

Old Paths

Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls. Jeremiah 6:16

The secret of the LORD is with them that fear Him; and He will show them His covenant. Psalm 25:14

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Jamaican Printing Press Report

The last few months we have reported on an effort to obtain a printing press and related, necessary equipment for the brethren in Jamaica. We are thankful to announce that this project had become a reality.

It all began when a sister approached me with an idea: She had saved \$800 toward getting a personal computer for her home, but felt impressed that the Jamaican brethren could do more to advance the Lord's work with a printing press than she could with a computer. She offered to donate the \$800 toward a press and asked if maybe the readers of *Old Paths* would help out, perhaps even matching the \$800. We shared this sister's burden in the February issue of *Old Paths* and the response was more than twice what we had hoped for! God blessed with over \$2,400 donated toward this project.

But the Lord was not through blessing. A good small press in reasonable condition can cost several thousand dollars. Besides a press, there would be a plate maker and several other items needed. These could cost more than the amount given and there would still be the cost of shipping to Jamaica. God foresaw all of this before and was ready.

A Press Donated

I was aware that Brother Charles Wilson in North Carolina had an older, but good used printing press (Multilith 1250) that he was not using and I felt impressed that he might be willing to offer the press for the project at a sacrificial price or perhaps even donate it. I began to pray, asking the Lord for wisdom to know if I should approach him and if so, how. I soon

saw Brother Wilson at a home church meeting in North Carolina. Before I could say anything to him, he said, "By the way, I have got a good used press I will give you if you know somebody who could use it. I saw your appeal in the paper." God certainly answered my prayer and laid it on the heart of this dear brother to make this sacrifice.

A Platemaker Secured

A press is useless without some type of plate to produce the image. Metal plates require a darkroom, camera, plateburner, and several supplies. A more simple, direct approach was needed. While talking to a retired press serviceman, he mentioned a friend of his who had a direct photocopy-type plate making machine. Working almost like a photocopy machine, this plate maker would be easy to use and economical to operate. I asked him what a low usage machine like this would cost and he said around \$1,500. We could not spend over half of our money for just the plate maker so I told him that I knew we could not afford that. He asked what we could give for one and I told him that with all the things we needed to buy we could only allot around \$750. He suggested I approach the

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man because he was a Christian and might be willing to work with us. Sure enough, this kind man was willing to sell the machine *with supplies* for \$750. Here the Lord had met another challenge in a marked way.

God Provided Transportation and Shipping

One of the biggest concerns we had was shipping. After checking with different companies from Florida we estimated that it would cost nearly \$1000 to ship the equipment, pay the fees, and get the necessary paperwork completed. Just before making the phone call to set up the shipping we received an e-mail message from Pastor David Clayton in Jamaica. Charles and Sigrid Peter who live in the Kingston area would arrange for the shipment if we could get the press to Miami, Florida. Brother Lynnford Beachy and several others from here at Smyrna were going to Florida for a camp meeting about the time the press would need to be shipped and we planned to use Lynnford's van to transport the equipment to Miami. Since we were already traveling to Florida, costs could be kept to a minimum. God had worked another miracle!

The week before we were ready to leave Brother Jessie Arredondo, rebuilt the carburetor on Lynnford's van. He also suggested a few other things that needed to be done to help insure a safe and trouble-free trip. We had planned to leave West Virginia on a Monday and go to North Carolina to pick up the press on our way to Florida. On the Thursday before, Lynnford installed the rebuilt carburetor and tried to start the van. To his dismay it would not start! After a few hours of frustration and effort we called a local friend, Andy Trent, who did mechanic work. The problem was not in the carburetor; it worked fine. Andy found out that, unknown to us, the van had jumped time so badly since it was last started that we would never have gotten it started. He graciously made time in his busy schedule to fix the problem before Sabbath so we would be ready to travel on Monday.

Now that the van was getting fixed we still needed to have shipping crates for the equipment. Here Brother Glen Ford shone out like a gem. This retired carpenter produced one crate to hold the plate maker and several hundred-dollars worth of supplies such as inks, plates, toner, special cleaners, etc., that had been purchased for Jamaica. Brother Ford knew the measurements of the press and realized that it would be too tall to put in a crate and then load into Lynnford's van

so he produced a prefabricated crate that could be built around the press after it was transported to Miami.

Early Monday morning our two-vehicle convoy left West Virginia to go to North Carolina. My family traveled in our car and Lynnford drove his van with the printing equipment. God blessed us with a good trip. However, anyone who has seen Lynnford's old van as well as the steepness of the



The Wilson's Driveway

grade on Brother Wilson's driveway, knows why we were a little apprehensive. We prayed that the van might reach the house and sure enough it did! We really praised the Lord for helping us.

Then we had to get the 650 pound press out of Brother Wilson's basement. This was no small task since we did not have regular moving equipment, but with a suggestion from Brother Wilson based on his prior experience, we were able to use a regular utility dolly, chain, hand wench, pipes for rolling, and some boards for ramps to move the press out of the basement to the driveway area and into the van!

