

## ***The Subject Outlined.***

What is the Church? God's Church is the body of believers whose names are on the books of heaven, they that believe truth and do it are the wheat. The tares, christian world-church are not only professed christians, but who are of the world and believe not and do not the truth. It is supposed that Early Writings pg 124 refers to those who came out of sunday churches at the early formation of what would become SDA believers to be separate from error. Yet the same errors are being preached now and would require the same attitude. Again if the field is the-world, or the field is the church then the church is the world (GC 588.3) and being told to separate from the world (James 4:4), are we told to separate from the church? Yes from a church that loves the world only professing to be His church. These terms God's Church, christian church, world, wheat-atares, and grow together are conflated as to confuse or used by those who are confused. There are individuals who are wheat and on both church book here on earth and the Lamb's book of life in heaven, there are those who are wheat who are on only the book in heaven. The tares are not on the Lamb's book of life in heaven, yet on the church books here on earth, these are part of the world. And the final separation is the end of the world, the sunday law is not!

## ***What Makes Them the Body of Believers.***

"Truth is not what I believe. Truth is not even what I know.

Truth is fact. I may not believe it. I may not know it. That does not change it. It is there nevertheless, waiting to be discovered and believed.

Truth does not depend on the unsettled and changing opinions of men. It was truth before it was believed. It remains truth, whether it is believed or not. Reason does not originate or create it. It merely discovers it.

Consequently, reason is not a source. Truth goes back beyond reason.

Others would have us believe that the church is the source of authority, particularly in matters of theology. They are wrong. The church is the product of truth. It does not originate it. It came into being by accepting divine revelation. It is not the source of that revelation. Truth goes beyond the church, is antecedent to it." C.B. Haynes. When A Man Dies.

"In these first disciples was presented marked diversity. They were to be the worlds teachers, and they represented widely varied types of character. In order successfully to carry forward the work to which they had been called, these men, differing in natural characteristics and habits of life, ***needed to come into unity of feeling, thought, and action.*** This unity it was Christ's object to secure. ***To this end He sought to bring them into unity with Himself.*** The burden of His labor for

them is expressed in His prayer to His Farther, "That they all may be one; as Thou, Farther, art in Me, and I in Thee, that they also may be one in Us; that the world may know that Thou hast sent Me, and hast loved them, as Thou hast loved Me" John 17 21,23. His constant prayer for them was that they might be **sanctified through the truth**; and He prayed with assurance, knowing that an Almighty decree had been given before the world was made. AA 20.2 Read chapter 2, Training the Twelve.

## ***Grow Together*** Of the Wheat and Tares.

Strong's "Grow, 4886 band bond *1199* of the body." Human family-generations. "4886 Together," in proximity., same generation at the same time. Remember the *Italicized words in Strong's are what it could be translated as*, not what it is translated as.

Matt. 24:40 Then shall *two be in the field*; the one shall be taken, and the other left. 41 *Two women shall* be grinding at the mill; the one shall be taken, and the other left. 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: 33 And he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left.

Did Noah worship with the Antediluvians or did Enoch worship with the descendants of Cain?

Gen. 6:5 And **GOD saw that the wickedness of man** was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. 6 And it repented the LORD that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart. 7 And the LORD said, I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth; both man, and beast, and the creeping thing, and the fowls of the air; for it repenteth me that I have made them. 8 But Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD. 9 These are the **generations** of Noah: **Noah was a just man and perfect in his generations**, and Noah walked with God.

Enoch was a holy man. He served God with singleness of heart. **He realized the corruptions of the human family, and separated himself from the descendants of Cain, and reproveth them for their great wickedness.** There were those upon the earth who acknowledged God, who feared and worshiped him. Yet righteous Enoch was so distressed with the increasing wickedness of the ungodly, that he would not daily associate with them, fearing that he should be affected by their infidelity, and that his thoughts might not ever regard God with that holy

reverence which was due his exalted character. His soul was vexed as he daily witnessed their trampling upon the authority of God. ***He chose to be separate from them, and spent much of his time in solitude, which he devoted to reflection and prayer.*** He waited before God, and prayed to know his will more perfectly, that he might perform it. God communed with Enoch through his angels, and gave him divine instruction. He made known to him that he would not always bear with man in his rebellion—that his purpose was to destroy the sinful race by bringing a flood of waters upon the earth. 3SG 54.1

## ***Separate From World***

The True Church will Separate.

I call upon my brethren who are appointed to educate, to change their course of action. It is a mistake for you to link your interests with any political party, to cast your vote with them or for them. Those who stand as educators, as ministers, as laborers together with God in any line, have no battles to fight in the political world. Their citizenship is in heaven. ***The Lord calls upon them to stand as a separate and peculiar people.*** He would have no schisms in the body of believers. His people are to possess the elements of reconciliation. GW 393.2

Is it their work to make enemies in the political world?—No, no. They are to stand as subjects of Christ's kingdom, bearing the banner on which is inscribed, “The commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus.” They are to carry the burden of a special work, a special message. We have a personal responsibility, and this is to be revealed before the heavenly universe, before angels, and before men. God does not call upon us to enlarge our influence by mingling with society, by linking up with men on political questions, but by standing as individual parts of His great whole, with Christ as our head. Christ is our Prince, and as His subjects we are to do the work appointed us by God.... GW 393.3

***We should know what we must do to be saved. We should not, my brethren and sisters, float along with the popular current. Our present work is to come out from the world and be separate.*** This is the only way we can walk with God, as did Enoch. Divine influences were constantly working with his human efforts. Like him, we are called upon to have a strong, living, working faith, and this is the only way we can be laborers together with God. We must meet the conditions laid down in the word of God or die in our sins. We must know what moral changes are essential to be made in our characters, through the grace of Christ, in order to be fitted for the mansions above. I tell you in the fear of God: We are in danger of living like the Jews—destitute of the love of God and ignorant of His power, while the blazing light of truth is shining all around us. 5T 535.2

