

**MY LORD  
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HIS COMING**

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But it is a painful fact that a large portion of the Advent people, and Advent ministers, ***have lost their faith in the soon coming of the Lord.*** They may still cherish the doctrine of Christ's personal Advent, the literal resurrection of the just, prior to the millennium, and the true inheritance of the saints; ***but faith in the immediate coming of the day of God, they have lost.*** The past Advent movement ***they consider a mistake,*** and one after another of the pillars of the Advent faith ***they have pulled down.*** This apostasy has been a gradual, deceptive work, so gradual, and so carefully managed by the Advent papers, that the brethren who have lost their faith can hardly tell how and where they lost it, yet it is gone.

For several years these unfaithful servants have been saying in their hearts, "My Lord delayeth his coming," as their acts have denied their profession of faith in ***his immediate coming,*** and they have been overturning one strong point after another of the "original Advent faith." They have continued their profession of faith in the immediate Advent of Christ, while their acts have shown that they were saying in their hearts, "My Lord delayeth his coming." More recently, however, ***they have been speaking it out in unmistakable terms.***

***The Third Angels Message***

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"The whole advent host once believed that publishing the visions of Daniel and John on the chart, from which the swift messengers lectured in 1842 and 1843, was a fulfillment of this prophecy (Hab.2:2); and the unbelief of those who doubt now, does not prove that we were all mistaken then. The passing of the time, and the perpetual backsliding and unbelief of Adventists has not changed this truth of God into a lie; but it remains truth still.

You who participated in this first angel's message, and felt its power and glory, and saw its effects on the people, just go back with me to the camp-meetings, conferences, and other meetings where the time, 1843, was

proclaimed from the chart. With what solemnity, zeal and holy confidence the servants of the Lord proclaimed the time. And O, how their words fell upon the people, melting the hardest sinner's heart; for God was with them, and his Spirit attended the solemn message. The most spiritual and devoted in all the churches caught the flame and **many who had been trained to worship their church and their minister, here learned to "fear God" alone,** and "give glory to him." This message weaned us from this world, and led us to the feet of Jesus, to seek forgiveness of all our sins, and a free and full salvation through the blood of Christ. Dear Brethren, Was this message "from heaven or from men?" I know your answer—"from heaven," Amen.

We then "tasted of the good word of God, and the powers of the world to come," and we can not, will not, dare not give it up, and call it a "mistake," the "work of man," "mesmerism," and "of the Devil," as many have done, and have fallen away. "It is impossible" "to renew" such "to repentance; seeing they crucify to themselves the Son of God afresh, and put him to an open shame." See Heb.6:4-6."

The mighty angel who instructed John was no less a personage than Jesus Christ. Setting His right foot on the sea, and His left upon the dry land, shows the part which He is acting in the closing scenes of the great controversy with Satan. This position denotes His supreme power and authority over the whole earth. ***The controversy has waxed stronger and more determined from age to age, and will continue to do so, to the concluding scenes*** when the masterly working of the powers of darkness shall reach their height. Satan, united with evil men, will deceive the whole world ***and the churches who receive not the love of the truth.*** But the mighty angel demands attention. He cries with a loud voice. He is to show the power and authority of His voice to those who have united with Satan to oppose the truth. After these seven thunders uttered their voices, the injunction comes to John as to Daniel in regard to the little book: "Seal up those things which the seven thunders uttered" (Revelation 10:4). ***These relate to future events which will be disclosed in their order.*** Daniel shall stand in his lot at the end of the days. John sees the little book unsealed. Then Daniel's prophecies ***have their proper place in the first, second, and third angels' messages*** to be given to the world. The unsealing of the little book was the message in relation to time. 1MR 99.1

The books of Daniel and the Revelation are one. One is a prophecy, the other a revelation; one a book sealed, the other a book opened. John heard the mysteries which the thunders uttered, but he was commanded not to write them. The special light given to John which was expressed ***in the seven thunders was a delineation of events which would transpire under the first and second angels' messages.*** It was not best for ***the people*** to know these things, ***for their faith must necessarily***

***be tested.*** In the order of God, most wonderful and advanced truths would be proclaimed. The first and second angels' messages were to be proclaimed, but no further light was to be revealed ***before*** these messages had done their specific work. This is represented by the angel standing with one foot on the sea, proclaiming with a most solemn oath that time should be no longer. 1MR 99.2

Note: These 3 messages continue til the close of time.

