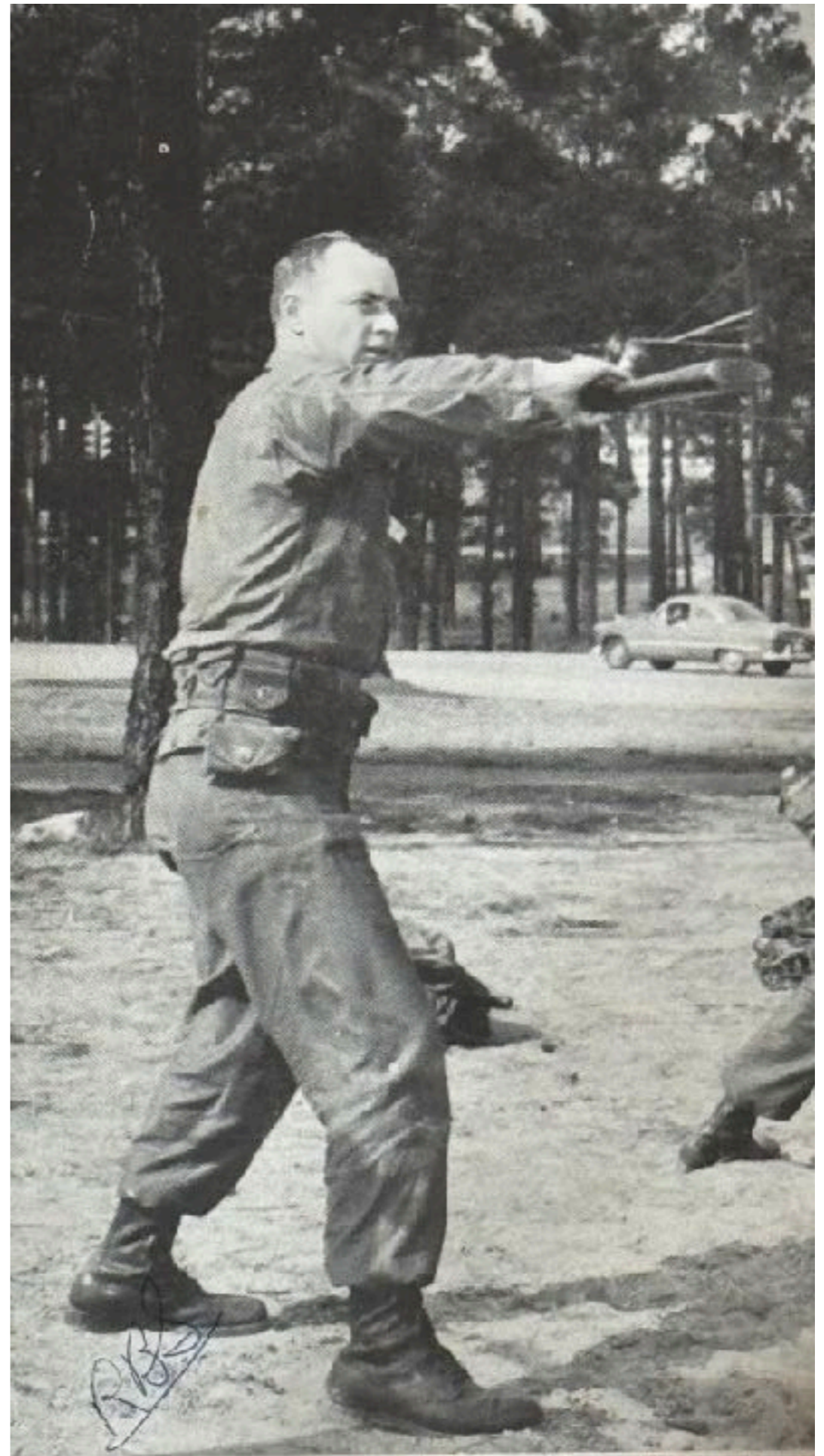


# Saying or Doing?

Is truth still important?



