and Kings*, p. 725.

SATAN'S GREATEST FEAR

"There is NOTHING THAT SATAN FEARS SO MUCH AS that the people of God shall clear the way by REMOVING EVERY HINDRANCE, so that the Lord can pour out His Spirit upon a languishing church and an impenitent congregation. If Satan had his way, there would never be another awakening great or small, to the end of time…When the way is prepared for the Spirit of God. THE BLESSING WILL COME. Satan can no more hinder a shower of blessing from descending upon God's people than he can close
The windows of heaven that rain cannot come upon the earth." 1 *Selected Messages*, p. 124

"Let us confess and forsake every sin, that the way of the Lord may be prepared, that He may come into our assemblies and impart His rich grace. The world, the flesh, and the devil MUST BE OVERCOME." 1 *Selected Messages*, p. 123

We do not mean to imply that these are all the abominations (sins) in our midst. We have endeavored to enumerate the most obvious ones. Neither are we implying that we have fully attained, but we must through Christ's strength be overcoming daily. There can, and must be, progress in the daily life. We like Paul must be able to say: "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." Philippians 4:13

We are counseled to "strive with all the power that God has given us to be among the hundred and forty and four thousand (R&H Mar 9, 1905)" E.G. White 7 Bible Commentary p. 970. In order to do this we must be overcomers.

"Not one of us will ever receive the seal of God while our characters have ONE SPOT or STAIN upon them. It is left with us to remedy the defects in our characters, to cleanse the soul temple of EVERY DEFILEMENT. THEN the LATTER RAIN WILL FALL upon us as the early rain fell upon the disciples on the day of Pentecost." *Testimonies*, Vol. p. 214

"No one need to say that his case is hopeless, that he cannot live the life of a Christian. AMPLE PROVISION IS MADE BY THE DEATH OF CHRIST FOR EVERY SOUL. Jesus is our ever-present help in time of need. ONLY CALL UPON HIM IN FAITH, and He has promised to hear

and answer your petitions." *Testimonies*, Vol. 5 p. 215

May each of us be among that "little company who are standing in the light" (144,000) and are sighing and crying for the abominations that be done in the church, while those who do not get the seal (or mark) "try to throw a cloak over the existing evil, and excuse the great wickedness prevalent. Those who have a zeal for God's honor and a love for souls will not hold their peace to obtain favor of any." *Testimonies*, Vol. 5 pp. 209, 210.

The profound quotations, leaping as tongues of fire from the Sacred page, come down to us from the One who is Himself the source and author of truth —THE GREAT I AM. It is our prayer that through this feeble endeavor we may study and give time for reflection to the all important subject of SIGHING AND CRYING, raising the standard in our own lives and warning others at the same time BY PRECEPT AND EXAMPLE.

Can we do less for Jesus, when He has given His ALL for us?

"Higher than the HIGHEST HUMAN THOUGHT can reach is GOD'S IDEAL for His children." *Education*, p. 18

HIGHER GROUND

I'm pressing on the upward way
New heights I'm gaining every day
Still praying as I onward bound
Lord, plant my feet on higher ground
I want to live above the world
Though Stan's darts at me are hurled
For faith has caught the joyful sound
The song of saints on higher ground.

Lord lift me up, and I shall stand
By faith, on heaven's tableland
A higher plane than I have found
Lord, plant my feet on higher ground.

If you have enjoyed, appreciated and profited by this Symbolic Code, look for the next code in the mail.

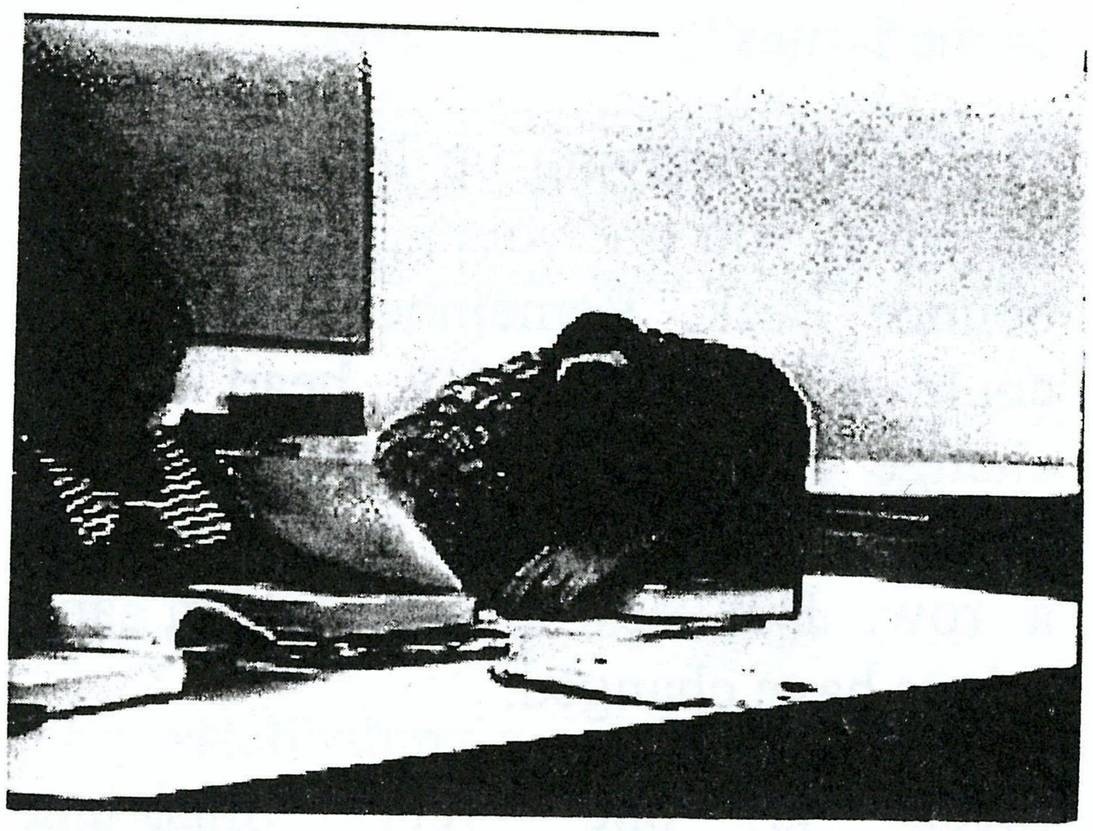
Dear Brother and Sister, we cannot afford to lose out at this late hour, let us make our calling and election sure that we may be among those righteous who will witness the last closing scenes of this earth's history when the living saints will bring joy indescribable. Then to behold friends and loved ones as they meet each other, clothed in glorious incurruptible bodies, marching through space via sinless planets, and finally into the Heaven of heavens! What a glorious train of immortal beings- saints and angels, and the King of kings, the Lord of hosts, "the everlasting Father, and the Prince of Peace," in the midst of them! Swiftly flying from the sin-cursed earth to the Center of centers in but "seven" days, while it would take "light years" millions of years to make