With the press loaded and after a nice hot meal courtesy of the Wilson home, we were on our way to Florida. We arrived Tuesday in the Palm Coast, Florida area where we were graciously hosted for the evening by Brother Sonny Phillips and his family. My family stayed at the Phillips' home while Lynnford and I went to Miami on Wednesday. We were scheduled to drop the equipment off on Thursday morning and we wanted to make sure we could find the place of transfer and that all was in readiness.

The loading area was easy to find and the people were very friendly. The only problem was how to get the press from road level up onto the loading dock. All the trucks that are normally used at such places are built high in the back. There was no place to attach our hand wench and although there was a forklift on the dock, there was no way to bring it down to road level. Here again the Lord had seen the end from the beginning. One of the workers at the loading dock made

arrangements with a man next door who had a forklift on road level to come over and lift the equipment out of the van and place it up on the dock. We were then able to take the parts of the crate that had been prefabricated and assemble them around the press to make a completed crate. All that was left for us to do was to put the packaging signs on and leave it in the Lord's hands.

The press was shipped out the next day and arrived safely in Kingston the following week. Brother David Rose donated the use of his truck to bring the equipment from Kingston to the home of Brother Howard Williams in Mandeville. With a little ingenuity, the Jamaican brethren moved the press and the equipment into the room that had been prepared for it. Now they just needed to know how to operate the equipment!

Instruction on Printing

Yeager Airport in Charleston, West Virginia was not crowded the Monday morning I left for Jamaica, yet the Lord gave me some excellent opportunities for witnessing. One such chance came when I was seated next to a nice young couple who had just been married two days before. They were both reading books to pass the time and when the opportunity arose I talked with the young husband and remarked that I noticed that he and his wife both enjoyed reading. When the man asked me what I did for a living I replied that I was a publisher/minister and that I had some reading material with me that I knew he and his new bride would enjoy! Before we separated after the flight, I was able to leave them some study material on the Holy Spirit. They seemed very appreciative.



Brother Don Clayton

Brothers Howard Williams and David Clayton were waiting for me at the airport in Montego Bay and we were quickly on our way to Mandeville. Upon arriving, we had only a short time before leaving to attend the local prayer meeting where I was warmly greeted by several brethren whom I had met last year when I visited Jamaica.

Early Tuesday morning we started assembling and cleaning the press and making the proper adjustments.

Before arriving I had set some goals. First, I wanted to have the press assembled and adjusted by Tuesday evening. Second, by Wednesday evening I wanted to have some materials printed and to have introduced Brother



Brother Howard Williams

Howard Williams to the basics of printing. Third, I wanted to have the press turning out good quality material by Thursday evening. From then on it would be mostly Howard or Brother Don Clayton who would be learning some of the basics of printing during the rest of the time I would be staying. Praise God that He was gracious in helping us to see all our objectives accomplished and more.

Witnessing and Experiences

Wednesday evening I traveled with David, Don, and Howard to Kingston, the capital of Jamaica, for prayer meeting. After an encouraging meeting, with several in attendance, we started the long drive back to Mandeville. While on our way through town, several churches were dismissing from their evening service. As we drove slowly along, we passed out tracts about Jesus being the Son of God and really dying for our sins. Many of the people were eager to receive the tracts and before long we were out of material to share.

Brothers Howard Williams and Don Clayton really picked up quickly the basic principles of offset printing. Before I left on the following Thursday, we had printed several thousand tracts and small booklets, many of which had already been distributed!

The Sabbath was really a high day in Mandeville. Over one hundred believers from all over the Island came together for worship. We met outside the home church under canopies that had been put up the day before. What a thrill it was to pass out copies of the brethren's newsletter/study paper, *With Open Face*, and be able to tell them that it was printed on their own press! The expressions of thankfulness and praise on the faces of the brothers and sisters will not easily be erased from my mind. On the back page of the first edition to be printed on the press, Brother Clayton wrote the following announcement entitled, "*AT LAST -- A PRINTING PRESS!!*"

"Through the providence of our Father, we are now in possession of a printing press which is up and running. This edition of *With Open Face* is the first to be printed on the press. This press is a *Multilith 1250*.

"As we watched the press at work for the first time, many thoughts and feelings went through our **minds**; relief that we would no longer have to wait days, and sometimes weeks to get our literature printed; and joy that we will now be quickly able to adequately meet the demands of the work as the advances of the truth call for relevant literature to meet specific needs in different areas. But the predominating feeling was one of deep gratitude and awe.

"We felt gratitude firstly to our heavenly Father for His providence in getting this press into our hands and awe, at the realization that He truly has chosen us to be the instruments for disseminating His truth in our area in this time. Surely, God does not give a gift unless He has plans for its use.

"We are also extremely thankful to Brother Allen Stump for his single-minded, determined efforts in obtaining this press and all the necessary equipment which goes with it: inks, a plate burner, plates, etc. In addition, he gave many hours of his time, inclusive of the time he took to come to Jamaica to teach us how to use it properly.

