

There are two great principles, **one of loyalty**, the other of **disloyalty**. We all need greater Christian courage, that we may **uplift the standard on which is inscribed the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus**. **We are to make no compromise with the leaders of rebellion. The line of demarcation between the obedient and the disobedient must be plain and distinct. We must have a firm determination to do the Lord's will at all times and in all places.** RH May 9, 1899, Art. A, par. 1

Satan has a large confederacy, his church. Christ calls them the synagogue of Satan because the members are the children of sin. **The members of Satan's church have been constantly working to cast off the divine law**, and confuse the distinction between good and evil. Satan is working with great power in and through the children of disobedience **to exalt treason and apostasy as truth and loyalty**. And at this time the power of his satanic inspiration is moving the living agencies to carry out the great rebellion against God that commenced in heaven. TM 16.1

Note: You can't keep it, you can't be righteous, You a good person, God knows your heart, etc. By what standard!

As a people we have been greatly humiliated by the course that some of our brethren in responsible positions have taken in **departing from the old landmarks**. There are those who, in order to carry out their plans, have by their words denied their faith. This shows how little dependence can be placed on human wisdom and judgment. **Now, as never before, we need to see the danger of being led unguardedly away from loyalty to God's commands**. We need to realize that God has given us a decided message of warning for the world, even as He gave Noah a message of warning for the antediluvians. Let our people beware of **belittling the importance of the Sabbath in order to link up with unbelievers. Let them beware of departing from the principles of our faith, making it appear that it is not wrong to conform to the world. Let them be afraid of heeding the counsel of any man, whatever his position may be, who works counter to that which God has wrought in order to keep His people separate from the world.** 7T 107.1

The Lord is testing His people to see **who will be loyal to the principles of His truth**. Our work is to proclaim to the world the **first, second, and third angels' messages**. In the discharge of our duties we are neither to despise nor to fear our enemies. **To bind ourselves up by contracts with those not of our faith is not in the order of God**. We are to treat with kindness and courtesy those who refuse to be loyal to God, but **we are never, never to unite with them in counsel regarding the vital interests of His work**. Putting our trust in God, we are to move steadily forward, doing His work with unselfishness, in humble dependence upon Him, committing to His providence ourselves and all that concerns our present and

future, holding the beginning of our confidence firm unto the end, remembering that we receive the blessings of heaven, not because of our worthiness, but because of Christ's worthiness and our acceptance, through faith in Him, of God's abounding grace. 7T 107.2

God in His wisdom permitted Satan to carry forward his work, until the spirit of disaffection ripened into active revolt. It was necessary for his plans to be fully developed, that their true nature and tendency might be seen by all. Lucifer, as the anointed cherub, had been highly exalted; he was greatly loved by the heavenly beings, and his influence over them was strong. God's government included not only the inhabitants of heaven, but of all the worlds that He had created; and Satan thought that if he could carry the angels of heaven with him in rebellion, he could carry also the other worlds. He had artfully presented his side of the question, employing sophistry and fraud to secure his objects. His power to deceive was very great, and by disguising himself in a cloak of falsehood he had gained an advantage. Even the loyal angels could not fully discern his character or see to what his work was leading. GC 497.1

Satan had been so highly honored, and all his acts were so clothed with mystery, that it was difficult to disclose to the angels the true nature of his work. Until fully developed, sin would not appear the evil thing it was. Heretofore it had had no place in the universe of God, and holy beings had no conception of its nature and malignity. They could not discern the terrible consequences that would result from setting aside the divine law. ***Satan had, at first, concealed his work under a specious profession of loyalty to God.*** He claimed to be seeking to promote the honor of God, the stability of His government, and the good of all the inhabitants of heaven. While instilling discontent into the minds of the angels under him, he had artfully made it appear that he was seeking to remove dissatisfaction. When he urged that changes be made in the order and laws of God's government, it was under the pretense that these were necessary in order to preserve harmony in heaven. GC 497.2

There will be a sharp conflict ***between those who are loyal to God and those who cast scorn upon His law. Reverence for God's law has been subverted. The religious leaders are teaching for doctrine the commandments of men.*** As it was in the days of ancient Israel, so it is in this age of the world. ***But because of the prevalence of disloyalty and transgression, will those who have revered the law of God now cherish less respect for it? Will they unite with the powers of earth to make it void?*** The loyal will not be carried away by the current of evil. They will not throw contempt on that which God has set apart as holy. They will not follow Israel's example of forgetfulness; they will call to remembrance God's dealings with His people in all ages, and ***will walk in the way of His commandments.*** 8T 120.1

The test comes to everyone. There are only two sides. On which side are you?  
8T 120.2

Those whose faith and zeal are proportionate to their knowledge of the truth **will reveal their loyalty to God by communicating the truth**, in all its saving, sanctifying power, to those with whom they associate. Their lives of holiness and unselfish service will be in conformity with the vital principles of the kingdom of heaven. 8T 118.3

God does not conceal His truth from men. By their own course of action they make it obscure to themselves. Christ gave the Jewish people abundant evidence that He was the Messiah; but His teaching called for a decided change in their lives. They saw that if they received Christ, they must give up their cherished maxims and traditions, their selfish, ungodly practices. It required a sacrifice to receive changeless, eternal truth. Therefore they would not admit the most conclusive evidence that God could give to establish faith in Christ. They professed to believe the Old Testament Scriptures, **yet they refused to accept the testimony contained therein concerning Christ's life and character. They were afraid of being convinced lest they should be converted and be compelled to give up their preconceived opinions.** The treasure of the gospel, the Way, the Truth, and the Life, was among them, but they rejected the greatest gift that Heaven could bestow. COL 105.1

**Human theories and speculations will never lead to an understanding of God's word.** Those who suppose that they understand philosophy think that their explanations are necessary to unlock the treasures of knowledge and to prevent heresies from coming into the church. But it is these explanations that have brought in false theories and heresies. Men have made desperate efforts to explain what they thought to be intricate scriptures; but too often their efforts have only darkened that which they tried to make clear. COL 110.2

