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Can you believe the next newsletter will be 2024? What will happen this next year? We need to continue studying our Bible and praying to our Father and His Son to strengthen us, give us wisdom, and show us Their will. It seems things are at a breaking point, yet we know, things will get much worse before He comes! Let's all BE READY!

Christ Spans the Gulf of Sin Manuscript 21, 1895

[Address Given By Mrs. E. G. White at the Armadale
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“Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew Him not. Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that when He shall appear, we shall be like Him; for we shall see Him as he is” [1 John 3:1, 2].

From the commencement to the close, this chapter is full of precious lessons of instruction. We are to make the Bible the man of our counsel, and instead of taking from

it that which we think will sustain us in our own opinions, we are to see in it the lessons of instruction God has given for us. There is truth for us in this Word, and that truth we must dig for as for hidden treasure.

We may search for the truth as those have in past ages, thinking that we have a flood of light and yet only comprehend a small portion of the real instruction, the efficiency, and the fullness contained in the Scriptures. But when we search with our heart and mind put to the utmost test, we shall know for ourselves what we must do that we may have eternal life, for in the Bible there is something to meet the wants of each one. An invisible Instructor will be by our side, and we will find that the Author of this Word is not only the Author but the Finisher of our faith. His Word standeth fast from everlasting to everlasting, and we want to learn from it lessons of eternal interest.

“Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God” [1 John 3:1]. We cannot find words to express the love of God, but He calls upon us to behold it. “For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.” “As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up” [John 3:14].

It is not because God has given His Son that He loves the world, but because He loved the world He gave His Son, “that whosoever believeth on Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.” As you connect yourself with Jesus Christ you connect yourself with eternal life. His life is in

you; you are hid with Christ in God, “and when Christ who is our life shall appear, then shall ye also appear with Him in glory” [Colossians 3:4].

We have seen enough of what the world calls perfection to know that all such is valueless, “for the earth is corrupt under the inhabitants thereof.” But if we hide our life in Christ, we are the happiest mortals on the face of the earth. We have a faith that works by love and purifies the soul, for Christ is the purifier and the cleanser of everyone. Is Christ to you the first, the last, and the best in everything? If He is, you have a hope that goes beyond the dark shadows which, like a pall of death, cover the world; your hope is cast within the veil. You do not drift hither and thither, but have a firm foundation, even Christ Jesus.

The gospel was first proclaimed in Eden. “I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel” [Genesis 3:15]. But through ages of sin the image of God was almost obliterated from the earth. Satan said, Humanity cannot keep the law of God. I can take their minds and mold and fashion them so that they will not regard the law of God.

But God looked down upon our earth, and seeing that the time had come, Christ the King of glory was born a helpless babe in Bethlehem. He who is from everlasting, and who is enshrouded in light unapproachable, He who fills all heaven with the train of His glory, looks upon sin as the only hateful thing that there is in our world, and yet He consented that His only begotten Son, sinless and holy, should take the sin of the world upon Himself.

Leaving the royal courts of heaven, Christ came to our world to represent the character of His Father, and thus help humanity to return to their loyalty. The image of Satan was upon men, and Christ came that He might bring to them moral power and efficiency. He came as a helpless babe, bearing the humanity we bear. “As the children are partakers of flesh and blood, He also Himself likewise took part of the same” [Hebrews 3:14]. He could not come in the form of an angel, for unless He met man as man, and testified by His connection with God that divine power was not given to Him in a different way to what it will be given to us, He could not be a perfect example for us.

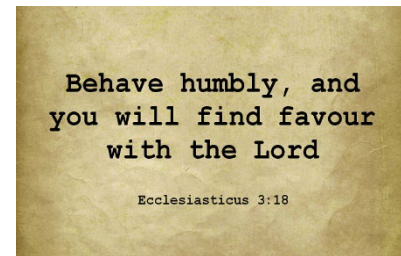
He came in humility, in order that the humblest being upon the face of the earth could have no excuse because of his poverty or ignorance, and say, Because of these things I cannot obey the law of Jehovah. Christ clothed His divinity with humanity, that humanity might touch humanity; that He might live with humanity, and bear all the trials and afflictions of man. He was tempted in all

points like as we are, yet without sin. In His humanity He understood all the temptations that will come to man.