a trip of such incomprehensible distance! Can you perceive of an object moving with such tremendous velocity! God forbid that we should rob ourselves of glory like this. AN HOUR'S TIME LIVED IN HEAVEN, WITHOUT SIN, PAIN OR TEARS, FEAR OR DEATH, IS WORTH MORE THAN A THOUSAND YEARS IN TENTS OF WICKEDNESS.

My brethren, to obey the Word of God, and be true to principle for your own good, is not asking too much of you. Will you let self and sin rob you of a crown of life? Your human wisdom and worldly knowledge will prove to be as black as darkness itself, if you should allow the wily foe to rob you of the celestial bliss that should be yours throughout the ceaseless ages of eternity.

HEALTH CORNER

LACK OF SLEEP MEANS PAIN, WEIGHT GAIN



How Lack of Sweet Sleep can Turn you Sour, Cause Pain and Weight Gain

By Stefan Aschan

"What happened to you last night? You look like . . ."

You may be surprised when a friend greets you in this way on an early Monday morning after a busy weekend. Then again, considering your routine, it might come as no shock at all.

The latest news on the election, worries over stock market—and perhaps even your favorite reality show—might keep you up throughout

the night, till midnight, 1 a.m. or even 2 a.m. Ouch, it's time to go to bed, right? But now you can't fall asleep because your heart is pumping from excitement over the latest news. After a couple of weeks, you notice that you lack energy, and aches and pains are arising that you have not had before. You start to make appointments with doctors to get to the bottom of the pains. Yet, nobody can find anything wrong. You try physical therapy, pain medication and natural remedies. Still no success. Might sleep be the cause of the issues?

The fact is, staying up late is easy to do when you are young. You used to bounce back. Remember when you could work a full day, head home, change clothes and go out again? It was fun, and you did it three nights in a row. But now you're older, and things have changed.

Sleep is one very important consideration for anyone. We need sleep to restore and repair our systems. Yet, because of the pressures and distractions of modern society, our natural patterns are often interrupted, possibly causing pain and weight gain.

How It Used to Be

Our natural sleep pattern is influenced by light. The cycles of light and dark that occur because of the movement of the sun affect all living creatures.

When health experts speak of our sleeping cycle, you'll often hear it referred to as our "circadian cycle." In times past, it was natural to rise with sunrise and wind down at sundown. Times have changed. You work on the computer, watch TV and read late and under electric lights. Hence, there are many opportunities to interrupt our circadian cycle.

Interruption of the circadian cycle can cause aches, pains, health issues and performance issues. Whenever light stimulates your skin or eyes, your brain and hormonal system naturally releases cortisol. This hormone is often called the "stress hormone," since it is released whenever we are exposed to stress, which can be from any various physical, mental and nutritional sources.

As the sun rises, so too do cortisol levels. Normally, the peak of cortisol is between 6 a.m. and 9 a.m., after which its concentrations drop slightly till noon and stay at a lower level from 6 p.m. until 6 a.m. Low cortisol levels allow another hormone called melatonin to be released, helping us to fall asleep. In a perfect world, we should start to wind down when the sun sets, and by about 10:00 p.m. we should be in bed, allowing our bodies and brains to repair themselves before the next day ahead.

How Modern Life Meddles With the Sleep Cycle

Computer screens, television at night and fluorescent lights flicker on and off between 60 to 120 cycles per second. Recent research suggests that these stimuli cause your brain to think it is morning, prompting the release of cortisol. At this point, you are withholding your body from the precious sleep it needs for repair, to be re-energized to stay mentally alert during the following day and to look younger and refreshed.

To get energized in the morning, coffee might be your next move. Or perhaps a muffin or some other treat chock full of simple sugars or high fructose corn syrup. Why is this a problem? Well, white sugar and caffeine stimulates the adrenal glands, which can in turn release the hormone cortisol. And since cortisol takes part in how our body metabolizes fat, protein and carbohydrates, our body does not function as well as it used to after continued use of these stimulants. A vicious cycle develops. Lack of sleep hinders your body's attempts at proper repair and restoration. Then you start feeding your body with processed foods that let you hang for even more. Additional calories are the result. And because you are not feeling refreshed, a workout is the last thing on your mind.

Solutions for Sleep-Related Ills

The simple solution to breaking this cycle, of course, may be getting the missing sleep that could be at the root of your aches, pains and exhaustion. Sure, easier said than done. But try following these checkpoints for proper rejuvenation:

*Try to go to bed by 10 p.m., and aim to wind down and be asleep by 10:30 p.m.

*Check your bedroom for light sources. These sources can be as seemingly minor as the light from a phone or from your alarm clock. Remove these light sources or cover them.

*An eye mask might be helpful in blocking out additional light—plus, it's a great tip for airplane trips.

*Try establishing a consistent sleeping schedule.

*Avoid caffeine.

*Exercise can release endorphins, helping
you look and feel youthful.

Always remember that exercise is an important component in rejuvenation and to feel great about yourself.

