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THE TRUTH ABOUT ANGELS

Ellen G. White

SATAN SPEAKS TO EVE THROUGH A SERPENT

In order to accomplish his work unperceived, Satan chose to employ as his medium the serpent—a disguise well adapted for his purpose of deception. The serpent was then one of the wisest and most beautiful creatures on the earth. It had wings, and while flying through the air presented an appearance of dazzling brightness, having the color and brilliancy of burnished gold.—[Patriarchs and Prophets, 53.](#)

Eve went from the side of her husband, viewing the beautiful things of nature in God's creation, delighting her senses with the colors and fragrance of the flowers and the beauty of the trees and shrubs. She was thinking of the restriction God had laid upon them in regard to the tree of knowledge. She was pleased with the beauties and bounties which the Lord had furnished for the gratification of every want. All these, said she, God has given us to enjoy. They are all ours; for God has said, "Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it."

As we go into 2026, anticipation grows for what the coming year will bring each of us. With each passing day, we draw closer to that wonderful, glorious day! Keep looking up!

We encourage everyone to continue sharing our messages and engaging in ongoing study with us. Your participation in our lives (zoom) and your willingness to share with family and friends help strengthen our Bible Explorations family and spread the messages further. Let us continue in prayer, knowing that God is always in control. Your continued prayers help Bible Explorations to grow and spread His word.

Plans are underway for Passover and Unleavened Bread, scheduled for May 2 through May 9, 2026, in Idaho. We look forward to sharing further updates with you as these preparations continue.

Eve had wandered near the forbidden tree, and her curiosity was aroused to know how death could be concealed in the fruit of this fair tree. She was surprised to hear her queries taken up and repeated by a strange voice. “Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?” Eve was not aware that she had revealed her thoughts by conversing to herself aloud, therefore she was greatly astonished to hear her queries repeated by a serpent.—[The Review and Herald, February 24, 1874.](#)



With soft and pleasant words, and with musical voice, he [Satan] addressed the wondering Eve. She was startled to

hear a serpent speak. He extolled her beauty and exceeding loveliness, which was not displeasing to Eve. Eve was beguiled, flattered, infatuated. —[The Spirit of Prophecy 1:35, 36.](#)

She [Eve] really thought the serpent had a knowledge of her thoughts, and that he must be very wise. She answered him, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden; but of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die. And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die; for God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.” [[Genesis 3:2-5.](#)]

Here the father of lies made his assertion in direct contradiction to the expressed word of God. Satan assured Eve that she was created immortal, and that there was no possibility of her dying. He told her that God knew that if they ate of the tree of knowledge their understanding would be enlightened, expanded, and ennobled, making them equal with Himself.... Eve thought the discourse of the serpent very wise.... She looked with longing desire upon the tree laden with fruit which appeared very delicious. The serpent was eating it with apparent delight.

Eve had overstated the words of God’s command. He had said to Adam and Eve, “But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil thou shalt not eat of it,

for in the day thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.” In Eve’s controversy with the serpent, she added the clause, “*Neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die.*” Here the subtlety of the serpent was seen. This statement of Eve gave him advantage.—[The Review and Herald, February 24, 1874.](#)

By partaking of this tree, he [Satan] declared they would attain to a more exalted sphere of existence and enter a broader field of knowledge. He himself had eaten of the forbidden fruit, and as a result had acquired the power of speech. And he insinuated that the Lord jealously desired to withhold it from them, lest they should be exalted to equality with Himself.—[Patriarchs and Prophets, 54.](#)

Eve’s curiosity was aroused. Instead of fleeing from the spot, she listened to hear a serpent talk. It did not occur to her mind that it might be that fallen foe, using the serpent as a medium.—[The Spirit of Prophecy 1:36.](#)

With what intense interest the whole universe watched the conflict that was to decide the position of Adam and Eve. How attentively the angels listened to the words of Satan, the originator of sin, as he placed his own ideas above the commands of God, and sought to make of none effect the law of God through his deceptive reasoning! How anxiously they waited to see if the holy pair would be deluded by the tempter, and yield to his arts....

