

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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We are to hold to the sure pillars of our faith.



The Rationale for Our Fundamental Principles

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(The following is an edited-for-print version of a Sabbath morning study recently given. Please carefully consider the message. Editor)

We are going to talk about the fundamental principles, about the rationale for them, and why are they important.

Let us begin with reading 2 Timothy 2:19 to see what instruction Paul has for us:

Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are his. And, Let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity. (2 Timothy 2:19)

The foundation of God does what? “It moves by decade as new light is given?” It doesn’t say that. No, “the foundation of God standeth sure.”

What did Jesus tell us about his word in Matthew 24:35?

Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away.

Did Jesus say, “But my words might change when someone has new light?” No, Jesus is clear. His words shall never pass away.

Let us also see what Peter says:

Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever. For all flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass. The grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away: But the word of the Lord endureth for ever. And this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you. (1 Peter 1:23–25)

It is almost as if Peter was ordained by Jesus to do this work. Does he not say the same thing Jesus said? He did.

It is because Peter was ordained by Jesus and the other apostles to preach because the word of God endureth forever. And let us go to one more text:

To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them. (Isaiah 8:20)

There are many Seventh-day Adventists today who say that things have changed, that there is new light which does away with the old light. But I ask the question, does new light negate or contradict previous light given by God? Never!

So, with these texts in mind, I want to read a couple statements from leading Seventh-day Adventists today, and we will ponder them for just a moment. The first quote:

Most of the founders of Seventh-day Adventism would not be able to join the church today if they had to subscribe to the denomination’s Fundamental Beliefs.

More specifically, most would not be able to agree to belief number 2, which deals with the doctrine of the Trinity. For Joseph Bates the Trinity was an unscriptural doctrine, for James White it was that “old Trinitarian absurdity,” and for M. E. Cornell it was a fruit of the great apostasy, along with such false doctrines as Sunday-keeping and the immortality of the soul.

In like manner, most of the founders of Seventh-day Adventism would have trouble with fundamental belief number 4, which holds that Jesus is both eternal and truly God. For J. N. Andrews “the Son of God . . . had God for His Father, and did, at some point in the eternity of the past, have beginning of days.” And E. J. Waggoner, of Minneapolis 1888 fame, penned in 1890 that “there was a time when Christ proceeded forth and came from God, . . .but that time was so far back in the days of eternity that to finite comprehension it is practically without beginning.” (George Knight, “Adventists and Change,” *Ministry*, October 1993, p. 10, ellipses in original; retired professor of church history at the seminary at Andrews University)

He makes the bold statement that those who founded Seventh-day Adventism could not be members of the church at large today.

And a second quote by another individual:

That most of the leading SDA pioneers were non-Trinitarian in their theology has become accepted Adventist history. . . . As one line of reasoning goes, either the pioneers were wrong and the present church is right, or the pioneers were right and the present Seventh-day Adventist Church has apostatized from biblical truth. (Jerry Moon, "Trinity and Anti-trinitarianism in Seventh-day Adventist History," *The Trinity* p. 190)

So, one reasoning today is that either the pioneers were right and leaders of the Seventh-day Adventist Church today are wrong or that the Seventh-day Adventist Church today is right and the founders were wrong.

So, in my estimation, the fundamental principles printed by James White and others in 1872 and moving forward, mean something.

We are going to go through a number of quotes from Sister White, the Lord's messenger, in which God gave her specific instruction so that we can know with certainty the fundamental principles are correct!

The Scriptures a safeguard: the Bible only as the standard of all doctrines

Sister White in *The Great Controversy* in 1911 had some very important things to say to us in Chapter 37, "The Scriptures a Safeguard." We are going to look at some excerpts from that to see what Sister White had to say about the Scriptures as a safeguard.

The people of God are directed to the Scriptures as their safeguard against the influence of false teachers and the delusive power of spirits of darkness. (Ellen White, *The Great Controversy*, p. 593.1)

Is that not a good thing?

So closely will the counterfeit resemble the true that it will be impossible to distinguish between them except by the Holy Scriptures. By their testimony every statement and every miracle must be tested. (Ibid.)

Sister White said teachings must be tested. And how are we to determine the true versus the false? By the word of God alone!

If we use the Bible as our guide, we can determine truth; otherwise, it will be hard, even impossible, to determine what is truth instead of error. Continuing, we read:

None but those who have fortified the mind with the truths of the Bible will stand through the last great conflict. . . . Are our feet planted on the rock of God's immutable word? Are we prepared to stand firm in de-

fense of the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus? (Ibid., p. 593.2)

But God will have a people upon the earth to maintain the Bible, and the Bible only, as the standard of all doctrines and the basis of all reforms. . . . Before accepting any doctrine or precept, we should demand a plain "Thus saith the Lord" in its support. (Ibid., p. 595.1)

Is she clear? Is she clear that the Bible is to be our only standard and that we can understand what we believe, what Jesus taught us in Scripture, by a plain, thus saith the Lord? Or is the Bible confusing?

Does the testimony of Jesus say you will read and you will not understand? No! It says a plain, thus saith the Lord.

The way the Lord has led us

I am sure all of you are familiar with this, but in 1893 Sister White had some very important words to the General Conference that were published in the *General Conference Daily Bulletin*:

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 God has wrought, I am filled with astonishment and with confidence in Christ as 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. If we walk in the light as it shines upon us from the living oracles of God, we shall have large responsibilities, corresponding to the great light given us of God. We have many duties to perform, because we have been made the depositories of sacred truth to be given to the world in all its beauty and glory. (Ellen White, *General Conference Daily Bulletin*, January 29, 1893, par. 2; all emphasis supplied unless otherwise noted)

So, who has led us in our past? According to the testimony of Jesus Christ, he himself, the Lord, has led us. The contrapositive of this would be: If we forget the way Jesus has led us and his teachings in our past, then we will have much to fear for the future.

But when we remember the way Jesus has led us and how he has taught us, we will not be fearful of the future!

Brothers and sisters, a big storm is soon upon us. My wife, Cara, and I talk about this almost every day. We do not need to be fearful because Christ is leader.

Preaching contrary to established doctrines

In 1896 Ellen White wrote to the Battle Creek Church, which included many leaders in the denomination. After quoting Acts 5:19 about an angel releasing the apostles from wrong imprisonment, Ellen White noted:

We see here that the men in authority are not always to be obeyed, even though they may profess to be teachers of Bible doctrine. (Ellen White, PH154, p. 10.1)

Then speaking of leaders who are not fully willing to follow the truth, she writes:

They do not consider the possibility that they themselves have not rightly understood the word. They will not open their eyes to discern the fact that they have misinterpreted and misapplied the Scriptures, and have built up false theories, calling them fundamental doctrines of the faith. (Ibid.)

The prophetess said that even men in authority will not open their eyes to discern the fact that they have misinterpreted and misapplied the Scriptures and have built up false theories, calling them fundamental doctrines of the faith. She continues:

Even Seventh-day Adventists are in danger of closing their eyes to truth as it is in Jesus, because if contradicts something which they have taken for granted as truth, but which the Holy Spirit teaches is not truth. (Ibid., p. 11.2)

Does Ellen White warn us as a people that we are in danger of misstepping? She did not say, "Because you say that you're a son or daughter of Abraham, you will be saved." Did she write, "Because you say that you're a Seventh-day Adventist, you're going to be fine?" No, she did not! She says we have no right to meddle with the fundamental principles of our faith. Now was she talking in broad generalities, or was she thinking and specifically referring to something specific?

She was referring to the 1872 fundamental principles of our faith, also republished in 1889. She calls them our fundamental principles of our faith. That is what they were called in the publications, too. They were not referred to as Statements of Belief; they were called Fundamental Principles.

Never, never remove one landmark that the Lord has given.