"Special gratitude to Brother and Sister Charles and Lois Wilson who made the press available in the first place when Brother Stump had no idea of where to look. Heartfelt thanks to the dear sister, who wishes to remain anonymous, who gave a gift of \$800.00 towards the acquisition of the press and related equipment. Also the many other dear brothers and sis-

ters, many of whose names we do not know, but who contributed in one way or another to this project and demonstrated in a wonderful way that God's true people everywhere are really all a part of one big loving family.

"May our Father continue to knit us all together in the bonds of caring love and grant us soon the privilege of meeting face to face when we may personally express our thanks for the efforts which were made on behalf of the work here in Jamaica. God bless you all and keep you faithful." (*With Open Face*, April 1998, p. 6 - Also see the special one page *With Open Face* included with this issue of *Old Paths*.)

That high Sabbath God blessed me with freedom to speak the truth with conviction and His blessing was evident. The day was filled with inspiring singing, stirring testimonies, and sweet fellowship.

On Sunday, Brother Randall Mercer from Illinois came with his son Jeremiah and Jeremiah's friend Susanna. Randall brought with him several helpful items that will prove to be very useful in the brethren's publishing work.

A Special Home Study

While visiting and working with the brethren in Jamaica we had many good experiences and I wish I had the time and space to share them all. However, there is one home visit that Pastor David Clayton and I had that must be told.

On Wednesday evening, the last night before I was to come back to America, we visited a Brother Russell and his wife who attended the Seventh-day Church of God. Brother Russell had several questions that he was not able to receive answers for in his own church and he felt perhaps David could help him. We were warmly greeted when we arrived and Brother Russell shared some of his testimony with us. It was clear that this man really loved Jesus and wanted to serve his Lord. He explained that he had several questions written down and perhaps we could cover two questions each night. His first question was on baptism. Should we baptize in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, or only in the name of Jesus? What a question! David shared that the answer to the question could depend on how one viewed the nature and personality of God. It certainly opened up the door for a study on the

truth about the gospel: the good news of God giving His only-begotten Son to die for the sins of mankind.

For nearly an hour we shared several Bible texts that dwelt on the personality and nature of God, His Son, and Their Spirit. Brother Russell's church teaches what some know as, "Jesus only." This teaching states that the one God was known as the Father in the Old Testament, the Christ in the New Testament, and is now in the form of a Spirit. Both he and his wife could see the love of God as exhibited in the gift of His only-begotten Son! We all left that home praising God for His goodness and thankful for the chance to meet such sincere, truth-seeking people.

Thursday morning, and time to leave for the airport, came with mixed feelings. I greatly missed my family and looked forward to seeing them, yet I also knew that I would greatly miss my brothers and sisters in Jamaica. They had all been so good to me. I could not thank the Lord enough for these dear sweet people who adopted me as truly one of their own.

Special Prayer Request

Before closing this report there is one matter for prayer that should be mentioned. That is a request in regard to obtaining visitor's visas for David Clayton and Howard Williams so that they can come to America to preach and visit the churches. While it is very easy for an American to go to Jamaica, it is extremely difficult for a Jamaican to get permission to visit America. Jamaica views American tourists as financial revenue. The U. S. State Department views Jamaicans as people trying to immigrate. They state:

"The presumption in United States immigration law is that every visitor visa application is really an intending immigrant."

Usually the only way a Jamaican can get a visa is to show a permanent residence and large financial assets which would assure their return. This is done supposedly to stop immigration. However, our brethren, like most of the people of Jamaica, are relatively poor in the goods of this world. In an effort to assure the American government of their proper intentions, I have spoken to The Honorable Nick J. Rahall II, member of the United States House of Representatives. He is sympathetic to our cause and has written to the State Department asking for special considera-

tion for these brethren. He has also sent a special letter of request for the brethren to take with them when they apply for visas. Please pray that if God wills for these brethren to be able to come and encourage the churches, (and I know that would be the case), the visas will be granted.

Postscript:

Since returning to America some exciting things have happened in Jamaica. On Sunday, May 10th, the brethren ran a tasteful, non attacking ad in the *Kingston Gleaner* advertising sets of cassette tapes that explain the shocking truth about the omega of apostasies. As soon as the paper went out, the phone started to ring nonstop and by Monday evening nearly 200 people had called requesting the tapes! Please remember these dear souls in prayer that they will have the moral courage to follow the truth rather than men. Sets of these tapes are also available for the readers of *Old Paths*. Just write and request the free cassette tapes on "The Omega of Deadly Heresies."

Allen Stump

SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS
PREPARE FOR A SHOCK !

What did Ellen White mean when she spoke about,

THE OMEGA OF DEADLY HERESIES!!

Selected Messenger bk. 1, p.200

Something so fearful that when she saw it coming, the prophet "trembled for our people."

