

The Neglected Truth about the Sealing

The third and fourth Abominations:

Women Weeping for Tammuz

Sanctuary Denial and Sunday Worship

Suppose Christ should abide in every heart and selfishness in all its forms should be banished from the church, what would be the result? Harmony, unity, and brotherly love would be seen as verily as in the church which Christ first established. Christian activity would be seen everywhere. The whole church would be kindled into a sacrificial flame for the glory of God. Every Christian would cast in the fruit of his self-denial to be consumed upon the altar. There would be far greater activity in devising fresh methods of usefulness and in studying how to come close to poor sinners to save them from eternal ruin.

Should we dress in plain, modest apparel, without reference to the fashions; should our tables at all times be set with simple, healthful food, avoiding all luxuries, all extravagance; should our houses be built with becoming plainness and furnished in the same manner, it would show the sanctifying power of the truth and would have a telling influence upon unbelievers. But while we conform to the world in these matters, in some cases apparently seeking to excel worldlings in fanciful arrangement, the preaching of the truth will have but little or no effect. Who will believe the solemn truth for this time when those who already profess to believe it contradict their faith by their works? It is not God who has closed the windows of heaven to us, but it is our own conformity to the customs and practices of the world.

The third angel of Revelation 14 is represented as flying swiftly through the midst of heaven crying: "Here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus." Here is shown the nature of the work of the people of God. They have a message of so great importance that they are represented as flying in the presentation of it to the world. They are holding in their hands the bread of life for a famishing world. The love of Christ constraineth them. This is the

last message. There are no more to follow, no more invitations of mercy to be given after this message shall have done its work. What a trust! What a responsibility is resting upon all to carry the words of gracious invitation: "And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely."

Everyone who heareth is to say: Come. Not only the ministers, but the people. All are to join in the invitation. Not only by their profession, but by their character and dress, all are to have a winning influence. They are made trustees for the world, executors of the will of One who has bequeathed sacred truth to men. Would that all could feel the dignity and glory of their God-given trust.

Few → Many
little company → Church

THE SEAL OF GOD

EZE. 9:1, 3-6 NATIONS, OR GENTILES NOT MENTIONED IN THIS CHAPTER!
It is about the church.

"He cried also in mine ears with a loud voice, saying, Cause them that have charge over the city to draw near, even every man with his destroying weapon in his hand."

"And he called to the man clothed with linen, which had the writer's inkhorn by his side; and the Lord said unto him, Go through the midst of the city, through the midst of Jerusalem, and set a mark upon the foreheads of the men that sigh and that cry for all the abominations that be done in the midst thereof. And to the others he said in mine hearing, Go ye after him through the city, and smite: let not your eye spare, neither have ye pity: slay utterly old and young, both maids, and little children, and women: but come not near any man upon whom is the mark; and begin at My sanctuary. Then they began at the ancient men which were before the house." V. 3-6

Jesus is about to leave the mercy seat of the heavenly sanc-

Time element

the church

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Old Paths

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"And he . . . brought me to . . . the door of the inner gate that looketh toward the north; where was the seat of the image of jealousy, which provoketh to jealousy." (Ezekiel 8:3)

Prayer Requests

Heavy on our hearts is the on-going tragedy in Haiti. I am sure all of us have prayed for the many victims of Haiti and the great loss they have suffered. Let us continue to remember them in prayer as they try to rebuild their lives following the loss of family, home, income, and basic necessities; and let us seek to answer our prayers with whatever donations we can make to the disaster relief charity of our choice.