How frequently ancient Israel rebelled, and how often they were visited with judgments, and thousands slain, because they would not heed the commands of God who had chosen them! The Israel of God in these last days are in constant danger **of mingling with the world and losing all signs of being the chosen people of God.** Read again Titus 2:13-15. We are here brought down to the last days, when God is purifying unto Himself a peculiar people. Shall we provoke Him as did ancient Israel? Shall we bring His wrath upon us by departing from Him and mingling with the world, and following the abominations of the nations around us? 1T 283.3

*The Lord hath set apart him that is godly for Himself; this consecration to God and separation from the world is plainly and positively enjoined in both the Old and the New Testament.* There is a **wall of separation which the Lord Himself has established between the things of the world and the things He has chosen out of the world and sanctified unto Himself.** The calling and character of God's people are peculiar, their prospects are peculiar, and these peculiarities distinguish them from all other people. All of God's people upon the earth **are one body, from the beginning to the end of time.** They have one Head that directs and governs the body. The same injunctions that rested upon ancient Israel, rest upon ***God's people now, to be separate from the world.*** The great Head of the church has not changed. The experience of Christians in these days is ***much like the travels*** of ancient Israel. Please read 1 Corinthians 10, especially from the 6th to the 15th verse: 1T 283.4

In this degenerate age, error and darkness are preferred rather than light and truth. The works of many of Christ's professed followers ***will not bear the test when examined by the light that now shines upon them.*** For this cause, many do not come to the light lest it shall be made manifest that their works are not wrought in God. Light discovers, makes manifest, the evil hidden under darkness. Men of the world and men who are Christ's servants indeed may be alike in outward appearance; but ***they are servants of two masters whose interests are in decided opposition to each other.*** The world does not understand or discern the difference; but ***there is an immense distance, a vast, separation, between them.*** 2T 689.2

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***The christian church-World is Part of The World.***

The professed church will Not Separate.

Matt. 8:23 And then will I profess unto them, ***I never knew you:*** depart from me, ye that work iniquity.

Matt. 7:21 ***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.

Matt. 25:41 . . . Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels:

“If the world hate you,” said Christ, “ye know that it hated Me before it hated you.” You have entertained the opinion that the reason why the world is so much opposed to us as a people is that we are too unsocial, too plain in our dress, and too strict in regard to amusements, withdrawing ourselves from them too much in practice as well as in precept. You have thought that if we would be less exclusive and would mingle more with the world, their opinions and impressions of us would be greatly modified. ***But no greater mistake could affect the human mind.*** Said Christ: “If ye were of the world, the world would love his own: but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you. Remember the word that I said unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord. If they have persecuted Me, they will also persecute you; if they have kept My saying, they will keep yours also. But all these things will they do unto you for My name's sake, because they know not Him that sent Me.” 5T 433.1

These are the words of One of whom even His enemies were forced to admit: “Never man spake like this Man.” ***The words of men express their own human thoughts;*** but those of Christ are spirit and life. “If ye continue in My word,” He says, “then are ye My disciples indeed.” “He that is of God heareth God's words,” but these divine utterances find no place in the heart of one who is of the world and loves its pleasures. 5T 433.2

***I was shown*** that God is not slack concerning his promises, if his people will obey his requirements. He is faithful who hath promised. ***The condition of our being received of God is, to separate ourselves from the world. The followers of Jesus and the world can not unite.*** Please read John 17:14: “I have given them thy word; and the world hath hated them, because they are not of the world.” John 15:18, 19: “If the world hate you, ye know that it hated me before it hated you. If ye were of the world, the world would love his own; but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you.”

RH November 26, 1861, par. 9

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}

*The tares represent a class who are the fruit or embodiment of error, of false principles.* "The enemy that sowed them is the devil." Neither God nor His angels ever sowed a seed that would produce a tare. The tares are always sown by Satan, the enemy of God and man. {COL 70.3}

Note: *Christ's Object Lessons* chapter *The Tares*. Is written to the Tares as they should be wheat. For they will pass a Sunday law to separate the wheat from their society. GC 587.1 It is the tares that bring error in among the wheat. It is this subject the tares use to neutralize opposition their error and accuse the wheat of an unChristlike attitude. COL. 73.1 And as seen in MB 123.3 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. 23 Rejoice ye in that day, and leap for joy: for, behold, your reward is great in heaven: for in the like manner did their fathers unto the prophets. To the tares the following is addressed:—

The people partook largely of the same spirit, intruding upon the province of conscience and judging one another in matters that lay between the soul and God. It was in reference to this spirit and practice that Jesus said, "Judge not, that ye be not judged." That is, do not set yourself up as a standard. ***Do not make your opinions, your views of duty, your interpretations of Scripture, a criterion for others and in your heart condemn them if they do not come up to your ideal. Do not criticize others, conjecturing as to their motives and passing judgment upon them.*** MB 123.3

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"5. And now mark the work of apostasy: This work never begins by thrusting out



God's institutions, but always by bringing in those of men and at first only asking that they may be *tolerated*, while yet the ones ordained of God are sacredly observed. This, in time, being effected, the next effort is to make them *equal* with the divine. When this has been accomplished, the third stage of the process is to *honor them above* those divinely commanded; and this is speedily succeeded by the fourth, in which the divine institution is thrust out with contempt, and the whole ground given to its human rival." See *1 Sam. 8:5* "judge us like all the nations," and make us pastors "after the manner of the nations of other lands" *2Chron. 13:9*.

