

## ***Not at the Expense of Truth.***

Heb. 10:25 Not ***forsaking the assembling*** of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.

Note: Meeting together with those who have joined themselves with the world? With the many? See “following counsel” section below.

Matt. 13:30 Let ***both*** grow together until the harvest: and in the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, Gather ye together first the tares, and bind them in bundles to burn them: but gather the wheat into my barn.

Note: Both Grow in the world.

## ***His Separating.***

Matt. 25:32 And before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall ***separate*** them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats:

Note: This separating is the “result” of the investigative judgment for the saints had already separated themselves from association by morality, and persecution. The symbols of the Sheep and Goats and the Wheat and Tares are the same.  
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The tares and wheat are now commingled, but then the one hand that alone can separate them will give to everyone his true position. Those who have had the light of truth, and heard the warning message, ***heard the invitation to the marriage supper***--farmer, merchant, lawyer, ***false shepherds*** who have quieted the convictions of the people, ***unfaithful watchmen*** who have not sounded the warning or known the time of night--all who have refused obedience to the laws of the kingdom of God, will have no right therein. Those who have sought an ***excuse to avoid the cross of separation from the world*** will, with the world, be taken in the snare. ***They mingled with the tares from choice. Like drew to like in transgression.*** It is a fearful assimilation. Men choose to stand with the first rebel, who tempted Adam and Eve in Eden to disobey God. The tares multiply themselves, for they sow tares, and they have their part with the root of all sin--the devil. {TM 235.1}{4SP 390.3}{GC 608.2}

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 despise* 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}

Note: He does the separating and both grow together on the same planet, before fleeing to the mountains 2T166.1, before the second advent, be the *TRUTH*. Heb. 4:12 For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the *dividing asunder* of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is *a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart*. Matt. 19:29 And *every one that hath forsaken* houses, or *brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children*, or lands, *for my name's sake*, shall receive an hundredfold, and shall inherit everlasting life. 30 But many that are first *shall be last*; and the *last shall be first*.

## ***Our Separating from Them!***

Neh. 10:28 And the rest of the people, the priests, the Levites, the porters, the singers, the Nethinims, and **all they that had separated themselves from the people of the lands unto the law of God**, their wives, their sons, and their daughters, **every one having knowledge, and having understanding**; 29 They clave to their brethren, their nobles, and entered into a curse, and into an oath, to walk in God's law, which was given by Moses the servant of God, and **to observe and do all the commandments of the LORD our Lord, and his judgments and his statutes**; 30 And that we would not give our daughters unto the people of the land, nor take their daughters for our sons: 31 And if the people of the land bring ware or any victuals on the sabbath day to sell, that we would not buy it of them **on the sabbath, or on the holy day**; and that we would leave the seventh year, and the exaction of every debt.

Ex. 19:5 Now therefore, if ye will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people: for all the earth is mine: . . . 8 And all the people answered together, and said, All that the LORD hath spoken we will do. And Moses returned the words of the people unto the LORD.

Note: Not what man thinks God said

Ps 26:4 ***I have not sat with*** vain persons, neither will I go in with dissemblers. 5 I have hated the congregation of evil doers; and will not sit with the wicked.

Ps. 101:3 I will set no wicked thing before mine eyes: I hate the work of them that turn aside; it shall not cleave to me. 4 A froward heart shall depart from me: I will not know a wicked person. 5 Whoso privily slandereth his neighbour, him will I cut off: him that hath an high look and a proud heart will not I suffer. 6 Mine eyes shall be upon the faithful of the land, that they may dwell with me: he that walketh in a perfect way, he shall serve me. 7 He that worketh deceit shall not dwell within my house: he that telleth lies shall not tarry in my sight.

Acts 19:9 But when divers were hardened, and believed not, but spake evil of that way before the multitude, he departed from them, and ***separated the disciples***, disputing daily in the school of one Tyrannus.

2Cor. 6:17 Wherefore ***come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord***, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, 18 And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty.

Rom 16:17 Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and ***avoid them***.

Phil. 3:18 (For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, that ***they are the enemies of the cross of Christ***:

2Tim. 2:16 But shun profane and vain babblings: for they will increase unto more ungodliness. 17 And their word will eat as doth a canker: 3:5 Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: ***from such turn away***.

2Thess. 3:6 Now we command you, brethren, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ***ye withdraw yourselves from every brother that walketh disorderly***, and not after the tradition which he received of us. . . 14 And if any man obey not our word by this epistle, note that man, and have no company with him, that he may be ashamed.

Rev. 18:4 And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, ***Come out of her, my people***, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues.

Heb. 11:36 And others had trial of cruel mockings and scourgings, yea, moreover of bonds and imprisonment: 37 They were stoned, they were sawn asunder, were

tempted, were slain with the sword: *they wandered about* in sheepskins and goatskins; being destitute, afflicted, tormented; 38 (Of whom the world was not worthy:) they wandered in deserts, and in mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth.

