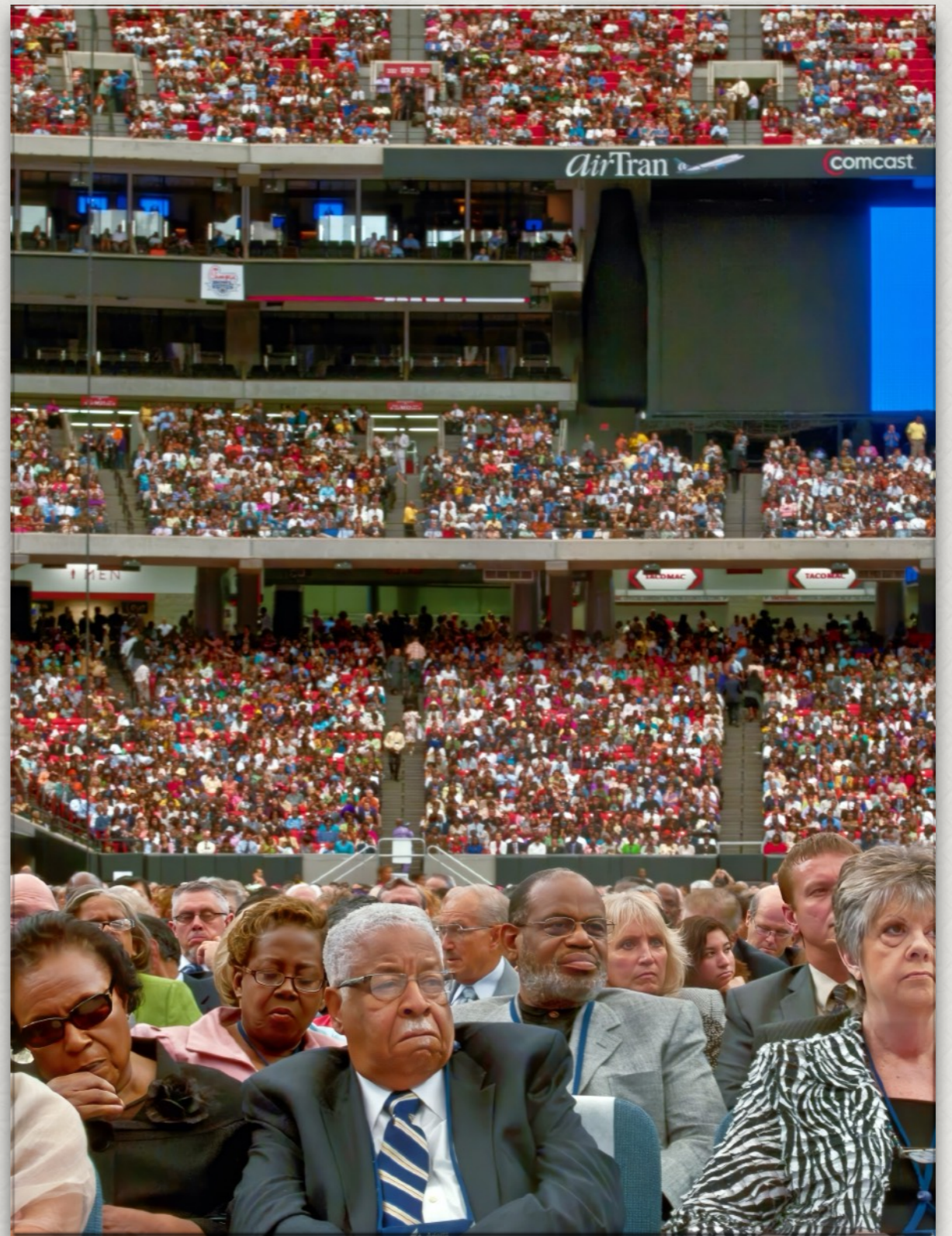




The Bread of Life

John 6:24-71

Those of any religion who look to rites and forms in their religion to provide salvation and those of the secular world who look to earthly pleasure and riches to satisfy the deep longings of the soul know that neither of these things work. Only Jesus can provide salvation and true pleasure, and he is meek and lowly of heart and says “come unto me . . . and I will give you rest” (Matthew 11:28).