Selected Messenger bk. 1, p.203

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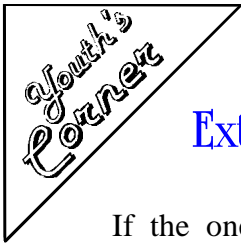
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If The Man Was Not Known For His Extreme Truthfulness

If the one who experienced this almost-unbelievable battlefield bewilderment was not known for his extreme truthfulness and reliability, this would be too much to believe.

The Somme River rises above St. Quentin, near the Belgian border in northern France, and flows into the English Channel. In what was once a rich farming area near the river, the astounding scene took place.

Before the war, this man was an irreligious man. He had attended some evangelistic meetings once but did not become a Christian. After entering the war he was shipped to France. As he was crossing an open field, shrapnel struck him down. His fellow soldiers left him as they deemed him dead.

“I could hear the battle,” he related, “and the humming of bullets was all about me. I saw that I was bleeding and hoped that a corpsman would find me. But night came without one person coming near by the bit of a hollow where I fell.

“The next morning I was very weak from the loss of blood and from hunger. I had a little food in my knapsack but was unable to turn over or to unbuckle my straps to get it. I realized that I was lying in my own blood. I was helpless and giving myself up to die.

“Five days later, the medical corpsmen were out in the field searching for any one who could possibly still have life in him. I saw them come closer and I tried to call to them, but they were too far away to hear my weak voice.

“Closer and closer they came. Finally, after what seemed an eternity, one of them stopped, cupped his hand to his ear, and heard my plea for help. After administering some first aid, he called to a companion to get a stretcher. When the two of them started to take me off, I asked them to look around and see if they could see what had saved my life. Puzzled and thinking I was delirious, they started on with their task.”

“‘Wait,’ I cried, ‘at least look at the evidence of what has happened.’ After seeing those ten definite objects of proof that I had miraculously been pre-



served from starvation, we made our way to the mobile army surgical hospital.

“In the portable hospital tent, I had time to reflect back on the astounding way in which that God I had rejected in those evangelistic meetings had not rejected me. I gave my heart to Him and vowed to go back home, look up the people who held those meetings, and allow them to help me become a real bonafide Christian.

“My testimony of God’s stunning battlefield protection was confirmed by the two medics so that no one would miss out on the power of it all through doubt or disbelief.

“You see, when I could not turn over or unbuckle my strap with my one free arm so that I could eat the meager provisions of my K-rations, the Lord interceded.

“Lying there the morning after my being wounded, I first thought I was having a hallucination, because standing near the very tip of the five fingers of my one free hand was a real, live hen!

“What’s more, the hen laid an egg right then and there!

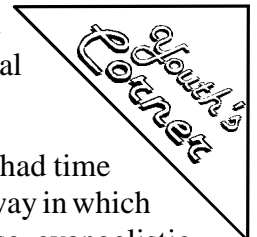
“I broke the egg, cupping most of its contents in one half of the shell, and swallowed it. It was not much, but it was enough to keep me alive until the next day.

“What’s even more wonderful is the fact that this same hen that I saw walk slowly away after laying that first egg came back to almost the very same spot the next day to lay another egg.

“The hen came from a nearby shelled farm house, an orderly told me later. But it came five days in a row. And the corpsmen saw the ten halves of the five eggs broken by my body.

“From this day forward I will never be able to eat chicken. The chicken means life to me, and I can’t ever take one’s life again.”

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Christ Our Righteousness

Acceptance with God

1. What is faith declared to be? **Hebrews 11:1**

2. How necessary is faith? **Hebrews 11:6** (See note 1.)

3. What is the basis of faith? **Romans 10:17**

4. How are the just to live? **Romans 1:17** (See Note 2)

5. By what principle is genuine faith actuated? **Gal. 5:6**

6. What is the character of any act not performed in faith? **Romans 14:23**

7. Are there any to whom God has not given faith? **Romans 12:3**

8. Who is the “author and finisher of our faith”? **Hebrews 12:2**

For an illustration of faith please read **Matthew 8:5-10**.

9. What did the Centurion want done? **Matthew 8:6, 8**

10. Whom did the Centurion hope would heal his servant? **Matthew 8:5-8**

11. Did the Centurion feel that Jesus needed to come in person? **Matthew 8:8, 9**

12. What did the Centurion expect would heal his servant? **Matthew 8:8**

13. What did Jesus say the Centurion had? **Matthew 8:10**

Notes:

1. “The knowledge of what the Scriptures means when urging upon us the necessity of cultivating faith, is more essential than any other knowledge that can be acquired.” (A. T. Jones, *Review and Herald*, October 18, 1898)

2. “This statement is the summing up of what the apostle has to say about the gospel in verse 16. The gospel is the power of God unto salvation, but only ‘to everyone that believeth;’ in it the righteousness of God is revealed. The righteousness of God is the perfect law of God (Isaiah 51:6, 7; Psalm 119:172), which is but the transcript of His righteous will (Psalm 40:7, 8). All unrighteousness is sin (1 John 5:17), or the transgression of the law (1 John 3:4; Romans 7:7). The gospel is God’s remedy for sin; its work, therefore, must be to bring men into harmony with the law,—to cause the workings of the righteous law to be manifested in their lives. But this is wholly a work of faith,—the righteousness of God is revealed from ‘faith to faith,’ —faith in the beginning, and faith to the end,—as it is written, ‘The just shall live by faith.’” (E. J. Waggoner, *Living by Faith*, p. 13 - See also *Signs of the Times*, March 25, 1889)

Lord, Send Me

Melissa Baden has recently started to republish a youth paper entitled, *Lord, Send Me*. *Lord, Send Me* was published last year by Lisa Epperly but her schedule has prevented her from being able to continue. Lisa has asked Melissa to continue the paper.