In 1889, Sister White again wrote to the General Conference, and she had important words to say to them. Let us notice a few:

You must never, never seek to lift one pin, remove one landmark, that the Lord has given to his people as truth. (Ellen White, *General Conference Daily Bulletin*, February 20, 1899, par. 14)

There is to be no change in the features of our work. It is to stand as clear and distinct as prophecy has made it. We are to enter into no confederacy with the world, supposing that by so doing we could do more work. (Ibid., par. 15).

Inspiration declares that there is to be no change in the features of our work. It is to stand as clear and distinct as prophecy has made it. We are to enter into no confederacy with the world, supposing that by doing so we could do more work. And then she says again:

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. (Ibid., par. 16)

Sister White was extremely clear. Some sought to change what we believed, citing new and present truth. And she says we are to never, never lift one pin or remove one landmark. There is to be no change in the features of what makes us Seventh-day Adventists.

Letter to Kellogg: God calls upon us to hold firmly to the fundamental principles.

The name John Harvey Kellogg is very famous not only among Adventists but those of the world. Ellen White wrote many things to Dr. Kellogg. She loved Kellogg. She and James White helped him attend medical school, but when Kellogg began to change his theology and express it in the book, *The Living Temple*, she wrote several testimonies with specific instruction for God's people:

In regard to the book *Living Temple*, I have been instructed by the heavenly messenger that some of the reasoning in this book is untrue, and that this reasoning would lead astray the minds of those who are not thoroughly established on the foundation principles of present truth. It introduces that which is naught but speculation in regard to the personality of God and where His presence is. (Ellen White, *Letters and Manuscripts*, vol. 18, Letter 232, 1903, par. 39)

Let us recap the controversy. Dr. Kellogg said that God is in the flower, and Sister White said you are not clear. You are teaching falsehoods in regard to the personality of God and where his presence is. She continues:

For the last fifty years every phase of heresy has been brought to bear upon us, to tear down the foundation principles of our faith. 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 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. From the great system of truth as it has been presented by God's messengers, not a pin is to be removed. (Ibid., par. 42)

Would you call a pin the smallest part of the foundation? A pin or a screw or a nail? She says, "not a pin is to be removed." Then she immediately writes:

I am called upon by God to stand in defense of the truth that has been given us as we have followed the lead-

ing of Him who is the way, the truth, and the life. Let every pioneer in the work adhere firmly to this truth. The peculiarities of our faith are to be held fast with the grip of faith. (Ibid., par. 43)

So, who led Sister White and the pioneers, the founders of our movement? Who led them to these truths? What did she write? The one who is “the way, the truth, and the life.” It is Jesus Christ, himself, the Son of God. Jesus Christ, the righteous, the Messiah, is one who led the founders of our movement into the truths that we hold today in the fundamental principles.

She continues:

What influence but that of the deceiver could lead men at this stage of our history to work in an underhand, powerful way to tear down the foundations of our faith—the foundations which were laid at the beginning of our work by prayerful study of the Word and by revelation. Upon these foundations we have been building for the last fifty years. Shall a new foundation be built up by men to whom God has not granted the special experience He has granted to the men whom He ordained to establish the foundations of our faith? The men who are striving to build up this false foundation may suppose that they have found a new way, and that they can lay a stronger foundation than that which has been laid. But this is a great deception. Other foundation can no man lay than that which has been laid. (Ibid., par. 45)

But it is a great deception to try to change the foundation or build upon other material than that which has been given to us as a people. Other foundation can no man lay than that which has been laid. How many years did Sister White say they had been building upon this foundation? The past fifty years. And this letter, this letter to Kellogg, was written in 1903. In 1903, Sister White is saying, the truths given to us at the beginning are the same as the truths held at that time.

She continues:

If they accept the spiritualistic representations made in *Living Temple*, their feet will soon be treading in forbidden paths. These representations are the Alpha of doctrines that would lead far away from the truth as we have received it from the Word of God. (Ibid., par. 57)

Let not erroneous theories receive countenance from the people who ought to be standing firm on the platform of eternal truth. God calls upon us to hold firmly to the fundamental principles that are based upon unquestionable authority. (Ibid., par. 58)

Sister White says “unquestionable authority!” That means you should not, you have no right to, question the authority that the fundamental principles were based upon. Christ himself has laid these pillars, these foundation principles, the fundamental principles of our faith.

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A platform braced by solid timbers

Later that year, she wrote to the physicians and ministers of that day, those who knew Kellogg well, and she had a vivid and appropriate warning for them.

These words were spoken to me in the night season. The sentiments in “Living Temple” regarding the personality of God have been received even by men who have had a long experience in the truth. . . . That those whom we thought sound in the faith should have failed to discern the specious, deadly influence of this science of evil, should alarm us as nothing else has alarmed us. (Ellen White, *Special Testimonies*, Series B, no. 7, p. 37.2)

This is one of her most striking warnings. She says “specious, deadly influence of this science of evil” is creeping in, and it “should alarm us as nothing else has.”

This is the alpha of heresy, and she is direct.

It is something that can not be treated as a small matter that men who have had so much light, and such clear evidence as to the genuineness of the truth we hold, should become unsettled, and led to accept spiritualistic theories regarding the personality of God. (Ibid., p. 37.3)

Today, are there not many arguments for the spiritualistic meanings of scripture, especially in regard to whom God is? We see that today, especially of Christ.

During the past night, I have been shown more distinctly than ever before that these sentiments have been looked upon by some as the grand truths that are to be brought in and made prominent at the present time. I was shown a platform, braced by solid timbers, the truths of the word of God. Some one high in responsibility in the medical work was directing this man and that man to loosen the timbers supporting this platform. (Ibid., p. 38.1)

Have mercy, I say! She continues:

Then I heard a voice saying, “Where are the watchmen that ought to be standing on the walls of Zion? Are they asleep? How can they be silent? This foundation was built by the Master Worker, and will stand the storm and tempest. Will they permit this man to present doctrines that deny the past experience of the people of God? (Ibid.)

I was instructed to call upon our physicians and ministers to take a firm stand for the truth. . . . God has led us in the past, giving us truth, eternal truth. By this truth we are to stand. Some of the leaders in the medical work have been deceived, and if they continue to hold fanciful, spiritualistic ideas, they will make many believe that the platform upon which we have been standing for the past fifty years has been torn away. (Ibid., p. 38.2)

It feels like she is writing about events happening today in 2025. Spiritualistic ideas are tearing away at the foundation that was laid at the beginning of this work. She continues.

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. (Ibid., p. 39.3)

Who has authority to begin such a movement? . . . (Ibid., p. 40.1)

I think an exclamation mark could certainly have been put with the question mark. She continues:

. . . 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? (Ibid.)

Our counsel is to go back to the word of God for guidance. We are to seek for a “thus saith the Lord.”

Sister White, going back just a couple paragraphs, wrote that a seemingly “great reformation” would take place. Dare I ask have new truths to come in? New truths that would be different than were handed to Sister White and the pioneers? Doctrines in giving up the pillars, a process of reorganization? Does it feel like today that, at least, some of the truths, if not many, are being discarded? To careful students it cer-

tainly does! But it should, for she said our religion would be changed. These are great warnings.

She writes of the work being counted as error, new books being written, the Sabbath being lightly regarded, as well as the God who created it. Sister White was clear, and she gave a clear warning.

She had a warning for people in 1903 and then in 1906 when this was published, but she also has a warning for us today in 2025.

Stand firm on the platform of eternal truth and meet it.

He who declared that His truth would shine forever will proclaim this truth through faithful messengers, who will give the trumpet a certain sound. The truth will be criticized, scorned, and derided; but the closer it is examined and tested, the brighter it will shine. (White, *Special Testimonies*, Series B, no. 2, p. 51.1)

What type of messengers does she write about? “Faithful messengers who will give the trumpet a certain sound.” How sad that “the truth will be criticized.” And she did not say it might be criticized but would be criticized, but even more the truth will be “scorned and derided.”