**Our salvation depends on a knowledge of the truth contained in the Scriptures.** It is God's will that we should possess this. Search, O search the precious Bible with hungry hearts. Explore God's word as the miner explores the earth to find veins of gold. Never give up the search until you have ascertained your relation to God and His will in regard to you. Christ declared, "Whatsoever ye shall ask in My name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If ye shall ask anything in My name, I will do it." John 14:13, 14. COL 111.3

Men of piety and talent catch views of eternal realities, but often they fail of understanding, because the things that are seen eclipse the glory of the unseen. He who would seek successfully for the hidden treasure must rise to higher pursuits than the things of this world. His affections and all his capabilities must be consecrated to the search. COL 112.1

Disobedience has closed the door to a vast amount of knowledge that might

have been gained from the Scriptures. ***Understanding means obedience to God's commandments. The Scriptures are not to be adapted to meet the prejudice and jealousy of men.*** They can be understood only by those who are humbly seeking for a knowledge of the truth that they may obey it. COL 112.2

The words of Moses possess deep meaning. “Nadab and Abihu, the sons of Aaron, took either of them his censer, and put fire therein, and put incense thereon, and offered strange fire before the Lord, which He commanded them not. And there went out fire from the Lord, and devoured them, and they died before the Lord. Then Moses said unto Aaron, This is it that the Lord spake, saying, I will be sanctified in them that come nigh Me, and before all the people I will be glorified.” Leviticus 10:1-3. This has a lesson for all who are handling the matter that goes forth from our publishing institutions. ***Sacred things are not to be mingled with the common.*** The papers that have so wide a circulation should contain more precious instruction ***than appears in the ordinary publications of the day.*** “What is the chaff to the wheat?” Jeremiah 23:28. We want pure wheat, thoroughly winnowed. CW 90.1

From the light given me of the Lord, men will arise speaking perverse things. ***Yea, already they have been working and speaking things which God has never revealed, bringing sacred truth upon a level with common things. Issues have been and will continue to be made of men's conceited fallacies, not of truth.*** The devisings of men's minds will ***invent tests that are no tests at all, that when the true test shall be made prominent, it shall be considered on a par with the man-made tests that have been of no value.*** ***We may expect that everything will be brought in and mingled with sound doctrine, but by clear, spiritual discernment, by the heavenly anointing, we must distinguish the sacred from the common which is being brought in to confuse faith and sound judgment, and demerit the great, grand, testing truth for this time....*** 2SM 14.3

Note: Human speculation.

There is great need of a deeper appreciation of the holy truth of God. If all had a realization of the solemnity and weight of the message, many sins that are now carelessly committed would cease from among us. ***Is there not too often the common thought and communication mingled with the sacred themes of truth? Wherever this is done, the standard is lowered.*** Your example leads others to regard the truth lightly, and this is one of the greatest sins in the sight of God. TMK 140.3

The Lord has presented to the church in Battle Creek opportunities to work for him. There are families there that are no help where they are. They should locate

in other churches, and communicate to others the knowledge of the truth which God has given them. But let those who make this move first seek God. The spiritual life-blood from Christ is not circulating through their veins of experience ***because they do not do his service.*** Growth is impossible. They must be born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth forever. ***Backsliders know not the virtue of an incorrupted experience. Their counsels are so mingled, the common fire with the sacred, that their decisions are worthless. They are doing harm and misleading others....*** SpTA10 7.4

How often the actions of these men have been repeated! In a careless manner, ***the sacred work of God has been mingled with common ideas. This has cheapened the truth. Human opinions have been brought to the front, and unsanctified propositions, born wholly of self, have been acted upon. If those who have done this could see the result of their work, if they could know what it means to turn things upside down, they would tremble before God.*** SpTA10 10.2

A ***spurious light will be accepted in the place of truth by some who feel called upon to be expositors of the Scriptures, because of their calling or position.*** Extravagance, dishonesty, fraud, licentiousness, ***are mingled with sacred things, until no difference is made between the sacred and the common.*** Many who claim to preach the Word contemplate some portions of Scripture truth, ***but do not apply it to the heart and character.*** They expatiate upon the plan of redemption, and upon the law of God, and become enthusiastic upon some of these glorious themes, but they take no personal interest in the matter. Christ is not brought into their lives. Can we then be surprised to hear of ministers falling under temptation and sin, disgracing the cause they were professedly advocating? Can we wonder that there are apostasies when men who urge conversion upon others are not themselves converted; when they commend to others the love of Christ, which does not glow in their own souls, preaching repentance which they themselves have not practiced, and faith which they have no experimental knowledge of, telling of a Saviour whom they have never known except by rumor? They are self-deceived men, not far from destruction. Pitiful indeed is their situation. All may seem peaceful to them, because the palsy of death is upon them.—Manuscript 15, 1886, 8, 9. (“Christian Integrity in the Ministry,” 1886.) 7MR 183.3

***The truth in its sanctifying power*** is to go to the world; prophecy must be fulfilled. All the aspirations, all the motives and power of influence, every jot and tittle, is to make a place for itself, and find its proper, dignified position. Never in any sense is it to be brought down to a low level, becoming mingled with common things. There are some who, through the impression of the Holy Spirit of God, have had glimpses of the holy character of the work and the necessity of its

standing in its sacred dignity before the world. *These laborers are struggling with all their power to arouse the human instruments to look heavenward, to catch the divine inspiration, to realize that they may represent the purity, the virtue and holiness of a work that is under the supervision of God himself.* All who do appreciate these things will make every effort in their line of work, that they may have the co-operation of God and of angels to carry the work forward and upward, every year reaching greater and more perfect success according to the counsels of heaven. GCB February 4, 1895, par. 8

I plead with my brethren and sisters who believe the Lord is soon to come, to have more than finite wisdom. "If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him." We need not go stumbling along in uncertainty, *thinking that the larger our institutions become, the more will they exert influence* in the world. The strength of our institutions is not found so much in their *worldly prosperity* as in the character of their managers. They are to be meek and lowly of heart, learning daily their lessons in the school of Christ, seeking by prayer and supplication to know the will of the Lord, and inquiring at every step, "Is this the way of the Lord?" *It is not the imposing buildings that will strike conviction to souls, but the piety, the humility, the love and fear of God,* which actuate the hearts of those who occupy positions of trust in the management of the work. Is it God's work? Is it receiving the worldly mold? Are the sacred and the common so mingled that nothing stands clearly defined? *O, how the Lord has been dishonored by false ideas!* Spiritual things have not been discerned. *Appearance and machinery* have been exalted as of power, *while the virtue of true goodness, noble piety, and heart-holiness, have been made a secondary consideration. That which should have been first has been made last and of least importance.* RH February 27, 1894, par. 8