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

All who would gain heaven must follow the example of Him who gave His life to save an apostate race, to ransom men and women from eternal death. If the medical missionary workers will *unite on the platform of truth* with those who are carrying responsibilities in the cause of God, they will be gladly welcomed. *But on no other platform than that which the Lord has laid can we unite with them. Never could we combine on any other basis.* The foundation has been laid and all who will take their stand upon this platform, uniting wholeheartedly with the Lord's people, will be made welcome with rejoicing. *But we cannot unite with those who choose to take their stand upon another foundation.* {MR760 5.1

Double-minded men and women are Satan's best allies. Whatever favorable

opinion they may have of themselves, they are dissemblers. *All who are loyal to God and the truth must stand firmly for the right because it is right. To yoke up with those who are unconsecrated, and yet be loyal to the truth, is simply impossible. We cannot unite with those who are serving themselves, who are working on worldly plans, and not lose our connection with the heavenly Counselor.* We may recover ourselves from the snare of the enemy, but we are bruised and wounded, and our experience is dwarfed (RH April 19, 1898). {5BC 1086.5}

The time has come when things must be called by their right names. The truth is to triumph gloriously, and those who have long been halting between two opinions must take their stand decidedly for or against the law of God. Some will take up with theories that misinterpret the Word of God, and undermine the foundation of the truth that has been firmly established, point by point, and sealed *by the power of the Holy Spirit. The old truths are to be revived, in order that the false theories that have been brought in by the enemy may be intelligently met. There can be no unity between truth and error. We can unite with those who have been led into deception only when they are converted.* {UL 88.2}

Our Lord has the power that must be recognized by our people. God calls for unity in conformity to His expressed will. The flock of God should be watched that they shall not be led into false paths. *Unite with no human influence that is not in agreement with the truth of God which has stood the test for half a century.* {21MR 92.1}

Yet this very class put forth the claim that the fast-spreading corruption is largely attributable to the desecration of the so-called "Christian sabbath," and that the enforcement of Sunday observance would greatly improve the morals of society. This claim is especially urged in America, where the doctrine of the true Sabbath has been most widely preached. Here the temperance work, one of the most prominent and important of moral reforms, is often combined with the Sunday movement, and the advocates of the latter represent themselves as laboring to promote the highest interest of society; and *those who refuse to unite with them are denounced as the enemies of temperance and reform.* But the fact that a movement to establish error is connected with a work which is in itself good, is not an argument in favor of the error. We may disguise poison by mingling it with wholesome food, but we do not change its nature. On the contrary, it is rendered more dangerous, as it is more likely to be taken unawares. It is one of Satan's devices to combine with falsehood just enough truth to give it plausibility. The leaders of the Sunday movement may advocate reforms which the people need, principles which are in harmony with the Bible; yet while there is with these a requirement which is contrary to God's law, *His servants cannot unite with them.*



Nothing can justify them in setting aside the commandments of God for the precepts of men. {GC 587.1}

Note: Why the wheat and Tares cannot worship together—Israel was charged by God to not learn how those nations worshipped strange Gods to keep Israel theologically-doctrinally pure. To prevent another alternative Gospel from being accepted. And Israel was Directed to evangelize the countries around and not be evangelized. Rom. 8:6 For to be carnally minded is death; but to be ***spiritually minded is life and peace.*** 7 ***Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be.*** 8 So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God.—12:2 And be not conformed to this world: but ***be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind,*** that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.” And such is case from Cain and Able to this present generation.

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}

## ***Here is marked the work of Apostasy To Keep You out of Heaven!***

In his sinless state, man held joyful communion with Him “in whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.” Colossians 2:3. But ***after his sin, he could no longer find joy in holiness,*** and he sought to hide from the presence of God. ***Such is still the condition of the unrenewed heart. It is not in harmony with God, and finds no joy in communion with Him. The sinner could not be happy in God's presence; he would shrink from the companionship of holy beings. Could he be permitted to enter heaven, it would have no joy for him. The spirit of unselfish love that reigns there—every heart responding to the heart of Infinite Love—would touch no answering chord in his soul. His thoughts, his interests, his motives, would be alien to those that actuate the sinless dwellers there. He would be a discordant note in the melody of heaven. Heaven would be to him a place of torture;*** he would long to be hidden from Him who is its light, and the center of its joy. ***It is no arbitrary decree on the part of God that excludes the wicked from heaven; they are shut out by their own unfitness for its companionship.*** The glory of God would be to them a consuming fire. They would welcome destruction, that they might be hidden from the face of Him who died to redeem them. SC 17.2

Could those whose lives have been spent in rebellion against God be suddenly transported to heaven and witness the high, the holy state of *perfection* that ever exists there,—every soul filled with love, every countenance beaming with joy, enrapturing music in melodious strains rising in honor of God and the Lamb, and ceaseless streams of light flowing upon the redeemed from the face of Him who sitteth upon the throne,—**could those whose hearts are filled with hatred of God, of truth and holiness, mingle with the heavenly throng and join their songs of praise?** Could they endure the glory of God and the Lamb? *No, no; years of probation were granted them, that they might form characters for heaven;* but *they have never trained the mind to love purity; they have never learned the language of heaven, and now it is too late. A life of rebellion against God has unfitted them for heaven. Its purity, holiness, and peace would be torture to them;* the glory of God would be a consuming fire. They would long to flee from that holy place. They would welcome destruction, that they might be hidden from the face of Him who died to redeem them. The destiny of the wicked is fixed *by their own choice. Their exclusion from heaven is voluntary with themselves,* and just and merciful on the part of God. GC 542.2