*The time.* These two verses close the vision proper of chapter 8; and they introduce the one remaining point which of all others would naturally be of the most absorbing interest to the prophet and to all the ***church***; namely, the time the ***desolating powers*** previously brought to view ***were to continue***. How long shall they continue their course of oppression against God's people, and of blasphemy against high Heaven? Daniel, if time had been given, might perhaps have asked this question himself, but God is ever ready to anticipate our wants and sometimes to answer even before we ask. Hence two celestial beings appear upon the scene, holding a conversation, in the hearing of the prophet, ***upon this question which it is so important that the church should understand***. Daniel heard one saint speaking. What this saint spoke at this time we are not informed; but there must have been something either in the matter or the manner of this speaking which made a deep impression upon the mind of Daniel, inasmuch as he uses it in the very next sentence as a designating title, calling the angel "that certain saint which spake." ***He may have spoken something of the same nature as that which the seven thunders*** of the Apocalypse uttered (Revelation 10:3), and which, for some good reason, John was restrained from writing. But another saint asked this one that spake an important question: How long the vision? and both the question and the answer are placed upon record, ***which is prima-facie evidence that this is a matter which it was designed that the church should understand***. And this view is further confirmed by the fact that the angel did not ask this question for his own information, inasmuch as the answer was addressed to Daniel, as the one whom it chiefly concerned, and for whose information it was given. "And he said unto *me*," said Daniel, recording the answer to the Angel's question, "Unto two thousand and three hundred days; then shall the sanctuary be cleansed." DAR1897 156.3

*The Seven Thunders.*—It would be vain to speculate to any great length upon the seven thunders, in hope of gaining a definite knowledge of what they uttered. We must acquiesce in the directions given to John concerning them, and leave them where he left them, sealed up, unwritten, and consequently to us unknown. There is, however, a conjecture extant in relation to them, which may not inappropriately be mentioned here. It is that what the seven thunders uttered ***is the experience of the Adventists engaged in that movement, embracing their sore disappointment and trial***. Something, evidently, was uttered ***which it would not be well for the***

*church to know; and for God to have given an inspired record of the Advent movement in advance, would have been simply to defeat that movement, which we verily believe was in all its particulars an accomplishment of his purposes, and according to his will. Why, then, any mention of the seven thunders at all? Following out the above noticed conjecture, the conclusion would be that we, having met in our history with sudden, mysterious, and unexpected events, as startling and strange as thunders from an unclouded sky, might not give up in utter perplexity, inferring, as we may, that all is in the order and providence of God, since something of this nature was sealed up, and hidden from the *church*. DAR1897 491.2*

Note The treasonous total disregard of those who profess to be His people mocking those that gave those messages. People speaking what God comprehended by His word to their mind, getting so much resistance from behind. Ps. 81:7 ?

*“The iniquity and spiritual darkness that prevailed under the supremacy of Rome were the inevitable result of her suppression of the Scriptures; but **where is to be found the cause** of the widespread infidelity, the rejection of the law of God, and the consequent corruption, **under the full blaze of gospel light in an age of religious freedom?** Now that Satan *can no longer* keep the world under his control by withholding the Scriptures, he resorts to *other means* to accomplish the same object. To destroy faith in the Bible serves his purpose as well as to destroy the Bible itself. By introducing the belief that God's law is not binding, he as effectually leads men to transgress as if they were wholly ignorant of its precepts. And *now*, as in former ages, **he has worked through the church to further his designs. The religious organizations of the day”** (GC 390.2, 389.2; TM 61.3; 7BC 979; PP 124.1) *“have refused to listen to unpopular truths plainly brought to view in the Scriptures, and in combating them they have adopted interpretations and taken positions which have sown broadcast the seeds of skepticism. Clinging to the papal error of natural immortality and man's consciousness in death, **they have** rejected the only defense against the delusions of spiritualism. The doctrine of eternal torment has led many to disbelieve the Bible. And as the claims of the fourth commandment are urged upon the people, it is found that the observance of the seventh-day Sabbath is enjoined; and as the only way to **free themselves** from a duty which they are unwilling to perform, **many popular teachers declare** that the law of God is no longer binding. Thus **they cast** away the law and the Sabbath together. As the work of Sabbath reform extends, this rejection of the divine law to avoid the claims of the fourth commandment will become well-nigh universal. **The****