Scribes and rabbis, with their punctilious attention to religious forms, **had a sense of want** that rites of penance could never satisfy. **Publicans and sinners** might **pretend to be content with the sensual and earthly**, but in their hearts were distrust and fear. Jesus looked upon the distressed and heart burdened, those whose hopes were blighted, and who with earthly joys were seeking to quiet the longing of the soul, and He invited all to find rest in Him. (*DA* 328.3)

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✦ **Rabbi**—Literally, “my great one,” “my teacher,” or “my lord.” The title “rabbi” distinguished a man as being learned in the law of Moses, and therefore implied that his interpretation of the religious duties prescribed therein was binding, or infallible. This tended to set up human authority in place of the express word of God. Jesus counseled His followers not to look to men, but to God and to His will as set forth in the Scriptures. This admonition has no bearing upon the use of such titles as “doctor” or “professor” in educational institutions today, though it would apply to such honorific titles as “reverend,” “his holiness,” etc., which imply the same as the title “rabbi” did in the days of Christ. (*SDA BC*)

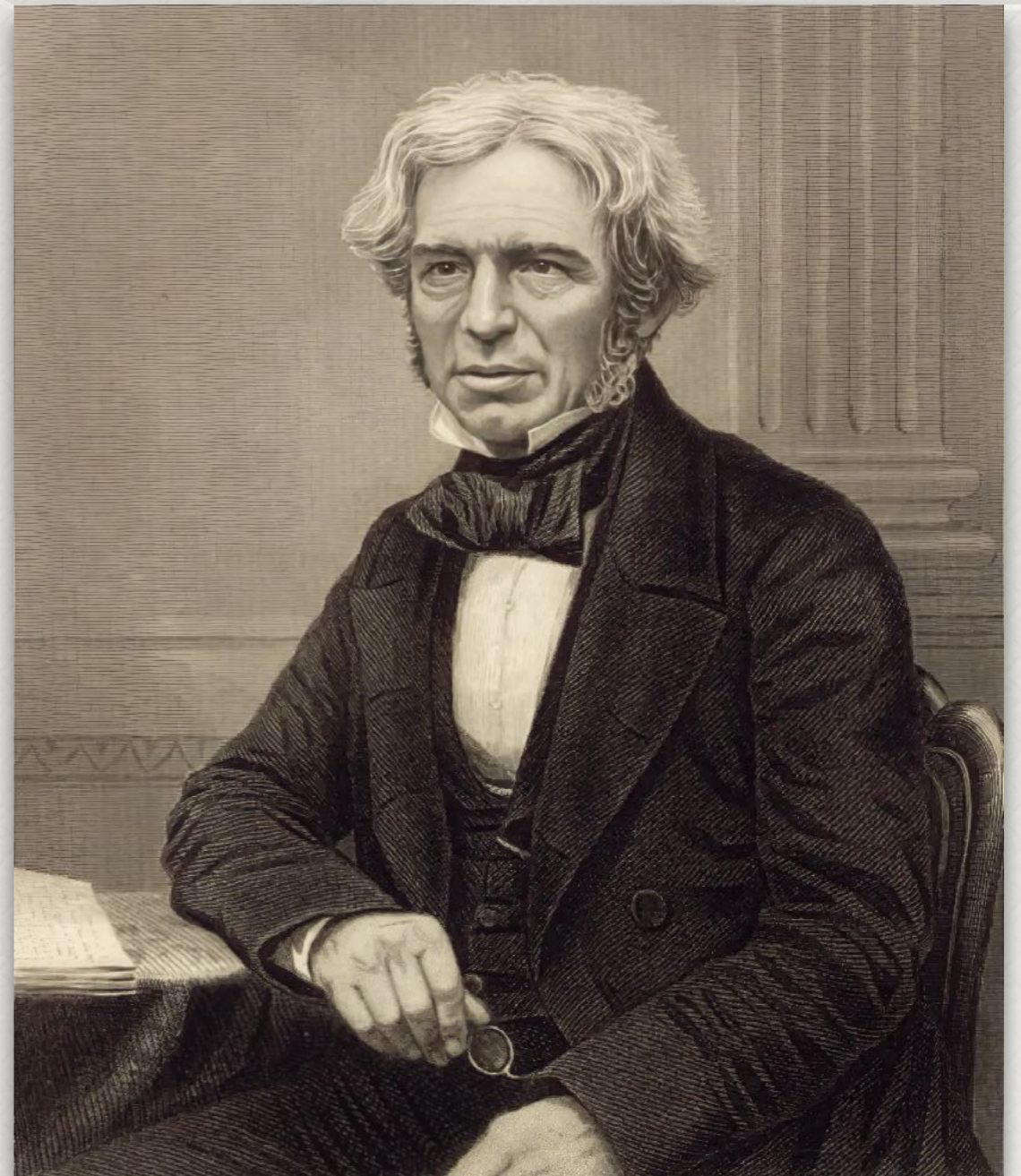
✦ Matthew 23:7–12—Rabbi

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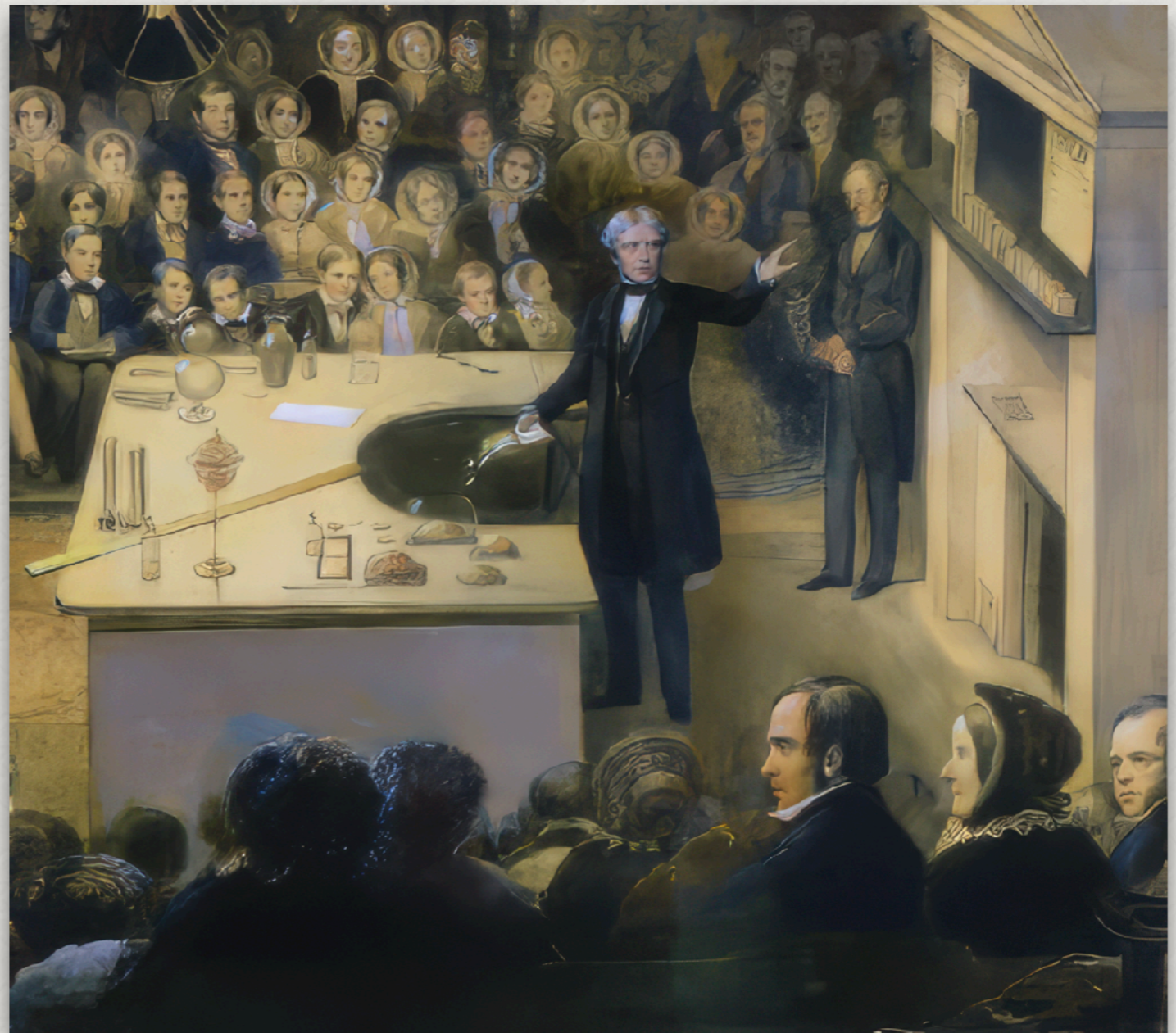
- ✦ 1831 his most celebrated discovery—electromagnetic induction (a current produced because of voltage production due to a changing magnetic field).
- ✦ 1833—the laws of electro-chemical decomposition
- ✦ 1833—the word *scientist* was coined, meaning one committed to the study of natural phenomena
- ✦ 1844—had lunch (on Sunday) with Queen Victoria