The ministers of the gospel of Christ, who are to watch for souls as they that must give account, will diligently study the Scriptures, and will often be found upon their knees asking for heavenly wisdom, in order that they may know how to "strengthen the things which remain, that are ready to die." Jesus says, "Learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart; and ye shall find rest unto your souls." *Jesus was the greatest Teacher the world ever knew. He presented truth in clear, forcible statements, and the illustrations he used were of the purest and highest order. He never mingled cheap symbols and figures with his divine instruction, or sought to pander to curiosity or to gratify the class that will listen simply to be amused. He did not bring sacred truth down the level of the common,* and the comical illustrations that some ministers of the gospel use were never uttered by his divine lips. *Christ did not employ illustrations that would create amusement and excite laughter.* Many writers and ministers keep their hold upon the people

by dwelling upon science falsely so-called, and by making much of common side-issues; and they forget the fact that the mind, with all its capacities, is to be used as the talent intrusted of God to glorify and exalt sacred things, and **to lift up before the world the holy standard of righteousness.** At times ministers who have dwelt upon themes of minor importance, who have lived below the gospel standard, through the grace of Christ grasp the *sacred, solemn, elevated truths of God's word, and use illustrations that to a large degree are of an elevating and instructive character;* but the hearers remember their former teachings, the shortcomings of their daily life force themselves upon them, and the spell is broken; and the most solemn appeals lose their point, the edge of the sword of truth is blunted, and the heart remains untouched. RH August 6, 1895, par. 2

It is of great importance that the workers in all these institutions shall fully understand their privileges and their responsibilities. If this is not done, self will be woven into the work, and will take the place that should be given to God. The managers of our institutions should teach the workers, by precept and example, that in all things the excellence of God is to be made prominent. And church officers must teach this also in the churches. **The standard of the Lord must be uplifted.** All should be made to see that our institutions are of God's appointment. Those who depreciate one of them, representing, from selfish motives, that it is an inferior affair, must render to God an account for their words and influence. The Lord designs that everything connected with his work shall be treated as sacred. *Let all be warned that no common fire is to be used in place of the sacred fire, that common things are not to be mingled with God's appointed agencies.* RH September 27, 1898, par. 7

The *evils are to be cut away from the life. Sins are to be repented of.* Though they are as scarlet, they may be made as white as snow. **Just as great a transformation as possible is to take place in the character.** But if, after test and trial, after being brought into connection with those who work faithfully in their behalf, men and women do not give evidence that they have been purified from wrong habits and practises, they show that they do not appreciate the pearl of great price. If they are dishonest in any transaction, temporal or spiritual, if they are not straightforward, they show that they regard the rich mercies of God as a common thing. They can not see the value of the pearl of great price. “If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land,” God declares; “but if ye refuse and rebel, ye shall be devoured with the sword: for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it. How is the faithful city become an harlot.” How have those who have had every opportunity to know the truth become defiled with the corruptions of the ungodly. “It was full of judgment; righteousness lodged in it; but now murderers. Thy silver has become dross, thy wine mixed with water.” RH

August 1, 1899, Art. A, par. 6

Those represented in these words have mingled the sacred with the common. **They profess to believe the truth, but they can not carry dishonest practises in the narrow road and through the strait gate.** By their actions they show that they have chosen the road in which the world travels. “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: because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.” “Strive to enter in at the strait gate: for many, I say unto you, will seek to enter in, and shall not be able. When once the Master of the house is risen up, and hath shut to the door, and ye begin to stand without, and to knock at the door, saying, Lord, Lord, open unto us; and he shall answer and say unto you, I know you not whence ye are: then shall ye begin to say, We have eaten and drunk in thy presence, and thou hast taught in our streets. But he shall say, I tell you, I know you not whence ye are; depart from me, all ye workers of iniquity. There shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when ye shall see Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, and all the prophets, in the kingdom of God, and you yourselves thrust out. And they shall come from the east, and from the west, and from the north, and from the south, and shall sit down in the kingdom of God. And, behold, there are last which shall be first, and there are first which shall be last.” RH August 1, 1899, Art. A, par. 7

In the word of God everything is made plain in proportion as it is of vital importance. **The plan of salvation must not be brought down to the level of common things and mingled with man-made commandments and manmade inventions,** but must be exalted before the eyes of all, that souls for whom Christ died may find eternal life through him. SSW April 1, 1893, par. 6

When the speaker shall, in a haphazard way, strike in anywhere, as the fancy takes him, **when he talks politics to the people, he is mingling the common fire with the sacred. He dishonors God. He has not real evidence from God that he is speaking the truth.** He does his hearers a grievous wrong. He may plant seeds which may strike their fibrous roots deep, and they spring up and bear poisonous fruit. How dare men do this? How dare they advance ideas when they do not know certainly whence they came, or that they are the truth? TM 337.1

Those who have not a living connection with God have not an appreciation of the Holy Spirit's manifestation, and do not distinguish between the sacred and the common. **They do not obey God's voice,** because, as the Jewish nation, they know not the time of their visitation. There is no help for man, woman, or child who will not hear and obey the voice of duty, for **the voice of duty is the voice of God.** The eyes, the ears, and the heart will become unimpressible if men and women refuse



to give heed to the divine counsel, and choose the way that is best pleasing to themselves. TM 402.2

*What greater delusion can deceive the human mind than that in which individuals flatter themselves that they have the truth*, that they are on the only sure foundation, and that God accepts their works because they are actively engaged in some work in the cause of God, when they are sinning against Him by *walking contrary to the expressed will of God?* They work mechanically, like machinery; but preparation of heart, *the sanctification of the character*, is wanting. Sacred and holy things are brought down to the level of common things, and a commonness, a cheapness, is working itself into our churches. The service is degenerating into little else than form. TM 451.1

Note: Ministers are using explanations of the Bible from the world.

