



Foundational Principles

Psalm 138:2 (KJV) — 2 I will worship toward thy holy temple, and praise thy name for thy lovingkindness and for thy truth: for thou hast magnified thy word above all thy name.

Psalm 11:3 (KJV) — 3 If the foundations be destroyed,
what can the righteous do?

Revelation 12:13–17 (KJV) — 13 And when the dragon saw that he was cast unto the earth, he persecuted the woman which brought forth the man child. 14 And to the woman were given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness, into her place, where she is nourished for a time, and times, and half a time, from the face of the serpent. 15 And the serpent cast out of his mouth water as a flood after the woman, that he might cause her to be carried away of the flood. 16 And the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed up the flood which the dragon cast out of his mouth. 17 And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.

Revelation 10:7-11 (KJV) — 7 But in the days of the voice of the seventh angel, when he shall begin to sound, the mystery of God should be finished, as he hath declared to his servants the prophets. 8 And the voice which I heard from heaven spake unto me again, and said, Go and take the little book which is open in the hand of the angel which standeth upon the sea and upon the earth. 9 And I went unto the angel, and said unto him, Give me the little book. And he said unto me, Take it, and eat it up; and it shall make thy belly bitter, but it shall be in thy mouth sweet as honey. 10 And I took the little book out of the angel's hand, and ate it up; and it was in my mouth sweet as honey: and as soon as I had eaten it, my belly was bitter. 11 And he said unto me, Thou must prophesy again before many peoples, and nations, and tongues, and kings.

Colossians 1:26–27 (KJV) — 26 Even the mystery which hath been hid from ages and from generations, but now is made manifest to his saints: 27 To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory:

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.

Many of our people do not realize how **firmly the foundation of our faith has been laid**. . . . after the passing of the time in 1844, [we] **searched for the truth as for hidden treasure**. . . . Often we remained together until late at night, and sometimes through the entire night, praying for light and studying the Word. . . . Thus light was given that helped us to understand the scriptures in regard to Christ, His mission, and His priesthood. **A line of truth extending from that time to the time when we shall enter the city of God**, was made plain to me, and I gave to others the instruction that the Lord had given me. (*Early Writings*, p. xxii.4)

The principles of truth that God has revealed to us are our only true foundation. (*Selected Messages*, bk. 1, p. 201, 1904)

This foundation was built by the Master Worker, and will stand storm and tempest. (*Selected Messages*, bk. 1, p. 204 1904)

We have our Bibles. We have our experience, attested to by the miraculous working of the Holy Spirit. We have a truth that admits of no compromise. Shall we not repudiate everything that is not in harmony with this truth? (*Selected Messages*, bk. 1, p. 205, 1904)

**Proverbs 22:28 (AV) — 28 Remove not the ancient
landmark, which thy fathers have set.**

The principles for which we fought in the early days and which were brought out in the power of the Holy Spirit, would be maintained. (*Selected Messages*, bk. 1, p. 206)

2 Peter 1:21 (KJV) — 21 For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.

Messages of every order and kind have been urged upon Seventh-day Adventists, to take the place of the truth which, point by point, has been sought out by prayerful study, and testified to by the miracle-working power of the Lord. But the waymarks which have made us what we are, are to be preserved, and they will be preserved, as God has signified through His Word and the testimony of His Spirit. He calls upon us to hold firmly, with the grip of faith, to the fundamental principles that are based upon **unquestionable authority**. (*Selected Messages*, bk. 1, p. 208, 1904)

We can confidently say, The truth that has come to us through the Holy Spirit's working is not a lie. The evidences given for the last half century bear the evidence of the Spirit's power. (*The Paulson Collection of Ellen G. White Letters*, p. 257, To Elder Butler, June 23, 1905)

Ever we are to keep the faith that has been substantiated by the Holy Spirit of God from the earlier events of our experience until the present time. (*The Upward Look*, p. 352; December 4, 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. While the great adversary will try his utmost to make of none effect the word of God, truth must go forth as a lamp that burneth. (*Testimonies for the Church*, vol. 4, p. 595.4, 1881)

We have no doubt, neither have we had a doubt for years,
that the doctrines we hold today [1863] are present truth,
and that we are nearing the judgment. (*Testimonies for the
Church*, vol. 2, page 355.1)

Jeremiah 5:13 (KJV) — 13 And the prophets shall
become wind, and the word is not in them: thus shall it be
done unto them.

Ephesians 4:11–15 (KJV) — 11 And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; 12 For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: 13 Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ: 14 That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive; 15 But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ:

John 17:3 (KJV) — 3 And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent.

1 John 5:11–13 (KJV) — 11 And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. 12 He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life. 13 These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God.

Leviticus 23:27-29 (KJV) — 27 Also on the tenth day of this seventh month there shall be a day of atonement: it shall be an holy convocation unto you; and ye shall afflict your souls, and offer an offering made by fire unto the LORD. 28 And ye shall do no work in that same day: for it is a day of atonement, to make an atonement for you before the LORD your God. 29 For whatsoever soul it be that shall not be afflicted in that same day, he shall be cut off from among his people.

Exodus 31:14 (KJV) — 14 Ye shall keep the sabbath therefore; for it is holy unto you: every one that defileth it shall surely be put to death: for whosoever doeth any work therein, that soul shall be cut off from among his people.

