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# Bible Explorations Newsletter

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The four angels' messages will at least continue over satellite until January. We receive so many precious letters from folk who watch and are now believing, and are thrilled to know, the whole of the four. Praise God, we have been anointed to do this work.

1. The everlasting gospel is going to earth dwellers, Saying "Fear God and give glory to Him" and sounding warnings through prophecies that His coming is getting near, and judgment will soon be measured out. Yes, we will be going home a last.

2. That Babylon (code worded) is falling as she unites the world in giving glory to another rather than our God. Perhaps the false god will sit in Jerusalem, or some other place of prominence, pretending that he is God. While the world so foolishly gives him God's honor, and obeys his decrees instead of God's.

3. Worship, who, and what do we worship, and where will we end up if we worship wrongly, is what the 3<sup>rd</sup> angel's message is all about. We are to worship the God of creation – indeed the One who created the land and the sea, and all that is in them.

The Mark of the beast is placed in the thoughts and actions of the beast's followers, and the saved are soon sealed.

What a warning, and how disregarded it is. Then follows the 4<sup>th</sup> angel.





4. The fourth angel adds what has been missed by the people who have studied the first three angels messages.

(Rev 18:1) And after these things I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power; and the earth was lightened with his glory. But it pays little attention to the glory due the Father or the glory of this angel.

(Rev 18:2) And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird.

In this case Babylon IS fallen, not falling, but fallen. Too bad, too bad, to bad! Too late!

(Rev 18:3) For all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies.

All nations have been involved.

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

(Rev 18:5) For her sins have reached unto heaven, and God hath remembered her iniquities.

Our God has a great memory, even if we do not. He remembers our heavenly and brotherly offences as well as the good things we have done. All of it is recorded for our sakes, and to show God's justice. Never-the-less, justice will be metered out.

(Rev 20:12) And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works.



The books tell it like it is, no cheating, no fudging, no secrets. Can only be altered by the blood of Christ. Right now there are the lost, the redeemed, and the redeemable.

After stating that Babylon is fallen, the angel is commissioned to spread his light over all the earth. Ellen White comments on the last stragglers of the Great Controversy:



“Said my Guide” “There is much light yet to shine forth from the law of God and the gospel of righteousness This message, understood in its true character, and proclaimed in the Spirit will lighten the earth with is glory.””

“In the manifestation of that power which lightens the earth with the glory of God they will see something which in there blindness, they think dangerous . . . Because they did not respond to the warnings, the entreaties, of the messages of God, but persistently said, ‘I am rich and have need of nothing.’” Maranatha, p. 29.



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Wow! What an indictment against so large a group of believers! But that is what she says about them.

Any unprejudiced soul today can figure out just what the “much light” shining forth from the law is. Although simple in content, there is a lot of it.

Fortunately there remains time for repentance.

## **WE BE BRETHERN**

This favorite article of mine should share with all who may be interested, and can be copied and handed out to friends and other church members, and has permission granted from the Acts publishers giving them credit for the story.

Left out, probably because of its rarity is the story from Mathew 18:23 – 35 This is the story of a man who was about to have his wife, kids, and all that he had sold by the king to pay his debt to the king.

The king is moved with pity and frees the man of his indebtedness: but then the man turns around and refuses to forgive a man who owed a lesser debt to him, casting him into prison.

When the king heard of it, the king cast the forgiven man into prison. In fact the Word says “the king was wroth and delivered him to the tormentors from which there doesn’t seem to be a way of escape.”

That original debtor ended up paying a big price.

You or I don’t want to put someone in an eternal jailhouse. If he could not be converted by the good king, about all you or I can do is separate from such an acquaintance.

There is a time to just walk away. Let him fuss and fume until he runs out of fuel. To stay joined with such a mind will lead to the same end, eternal loss in a Christless grave.

## **NOW THE ARTICLE** **Non-SDA Sabbath keeper**

One of the most confusing things to those who have a desire to live a Christian life is that there are so many denominations in the world, all teaching that one must belong to their particular church in order to be saved. Is that what the Word of God teaches?

Many will answer, “Yes,” and point us to Christ’s prayer in John 17:21, 22, which reads, “That they may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they may also be one in us: that the world may believe that thou has sent me. That the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one.”

Does Christ here say that any earthly church is the one to which **all** must belong? Notice closely, “That they also may be one in **us**.” **Why?** “That the world may believe thou has sent me.” Then, is it any wonder that the majority of the people of the world do not accept Christ as their personal savior? What proof do those who say they are Christians have to show those of the world that there is a reality in living a Christian life, when each group says that one must follow it’s teaching to be saved?

What brings people together into oneness with the Father and Christ? Notice verse 19. “For their sakes I sanctify myself, that they also might be sanctified.” How? Through church doctrine or creed? No. “That they also might be sanctified through the **truth**.” Yes, each church denomination says it has the truth. But how many really are doing all that God, in His Word, has asked? God’s Word is Truth, Jesus says in verse 17. Jesus doesn’t mean here that one can just pick out some certain part of God’s Word and pretend to live it and leave out what one does not want to observe. **All** who are really sincerely striving to live as the word teaches, will be one as Christ and the Father are one. They need not have their name on any church book.