LSM is a bimonthly paper produced and written by young Christians for other young Christians. Among other things, LSM includes Bible studies, poems, interesting articles, and selected quotations.

The reaction of young people who have read the May-June issue of LSM has been excellent. All seem very encouraged in the Lord from the spiritual material presented.

Any young people who wish to receive LSM may write to Melissa at: LSM, P. O. Box 2984, Holland, MI 49422-2984. The paper is free to those who request it. Melissa has decided not to ask for money for the magazine, but those who wish to help may send her U. S. postage stamps to help sponsor overseas readers. Editor

THE SANCTUARY IN HEAVEN

by J. N. Andrews

(Editor's preface: Last month we noted that the doctrine of the sanctuary and the pioneer understanding of Daniel 8:14 has come under an increasingly strong attack. This is the first of a series of articles we will be publishing this year, dealing with this foundational truth.

This study, originally published in the book, *The Judgment Its Events and Their Order*, was recently reprinted in the April, 1998 edition of *Landmarks* magazine. While some of our readers receive *Landmarks*, many do not. Therefore we are presenting it here also.

The study clearly explains the existence of a heavenly sanctuary. This particular facet of the truth is under special attack with some denying the existence of a literal heavenly sanctuary.)

THE finishing of the mystery of God involves the opening of the second apartment of the temple in heaven, wherein is the ark of God's testament. This is the place where our Lord finishes his priesthood, and hence this apartment of the heavenly temple must be the place of that tribunal at which the righteous are acquitted, their sins blotted out and themselves accounted worthy of the kingdom of God. The temple of God in heaven, and especially its second apartment, is therefore worthy of our most attentive study. The Scriptures contain many explicit testimonies to the existence of the heavenly temple.

"The Lord is in his holy temple, the Lord's throne is in heaven; his eyes behold, his eyelids try, the children of men." (Psalm 11:4)

"In my distress I called upon the Lord, and cried to my God; and he did hear my voice out of his temple, and my cry did enter into his ears. Then the earth shook and trembled; the foundations of heaven moved and shook, because he was wroth." (2 Samuel 22:7, 8) See also Psalm 18:6, 7.

"In the year that king Uzziah died I saw also the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up, and his train filled the temple. Above it stood the seraphims; each one had six wings; with twain he covered his face, and with twain he covered his feet, and with twain he did fly. And one cried unto another, and said, Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory. And the posts of the door moved at

the voice of him that cried, and the house was filled with smoke." (Isaiah 6:1-4)

"Hear, all ye people; hearken, O earth, and all that therein is; and let the Lord God be witness against you; the Lord from his holy temple. For, behold, the Lord cometh forth out of his place, and will come down, and tread upon the high places of the earth." (Micah 1:2, 3)

"And the temple of God was opened in heaven, and there was seen in his temple the ark of his testament; and there were lightnings, and voices, and thunderings, and an earthquake, and great hail." (Revelation 11:19)

"And another angel came out of the temple which is in heaven, he also having a sharp sickle. And another angel came out from the altar, which had power over fire." (Revelation 14:17, 18)

"And after that I looked, and, behold, the temple of the tabernacle of the testimony in heaven was opened." (Revelation 15:5)

"And the seventh angel poured out his vial into the air; and there came a great voice out of the temple of heaven, from the throne, saying, It is done." (Revelation 16:17)

Many other texts might be quoted in which this building is mentioned either as God's temple, tabernacle, sanctuary, or holy habitation. To some of these texts we shall refer in the further study of this subject.

The heavenly temple consists of two holy places. This is proved by many conclusive arguments. The first of these is drawn from the statements respecting the tabernacle erected by Moses. When God called Moses into the mount to receive the tables of the law (Exodus 24:12), he first bade him make a sanctuary that he might dwell among them, and that the priests might minister in his presence. (Exodus 25, 26, 27, 28) He also bade him to make an ark to contain the tables of the law, to be placed in the second apartment of the sanctuary. This building consisted of two holy places (Exodus 26), and both itself and its sacred vessels were made like the pattern showed in the mount.

"And let them make me a sanctuary; that I may dwell among them. According to all that I show thee, after the pattern of the tabernacle, and the pattern of

all the instruments thereof, even so shall ye make it.” (Exodus 25:8, 9)

“Who serve unto the example and shadow of heavenly things, as Moses was admonished of God when he was about to make the tabernacle; for, See, saith he, that thou make all things according to the pattern showed to thee in the mount.” (Hebrews 8:5) See also Exodus 25:40; 26:30; Acts 7:44.