I spoke in the skating rink. But few were present. *Some who claim to believe in Jesus Christ as their Saviour have said, "No one can keep the law." On this point the words of Christ are decisive. He states, "I have kept my Father's commandments." [John 15:10.] And He is our Example in all things.* 8LtMs, Ms 48, 1893, par. 1

Christ came as One able to expound the law of God, which was misunderstood and misinterpreted by priests and rulers. They piled tradition and the imaginations and sayings of men upon the law, burying it beneath a mass of rubbish. The common was mingled with the sacred. 8LtMs, Ms 48, 1893, par. 2

Caviling, ridicule, and misrepresentation can be indulged in only at the expense of the debasement of your own souls. *The use of such weapons does not gain precious victories for you, but rather cheapens the mind and separates the soul from God.* Sacred things are brought down to the level of the common, and a condition of things is created that pleases the prince of darkness and grieves away the Spirit of God. Caviling and criticism leave the soul as devoid of the dew of grace as the hills of Gilboa were destitute of rain. Confidence cannot be placed in the judgment of those who indulge in ridicule and misrepresentation. No weight can be attached to their advice or resolutions. You must bear the divine credentials before you make decided movements to shape the working of God's cause. TM 466.1

Far less commercial work should be received into our offices of publication, and not a line of matter containing Satan's sentiments should be received. The introduction of such matter destroys all sense of the sacredness of the institution. The whole institution is cheapened. There is always danger, *when the common is mingled with the sacred, that the common will be allowed to take the place of*

*the sacred.* 8T 88.3

How does the Lord regard the using of the presses in His institutions to print the errors of the enemy? *When objectionable matter is mingled with sacred* matter coming from the presses, *His blessing cannot rest upon the work done.* Said the divine Teacher: "What have you gained by bringing in this outside work? It has brought you much vexation of spirit; and the workers have had to hurry and rush to get the matter finished in the specified time. This has occasioned confusion and strife. Harsh words have been spoken, and an unpleasant spirit has been brought into the office. The financial gain in no way compares with the loss which has come through rushing and driving and scolding and fretting." 8T 88.4

Let Elder [E. E.] Franke begin to lay a different foundation for his work, not depending so much on outward display and expensive preparation to call the people out to hear the truth. Brother Franke, thus yourself and your family are brought in, and God is left out. The creature is put before the Creator. The appetite of the people for a theatrical style of preaching may be satisfied, but the effects made have not saving results. Outward display, expensive arrangements, do not give the people the education in gospel missionary work that the Lord desires them to receive. These things work against the truth, hindering instead of advancing it; for the truth is mingled with common, worldly methods. God's money is not to be expended in this way.... 9MR 387.3

Christ has declared, "All ye are brethren." But how little of brotherly love has been manifested. The masterful, selfish, overbearing spirit will prove a curse in any line of business, but the injury it does to the work and cause of God is beyond the estimate that finite man can place upon it. At the very heart of the work they have lied against the truth. *Deception, fraud, selfishness and covetousness which is idolatry has been brought in and mingled with the sacred offerings. Are there any so far deceived, so blinded, that they cannot distinguish the sacred from the common?* 1888 1639.2

I was alarmed at the state of things, for I knew from the light which the Lord had been pleased to give me, **not many were standing in a position before God where they could discern** their own souls' needs and be a help and a blessing to the church. *They professedly believed the truth, but they were far from being sanctified through the truth.* Some had been separating their souls from God and were spiritually blind. Many of our brethren in Fresno had been engrossed in business, purchasing and selling real estate and investing in and selling shares in mines. This had been a snare to the church, both laymen and ministers, and was eating out of their hearts the interest in and love for the truth. Speculation swept in a large number of our brethren while the excitement lasted, and was becoming a common thing. The practices and customs of worldlings, the feverish ambition,

the exciting, absorbing interest in speculation, were mixed and mingled with the sacred work of the minister. Men carrying credentials from the conference were engaged in such enterprises. God could not bless any such worldly ambition. 5LtMs, Ms 2, 1888, par. 11

“And a *mixed multitude* went up also with them.” In this multitude were not only those who were actuated by faith in the God of Israel, but also a far greater number who *desired only to escape from the plagues*, or who followed in the wake of the moving multitudes merely *from excitement and curiosity*. ***This class were ever a hindrance and a snare to Israel.*** PP 281.2

The *mixed multitude* that came up with the *Israelites* from Egypt ***were a source of continual temptation and trouble.*** *They professed to have renounced* idolatry and to worship the true God; ***but their early education and training had molded their habits and character,*** and they were more or less corrupted with idolatry and with *irreverence* for God. *They were oftenest the ones to stir up strife and were the first to complain, and they leavened the camp with their idolatrous practices and their murmurings against God.* PP 408.3

Note: Exodus 32:25-35; Numbers 25:1-9; 1Kings 18:18 and ect.

Ps. 106:32 “They angered him also at the waters of strife, so that it went ill with Moses for their sakes: 33 Because they provoked his spirit, so that he spake unadvisedly with his lips. 34 They did not destroy the nations, concerning whom the LORD commanded them: 35 ***But were mingled among the heathen,*** and *learned their works.* 36 And they *served their idols: which were a snare unto them.* 37 Yea, they sacrificed their sons and their daughters unto devils, 38 And *shed innocent blood*, even the blood of their sons and of their daughters, whom they sacrificed unto the idols of Canaan: and the land was polluted with blood.

Jer. 25:18 To wit, Jerusalem, and the cities of Judah, and the kings thereof, and the princes thereof, to make them a *desolation, an astonishment*, an hissing, and a curse; as it is this day; 19 Pharaoh king of Egypt, and his servants, and his princes, and all his people; 20 And ***all the mingled people***, and all the kings of the land of Uz, and all the kings of the land of the Philistines, and Ashkelon, and Azzah, and Ekron, and the remnant of Ashdod, 21 Edom, and Moab, and the children of Ammon, 22 And all the kings of Tyrus, and all the kings of Zidon, and the kings of the isles which are beyond the sea, 23 Dedan, and Tema, and Buz, and all that are in the utmost corners, 24 And all the kings of Arabia, and ***all the kings of the mingled people*** that dwell in the desert,

Dan. 2:43 And whereas thou sawest iron mixed with miry clay, they shall ***mingle***

**themselves with the seed of men:** but they shall not cleave one to another, even as iron is not mixed with clay. DAR 67.1,2.