The people *see that they have been deluded.* They accuse one another of having led them to destruction; but all unite in heaping their bitterest condemnation *upon the ministers. Unfaithful pastors have prophesied smooth things;* they have led their hearers to make void the law of God and to persecute those who would keep it holy. Now, in their despair, these teachers confess before the world their work of deception. The multitudes are filled with fury. “We are lost!” they cry, “and you are the cause of our ruin;” and they turn upon the false shepherds. The very ones that once admired them most will pronounce the most dreadful curses upon them. The very hands that once crowned them with laurels will be raised for their destruction. The swords which were to slay God's people are now employed to destroy their enemies. Everywhere there is strife and bloodshed. GC 655.4.  
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Note: If the Tares loved hearing error, church bride, mingling with the errors of the tares, they would not be happy in heaven why would they be happy here in the Church. Again if the tares can't be happy in heaven then how can the Wheat be happy worshipping with the Tares false theories? Tares have separated from righteousness and Holiness—they've changed the Gospel—Bible principles and are trying to prevent the YOU from obtaining these, tares come in among the wheat with false theories. Here is the work of the Devil, of how many can he take with him to hell. [Wheat/Tares.](#)

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}

“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}

The patience of God has an object, but *you are defeating it*. He is allowing a state of things to come that you would fain see counteracted by and by, but it will be too late. God commanded Elijah to anoint the *cruel and deceitful Hazeal* king over Syria, that he might be a scourge to idolatrous Israel. *Who knows whether God will not give you up to the deceptions you love?* Who knows but that the preachers who are faithful, firm, and true may *be the last who shall offer the gospel of peace to our unthankful churches? It may be that the destroyers are already training under the hand of Satan and only wait the departure of a few more standard-bearers to take their places, and with the voice of the false prophet cry, “Peace, peace,”* when the Lord hath not spoken peace. I seldom weep, but now I find my eyes blinded with tears; they are falling upon my paper as I write. It may be that ere long *all prophesyings among us will be at an end, and the voice which has stirred the people may no longer disturb their carnal slumbers.* 5T 77.1

Men are demanded in these times *who will not betray the truth, who will [not] yield to any guide but God*. The trumpet must give a certain sound, clear and sharp. The sound of warning and alarm must be given. God has a message designed to arouse the people, and words of solemn importance must be spoken *in no hesitating manner*. The time of night must be sounded. The cry must be lifted, “The morning cometh, and also the night.” [Isaiah 21:12.] Clear and distinct the truth must come to the people in the Spirit and power of God that the church and the world may be aroused from their carnal slumbers. Men must be led to inquire with solemn interest, “What shall I do to be saved?” [Acts 16:30.] *False, unfaithful shepherds are crying “Peace and safety” to soothe the consciences of those who need to be alarmed* for their souls’ sake. The voice and pen of God’s faithful servants must be employed, that those who are at ease may be aroused with the warning, “For when they shall cry, Peace and safety; then sudden

destruction cometh upon them.” [1 Thessalonians 5:3.] None will escape, save those who watch and keep their garments white. 2LtMs, Lt 1, 1875, par. 8

We are rapidly nearing the close of this earth's history. The end is very near, much nearer than many suppose, and I feel burdened to urge upon our people the necessity of seeking the Lord earnestly. ***Many are asleep, and what can be said to arouse them from their carnal slumber?*** The Lord would have his church purified, before his judgments shall fall more signally upon the world. RH November 8, 1906, par. 1

The Lord would have His church purified ***from all contention and strife.*** Every phase of character is to be in harmony with the character of Jesus Christ. Unity will then be seen as the sure result. ***Divisions are the fruit of Satan's work.*** Those who love God and keep His commandments will ever reveal the meekness and lowliness of Christ, because they have learned in the school of the great Teacher. We need to be worked by the Holy Spirit. Daily I feel the need of increased faith and increased power in faith to represent the character of Christ to our world.—Letter 24, 1900. TSA 57.1

Eph. 1:3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ: 2:6 And ***hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus:*** 3:10 To the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places might be known by the church the manifold wisdom of God,

2Tim. 3: This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. 2 For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, 3 Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, 4 Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; 5 Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: ***from such turn away.*** 6 For of this sort are they which creep into houses, and lead captive silly women laden with sins, led away with divers lusts, 7 Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth. 8 Now as Jannes and Jambres withstood Moses, so do these also resist the truth: ***men of corrupt minds, reprobate concerning the faith.*** 9 But they shall proceed no further: for their folly shall be manifest unto all men, as theirs also was.

Jude 1:12 ***These are spots in your feasts of charity,*** when they feast with you, feeding themselves without fear: clouds they are without water, carried about of winds; trees whose fruit withereth, without fruit, twice dead, plucked up by the roots

2Cor. 6:14 *Be ye not unequally yoked* together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? 15 And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel? 16 And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. 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.

*The vague and fanciful interpretations of Scripture, and the many conflicting theories concerning religious faith, that are found in the Christian world are the work of our great adversary to confuse minds so that they shall not discern the truth.* And the discord and division which exist among the churches of Christendom are in a great measure due to the prevailing custom of wresting the Scriptures to support a favorite theory. Instead of carefully studying God's word with humility of heart to obtain a knowledge of His will, many seek only to discover something odd or original. DD 7.2

*The line of distinction between professed Christians and the ungodly is now hardly distinguishable. Church members love what the world loves and are ready to join with them, and Satan determines to *unite* them in one body and thus strengthen his cause by sweeping all into the ranks of spiritualism. Papists, who boast of miracles as a certain sign of the true church, *will be readily deceived* by this wonder-working power; and Protestants, having cast away the shield of truth, will also be deluded. Papists, Protestants, and worldlings will alike accept the *form of godliness* without the power, and *they will see in this union a grand movement for the conversion of the world and the ushering in of the long-expected millennium.* GC 588.3. See DA 509.2,3. below.*

Our people have been regarded as too insignificant to be worthy of notice; but a change will come. *The Christian world is now making movements which will necessarily bring commandment-keeping people into prominence. There is a constant supplanting of God's truth by the theories and false doctrines of human origin.* Movements are being set on foot to enslave the consciences of those who would be loyal to God. The law-making powers will be against God's people. Every soul will be tested.—Testimonies for the Church 5:546. ChS 155.3

