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PASSOVER AND FEAST OF UNLEAVENED BREAD

Yes, it's that time again! Where did the days go? We have a great group of speakers you will be sure to enjoy! Excitement is filling the grounds! As always, we will be live and this time the sound and picture should be even better! As I write this, we are having some of the new equipment installed!

~ Money Money Money ~

Remember VHS? I remember when grandpa John VanDenburgh finally decided to stop recording VHS and move to DVD. We had about 15 VHS copy machines stacked 8 feet high to the ceiling. I thought we should keep them, but he was sure the world was advancing permanently to DVD, so we gave them all away. Your donations funded those DVD copy machines and labelers.

Eventually, your donations also sent the Bible Explorations speakers over the airways with the GloryStar satellites. Many people have been blessed around the globe because of that.

Now we are asking for a few donations once again, to fund the upgrades we're doing. No frivolous upgrades are ever made at Bible Explorations, but our electronics setup is a bit outdated. The videos being broadcast to TV, Youtube, Website and DVD need better resolution and audio tweaking. We hope to produce higher quality for the next camp meetings, WITH YOUR HELP.

We don't ask for larger donations very often, but please consider donating a little extra this month, to help advance a few electronic upgrades that will help us stand with the best of them, to share the messages we all love. May God bless you as you bless BE. (-:

"But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also." Mat 6:20

UPCOMING CAMPMEETING!

This camp meeting we have the pleasure of having two great speakers from South Africa! One whom you know is Solomon Khunou. We are also excited to welcome Evangelist and Chef Frikkie van Rensburg from



Durbanville, South Africa. His wife Helen will be with him, too!



We are likewise excited to have Wayne Wright and his wife Laura from North Carolina coming to Terra Bella for the first time! Wayne will have some great talks for us to enjoy.

Moreover, there are folk who come here regularly but will be speaking for the first time, plus many others you have heard and always enjoyed the presentations they bring! We will also have Laura Williams here to sing her beautiful music again! See the attached schedule for our upcoming camp meeting. See you soon!!

THE FOUNDATION REMOVED

By Ted Schultz

OTHER CONFIRMING STATEMENTS

There are other statements confirming that Jesus went into the most holy place in 1844, thus emphasizing what did happen in 1844. “Thus those who followed in the light of the prophetic word saw that, instead of coming to the earth at the termination of the 2300 days in 1844, Christ then entered the most holy place of the heavenly sanctuary to perform the closing work of the atonement preparatory to His coming.” *The Great Controversy*, p. 422.

“...Christ had come, not to the earth, as they expected [in 1844], but, as foreshadowed in the type, to the most holy place of the temple of God in heaven.” *Ibid.* p. 424. “Therefore the announcement that the temple of God was opened in heaven and the ark of His Testament was seen points to the opening of the most holy place of the heavenly sanctuary in 1844 as Christ entered there to perform the closing work of the atonement.” *Ibid.* p. 433. These statements from *The Great Controversy* are prefaced with the following words. “As the Spirit of God has opened to my mind the great truths of His word, and the scenes of the past and the future, I have been bidden to make known to others that which has thus been revealed—” *Ibid.*, Introduction, xi.

So, we see that there is an abundance of light on this subject. There have been souls in our past history that have rejected the confirmations from the testimonies concerning when Jesus went into the most holy place. The testimonies call that rejection apostasy. The rejection is being carried forward in high places in our official publications today. This was a terrible thing that was predicted to take place.

THE VERY LAST DECEPTION OF SATAN

“Satan is...constantly pressing in the spurious—to lead away from the truth. The very last deception of Satan will

be to make of none effect the testimony of the Spirit of God. ‘Where there is no vision, the people perish.’ (Prov. 29:18). Satan will work ingeniously, in different ways and through different agencies, to unsettle the confidence of God’s remnant people in the true testimony.—Letter 12, 1890.

“There will be a hatred kindled against the testimonies which is satanic. The workings of Satan will be to unsettle the faith of the churches in them, for this reason: Satan cannot have so clear a track to bring in his deceptions and bind up souls in his delusions if the warning and reproofs and counsels of the Spirit of God are heeded.—Letter 40, 1890.” *Selected Messages*, Book One, p. 48.

