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Tabernacles was wonderful in October! We had a great time on a beautiful lake! It was wonderful for all to hear Elder VanDenburgh again, even though on YouTube, it was a good review we all needed! You pick up more each time you listen! Brent Meikel followed up each of those videos using the same titles with the Covenant Code. We also had other very inspiring talks where we learned a lot. They are all on our YouTube channel. We are working on Passover and Unleavened Bread (May 2 through 9, 2026) to be in Idaho. We will definitely keep you updated!

This particular newsletter is filled with Mrs. White's writings. She had so many good things to say that many of us never have seen before. I know for me each time I read new things I am inspired! I pray this is the same for you.

The other day I was talking to someone about a book by Mrs. White, "The Truth About Angels." It has some very good stories and explains how sin began.

How sad it must have been. It starts out with Lucifer being in such a high and noble place, near God and His Son. Jealousy crept in...slowly and then more and more until finally there was the war in heaven.

THE TRUTH ABOUT ANGELS

Ellen G. White

Christ had worked in the heavenly courts to convince Satan of his terrible error, till at last the evil one and his sympathizers were found in open rebellion against God Himself.—[This Day With God, 256](#).

Christ, as Commander of heaven, was appointed to put down the rebellion.—[The Review and Herald, May 30, 1899](#).

Then there was war in heaven. The Son of God, the Prince of Heaven, and His loyal angels, engaged in conflict with the arch rebel and those who united with him. The Son of God and true, loyal angels prevailed; and Satan and his sympathizers were expelled from heaven.—[The Spirit of Prophecy 1:23](#).

Angels were engaged in the battle; Satan wished to conquer the Son of God and those who were submissive to His will. **But the good and true angels prevailed, and Satan, with his followers, was driven from heaven.**—[Early Writings, 146](#).

Continuing later on...

Satan stood in amazement at his new condition. His happiness was gone. He looked upon the angels who,

with him, were once so happy, but who had been expelled from heaven.... Now all seemed changed. Countenances which had reflected the image of their Maker were gloomy and despairing. Strife, discord, and bitter recrimination, were among them.... Satan now beholds the terrible results of his rebellion. He shuddered, and feared to face the future, and to contemplate the end of these things.

The hour for joyful, happy songs of praise to God and His dear Son had come. Satan had led the heavenly choir. He had raised the first note, then all the angelic host united with him, and glorious strains of music had resounded through heaven in honor of God and His dear Son. But now, instead of strains of sweetest music, discord and angry words fall upon the ear of the great rebel leader.... The hour of worship draws nigh, when bright and holy angels bow before the Father. No more will he unite in heavenly song. No more will he bow in reverence and holy awe before the presence of the eternal God....



Satan trembled as he viewed his work. He was alone in meditation upon the past, the present, and his future plans. His mighty frame shook as with a tempest. An angel from heaven was passing. He called him, and entreated an interview with Christ. This was granted him. He then related to the Son of God that he repented of his rebellion, and wished again the favor of God. He was willing to take the place God had previously assigned him, and be under his wise command. Christ wept at Satan's woe, but told him, as the mind of God, that he could never be received into heaven.... The seeds of rebellion were still within him....

When Satan became fully convinced that there was no possibility of his being reinstated in the favor of God, he manifested his malice with increased hatred and fiery vehemence....

As he could not gain admission within the gates of heaven, he would wait just at the entrance, to taunt

the angels and seek contention with them as they went in and out.—[The Spirit of Prophecy 1:28-30.](#)

The loyal angels mourned the fate of those who had been their companions in happiness and bliss. Their loss was felt in heaven. The Father consulted Jesus in regard to at once carrying out their purpose to make man to inhabit the earth.—[The Signs of the Times, January 9, 1879.](#)

The brightest and most exalted of the sons of the morning heralded ... [Christ's] glory at creation, and announced His birth with songs of gladness.—[The Signs of the Times, January 4, 1883.](#)

When God formed the earth, there were mountains, hills, and plains, and interspersed among them were rivers and bodies of water. The earth was not one extensive plain, but the monotony of the scenery was broken by hills and mountains, not high and ragged as they are now, but regular and beautiful in shape.... Angels beheld and rejoiced at the wonderful and beautiful works of God.—[Spiritual Gifts 3:33.](#)

All heaven took a deep and joyful interest in the creation of the world and of man. Human beings were a new and distinct order.—[The Review and Herald, February 11, 1902.](#)

Next to the angelic beings, the human family, formed in the image of God, are the noblest of His created works.—[The Review and Herald, December 3, 1908.](#)

The Lord ... had endowed Adam with powers of mind superior to any living creature that He had made. His mental powers were but little lower than those of the angels.—[The Review and Herald, February 24, 1874.](#)

As soon as the Lord through Jesus Christ created our world, and placed Adam and Eve in the garden of Eden, Satan announced his purpose to conform to his own nature the father and mother of all humanity.—[The Review and Herald, April 14, 1896.](#)

When the Lord presented Eve to Adam, angels of God were witnesses to the ceremony.—[In Heavenly Places, 203](#).