After Christ had been placed in the tomb, Roman guards were stationed round to protect His body. But a mighty angel from the court of heaven parted the darkness from his track, and descended to where the Son of God lay. When his light fell on the guards, they fell as dead men to the earth. But if the light from one angel caused men to fall to the earth as dead, Christ could not have come with even that glory. He took humanity that we, by partaking of His nature, might receive the impress of Jehovah, and stand as witnesses before men and angels, and before the whole army of the powers of darkness, of the efficacy of a crucified Saviour.

Humility marked the path of Christ from the manger to the cross. He was a man in this small atom of a world, yet He conquered the power of Satan and released humanity from his grasp. “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,” He said, “because He hath anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor; He hath sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised” [Luke 4:18].

Step by step Christ descended the path of humility, pursued by the enemy. He wrestled not against “flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places” [Ephesians 6:12]. This is our



work, and therefore the exhortation is given, “Wherefore take unto you the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done

all, to stand” [verse 12]. In our fight we are barricaded by the ten commandments. “If ye do them,” says Christ, “ye shall live in them.”

Christ entered the tomb that man might pass through the tomb and rise with a resurrection-life. He burst the fetters of the tomb, and over the rent sepulcher of Joseph He proclaimed, “I am the resurrection and the life.” And when the last trump shall sound, the Lifegiver will open the prison houses and those who have fallen asleep in Christ will come forth to a glorious immortality.

Christ died for the sins of the world that we might have an opportunity of showing to the universe loyalty to God and His law. Today He is making an atonement for us before the Father. “If any man sin, we have an advocate with the

Father, Jesus Christ the righteous” [1 John 2:1]. Pointing to the palms of His hands, pierced by the fury and prejudice of wicked men, He says of us, “I have graven thee upon the palms of My hands.” The Father bows in recognition of the price paid for humanity, and the angels approach the cross of Calvary with reverence. What a sacrifice is this! Who can fathom it! It will take the whole of eternity for man to understand the plan of redemption. It will open to him line upon line, here a little and there a little.

By transgression man was severed from God, the communion between them was broken. But Jesus Christ died upon the cross of Calvary, bearing in His body the sins of the whole world, and the gulf between heaven and earth was bridged by that cross. Christ leads men to the gulf and points to the bridge by which it is spanned, saying, “If any man will come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me” [Matthew 16:24].

God gives us a probation in which we may prove whether or not we will be loyal to Him. Christ calls upon us to lay our sins upon Him, the Sin-Bearer, that we may represent God. But if we refuse to let them go, taking the responsibility ourselves, we will be lost. We may fall upon Christ, the living stone, and be broken, but if that stone falls upon us, it will grind us to powder.

In our warfare we have Christ's promise, “He that loveth Me shall be loved of My Father, and I will love him, and will manifest Myself to him” He manifested Himself to John, who had been banished by his persecutors to the lonely isle of Patmos. But there He who rules the earth and keeps the waters in their appointed channel, manifested Himself to John. “I John, who also am your brother, and companion in tribulation, and in the kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ, was in the isle that is called Patmos, for the word of God, and for the testimony of Jesus Christ. I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and heard behind me a great voice, as of a trumpet, saying, I am Alpha and Omega, the first and the last” [Revelation 1:9-11]: “the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty” [verse 8].

Christ manifested Himself to Peter, and delivered him from prison by the hand of an angel. He manifested himself to Stephen, and he, “being full of the Holy Ghost, looked up steadfastly into heaven, and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing on the right hand of God, and said, Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of man standing on the right hand of God” [Acts 7:55].

So Christ will manifest Himself to us if we are faithful. “For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord” [Romans 8:38].

Now is the time when we may prove whether we will obey the law of God, or whether we will transgress. When a sinner unloads his burden at the foot of the cross, then it is that peace and happiness comes to him. And there is joy in heaven over one sinner that repenteth more than over ninety and nine who need no repentance. “The Lord thy God in the midst of thee is mighty; He will save, He will rejoice over thee with joy; He will rest in His love, He will joy over thee with singing” [Zephaniah 3:17].