In order for Satan to deceive believers in the testimonies he is going to work deceptively and ingeniously through different agencies. No doubt the human instruments that Satan will work through may be professed believers in the testimonies themselves. This deceptive endeavor will be an inside job done from within the church. It would be safe to say that those that write in our publications that Jesus went into the most holy at His ascension and that He has been there ever since, would all very emphatically claim to believe in the Spirit of Prophecy as we have it in the writings of Ellen White. But do they really? As we have already seen, Ellen White in her major published works testifies clearly, emphatically, and repeatedly that Jesus went into the most holy place in 1844. Are not those leaders, who repeatedly speak contrary to those testimonies of what the messenger of the Lord said she saw in vision, making of none effect the testimonies? Yes, they are. But how could those who are part of a movement so thoroughly grounded in the testimonies come to a point that those testimonies would have no effect with them while at the same time continuing to think they still believe in them?

THE ANATOMY OF A DECEPTION

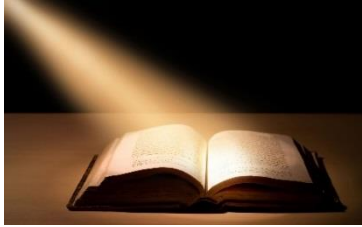
We will quote without interruption three paragraphs from a high-profile leader in the church that does not believe in 1844 and our sanctuary doctrine but professes to believe in the writings of Ellen White to illustrate how they reconcile this great inconsistency.

“The ultimate argument in defense of the traditional interpretation of Daniel 8:14 every time questions have been raised concerning it, has been Ellen White’s explicit affirmation of it. As a presumably infallible interpreter of Scripture her support always settled the matter. For instance, in 1888, forty-four years after the great disappointment of October 22, 1844 she wrote. ‘The scripture which above all others had been both the foundation and the central pillar of the advent faith, was the declaration, “‘Unto two thousand and three hundred days; then shall the sanctuary be cleansed.’” She devoted an entire chapter in *The Great Controversy* to a defense and explanation of the sanctuary doctrine. Eighteen years

later, in 1906, she wrote again: 'The correct understanding of the ministration in the heavenly sanctuary is the foundation of our faith.'

"In order to understand these two statements in their historical context it is important to remember that she and many others living had personally experienced the great disappointment of October 22, 1844. Her statements about it were absolutely, *historically* accurate. The experience was still vivid in her own mind and in the minds of many others.

"In both of these statements Ellen White is simply stating *historical* fact, she is *not* exegeting Scripture. In 1895 she wrote: 'In regard to infallibility, I never claimed it; God alone is infallible.'



'The Bible is the only rule of faith and doctrine. ... The Bible alone [is] the foundation of our faith. ... The Bible is to be our guide. The Holy

Scriptures are to be accepted as an authoritative, infallible revelation of [God's] will. ... We are to receive God's word as supreme authority. Numerous similar statements could be cited. It is important to remember that she never considered herself an exegete of the Bible. Upon numerous occasions when asked for what her questioners proposed to accept as an authoritative, infallible interpretation of a disputed Bible passage she refused, and told them to go to the Bible themselves for an answer."

Raymond F. Cottrell, *The "Sanctuary Doctrine"—Asset or Liability?* pp. 3, 4.. (To be continued...)

THE WORLD'S NEED

(Review and Herald, March 31, 1910.)

By Ellen G. White

In this age of boasted enlightenment, the Christian church is confronted with a world lying in midnight darkness, almost wholly given over to idolatry. A well-nigh universal disregard of the law of Jehovah is rapidly making the world like the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah. As in the days before the Flood, violence is filling the land. Gambling and robbery are coming to be common evils. The use of intoxicating liquors is on the increase. Many who have followed their own unsanctified will seek to end their unprofitable lives by suicide. Iniquity and crime of every order are found in the high places of the earth, and those who assent to these wrongs are seeking to shield the guilty ones from punishment. Not one hundredth part of the corruptions that exist is being made plain to the world. Little of the cruelty that is carried on is known. The wickedness of men has almost reached its limit.