This sinless pair wore no artificial garments. They were clothed with a covering of light and glory, such as the angels wear.—[The Signs of the Times, January 9, 1879](#).

God created man for His own glory, that after test and trial the human family might become one with the heavenly family. It was God's purpose to repopulate heaven with the human family.—[The S.D.A. Bible Commentary 1:1082](#).

The vacancies made in heaven by the fall of Satan and his angels will be filled by the redeemed of the Lord.—[The Review and Herald, May 29, 1900](#).

What a glorious time that will be for all who are (and those who have been and now sleep) ready to meet Him in the clouds. This time is coming soon. We must pray and study and share His Word. That wonderful day is coming soon. *(We will be continuing this book next newsletter!)*

CHRISTIAN EXPERIENCE

Ellen G. White

The Loving Watchcare of Jesus

As I write I have a deep sense of gratitude for the loving watchcare of our Saviour over us all. As I read the Word of God and kneel in prayer, I am so impressed with the goodness and mercy of God that I cannot offer my petition without weeping. My heart is subdued and broken as I think of my heavenly Father's goodness and love. I hunger and thirst for more and still more of Jesus in *this* life. Christ was crucified for me, and shall I complain if I am crucified with Christ? ...

We know not what is before us, and our only safety is in walking with Christ, our hand in His, our hearts filled with perfect trust. Has He not said, "Let him take hold of My strength, that he may make peace with Me; and he shall make peace with Me"? Let us keep close to the Saviour. Let us walk humbly with Him, filled with His meekness. Let self be hid with Him in God....

The Outward Adorning

Those who cherish and flatter self, fostering pride and vanity, giving to dress and appearance the time and attention that ought to be given to the Master's work, are incurring a fearful loss. Many who are clothed in beautiful outward garments know nothing of the inward adorning that is in the sight of God of great price. Their fine clothing covers a heart that is sinful and diseased, full of vanity and pride. They know not what it means to "seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God.

(Quote is Isaiah 65:5)

Which say, Stand by thyself, come not near to me; for I am HOLIER THAN THOU. These are a smoke in my nose, a fire that burneth all the day.

I long to be filled day by day with the Spirit of Christ. The treasure of His grace is of more value to me than gold or silver or costly array. I never felt a more earnest longing for righteousness than at the present time.

Self An Idol

When my sisters catch a glimpse of what Christ has suffered in their behalf, that they might become children of God by adoption, they will no longer be satisfied with worldly pride and self-love. No longer will they worship self. God will be the object of their supreme regard.

My heart aches as I am shown how many there are who make self their idol. Christ has paid the redemption price for them. To Him belongs the service of all their powers. But their hearts are filled with self-love, and the desire for self-adorning. They give no thought to the words, "Whosoever will come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me." Self-gratification is hiding Christ from their view. They have no desire to walk before God in meekness and lowliness. They are not looking to Jesus. They are not praying that they may be changed into His likeness. Their cases are represented by the man who came to the king's banquet clothed in his common citizen dress. He had refused to make the preparation required by the king. The garment provided for him at great cost he disdained to wear. To the king's demand, "How camest thou in hither

not having a wedding garment?" he could answer nothing. He was speechless; for he was self-condemned.

Many who profess to be Christians are such only in name. They are not converted. They keep self prominent. They do not sit at the feet of Jesus, as Mary did, to learn of Him. They are not ready for Christ's coming.

A Great Surprise

In the night season I was in a company of people whose hearts were filled with vanity and conceit. Christ was hid from their eyes. Suddenly in loud, clear accents, the words were heard, "Jesus is coming to take to Himself those who on this earth have loved and served Him, to be with Him in His kingdom forever." Many of those in the company went forth in their costly apparel to meet Him. They kept looking at their dress. But when they saw His glory, and realized that their estimation of one another had been so largely measured by outward appearance, they knew that they were without the robe of Christ's righteousness, and that the blood of souls was on their garments.

Left Behind

When Christ took His chosen ones, they were left; for they were not ready. In their lives self had been given the first place, and when the Saviour came, they were not prepared to meet Him.

I awoke with the picture of their agonized countenances stamped on my mind. I cannot efface the impression. I wish I could describe the scene as it was presented to me. Oh, how sad was the disappointment of those who had not learned by experience the meaning of the words, "Ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God."