If you are experiencing aches and pains, you might want to try to go to bed as mentioned above. See what happens. While there are many

potential causes for aches and pains, solving the lack of sleep brought about by our many modern "conveniences" might be a good
first step.

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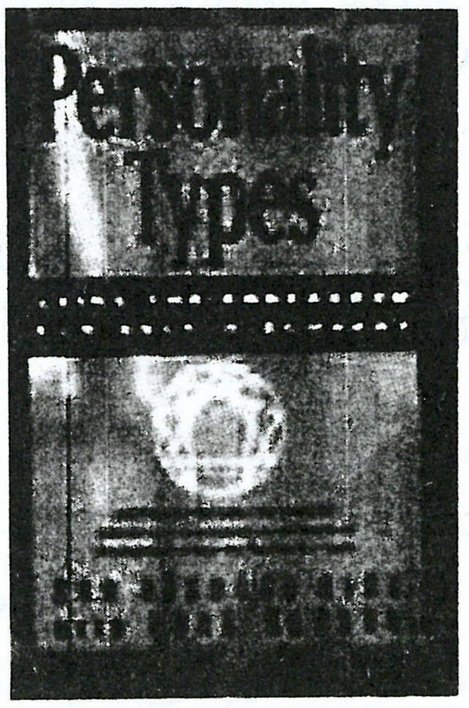


OPINION—Dealing with Basic Personality Types and Difficult Individuals

By Judy Lewis

In order to work effectively with people, it's important that you recognize that each has specific personality traits. This holds true whether you are working with people, for people, whether you are supervising, or serving. There are several criteria that will help you understand and "use" those personality traits.

Begin by determining what motivates each of them. Become sensitive to their body language. Try to determine what people are trying to get from you and what they really ant and are in need. Take the time, or make the time. Try to put yourself in the other guy's shoes. Concentrate and pay attention to what people are saying to you. Try to understand where "people are coming from." Who are they? Where did they come from? What is important to them? What do they really want to get from you?

Next, attempt to depersonalize people's behavior. When working with people, it is your responsibility to be courteous, informative, serious, and professional, as well as to observe both people's privacy and confidentiality. If yours is a supervisory position, regardless of industry, or business, your job at various times will require you to assume the role of a host/hostess, therapist, teach, liaison,

and/or interpreter. You will need to understand that you have really nothing to do with why people choose to exhibit difficult behavior. Most difficult people have long-standing, ingrained behavior patterns that have been with them long enough to become habitual. More often than not, such people are absolutely sure that the cause of their difficult behavior isn't their own fault, but rather caused by "someone" else. It therefore stands to reason that your use of kind words and phrases can be effectively used to diffuse, rather than incite such behavior. The way you can most help yourself when dealing with such people is to prepare yourself, following the adage that forewarned is forearmed.

There are simple behaviors that you can employ to get ready. Practice deep breathing. This will not only calm you, but give you a few minutes to prepare for what you do, or say next. Do your homework in "preparing for the battle." The more you know about the history of such difficult people, the better you will react to them.

It's also important to learn how people evaluate you. There are many ways for you to make a positive impression and, as a result, help people to judge you for the right reasons. First off, you should become conscious of the factor by which people judge you. Hear your own voice. Learn to modulate your voice to suit different occasions. Learn to communicate with gestures and nonverbal cues. Use your appearance in as positive as way as possible. Facilitate as opposed to inhibiting behavior. Keep your posture direct, open, and relaxed rather than keeping your body turned and arms folded. Your facial expression speaks volumes. It should show that you are interested, empathetic and understanding, as opposed to being preoccupied, bored or disapproving. . . . Make eye contact as frequently as possible. Nodding your head can be helpful if timed well, and employed neither infrequently nor excessively.

Continue your self-evaluation by thinking about what makes you behave certain ways in certain situations. Understand yourself, your strengths and weaknesses. When you "get in trouble" with your actions, ask yourself why you are behaving a certain way and be truthful about your motivation. Learn what makes you high, tick and explode and then teach yourself how to defuse. Identify and be aware of your own strengths and weaknesses and use what you've got. Figure out ways which you deal with anger and stress. Try taking deep breaths. Examine the body cues you are exhibiting and absolutely think before you talk.



For many families, talking about money is taboo. The adults make it, the kids ask for it, end of story. Yet financial experts agree that understanding cash, credit, and consumerism is possible, and important, for building a sense of financial responsibility in children. How can you teach your kids about money? What kind of message should you teach them? Let's talk about money.

It's a Good Idea!

Ask your child about what a credit card is and how it works. Tell her it's a way to borrow money, and teach her that, unless you pay it back every month, everything you buy with a credit card is far more expensive than it would be if you paid cash. Model a cash economy yourself. Teach her the discipline of credit cards and you'll be doing her a very big financial favor.

The ABCs of Do-Re-Me

Kids need to know how the economy works. No, not stocks, interest rates, and world markets! I mean the basic ins and outs of a family economy. You can start when your kids are very young by helping them understand the difference between needs and wants, that money comes from working, what money looks like, and that everybody has a job (a kid's job is to learn things, to play, and to participate in the family). As they get older (once they know that a nickel is worth less than a dime, even

though it's larger), you can talk with them about credit cards, bank interest, and so on. Kids can learn about budgeting from the time they are about seven. Remember that a solid money education is one of the best tools you can give your kids—it will aid them the rest of their lives.

Ethics Through Sharing

Part of a solid money education includes teaching your kids that, as a member of a community, as a responsible person, and as a world citizen, they have a responsibility to other people outside themselves and their family. That means sharing. We all live on a small planet together, and we are all linked. Teaching your kids a sense of social ethics includes a sense of charity or giving.

It's a Good Idea!

Steve Otfinoski's book The Kid's Guide to Money: Earning It, Saving It, Spending It, Growing It, Sharing It is unusual for a book on finances for kids in that it stresses the importance of both financial and social responsibility (that's the "sharing it" part of the subtitle). Most similar books have nothing about giving. A loss, if you ask me!