# Russell Stump



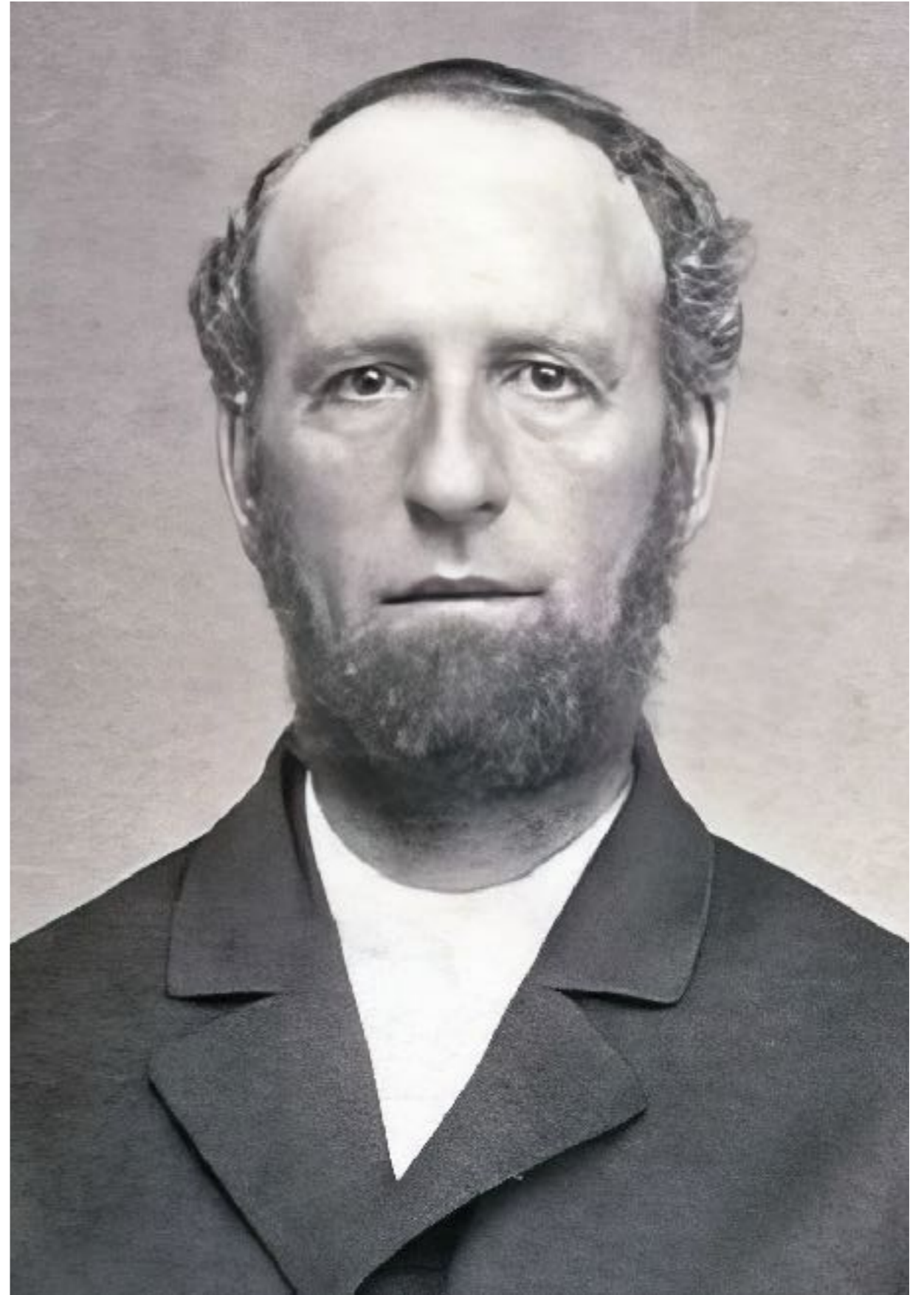
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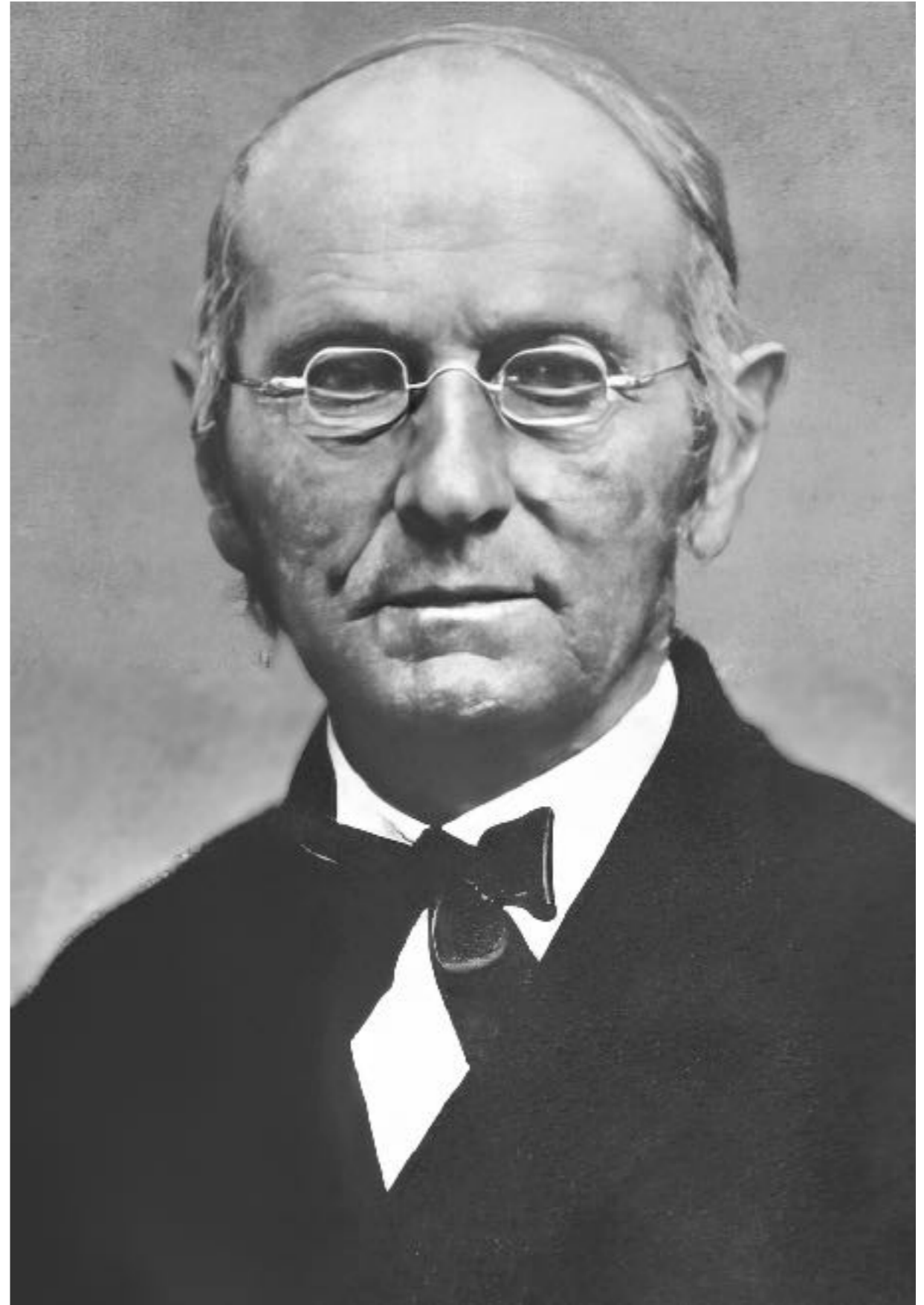
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**John 5:46 (KJV)** — 46 For had ye  
believed Moses, ye would have believed  
me: for he wrote of me.