Let us also continue to pray for the 59th General Conference Session and the plans that we are making now to be present. One need we have is housing for our workers. Will you please join us in prayer that

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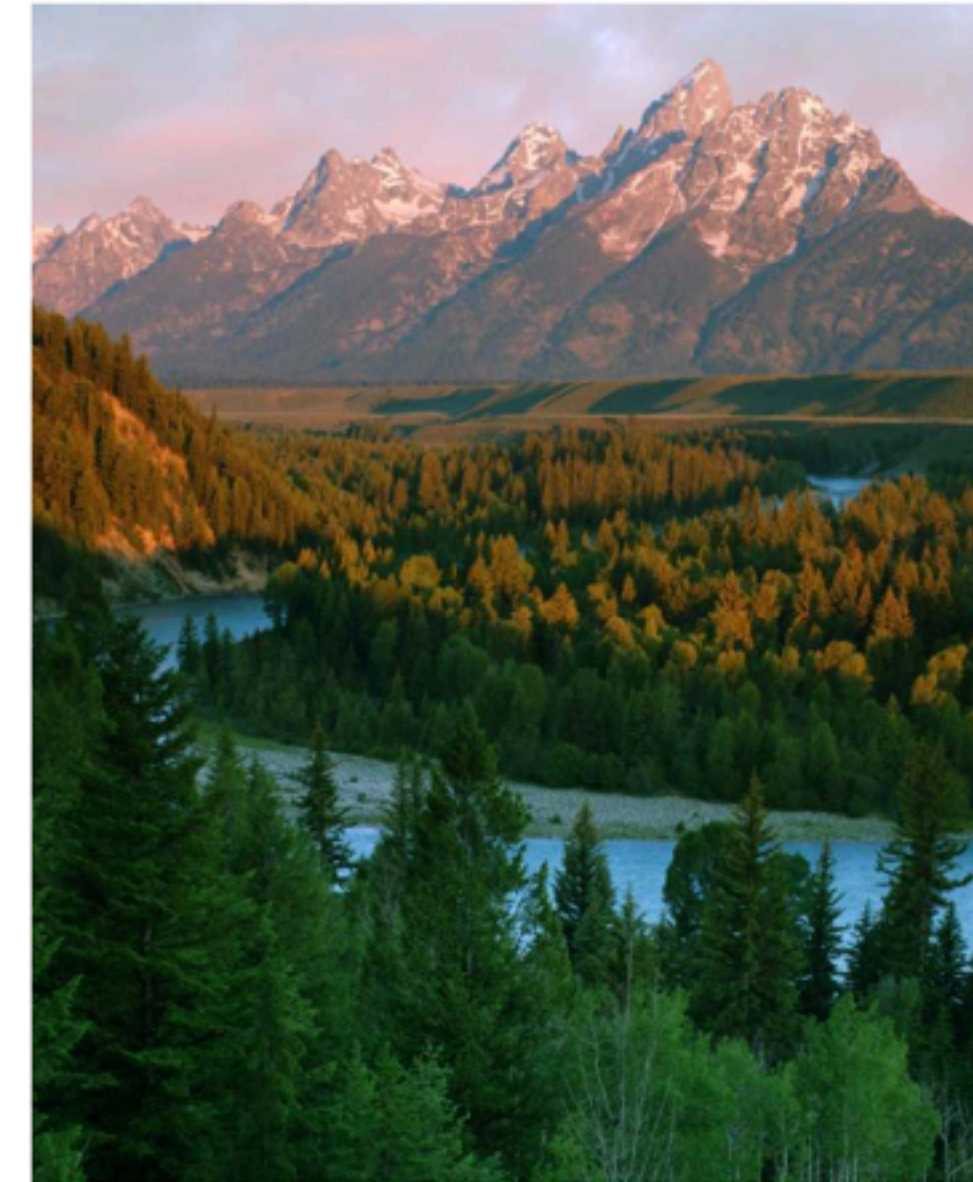
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It is of the LORD'S mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not. They are new every morning: great is thy faithfulness. (Lamentations 3:22, 23)

Prayer Requests

Pastor Pascual Flores recently ministered in Venezuela, and we ask that you join us in prayer that the fruit of his labors will continue to grow in his absence. Also, please remember to pray for the upcoming 59th General Conference Session in Atlanta, Georgia, and our outreach plans for it, and for God's blessing on the plans being laid for the West Virginia Camp Meeting.