But the closer truth is examined and tested, the brighter it will shine. Brothers and sisters, we need to ask our fellow brothers and sisters to examine the truths as they are in the Bible, to go to the word of God because they will shine. The closer the truth is examined in Scripture, the brighter it will shine. She continues:

As a people, we are to stand firm on the platform of eternal truth that has withstood test and trial. We are to hold to the sure pillars of our faith. The principles of truth that God has revealed to us are our only true foundation. They have made us what we are. The lapse of time has not lessened their value. It is the constant effort of the enemy to remove these truths from their setting, and to put in their place spurious theories. (Ibid., p. 51.2)

Sister White is clear; the attack is upon us even now.

The track of truth lies close beside the track of error, and both tracks may seem to be one to minds which are not worked by the Holy Spirit, and which, therefore, are not quick to discern the difference between truth and error. (Ibid., p. 52.2)

One night a scene was clearly presented before me. A vessel was upon the waters, in a heavy fog. Suddenly the lookout cried, “Iceberg just ahead!” There, towering high above the ship, was a gigantic iceberg. An authoritative voice cried out, “Meet it!” There was not a moment’s hesitation. It was a time for instant action. The radar shows rain coming in, but not to stay for very long. The engineer put on full steam, and the man at the wheel steered the

ship straight into the iceberg. With a crash she struck the ice. There was a fearful shock, and the iceberg broke into many pieces, falling with a noise like thunder to the deck. The passengers were violently shaken by the force of the collision, but no lives were lost. The vessel was injured, but not beyond repair. She rebounded from the contact, trembling from stem to stern, like a living creature. Then she moved forward on her way. (Ibid., p. 55.3)

Well I knew the meaning of this representation. I had my orders. I had heard the words, like a voice from our Captain, "Meet it!" (Ibid., p. 56.1)

That night I was up at one o'clock, writing as fast as my hand could pass over the paper. For the next few days I worked early and late, preparing for our people the instruction given me regarding the errors that were coming in among us. (Ibid., p. 56.2)

Did she say "error"? She said "errors . . . coming in among us."

I have been hoping that there would be a thorough reformation, and that 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. (Ibid., p. 56.3)

She is not arguing for a reorganization of our faith. She wants a reformation back into the principle points of our faith. Then she goes on to say:

Many of our people do not realize how firmly the foundation of our faith has been laid. My husband, Elder Joseph Bates, Father Pierce, Elder Edson, and others who were keen, noble, and true, were among those who, after the passing of the time in 1844, searched for the truth as for hidden treasure. I met with them, and we studied and prayed earnestly. Often we remained together until late at night, and sometimes through the entire night, praying for light and studying the word. Again and again these brethren came together to study the Bible, in order that they might know its meaning, and be prepared to teach it with power. When they came to the point in their study where they said, "We can do nothing more," the Spirit of the Lord would come upon me, I would be taken off in vision, and a clear explanation of the passages we had been studying would be given me, with instruction as to how we were to labor and teach effectively. 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. (Ibid., p. 56.4)

Did Sister White say she was given only a little instruction and at some time later she would be given more or new light? Not at all. She said, we as a people, the pioneers, she specifically says, her husband James White, Joseph Bates, Father Pearson, Elder Edson were given light extending to

the city of God. These pioneers had direct light given to them.

Did Sister White said it was given for only them and not for later? No, she specifically says from her time after the passing of 1844, until when we shall enter the city of God. That is at least until the second coming. She is very clear, and here is why what was revealed is so important.

During this whole time I could not understand the reasoning of the brethren. My mind was locked, as it were, and I could not comprehend the meaning of the scriptures we were studying. This was one of the greatest sorrows of my life. . . . (Ibid., p. 57.1)

When you have a sorrow in your life, have no fear. God has a purpose. Sister White had great sorrow. She could not understand the Bible, and yet God had a reason and a purpose for the edification of his church. Brothers and sisters, have no fear, for Jesus is our Captain at the command. She continues:

I was in this condition of mind until all the principal points of our faith were made clear to our minds, in harmony with the word of God. The brethren knew that when not in vision, I could not understand these matters, and they accepted as light direct from heaven the revelations given. (Ibid.)

For two or three years my mind continued to be locked to an understanding of the Scriptures. In the course of our labors, my husband and I visited Father Andrews, who was suffering intensely with inflammatory rheumatism. We prayed for him. I laid my hands on his head, and said, "Father Andrews, the Lord Jesus maketh thee whole." He was healed instantly. He got up, and walked about the room, praising God, and saying, "I never saw it on this wise before. Angels of God are in this room." The glory of the Lord was revealed. Light seemed to shine all through the house, and an angel's hand was laid upon my head. From that time to this I have been able to understand the word of God. (Ibid., p. 57.2)

What influence is it that would lead men at this stage of our history to work in an underhanded, powerful way to tear down the foundation of our faith,—the foundation that was laid at the beginning of our work by prayerful study of the word and by revelation? Upon this foundation we have been building for the past fifty years. Do you wonder that when I see the beginning of a work that would remove some of the pillars of our faith, I have something to say? I must obey the command, "Meet it!" (Ibid., p. 58.1)

During the time Sister White's mind was locked, the brethren were led by the Holy Spirit to find the present truth vital for the last days. Later after her mind was unlocked, she, too, could understand, and God presented in vision, the truths to reaffirm them. Thus, they would understand di-

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rectly what Jesus wanted them to preach and be able to preach it with power. And she concludes in this publication:

We are God's commandment-keeping people. For the past fifty years every phase of heresy has been brought to bear upon us, to becloud our minds regarding the teaching of the word,—especially concerning the ministration of Christ in the heavenly sanctuary, and the message of heaven for these last days, as given by the angels of the fourteenth chapter of Revelation. 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 way-marks 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.* (Ibid., p. 59.1)

God calls us to hold firmly to the fundamental principles that are based upon unquestionable authority! Again and again, the testimony of Jesus tells God's people that we have principles of faith given by unquestionable authority in the first fifty years of the movement and that these principles are not to be moved, not even a pin.

Let that which these men have written in the past be reproduced.

With confidence in the guidance of the Holy Spirit among the leading men in the first part of the movement, Ellen White could write:

We are to repeat the words of the pioneers in our work, who knew what it cost to search for the truth as for hidden treasure, and who labored to lay the foundation of our work. They moved forward step by step under the influence of the Spirit of God. One by one these pioneers are passing away. The word given me is, Let that which these men have written in the past be reproduced. (Ellen White, *The Review and Herald*, May 25, 1905, par. 21)

She highlights clearly that these men's writings should be reproduced so that we may know the truth. She continues:

Let the truths that are the foundation of our faith be kept before the people. Some will depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of devils. (Ibid., par. 23)

We are now to understand what the pillars of our faith are,—the truths that have made us as a people what we are, leading us on step by step. (Ibid.)

She says, we are a people called Seventh-day Adventist because of these principles.

So, what I infer is when someone does not hold to these principles, they have left the name Seventh-day Adventist.

She continues,

In the future, deception of every kind is to arise, and we want solid ground for our feet. We want solid pillars for the building. Not one pin is to be removed from that which the Lord has established. The enemy will bring in false theories, such as the doctrine that there is no sanctuary. This is one of the points on which there will be a departing from the faith. Where shall we find safety unless it be in the truths that the Lord has been giving for the last fifty years? (Ibid., par. 28)

She specifically calls out that those would leave the faith because they would give up the message of the sanctuary. And we have seen that happen.

The past fifty years have not dimmed one jot or principle of our faith.

Ellen White was not sent to Baptists or Pentecostals or any other denomination, but she was given warning and instruction to Seventh-day Adventists.