There are many professing Christians who know not Christ by an experimental knowledge. Oh, how my heart aches for these poor, deceived, unprepared souls! As I stand before congregations, and see the self-sufficient, self-righteous ones, and know that they are not preparing themselves to do acceptable work for Christ, and to meet Him in peace, I am so burdened that I cannot sleep. I ask myself, What can

I say to these souls that will arouse them to a sense of their true condition? Self is the all-absorbing theme of their life. I long to reveal Christ so plainly that they will behold *Him*, and cease to center their attention on self

The Self-Deceived

Among those to whom bitter disappointment will come at the day of final reckoning will be some who have been outwardly religious, and who apparently have lived Christian lives. But self is woven into all they do. They pride themselves on their morality, their influence, their ability to stand in a higher position than others, [and] their knowledge of the truth, for they think that these will win for them the commendation of Christ. "Lord," they plead, "we have eaten and drunk in Thy presence, and Thou hast taught in our streets." "Have we not prophesied in Thy name? and in Thy name have cast out devils? and in Thy name done many wonderful works?"

But Christ says, "I tell you, I know you not whence ye are; depart from Me." "Not every one that saith unto Me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of My Father which is in heaven."

**Four words you
don't want to
hear.**

"I never knew you."

Matthew 7:23 And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.

There is no discussion; the time for that is past. The irrevocable sentence has been pronounced. They are shut out from heaven by their own unfitness for its companionship. (Read [Matthew 7:24-27](#).)—[Letter 91, 1904](#).

God's Purpose for His People

God has in store love, joy, peace, and glorious triumph for all who serve Him in spirit and in truth. All His commandment-keeping people are to stand constantly in readiness for service. They are to receive increased grace and power, and increased knowledge of the Holy Spirit's working. But many are not ready to receive the precious gifts of the Spirit which God is waiting to bestow on them. They are not reaching higher and still higher for power from above, that, through the gifts bestowed, they may be recognized as God's peculiar people, zealous of good works.—[Testimonies for the Church 8:247, 248](#).

If God's people had the love of Christ in the heart; if every church member were thoroughly imbued with the spirit of self-denial; if all manifested thorough earnestness, there would be no lack of funds for home and foreign missions; our resources would be multiplied; a thousand doors of usefulness would be opened, and we would be invited to enter. Had the purpose of God been carried out by His people in giving the message of mercy to the world, Christ would have come to the earth, and the saints would ere this have received their welcome into the city of God.—*Union Conference Record (Australasian), Oct. 15, 1898.*

“NOT TO BE OUR PRESENT TRUTH” THE STORY OF OUR HEALTH MESSAGE.

“The dress question is not to be our present truth. To create an issue on this point now would please the enemy. He would be delighted to have minds diverted to any subject by which he might create division of sentiment and lead our people into controversy.

“I beg of our people to walk carefully and circumspectly before God. Follow the customs in dress as far as they conform to health principles. Let our sisters dress plainly, as many do, having the dress of good, desirable material, appropriate for this age, and let not the dress question fill the mind. Our sisters should dress with simplicity. They should clothe themselves in modest apparel, with shamefacedness and sobriety. Give to the world a living illustration of the inward adorning of the grace of God. Place yourselves under the discipline of the living oracles of God, subjecting the mind to influences which form the character aright.” (*Emphasis added*)

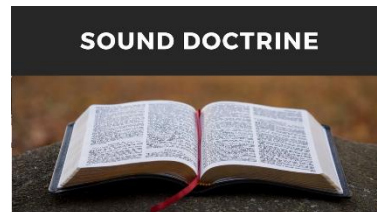
So many today preach and push others to dress a certain way. Their attitude is not Christ-like at all. Many are very self-righteous sounding and judgmental, which is sinful. We should do and dress modestly but as they do in our day, our custom (not necessarily being long dresses or covered arms or no pants). If you choose to dress with long dresses or choose to wear no pants, etc., this is fine for you but do not push others as though they are lost if they do not adhere to your words. We are to use our heads our Father gave us! And keep our minds clear and

looking up always. Do not judge, do not look down on others for any reason. This does not please our Father. Be pleasant and bring others to you to find out what makes you so happy and pleasant! He is coming soon! Maybe we should all look inward, not outward.

BEWARE OF FANCIFUL DOCTRINES

Battle Creek Letters MS-145-03

I have been instructed to say that it is not new and fanciful doctrines which the people of God need. They do not need suppositions, which can not be sustained by the word of God. They need the testimony of men who know the truth, men who understand and obey the charge given to Timothy: “Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine. For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers having itching ears; and they shall turn away their ears from the truth; and shall be turned unto fables. But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry.”



In some instances men have been turned away from the truth to listen to fables. Efforts have been made to set right those thus deceived; but some had drunk so deeply from the polluted fountain, and had become so impregnated with false impressions that it was impossible to undeceive them. They had come to believe that it is more profitable to eat of the food offered in the strange doctrines presented than to eat of the food contained in the word of God.

In New Hampshire there were those who were active in disseminating false ideas in regard to God. Light was given me that these men were making the truth of no effect by their ideas, some of which led to freloveism. I was shown that these men were seducing souls by presenting speculative theories regarding God.