You can help your child develop a sense of social responsibility by:

- Setting an example, modeling charity. Some families tithe to a church or temple, others put aside a certain amount of money every year to give to charity or service organization.
- Sharing your work specialty with others who can't afford it is another option for people who are knowledge or service "rich" but cash "poor." Donate your services to a worthy cause of your

choice, and bring your kids along with you. They'll learn a valuable lesson as you participate in improving the world.

- Volunteer work. People participate in giving programs during the holidays, but don't forget the rest of the year. The nursing homes are filled with amateur entertainers in December, and empty from January through November.
- Individual participation. Stress to your child that it's not enough that the family give, that every individual needs to participate, too.
- Giving. It's not how much you give. Every little bit helps.
- Donating. Kids can donate old clothes, toys, time, or a percentage of their allowance.



KNOWLEDGE OF GOD

Many are the ways in which God is seeking to make Himself known to us and bring us into communion with Him. Nature speaks to our senses without ceasing. The open heart will be impressed with the love and glory of God as revealed through the works of His hands. The listening ear can hear and understand the communications of God through the things of nature. The green fields, the lofty trees, the buds and flowers, the passing cloud, the falling rain, the babbling brook, the glories of the heavens, speak to our hearts, and

invite us to become acquainted with Him who made them all.

Our Saviour bound up His precious lessons with the things of nature. The trees, the birds, the flowers of the valleys, the hills, the lakes, and the beautiful heavens, as well as the incidents and surroundings of daily life, were all linked with the words of truth, that His lessons might thus be often recalled to mind, even amid the busy cares of man's life of toil.

God would have His children appreciate His works and delight in the simple, quiet beauty with which He has adorned our earthly home. He is a lover of the beautiful, and above all that is outwardly attractive He loves beauty of character; He would have us cultivate purity and simplicity, the quiet graces of the flowers.

If we will but listen, God's created works will teach us precious lessons of obedience and trust. From the stars that in their trackless courses through space follow from age to age their appointed path, down to the minutest atom, the things of nature obey the Creator's will. And God cares for everything and sustains everything that He has created. He who upholds the unnumbered worlds throughout immensity, at the same time cares for the wants of the little brown sparrow that sings its humble song without fear. When men go forth to their daily toil, as when they engage in payer; when they lie down at night, and when they rise in the morning; when the rich man feasts in his palace, or when the poor man gathers his children about the scanty board, each is tenderly watched by the heavenly father. No tears are shed that God does not notice. There is no smile that He does not mark.

If we would but fully believe this, all undue anxieties would be dismissed. Our lives would not be so filled with disappointment as now; for everything whether great or small, would be left in the hands of God, who is not perplexed by the multiplicity of cares, or overwhelmed by their weight. We should then enjoy a rest of soul to which many have long been strangers.

As your senses delight in the attractive loveliness of the earth, think of the world that is to come, that shall never know the blight of sin and death; where the face of nature will no more wear the shadow of the curse. Let your imagination picture the home of the saved, and remember that it will be more glorious than your brightest imagination can portray. In the varied gifts of God in nature we see but the faintest gleaming of His glory. It is written, "Eye hath not seen, nor ears heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God

hath prepared for them that love Him." 1Cor.2:9

The poet and the naturalist have many things to say about nature, but it is the Christian who enjoys the beauty of the earth with the highest appreciation, because he recognizes his Father's handiwork and perceives His love in flower and shrub and tree. No one can fully appreciate the significance of hill and vale, river and sea, who does not look upon them as an expression of God's love to man.

God speaks to us through His providential workings through the influence of His Sprit upon the heart. In our circumstances and surroundings, in the changes daily taking place around us, we may find precious lessons if our hearts are but open to discern them. The psalmist, tracing the work of God's providence, says, "The earth is full of the goodness of the Lord." "Whoso is wise, and will observe these things, even they shall understand the loving-kindness of the Lord." Psalm 33:5; 107:43.

God speaks to us in His word. Here we have in clearer lines the revelation of His character, of His dealings with men, and the great work of redemption. Here is open before us the history of patriarchs and prophets and other holy men of old. They were men "subject to like passions as we are." James 5:17, 23 we see how they struggled through discouragements like our own, how they fell under temptation as we have done, and yet took heart again and conquered through the grace of God; and, beholding, we are encouraged in our striving after righteousness. As we read of the precious experiences granted them, of the light and love and blessing it was theirs to enjoy, and of the work they wrought through the grace given them, the spirit that inspired them kindles a flame of holy emulation in our hearts and a desire to be like them in character —like them to walk with God.

Jesus said of the Old Testament Scriptures,—and how much more is it true of the New,—"They are they which testify of Me," the Redeemer, Him in whom our hopes of eternal life are centered. John 5:39. Yes, the whole Bible tells of Christ. From the first record of creation — for "without Him was not anything made that was made" —to the closing promise, "Behold, I come quickly," we are reading of His works and listening to His voice. John 1:3; Revelation 22:12. If you would become acquainted with the Saviour, study the Holy Scriptures.

Fill the whole heart with the words of God. They are the living water, quenching your burning thirst. They are the living bread from heaven. Jesus declares, "Except ye eat the flesh of

the Son of man, and drink His blood, ye have no life in you." And He explains Himself by saying, "The words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life." John 6:53, 63. Our bodies are built up from what we eat and drink; and as in the natural economy, so in the spiritual economy: it is what we meditate upon that will give tone and strength to our spiritual nature.

The theme of redemption is one that the angels desire to look into; it will be the science and the song of the redeemed throughout the ceaseless ages of eternity. Is it not worthy of careful thought and study now? The infinite mercy and love of Jesus, the sacrifice made in our behalf, call for the most serious and solemn reflection. We should dwell upon the character of our dear Redeemer and Intercessor. We should meditate upon the mission of Him who came to save His people from their sins. As we thus contemplate heavenly themes, our faith and love will grow stronger, and our prayers will be more and more acceptable to God, because they will be more and more mixed with faith and love. They will be intelligent and fervent. There will be more constant confidence in Jesus, and a daily, loving experience in His power to save to the uttermost all that come unto God by Him.