The Bible lessons which are taught in our schools are of far greater consequence than many now discern. *These children will have to meet in the near future the heresies and fables that abound in the Christian world.* Instruct the youth with



simplicity but great thoroughness. Our work must stand the test of the judgment. The youth in this age must be fitted by the grace of Christ to meet and overcome evils which have been introduced into society. They will have opportunities to use all the knowledge and influence that they have acquired, and will need wisdom from above to stem the current of evil which surrounds them. The supporters of error and of unscriptural doctrines are numerous. The world at large is leading them to forget God and to despise His claims. The law of God is trampled beneath unholy feet. Every youth is responsible to God for His opportunities, and for the precious light shining upon him from the Scriptures.—Testimonies on Sabbath-School Work, 22. CSW 35.2

This test would reveal the strength of those who with real faith had obeyed what they believed to be the teaching of the word and the Spirit of God. It would teach them, as only such an experience could, ***the danger of accepting the theories and interpretations of men, instead of making the Bible its own interpreter.*** To the children of faith the perplexity and sorrow resulting ***from their error would work the needed correction.*** They would be led to a closer study of the prophetic word. They would be taught to examine more carefully the foundation of their faith, ***and to reject everything, however widely accepted by the Christian world, that was not founded upon the Scriptures of truth.*** CIHS 114.2

***But very few of the Christian world are following their Master in a course of humble obedience, progressing in holiness and perfection of Christian character.*** Intemperance and licentiousness are greatly increasing, and are practiced to a large extent under the cloak of Christianity. This deplorable state of things is not because men are obedient to God's law, but because their hearts rise in rebellion to His holy precepts. Con 73.1

***A large share of the Christian world have no right to call themselves Christians.*** Their habits, their extravagance, and general treatment of their own bodies are violations of physical law and contrary to the Bible. They are working out for themselves, in their course of life, physical suffering and mental and moral feebleness. Con 58.3

Further study:—

2T 125-7. (CT 341 PP 458 distinction PP 458) Col 316 converted to GC 509 to its customs 1SM 123 friendship 2T 645.3 friendship enmity, **2T 689.2;690.1** cannot enjoy friendship and be hid 2T 443.2\* 2T 283 dangers of *5T 431-2* 2T 657.2 eat out vitals GC 388 faith corrupted by 2T 149.2\* GC 508.2\* MM 187\* TM 269;271\*275-7\* “5T 287 opposition to church” CH 290\* keep distant from, separate from **4T 633.2\*** cannot enjoy society of **CH 51\*** practice separation from



6T 146.2\* separate from CW 101\* remain separate **4T 306.1** lead god people to be like 2T 43.2,44.3\* 124-33 Section. 139.2\* separate from 7T 296.2\* distinction needed 1T282\* warning against unity with. CH 592

Note: Their deception is the church cannot be separate from the world if the field is the church. **8T 56.3;4T 381.2** Tares are the professed unconverted christian world that brings error into (to those who are the body of Christ) the church.

***Here is seen the founders of this country keeping a world loving churchs hands out of government.***

### Jefferson's Letter to the Danbury Baptists The Final Letter, as Sent

To messers. Nehemiah Dodge, Ephraim Robbins, & Stephen S. Nelson, a committee of the Danbury Baptist association in the state of Connecticut.  
Gentlemen

The affectionate sentiments of esteem and approbation which you are so good as to express towards me, on behalf of the Danbury Baptist association, give me the highest satisfaction. my duties dictate a faithful and zealous pursuit of the interests of my constituents, & in proportion as they are persuaded of my fidelity to those duties, the discharge of them becomes more and more pleasing.

Believing with you that religion is a matter which lies solely ***between Man & his God***, that he owes account to none other for his faith or his worship, that the legitimate powers of government reach actions only, & not opinions, I contemplate with sovereign reverence that act of the whole American people which declared that their legislature should "make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof," ***thus building a wall of separation between Church & State***. Adhering to this expression of the supreme will of the nation in behalf of the rights of conscience, I shall see with sincere satisfaction the progress of those sentiments which tend to restore to man all his natural rights, convinced he has no natural right in opposition to his social duties.

I reciprocate your kind prayers for the protection & blessing of the common father and creator of man, and tender you for yourselves & your religious association, assurances of my high respect & esteem.

Th Jefferson  
Jan. 1. 1802.

ARMY REUNION SPEECH  
IOWA SEPTEMBER 1875

## GENERAL GRANT

Let us labor for the security of free thought, free speech, free press, pure morals, unfettered religious sentiments, and equal rights and privileges for all men, irrespective of nationality, color, or religion; encourage free schools, resolve that not one dollar appropriated to them shall go to the support of any sectarian school; resolve that neither state nor nation shall support any institution save those where every child may get a common school education, unmixed with any atheistic, pagan, or sectarian teaching; leave the matter of religious teaching to the family altar, the church and the private school, supported entirely by private contributions, and keep church and state forever separate. U.S. Grant 1875.

But today *in the religious world* there are multitudes who, as they believe, are working for the establishment of the kingdom of Christ as an earthly and temporal dominion. *They desire to make our Lord the ruler of the kingdoms of this world, the ruler in its courts and camps, its legislative halls, its palaces and market places. They expect Him to rule through legal enactments, enforced by human authority. Since Christ is not now here in person, they themselves will undertake to act in His stead, to execute the laws of His kingdom.* The establishment of such a kingdom is what the Jews desired in the days of Christ. They would have received Jesus, had He been willing to establish a temporal dominion, to enforce what they regarded as the laws of God, and to make them the expositors of His will and the agents of His authority. But He said, “My kingdom is not of this world.” John 18:36. He would not accept the earthly throne. DA 509.2

The government under which Jesus lived was corrupt and oppressive; on every hand were crying abuses,—extortion, intolerance, and grinding cruelty. Yet the Saviour attempted no civil reforms. He attacked no national abuses, nor condemned the national enemies. He did not interfere with the authority or administration of those in power. He who was our example kept aloof from earthly governments. Not because He was indifferent to the woes of men, but because the remedy did not lie in merely human and external measures. To be efficient, the cure must reach men individually, and must regenerate the heart. DA 509.3

### *Where Can They Mingle.*

Not in Worship!