I went to the place where they were working, and opened before them what they were doing. The Lord gave me strength to lay plainly before them the danger of their course. Among other views, they held that those once sanctified could not sin, and this they were presenting as gospel food. Their false theories, with their burden of deceptive influence, were working great harm to themselves and to others. They were gaining a spiritualistic power over those who could not see the evil of these beautifully clothed theories. Great evils had already resulted. The doctrine that all were holy had led to the belief that the affections of the sanctified were never in danger of leading astray. The result of this belief was the fulfillment of the evil desires of hearts which though professedly sanctified, were far from purity of thought and practice.

This is only one of the instances in which I was called upon to rebuke those who were presenting the doctrine of an impersonal God, diffused through nature, and the doctrine of holy flesh.

In the future, truth will be counterfeited by the precepts of men. Deceptive theories will be presented as safe doctrines. False science is one of the agencies that Satan used in the heavenly courts, and it is used by him today. The false assertions that he made to the angels, his subtle scientific theories, led many of them from their loyalty. And having lost their place in heaven, they prepared temptations for our first parents. Adam and Eve yielded to the enemy, and by their disobedience humanity was estranged from God, and the earth separated from heaven.

Christ pledged Himself to bridge the gulf that sin had made. Thus He became the Way, the Truth, and the Life. He shows us the path that leads to heaven, and promises to impart His efficiency to every one who believes on Him. He came to our world to reveal, not a mixture of truth and error, the pure truth of God. All error is misleading, even though clothed with garments of heavenly beauty.

The character and power of God are revealed by the works of His hands. In the natural world are to be seen evidences of the love and goodness of God. These tokens are given to call attention from nature

to nature's God, that His "eternal power and Godhead" may be understood.

Pantheistic theories are not sustained by the word of God. The light of His truth shows that these theories are soul-destroying agencies. Darkness is their element, sensuality their sphere. They gratify the natural heart, and give leeway to inclination. Separation from God is the result of accepting them.

Christ calls upon His people to believe and practice His word. Those who receive and assimilate this word, making it a part of every action, of every attribute of character, will grow strong in the strength of God. It will be seen that their faith is of heavenly origin. Before angels and before men, they will stand as those who have strong consistent Christian characters. They will not wander into strange paths. Their minds will not turn to a religion of sentimentalism and excitement.

I beseech those who are laboring for God not to accept the spurious for the genuine. We have a whole Bible full of the most precious truth. We have no need for supposition or false excitement. In the golden censer of truth as presented in Christ's teachings, we have that which will convict and convert souls. Present in the simplicity of Christ the truths that He came to this world to proclaim, and the power of your message will make itself felt. Do not present theories or tests that have no foundation in the Bible. We have grand, solemn tests to present. "It is written" is the test that must be brought home to every one.

Walk firmly, decidedly, your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace. God has not laid upon any one the burden of encouraging an appetite for strange, odd doctrines and theories. My brethren, keep these things out of your teaching. Do not allow them to enter into your experience. Do not let your life-work be marred by them.

The minds of the Jewish teachers were filled with maxims and suppositions. They interpreted the word to mean that which God never designed it to mean, enforcing their oddities on the common people.

A warning against such teaching is found in Paul's letter to the Colossians. The apostle declares that the

hearts of the believers were to be “knit together in love; and unto all riches of the full assurance of understanding, to the acknowledgment of the mystery of God and of the Father, and of Christ, in whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.” “And this I say,” he continues, “lest any man should beguile you with enticing words... As ye have therefore received Jesus Christ the Lord, so walk ye in Him, rooted and built up in Him, and established in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving. Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ. For in Him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily. And ye are complete in Him, which is the head of all principality and power.”

I am instructed to say to our people, Let us follow Christ. We may safely discard all ideas that are not included in His teachings. I appeal to our ministers to be sure that their feet are placed on the platform of eternal truth. Beware how you follow impulse, calling it the Holy Spirit. Some are in danger in this respect. I call upon them to be sound in the faith, able to give every one who asks a reason of the hope that is in them.

Into the hearts of many who have been long in the truth there has entered a hard, judicial spirit. They are sharp, critical, fault-finding. They have climbed into the judgment seat, to pronounce sentence on those who do not meet their ideas. God calls upon them to come down, and bow before Him in repentance, confessing their sins. He says to them, “I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love. Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first works, or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thou repent. “They are striving for the first place, and by their words and acts they make many hearts sore.

Against this spirit, and against the false religion of sentimentalism, which is equally dangerous. I bear my warning. Take heed, brethren and sisters. Who is your leader?—Christ, or the angel who fell from heaven? Are you sound in the faith? My prayer for you all is that God would grant you “according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might by

His Spirit in the inner man; that Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; and to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fullness of God.”



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