In many ways Satan is revealing that he rules the world. He is influencing the hearts of men and corrupting their minds. Men in high places are giving evidence that their

thoughts are evil continually. Many are seeking after riches and scruple not to add to their wealth through fraudulent transactions. The Lord is permitting these men to expose one another in their evil deeds. Some of their iniquitous practices are being laid open before the world, that thinking men who still have a desire in their hearts to be honest and just with their fellowmen may understand why God is beginning to send His judgments on the earth. The Lord will surely punish the world for its iniquity; "the earth also shall disclose her blood, and shall no more cover her slain." . . .

The Lord in compassion is seeking to enlighten the understanding of those who are now groping in the darkness of error. He is delaying His judgments upon an impenitent world, in order that His light bearers may seek and save that which is lost. He is now calling upon His church on the earth to awake from the lethargy that Satan has sought to bring upon them, and fulfill their heaven-appointed work of enlightening the world. His message to His church at this time is, "Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee." To meet the conditions existing at the time when darkness covers the earth, and gross darkness the people, the church of God has been commissioned to cooperate with God in shedding abroad the light of Bible truth. To those who seek to do their part faithfully as bearers of precious light, is given the assurance: "The Lord shall rise upon thee, and His glory shall be seen upon thee. And the Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising."

The world today is in crying need of a revelation of Christ Jesus in the person of His saints. God desires that His people shall stand before the world a holy people. Why?--because there is a world to be saved by the light of gospel truth; and as the message of truth that is to call men out of darkness into God's marvelous light is given by the church, the lives of its members, sanctified by the Spirit of truth, are to bear witness to the verity of the messages proclaimed.

God desires His people to place themselves in right relation to Him, that they may understand what He requires of them above all things else. They are to reveal to every struggling soul in the world what it means "to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly" with their God. Wherever they are, at home or abroad, they are to be His commandment-keeping people. They are to have the assurance that their sins are forgiven, and that they are accepted as children of the Most High....

Success Assured

The world is in need of the saving truth that God has entrusted to His people. The world will perish unless it be given a knowledge of God through His chosen agencies. In the power of the Holy Spirit, those who are laborers together with God are to labor with unflinching zeal, and

shed abroad in the world the light of precious truth. As they enter the highways and the byways, as they labor in the waste places of the earth, at home and in the regions beyond, they will see the salvation of God revealed in a remarkable manner.

God's faithful messengers are to seek to carry forward the Lord's work in His appointed way. They are to place themselves in close connection with the Great Teacher, that they may be daily taught of God. They are to wrestle with God in earnest prayer for a baptism of the Holy Spirit that they may meet the needs of a world perishing in sin. All power is promised those who go forth in faith to proclaim the everlasting gospel. As the servants of God bear to the world a living message fresh from the throne of glory, the light of truth will shine forth as a lamp that burneth, reaching to all parts of the world. Thus, the darkness of error and unbelief will be dispelled from the minds of the honest in heart in all lands, who are now seeking after God, "If haply they might feel after Him, and find Him."

**A little tract, the last of Ellen White's
Writing before her death.
Sanitarium, California, June 14, 1914.**

Dear Friend:

The Lord has given me a message for you, and not for you only, but also for other faithful souls who are troubled by doubts and fears regarding their acceptance by the Lord Jesus Christ. His word to you is, "Fear not: for I have redeemed thee, I have called thee by thy name; thou art Mine." You desire to please the Lord, and you can do this by believing His promises. He is waiting to take you into a harbor of gracious experience, and He bids you, "Be still, and know that I am God." You have had a time of unrest; but Jesus says to you, "Come unto Me,...and I will give you rest." The joy of Christ in the soul is worth everything. "Then are they glad," because they are privileged to rest in the arms of everlasting love.

Put away your distrust of our heavenly Father. Instead of talking of your doubts, break away from them in the strength of Jesus, and let light shine into your soul by letting your voice express confidence and trust in God. I know that the Lord is very nigh to give you victory, and I say to you, Be helped, be strengthened, be lifted out of and away from the dark dungeon of unbelief. Doubts will rush into your mind, because Satan is trying to hold you in captivity to his cruel power; but face him in the strength that Jesus is willing to give you, and conquer the inclination to express unbelief in your Saviour.