All heaven appreciates the struggles of those who are fighting for the crown of everlasting life, that they may be partakers with Christ in the city of God, the very streets of which are pure gold, “as it were transparent glass.” God wants you there, Christ wants you there, the heavenly host wants you there. The angels are willing to stand in the outer circle, and let those who have been redeemed by the blood of Jesus stand in the inner circle.

**God values you
and I more
abundantly than we
could ever
comprehend.**

Do you realize your value in the sight of God? He says, “Ye are laborers together with Me.” Are you letting your light shine in clear rays to a fallen world? Are you seeking to exercise every faculty and every power which God has given you? You may not

be a minister, but you can be a witness. You may not be an eloquent speaker, but you can be eloquent in living Christ; you can be eloquent in letting your light shine before men. You will have to travel a rough path; you will have to meet with the powers of darkness; but you do not meet them alone, for God has given you a General.

Christ Himself, the Majesty of heaven, leads the children of God against their enemies. Thousands of holy angels wait to help those who are seeking for immortality and eternal life. A crown of glory waits for all who fight the good fight of faith, and when the warfare is over they will be greeted with the words, “Blessed are they that do His commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city” [Revelation 22:14]. Then, casting their glittering crowns at the feet of Jesus, and touching their golden harps, the redeemed host will fill all heaven with rich music.—Ms. 21, 1895.

GOD'S AMAZING GRACE

Ellen G. White

My soul longeth, yea, even fainteth for the courts of the Lord: my heart and my flesh crieth out for the living God. Psalm 84:2.

Oh that the great interests of the world to come were appreciated! Why is it that men are so unconcerned about the salvation of the soul when it was purchased at such cost by the Son of God?

The heart of man may be the abode of the Holy Spirit. The peace of Christ that passeth understanding may rest in your soul, and the transforming power of His grace may work in your life, and fit you for the courts of glory. But if brain and nerve and muscle are all employed in the service of self, you are not making God and heaven the first consideration of your life....

If the eye is single, if it is directed heavenward, the light of heaven will fill the soul, and earthly things will appear insignificant and uninviting. The purpose of the heart will be changed, and the admonition of Jesus will be heeded.... Your thoughts will be fixed upon the great rewards of eternity. All your plans will be made in reference to the future, immortal life.... Bible religion will be woven into your daily life. The Review and Herald, January 24, 1888.

Some who profess to have true religion sadly neglect the guide-book given by God to point the way to heaven. They may read the Bible, but merely reading God's Word, as one would read words traced by a human pen, will give only a superficial knowledge....

If we do not receive the religion of Christ by feeding upon the word of God, we shall not be entitled to an entrance into the city of God. Having lived on earthly food, having educated our tastes to love worldly things, we would not be fitted for the heavenly courts; we could not appreciate the pure, heavenly current that circulates in heaven. The voices of the angels and the music of their harps would not satisfy us. The science of heaven would be as an enigma to our minds. We need to hunger and thirst for the righteousness of Christ; we need to be molded and fashioned by the transforming influence of His grace,

that we may be fitted for the society of heavenly angels. The Review and Herald, May 4, 1897.

In order to be at home in heaven, we must have heaven enshrined in our hearts here. Testimonies for the Church 4:442.

A BIBLE STUDY

Elder John VanDenburgh

Martin Luther was a man of courage and conviction. Once he was convinced of a Bible truth, he latched on and could not be persuaded to do otherwise. He didn't have all the truth, in fact, they say he was a beer guzzler, but so was most of Germany. He was also human just like the rest of us. Today we have certainly advanced in our understanding of Biblical morals as well as in the prophecies.



And he certainly laid down a powerful legacy for us when talking of Scripture, he said, "Here I stand, I can do no other." We must come to have that same strength of character. Apply that phrase to the truths of your faith. When tempted to yield to popular opinion - - - Don't. Instead apply scripture with Martin's stalwart speech defending his faith with "Here I stand, I can do no other."

One thing he did not care about was the book of James. He would have stricken it from the Bible. He called it "a book of straw." Wow! one thing I would tremble at is the temptation to call any book of the Bible a book of straw.

Why did he not like it? because his gospel was definitely not an object of works. He named what he thought was the whore of Revelation and its leader the antichrist. And preached that all the works for the church were worthless, even to the sale of indulgences. He downplayed our works as worthless, but . . .

He had no right to call any part of sacred scripture "a book of straw" no matter how it came up in his mind.