Satan represented God as a deceiver, as one who would debar His creatures from the benefit of His highest gift. The angels heard with sorrow and amazement this statement in regard to the character of God, as Satan represented Him as possessing his own miserable attributes; but Eve was not horror-stricken to hear the holy and supreme God thus falsely accused. If she had ... remembered all the tokens of His love, if she had fled to her husband, she might have been saved from the subtle temptation of the evil one.—[The Signs of the Times, May 12, 1890.](#)

The tempter plucked the fruit and passed it to Eve. She took it in her hand. Now, said the tempter, you

were prohibited from even touching it lest you die. He told her that she would realize no more sense of evil and death in eating than in touching or handling the fruit. Eve was emboldened because she felt not the immediate signs of God's displeasure. She thought the words of the tempter all wise and correct. She ate, and was delighted with the fruit. It seemed delicious to her taste, and she imagined that she realized in herself the wonderful effects of the fruit.—[The Spirit of Prophecy 1:38](#).

There was nothing poisonous in the fruit of the tree of knowledge itself, nothing that would cause death in partaking of it. The tree had been placed in the garden to test their loyalty to God.—[The Signs of the Times, February 13, 1896](#).

EVE EATS THE FRUIT AND TEMPTS ADAM

Eve ate and imagined that she felt the sensations of a new and more exalted life.... She felt no ill effects from the fruit, nothing which could be interpreted to mean death, but, just as the serpent had said, a pleasurable sensation which she imagined was as the angels felt.—[Testimonies for the Church 3:72](#).

She then plucked for herself of the fruit and ate, and imagined she felt the quickening power of a new and elevated existence as the result of the exhilarating influence of the forbidden fruit. She was in a strange



and unnatural excitement as she sought her husband, with her hands filled with the forbidden fruit. She related to him the wise discourse of the

serpent, and wished to conduct him at once to the tree of knowledge. She told him she had eaten of the fruit, and instead of her feeling any sense of death, she realized a pleasing, exhilarating influence. As soon as Eve had disobeyed, she became a powerful medium through which to occasion the fall of her husband.—[The Spirit of Prophecy 1:38, 39](#).

An expression of sadness came over the face of Adam. He appeared astonished and alarmed. To the words of Eve he replied that this must be the foe

against whom they had been warned; and by the divine sentence she must die. In answer she urged him to eat, repeating the words of the serpent, that they should not surely die. She reasoned that this must be true, for she felt no evidence of God's displeasure....

Adam understood that his companion had transgressed the command of God, disregarded the only prohibition laid upon them as a test of their fidelity and love. There was a terrible struggle in his mind. He mourned that he had permitted Eve to wander from his side. But now the deed was done; he must be separated from her whose society had been his joy. How could he have it thus? He resolved to share her fate; if she must die, he would die with her. After all, he reasoned, might not the words of the wise serpent be true? Eve was before him, as beautiful, and apparently as innocent, as before this act of disobedience. She expressed greater love for him than before. No sign of death appeared in her, and he decided to brave the consequences. He seized the fruit, and quickly ate.

After his transgression, Adam at first imagined himself entering upon a higher state of existence. But soon the thought of his sin filled him with terror. The air, which had hitherto been of a mild and uniform temperature, seemed to chill the guilty pair. The love and peace which had been theirs was gone, and in its place they felt a sense of sin, a dread of the future, a nakedness of soul.—[Patriarchs and Prophets, 56, 57](#).

Satan exulted in his success. He had now tempted the woman to distrust God, to question His wisdom, and to seek to penetrate His all-wise plans. And through her he had also caused the overthrow of Adam, who, in consequence of his love for Eve, disobeyed the command of God, and fell with her.—[The Spirit of Prophecy 1:42](#).

Satan, the fallen angel, had declared that no man could keep God's law, and he pointed to the disobedience of Adam as proving the declaration true.—[The Signs of the Times, April 10, 1893](#).

Satan ... proudly boasted that the world which God had made was his dominion. Having conquered Adam, the monarch of the world, he had gained the race as his subjects, and he should now possess Eden, and make that his headquarters. And he would there establish his throne, and be monarch of the world.—[The Review and Herald, February 24, 1874.](#) ...*To Be Continued.*

The Sanctuary: God's Prophetic Blueprint for the Time of the End

By Brent Meikle

We are living in an hour unlike any generation before us.