*teachings of religious leaders have opened the door to infidelity, to spiritualism, and to contempt for God's holy law; and upon these leaders rests a fearful responsibility for the iniquity *that exists in the Christian world.*” {GC 586.2}{GC 281.3}{GC 603.2}*

*As the storm approaches, a **large class** who have professed faith in the third angel's message, but have not been sanctified through obedience to the truth, abandon their position and join the ranks of the opposition. By uniting with the world and partaking of *its spirit*, they have come to view matters in nearly the same light (DA 635.1); and when the test is brought, they are prepared to choose the easy, popular side. Men of talent and pleasing address, who once rejoiced in the truth, *employ their powers to deceive and mislead souls. They become the most bitter enemies of their former brethren.* When Sabbathkeepers are brought before the courts to answer for their faith, these apostates are the most efficient agents of Satan to misrepresent and accuse them, and by false reports and insinuations to stir up the rulers against them. {GC 608.2}{GC88 608.1}{4SP 426.1}{Mar 196.2}{FLB 336.7}{LDE 180.6}LDE 209.3*

As the Protestant churches reject the clear, Scriptural arguments in defense of God's law, *they will long to silence those whose faith they cannot overthrow by the Bible.* Though they blind their own eyes to the fact, they are now adopting a course which will lead to the persecution of those who conscientiously *refuse to do what the rest of the Christian world are doing*, and acknowledge the claims of the papal sabbath. GC 592.2

We have the most solemn message of truth ever borne to the world. *This truth is more and more respected by unbelievers, because it cannot be controverted.* {GW92 138.1}

Note: Since SDA's are a product of the protestant reformation they to will long to silence those who preach the truth they once espoused and their descendants have braced themselves—fortified themselves with seeds of skepticism—to resist. If milder means fail, will resort to compulsion by the arm of the state to root out the hated sects. They will become the most bitter enemies and the most efficient agents against their former brethren.

*When the protection of human laws shall be withdrawn* from those who honor the law of God, there will be, in different lands, a simultaneous movement for their destruction. As the time appointed in the decree draws near, the people will conspire to *root out the hated sect.* It will be determined to strike in one night a decisive blow, which shall utterly silence the voice of dissent and reproof. GC

635.1

Note: this is the death decree under the 3rd Plague.

When men indulge this accusing spirit, they are not satisfied with pointing out what they suppose to be a defect in their brother. *If milder means fail of making him do what they think ought to be done, they will resort to compulsion.* Just as far as lies in their power they will force men to comply with their ideas of what is right. This is what the Jews did in the days of Christ and *what the church has done ever since whenever she has lost the grace of Christ. Finding herself destitute of the power of love, she has reached out for the strong arm of the state* to enforce her dogmas and execute her decrees. Here is the secret of all religious laws that have ever been enacted, and the secret of all persecution from the days of Abel to our own time. MB 126.2

Many will stand *in our pulpits* with the torch of *false prophecy* in their hands, kindled from the hellish torch of Satan. If doubts and unbelief are cherished, the faithful ministers *will be removed from the people who think they know so much.* "If thou hadst known," said Christ, "even thou, at least in this thy day, the things which belong unto thy peace! but now they are hid from thine eyes." {TM 409.3}

There will be seducing spirits and doctrines of devils *in the midst of the church*, and these evil influences will increase; but hold fast the beginning of your confidence firm unto the end.—Manuscript 61, 1906, 2. ("Hold Fast the Beginning of Your Confidence," June 29, 1906.) { 8MR 345.2 }

"In the future, deception of every kind is to arise, and we want solid ground for our feet. We want solid pillars for the building. Not one pin is to be removed from that which the Lord has established. The enemy *will bring in false theories*, such as the doctrine *that there is no sanctuary*. This is one of the points on which there will be a departing from the faith. *Where shall we find safety unless it be in the truths that the Lord has been giving for the last fifty years?*" {RH, May 25, 1905 par. 28}

*Few can discern* the result of entertaining the *sophistries* advocated by some at this time. But the Lord has lifted the curtain, and has shown me the result that would follow. The *spiritualistic theories* regarding the personality of God, followed to their logical conclusion, *sweep away the whole Christian economy. They estimate as nothing the light that Christ came from heaven to give John to give to His people. They teach that the scenes just before us are not of sufficient importance to be given special attention. They make of no effect the truth of heavenly origin, and rob the people of God of their past experience, giving them*

instead a false science. (Not the health message) {ISM 203.4} See few months learning, and Last fifty years study.