Let's read a text that he might not have liked to compare how you and I should look at it.

James 2:8-12

(Jas 2:8) If ye fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself, ye do well:

(Jas 2:9) But if ye have respect to persons, ye commit sin,[because sin is the transgression of the law].

(Jas 2:10) For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all.

(Jas 2:11) For he that said, Do not commit adultery, said also, Do not kill. Now if thou commit no adultery, yet if thou kill, thou art become a transgressor of the law.

(Jas 2:12) So speak ye, and so do, as they that shall be judged by the law of liberty.

Here we have four items:

1. love thy neighbor,
2. no respecter of persons,
3. no adultery,
4. no murder.

Adultery we have learned to understand and murder as well, but then let's look at the two statutes, and determine how serious Yahweh looks at them.

Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. Deut. 19:18.

“Thou shalt not avenge, not bear any grudge against the children of thy people, but thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself: I am the LORD.”

Why do you suppose the last phrase, “I am the LORD.” is added to the verse? Yes, for emphasis! He means it, He is serious about it!

More serious than we have been.

Yashua Himself repeats this statute in Matthew 22:37. Notice that He calls the two statutes commandments:

“Jesus (Yashua) said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.”

So does Christ diminish His commandments/statutes? Never! He equates them all in the law and the prophets. How is it that so many churches can't see this? Perhaps they never will, but you do. Perhaps He is preparing you for something very special.

Our other New/Old testament text is found in Deut. 1:17/James 2:8-10.

“Ye shall not respect persons in judgment; but ye shall hear the small as well as the great; ye shall not be afraid of the face of man, for the judgment is God's.”

In other words don't be afraid of the influence of the man being judged. though he be rich and powerful, or has an hundred warring friends listening to the words of your judgment, remember, the LORD (Yahweh) is with you. Think not of yourself, but only that He is with you in this matter. Be brave to pronounce honest judgment.

James, in the New Testament, makes a case just as strong when he writes to us: “But if ye have respect to persons ye commit sin, and are convinced of the law as transgressors.”



James, like Christ, treats the statutes as though they are a part of His commandments, because they are part of His commandments.

Paul, the principle New Testament writer does the same thing. He also intertwines the statutes with the commandments as though they were one law:

(Gal 5:19-21) “Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.”

Back and forth between the commandments and the statutes he goes and adds a very positive threat at the end of his text. They which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God! Wow, I didn't say that, he did.

Some questioned Paul for things like this, but he knew the Old Testament well, and knew it backed what he taught. They used the O.T. and checked him out to see:

“These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether these things were so.”

The Scripture they had was the Old Testament, and it was O.K. that they were accepting Paul's messages if those messages of Paul agreed with that Scripture.

“And three Sabbath days Paul reasoned with them out of the Scriptures” What Scriptures? The Old Testament Scriptures.

So, other than in the statutes themselves, let's read a portion of the Scriptures that supports Christ, Paul, and James regarding our subject today:

This exciting and explanatory Scripture comes from the man of “them bones that shall arise again” Ezekiel 18, starting with verse 4. Let's enjoy reading all the way through verse 31. This should be fun for the present-day believers of present truth, and a learning experience for everyone else:

(Eze 18:4) Behold, all souls are mine; as the soul of the father, so also the soul of the son is mine: the soul that sinneth, it shall die. But if a man be just, and do that which is lawful and right, And hath not eaten upon the mountains, [SDA Com; Sacrificial meals to heathen Deities], neither hath lifted up his eyes to the idols of the house of Israel, neither hath defiled his neighbor's wife, neither hath come near to a menstruous woman,

And hath not oppressed any, hath restored to the debtor his pledge, hath spoiled none by violence, hath given his bread to the hungry, and hath covered the naked with a garment;

He that hath not given forth upon usury, neither hath taken any increase, that hath withdrawn his hand from iniquity, hath executed true judgment between man and man, Hath walked in my statutes, and hath kept my judgments, to deal truly; he is just, he shall surely live, saith the Lord GOD.”

Do you see how well Ezekiel mixes statutes, judgments, and the 10 commandments into one law?

He does like Christ, Paul, and James. He could do no other.