The followers of Christ *are to be separate from the world in principles and interests*, but they are not to isolate themselves from the world. The Saviour

mingled constantly with men, not to encourage them in anything that was not in accordance with God's will, but to uplift and ennoble them. "I sanctify Myself," He declared, "that they also might be sanctified." John 17:19. ***So the Christian is to abide among men***, that the savor of divine love may be as salt to preserve the world from corruption. CT 323.1

Note: Separate from its principles practices, theories and religious teachings, its false prophecy, habits etc.

It is not God's will that we should ***seclude*** ourselves from the world. But while in the world we should sanctify ourselves to God. We should not pattern after the world. ***We are to be in the world as a corrective influence***, as salt that retains its savor. Among an unholy, impure, idolatrous generation, we are to be pure and holy, showing that the grace of Christ has power to restore in man the divine likeness. We are to exert a saving influence upon the world. CH 592.1

Idolatry and all the sins that followed in its train were abhorrent to God, and He commanded His people ***not to mingle with other nations***, to "*do after their works*", and ***forget God***. He forbade their marriage with idolaters, lest their hearts should be led away from Him. It was just as necessary then as it is now that God's ***people should be pure***, "unspotted from the world." ***They must keep themselves free from its spirit, because it is opposed to truth and righteousness***. But God did not intend that His people, in self-righteous ***exclusiveness***, should shut themselves away from the world, ***so that they could have no influence upon it***. PP 369.3

Like their Master, the followers of Christ in every age were to be the light of the world. The Saviour said, "A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid. Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house"—that is, in the world. And He adds, "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven." Matthew 5:14-16. ***This is just what Enoch, and Noah, Abraham, Joseph, and Moses did. It is just what God designed that His people Israel should do***. PP 369.4

***The world is the chief enemy of religion***. The satanic forces are constantly at work through the world, and those who are professed Christians, yet associated with the world in close fellowship, are so much one in spirit, aims, and principles of working, that they cannot discern between him who serveth God and him who serveth the world. The enemy works constantly to push the world to the front, to be looked upon as superior to those who believe in Jesus, and who seek to be doers of His word. Words of praise and flattery from worldlings are received as sweet morsels, but the judgment of those who love this sort of food is in

accordance with the weakness which they show in this direction. Their spiritual life is composed of just the kind of material they feed upon. Their Christian experience is largely dependent on flattery and human appreciation. The fear and love of God are not interwoven in their experience. TM 270.1

How pitiable and sad to see men who have known something of the Spirit of God fall so completely into the arms of the world as to be swayed and influenced by its voice, and depend upon its favors for strength and success! How manifestly such are alienated from Christ, how full of self-confidence, how full of vaunting, of vanity, and how shortsighted in regard to spirituality! How little true discernment have they to distinguish between him who is a child of God, an heir of the kingdom, and him who is a child of the wicked one, who is a child of disobedience, and an enemy of God! TM 270.2

There are only two classes in our world: those who are obedient to Jesus Christ, who seek the Master to do His will, and work for the attainment of the salvation of their own souls and the soul of everyone who is associated with them who names the name of Christ; and the children of disobedience. There are but two classes in our world. Then listen to the words of One who knows: “Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is He that is in you, than he that is in the world. They are of the world: therefore speak they of the world, and the world heareth them.” 1 John 4:4, 5. Souls are being deluded. The fear and love of God have not a controlling power. The world is their master, and they chase after its delusive, flattering mirage. Listen to One who gave His life for the world, “that whosoever *believeth* in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.” He spake as never man spake. The whole of John 15 contains a most important lesson. Read it; obey it. Again, hear the voice of God, “Ye cannot serve God and mammon.” TM 270.3

Let not God's people in any of our institutions sign a truce with the enemy of God and man. The duty of the church to the world is not to come down to their ideas and accept their opinions, their suggestions, but to heed the words of Christ through His servant Paul, “Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? and what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel?” This means in a special sense marriage with unbelievers, but it covers more ground than this: it means in our instrumentalities ordained of God, in our institutions for health, in our colleges, in our publishing houses. TM 271.1

The matter is placed before us in the correct light. The question is asked, “And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people. Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing.” What does this mean—the suggestions, the evil workings in the children of disobedience.

You are not in any case to become contaminated with the spirit or influence of unbelievers. Be afraid of uniting or binding up in bundles with them. Be afraid of communicating the works connected with the Lord's cause to those who have no part with God, or sympathy with those who love the truth of God. "And I will receive you, and will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be My sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty." TM 271.2

I raise my voice of warning against the mingling in our institutions of the worldly element with those who believe; we have the danger signal to sound. If in our institutions persons are placed in positions of trust, they are educators. Others are taught to look to these persons for instruction, and in this is a snare to the unwary; their ideas become confused in regard to righteousness and truth. They hear those persons who have no respect for the truth sneer and speak disparagingly of the truth, which should be held firmly and sacredly as truth. TM 272.1

Abstract meditation is not enough; busy action is not enough; both are essential to the formation of Christian character. Strength acquired in earnest, secret prayer *prepares us to withstand the allurements of society*. And yet we should not *exclude ourselves* from the world, for our Christian experience is to be the light of the world. The society of unbelievers will *do us no harm* if we mingle with them for the purpose of connecting them with God and *are strong enough spiritually to withstand their influence*. 5T 113.1

Christ came into the world to save it, to connect fallen man with the infinite God. Christ's followers are to be channels of light. Maintaining communion with God, they are to transmit to those in darkness and error the choice blessings which they receive of heaven. *Enoch did not become polluted with the iniquities existing in his day*; why need we in our day? But we may, like our Master, have compassion for suffering humanity, pity for the unfortunate, and a generous consideration for the feelings and necessities of the needy, the troubled, and the despairing. 5T 113.2

Those who are Christians indeed will seek to *do good to others and at the same time will so order their conversation and deportment as to maintain a calm, hallowed peace of mind*. God's word requires that we should be like our Saviour, that we should *bear His image, imitate His example*, live His life. Selfishness and worldliness are not fruits of a Christian tree. No man can live for himself and yet enjoy the approbation of God. 5T 113.3

James 1:27 Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world.