All around us the world is trembling—politically, morally, spiritually. The pace of change is accelerating. Foundations that once seemed immovable are shaking. Many are asking, How close are we to the end?



Yet for the people of God, the closing scenes of earth's history are not meant to produce panic, but preparation... not fear, but faith... not despair, but a deeper longing for Christ's soon return.

Prophecy was given for this very moment.

The Lord told Daniel:

“But you, Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book until the time of the end; many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall increase.” (Daniel 12:4)

That single verse is astounding. It means that God foresaw a generation standing at the edge of eternity—a generation in which understanding would increase, prophetic truth would come into sharper focus, and the sealed book would be unsealed.

The question is:

What truth has God preserved as present light for the End Time Generation?

One of the clearest answers is not found first in headlines...

But in the sanctuary.

The Pattern Shown on the Mountain

When God called Moses to Sinai, He did far more than speak commandments from fire.

He unveiled a pattern.

A blueprint.

Heaven's design was revealed in earthly form:

“According to all that I show you, that is, the pattern of the tabernacle... so you shall make it.” (Exodus 25:9)

The sanctuary was not a cultural artifact or human invention. It was not simply Israel's worship space. It was a prophetic structure, designed by God Himself.

The Apostle Paul confirms:

“Who serve the copy and shadow of the heavenly things...” (Hebrews 8:5)

A shadow only exists because something real is casting it.

The sanctuary was heaven casting its outline into history, teaching the plan of redemption through symbols, order, and sacred design.

The Sanctuary Speaks One Name: Jesus

Every part of the sanctuary points to Christ.

It is impossible to study it honestly without seeing Him everywhere.

The lamb speaks of His sacrifice
The blood speaks of His atonement
The altar speaks of surrender
The laver speaks of cleansing and new life
The bread speaks of the Word made flesh
The lampstand speaks of the Spirit's light
The incense speaks of His intercession

And then, at the very center...

Beyond the veil...

In the Most Holy Place...

Stood the Ark of the Covenant.

The throne of God among His people.

The Lord declared:

“There I will meet with you...” (Exodus 25:22)

What a breathtaking reality:

The sanctuary is not ultimately about furniture.

It is about meeting with God.

At the center of the covenant is not simply law...

And not simply mercy...

But the union of both in Jesus Christ.

Inside the Ark rested the commandments.

Above it was the mercy seat.

Justice and mercy together.

Truth and grace together.

The covenant is not a contradiction.

It is a throne of holiness crowned with mercy.

The Sanctuary and the Final Conflict

The sanctuary was never meant to remain in Exodus alone.

It reaches forward into Revelation.

At the climax of earth's story, John writes:

“Then the temple of God was opened in heaven, and the ark of His covenant was seen...” (Revelation 11:19)

This is profound.

At the end, heaven draws attention again to the Ark.

Why?

Because the final conflict centers on the issues revealed in the sanctuary:

- True worship
- God's commandments

- The authority of His throne
- The ministry of Christ our High Priest
- The closing work of judgment

The sanctuary tells us that prophecy is not merely about beasts, symbols, and earthly powers.

Prophecy is about Jesus finishing His work.

The sanctuary teaches us where Christ is now.

He is not inactive.

He is not distant.

He is ministering in the heavenly temple.

The One who died as the Lamb now serves as High Priest.

And soon, very soon, that ministry will conclude.

The Judgment Hour and Present Truth

The Three Angels' Messages are sanctuary messages.

They are heaven's final call.

“Fear God and give glory to Him, for the hour of His judgment has come...” (Revelation 14:7)

This is Most Holy Place language.

This is Day of Atonement language.

This is the anti-typical cleansing of the sanctuary.

The remnant church has been entrusted with this message—not as dry theology, but as living urgency:

Christ's work above is real.

The judgment is not future theory.

It is present reality.

The sanctuary is not merely ancient...

It is now.

And the same God who met with Israel above the mercy seat is calling His people to draw near today.

A Devotional Call to the End Time Church

This is not the hour for casual Christianity.

This is not the hour for spiritual slumber.

This is the hour for revival.