(Eze 18:10) If he beget a son that is a robber, a shedder of blood, and that doeth the like to any one of these things, And that doeth not any of those duties, but even hath eaten upon the mountains, and defiled his neighbor's wife,

Hath oppressed the poor and needy, hath spoiled by violence, hath not restored the pledge, and hath lifted up his eyes to the idols, hath committed abomination,

Hath given forth upon usury, and hath taken increase: shall he then live? he shall not live: he hath done all these abominations; he shall surely die; his blood shall be upon him.

Wow! that's pretty clear indeed. The commandments, statutes, and judgments are a life and death matter

(Eze 18:14 - 18) Now, lo, if he beget a son, that seeth all his father's sins which he hath done, and considereth, and doeth not such like,

That hath not eaten upon the mountains, neither hath lifted up his eyes to the idols of the house of Israel, hath not defiled his neighbor's wife,

Neither hath oppressed any, hath not withholden the pledge, neither hath spoiled by violence, but hath given his bread to the hungry, and hath covered the naked with a garment,

That hath taken off his hand from the poor, that hath not received usury nor increase, hath executed my judgments, hath walked in my statutes; he shall not die for the iniquity of his father, he shall surely live.

As for his father, because he cruelly oppressed, spoiled his brother by violence, and did that which is not good among his people, lo, even he **shall die in his iniquity**.

Yet say ye, Why? doth not the son bear the iniquity of the father? When the son hath done that which is lawful and right, and, hath kept all my statutes, and hath done them, he shall surely live.

The soul that sinneth, it shall die. The son shall not bear the iniquity of the father, neither shall the father bear the iniquity of the son: the righteousness of the righteous shall be upon him, and the wickedness of the wicked shall be upon him.

Notice how, in the above text, that those who break either statutes or commandments are sinners subject to death. That's because the wages of sin is death.

(Eze 18:21) But if the wicked will turn from all his sins that he hath committed, and keep all my statutes, and do that which is lawful and right, he shall surely live, he shall not die.

All his transgressions that he hath committed, they shall not be mentioned unto him: in his righteousness that he hath done he shall live.

Have I any pleasure at all that the wicked should die? saith the Lord GOD: and not that he should return from his ways, and live?

But when the righteous turneth away from his righteousness, and committeth iniquity, and doeth according to all the abominations that the wicked man doeth, shall he live? All his righteousness that he hath done shall not be mentioned: in his trespass that he hath trespassed, and in his sin that he hath sinned, in them shall he die.

It seems to me that these last three paragraphs are talking loud and clear about the judgment at the end of time

(Eze 18:25 - 31.) Yet ye say, The way of the Lord is not equal. Hear now, O house of Israel; Is not my way equal? are not your ways unequal?

When a righteous man turneth away from his righteousness, and committeth iniquity, and dieth in them; for his iniquity that he hath done shall he die.

Again, when the wicked man turneth away from his wickedness that he hath committed, and doeth that which is lawful and right, he shall save his soul alive.

Because he considereth, and turneth away from all his transgressions that he hath committed, he shall surely live, he shall not die.

Yet saith the house of Israel, The way of the Lord is not equal. O house of Israel, are not my ways equal? are not your ways unequal?



Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, every one according to his ways, saith the Lord GOD. Repent, and turn yourselves from all your transgressions; so iniquity shall not be your ruin.

Cast away from you all your transgressions, whereby ye have transgressed; and make you a new heart and a new spirit: for why will ye die, O house of Israel?

For I have no pleasure in the death of him that dieth, saith the Lord GOD: wherefore turn yourselves, and live ye.

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(James 2:12) So speak ye, and so do, as they that shall be judged by the law of liberty.

My, I feel refreshed. It is good to serve the Father and the Son and to be impressed by the Holy Spirit as to how He is best served. Let's all serve and obey Him.

ENCOURAGING WORDS

FIRMLY ROOTED IN CHRIST

The only defense against evil is the indwelling of Christ in the heart through faith in His righteousness. Unless we become vitally connected with God, we can never resist the unhallowed effects of self-love, self-indulgence, and temptation to sin. We may leave off many bad habits, for the time we may part company with Satan; but without a vital connection with God, through the surrender of ourselves to Him moment by moment, we shall be overcome. Without a personal acquaintance with Christ, and a continual communion, we are at the mercy of the enemy, and shall do his bidding in the end.--*The Desire of Ages*, p. 324 (1898).