As we meditate upon the perfections of the Saviour, we shall desire to be wholly transformed and renewed in the image of His purity. There will be a hungering and thirsting of soul to become like Him whom we adore. The more our thoughts are upon Christ, the more we shall speak of Him to others and represent Him to the world.

The Bible was not written for the scholar alone; on the contrary, it was designed for the common people. The great truths necessary for salvation are as clear as noonday; and none will mistake and lose their way except those who follow their own judgment instead of the plainly revealed will of God.

We should not take the testimony of any man as to what the Scriptures teach, but should study the words of God for ourselves. If we allow others to do our thinking we shall have crippled energies and contracted abilities. The noble powers of the mind may be so dwarfed by lack of exercise on themes worthy of their concentration as to lose their ability to grasp the deep meaning of the word of God. The mind will enlarge if it is employed in tracing out the relation of the subjects of the Bible, comparing scripture with scripture and spiritual things with spiritual...

There is nothing more calculated to strengthen the intellect than the study of the Scriptures. No other book is so potent to elevate the thoughts, to give vigor to the faculties, as the broad, ennobling truths of the Bible. If God's word were studied as it should be, men would have a breadth of mind, a nobility of character, and a stability of purpose rarely seen in these times.

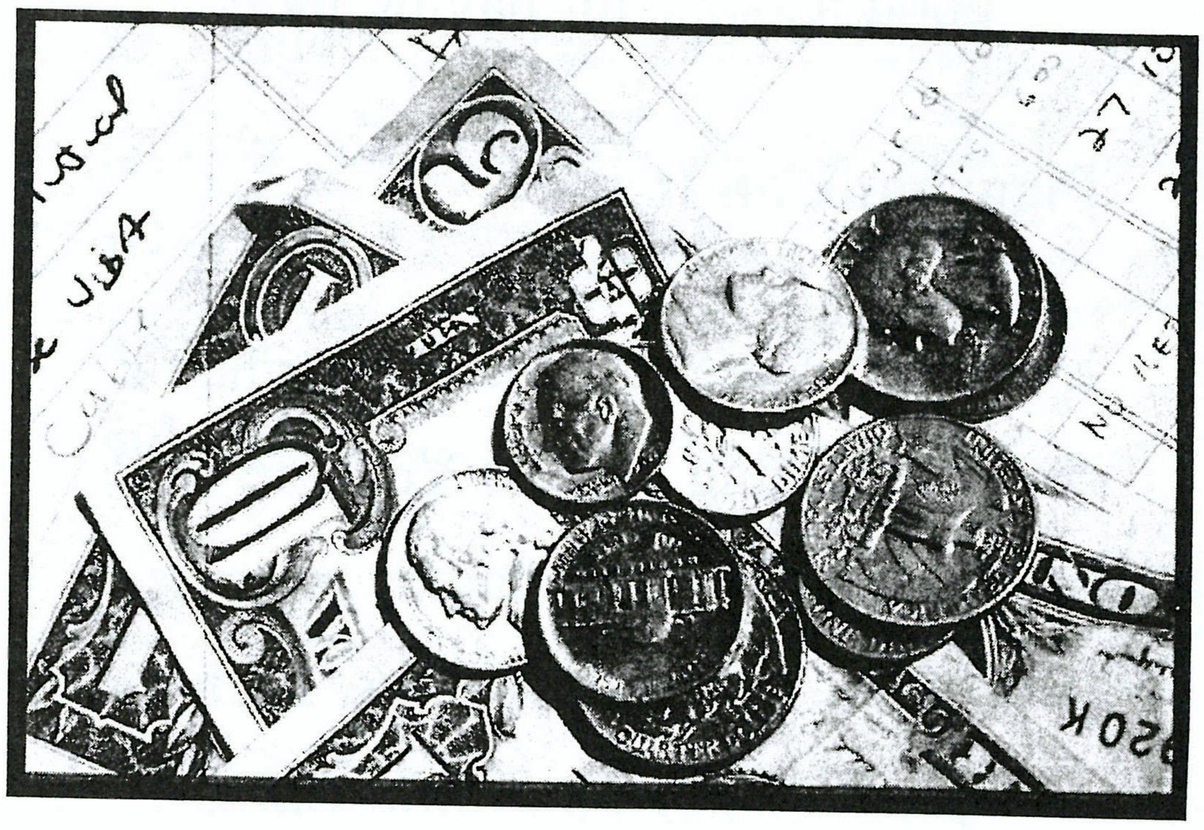
But there is but little benefit derived from a hasty reading of the Scriptures. One may read the whole Bible through and yet fail to see its beauty or comprehend its deep and hidden meaning. One passage studied until its significance is clear to the mind and its relation to the plan of salvation is evident, is of more value than the perusal of many chapters with no definite purpose in view and no positive instruction gained. Keep your Bible with you. As you have opportunity, read it; fix the texts in your memory. Even while you are walking the streets you may read a passage and meditate upon it, thus fixing it in the mind.

We cannot obtain wisdom without earnest attention and prayerful study. Some portions of Scripture are indeed too plain to be misunderstood, but there are others whose meaning does not lie on the surface to be seen at a glance. Scripture must be compared with scripture. There must be careful research and prayerful reflection. And such study will be richly repaid. As the miner discovers veins of precious metal concealed beneath the surface of the earth, so will he who perseveringly searchers the word of God as for hid treasure find truths of the greatest value, which are concealed from the view of the careless seeker. The words of inspiration, pondered in the heart, will be as streams flowing from the fountain of life.

Never should the Bible be studied without prayer. Before opening its pages we should ask for the enlightenment of the Holy Spirit, and it will be given. When Nathanael came to Jesus, the Saviour exclaimed, "Behold an Israelite indeed, in whom is no guile!" Nathanael said, "Whence knowest thou me?" Jesus answered, "Before that Philip called thee, when thou was under the fig tree, I saw thee." John 1:47, 48. And Jesus will see us also in the secret places of prayer if we will seek Him for light that we may know what is truth. Angels from the world of light will be with those who in humility of heart seek for divine guidance.