Returning to "Testimonies for the Church Containing Messages of Warning and Instruction to Seventh-day Adventists," we read:

One thing it is certain is soon to be realized,—the great apostasy, which is developing and increasing and waxing stronger, and will continue to do so until the Lord shall descend from heaven with a shout. We are to hold fast the first principles of our denominational faith, and go forward from strength to increased faith. 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. We need now larger breadth, and deeper, more earnest, unwavering faith in the leadings of the Holy Spirit. If we needed the manifest proof of the Holy Spirit's power to confirm truth in the beginning, after the passing of the time, we need today all the evidence in the confirmation of the truth, when souls are departing from the faith and giving heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of devils. There must not be any languishing of soul now. (White, *Special Testimonies*, Series B, no. 2, p. 57.1)

The past fifty years have not dimmed one jot or principle of our faith as we received the great and wonderful evidences that were made certain to us in 1844, after the passing of the time. . . . Not a word is changed or denied. That which the Holy Spirit testified to as truth after the passing of the time, in our great disappointment, is the

solid foundation of truth. Pillars of truth were revealed, and we accepted the foundation principles that have made us what we are—Seventh-day Adventists, keeping the commandments of God and having the faith of Jesus. (Ibid., p. 57.2)

A renewal of the straight testimony and the word of God our safeguard

Ellen White wrote so much about the truth God has given to us, and we could give many more similar references, but we will just have one more quote from *Gospel Workers*, the 1915 edition, as we conclude:

The Lord calls for a renewal of the straight testimony borne in years past. He calls for a renewal of spiritual life. The spiritual energies of His people have long been torpid, but there is to be a resurrection from apparent death. By prayer and confession of sin we must clear the King's highway. As we do this, the power of the Spirit will come to us. We need the pentecostal energy. This will come; for the Lord has promised to send His Spirit as the all-conquering power. (Ellen White, *Gospel Workers*, p. 307.4, 1915 ed.)

Perilous times are before us. Every one who has a knowledge of the truth should awake, and place himself, body, soul, and spirit, under the discipline of God. The enemy is on our track. We must be wide awake, on our guard against him. We must put on the whole armor of God. We must follow the directions given through the Spirit of prophecy. We must love and obey the truth for this time. This will save us from accepting strong delusions. (Ibid., 308.1)

Let not erroneous theories receive countenance from the people who ought to be standing firm on the platform of eternal truth. God calls upon us to hold firmly to the fundamental principles that are based upon unquestionable authority. (Ibid., p. 308.2)

Our watchword is to be, "To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them." [Isaiah 8:20.] We have a Bible full of the most precious truth. It contains the alpha and the omega of knowledge. (Ibid., p. 309.1)

Christ calls upon His people to believe and practice His word. (Ibid., p. 309.2)

Christ is calling for us to both "believe and practice His word." This we are to preach!

Just recently, I had a brother in the faith say to me that I am not a Seventh-day Adventist, and I must repent.

By God's grace I responded with Christ's love and asked, "Can we keep talking and praying and cling to Jesus?" God honored his word, "A soft answer turneth away wrath" (Proverbs 15:1), and I saw harsh words soften.

Beloved, Sister White tells us that former brethren will be the foremost persecutors of the faithful people of God (*The Great Controversy*, page 608.2). We must, we must cling to Jesus and ask that he abide in us and us in him that we can act just like Jesus even to the ones who will turn us over to authorities, to those who call for our death, for those who seek to persecute us day and night.

That time is coming soon. While we do not know the day nor hour, we know by the signs of the times it is very near, even at the door.

Let us "hold firmly, with the grip of faith, to the fundamental principles that are based upon unquestionable authority." Let us tell to all who will listen, look to the word of God! Seek "a plain thus saith the Lord."

Bow your heads with me.

Loving Father in heaven, we come humbly before you, not because there is anything good in us, but because we claim the righteous blood of your dear son who gave his life that we may live.

Father, forgive us. Help us to repent of anything and everything that we do wrong, for we desire to be clean in your sight.

We desire to have the perfect robe of Jesus' righteousness by his faithfulness. Help us to surrender all and like your dear Son, to say, not my will, but thy will be done.

And help us as a people founded upon the fundamental principles to give your three angels' messages to help the world and especially brethren who call themselves Seventh-day Adventists, help us to come alongside them in love, in truth, that they may see your dear Son as who he is, the Son of God.

Please help us step-by-step. We ask this by the name of Christ, Amen.

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Kevin, Ariel, Cassie, and Cara Attride of Ohio

Fundamental Principles — A Foundation

By Allen Stump

The Bible speaks with great care and reverence for the name of God. The Bible speaks of God's holy name twenty times in texts such as:

Bless the LORD, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless his holy name. (Psalm 103:1)

Glory ye in his holy name: let the heart of them rejoice that seek the LORD. (Psalm 105:3)

My mouth shall speak the praise of the LORD: and let all flesh bless his holy name for ever and ever. (Psalm 145:21)

We also know that God's name is related to his character as seen in Exodus 34:5–7. Yet in the 138th Psalm, we have a remarkable statement:

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 138:2)

As glorious as God's name and worthy of praise, his word is magnified even above his name! We cannot overestimate the value and greatness of his word. We should never open the word of God without trembling and prayer. Never should we minimize the Bible or what the word of God says. As the poem says:

What says the Bible, the blessed Bible
this my only question be,
The teachings of men do so often mislead me,
what says the book of God to me?

Now let us think for a minute. What is the difference between the various church denominations? It is not the food they serve at fellowship meals. It is not the architectural style of their buildings. It is their beliefs, the doctrines to hold and teach! Doctrines form the spiritual skeleton upon which each church bases its experience.

What do the Catholics and the Protestants hold together in unity today? They all have teachings that are not grounded in the Bible and the Bible alone! Tradition, or the teachings of the so-called Church Fathers, takes the place of the Bible. While the Jehovah's Witnesses claim to use just the Bible, the reality is that they have made changes in their Bible from the original text, and no person may teach any doctrine that is not first declared truth by the Watchtower Society. The Mormons have the *Book of Mormon*, *Doctrine and Covenants*, and *Pearl of Great Price* that they claim are equally or even more inspired than the Bible. None of these so-called Christian groups rely on the Bible alone for their doctrines and lifestyle choices.

Despite the prophetic gift of Ellen G. White in the Seventh-day Adventist Church, at one time Adventists were known as "The People of the Book." We were people who studied and knew the word of God. We took seriously the statement of Ellen White who wrote:

But God will have a people upon the earth to maintain the Bible, and the Bible only, as the standard of all doctrines and the basis of all reforms. The opinions of learned men, the deductions of science, the creeds or decisions of ecclesiastical councils, as numerous and discordant as are the churches which they represent, the voice of the majority,—not one or all of these should be regarded as evidence for or against any point of religious faith. Before accepting any doctrine or precept, we should demand a plain "Thus saith the Lord" in its support. (Ellen White, *The Spirit of Prophecy*, vol. 4, p. 413.2)

God will have a people who will value and depend upon the Bible over tradition, the sacred text over theologians' opinions, the scriptures over creeds and statements of belief.

David asks the question, "If the foundations be destroyed, what can the righteous do" (Psalm 11:3)? The implied answer is that there will be nothing they can do. The Bible gives the foundational teachings of Christianity.

In the book of Revelation, we read about how God's people are attacked by Satan, the times of the Dark Ages are predicted, and, finally, a remnant left:

And when the dragon saw that he was cast unto the earth, he persecuted the woman which brought forth the man child. 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. 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. 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. 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 12:13–17)

The remnant people living during the time of the investigative judgment have the 1844 experience prophesied in Revelation:

But in the days of the voice of the seventh angel, when he shall begin to sound, the mystery of God should be

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The Revelation of Christ: 2025 Camp Meeting Philippines

By Krysyll Balasabas

A camp meeting with the theme “The Revelation of Christ: A Message to His Church” was held May 13–17 on the quiet and beautiful mountain of Sitio Lip-o, Barangay Imelda, Guihulngan City, Negros Oriental, Philippines, where the Waldensian Center (WC) is located. The event opened with a message on the importance of holy convocations and closed with the blessings of God.