In a vision of the night I was shown distinctly that these sentiments have been looked upon by some as the grand truths that are to be brought in and made prominent at the present time. I was shown a platform, braced by solid timbers,-- the truths of the word of God. *Some one* high in responsibility in the medical work (Kellogg's Living Temple--ISM 203.2) was directing this man and that man to loose the timbers supporting this platform. Then I heard a voice saying, "**Where are the watchmen** that ought to be standing on the walls of Zion? are they asleep? This foundation was built by the Masterworker, and will stand storm and tempest. **Will they permit this man to present doctrines that deny the *past experience* of the people of God? The time has come to take decided action.**" {ISM 204.1}

The enemy of souls has sought to bring in the supposition that a great reformation was to take place among Seventh-Day Adventists, and that this reformation would consist in *giving up the doctrines which stand as the pillars of our faith*, and engaging in a process of reorganization. Were this reformation to take place, what would result? **The principles of truth that God in His wisdom has given to the remnant church, would be discarded.** Our religion would be changed. **The fundamental principles that have sustained the work for the *last fifty years would be counted as error.*** A new organization would be established. Books of a new order would be written. A system of *intellectual philosophy* would be introduced. The founders of this system would go into the cities, and do a wonderful work. The sabbath, of course, would be lightly regarded, as also the God who created it. Nothing would be allowed to stand in the way of the new movement. The leaders would teach that virtue is better than vice, but God being removed, they would place their dependence on human power, which, without God, is worthless. Their foundation would be built on sand, storm and tempest would sweep away the structure. {ISM 204.2}

Who has authority to begin such a movement? **We have our Bibles. We have our experiences, attested to by the miraculous working of the Holy Spirit. We have the truth that admits of no compromise. Shall we not repudiate everything that is not in harmony with this truth?** {ISM 205.1}

The conflict is to wax fiercer and fiercer. Satan will take the field and personate Christ. **He will misrepresent, misapply, and pervert everything he possibly can, to deceive, if possible, the very elect.** Even in our day there have been and will continue to be *entire families* who have once rejoiced in the truth, but who will lose faith because of *calumnies* and *falsehoods* brought to them in regard to those whom they have loved and with *whom* they have had sweet *counsel*. **They opened their hearts to the sowing of tares; the tares sprang up among the wheat; they strengthened; the crop of wheat became less and less; and the precious truth lost its power to them. For a time a false zeal accompanied their new theories, which**

*hardened their hearts against the advocates of truth* as did the Jews against Christ. {TM 411.2}

Under the *zeal of Satan*, some have for a time the appearance of men in a flourishing condition; but it is only for a season. Satan carried them so far that *they do despite* to the Spirit of God. They spread themselves like a green bay tree. The Lord suffers them for a time. He allows them to manifest their envy and hatred against the people of God, as He has allowed Satan to develop his character, that he might stand before the heavenly universe, before the worlds unfallen, and the fallen world, in his true attributes, as a deceiver, an accuser of the brethren, a murderer at heart. {TM 412.1}

Ministers of the gospel whose characters are otherwise almost faultless, frequently do great harm *by allowing their forbearance toward the erring to degenerate into toleration of their sins, and even participation with them.* In this easygoing way they excuse and palliate that which the word of God condemns; and *after a time they become so blinded as even to commend the very ones whom God commands them to reprove.* The only safe-guard against these dangers is to add to patience godliness,—*to reverence God, his character and his law, and to keep his fear ever before the mind.* By communion with God, through prayer and the reading of his word, we should cultivate such a sense of the holiness of his character that we shall regard sin as he regards it. LP 322.1

Godliness leads to brotherly kindness; and *those who do not cherish the one, will surely lack the other. He who has blunted his moral perceptions by sinful leniency toward those whom God condemns, will ere long commit a greater sin by severity and harshness toward those whom God approves. Viewed through the perverted medium of an unconsecrated spirit, the very integrity and faithfulness of the true-hearted Christian will appear censurable.* LP 322.2