Note: Who treads the Sanctuary—the church and the host under foot? They who only have “professed to have renounced idolatry” the Tares, and thus “scatter the power of the holy people,” *Daniel 8:13; 12:7*.

Jer. 5:26 For among my people are found wicked men: they lay wait, as he that setteth snares; they set a trap, they catch men. 27 As a cage is full of birds, so are their houses full of deceit: therefore they are become great, and waxen rich.

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Rev. 11:2 But the court which is without the temple leave out, and measure it not; for it is given unto the Gentiles: and **the holy city shall they tread under foot forty and two months.**

Neh. 13:3 Now it came to pass, when they had heard the law, that **they separated from Israel all the mixed multitude.**

Ezra 9:2 For they have taken of their daughters for themselves, and for their sons: **so that the holy seed have mingled themselves with the people of those lands:** yea, the hand of the princes and rulers hath been chief in this trespass.

Note: It is a Mingling of religion—truth with error that caused Solomon’s fall—see below. And this mingling brought on the Flood because the sons of God and the daughters of men.

Genesis 6:1 And it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born unto them, 2 **That the sons of God saw the daughters of men** that they were fair; and they took them wives of all which they chose. 3 And the LORD said, My spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he also is flesh: yet his days shall be an hundred and twenty years. 4 There were giants in the earth in those days; and also after that, when the sons of God came in unto the daughters of men, and they bare children to them, the same became mighty men which were of old, men of renown. 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.

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.

### Mingling Truth with Error

*Paganism* and Christianity met on the battlefield when *Constantine* contended for the throne of Rome; *paganism* and Christianity met in more deadly conflict in *Alexandria*, where Christian and pagan schools stood side by side. Here it was that such men as *Origen and Clement*, recognized Fathers of the church, *adopted the philosophy of the Greeks, and applied to the study of the Bible the same methods which were common in the study of Homer and other Greek writers.* Higher criticism had its birth in Alexandria. It was the result of a mingling of the truths taught by Christ and the *false philosophy* of the Greeks. It was an attempt *to interpret divine writings by the human intellect, a revival of the philosophy of Plato.* These teachers, by introducing Greek philosophy into the schools which were *nominally Christian*, opened the avenue for the theological controversies which shook the Roman world, and finally *established the mystery of iniquity.* {1901 SNH, SDP 229.2}

## CHAPTER II

The Bible Adopted by Constantine and the Pure Bible of the Waldenses

CONSTANTINE became emperor of Rome in 312 A.D. A little later he embraced the Christian faith for himself and for his empire. As this *so-called first Christian* emperor took the reins of the civil and spiritual world to bring about the amalgamation of paganism and Christianity, he found three types of manuscripts, or Bibles, vying for supremacy: the Textus Receptus or Constantinopolitan, the Palestinian or *Eusebio-Origen*, and the Egyptian of- Hesychius.<sup>1</sup> The adherents of each claimed superiority for their manuscript. Particularly was there earnest contention between the advocates of the Textus Receptus and those of the Eusebio-Origen text.<sup>2</sup> The defenders of the Textus Receptus were of the humbler class who earnestly sought to follow the early church. The Eusebio-Origen text was the product of the *intermingling of the pure word of God and Greek philosophy* in

the mind of Origen. It might be called the adaptation of the Word of God to **Gnosticism**. {O.A.B.V. B.G. WILKINSON 19.1}

As the Emperor Constantine embraced Christianity, it became necessary for him to choose which of these Bibles he would sanction. Quite naturally he *preferred* the one edited by Eusebius and written by Origen, the outstanding intellectual figure that had **combined Christianity with Gnosticism** in his philosophy, even as Constantine himself was the political genius that was seeking to unite Christianity with pagan Rome. Constantine regarded himself as the director and guardian of this anomalous world church, and as such he was responsible for selecting the Bible for the great Christian centers. His pre-

1 *N. b. Swete. Introduction to the Old Testament In Greek. pp. 76-86.*

2 *Hort's Introduction, p. 138.*

dilection was for the type of Bible whose readings would give him a basis for his imperialistic ideas of the great state church, with ritualistic ostentation and unlimited central power. The philosophy of Origen was well suited to serve Constantine's religio-political theocracy. {O.A.B.V. B.G. WILKINSON 19.2}

***The disciples themselves yet cherished a regard for the ceremonial law, and were too willing to make concessions, hoping by so doing to gain the confidence of their countrymen, remove their prejudice, and win them to faith in Christ as the world's Redeemer.*** {LP 213.2}

The advancing centuries witnessed a constant increase of error in the doctrines put forth from Rome. ***Even before the establishment of the Papacy, the teachings of heathen philosophers had received attention and exerted an influence in the church. Many who professed conversion still clung to the principles of their pagan philosophy, and not only continued its study themselves but urged it upon others as a means of extending their influence among the heathen.*** This introduced serious errors into the Christian faith. Prominent among these was the belief in man's natural immortality and his consciousness in death. This doctrine laid the foundation on which Rome established praying to the saints and the adoration of the virgin Mary. From this sprung also the heresy of eternal torment for those who die without repenting, which was early incorporated into the papal faith. GC 58.2;4SP 62.1.

The English Reformers, while ***renouncing*** the doctrines of Romanism, had retained many of its forms. Thus though the authority and the creed of Rome were rejected, not a few of her customs and ceremonies were incorporated into the worship of the Church of England. ***It was claimed that these things were not matters of conscience; that though they were not commanded in Scripture, and***

*hence were nonessential, yet not being forbidden, they were not intrinsically evil. Their observance tended to narrow the **gulf** which separated the reformed churches from Rome, and it was urged that they would promote the acceptance of the Protestant faith by Romanists. { GC 289.1 }*

Note: “It is worthy of notice that at least one of the reformers of considerable prominence—Carlstadt—*was a Sabbatarian*. It is impossible to read the records of the Reformation without the conviction that Carlstadt was desirous of a more thorough work of reformation than was Luther. And that while *Luther was disposed to tolerate certain abuses* lest the Reformation should be endangered, Carlstadt was at all hazards for a *complete return to the Holy Scriptures*. {1873 JNA, HSF 449.1}

As the Protestant churches have been seeking the favor of the world, *false charity* has blinded their eyes. They do not see but that it is right to believe good of all evil, and as the inevitable result they will finally believe evil of all good. . . { GC 571.4 }

### [Apostles Saved.](#)

Pro. 9:1 Wisdom hath builded her house, she hath hewn out her seven pillars: 2 She hath killed her beasts; *she hath mingled her wine*; she hath also furnished her table. . . . 5 Come, eat of my bread, and *drink of the wine which I have mingled*.