Pastor David Sims and Pastor Daniel Mesa led a verse-by-verse study of the book of Revelation, emphasizing its important truths for our time. They encouraged attendees to study the prophecies themselves. Participants from all over the Philippines, along with WC trainees from Kenya, Serbia, and other mountain brethren, attended the convocation.

It is noteworthy how the enemy of our souls attempted to hinder some from attending—flights were delayed, rerouted, canceled, and painful injuries were sustained. But God’s providence prevailed. Despite early monsoon rains, mud, and slippery ground, the attendees endured the conditions, leaving the protection of their temporary tents and warmer accommodations to hike up and crowd into the small church where the meetings were held.

As the week closed, testimonies poured in like a flood, with not enough time to convey their joy and heartfelt gratitude to the Almighty. One notable testimony recounted



Daniel Mesa listening

Here are the testimonies of some of the attendees:

“I was so blessed by God at the last camp meeting, and I am very grateful to have met all the brothers and sisters, my new family in Christ. I am very happy and thankful to God for being baptized into this genuine, pure, and heavenly

God’s protection during a life-and-death situation while traveling to the camp meeting. After the meetings, five souls were baptized and decided to start a new life with Christ.

We hope you will join us for the next camp meeting, which, Lord willing, will be held again in the same location from May 12–16 next year.

doctrine. I learned the doctrines of the Bible, as well as lessons from the writings of Ellen G. White. I came to understand that in order to glorify God, we must dress, eat, drink, and live according to His divine will. Above all, I gained a deeper understanding of the issue of the true Sabbath from our pastors and fellow brethren. After my baptism, I felt refreshed and reborn because the Spirit of God is working in me now, lightening my load and guiding my ways. It was a great and unforgettable experience. I encourage everyone to remain unwavering in serving the Lord despite difficulties. God bless everyone.” (Mary Concha, Bohol)

“It was my first time attending a camp meeting without sports or any worldly activities. This helped me learn and challenged me to study more about Daniel and Revelation. It was a great privilege to learn more about God and Jesus, and the work of ministering angels for the salvation of men. I learned many things each day, and my heart was filled with thankfulness for God’s goodness in allowing me to meet His faithful people. It inspired me to grow more in faith. I can honestly say this was the first time in my life I truly experienced what a camp meeting is meant to be, and I’m praising God for that.” (Ai Jo Ambagan, Sipalay)

“It was my first time attending a camp meeting, and I encountered many unfamiliar faces. But, united in Christ’s love, we were drawn together with brotherly love. Everything was uplifting: the warmth of fellowship, the solemn messages from the speakers, and the breathtaking beauty and serenity of nature. I could feel the presence of God, which led me to meditate on His goodness. The food was simple but satisfying. This experience brought me closer to God, and I am already looking forward to next year’s camp meeting. God bless us all!” (Cleo Lacap, General Santos City)

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Some of the young adults attending the camp

2025 Philippine



Pastor Sims preaching on Revelation



Fifty-eight of those



The meal line



Congregation listening with Sister Krysyll translating



The new and much improved kitchen area

's Camp Meeting



attending the camp



Baptismal class



Baptism



Pastor David with some attendees



Pastor Daniel in the middle with some workers

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The highlight of the camp was Sabbath afternoon when three precious souls demonstrated that they had surrendered their hearts to Christ in baptism.

We had hoped to have a few evenings of campfires and songs but the weather only really allowed one such evening, but that one was delightful.

Special thanks to Paul and Cheryl for all the efforts that they and others from the local area put forth in helping to prepare food and places of accommodation for those attending the camp.



A camp meeting with the theme, *Looking unto Jesus*, was held at the home of Paul and Cheryl Goodwill, nestled under the Seven Sisters Mountains of British Columbia, May 22–25.

The main speakers were Rob Chisum, Ingo Sorke, and Allen Stump, with Sheri Stump providing messages on the right arm of the gospel. Brother Lucas Lenartowicz also gave a nice science demonstration. There were several special musical selections as well.

Brother Lenartowicz graciously spent the time and effort to record the messages, and they can be viewed at the fol-

Early birds waiting on the meeting



Brook ready for baptism



Allen Stump



Sheri Stump



Rob Chisum



Ingo Sorke



Evening campfire



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finished, as he hath declared to his servants the prophets. 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. 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. 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. And he said unto me, Thou must prophesy again before many peoples, and nations, and tongues, and kings. (Revelation 10:7–11)

The “little book” John was told to eat represented the book of Daniel. As the Millerites looked forward to October 22, 1844, their experience was as sweet as honey to the mouth, but after Jesus did not come in 1844, the experience turned from the sweetest of their lives to the most bitterest of experiences they had ever had. This was to happen under the sounding of “the voice of the seventh angel,” and “when he shall begin to sound, the mystery of God should be finished.” That mystery of God is the giving of the gospel.

Even the mystery which hath been hid from ages and from generations, but now is made manifest to his saints: 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: (Colossians 1:26–27)

To the people who had eaten the little book would be entrusted the final giving of the gospel, for only they would be able to grasp the full meaning of the sanctuary truth and what was transpiring in heaven at that very time. Only they would be able to understand and give the three angels’ messages of Revelation 14:6–12.

The first angel’s message: “And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people, Saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come: and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters” (Revelation 14:6–7). Here we have the everlasting gospel connected and intertwined with the message of the judgment or sanctuary and reform in the keeping of all the commandments of God.

The second angel’s message: “And there followed another angel, saying, Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city, because she made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication” (Revelation 14:8). This special remnant people would understand the difference between true biblical Christianity and the false professed churches that failed to make the Bible their sole rule of faith and are ranked with Babylon.

The third angel’s message: “And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark in his forehead, or in his hand, The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb: And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever: and they have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name. Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus” (Revelation 14:9–12). This remnant people would not only understand who Babylon is and why it is Babylon, but they would also have the warning needed to alert people to the true causes of why the churches had become Babylon.

If you have not read the lead article in this month’s paper yet, please do so now. It gives detailed evidence that God raised the Advent movement up through the pioneers and that which they taught was not error! They had a message from God which was prophesied by God. “Thou *must* [Greek: emphatic, active, indicative] prophesy again before many peoples, and nations, and tongues, and kings” (Revelation 10:11).

This is what God tells us about his movement, which was begun in truth and righteousness. God will have a people who understand the past and current events and know the place in the stream of time in which they live.

This is what the mainline church’s position today concerning the beliefs of those prophesied by God is. One well-known theologian and book writer called them “theological crackpots.”

However, the testimony of Jesus gives a different view, a view which agrees with Revelation 10 and 11. We are told:

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. (Ellen White, *Early Writings*, p. xxii.4)

The following statements point out the Divine help that was given in the establishing of “the faith”:

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

This foundation was built by the Master Worker, and will stand storm and tempest. (Ibid., p. 204)

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? (Ibid., p. 205)

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. (Ibid., p. 206)

The truths, the pillars of our faith, especially the truths of “the scriptures in regard to Christ, His mission, and His priesthood were revealed” to the people of God from the Bible. These are truths that are not to be compromised, and any attempt to do so must be repudiated. The importance of not moving such pillars is noted by the wise man who wrote:

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

When Israel entered the Promised Land, each tribe was given a specific area they were to occupy, and they were not to change these boundaries. As the remnant people are to enter the true promised land, God has given to his people what are described as pillars of our faith and landmarks, and they are not to be moved!

Those who seek to remove the old landmarks are not holding fast; they are not remembering how they have received and heard. (Ellen White, *Letter and Manuscripts*, vol. 20, Ms 62, 1905, par. 14)

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 (White, *Selected Messages*, bk. 1, p. 208; 1904).