Do not talk of your inefficiency and your defects. When despair would seem to be sweeping over your soul, look to Jesus, saying, He lives to make intercession for me. Forget the things that are behind, and believe the promise, "I will come to you," and "abide with you."

God is waiting to bestow the blessing of forgiveness, of pardon for iniquity, of the gifts of righteousness, upon all who will believe in His love and accept the salvation He offers. Christ is ready to say to the repenting sinner, "Behold, I have caused thine iniquity to pass from thee, and I will clothe thee with change of raiment." The blood of Jesus Christ is the eloquent plea that speaks in behalf of sinners. This blood "cleanseth us from all sin."

It is your privilege to trust in the love of Jesus for salvation, in the fullest, surest, noblest manner; to say, He loves me, He receives me; I will trust Him, for He gave His life for me. Nothing so dispels doubt as coming in contact with the character of Christ. He declares, "Him that cometh to Me I will in no wise cast out;" that is, there is no possibility of My casting him out, for I have pledged My word to receive him. Take Christ at His word, and let your lips declare that you have gained the victory.



Is Jesus true? Does He mean what He says? Answer decidedly, Yes, every word. Then if you have settled this, by faith claim

every promise that He has made, and receive the blessing; for this acceptance by faith gives life to the soul. You may believe that Jesus is true to you, even though you feel yourself to be the weakest and most unworthy of His children. And as you believe, all your dark, brooding doubts are thrown back upon the archdeceiver who originated them. You can be a great blessing if you will take God at His word. By living faith you are to trust Him, even though the impulse is strong within you to speak words of distrust.

Peace comes with dependence on divine power. As fast as the soul resolves to act in accordance with the light given, the Holy Spirit gives more light and strength. The grace of the Spirit is supplied to cooperate with the soul's resolve, but it is not a substitute for the individual exercise of faith. Success in the Christian life depends upon the appropriation

of the light that God has given. It is not an abundance of light and evidence that makes the soul free in Christ; it is the rising of the powers and the will and the energies of the soul to cry out sincerely, "Lord, I believe; help Thou mine unbelief."

I rejoice in the bright prospects of the future, and so may you. Be cheerful, and praise the Lord for His loving-kindness. That which you cannot understand, commit to Him. He loves you and pities your every weakness. He "hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ." It would not satisfy the heart of the Infinite One to give those who love His Son a lesser blessing than He gives His Son.

Satan seeks to draw our minds away from the mighty Helper, to lead us to ponder over our degeneration of

soul. But though Jesus sees the guilt of the past, He speaks pardon; and we should not dishonor Him by doubting His love. The feeling of guiltiness must be laid at the foot of the

cross, or it will poison the springs of life. When Satan thrusts his threatenings upon you, turn from them, and comfort your soul with the promises of God. The cloud may be dark in itself, but when filled with the light of heaven, it turns to the brightness of gold; for the glory of God rests upon it.

God's children are not to be subject to feelings and emotions. When they fluctuate between hope and fear, the heart of Christ is hurt; for He has given them unmistakable evidence of His love. He wants them to be established, strengthened, and settled in the most holy faith. He wants them to do the work He has given them; then their hearts will become in His hands as sacred harps, every chord of which will send forth praise and thanksgiving to the One sent by God to take away the sins of the world.

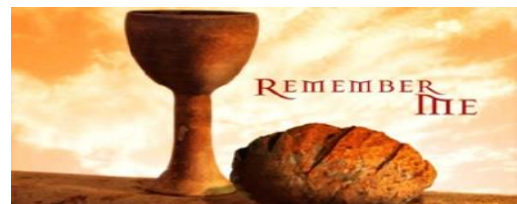
Christ's love for His children is as tender as it is strong. And it is stronger than death; for He died to purchase our salvation, and to make us one with Him, mystically and eternally one. So strong is His love that it controls all His powers, and employs the vast resources of heaven in doing His people good. It is without variableness or shadow of turning--the same yesterday, today, and forever. Although sin has existed for ages, trying to counteract this love and obstruct its flowing earthward, it still flows in rich currents to those for whom Christ died.