The tabernacle thus constructed was a pattern of the heavenly temple. Thus Paul bears testimony:

“It was therefore necessary that the patterns of things in the heavens should be purified with these; but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these. For Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands, which are the figures of the true [the images of the true holy places, Macknight’s translation]; but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us.” (Hebrews 9:23, 24)

This establishes one plain, incontrovertible argument, that the heavenly temple has two holy places. The temple erected by Solomon furnishes the second argument, and it is of the same character as that drawn from the tabernacle. The temple was a larger and grander building than the tabernacle, and differed from it in being an immovable structure, but it was constructed on the same plan, in that it was an edifice consisting of two holy places, with sacred vessels of the same kind, and occupied with the very same ministration, as that which had previously served in the tabernacle. (1 Kings 6, 7, 8; 2 Chronicles 3, 4, 5) This building with its two holy places was a pattern of the heavenly temple, as the words of David and of Solomon declare:

“Then David gave to Solomon his son the pattern of the porch, and of the houses thereof, and of the treasures thereof, and of the upper chambers thereof, and of the inner parlors thereof, and of the place of the mercy-seat, and the pattern of all that he had by the Spirit, of the courts of the house of the Lord, and of all the chambers round about, of the treasures of the house of God, and of the treasures of the dedicated things.” “All this, said David, the Lord made me understand in writing by his hand upon me, even all the works of this pattern.” (1 Chronicles 28:11, 12, 19)

This is a second decisive argument that the heavenly sanctuary has two holy places. The third is drawn from the fact that the plural term “holy places” is used in the designation of the greater and more perfect tabernacle.

Thus when Paul says, as expressed in our common version (Hebrews 8:2), “A minister of the sanctuary, and of the true tabernacle, which the Lord pitched, and not man,” it is literally in the original, “a minister of the holy places.” And thus also when we read respecting the heavenly temple, “The Holy Ghost this signifying, that the way into the holiest of all was not yet made manifest, while as the first tabernacle was yet standing,” it is literally in the Greek, “the way of the holy places.” (Hebrews 9:8) So also where we read of the greater and more perfect tabernacle, in verse 12, that Christ “entered in once into the holy place,” it is also literally “holy places.” Again, in verse 24, we read in our common version the same thing, literally rendered, “the holy places made with hands, which are the figures of the true,” which last word is plural in the original, showing that there are holy places in the heavenly temple. And again in (Hebrews 10:19) the term “holiest” is not, in the original “holy of holies,” as in chap. 9:3, but simply “holy places.” These passages form a most convincing argument that there must be two holy places in the heavenly temple. A fourth argument is found in the fact that each of the two holy places of the heavenly temple is definitely set forth in the description of that building not made with hands.

The first apartment is identified by the things which it contains. When John was called in vision to ascend to the place of God’s throne, the heavenly temple, a door was opened in heaven, and the throne of God was revealed to his view. This is manifestly the door of the heavenly temple, for the throne of God which it discloses to view is within that temple. (Psalm 11:4; Revelation 16:17) That it was the first apartment of that temple into which he looked, is evident from what he saw therein. “And out of the throne proceeded lightnings and thundering and voices; and there were seven lamps of fire burning before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of God.” (Revelation 4:5) Here is a plain reference to the seven lamps which burned in the first apartment of the earthly sanctuary. (Leviticus 24:2-4)

And again, when the seven angels receive the seven trumpets, the scene of vision is still the first apartment of the heavenly sanctuary. Thus we read:-

“And I saw the seven angels which stood before God; and to them were given seven trumpets. And another angel came and stood at the altar, having a golden censer; and there was given unto him much incense, that he should offer it with the prayers of all saints upon the golden altar which was before the throne.” (Revelation 8:2, 3)

The golden altar stood in the first apartment of the sanctuary, i.e., in the same room with the candlestick on which were the seven lamps. (Exodus 40:24-26) The place of God’s throne at the time when the book with the seven seals was delivered to Christ, and also when the seven trumpets were given to the seven angels, is the first apartment of the heavenly sanctuary. But when the seven vials are delivered into the hands of the seven angels who have the duty of pouring them out, the second apartment of the heavenly temple is opened, and they come out from thence to execute the wrath of God upon men. This opening of the holiest takes place under the seventh trumpet.