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I – That there is one God, a personal, spiritual being, the creator of all things, omnipotent, omniscient, and eternal; infinite in wisdom, holiness, justice, goodness, truth, and mercy; unchangeable, and everywhere present by his representative, the Holy Spirit. Ps. 139:7.

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II – That there is one Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of the Eternal Father, the one by whom he created all things, and by whom they do consist; that he took on him the nature of the seed of Abraham for the redemption of our fallen race;

Mark 12:28–31 (KJV) — 28 And one of the scribes came, and having heard them reasoning together, and perceiving that he had answered them well, asked him, Which is the first commandment of all? 29 And Jesus answered him, The first of all the commandments is, Hear, O Israel; The Lord our God is one Lord: 30 And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment. 31 And the second is like, namely this, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. There is none other commandment greater than these.

Mark 12:32–34 (KJV) — 32 And the scribe said unto him, Well, Master, thou hast said the truth: for there is one God; and there is none other but he: 33 And to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the soul, and with all the strength, and to love his neighbour as himself, is more than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices. 34 And when Jesus saw that he answered discreetly, he said unto him, Thou art not far from the kingdom of God. And no man after that durst ask him any question.

1 Corinthians 8:6 (KJV) — 6 But to us there is but one God, the Father, of whom are all things, and we in him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, by whom are all things, and we by him.

Ephesians 4:6 (KJV) — 6 One God and Father of all, who
is above all, and through all, and in you all.

James 2:19 (KJV) — 19 Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also believe, and tremble.

John 3:16 (KJV) — 16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

John 10:36 (KJV) — 36 Say ye of him, whom the Father hath sanctified, and sent into the world, Thou blasphemest; because I said, I am the Son of God?

There is but one way of escape for the sinner. There is but one agency whereby he may be cleansed from sin. He must accept the propitiation that has been made by the Lamb of God, who taketh away the sins of the world. The shed blood of Christ cleanseth us from all sin. "For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him." "Him hath God exalted with his right hand to be a Prince and a Saviour, for to give repentance to Israel, and forgiveness of sins." A complete offering has been made; for "God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son,"—not a son by creation, as were the angels, nor a son by adoption, as is the forgiven sinner, but a **Son begotten in the express image of the Father's person**, and in all the brightness of his majesty and glory, one equal with God in authority, dignity, and divine perfection. In him dwelt all the fullness of the Godhead bodily. (*ST*, May 30, 1895, par. 3)

In eastern Maine Ellen was traveling and working in the atmosphere of the spiritualizers who had allegorized away heaven, God, Jesus, and the Advent hope. In the vision at Exeter in mid-February she seemed to be in the presence of Jesus, and she was eager to procure answers to some vital questions. (*The Early Years*, p. 79.4)

I asked Jesus if His Father had a form like Himself. He said He had, but I could not behold it, for said He, “If you should once behold the glory of His person, you would cease to exist.”—Early Writings, (*The Early Years*, p. 79.5)

This was not the only occasion Ellen was to converse with Jesus and the angel about the person of Jesus and concerning God being a personal being. The answers satisfied her fully that the spiritualizers were in gross error. (*The Early Years*, p. 80.1)

The way spiritualizers have disposed of or denied the only Lord God and our Lord Jesus Christ is first using the old unscriptural Trinitarian creed, viz., that Jesus Christ is the eternal God, though they have not one passage to support it, while we have plain scripture testimony in abundance that he is the Son of the eternal God.” (James White, January 24, 1846, *The Day Star*)

The Father and the Son alone are to be exalted. (*Youth's
Instructor*, July 7, 1898, par. 2)

**1 Thessalonians 5:21 (KJV) — 21 Prove all things; hold
fast that which is good.**

We are not to receive the words of those who come with a message that contradicts the special points of our faith.

They gather together a mass of Scripture, and pile it as proof around their asserted theories. This has been done over and over again during the past fifty years. And while the Scriptures are God's word, and are to be respected, the application of them, if such application moves one pillar from the foundation that God has sustained these fifty years, is a great mistake. (*Selected*

Messages, bk. 1, p. 161.2)

Proverbs 9:1 (KJV) — 1 Wisdom hath builded her house,
she hath hewn out her seven pillars:

The Pillars of Our Faith

The entire message of Seventh-day Adventism rests upon these pillars and upon this foundation:

The Law/Sabbath
CEW, pp. 30, 31

The Personalities of
God and of Christ
YRP, p. 235

The Faith of Jesus
CEW, pp. 30, 31

The Sanctuary
GC, p. 409

The Three Angels'
Messages
CEW, pp. 30, 31

The Testimony
of Jesus
Testimonies, vol. 1, p. 300

The Non-immortality
of the Wicked
CEW, pp. 30, 31

The Foundation of Our Faith: Jesus is the Son of God
Matthew 16:13-19, *The Desire of Ages*, pp. 412, 413

Those who seek to remove the old landmarks are not holding fast; they are not remembering how they have received and heard. **Those who try to bring in theories that would remove the pillars of our faith concerning the sanctuary, or concerning the personality of God or of Christ, are working as blind men.** They are seeking to bring in uncertainties and to set the people of God adrift, without an anchor. (20LtMs, Ms 62, 1905, par. 14. See also

YRP 235.4)