MOLDED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT

Never will the human heart know happiness until it is submitted to be molded by the Spirit of God. The Spirit conforms the renewed soul to the model, Jesus Christ. Through its influence, enmity against God is changed into faith and love, and pride into humility. The soul perceives the beauty of truth, and Christ is honored in excellence and perfection of character.--*Our High Calling*, p. 152 (1896).

There is not an impulse of our nature, not a faculty of the mind or an inclination of the heart, but needs to be, moment by moment, under the control of the Spirit of God.--*Patriarchs and Prophets*, p. 421 (1890).

The Spirit illumines our darkness, informs our ignorance, and helps us in our manifold necessities. But the mind must be constantly going out after God. If worldliness is allowed to come in, if we have no desire to pray, no desire to commune with Him who is the source of strength and wisdom, the Spirit will not abide with us.--*Our High Calling*, p. 154 (1904).

THE NECESSITY OF BIBLE STUDY

No renewed heart can be kept in a condition of sweetness without the daily application of the salt of the Word. Divine grace must be received daily, or no man will stay converted.--**Our High Calling**, p. 215 (1897).

Let your faith be substantiated by the Word of God. Grasp firmly the living testimony of truth. Have faith in Christ as a personal Saviour. He has been and ever will be our Rock of Ages.--**Evangelism**, p. 362 (1905).

Christians should be preparing for what is soon to break upon the world as an overwhelming surprise, and this preparation they should make by diligently studying the Word of God and striving to conform their lives to its precepts.--**Prophets and Kings**, p. 626 (c. 1914).

None but those who have fortified the mind with the truths of the Bible will stand through the last great conflict.--**The Great Controversy**, pp. 593, 594 (1911).

A MESSAGE FOR US

We are standing on the threshold of great and solemn events. Prophecies are fulfilling. Strange and eventful history is being recorded in the books of heaven--events which it was declared should shortly precede the great day of God. Everything in the world is in an unsettled state. The nations are angry, and great preparations for war are being made. Nation is plotting against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. The great day of God is hastening greatly. But although the nations are mustering their forces for war and bloodshed, the command to the angels is still in force, that they hold the four winds until the servants of God are sealed in their foreheads—**SM1**, pp. 221, 222.

Are you receiving the seal of God in your forehead? What is going on that helps you to think so? Are you preparing for the “overwhelming surprise?” Are you satisfied that it is coming your way? Clue: “Christians should be preparing for what is soon to break upon the world as an overwhelming surprise, and this preparation they should make by diligently studying the Word of God and striving to conform their lives to its precepts.” **Prophets and Kings**, page 626 (c. 1914). **Please help us continue to spread the Word of God to the world. Those who would be faithful must hear His call.**

PLEASE NOTE: As you know, we are continuing to share all our messages via the internet (24/7) in various ways and also help many people in need. All this cost BE money.

A large bill coming due January 1 is for our streaming service in Georgia. Tulix in Georgia is home to most all

the 100s of videos BE has ever produced. The providers also keep up our Roku services, website services, etc, with 24/7 support. They have kept it at the DISCOUNTED price again for \$9,600.00. We also have monthly bills for zoom, software, video ads, support and packaging for the books we send out. We're also currently working on new technical work for BE to place BE's most viewed videos at the top of Google so that every SDA can more easily come across them when searching in Google.com searches. We are constantly working to upgrade how people find our channels as well. We have salaries, tech support, postage and supplies, copying books, etc. As you all know, everything has gone up and is more expensive. In fact, our Video Data Center electricity costs have DOUBLED. Call if you have any questions or want more information. Thank you for any blessings you may give.

We know we are blessed by our Father and He is in control. This is His ministry and we have many, many messages we share 24/7 to the world to help people learn and be ready for that great day of His return!

Here's some bills (approx.) you can help us with:

1. Tulix Video Data - \$9600/year.
2. Zoom/software & editors- 800/month.
3. Postage/packaging/books - 400/month.
4. Africa Satellite - \$70k/year.
5. Labor/tech support/Family Aid - \$65k/year (or more).

It's becoming increasingly difficult to meet the demands with prices going UP, UP, so please remember us when you consider blessing a ministry this season. Thank you.

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