In addition, recently we have begun to pray for different states of the United States each week. So far, we have prayed for those of you who receive *Old Paths*, as well as for all the residents, in the states of AL, AK, AZ, CA, CO, CT, DE, and for DC. During the month of March, we will be praying for FL for weeks one and two, GA and HI during week three, and ID and IL during week four. We entreat your combined prayers as we ask for God to pour out his blessing on these states, and may God richly bless you as you work for him this month.

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Truth shall spring out of the earth; and righteousness shall look down from heaven. (Psalm 85:11)

Prayer Requests

We continue to ask for your intercessory prayers for God to lead out in the upcoming West Virginia Camp Meeting, June 15-19, 2010, and at the General Conference Session to follow in Atlanta, Georgia. There is much extra printing to be done, as well as a special multi-language DVD to be prepared.

During the month of April, we will be including in our prayers the states of Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, and Massachusetts—two states, in order, for each week of April. We ask for your combined prayers, entreating God to work in a mighty way in behalf of each family that receives *Old Paths*, as well as to speak to the hearts of each resident of these states, as only God can, and draw them to himself. If you have concerns you would like to be included in this prayer request column, please submit them to us, and we will gladly include them. ✍

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For thus saith the Lord GOD, the Holy One of Israel: In returning and rest shall ye be saved; in quietness and in confidence shall be your strength. (Isaiah 30:15)

Prayer Requests

This month we draw ever closer to the West Virginia camp meeting and the General Conference Session. We do ask for prayer as we approach these important events.

Sister Ann Ford has requested prayer for her great-granddaughter, Rene. She is very ill, and we ask for you to pray for her and her family.

We also remember the families of the twenty-nine coal miners who were killed last month in a mine explosion in West Virginia.

Brother Aland Ashton of Peru had surgery again last month and we ask that you will pray for his strength.

Please also continue to pray that we may find housing for the G.C. Session and have the materials prepared that are needed at that time.

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I have made the earth, and created man upon it; I, even my hands, have stretched out the heavens, and all their host have I commanded. (Isaiah 45:12)

Prayer Requests — Update on Visiting the General Conference: We are currently preparing materials to share at the General Conference Session, June 23–July 3, and we want to give you an update on some challenges we are currently facing. Due to limited human resources here at Smyrna, we do not yet have all the books and tracts prepared that we would like to take with us. We have finished a run of *What Did the Pioneers Believe?* but still have many printed copies of *The Foundation of Our Faith* that need to be assembled. We are praying that the necessary materials can be readied, but we certainly need the Lord's blessing and your prayers. *Continued on page 6, column 2*

Women Weeping for Tammuz

Ezekiel 8:13, 14 (AV) – 13 He said also unto me, Turn thee yet again, and thou shalt see greater abominations that they do.
14 Then he brought me to the door of the gate of the LORD'S house which was toward the north; and, behold, there sat women weeping for Tammuz.

Romans 1:18-21 (AV) – 18 For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness; 19 Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath shewed it unto them. 20 For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse: 21 Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened.

Romans 1:22-25 (AV) – 22 Professing themselves to be wise,
they became fools, 23 And changed the glory of the
uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man,
and to birds, and fourfooted beasts, and creeping things. 24
Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the
lusts of their own hearts, to dishonour their own bodies between
themselves: 25 Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and
worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who
is blessed for ever. Amen.

Romans 1:26-28 (AV) – 26 For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature: 27 And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompence of their error which was meet. 28 And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient;

Deuteronomy 21:22-23 (AV) – 22 And if a man have committed a sin worthy of death, and he be to be put to death, and thou hang him on a tree: **23** His body shall not remain all night upon the tree, but thou shalt in any wise bury him that day; (for he that is hanged is accursed of God;) that thy land be not defiled, which the LORD thy God giveth thee for an inheritance.