The Holy Spirit exalts and glorifies the Saviour. It is His office to present Christ, the purity of His righteousness, and the great salvation that we have through Him. Jesus says, "He shall receive of Mine, and shall show it unto

you." John 16:14. The Spirit of truth is the only effectual teacher of divine truth. How must God esteem the human race, since He gave His son to die for them and appoints His Spirit to be man's teacher and continual guide! *Steps to Christ, pp. 85-91.*



FAMILY MATTERS

Deciding on Money Values

Now that you've examined your own attitudes and values toward money, you may want to think about the things you want your child to understand. Take a look at these old adages: Some have weathered the years because they continue to be true, and others may be tomorrow's classics.

Money can't buy happiness. Explain that having money doesn't solve a person's problems. You need only look at those well-paid athletes and movie stars who are in the headlines for taking drugs, getting divorced, parenting illegitimate children, and having trouble with the law to see that this adage holds true.

- *Self-worth isn't (or shouldn't be) measured in dollars and cents.* Explain that money can bring security and creature comforts, but it doesn't mean that the person who has the money is valued in that way. Again, drug

lords and Mafia dons have plenty of money but certainly aren't regarded as upstanding citizens by those who know what they do. A person is defined by what he does and how he acts, not by his wealth.

- *Keeping up with the Joneses is impossible.* It's fruitless to compare your financial situation to your neighbor's. This kind of jealousy makes you continually dissatisfied with what you have. No matter how much money you acquire, there's always a wealthier Jones out there. The constant complaint of many children is that so-and-so has this toy or this item of clothing, and they want it, too. Is this any different from keeping up with the Joneses?
- *Money, like manure, only does good when you spread it around and encourage small things to grow.* Spoken by Dolly Levi in *The Matchmaker*, this phrase should serve as a reminder that saving money in a mattress doesn't accomplish anything but feed a miser's soul. On the other hand, using money to pay for an education, to start a business, or to donate to charity are certainly worthwhile endeavors—and all good reasons for having money.

Piggybank on It

You don't have to go it alone when it comes to fixing values. You can find help on what your values mean to your child in various books, such as *Dr. Spock's Baby and Child Care.*

- *Getting a car from a parent at 16 isn't a constitutional right.* Many people are under the impression that things are coming to them and that they're entitled. This notion has been nurtured by the proliferation of various government programs that hand out money for all sorts of things, such as cash for *not* growing corn. After the programs are in place, they seem to become a right—life, liberty, the pursuit of happiness, and Social Security

benefits, for example. We tend to lose sight of the fact that benefits are provided as long as the law allows it, but there's no absolute requirement (other than perhaps political necessity) for doing so. This entitlement attitude applies to children who see friends getting all sorts of things and who then assume that everyone should have it, that they're entitled to it.

- *A fool and his money are soon parted.* This wise old English proverb stresses the importance of smart money management. Acting impetuously can cost a person dearly. The earlier your child learns the value of making a budget, saving money, resisting impulse buying, and investing with care, the less likely he is to act the fool and lose his money.

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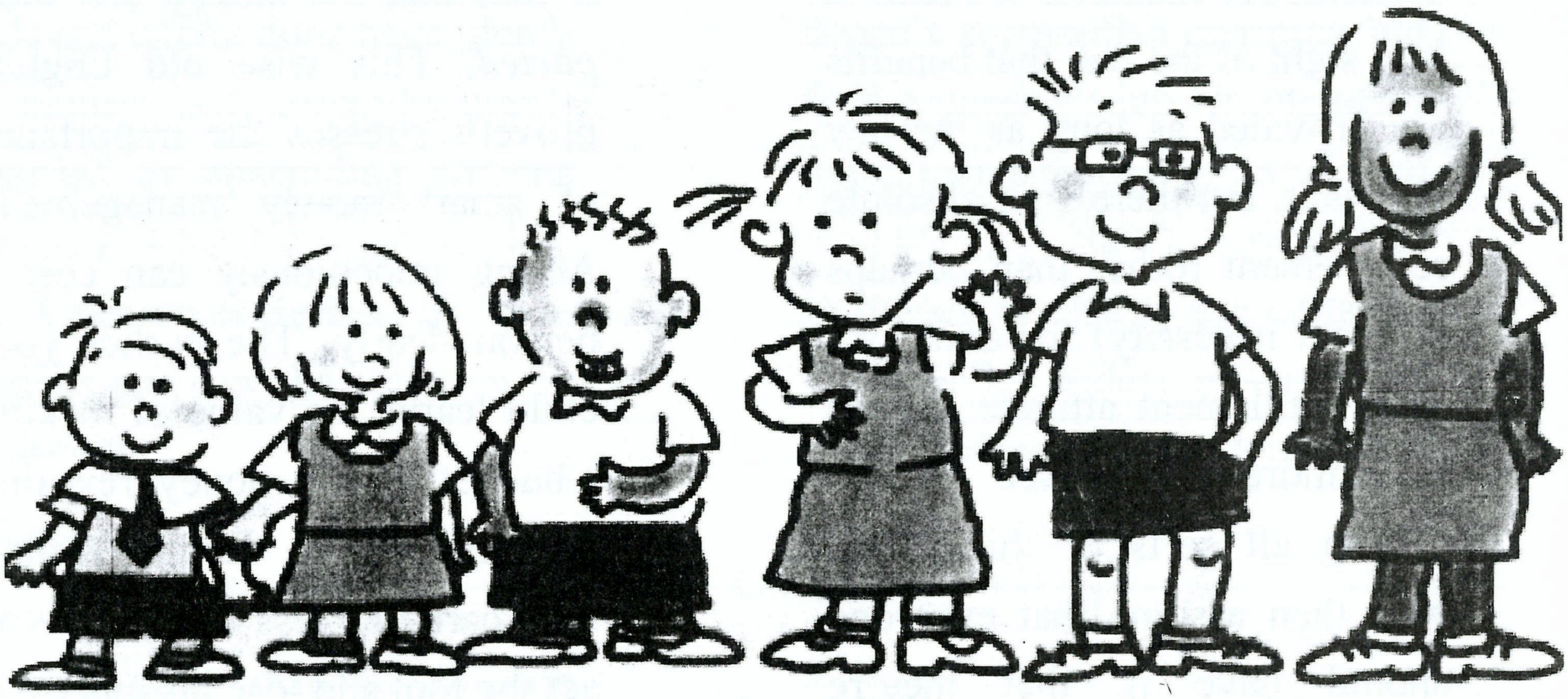

YOUTH CORNER

BIBLE BOOK SQUABBLE

Hi, let us see how well we know the old books of the Bible. Write them down in the order from the first book to the last book of the Old Testament.