Note: No Man puts new wine in old bottles. Matt. 9:17. Mixing truth with error or the unconverted in the church with truth.

Isa. 5:21 Woe unto them that are wise in their own eyes, and prudent in their own sight! 22 Woe unto them that are mighty to drink wine, and men of strength *to mingle strong drink*: 23 Which justify the wicked for reward, and take away the righteousness of the righteous from him!

God has called His church in this day, as He called ancient Israel, to stand as a light in the earth. *By the mighty cleaver of truth, the messages of the first, second, and third angels, He has separated them from the churches and from the world* to bring them into a sacred nearness to Himself. He has made them the depositaries of His law and has committed to them the great truths of prophecy for this time. Like the holy oracles committed to ancient Israel, these are a sacred trust to be communicated to the world. The three angels of Revelation 14 *represent the people who accept the light* of God's messages and go forth as His agents to sound the warning throughout the *length and breadth of the earth*. Christ declares to His followers: “Ye are the light of the world.” To every soul that accepts Jesus the cross of Calvary speaks: “Behold the worth of the soul: ‘Go ye into all the world, and

preach the gospel to every creature.” Nothing is to be permitted to hinder this work. It is the all-important work for time; it is to be far-reaching as eternity. The love that Jesus manifested for the souls of men in the sacrifice which He made for their redemption, will actuate all His followers. 5T 455.2

Note: Is not this “the one hand that alone can separate them ” By Truth, and always has!

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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}

When the leading churches of the United States, *uniting upon such points of doctrine as are held by them in common, shall influence the state to enforce their decrees and to sustain their institutions, then Protestant America will have formed an image of the Roman hierarchy, and the infliction of civil penalties upon dissenters will inevitably result.* GC 445.1

. . . 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

Rev. 14:4 These are they which were *not defiled with women; for they are virgins.* These are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth. These were redeemed from among men, being the firstfruits unto God and to the Lamb. 5 And in their mouth *was found no guile: for they are without fault before the throne of God.* 3:4 Thou hast a few names even in Sardis which *have not defiled their garments;* and they shall walk with me in white: for *they are worthy.* 5 *He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment;* and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels.

Some who profess to be loyal to God's law have departed from the faith and have humiliated His people in the dust, representing them to be one with worldlings. God has seen and marked this. The time has come when, at any cost, we are to take



the position that God has assigned to us. **Seventh-day Adventists are now to stand forth separate and distinct, a people denominated by the Lord as His own. Until they do this, He cannot be glorified in them. Truth and error cannot stand in co-partnership.** Let us now place ourselves where God has said that we should stand. Let us do all in our power to recover ourselves from the terrible humiliation to which we have been subjected. ***We are to strive for unity, but not on the low level of conformity to worldly policy and union with the popular churches.*** 18LtMs, Lt 113, 1903, par. 6

Can't be Mingled.

Luke 1:80 And the child grew, and waxed strong in spirit, and was in the deserts till the day of his shewing unto Israel.

John was ***a representative of the people of God in the last days,*** to whom God has committed important and solemn truths. The world at large are given to gluttony and the indulgence of base passions. The light of health reform is opened before the people of God at this day, that they may see the necessity of holding their appetites and passions under control of the higher powers of the mind. This is also necessary, that they may have mental strength and clearness, to discern the sacred chain of truth, and ***turn from the bewitching errors and pleasing fables, that are flooding the world.*** Their work is to present before the people the pure doctrine of the Bible. Hence health reform finds its place in the preparatory work for the second appearing of Christ. 2SP 44.1

The prophet John ***separated himself from*** his friends and kindred, and made his home in the wilderness. He denied himself of the ordinary comforts of life. His food was simple. His clothing was a garment made of hair-cloth, confined about the waist with a leather girdle. His parents had in a most solemn manner dedicated him to God from his birth. 2SP 45.3

The life of John, although passed in the wilderness, was not inactive. ***His separation from society*** did not make him gloomy and morose, neither was he unreconciled with his lonely life of hardship and privation. ***It was his choice to be secluded from*** the luxuries of life, and from depraved society. Pride, envy, jealousy, and corrupt passions seemed to control the hearts of men. But ***John was separated from the influence of these things,*** and, with discerning eye and wonderful discrimination, read the characters of men. He lived in the quiet retreat of the wilderness, and ***occasionally he mingled in society; but would not remain long where the moral atmosphere seemed to be polluted. He feared that the sight of his eyes and the hearing of his ears would so pervert his mind that he would lose a sense of the sinfulness of sin. A great work was before him, and it***

*was necessary that he should form a character unbiased by any surrounding influence. It was necessary that his physical, mental, and moral conditions should be of that high and noble type that would qualify him for a work which required firmness and integrity, that when he should appear among men he could enlighten them, and be instrumental in giving a new direction to their thoughts, and awakening them to the necessity of forming righteous characters. John would bring the people up to the standard of divine perfection.* He studied the peculiarities of minds, that he might know how to adapt his instructions to the people. 2SP 46.1

John did not feel strong enough to stand the great pressure of temptation he would meet in society. *He feared his character would be molded* according to the prevailing customs of the Jews, and *he chose the wilderness as his school, in which his mind could be properly educated and disciplined from God's great book of nature.* In the wilderness, John could the more readily deny himself and bring his appetite under control, and dress in accordance to natural simplicity. And there was nothing in the wilderness that would take his mind from meditation and prayer. Satan had access to John, even after he had closed every avenue in his power through which he would enter. But his habits of life were so pure and natural that he could discern the foe, *and had strength of spirit and decision of character to resist him.* 2SP 47.1

The Jews had deceived themselves by misinterpreting the words of the Lord through his prophets, of his eternal favor to his people Israel. 2SP 52.1