For watchfulness.

For deep study.

For hearts anchored in Christ.

Daniel's sealed book is opening.

Revelation's final trumpet is sounding.

The Ark is coming into view.

The commandments of God are again central.

And Jesus—the Lamb and High Priest—soon will return as King.

We are living in the anti-typical Day of Atonement.

Now is the time to afflict the soul, not with despair, but with surrender.

Now is the time to look upward by faith and see Christ ministering for us.

Now is the time to live as those preparing to stand in the presence of a holy God.

The sanctuary assures us:

History is not spiraling out of control.

Heaven is not silent.

Christ is not delayed without purpose.

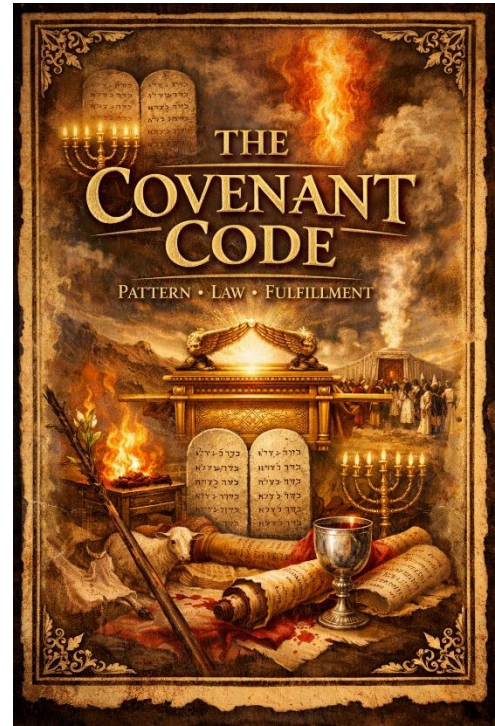
The blueprint is still speaking.

The covenant is still sure.

And the Lamb will soon appear.

“Behold, I am coming quickly. Hold fast what you have...” (Revelation 3:11) May we be among those described in Revelation:

“Here are those who keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus.” (Rev. 14:12)



And may the sanctuary message continue to shine as present truth for the End Time Generation until the day our High Priest becomes our returning King.

THOUGHTS FROM THE MOUNT OF BLESSING

(Partial from Chapter 6)

Ellen G. White

No man who has the true ideal of what constitutes a perfect character will fail to manifest the sympathy and tenderness of Christ. The influence of grace is to soften the heart, to refine and purify the feelings, giving a heaven-born delicacy and sense of propriety.

But there is a yet deeper significance to the golden rule. Everyone who has been made a steward of the manifold grace of God is called upon to impart to souls in ignorance and darkness, even as, were he in their place, he would desire them to impart to him. The apostle Paul said, “I am debtor both to the Greeks, and to the barbarians; both to the wise, and to the unwise.” Romans 1:14. By all that you have known of the love of God, by all that you have

received of the rich gifts of His grace above the most benighted and degraded soul upon the earth are you in debt to that soul to impart these gifts unto him.

So also with the gifts and blessings of this life: whatever you may possess above your fellows places you in debt, to that degree, to all who are less favored. Have we wealth, or even the comforts of life, then we are under the most solemn obligation to care for the suffering sick, the widow, and the fatherless exactly as we would desire them to care for us were our condition and theirs to be reversed.



The golden rule teaches, by implication, the same truth which is taught elsewhere in the Sermon on the Mount, that “with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again.” That which we do to others, whether it be good or evil, will surely react upon ourselves, in blessing or in cursing. Whatever we give, we shall receive again. The earthly blessings which we impart to others may be, and often are, repaid in kind. What we give does, in time of need, often come back to us in fourfold measure in the coin of the realm. But, besides this, all gifts are repaid, even in this life, in the fuller inflowing of His love, which is the sum of all heaven's glory and its treasure. And evil imparted also returns again. Everyone who has been free to condemn or discourage, will in his own experience be brought over the ground where he has caused others to pass; he will feel what they have suffered because of his want of sympathy and tenderness.

It is the love of God toward us that has decreed this. He would lead us to abhor our own hardness of heart and to open our hearts to let Jesus abide in them. And thus, out of evil, good is brought, and what appeared a curse becomes a blessing.