Now turn with me to Genesis 13:8. We read, “Abraham said unto Lot, let there be no strife, I pray thee, between me and thee and between my herdsmen and thy herdsmen; for we be brethren.” Abraham and Lot were members of God’s family. There were Canaanites and Perizzites looking on. Abraham wanted them to know that he and Lot were brethren. This is the same thought Jesus presents in His prayer. “That the world may believe that thou has sent me.”

Notice what John has to say, “If we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanseth us from **all** sin” (1John 1:7). “He that saith he is in the light, and hateth his brother, is in darkness even until now” (1 John 2:9). What is this light? “Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path,” says David in Psalm 119:105.

But I can almost hear someone say, “I do not hate my brother.” You cannot have much love for him when you condemn him for not belonging to your particular church and not believing everything just as you see it. I know of some who even assume the attitude that they would rather not see anyone accept Christ as his personal Savior if it is not by a minister of their own denomination. Is this the teaching of the Word of God?

On one occasion, the Apostle John said to Christ, “Master, we saw one casting out devils in Thy name, and he followeth not us.” No doubt John thought this quite a sin for one to cast out devils and not be in their own group. But what did Jesus say? “Forbid him not; for there

is no man which shall do a miracle in My name, that can lightly speak evil of Me. For he that is not against us is on our part” (Mark 9:38, 39. See Numbers 11:27, 29 also.)

This reminds us of another of Christ’s teachings concerning judgment found in Matthew 7:5. “Thou hypocrite, first cast out the beam out of thine own eye; and thou shalt see clearly to cast out the mote out of thy brother’s eye.”

Yes, I do believe in organization, or cooperation. It is necessary in carrying the gospel. But building a large denomination should not be our foremost thought. Rather, it should be salvation of lost souls.

Jesus gave His followers a model prayer as a pattern for their prayers. He said, “After this manner therefore pray ye.” First, let us notice that the first three requests are things which concern the honor to God – the hallowing of His name, the coming of His Kingdom, the doing of His will. We are halfway to the end before there is anything about ourselves and our personal wants. We are thus taught the importance of unselfishness in prayer. Self and temporal things are last. There can be no truly successful praying that is selfish. True prayer requires more unselfishness than almost anything else.



This is particularly emphasized in the very first word of the model prayer, “Our.” This means that we should never come to God alone, but always in fellowship with all other members of God’s family, or church. It is not, “My Father” but “Our Father.” The word “our” takes in the whole family. But how many of us feel that way when we come to prayer? When we say “Our Father” many of us mentally exclude large numbers of people who really are God’s children. Usually we think of only those who belong to our own particular clique.

We naturally want to take our own family, our friends who are congenial, or those who have our particular viewpoint of the Scriptures. But if we really pray after the manner Christ taught us to pray and say “Our Father,” all lines of

exclusion are swept away; every fence is torn down, and all the family of God are included.

When we really pray “after this manner” all denominational lines are obliterated. When we pray “after this manner” all who really love God and are keeping His commandments, however feeble or new in the faith, all kneel beside us.

Friends, we cannot pray “after this manner” without, in heart and spirit, including all others in the family of God, regardless of whether they belong to our particular denomination.

It would be a great deal easier for us to pray “My Father” wouldn’t it? But let us remember that nothing selfish can enter the gate of prayer. All envies, jealousies, resentments, grudges, and unforgiveness must be left outside. So let us forget denominational prejudices so that the world will know that “We be Brethren” and there is that spirit of love and fellowship in Christ. When professed Christians reach this stage in their Christian experience, then we can reach those who need Christ as their personal Savior. May God help each of us to see our own need. *This article is from [www.ACTSforGod.org](http://www.ACTSforGod.org)*

Something new from the LGBT. A doll that teaches it all. This is toy to teach transgender children and their friends how to cope with being transgender.



**Nesting Transgender Doll**

You can see the expression on the faces of the dolls showing its unhappy female gender, and then the joy of becoming a boy. These changes must be made well after birth because the child can now experiment in either gender positions and then choose which one it/she/he want to be.

Its creators say that their aim is to educate people around the world about gender identity issues. Sam is an essential tool designed to help children understand one another. One thing about it is the fact that “children will be taught the gender ideology and can change their gender as often as they want.”

“The Heatsreet site reported in June that the toy was funded by the government of Quebec, Canada .Gender Creative Kids Canada is supported by the Quebec Ministry of Justice, which conducts 90-minute training sessions in primary schools, discussing gender, sexual orientation and transgender issues.”

It used to be that in order to save money DA parents would send their small children to public schools. But, just wonder what our kids are being taught while away from home? Home schooling is a lot of work and requires sacrifices on the part of the wife, husband, and kids; but for folk who are fussy about Bible standards, it may be the only way to go.

Or find a good SDA teacher, and enough families going together to pay that teacher a good wage.

### THE CONGREGATION WALKED OUT

Oklahoma, USA:

“Pastor teaches that homosexuality is sin and the congregation leaves the temple. Once the pastor began preaching against homosexuality, church members began leaving. One by one, most of the congregation left the temple, expressing their disapproval.”