“Thus saith the Lord, which giveth the sun for a light by day, and the ordinances of the moon and of the stars for a light by night, which divideth the sea when the waves thereof roar; the Lord of hosts is his name: If those ordinances depart from before me, saith the Lord, then the seed of Israel also shall cease from being a nation before me forever. Thus saith the Lord: If heaven above can be measured, and the foundations of the earth searched out beneath, I will also cast off all the seed of Israel for all that they have done, saith the Lord.” Jeremiah 31:35-37. 2SP 52.2

These words the Jews applied to themselves. And because God had shown them so great favor and mercy, they flattered themselves that, notwithstanding their sins and iniquities, he would still retain them as his favored people, and shower especial blessings upon them. They misapplied the words of Jeremiah, and depended for their salvation upon being called the children of Abraham. If they had indeed been worthy of the name of Abraham's children, they would have followed the righteous example of their father Abraham, and would have done the works of Abraham. 2SP 52.3

*This has been the danger of the people of God in all ages; and especially is this the danger of those living near the close of time.* We are cited by the apostle

to the unbelief, blindness, rebellion, and repeated sins of the Hebrews, as a warning. Paul plainly states that “all these things happened unto them for ensamples; and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come.” If, in these last days of peril, for the encouragement of persons in responsible positions, God in mercy gives them a testimony of favor, they frequently become lifted up, and lose sight of their frailties and weaknesses, and rely upon their own judgment, flattering themselves that God cannot accomplish his work without their especial aid. They trust in their own wisdom; and the Lord permits them, for a time, to apparently prosper, to reveal the weakness and folly of the natural heart. But the Lord will, in his own time, and in his own way, bring down the pride and folly of these deceived ones, and show to them their true condition. If they will accept the humiliation, and by confession and sincere repentance, turn unto the Lord, perfecting holiness in the fear of God, he will renew his love to them. But if they shut their eyes to their own sins, as did the Jews, and choose their own ways, the Lord will give them up to blindness of mind, and hardness of heart, that they cannot discern the things of the Spirit of God. 2SP 52.4

### GodlyMothers

Matt. 6:24 ***No man can serve two masters:*** for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other.

1Kings 18:21 And Elijah came unto all the people, and said, ***How long halt ye between two opinions?*** if the LORD be God, follow him: but if Baal, then follow him. And the people answered him not a word.

Note: Today is not a marked battle between God and Baal or other god's, but a between those who only claim to be His and those who are His by hearing and doing what He said. *Matt. 7:24,26.* And just so those who only claim try and thrust out those who are His by tricks, deceptions, confusions and threats—by false doctrine. They who only claim say God said:

You can't Keep His law, Yet “15 If ye love me, keep my commandments.” John 14.

You can't be perfect, Yet “48 Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect.” Matt 5.

You can't be righteous, Yet “37 Then shall the righteous answer him, saying, Lord,” Matt. 25.

Note: If you can't keep the law. You can't have the faith of Jesus Rev. 14:12, so

you can't have the seal of God and raised to hear His covenant of peace.

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1Kings 11:3 “And he had seven hundred wives, princesses, and three hundred concubines: and his wives **turned away his heart**. 4 For it came to pass, when Solomon was old, that **his wives turned away his heart after other gods: and his heart was not perfect** with the LORD his God, as was the heart of David his father.” And just so has it been since Cain and Able and ever after Isa. 9:16 For **the leaders of this people cause them to err; and they that are led of them are destroyed.**

Note: There can be no mingling with those who preach error. Tares may sit and listen to those who preach truth, but tares are not to teach. The wheat are not to attend their meetings.

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 1854 125.1}

Teachers of falsehood will arise to draw you away from the narrow path and the strait gate. Beware of them; though concealed in sheep's clothing, inwardly they

are ravening wolves. Jesus gives a test by which false teachers may be distinguished from the true. "Ye shall know them by their fruits," He says. "Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles?" MB 145.1

We are not bidden to prove them by their fair speeches and exalted professions. They are to be judged by the word of God. "To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word it is because there is no light in them." "Cease, my son, to hear the instruction that causeth to err from the words of knowledge." Isaiah 8:20; Proverbs 19:27. What message do these teachers bring? Does it lead you to reverence and fear God? Does it lead you to manifest your love for Him by loyalty to His commandments? If men do not feel the weight of the moral law; if they make light of God's precepts; if they break one of the least of His commandments, and teach men so, they shall be of no esteem in the sight of heaven. We may know that their claims are without foundation. They are doing the very work that originated with the prince of darkness, the enemy of God. MB 145.2

Not all who profess His name and wear His badge are Christ's. Many who have taught in My name, said Jesus, will be found wanting at last. "Many will say to Me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Thy name? and in Thy name have cast out devils? and in Thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from Me, ye that work iniquity." MB 145.3

There are persons who believe that they are right, when they are wrong. While claiming Christ as their Lord, and professedly doing great works in His name, they are workers of iniquity. "With their mouth they show much love, but their heart goeth after their covetousness." He who declares God's word is to them "as a very lovely song of one that hath a pleasant voice, and can play well on an instrument: for they hear Thy words, but they do them not." Ezekiel 33:31, 32. MB 146.1

A mere profession of discipleship is of no value. The faith in Christ which saves the soul is not what it is represented to be by many. "Believe, believe," they say, "and you need not keep the law." But a belief that does not lead to obedience is presumption. The apostle John says, "He that saith, I know Him, and keepeth not His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him." 1 John 2:4. Let none cherish the idea that special providences or miraculous manifestations are to be the proof of the genuineness of their work or of the ideas they advocate. When persons will speak lightly of the word of God, and set their impressions, feelings, and exercises above the divine standard, we may know that they have no light in them. MB 146.2

Obedience is the test of discipleship. It is the keeping of the commandments that proves the sincerity of our professions of love. When the doctrine we accept kills sin in the heart, purifies the soul from defilement, bears fruit unto holiness, we may know that it is the truth of God. When benevolence, kindness, tenderheartedness, sympathy, are manifest in our lives; when the joy of right doing is in our hearts; when we exalt Christ, and not self, we may know that our faith is of the right order. “Hereby we do know that we know Him, if we keep His commandments.” 1 John 2:3. MB 146.3

Faith is the medium through which *truth or error finds a lodging place in the mind*. It is by the same act of mind that truth or error is received, but it makes a decided difference whether we believe the Word of God or the sayings of men. { 1SM 346.3 }

***No error is of the truth, and error never sanctifies the receiver. It is by the truth that we are to be sanctified. Error possesses no sanctifying power. It can not save the soul. How careful, then, should the teachers of truth be that their words are true words,***--words such as fall from the lips of the great Teacher! {SW, March 1, 1904 par. 6}

### ErrorOfNoConsequence

Warning: SDA's with the world are doing a work that God has not called them to do that of 1844—cleansing the world for the second advent this time by joining religion-political efforts to rid-cleanse the world of all they think offends. They are readying the earth for the second advent. John 16:2 . . . yea, the time cometh, that whosoever killeth you will think that he doeth God service.