...Paul's exhortation to Timothy: "Preach the word." *In that word are the only safe principles of action. It is a transcript of the will of God, an expression of divine wisdom. It opens to man's understanding the great problem of life. It will prove a guide to all who heed it, so that their lives will not be wasted in misdirected efforts. God has declared his will, and it is absolute madness for men to change or even question that which has gone out of his lips. After Infinite Wisdom has spoken, there can be no doubtful questions for man to settle, no wavering probabilities for him to adjust. All the interests of time and of eternity are involved in a frank, earnest concurrence of the mind and will of men with the expressed will of God. Obedience is the highest dictate of reason as well as of conscience. Those who choose to listen to other voices and to follow other guides, will be turned unto fables, and, trusting to these, they will in the day of God meet with infinite loss.* LP 324.2 see GC 583.1



**“In rejecting the truth, men reject its Author. . . It is as easy to make an idol of false doctrines and theories as to fashion an idol of wood or stone. . .”** GC 583.1  
see LP 324.2

“The conviction is gaining ground in the world that Seventh-day Adventists are giving the trumpet an uncertain sound, that they are following worldlings.” {TM 86.2} {GCB, April 1, 1897 par. 2} {1888 1332.1}

### Many Adventists Brace Themselves Against the Light

There is to be in the [Seventh-day Adventist] churches a wonderful manifestation of the power of God, but it will not move upon those who have not humbled themselves before the Lord, and opened the door of the heart by confession and repentance. In the manifestation of that power which lightens the earth with the glory of God, **they will see only something which in their blindness they think dangerous, something which will arouse their fears, and they will brace themselves to resist it. Because the Lord does not work according to their ideas and expectations they will oppose the work.** “Why,” they say, “should we not know the Spirit of God, when we have been in the work so many years?”—RH Extra, Dec. 23, 1890. {LDE 209.3} {GC 608.2}

The third angel's message will not be comprehended, the light which will lighten the earth with its glory will be **called a false light**, by those who refuse to walk in its advancing glory.—RH May 27, 1890. {LDE 210.1} {Mar chapter 219.}

Who Now Has Taken Control of Those in The SDA church that have abandoned  
their  
former positions and joined the ranks of the Opposition.?

I saw the rapidity with which this delusion was spreading. A train of cars was shown me, going with the speed of lightning. The angel bade me look carefully. I fixed my eyes upon the train. It seemed that the whole world was on board. Then he showed me the conductor, a fair, stately person, whom all the passengers looked up to and revered. I was perplexed and asked my attending angel who it was. He said, “It is Satan. He is the conductor, in the form of an angel of light. He has taken the world captive. They are given over to strong delusions, to believe a lie that they may be damned. His agent, the highest in order next to him, is the engineer, and others of his agents are employed in different offices as he may need them, and they are all going with lightning speed to perdition.” EW 263.1

In this state of things it was decided that we would return to Battle Creek and there remain while the roads were in a muddy, broken-up condition, and that I would there complete No. 12. My husband was very anxious to see his brethren at Battle Creek and speak to them and rejoice with them in the work which God was doing for him. I gathered up my writings, and we started on our journey. On the way we held two meetings in Orange and had evidence that the church was profited and encouraged. We were ourselves refreshed by the Spirit of the Lord. That night I dreamed *that I was in Battle Creek looking out from* the side glass at the door and saw a company marching up to the house, two and two. They looked stern and determined. I knew them well and turned to open the parlor door to receive them, but thought I would look again. *The scene was changed.* The company now presented the appearance of a Catholic procession. One bore in his hand a cross, another a reed. And as they approached, the one carrying a reed made a circle around the house, saying three times: "This house is proscribed. The goods must be confiscated. They have spoken against our holy order." Terror seized me, and I ran through the house, out of the north door, and found myself in the midst of a company, some of whom I knew, but I dared not speak a word to them for fear of being *betrayed*. I tried to seek a retired spot where I might weep and pray without meeting eager, inquisitive eyes wherever I turned. *I repeated frequently: "If I could only understand this! If they will tell me what I have said or what I have done!"* 1T 577.2

Proscribed—condemned.

Note: 1). This is a metaphor, because: I knew them well for SDA's. The scene had changed but the people did not! They have spoken against James and Ellen.

“. . . *If popery or its principles* shall again be legislated into power, the fires of persecution will be rekindled against those who will not sacrifice conscience and the truth in deference to popular errors. This evil is on the point of realization.”  
{5T 712.1}