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1Kings 8:53 For thou didst separate them from among all the people of the earth, to be thine inheritance, as thou spakest by the hand of Moses thy servant, when thou broughtest our fathers out of Egypt, O Lord GOD.

I was shown the necessity of those who believe that we are having the last message of mercy, *being separate from those who are daily imbibing new errors*. I saw that neither young nor old *should attend their meetings*; for it is wrong to thus encourage them while they teach error that is a deadly poison to the soul and teach for doctrines the commandments of men. The influence of such gatherings is not good. If God has delivered us from such darkness and error, we should stand fast in the liberty wherewith He has set us free and rejoice in the truth. *God is displeased with us when we go to listen to error*, without being obliged to go; for unless He sends us to those meetings where error is forced home to the people by the power of the will, *He will not keep us. The angels cease their watchful care over us*, and we are left to the buffetings of the enemy, to be darkened and weakened by him and the power of his evil angels; and the light around us becomes contaminated with the darkness. EW 124.3

I saw that we have no time to throw away in *listening to fables*. Our minds should not be thus diverted, but should be occupied with the present truth, and seeking wisdom that we may obtain a more thorough knowledge of our position, that with meekness we may be able to give a reason of our hope from the Scriptures. While false doctrines and dangerous errors are pressed upon the mind, it cannot be dwelling upon the truth which is to fit and prepare the house of Israel to stand in the day of the Lord. EW 125.1

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

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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. {1SM 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? {1SM 205.1}

### ***We'll Have to Stand Alone.***

Rev. 13:15 15 And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that *as many as would not worship the image* of the beast should be killed. 16 And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, *to receive a mark* in their right hand, or in their foreheads:17 And *that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark*, . . .

And now occurred a series of events, which, though seeming to bring only defeat and loss to the cause of Christ, were to result in its triumph, giving to the world one of the noblest examples of Christian faith, and winning from the ranks of its opposers their most active and successful champion. *Most of the early believers were cut off from family and friends by the zealous bigotry of the Jews. Many of the converts had been thrown out of business and exiled from their homes, because they had espoused the cause of Christ.* It was necessary to provide this large number, congregated at Jerusalem, with homes and sustenance. Those having money and possessions cheerfully sacrificed them to meet the existing emergency. Their means were laid at the feet of the apostles, who made distribution to every

man according as he had need. LP 14.2

I have been shown that many who profess to have a knowledge of present truth **know not what they believe**. They do not understand the evidences of their faith. They have no just appreciation of the work for the present time. When the time of trial shall come, there are men now preaching to others who will find, upon examining the positions they hold, that there are many things for which they can give no satisfactory reason. Until thus tested they knew not their great ignorance. And there are many in the church who take it for granted that they understand what they believe; but, until controversy arises, they do not know their own weakness. **When separated from those of like faith and compelled to stand singly and alone** to explain their belief, they will be surprised to see how confused are their ideas of what they had accepted as truth. Certain it is that there has been among us a **departure from the living God** and a turning to men, putting human in place of divine wisdom. {5T 707.2}

. . . Now is the time for God's people to show themselves true to principle. When the religion of Christ is most held in contempt, when His law is most despised, then should our zeal be the warmest and our courage and firmness the most unflinching. To stand in defense of truth and righteousness when the majority forsake us, to fight the battles of the Lord **when 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. **The nation will be on the side of the great rebel leader.** 2TT 31.2;5T 136.2;RH Jan. 11:1887, Par. 2

Dan. 12:10 Many shall be purified, and made white, and tried; but the wicked shall do wickedly: and none of the wicked shall understand; but **the wise shall understand.**

### ***Thier Separating from Us.***

1Tim. 4:1 Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times **some shall depart** from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils; 2 Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron;

Note: Some shall depart? Matt. 22:14 For many are called, but **few are chosen**. 7:13 Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and **many there be** which go in thereat: 14 Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and **few there be that find it**. . . 21 Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but **he that doeth the will of my Father** which is in heaven.

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Jude 1:19 ***These be they who separate themselves***, sensual, having not the Spirit.

Luke 6:22 Blessed are ye, when men shall hate you, and ***when they shall separate you from their company***, and shall reproach you, and cast out your name as evil, for the Son of man's sake.

John 16:2 . . . the time cometh, that whosoever killeth you ***will think that he doeth God service***.

Note: Why do those who profess the wheat and the Tares grow together, and Forsake not the assembly of yourselves separate you from their company?

For some time the two classes remained separate. The race of Cain, spreading from the place of their first settlement, dispersed over the plains and valleys where the children of Seth had dwelt; and the latter, ***in order to escape from their contaminating influence***, withdrew to the mountains, and there made their home. ***So long as this separation continued, they maintained the worship of God in its purity.*** But in the lapse of time they ventured, little by little, to mingle with the inhabitants of the valleys. This association was productive of the worst results PP 81.2