Galatians 3:13 (AV) – 13 Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree:

Galatians 6:14 (AV) – 14 But God forbid that I should glory,
save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is
crucified unto me, and I unto the world.

**The Sanctuary Denied
and Sunday Worship**

Ezekiel 8:15, 16 (AV) – 15 Then said he unto me, Hast thou seen this, O son of man? turn thee yet again, and thou shalt see greater abominations than these. 16 And he brought me into the inner court of the LORD'S house, and, behold, at the door of the temple of the LORD, between the porch and the altar, were about five and twenty men, with their backs toward the temple of the LORD, and their faces toward the east; and they worshipped the sun toward the east.

Ezekiel 8:17, 18 (AV) – 17 Then he said unto me, Hast thou seen this, O son of man? Is it a light thing to the house of Judah that they commit the abominations which they commit here? for they have filled the land with violence, and have returned to provoke me to anger: and, lo, they put the branch to their nose.

18 Therefore will I also deal in fury: mine eye shall not spare, neither will I have pity: and though they cry in mine ears with a loud voice, yet will I not hear them.

The scripture which above all others had been both the foundation and the central pillar of the advent faith was the declaration: “Unto two thousand and three hundred days; then shall the sanctuary be cleansed.” Daniel 8:14.

(The Great Controversy, p. 409.1)

In the balances of the sanctuary the Seventh-day Adventist church is to be weighed. She will be judged by the privileges and advantages that she has had. If her spiritual experience does not correspond to the advantages that Christ, at infinite cost, has bestowed on her, if the blessings conferred have not qualified her to do the work entrusted to her, on her will be pronounced the sentence: “Found wanting.” By the light bestowed, the opportunities given, will she be judged.

(Testimonies for the Church, vol. 8, p. 247.2)

The history of Judas presents the sad ending of a life that might have been honored of God. Had Judas died before his last journey to Jerusalem he would have been regarded as a man worthy of a place among the twelve, and one who would be greatly missed. The abhorrence which has followed him through the centuries would not have existed but for the attributes revealed at the close of his history. But it was for a purpose that his character was laid open to the world. It was to be a warning to all who, like him, should betray sacred trusts.

(The Desire of Ages, p. 716.1)

It (Sunday) is a day dedicated by the Apostles to the honor of the most holy Trinity, and in memory that Christ our Lord rose from the dead upon Sunday, sent down the Holy Ghost on a Sunday, &c. and therefore is called our Lord's day. It is also called Sunday from the old Roman denomination of Dies Solis, the day of the Sun, to which it was sacred. (Henry Tuberville, *An Abridgment of Christian Doctrine. With proofs of Scripture for points Controverted*, p. 211)

The enemy of souls has sought to bring in the supposition that a great reformation was to take place among Seventh-day Adventists, and that this reformation would consist in giving up the doctrines which stand as the pillars of our faith, and engaging in a process of reorganization. Were this reformation to take place, what would result?

The principles of truth that God in His wisdom has given to the remnant church, would be discarded. Our religion would be changed. The fundamental principles that have sustained the work for the last fifty years would be accounted as error. A new organization would be established. Books of a new order would be written. A system of intellectual philosophy would be introduced. The founders of this system would go into the cities, and do a wonderful work

The Sabbath of course, would be lightly regarded, as also the God who created it. Nothing would be allowed to stand in the way of the new movement. The leaders would teach that virtue is better than vice, but God being removed, they would place their dependence on human power, which, without God, is worthless. Their foundation would be built on the sand, and storm and tempest would sweep away the structure. (*Selected Messages*, bk. 1, p. 204.1)

1 Timothy 6:20 (AV) – 20 O Timothy, keep that which is committed to thy trust, avoiding profane and vain babblings, and oppositions of science falsely so called:

2 Timothy 3:14 (AV) – 14 But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them;

We have nothing to fear for the future, except as we shall forget the way the Lord has led us, and His teaching in our past history.

(Life Sketches, p. 196.2)