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3. mhaun _____
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32. leikeze _____

33. leinad _____

34. aesoh _____

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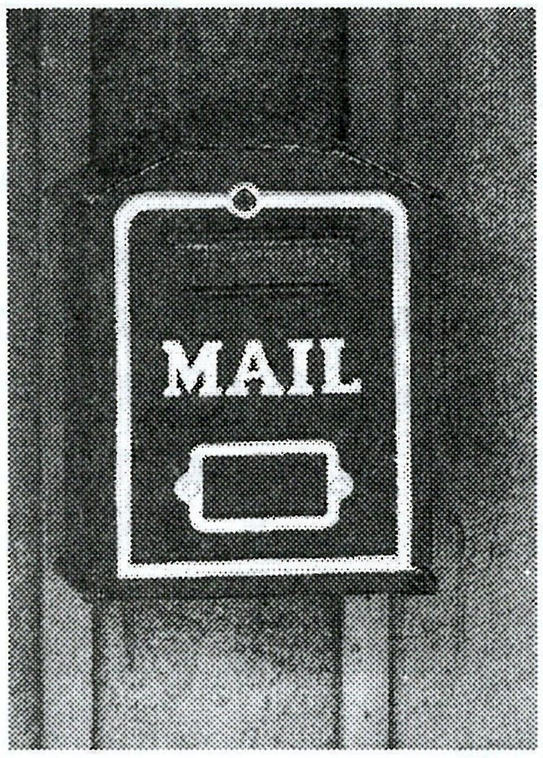
May God give you wisdom as you learn the sequence of the books in the Old Testament.



MAIL BAG

First and foremost I thank our Almighty God in whose hand it the breath of every living things because he has sustain our life up to this moment we are still respiring.

I am fond of reading books and that is how I come to find myself reaching one of your articles on its time 1950 General conference Special. I become shocked by its message on this book because I had never heard such thrilling message as that.

Brethren I am here kindly requesting you to send me books with heavenly message to strengthen my faith and relationship with our creator. Therefore, send me the set of booklets, The Spirit of Prophecy books like Testimonies, *Testimonies to Ministers*, Southern Watchman, *Early Writing*, *Counsel on Diet and Food* and other necessary material.

May the Lord endow you with wisdom and capability and means to work for Him in all nation.

Thank you very much.
East Africa, Kenya

Dear Brethren:

Greetings to all of you there at the Headquarters. This is the first time I am writing to you. I am a Rod believer and I thank GOD through His Holy Spirit for enlightening me about this timely message for these last days. GOD'S plan for our salvation is truly amazing and wonderful. But I still need further study of the word of God. I wish you could send me, if possible, a complete package of Rod message. I have here some books of Shepherd's Rod but these are incomplete to have me a full knowledge of God's truth.
I also enclosed with this letter the names and addresses of some students graduated from the school of Adventist University of the Philippines (AUP). I would like you to kindly send them also a package of Rod message. My Aunt who is a Rod believer, too and is taking a masteral degree in AUP gave me these names. We desire to carry the message to them through the package you will send to them.

Thank you in advance for your assistance and I am looking forward to your response. Please send my regards to Sister Judith Rollan and to her family. May God bless you all abundantly.

Philippines

Greetings,

I tried to use your website but had problems sending my request.

I am interested in all bible studies you may have available form the Shepherd's Rod movement on cassette tape. I have a part time job at night where I can wear headphones and it would be a great time to listen to studies. It has to be on cassette tape though. Do you have any available? Please send all that you can. I can send you a donation in the mail, just give me your address. I attend a Seventh Day Adventist church and I love the truth, the present truth!

North Carolina

Dear Sir/ Madam:

I greet you in the name of the Lord. This letter serves to introduce to you _____ interested in receiving books and tapes from you. This comes

shortly after he listened to the tapes "the Great Multitude" and the "144,000."

The brother was converted few years ago from Catholic church when he discovered that the day of worship is Sabbath not Sunday. He proudly left the church after took his leaders (father) to proof why they worship on Sunday but failed.

He is a baptized member of SDA church and has now discovered this wonderful truth.

The party of the country he lives is still behind in the Shepherd's Rod message but God is at work as he is now leading few in that sees to come in contact with your publications.
Kindly and urgently send to him "tapes" and "tracts" and if possible help him with a copy of a "Great Controversy" by E.G. White, on the address below.

May the Good Lord continue bless you.

Yours in Christ,
(Translated from Spanish)

Dear Brethren:

I sent you my greetings and hope you realize great accomplishments.

I thank you for all the material you sent me via mail. I tell you that I handed them out to fellow students of the message and brethren in the church these past two weekends.

Thank you for your encouragement and I congratulate you for your efforts, press forward, you are doing a good job. I am learning little by little and I'm very much interested in all your studies. I've been studying 3 years over the New World Order and cultic symbology and while comparing your studies with these I see how it everything fits. God is perfect and I doubt not everyday the message. I'd also like to let you know that my wife is interested in the studies. I want you to receive many blessings and a happy new year 2008. I hope we continue to stay in contact and I ask that you maintain me in your list of correspondence to be able to continue to share the message. Please, I'm going to bother you with the following.