“And after that I looked, and, behold, the temple of the tabernacle of the testimony in heaven was opened; and the seven angels came out of the temple, having the seven plagues, clothed in pure and white linen, and having their breasts girded with golden girdles. And one of the four beasts gave unto the seven angels seven golden vials full of the wrath of God, who liveth forever and ever. And the temple was filled with smoke from the glory of God, and from his power; and no man was able to enter into the temple, till the seven plagues of the seven angels were fulfilled.” (Revelation 15:5-8)

This opening of the heavenly temple, which is followed by the pouring out of the unmingled wrath of God, is an event connected with the closing up of human probation. And it is certain that we have in this case the opening of the holiest of all, here called the tabernacle of the testimony. The expression, “tabernacle of the testimony,” is a familiar term taken from the Old Testament, and is precisely equivalent to “tabernacle of the ten commandments.” In proof of this, take the use of this term in the Bible. We begin with the first use of the Hebrew word *gehdooth*, and trace it through the books of Moses. Thus it occurs for the

first time in Exodus 16:34: “Aaron laid it up before the testimony.” That is to say, he laid up the pot of manna before the ark of the ten commandments. (See Hebrews 9:4.) The next is Exodus 25:16: “Thou shalt put into the ark the testimony which I shall give thee.” This was the ten commandments. (See Exodus 31:18; Deuteronomy 10:4, 5.) Again (Exodus 25:21), “In the ark thou shalt put the testimony,” i.e., the ten commandments. (See 1 Kings 8:9.) And now the ark itself takes its name from what was put in it. “The two cherubims which are upon the ark of the testimony.” (Exodus 25:22) “And thou shalt hang up the veil under the taches, that thou mayest bring in thither within the veil the ark of the testimony; and the veil shall divide unto you between the holy place and the most holy. And thou shalt put the mercy-seat upon the ark of the testimony in the most holy place.” (Exodus 26:33, 34) Here we have the ark of the ten commandments assigned to the most holy place of the tabernacle, and the mercy-seat placed over the ark. Presently we shall find that this testimony gives name to the tabernacle itself. As we read onward we find in Exodus 27:21; 30:6, 26, 36; 31:7, 18; 32:15; 34:29, the terms “testimony,” “tables of testimony,” “ark of the testimony,” each time by testimony meaning definitely the ten commandments. The term, “tabernacle of testimony,” occurs for the first time in Exodus 38:21.

Thus we see that the testimony of the Almighty gives name to the tables on which it was written, to the ark in which the tables were placed, and to the tabernacle itself, whose second apartment received the ark. Next, we thrice read of the ark of the testimony. (Exodus 39:35; 40:3, 5) And now we are brought to the acts of Moses in setting up the sanctuary. It is said (Exodus 40:20), “He took and put the testimony into the ark,” i.e., he put the law of God therein. Then he placed the ark itself within the tabernacle, and covered the ark of the testimony by hanging up the second veil. (Exodus 40:21) In Leviticus 16:13 the mercy-seat is said to be upon the testimony. In Leviticus 24:3, the veil which hides the ark is called the veil of the testimony. Next, we read of the tabernacle of the testimony, in Numbers 1:50, 53. Next, of the ark of the testimony. (Numbers 4:5; 7:89; Joshua 4:16) Next, of the tent of the testimony. Numbers 9:15, and of the testimony itself. (Numbers 17:10) Next, of the tabernacle of witness, or testimony (for the two words are synonymous). (Numbers 10:11; 17:7, 8; 18:2) In all these

texts it is certain that the ten commandments are called the testimony, and that they give name to the tables, to the ark, to the veil, and to the tabernacle, especially to the second apartment.

This term has, therefore, a well-defined meaning in the Scriptures. By the testimony, the tables of the testimony, the ark of the testimony, the veil of the testimony, and the tabernacle of the testimony, are meant respectively the ten commandments. (Exodus 31:18), the tables of the ten commandments (Exodus 32:15), the ark of the ten commandments (Exodus 40:20), the veil of the ten commandments (Exodus 40:21; Leviticus 24:3), and the tabernacle of the ten commandments (Numbers 9:15; 10:11). The term, “tabernacle of witness,” or “testimony,” does therefore definitely signify the tabernacle of the ten commandments. Now it is remarkable that this term occurs twice in the New Testament. In Acts 7:44, the tabernacle of witness, i.e., of the ten commandments, is mentioned, referring to the earthly sanctuary; and in Revelation 15:5, the heavenly sanctuary is designated by this same term, the temple of the tabernacle of the testimony in heaven; and we have proved conclusively that this is equivalent to the temple of the tabernacle of the ten commandments in heaven.

This text is therefore a plain reference to the most holy place of the heavenly temple, and to the law of God deposited therein, which gives name to the building. This apartment of the heavenly temple is opened just prior to the pouring out of the plagues. But we have a second statement of the opening of the most holy place of the temple in Heaven. Thus we read of the events under the seventh trumpet:-

“And the temple of God was opened in heaven, and there was seen in his temple the ark of his testament; and there were lightnings, and voices, and thunderings, and earthquake, and great hail.” (Revelation 11:19)

Here is disclosed to our view the second apartment of the heavenly temple, and here is shown the grand central object, which gives name to the tabernacle itself. It is the ark of God, sometimes called the ark of the covenant, or testament (Numbers 10:33; Hebrews 9:4), and sometimes the ark of the testimony (Exodus 25:22). It is because the heavenly temple contains the ark of God’s testimony that it is itself called the tabernacle of the testimony in heaven. And the ark itself is

not empty; it contains what Revelation 11:19 calls God’s testament, and what Revelation 15:5 calls “the testimony in heaven.” And these two terms must signify the ten commandments, and cannot signify anything else.