But pastor TL Bates refused to compromise the Word of God. Bates challenged believers to stand up “to a generation that is spiritually ablaze, not being intimidated by false religions or deceitful culture.”

Bates preached the Word, “Remember that homosexuality is clearly condemned behavior in Scripture. Both in the sexual practice and the attempt to resemble the opposite sex. Do not be deceived; neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor sodomites, nor thieves, nor covetous men”

His congregation shook their heads disapprovingly. It is estimated that between 50 – 75 people, of all ages and races left the temple; but the preacher remained strong.

### NEWS IN THE WORLD

In Venezuela people are struggling to eat. We generally go to the store and don’t think much about getting what

we need. Maybe things are getting more expensive but we can usually get enough food.

**CNN: 7/27/2017** In Caracas a teenage girl held her only bag of groceries tight. She had waited two hours in line outside the Exelsior Gama supermarket in Caracas, Venezuela, for a couple bags of corn flour. When she left, **at least 100 people were still waiting in line** to buy the same thing.

A mile or so away is another supermarket, filled with food. It’s just too expensive: **prices have doubled in a year**. A bottle of Aunt Jemima maple syrup costs roughly a month’s salary at minimum wage! The girl, who is 15, can’t afford to go there. The food shortages in crisis-racked Venezuela are a fact of daily life.

Food may be the best illustration of the crisis. Everyone is suffering from shortages or out-of-control prices. Millions of Venezuelans wait hours in line every day at government-regulated markets and go home with little or nothing.

The government tries to appease the poorest with a monthly bag of subsidized groceries and toiletries that costs a little more than a \$1. It is not enough for Ms. Hernandez, a mother who lives in a neighborhood loyal to the government. We don’t receive shampoo or deodorants, Hernandez laments, sitting in front of the little food she gets for an entire month. The president promised we would receive that as well as toilet paper and diapers -- but nothing. Hernandez, 55, sent her son to live in Argentina, one of the many young Venezuelans who have fled.

In the bag, she gets corn flour, beans, rice, pasta, dried milk and some canned items. Living alone, she can get by, but notes the bag lasts only a week for her neighbors with kids. “The situation will get worse. Much worse, Hernandez says. There is no future here.”

### POPE FRANCIS ALLIES ACCOUNT TRUMP WHITE HOUSE OF ‘APOCALYPTIC GEOPOLITICS’

Stephanie Kirchgassner, a Vatican correspondent, wrote on July 13: An explosive article written by two close associates of Pope Francis has accused Steve Bannon, chief White House strategist of espousing an “apocalyptic geopolitics” whose roots are “not too far apart” from that of Islamist extremism.

The article in La Civiltà Cattolica, which is vetted by the Vatican before publication, lays out a scathing critique of “evangelical fundamentalism” in the US, arguing that, on issues ranging from climate change to “migrants and Muslims” proponents of the ideology have adopted a twisted reading of scripture and the Old Testament that promotes **conflict and war** above all else.

The piece was published just days after evangelical leaders met with President Trump in the Oval Office and “laid hands” on him in prayer following discussions about religious freedom, support for Israel and healthcare reform. Vatican experts said the article would have had the explicit backing of the church and Pope Francis. It’s authors are known as “confidantes” of the Argentinian pope.

The article claims fake religious arguments are being used to demonize segments of the population. Particularly when it comes to migrants and Muslims and to promote the US as a nation that is blessed by God, without ever taking into account the “bond between capital and profits and arms sales.”

The article refers to the controversial evangelical theologian John Rushdoony as the father of today’s American Christian fundamentalism. “Rushdoony’s doctrine maintains a theocratic necessity: submit the state to the Bible with a logic that is no different from the one that inspires Islamic fundamentalism. At heart, the narrative of terror shapes the worldviews of jihadists and the new crusaders and is imbibed from wells that are not too far apart,” the authors state. “We must not forget that the theopolitics spread by Isis is based on the same cult of an apocalypse that needs to be brought about as soon as possible.”

In contrast, Pope Francis, with his emphasis on the need to build bridges, not walls, and his adamant refusal to conflate Islam and Islamic terrorism, is attempting to counter this narrative of “fear,” the article says. The article says that Christian fundamentalism and Old Testament appeals to the apocalypse have shown themselves “not to be the product of a religious experience but a poor and abusive perversion of it.” This is why Francis is carrying forward a systematic counter-narration with respect to the narrative of fear. There is a need to fight against the manipulation of this season of anxiety and fear.”

It also criticizes conservative American Catholics who have aligned themselves with fundamentalist Protestants on issues like same-sex marriage and abortion, saying that what really united the groups was a “nostalgic dream of a theocratic type of state.” Wow! There’s a lot of threat in these statements.

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and giving hope to so many. Please remember the pink envelopes and then help us each month as you are able.

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## DOES MONEY GROW ON TREES?

Not here! Our needs are greatly exaggerated as January approaches. We must raise over \$300,000 to pay for our satellite coverage over most of the world. Won’t you be with us? Can we do it? With God all things are possible. But we can’t expect Him to do what is required of us.

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