God loves the sinless angels, who do His service and are obedient to all His commands; but He does not give them grace; they have never needed it, for they have never sinned. Grace is an attribute shown to undeserving human beings. We did not seek after it; it was sent in search of us. God rejoices to bestow grace upon all who hunger and thirst for it, not because we are worthy, but because we are unworthy. Our need is the qualification which gives us the assurance that we shall receive the gift.

It should not be difficult to remember that the Lord desires you to lay your troubles and perplexities at His feet, and leave them there. Go to Him, saying: "Lord, my burdens are too heavy for me to carry. Wilt Thou bear them for me?" And He will answer: "I will take them. 'With everlasting kindness will I have mercy on thee.' I will take your sins, and will give you peace. Banish no longer your self-respect; for I have bought you with the price of My own blood. You are Mine. Your weakened will I will strengthen. Your remorse for sin I will remove."

"I, even I, am He," the Lord declares, "that blotteth out thy transgressions for Mine own sake, and will not remember thy sins. Put Me in remembrance: let us plead together: declare thou, that thou mayest be justified." "I have not spoken in secret, in a dark place of the earth: I said not unto the seed of Jacob, Seek ye Me in vain: I the Lord speak righteousness, I declare things that are right." "Look unto Me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: for I am God, and there is none else." Respond to the calls of God's mercy, and say: "I will trust in the Lord and be comforted. I will praise the Lord; for His anger is turned away. I will rejoice in God, who gives the victory."

PLEASE REMEMBER BIBLE EXPLORATIONS AT THIS TIME AND THROUGHOUT THE YEAR. THANK YOU!



PREPARE FOR PASSOVER & FEAST OF UNLEAVENED BREAD, APRIL 7-15. COME AND JOIN US FOR THIS SPIRITUAL FEAST! DIRECTIONS AND SCHEDULE BELOW.

Bible Explorations welcomes all to a joyous experience of learning in Terra Bella, California April 7 (evening) through April 15, 2020.

Welcome to Spring 2020

PASSOVER AND FEAST OF UNLEAVENED BREAD



Note: Campgrounds will be available the prior week (no charge).

If coming from the South, plan on a 45 minute drive north from Bakersfield. Take Hwy 99. Passing through Bakersfield on Hwy 99 you will come to a cut-off to the right marked Hwy 65 to Porterville and Sequoia Parks. Take Hwy 65 north (the only way you can) past Ducor to Terra Bella, Ave. 95, (this is a stop signal). Turn East (right) on Ave. 95 & go about 3 miles to Rd. 256. Turn left (North) onto Rd. 256. Continue one long block to Ave. 100. Ave. 100 goes only to the right (East). Look for a red house on the left about one block from the corner of Rd. 256 and Ave. 100. **The address is 25810 Avenue 100, Terra Bella, CA 93270.**

If coming from the North, plan on 1.5 hour drive from Fresno. Continue South on Hwy 99 to Pixley. Watch close; it is but a little distance from Tipton. Take Ave 96 East to Hwy 65. Ave 96 will become Ave 95. (Continue east past the town of Terra Bella on Ave. 95 about three miles to Rd. 256. (There is Tuff Products at this corner). Turn left (North) on to Rd. 256. Continue one long block to Ave. 100. Avenue 100 goes only to the right (East). Look for a red house on the left about one block from the corner of Rd. 256 and Ave. 100. **Address is 25810 Avenue 100, Terra Bella, CA 93270.** Campground entrance is on east side of house.

RVs and tents are welcome free with free electricity & water hookups.

DO BRING YOUR OWN BOTTLED WATER FOR DRINKING

Available motels:

1. Motel 6 – least expensive (559-781-7600)
2. Best Western – has a Denny's (559-781-7411)
3. Holiday Inn Express – newest (559-782-1200)



INTERNET BROADCAST

While it is much better in person, some are unable to attend, so we will again broadcast live during the meetings. Please see the website below to watch us over the internet.

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