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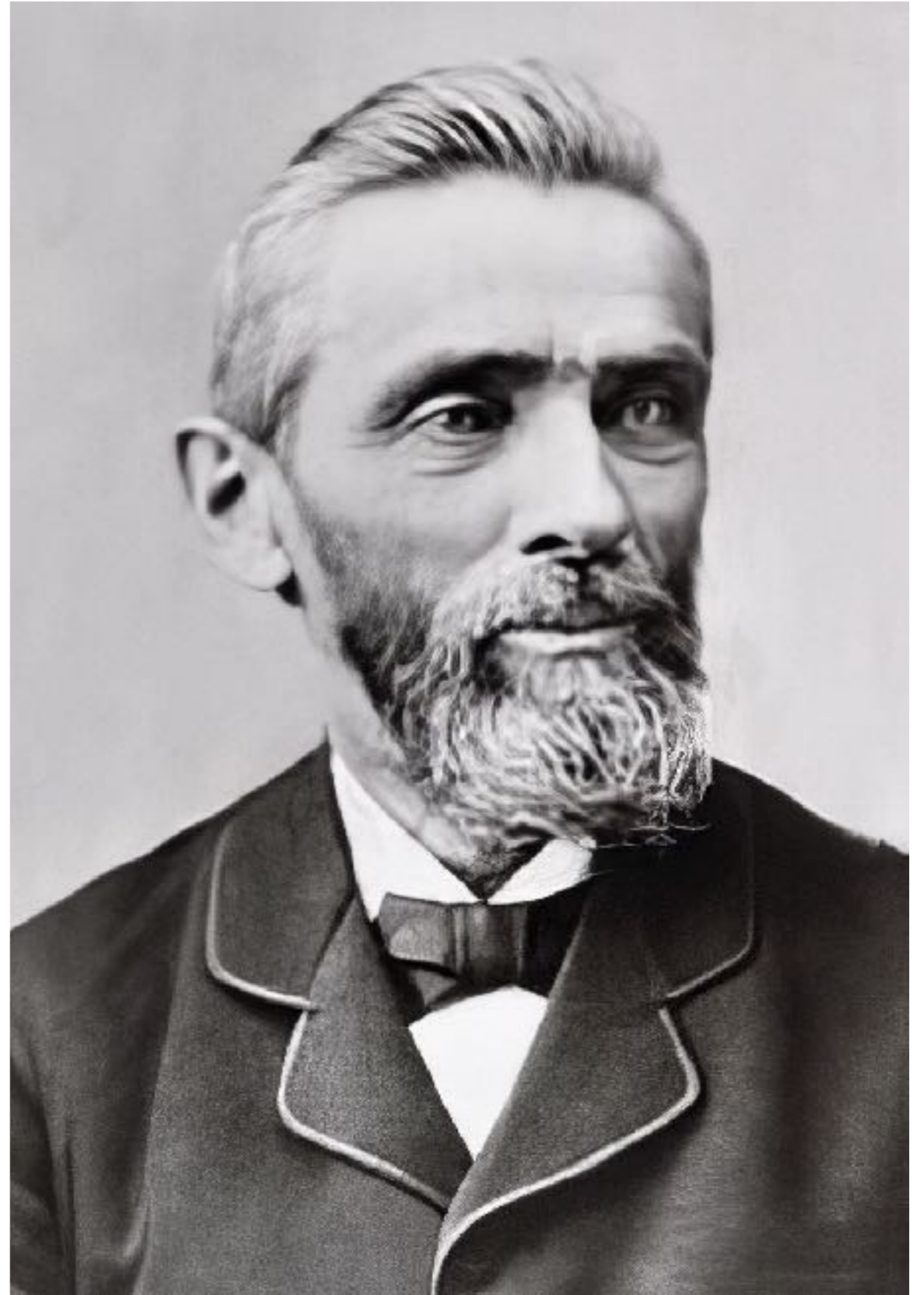