The waymarks, such as the truth about God, the sanctuary, and other pillars of the faith “are to be preserved, and they will be preserved, as God has signified through His Word and the testimony of His Spirit.” Further, we have been told:

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. (Ellen White, *The Paulson Collection of Ellen G. White Letters*, p. 257; To Elder Butler, June 23, 1905; all emphasis is supplied unless otherwise noted)

The truths of the first fifty years, the founding time of the movement, are solid and not to be moved. Some try to advocate that the pioneers were “theological crackpots” and what they considered fundamental truths needed to be changed. But as Jerry Moon noted, either the pioneers were right or the new movement is right, but both cannot be right, for they have diametrically opposed teachings.¹

Ellen White repeatedly warned the people of God to not vary from the faith given by the Spirit of God:

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. (Ellen White, *The Upward Look*, p. 352.2; December 4, 1905)

And it was not just during the time of the Kellogg crisis around the turn of the 20th century that Ellen White warned the church. In 1870, just seven years after the Seventh-day Adventist Church was founded, she would write:

We have no doubt, neither have we had a doubt for years, that *the doctrines we hold today* [1870] *are present truth*, and that we are nearing the judgment. (Ellen White, *Testimonies for the Church*, vol. 2, p. 355.1)

Almost twenty years later, she would also note:

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. (Ibid., vol. 4, p. 595.4; 1881)

Beloved, today there are winds of doctrine blowing and swirling around the remnant with hurricane speed. Jeremiah writes, “And the prophets shall become wind, and the word is not in them: thus shall it be done unto them” (Jeremiah 5:13). Paul, picking up on this language, notes part of the reason spiritual gifts were given is so that the people of God be not deceived by winds of doctrine.

And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: 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: 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; But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ: (Ephesians 4:11–15)

If the Bible is accurate and the testimonies are reliable, we can conclude that God has established a people based on

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truth. If this truth spans from approximately 1844 until the advent of Jesus, there is no need to replace the foundational truths that our pioneers recognized as present truths. However, contemporary doctrines which the Bible calls winds of doctrine, challenge the truths presented by our pioneers.

What should we do? Accept the teachings of those who wish to “new model” the cause?²

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. 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.

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. (White, *Selected Messages*, bk. 1, p. 161.1, 2)

Beloved, God has given us a foundation for our faith and we are not to “receive the words of those who come with a message that contradicts the special points of our faith.” The Bible and the Testimonies both speak about pillars of faith. Proverbs 9:1 says, “Wisdom hath builded her house, she hath hewn out her seven pillars.”

As I have studied the Testimonies, I have found seven pillars of the faith vital to the remnant people of God. It is true that many overlap but certainly no truth of the Bible is an isolated truth standing apart from other truths. Those seven pillars are given in the following statements:

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. (Ellen White, *The Great Controversy*, p. 409.1)

The only safety now is to search for the truth as revealed in the word of God, as for hid treasure. The subjects of **the Sabbath, the nature of man, and the testimony of Jesus** are the great and important truths to be understood; these will prove as an **anchor to hold God’s people** in these perilous times. But the mass of mankind despise the truths of God’s word and prefer fables. 2 Thessalonians 2:10, 11: “Because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie.” (Ellen White, *Testimonies for the Church*, vol. 1, p. 300.1)

The passing of the time in 1844 was a period of great events, opening to our astonished eyes the cleansing of the sanctuary transpiring in heaven, and having decided relation to God’s people upon the earth, [also] **the first and second angels’ messages and the third**, unfurling the banner on which was inscribed, “**The commandments of God and the faith of Jesus.**” One of the landmarks under this message was **the temple of God**, seen by His truth-loving people in heaven, and the ark containing the law of God. The light of the **Sabbath of the fourth commandment flashed its strong rays in the pathway of the transgressors of God’s law. The nonimmortality** of the wicked is an old landmark. (Ellen White, *Counsels to Writers and Editors*, p. 30.2, 1889)

Ellen White then wrote that she could not “call to mind” anything else at that time, in 1889, as an old landmark, but that did not mean there were not others, but that was all that came to her mind at the time of the writing. We can be sure of this because of what she wrote in 1905 during the Kellogg crisis which especially dealt with the personality of God.

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. (Ellen White, *Letters and Manuscripts*, vol. 20, MS 62, par. 14. See also *Ye Shall Receive Power*, page 235.4,)

To recap, we have the following list:

- **The Law and the Sabbath** (Ellen White, *Counsels to Writers and Editors*, page 30.2)
- **The Personalities of God and of Christ** (*Ye Shall Receive Power*, page 235.4)

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- **The Faith of Jesus** (White, *Counsels to Writers and Editors*, page 30.2)

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2. See *The Great Controversy*, p. 385.1.

Health Matters

By Sheri Stump

For the Development of Godly Character

I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. (Romans 12:1)

A healthy lifestyle has beneficial effects on much more than the physical body. It also has positive effects on our spiritual state, as well as our mind, attitude, and mood. Our lifestyles, to a degree, reveal who we are and who we serve. Being physically healthy alone is not the goal of good health habits. The development of our characters is also involved.

A healthy lifestyle is a discipline of making good choices which will develop good character. Each new day you face multiple choices. All of these choices will determine what your physical and spiritual health will be tomorrow, next month, and next year. Are you obeying biblical instruction? God created human beings with free will. God did not make us automatons. We can choose to indulge our physical and emotional appetites; or we can choose to obey the physical, emotional, and spiritual laws that God, our Creator, reveals in the Bible. God in his wisdom gave humans freedom of choice in every area of their lives, and that discipline, which we exercise in choosing to follow biblical instruction, develops good character.

It is well known that the standard American diet (SAD), which is now commonly practiced in almost every *advanced* country, is not healthy, but health is not only about what food we consume. Besides nutrition, a healthy lifestyle includes exercise, the use of water both inside and outside, getting regular sunlight, proper sleep, breathing pure air, temperance (using judiciously that which is good and avoiding that which is harmful), and trust in the divine. These are all very important for our health, and used together promote healthy spiritual, emotional and mental health.

God has given us clear instruction in regard to our health. He also has given us the freedom to choose whether we will obey his health laws or indulge our appetites with unhealthy foods and unhealthy lifestyle choices.

Today's typical lifestyle weakens the life forces. One of the ways many are negatively influenced today is through excessive use of electronic devices, even to the point of being addicted to their use. Many, especially the youth, spend time on social media platforms and neglect the study of the word of God. Valuable time is wasted feeding the soul with worldly, mind-dulling entertainment which is indoctrinating society toward worldly beliefs and practices. The choice is ours. Speaking about freedom of choice, Ellen White wrote the following:

... Man was created a free moral agent. Like the inhabitants of all other worlds, he must be subjected to the test of obedience; but he is never brought into such a position that yielding to evil becomes a matter of necessity. No temptation or trial is permitted to come to him which he is unable to resist. God made such ample provision that man need never have been defeated in the conflict with Satan.—(Ellen White, *Patriarchs and Prophets*, pp. 331, 332; 1890)

When our omniscient God created man, he could see the future and knew what our world would look like. He is not surprised at the contamination, pollution, and degradation we deal with in the year 2025. In his vast wisdom, he knew that the same health laws that benefited Adam and Eve in the garden would benefit us today. He also knew how difficult it would be for us to practice a healthy lifestyle in the world we live in, and, yet, by his empowering grace it is possible!

What a contrast we see in just a few generations ago, when people mostly lived off-grid on farms in the country. No electrical lines were strung throughout the country to supply electricity to each home. The homes then were not filled with appliances that required electricity. They prepared their food on cook stoves, which burned wood, they heated their homes with wood burners, and they generally drew water from streams. No electrical magnetic frequencies filled their homes from Bluetooth, Wi-Fi, smart meters, or power grids. They did not have cell phones that needed to be charged, nor did they have cell phone towers. How different our lives are today. And yet, God saw all that we would deal with in the last days of this earth's history and provided us with powerful counsel that, when heeded, will provide the obedient follower with physical, mental, emotional and spiritual health.