The existence of the temple in heaven, and the fact that it has two holy places, like the sanctuary of the first covenant, have been clearly proved. The judgment work in the second apartment remains to engage our attention.

When Paul says, in Romans 2:6, that God “will render to every man according to his deeds,” he adds in the next verse this important statement: “To them who by patient continuance in well-doing seek for glory and honor and immortality, eternal life.” Now it is manifest that this work of rendering to every man according to his deeds can only be wrought after the examination of those deeds in the judgment. It must be in consequence of the decision of the judgment that the things promised are rendered to men. It is also evident that the gift of immortality is one of the things thus rendered. As the righteous receive this gift in the very act of being resurrected from the grave, it is certain that the decision of the judgment passes upon them before the voice of the archangel and the trumpet of God awaken them to immortal life.

This part of the judgment work takes place where our Lord finishes his priesthood; for his last work as priest is to secure the acquittal of his people, and to obtain the decision that their sins shall be blotted out. We have learned from the Scriptures that the heavenly temple has two holy places. A further examination will evince the fact that there are two parts to the ministration of Christ, and that his last work is at the tribunal of his Father, in the tabernacle of the testimony, where it is determined who shall receive immortality.

The Levitical priests served “unto the example and shadow of heavenly things.” (Hebrews 8:5) The most important part of the service pertaining to the earthly sanctuary was that which was performed within the second apartment on the tenth day of the seventh month. Leviticus 16. This is generally considered as typifying the events of the whole gospel dispensation. But we think the evidence conclusive that this chapter is a typical representation of that part of our Lord’s work which is embraced in the hour of God’s judg-

ment, or in the days of the voice of the seventh angel when he begins to sound.

The sixteenth chapter of Leviticus is devoted solely to the work of finishing the yearly round of service in the earthly sanctuary. This was wrought on the great day of atonement, and was of the most impressive character. First, the high priest was solemnly admonished that he was such only in a typical sense and not such in reality. For on this day, which was by far the most impressive of all, and when he entered the most holy place of the sanctuary, he must put on the plainest and humblest dress, laying aside that splendid dress which the law prescribed for him to wear on other occasions. Leviticus 16:4 compared with Exodus 28. He was also to make a public acknowledgment of his own sinfulness by proceeding to offer a sin-offering for himself. (Leviticus 16:3, 6, 11-14) No part of this can be typical of our Lord's work, for it was expressly designed to impress upon the mind the infirmity and sinfulness of the high priest.

But this being accomplished, the high priest entered upon that work which directly shadowed forth the work of atonement. He took from the congregation of the children of Israel two kids of the goats for a sin-offering. (Leviticus 16:5) On these two goats he was to cast lots; one lot was for the goat to be sacrificed, and one for the scapegoat. Then he slew the goat upon which the lot fell for a sacrifice, and with his blood he entered into the second apartment of the sanctuary. This blood he sprinkled before the mercy-seat and upon it. He did this for two purposes: (1) To make atonement for the people; (2) to cleanse the sanctuary by removing from it the sins of the people of God. Then the high priest returned into the first apartment and cleansed the altar from the sins of the people. The sanctuary being cleansed, the high priest comes out of the door of the building, and, having caused the live goat to be brought, he lays both his hands upon his head and confesses over him all the transgressions of the children of Israel in all their sins. These he puts upon the head of the goat, and sends him away by the hand of a fit man in to the wilderness. And the goat thus sent bears away all their iniquities into a land not inhabited. (Leviticus 16:7-10, 15-22)

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Florida Camp Meeting Report

March 26, 1998 brought over sixty people to the *Ocala National Forest* in central Florida for our first Florida camp meeting. The weather was beautiful, and the park attendant pronounced it the first nice weekend of the year.

The atmosphere of the meetings was very pleasant, as the Lord brought many heart searching messages through the speakers. At six-thirty we began our day with early morning meetings. Almost everyone attended these meetings which started our day off right. The days were filled with wonderful fellowship and studies on our relationship with God and preparing for the second coming of Christ.

Since this camp meeting was the first one we have held in Florida, the believers there were excited to be able to attend a camp meeting in their own state. It was a pleasure to meet new people whom I had only corresponded with by letter or telephone.

Just prior to the camp meeting our friends in Jamaica let us know of some brethren in the Orlando area who had accepted the truth about God. For several years Richard and Bonnie Carlson have been printing a newsletter filled with current events and information pertinent for us today. This twenty-plus page newsletter is appropriately entitled *The End Times News*. We were privileged to meet Richard and Bonnie, along with several of their friends, when they attended the camp meeting.

If you would like to receive *The End Times News* or if you want more information about it, please contact Richard and Bonnie Carlson at PO Box 814, Mt. Dora, Florida 32756. Phone: (352) 357-0400, E-mail: tetnews@aol.com.

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