Michael Faraday

- ✦ Reliance on the Bible permeated Faraday's life. He was humble and distanced himself from many worldly activities. He avoided party politics and refused the offer of the presidency of the Royal Society, the foremost position in British science, stating he would "remain plain Mr. Faraday to the end."



He was an elder in his church, and elders were expected to be in church every Sunday, but one Sunday he was absent from church. It was learned he was absent because he had lunch with Queen Victoria. He was stripped of his eldership, but he continued attending church as he always had. In fact, he returned to London Sundays from any meetings of the British Association, so as not to be absent, and eventually became an elder again.



- ✦ Labor—*ergazomai*—to engage in activity that involves effort, exert oneself, to cause to be, to work; John 9:4—work—*ergazomai*
- ✦ And the people wanted to know what they needed to do to work the works of God.
His answer?

- ✦ Seeth—*theoreo*, from *theoros*, “a spectator,” is used of one who looks at a thing with interest and for a purpose, usually indicating the careful observation of details; to observe with sustained attention (like a spectator would do)
- ✦ Seeth—to come to the understanding of something, especially on the basis of what one has seen and heard, such as the spiritual perception of the one sent by God. John 14:17, 19
- ✦ John 6:30—*eídon*—to perceive by sight of the eye, *see, perceive*.

✦ John 20:24–29

✦ see (*horaō*)—in the body (John 1:18), mentally (Romans 15:21), taking heed (Matthew 8:4), experience (Luke 2:26), take care (Matthew 27:4)

- ✦ Job wanted to reason— *yākah*, decide, judge, prove, rebuke—with God—Job 13:3
- ✦ Isaiah 1:18—reason—*yākah*

- ✦ Mark 8:1-8—the feeding of the 4,000, 7 baskets leftover
- ✦ Leaven—vs. 11-21
- ✦ Matthew 16:12—doctrine; Luke 12:1—hypocrisy (by precept and by example)
- ✦ Let's read Luke 12:1-12

- ✦ Luke 12:5—fear—be afraid of, have profound measure of respect, reverence
- ✦ 2 Peter 2:4—God cast angels into hell

Often when our workers present the testing Sabbath truth to the people, some stand hesitating for fear of bringing poverty and hardship upon themselves and their families. They say, Yes, I see what you are trying to show me in regard to the observance of the seventh-day Sabbath; but I am afraid if I keep the Sabbath I shall lose my position, and shall not be able to provide for my family. And so, many keep their worldly position and disobey the command of God. But these scriptures **[Luke 12:1-7]** teach us that the Lord knows all about our experiences; He understands about our inconveniences; and He has a care for all who follow on to know the Lord. He will never allow His children to be tempted above that they are able to bear. (*Ev* 237.2)

The work is soon to close. The members of the church militant who have proved faithful will become the church triumphant. In reviewing our past history, having travelled over every step of advance to our present standing, I can say, Praise God! As I see what the Lord has wrought, I am filled with astonishment and with confidence in Christ our leader. **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.** We are now a strong people, if we will put our trust in the Lord; for we are handling the mighty truths of the Word of God. We have everything to be thankful for. (*7LtMs*, Lt 32, 1892, par. 38)

- ✦ Why do you believe in Jesus?
- ✦ Is it the signs/miracles in your life?
- ✦ Is it an intellectual reasoning?
- ✦ Is it John 6:29?—Jesus answered and said unto them, This is the work of God, that ye **believe** on him whom he hath sent.