In a letter to Brother and Sister John Wessels, "Sunnyside," Cooranbong, New South Wales, Australia, on May 1, 1899, Sister Ellen White wrote:

God's healing power runs all through nature. If a human being cuts his flesh or breaks a bone, nature at once begins to heal the injury, and thus preserve the man's life. But man can place himself in a position where nature is trammled so that she cannot do her work.... If tobacco is used, ... the healing power of nature is weakened to a greater or less extent.... When intoxicating liquor is used, the system is not able to resist disease in its original God-given power as a healer. It is God who has made the provision that nature shall work to restore the exhausted powers. The power is of God. He is the Great Healer. (God's healing power runs all through nature. If a human being cuts his flesh or breaks a bone, nature at once begins to heal the injury, and thus preserve the man's life. But man can place himself in a position where nature is trammled so that she cannot do her work.... If tobacco is used, ... the healing power of nature is weakened to a greater or less extent.... When intoxicating liquor is used,

the system is not able to resist disease in its original God-given power as a healer. It is God who has made the provision that nature shall work to restore the exhausted powers. The power is of God. He is the Great Healer.— Letter 77, 1899 (Ellen White, *Medical Ministry*, p. 11.6; ellipses in original)

Yes, God is the great healer; however, we make choices that affect our health and place us in obedience or disobedience to God's laws of health. If we disobey the laws of health what is the result?

Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin. (James 4:17)

God will not be mocked. When we understand the choices needed for good health and chose not to follow them, illness should be expected. We need to carefully consider our lifestyles and choose to practice good health principles everyday. Inspiration tells us:

To those who desire prayer for their restoration to health, it should be made plain that the violation of God's law, either natural or spiritual, is sin, and that in order for them to receive His blessing, sin must be confessed and forsaken. (Ellen White, *Ministry of Healing*, p. 228.1)

A complementary statement helps to clarify this thought:

... there are many who make themselves sick by intemperate eating or by indulging in other wrong habits. When they get sick, shall we pray for them to be raised up, that they may carry on the very same work again? There must be a reformation throughout our ranks; the people must *reach a higher standard before we can expect the power of God to be manifested in a marked manner for the healing of the sick.* . . . (White, *Medical Missionary*, p. 15.4, emphasis supplied)

We see here that intemperate eating and indulging in wrong habits may disqualify the sick person from the benefits of prayer for their healing.

This quote from the book *Education* has had a powerful impact on my life;

The greatest want of the world is the want of men, men who will not be bought or sold, Men who in their inmost souls are pure and honest, men who do not fear to call sin by its right name. Men whose conscience is as true to duty as the needle to the pole, men who will stand for the right though the heavens fall. But such character is not the result of accident; It is not due to special favors or endowments of providence. A noble character is the result of self discipline, of the subjection of the lower to the higher nature, the surrender of self for the service of love to God and man. (Ellen White, *Education*, p. 52)

This is a solemn quote. When considered, we see that compromise is not an option for the sincere Christian. Many pray for strength and courage to stand in the end times but

do not realize we are being tested now to reveal the metal of which our characters are made. Each day we can strengthen our characters by making good choices so that we represent biblical standards to others. If we compromise and excuse ourselves in the little choices, will we be able to stand for the right though the heavens fall? Are we afraid to call sin by its right name? Disobedience to what we know is truth is a sin. Are we true to duty? Are we taking care of the physical body God gave us?

Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are. (1 Corinthians 3:16, 17)

Let us consider the subjection of the lower (fleshly) to the higher (spiritual) nature. To subject the lower nature to the higher nature is our choice. It doesn't happen naturally. This is a daily battle with our selfish desires. Are we daily making the simple choices that will result in courage to stand for the right, though the heavens fall, when the time of persecution comes? If we compromise and make allowances to indulge our fleshly appetites today, both in food consumption and in lifestyle choices, we will choose to take the easy path when the final test comes! Have you considered what you will do when you are required to take a stand against the ungodly wishes of your families? For some this will be a huge test!

He that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy of me: and he that loveth son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. And he that taketh not his cross, and followeth after me, is not worthy of me. (Matthew 10:37-38)

Will we be able to stand against the powers of darkness when the price of our obedience to God's holy word is death?

One young father who was studying the health message from the Bible and who had accepted the clean and unclean meat teaching told me: "I will eat only clean meat but if a time comes when pork is the only thing available or my family will starve, we will eat pork."

This man's commitment to follow God's instructions is limited to convenience. If the family would be required to endure hunger to uphold God's standards, then he and his family will not stand for what is right. They will eat what God says is an abomination.

Using the same logic, this man will never stand for the Sabbath when obedience to the fourth commandment means he can no longer even buy unclean food! If they will not stand for the right and honor God if hunger is required, they will certainly not honor God and his standards if the consequence is death.

These smaller decisions that face us day-by-day are either strengthening our characters so that we will be overcomers in the last days or are weakening our characters, by in-

dulging our selfish desires, which will result in choosing the easy way that leads to destruction. Today is the day to choose.

And if it seem evil unto you to serve the Lord, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord. (Joshua 24:15)

We are to choose to follow God, and in this we are also representing him and his character to the world.

Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God. (2 Corinthians 5:20)

We are called to be God's ambassadors, to represent his standards and biblical lifestyles to the world. We must stand strong against the general flow of society today. We must be in the narrow way, contrary to the majority who are walking on the easy, wide path that leads to destruction.

Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it. (Matthew 7:13-14)

The only way we can stand strong and walk the narrow path is to trust in Jesus and have faith in his precious atoning blood for us. And as we cooperate with him in his plan of healthy living, he will bless us with improved health and characters fit for heaven. We have been told:

The relation which exists between the mind and the body is very intimate. When one is affected, the other sympathizes. The condition of the mind affects the health of the physical system. If the mind is free and happy, from a consciousness of right-doing and a sense of satisfaction in causing happiness to others, it creates a cheerfulness that will react upon the whole system, causing a freer circulation of the blood, and a toning up of the entire body. The blessing of God is a healing power, and those who are abundant in benefiting others will realize that wondrous blessing in both heart and life. (Ellen White, *Christian Temperance and Bible Hygiene*, p. 13.3)

When we trust in God and cooperate with him, he can work for us and bless both the body and spirit.

It is rare to find people in our generation who are courageous enough to stand for truth and fully trust their Creator.

Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God. (1 Corinthians 10:31)

Most people today are easily bought or sold. When called upon to stand against what it seems everyone else is doing, most will compromise. Will you?



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- **The Sanctuary** (White, *The Great Controversy*, page 409.1)
- **The Three Angels' Messages** (White, *Counsels to Writers and Editors*, page 30.2)
- **The Testimony of Jesus** (White, *Testimonies for the Church*, vol. 1, page 300.1)
- **The Non-immortality of the Wicked** (White, *Counsels to Writers and Editors*, page 30.2)

In the coming months we plan to explore from the Bible each of these especially important points of our faith to help our people be grounded in the faith once delivered unto the saints.



Special Prayer Requests

As many of our readers know, Brother Ralph Fisher who has helped lead out in the 1889 Old Paths online church and Pastor Martin Barlow of the Cedar Lane Chapel have had serious health challenges during the last year. Brother Ralph has been in a strong fight with cancer and Pastor Martin has experienced a stroke.

Recently Brother Ralph has had to be hospitalized multiple times, and Pastor Martin has experienced another stroke. We kindly ask you to remember these workers and their wives, Layla and Kay respectively. The guidance and leadership of these spiritual leaders is greatly needed.



USA Camp Meeting

We want to remind you that this year's annual USA 1889 HSDA camp meeting will again be held at Fall Creek Falls State Park near Spencer, Tennessee. The gathering will be specifically held at the Piney Creek Campground. The dates for the camp are August 19-24. The theme is “Heaven-bound, Upholding Truth.” There is no cost to attend, and both room and board will be provided, as we are able.

The list of speakers include Roy Arraya, Kevin Attride, Rob Chisum, Daniel Mesa, Damaris Rivera, Joel Rivera, Ingo Sorke, Allen Stump, Sheri Stump, and Fay Ulett.

So, please plan now to attend. You may register for the camp at: <https://smyrna.org/2025-camp-meeting-attendance-survey/> or use the QR code.