Enoch became a preacher of righteousness, making known to the people what



God had revealed to him. Those who feared the Lord sought out this holy man, to share his instruction and his prayers. He labored publicly also, bearing God's messages to all who would hear the words of warning. His labors were not restricted to the Sethites. ***In the land where Cain had sought to flee from the divine Presence***, the prophet of God made known the wonderful scenes that had passed before his vision. "Behold," he declared, "the Lord cometh with ten thousands of His saints, to execute judgment upon all, and to convince all that are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds." Jude 14, 15. PP 86.1

Christ's method alone will give true success in reaching the people. The Saviour ***mingled*** with men as one who desired their good. He showed His ***sympathy*** for them, ***ministered*** to their needs, and won their confidence. Then He bade them, "***Follow Me.***" GW 363.2

Christ saw in Jerusalem ***a symbol of the world*** hardened in unbelief and rebellion, and hastening on to meet the retributive judgments of God. ***The woes of a fallen race***, pressing upon His soul, forced from His lips that exceeding bitter cry. He saw the record of sin traced in human misery, tears, and blood; His heart was moved with infinite pity for the afflicted and suffering ones of earth; He yearned to relieve them all. But even His hand might not turn back the tide of human woe; few would seek their only Source of help. He was willing to pour out His soul unto death, to bring salvation within their reach; but few would come to Him that they might have life. GC 22.1

### ***Church Books the Wheat and Tares.***

***We are not saved as a sect; no denominational name has any virtue to bring us into favor with God. We are saved individually as believers in the Lord Jesus Christ.*** RH February 10, 1891, par. 6

Religion is a personal matter. ***We are not saved by companies; we are not saved by having our names on the church books; we are not saved by numbers.*** {1SAT 178.2}

***Profession alone is nothing. Names are registered upon the church-books upon earth, but not in the book of life.*** 1T504.2

***Not all the names registered in the church books are registered in the Lamb's book of life.*** 5T278.2

***It is the character, not the placing of our names on the church books, that makes us Christians.*** UL 28.5

***A mere profession of godliness, a name registered on the church-books, does not***



*constitute one a child of God.* {RH, February 13, 1894 par. 6}

*Their names may be enrolled on the church books, but they are not members of his body.* {RH, September 18, 1900 par. 13}

*The fact that our names are on the church books will not secure for us an entrance into the kingdom of heaven.* {RH, April 22, 1909 par. 11}

*We are to be saved as individuals, and in the day of test and trial we shall be able to discern between him that serveth God and him that serveth Him not.* We are saved as individual believers in the Lord Jesus Christ. MB 36.1

Testing times come to all. How do we conduct ourselves under the test and proving of God? Do our lamps go out? or do we still keep them burning? Are we prepared for every emergency by our connection with Him who is full of grace and truth? The five wise virgins could not impart their character to the five foolish virgins. *Character must be formed by us as individuals. It cannot be transferred to another, even if the possessor were willing to make the sacrifice.* There is much we can do for each other while mercy still lingers. *We can represent the character of Christ.* We can give faithful warnings to the erring. We can reprove, rebuke, with all long-suffering and doctrine, bringing the doctrines of Holy Writ home to the heart. We can give heartfelt sympathy. We can pray with and for one another. By living a circumspect life, by maintaining a holy conversation, we may give an example of what a Christian should be; *but no person can give to another his own mold of character.* *Let us duly consider the fact that we are to be saved, not as companies, but as individuals. We shall be judged according to the character we have formed.* It is perilous to neglect to prepare the soul for eternity, and to put off making our peace with God until upon a dying bed. It is by the daily transactions of life, by the spirit we manifest, that we determine our eternal destiny. He who is faithful in that which is least, is faithful also in much. If we have made Christ our pattern, if we have walked and worked as he has given us an example in his own life, we shall be able to meet the solemn surprises that will come upon us in our experience, and say from our heart, "Not my will, but thine, be done." RH September 17, 1895, par. 10

Religion is a personal matter. *We are not to be saved as churches, but as individuals* ST July 25, 1892, par. 12

*We are to be doers of Christ's words, and not hearers only. Having our names registered in the church books will not save us. We are to be saved as individual members of Christ's body. We are to be individual workers with Christ* in the great plan of salvation, and partakers at last with him in his glory. We are not to follow the customs and traditions of men; for they are far from the ways of God. We are ever to seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness. YI June 28,

1894, par. 10

*We have as individuals a soul to save or a soul to lose.* 8LtMs, Lt 2, 1893, par. 10

## **The Cross and its Shadow**

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### **THE THREE BOOKS OF JUDGEMENT**

#### **1. Book of Life**

Luke 10:20. Names written in heaven.

Luke 10:19, 20. To be enrolled in the book of life is the highest honor given mortals.

Phil. 4:3, Names of faithful workers recorded.

Ex. 32:33, The names of those that cling to sin will be removed.

Rev. 3:5. Names of the faithful retained.

Rev. 13:8;17:8. Wicked are not recorded.

Rev. 20:15. None will be saved whose names are not recorded in the book of life.

Isa. 4:3, margin.

Ps. 69:28; Eze. 13:9.

Heb. 12:23; Dan. 12:1.

#### **2. Book of Remembrance**

Mal. 3:16. Records every word.