The standard of the golden rule is the true standard of Christianity; anything short of it is a deception. A religion that leads men to place a low estimate upon human beings, whom Christ has esteemed of such value as to give Himself for them; a religion that would lead us to be careless of human needs, sufferings, or rights, is a spurious religion. In slighting the claims of the poor, the suffering, and the

sinful, we are proving ourselves traitors to Christ. It is because men take upon themselves the name of Christ, while in life they deny His character, that Christianity has so little power in the world. The name of the Lord is blasphemed because of these things.

Of the apostolic church, in those bright days when the glory of the risen Christ shone upon them, it is written that no man said “that aught of the things which he possessed was his own.” “Neither was there any among them that lacked.” “And with great power gave the apostles witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus: and great grace was upon them all.” “And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart, praising God, and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.” Acts 4:32, 34, 33; 2:46, 47.

Search heaven and earth, and there is no truth revealed more powerful than that which is made manifest in works of mercy to those who need our sympathy and aid. This is the truth as it is in Jesus. When those who profess the name of Christ shall practice the principles of the golden rule, the same power will attend the gospel as in apostolic times. *Ellen G. White*

EMOTIONAL MATURITY BRINGS HAPPINESS

She openeth her mouth with wisdom; and in her tongue is the law of kindness. Proverbs 31:26.

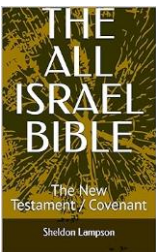
Your influence reaches the soul; you touch not a wire but that vibrates back to God.... It is your duty to be Christians in the highest sense of the word—Christlike. It is through the unseen lines that attract you to other minds with which you are brought in contact that may, if you are in constant connection with God, leave impressions that will make you a savor of life unto life. Otherwise, if you are selfish, if you are self-exalted, if you are worldly-minded, no matter what your position, no matter what your experience has been, or how much you know, if you are not having the law of kindness on your lips, sweet

fragrance of love springing from your heart, you can do nothing as it ought to be done.⁷⁴[Letter 37, 1891.](#)

Kindness and love and courtesy are the marks of the Christian.... In our association with each other let it be ever remembered that there are chapters in the experience of others that are sealed from mortal eyes; there are sad histories that are written in the books of heaven but are sacredly guarded from prying eyes. There stand registered long, hard battles with trying circumstances, arising in the very homes, that day by day sap the courage, the faith, the confidence, until the very manhood seems to fall to ruins. But Jesus knows it all, and He never forgets. To such, words of kindness and of affection are welcome as the smile of angels; a strong, helpful grasp of the hand of a true friend is worth more than gold and silver.⁷⁵[Letter 16, 1886.](#)

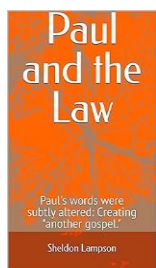
The true, honest expression of a sister, or brother, or friend, given in genuine simplicity, has power to open the door of hearts which need the fragrance of Christlike words and the simple, delicate touch of the spirit of Christ's love.⁷⁶[Manuscript 61, 1900.](#) *My Life Today, pg. 178 (Ellen White)*

MORE BOOKS TO ORDER AND STUDY!



Sheldon Lampson has a wonderful book he just published. This is primarily a literal translation from the Aramaic language of the Old Testament.

Also his other book, *Paul and the Law*: Paul's words were subtly altered: creating "another gospel."



Both of these are very good and help with Paul's words. Many use his words against the many things we believe. He shows the law and statutes were NOT done away with. Both are very good reads! Enjoy!



Ryan Thompson, a Geoscientist. *Revelation's Geology: A Believing Geoscientist's Investigation of Prophesied Catastrophe & Rescue*

Ryan will be speaking again on our program February 28. You don't want to miss what he has studied, uncovered and learned and wants to share with us! Exciting times we live in! You can find these books on Amazon! And Lampson and Thompson are both on our YouTube channel.



We will continue to keep you updated on all that Bible Explorations is doing! Thank you for your continued support! Our Satellite has stopped for a short time, but will be back on very soon! With our Father and His Son, we will prevail.

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