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**Ezekiel 33:30–31 (KJV)** — 30 Also, thou son of man, the children of thy people still are talking against thee by the walls and in the doors of the houses, and speak one to another, every one to his brother, saying, Come, I pray you, and hear what is the word that cometh forth from the LORD.

31 And they come unto thee as the people cometh, and they sit before thee as my people, and they hear thy words, but they will not do them: for with their mouth they shew much love, but their heart goeth after their covetousness.

**Ezekiel 33:32 (KJV)** — 32 And, lo, thou art unto them as a very lovely song of one that hath a pleasant voice, and can play well on an instrument: for they hear thy words, but they do them not.

**Matthew 23:27 (KJV)** — 27 Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye are like unto whited sepulchres, which indeed appear beautiful outward, but are within full of dead men's bones, and of all uncleanness.

**Matthew 23:29–31 (KJV)** — 29 Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! because ye build the tombs of the prophets, and garnish the sepulchres of the righteous, 30 And say, If we had been in the days of our fathers, we would not have been partakers with them in the blood of the prophets. 31 Wherefore ye be witnesses unto yourselves, that ye are the children of them which killed the prophets



God has left His truth and its history in publications which are truth today. He has made known that we must revive the history of the past as given to God's people. Satan will work upon human minds to bring in specious theories that will dishonor God by trying to tear away the pillars of our faith. They cannot do this, but they suppose they can. **Take these testimonies and let the dead speak. Let the voice be heard from the old messengers whom God has sent and who stood firmly for the truth.** (*Letters and Manuscripts*, vol. 21, Ms 130, 1906, par. 38)



When the power of God testifies as to what is truth, **that truth is to stand forever as the truth.** No after suppositions contrary to the light God has given are to be entertained. Men will arise with interpretations of Scripture which are to them truth, but which are not truth. The truth for this time God has given us as a foundation for our faith. He Himself has taught us what is truth. One will arise, and still another, with new light, which contradicts the light that God has given under the demonstration of His Holy Spirit. (*Selected Messages*, bk. 1, p. 161.1a, 1905)

It is as certain that **we have the truth** as that God lives; and Satan, with all his arts and hellish power, cannot change the truth of God into a lie.  
*(Testimonies for the Church, vol. 4, p. 595.4)*

A few are still alive who passed through the experience gained in the establishment of this truth. God has graciously spared their lives to repeat, and repeat till the close of their lives, the experience through which they passed even as did John the apostle till the very close of his life.

And the standard bearers who have fallen in death are to speak through the reprinting of their writings. I am instructed that thus their voices are to be heard. They are to bear their testimony as to what constitutes the truth for this time.

*(Selected Messages, bk. 1, p. 161.1b, 1905)*

When men come in who would **move one pin or pillar from the foundation which God has established** by His Holy Spirit, **let the aged men who were pioneers in our work speak plainly**, and let those who are dead speak also by the reprinting of their articles in our periodicals. Gather up the rays of divine light that God has given as He has led His people on step by step in the way of truth. This truth will stand the test of time and trial. (MR 760 10.5, 1905)

**Matthew 21:28–30 (KJV)** — 28 But what think ye?

A certain man had two sons; and he came to the first, and said, Son, go work to day in my vineyard. 29 He answered and said, I will not: but afterward he repented, and went. 30 And he came to the second, and said likewise. And he answered and said, I go, sir: and went not.