1. 15 studies in DVD to be able to see them on TV and to share them with others.

2. A complete set of all literature and cassettes or CD's to have them because I am always sharing them and staying with none. (Send Business Reply Cards)

3. Others (same as above) to give out to the brethren.

4. To pray for me and my family to be able to stand before Jesus.

5. To give me your e-mail to be able to communicate much quickly, ok? Que Dios les bendiga mis Heramanos!!

(Translation from French)

Dear Brethren:

Greeting! How are you and how is the message progressing?

I am bother [redacted], a baptized Adventist since 2003 and since my entrance into the church I have heard the other angel's message spoken of, but I have not been able to glean the message completely.

Because of this I would like to study the message with you, and all the resources you have with regard to tapes, literatures, etc. I have gathered that it is the message of the hour, the message of the 11th hour and that the message is vital.

Thanks for your kind understanding, I await your response.

Brotherly yours,
Prrt-su-Prince, Haiti

Dear Sir,

My name is [redacted] from the above aforementioned. Am writing to know more about the small pamphlets about the prophetic words from the book of Prophet Daniel, Revelations, Isaiah, Jeremiah and Ezekiels, also the book of Matthew if there be some. Please could you send me the interpretations on chapter 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, and 25

I do read the bible but I don't know the meanings of these chapters. And the books mentioned above.

I do remember some times there has been in 1980 some of the small pamphlets have been distributed and have seen it so please sir if there some in the stock could you send them over the specifications are already above.

Your kind understanding and assistance will be repaid by our heavenly Father bless all of us.

Yours truly,

Hello. My name is [redacted] and I am from Fiji. I would like to order for study guides that are available. As a new born SDA. I would like to know more about the Bible.
Fiji Islands

Hello,

I received the tracts today and I must say I was really impressed with the quality. Do you plan to do all the Rod literature that way? What else have you redone? It is good to see some one put some good free literature. Thank you once again.

God Bless.

Subject: Re: requesting some personal Bible Study tapes

l greet you in the name of Jesus. As i am writing this note, l am very happy. The reason for my happiness being that l at last received the package(CDs and a bible). l am really enjoying them.

Thanks a lot. l now have a bible. l read it oftenly. lt is helping me a lot.

Thank you once again for making me know my Lord and Saviour better.

God bless you and your ministry.

Blessings everyone,
I'm requesting 10-20 newly remixed (listening) CD versions of the Assyrian Confederacy please. I need to send them to Zimbabwe and I need them for our campaign here in London.

London, England

To Whom It May Concern:

Hello, I just wanted to write and tell you that I had some of your CD's and tapes but they were crushed with my car. That's a unusual story but God let me live thru a three car wreck head on collision with a car full of all my religious CD's, tapes, pamphlets, booklets and magazines from many different old ministries which I can never get again. It was Satan's attempt to get rid of me and the materials once and for all. But my Lord had another plan. Praise Him.

I was wondering if you would send me one of those cards which shows all the different materials you have on the Bible and prophecy topics.

North Carolina

HEADQUARTERS UPDATE

The Winter is just about over though there is still a blanket of snow covering the ground. Again, we are in awe when we behold God's beauty in designing the four seasons. We are thankful for even the cold weather and, especially the snow! Did you know that without snow, not only would global temperatures rise but, the amount of permanently frozen land in the world would also go up? Snow cools the air above it and stops the Earth from overheating.

The Print shop is fully operational. We praise God for granting Bro. Horne a swift and speedy recovery and he is "back to business" with the printing presses. We have completed several French tracts and are currently restocking our literature supplies. Keep praying for the work brethren. WE ARE STILL IN NEED OF HELP in the print shop. Contact the office (845) 434-5282 if interested.
DLI classes are scheduled to begin in early June. Call for an application if you plan to attend.

Mission Field

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Bro. JJ has just returned from the Caribbean (St. Lucia, Barbados, Grenada, and Martinique) where he visited with and encouraged the brethren. He is currently in Haiti conducting seminars and laboring earnestly for the Lord. Bro. JJ is scheduled to visit the Philippines and conduct seminars France in the coming months.

Bro. Errol Stanford is currently visiting Georgia and Florida. He is encouraging and stimulating the brethren and working to organize the work in Ocala.

Bro. Glenroy is steadily working on the DVD's and should have them available for viewing soon. He is scheduled to visit the Philippines and Vanuatu within the coming month.

Sis. Judith is conducting Bible studies with brethren in New Jersey and in North Carolina. She is doing a great Richards in our prayers as both mom and dad have their hands full.

CONDOLENCES:

Our condolences and heart-felt sorrow go out to Bro. Rudy Camarillo whose wife, Sis. Vivian passed away.

Let us remember to hold up our Ministers and Bible workers in prayer that Gold will continue to bless them as they labor tirelessly in his vineyard.

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Bro. Sylvan and Sis. Vivian from Martinique. They recently committed themselves to each other by joining their hearts in holy matrimony. Let us pray for this couple as they enter this wonderful school – "a school from which they will never graduate!"

Bro. & Sis. Jun and Meriam Flores gave birth to beautiful baby girl, Kim Jeshua Flores. Let's keep the Flores family in our prayers as they enjoy their new "bundle of joy" – a great blessing from the Lord.

Bro. Carl & Sis. Kim Richards gave birth to twins! Rebecca and Kitia made their grand entrance on March 8th. Let's keep Bro. & Sis.

Our deepest sympathy to the Langdon Family. Bro. Langdon passed away early last month.

May God keep you close in this your time of loss. Though words cannot make your sorry any easier, they are meant to show how deeply we do care.

SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT

Session for this year will commence on Friday July 25th and end on Sabbath, August 2nd.

Overseas Delegates:

Please inform Headquarters who the delegates from each location will be so that the necessary invitation letters, etc. can be taken care of early.

Accommodations:

Remember, accommodations will be provided for card holders primarily. All other attendees will be determined by availability. However, every effort will be made to accommodate everyone.

PLAN TO BE THERE!



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