Matt. 12:36, 37. Idle words.

Ps. 56:8. Tears of repentance.

Ps. 87:4-6. Birthplace and environments.

Eccl. 12:13, 14. Every secret act.

1 Cor. 4:5. Counsels of the heart.

#### **3. Book of Death**

Jer. 17:13. Those that forsake God are written in the earth.

Jer. 2:22. Sins all recorded.

Job 14:17. Sins sealed up.

Deut. 32:32-36. The sins of the wicked are all "*laid up in store*" until the day of judgment.

Hos. 13:12. Sin bound up.

Eccl. 12:14 For *God shall bring every work into judgment*, with every secret thing,  
whether it be good, or whether it be evil.

### ***Not To Preach Error of the Tares In Church.***

It is the tares that are bringing error in among God's people. How apostasy works

You may say, What does Sister White mean? Is she classing me with these

erratic workers whom she has mentioned? No, I do not; but I would present the difficulties that should make our publishing houses cautious, in order that you may see the necessity of measures being taken at our office of publication, to discourage the infatuation with which many are taken, in thinking that the Lord has laid upon them a burden to write and to publish a variety of matter that would not only not be for the benefit of the churches at this time, but would be to the injury of the one who engages in the enterprise. I wish you to see that something must be done to guard the people from impostors, and that *there was need to make resolutions that should discourage the determination of men to put their imaginary theories into print.* CW 154.3

When the eyes of the members of our large churches are anointed with the heavenly eye-salve, they will arise, and go forth to fulfil this commission. When their hearts are imbued with the Holy Spirit, they will worship the Lord their God, and him only will they serve. The Lord is calling upon those who are congregated in congested centers to go forth into the places where the truth has never been proclaimed. They are to teach the things that Christ has commanded, *leaving alone the various suppositions born of erratic theories.* False teachers will come in, teaching for doctrine the commandments of men. Satan will bring forward fables to militate against the principles of Christ's teaching. God calls upon his faithful messengers to search his Word, and to *teach only those things that Christ has commanded.* RH February 9, 1905, par. 9

“Wherefore the Lord saith, Forasmuch as this people draw near Me with their mouth, and with their lips do honor Me, but have removed their heart far from Me, and their fear toward Me is taught by the precept of men: therefore, behold, I will proceed to do a marvelous work among this people, even a marvelous work and a wonder: for the wisdom of their wise men shall perish, and the understanding of their prudent men shall be hid. Woe unto them that seek deep to hide their counsel from the Lord, and their works are in the dark, and they say, Who seeth us? and who knoweth us? Surely your turning of things upside down shall be esteemed as the potter’s clay; for shall the work say of him that made it, He made me not, or shall the things framed say of him that framed it, He had no understanding? Is it not a very little while, and Lebanon shall be turned into a fruitful field, and the fruitful field shall be esteemed as a forest?” [Verses 9-17.] 23LtMs, Ms 27, 1908, par. 4

Here are represented some of the very things that have been *taking place in Battle Creek* in the introduction of *strange suppositions.* *The Lord has marked how some of the men who acted a prominent part in the leading out of the work have gradually allowed themselves to be led by Satan’s devisings.* “Is it not a very little while,” the prophet asks, “and Lebanon shall be turned into a fruitful field, and the fruitful field shall be esteemed as a forest?” [Verse 17.] 23LtMs, Ms

27, 1908, par. 5

In these words is outlined the *true condition* that exists among many of our people. There has come into the ranks of Seventh-day Adventists *false sentiments, an inclination on the part of some ministers and physicians to abolish the light that God has been sending. Some of our leading men have been denying the faith and giving heed to fanciful and erratic teachings.* This is a scheme of Satan to call the mind away from the truth and lead men to give time and thought to the *study of theories that confuse the mind and leave an indistinct understanding of the way of the Lord.* 23LtMs, Ms 27, 1908, par. 6

I am instructed to say, *Repeat not these errors or false teachings*, but write the truth, speak the truth. Let the Word of God speak in every place, vindicating *the truth for this time.* The truth will triumph. *When objectionable sentiments are introduced, repeat them not in your discourses, but hold to the affirmative.* The message I am instructed to give at this time is one that I have been charged again and again for many years to give. It is this: Advance the truth. 23LtMs, Ms 27, 1908, par. 7

Satan has been well pleased with the work of those men and women who have used their influence *to undermine the confidence of our people in the messages the Lord is sending through the Spirit of prophecy.* I have been instructed that those who have engaged in such a work should *not be chosen to occupy positions as leaders;* for the influence they exert, and their misstatements concerning this agency in which they have no faith, *will result in making unbelief popular in our churches.* Let no man or woman be entrusted with responsibility in the church who will use the advantages such a position would give them *to advocate sentiments of unbelief, thus sowing the tares of heresy among believers. And it has sometimes been the case that when men have been reprovved for this kind of work, they have begun a warfare against the messages sent, by making light of the warnings and reproofs.* 23LtMs, Ms 27, 1908, par. 8

What can be done to make these men with strong traits of character realize that they need to be *reconverted?* Unless this experience comes to them, *they will never become members of the royal family*, children of the heavenly King. They are wrapping themselves up in a garment of self-confidence. The messages that the Lord sends them, that they may understand how much they need to be taught of Him, *they cast aside as idle tales, thus placing themselves where they will accept their own suppositions as divine revelations.* With their deficient experience, they are unfitted to understand the dealings of the Lord with His people. 23LtMs, Ms 27, 1908, par. 9

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Note: It's getting crazy, such as the first 3 grounds of the parable of the seed sower are part of the God's Church. This use of church is to combine the religious

world-christian world, and God's Church. Only the last ground is God's church. Why? Only those that hear His voice, and do those things, are His disciples. Or they'll mix scripture by saying there was stony ground listening to the sermon on the mount.