**Matthew 21:31–32 (KJV)** — 31 Whether of them twain did the will of his father? They say unto him, The first. Jesus saith unto them, Verily I say unto you, That the publicans and the harlots go into the kingdom of God before you. 32 For John came unto you in the way of righteousness, and ye believed him not: but the publicans and the harlots believed him: and ye, when ye had seen it, repented not afterward, that ye might believe him.

**Matthew 7:21 (KJV)** — 21 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.

**Matthew 5:47 (KJV)** — 47 And if ye salute your brethren only, what do ye more than others? do not even the publicans so?



John 13:17 (KJV) — 17 If ye know these things,  
happy are ye if ye do them.

In this parable the father represents God, the vineyard the church. By the two sons are represented two classes of people. The son who refused to obey the command, saying, "I will not," represented those who were living in open transgression, who made no profession of piety, who openly refused to come under the yoke of restraint and obedience which the law of God imposes. But many of these afterward repented and obeyed the call of God. When the gospel came to them in the message of John the Baptist, "Repent ye; for the kingdom of heaven is at hand," they repented, and confessed their sins. (Matthew 3:2.) (*Christ's Object Lessons*, p. 275.2)

In the son who said, “I go, sir,” and went not, the character of the Pharisees was revealed. Like this son, the Jewish leaders were impenitent and self-sufficient. The religious life of the Jewish nation had become a pretense. When the law was proclaimed on Mount Sinai by the voice of God, all the people pledged themselves to obey. They said, “I go, sir,” but they went not. (*Christ's Object Lessons*, p. 276.1a)

When Christ came in person to set before them the principles of the law, they rejected Him. Christ had given the Jewish leaders of His day abundant evidence of His authority and divine power, but although they were convinced, they would not accept the evidence. Christ had shown them that they continued to disbelieve because they had not the spirit which leads to obedience. He had declared to them, “Ye made the commandment of God of none effect by your tradition.... In vain they do worship Me, **teaching for doctrines the commandments of men. [The Trinity]**” Matthew 15:6, 9. (*Christ's Object Lessons*, p. 276.1b)

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# Chapter 1

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## THE PROBLEM

**T**he Seventh-day Adventist Church must rise to the challenge of countering the impact of anti-Trinitarians who are influencing our members to leave the denomination. Anti-Trinitarians have recently been organized into two separate denominations. One church has taken the name “1889 Historic Seventh Day Adventist Church,” and the other has taken the name “Seventh-day Church of Revelation.” They have a persuasive teaching on leaving the church to present to our membership and are effectively using social media platforms to get their message right into the homes of our members.

If we do nothing to fortify our church members against embracing their message, we may face divided congregations and the loss of members. But it's not that easy to counter the influence of

I tell you, my brethren, the Lord has an organized body through whom he will work. . . .

When anyone is drawing apart from the organized body of **God's commandment-keeping people**, when he begins to weigh the church in his human scales and begins to pronounce judgment against them, then you may know that God is not leading him. He is on the wrong track. (*Selected Messages*, bk. 3, pp. 17, 18)



**James 2:10 (KJV)** — 10 For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all.

God has a church upon the earth, who are his chosen people, **who keep his commandments.** He is leading, not stray off-shoots, not one here and one there, but a people. **The truth is a sanctifying power; but the church militant is not the church triumphant.** There are tares among the wheat. 'Wilt thou then that we gather them up?' was the question of the servant; but the master answered, 'Nay; lest while ye gather up the tares, ye root up also the wheat with them.'

The gospel net draws not only good fish, but bad ones as well, and the Lord only knows who are his. (*The Review and Herald*, September 12, 1893, par. 19)

I then saw the third angel. Said my accompanying angel, “Fearful is his work. Awful is his mission. He is the angel that is to select the wheat from the tares, and seal, or bind, the wheat for the heavenly garner. These things should engross the whole mind, the whole attention.” (*Early Writings*, p. 118.1)

**Revelation 14:12 (KJV)** — 12 Here is the  
patience of the saints: here are they that keep  
the commandments of God, and the faith of  
Jesus.