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

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. [Project2025pg589](#)

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; 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

Note: The shaking in every generation has prepared a people for the second Advent. Hebrew 11:32-40., so that those resurrected and living saints, so that when the advent of our Lord appears we'd have no connection that would bind us to this world—remember Lots wife. Matt. 26:31 . . . I will smite the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock shall be scattered abroad. Dan. 12:7 . . . when he shall have accomplished to scatter the power of the holy people, all these things shall be finished.

Christ is *leading out a people*, and bringing them into the unity of the faith, that they may be one, as He is one with the Father. ***Differences of opinion must be yielded, that all may come into union with the body***, that they may have one mind and one judgment. 1 Corinthians 1:10: “Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment.” Romans 15:5, 6: “Now the God of patience and consolation grant you to be like-minded one toward another according to Christ Jesus: that ye may with one mind and one mouth glorify God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.” Philippians 2:2: “Fulfill ye my joy, that ye be like-minded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind.” 1T 324.1

***God is leading out a people.*** He has a chosen people, a church on the earth, ***whom He has made the depositaries of His law***. He has committed to them sacred trust and eternal truth to be given to the world. He would reprove and correct them. The message to the Laodiceans is applicable to Seventh-day Adventists who have had great light ***and have not walked in the light. It is those who have made great profession, but have not kept in step*** with their Leader, that will be spewed out of His mouth unless they repent. The message to pronounce the Seventh-day Adventist Church Babylon, and call the people of God out of her, does not come from any heavenly messenger, or any human agent inspired by the Spirit of God. GRC 44.3

You are shutting out from you every ray of heaven's light, and a great gulf is coming between you and the only ones who can help you. If you proceed in the way you have started, misery and woe are before you. God's hand will arrest you in a manner that will not suit you. His wrath will not slumber. But now He invites you. Now, just now, He calls upon you to return unto Him without delay, and He will graciously pardon and heal all your backslidings. ***God is leading out a people who are peculiar.*** He will cleanse and purify them and ***fit them for translation.*** Every carnal thing will be separated from God's peculiar treasures until they shall be like gold seven times purified.—Testimonies for the Church 1:430, 431 (1864). 2MCP 679.4

***God is leading out a people to stand in perfect unity upon the platform of eternal truth.*** Christ gave Himself to the world that He might “purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.” ***This refining process is designed to purge the church from all unrighteousness and the spirit of discord and contention, that they may build up instead of tear down, and concentrate their energies on the great work before them.*** God designs that His people should all come into the unity of the faith. The prayer of Christ just prior to His crucifixion was that His disciples might be one, even as He was one with the Father, that the



world might believe that the Father had sent Him.—4T 17 (1876) PCL 47.1

The evils of self-esteem and an unsanctified independence, which most impair our usefulness, and which will prove our ruin if not overcome, spring from selfishness. “Counsel together” is the message which has been again and again repeated to me by the angel of God. ***By influencing one man's judgment, Satan may endeavor to control matters to suit himself. He may succeed in misleading the minds of two persons; but when several consult together, there is more safety.*** Every plan will be more closely criticized, every advance move more carefully studied. Hence there will be less danger of precipitate, ill-advised moves, which would bring confusion and perplexity. In union there is strength; in division there is weakness and defeat. CT 92.2

***God is leading out a people and preparing them for translation.*** Are we who are acting a part in this work standing as sentinels for God? Are we seeking to work unitedly? Are we willing to become servants of all? Are we following our Great Exemplar? CT 92.3

Fellow laborers, we are each sowing seed in the fields of life. As is the seed, so will be the harvest. If we sow distrust, envy, jealousy, self-love, bitterness of thought and feeling, we shall reap bitterness to our own souls. If we manifest kindness, love, tender thought for the feelings of others, we shall receive the same in return. CT 93.1

God is leading a people ***out from the world upon the exalted platform of eternal truth, the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus.*** He will discipline and fit up His people. ***They will not be at variance, one believing one thing and another having faith and views entirely opposite, each moving independently of the body.*** Through the diversity of the gifts and governments that He has placed in the church, they will all come to the unity of the faith. If one man takes his views of Bible truth ***without regard to the opinion of his brethren,*** and justifies his course, alleging ***that he has a right to his own peculiar views,*** and then presses them upon others, how can he be fulfilling the prayer of Christ? ***And if another and still another arises, each asserting his right to believe and talk what he pleases without reference to the faith of the body, where will be that harmony which existed between Christ and His Father, and which Christ prayed might exist among His brethren?*** GRC 17.2

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God is leading His people ***out from the abominations of the world, that they may keep His law.*** Because of this, the rage of “the accuser of our brethren” knows no bounds. “The devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because

he knoweth that he hath but a short time.” Revelation 12:10, 12. Satan is determined to destroy the people of God and cut them off from their inheritance. The admonition, “Watch ye and pray, lest ye enter into temptation” (Mark 14:38), was never more needed than now. EP 498.5

It was *by associating with* idolaters and *joining in their festivities* that the Hebrews were led to transgress God's law and bring His judgments upon the nation. So now it is by *leading the followers of Christ to associate with the ungodly and unite in their amusements* that Satan is most successful in alluring them into sin. “Come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean.” *God requires of His people now as great a distinction from the world, in customs, habits, and principles, as He required of Israel anciently.*<sup>4</sup> AH 460.1

Josh 24:15 And if it seem evil unto you to serve the LORD, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but **as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.**