Hid in My Heart

By Sheri Stump

The purpose of the Hid-in-My-Heart series is to meditate on and memorize scriptures that define the fundamentals of our faith so that we will be ready to give an answer for the faith that is in us. These biblical teachings are taken from the 1889 Fundamental Principles.

So far, we have memorized or at least familiarized ourselves with scriptures that support the Father, the Son, the Holy Scripture, baptism, the new birth, prophecy, the fulfillment of prophecy, the truth about the world's conversion and a temporal millennium, and the prophetic correction of 1844. Today we will look at the prophetic ministry of Christ in the heavenly sanctuary.

1889 Fundamental Principle number ten says:

X – That the sanctuary of the new covenant is the tabernacle of God in heaven, of which Paul speaks in Hebrews 8 and onward, and of which our Lord, as great high priest, is minister; that this sanctuary is the antitype of the Mosaic tabernacle, and that the priestly work of our Lord, connected therewith, is the anti-type of the work of the Jewish priests of the former dispensation (Hebrews. 8:1-5, etc.); that this, and not the earth, is the sanctuary to be cleansed at the end of the two thousand and three hundred days, what is termed its cleansing being in this case, as in the type, simply the entrance of the high priest into the most holy place, to finish the round of service connected therewith, by making the atonement and removing from the sanctuary the sins which had been transferred to it by means of the ministration in the first apartment (Leviticus 16); and that this work in the anti-type, beginning in 1844, consists in actually blotting out the sins of believers (Acts 3:19), and occupies a brief but indefinite space of time, at the conclusion of which the work of mercy for the world will be finished, and the second advent of Christ will take place.

In Ellen White's book, *The Great Controversy*, she explains:

Such was the service performed "unto the example and shadow of heavenly things." And what was done in type in the ministration of the earthly sanctuary, is done in reality in the ministration of the heavenly sanctuary. After his ascension, our Saviour began his work as our high priest. Says Paul, "Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands, which are the figures of the true; but into Heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us." [Hebrews 9:24.] (Ellen White, *The Great Controversy*, p. 352.20)

Christ is our High Priest. He is working today, on our behalf, in the sanctuary in heaven.

If you would like a complete biblical explanation on this Fundamental Principle, here are two links for two sermons, Part 1 and Part 2, which Pastor Allen Stump gave on Fundamental Principle #10.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IC66Ji4ap-mI&list=PLSE-5c918fZEdGxPn-qrO6mmkyPe708owA&index=12&pp=gAQBiAQB>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sGR6PFZsSTM&list=PLSE-5c918fZEdGxPn-qrO6mmkyPe708owA&index=13&pp=gAQBiAQB>

Here are five verses for you to meditate on.

I have included the first letter of each word in each verse. Memorizing the verse with this help will assure that you do not miss a word and will be a help to prompt you on what the next word in the verse begins with.

And he said unto me, Unto two thousand and three hundred days; then shall the sanctuary be cleansed. Daniel 8:14 (Ahsum, Uttathd; tstsbc. D 8:14)

For Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands, which are the figures of the true; but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us: Hebrews 9:24 (FCineithpmwh, watfott; bihi, ntaipogFu: H 9:24)

Now of the things which we have spoken this is the sum: We have such an high priest, who is set on the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens; Hebrews 8:1 (Nottwwhstits: Whsahp, wisotrhotMith; H 8:1)

A minister of the sanctuary, and of the true tabernacle, which the Lord pitched, and not man. Hebrews 8:2 (Amots, aottt, wtLp, anm. H 8:2)

Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord; Acts 3:19 (Ryt, abc, tysmbbo, wttorscftpotL; A 3:19)

May God bless you as you meditate on these verses in prayer for each of you!

You may communicate with me at: sheri1844@icloud.com. I would like to know how you are doing with your scripture memorization.

Build a wall of scriptures around you, and you will see that the world cannot break it down. Commit the scriptures to memory, and then throw them right back upon Satan when he comes with his temptations, 'it is written.' This is the way that our Lord met the temptations of Satan, and resisted them. (Ellen White, *The Review and Herald*, April 10, 1888, par. 9)



Youth's Corner—On the Trail of the Colporteur Evangelist

“Help From Unexpected Sources”

(On the Trail of the Colporteur Evangelist was compiled by the General Conference Publishing Department of Seventh-day Adventists. This month's selection finishes Chapter 14.)

A PRIEST'S VALUATION OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST LITERATURE

Two of the World's Crisis books were sold to a woman keeping a hotel, and the books were placed on the table in the public reception room. A few days later a Catholic priest came to the hotel, and during a period of waiting, picked up the books and began to examine them. Being suddenly called to leave, he slipped one of the books into his pocket and carried it away with him. Some time later he returned to the hotel, bringing the book with him. He did not, however, wish to part with it, and said to the proprietor of the hotel, “What is this little book worth?” “I think that book is worth ten dollars,” she replied in a pleasant mood, never supposing that the priest would consider what she said as final. To her amazement, he replied, “So do I consider it worth that,” and handed her a \$10 bill, taking the book with him as personal property.

MINISTERS OF VARIOUS DENOMINATIONS HELP

We have been told that “mistakes have been made in not seeking to reach ministers and the higher classes with the truth.”—“Testimonies for the Church,” Vol. V, p. 580. That ministers of all denominations can be effectively reached through literature, is demonstrated by the following experiences:

“A few weeks ago, while on my way to the tract society office after having finished my delivery, I came in contact with three gentlemen. I learned that they were ministers, and started into talk books. I was without my prospectus, but, nevertheless, within a few minutes' time I had sold to each of these men ‘Patriarchs and Prophets,’ ‘Prophets and Kings,’ ‘The Desire of Ages,’ and ‘The Great Controversy.’

“One of the ministers to whom I was talking excused himself from the group, and went across the street to a house, which he entered, and from which he soon reappeared and beckoned for me to come over. I found that this was the home of another minister, but he was away. The minister whom I had interviewed had been talking to the lady of the house, telling her about the books I had for sale,

and the interest thus created made it possible for me to place books in that home to the value of \$21.

“When I delivered the books to this minister's wife, she gave me the address of a minister who wanted to see me. When I reached this minister's house, I found two other ministers there. The Lord must have sent them there, for they did not know I was coming, but it seemed as if they were waiting for me. I sold books to these three ministers to the value of \$46, without a prospectus or a book in hand. On another street I sold a set of books to a minister. When I delivered a copy of ‘The Great Controversy’ to another minister, I had occasion to ride with him, a few blocks, and during that ride sold him four others of our large books.”

The experience related above is remarkable in that it reveals how nine ministers of the gospel were well supplied with literature giving all phases of the third angel's message, within a few days' time, through the medium of one colporteur.

In other instances, ministers have accompanied the purchase of the book by most encouraging words to the colporteur. For example :

A young man canvassed a minister for “The Great Controversy.” The minister asked what church he belonged to, and on learning that he was a Seventh-day Adventist, said: “Young man, you are on the right road. Saturday is the true Sabbath. I never do any work on that day myself. I am going to give you \$10, just to encourage you in your good work.”

A bishop of the Methodist Church said to a colporteur: “I wish the people I represent had half the zeal and devotion which the Seventh-day Adventists manifest in their program. The best literature I have ever read, on seven or eight great subjects, has come from your presses. Your little publication entitled Present Truth is one of the most helpful documents that ever fell into my hands.”

A colporteur secured an order from a Baptist minister, and setting the date for delivery, noticed that the date specified would come on Sunday, and was about to change to a more suitable day for doing business with this minister, when he said, “Oh, that will be all right. Bring the book to the church, and be prepared to give an exhibition of the book to the people, and explain to them about the second coming of Christ.”

Another colporteur reports: “The German minister helped me out by telling me, after he had examined the book, that it would be all right for me to sell the book to the

members of his congregation. He already had the book in his library, and considered it a very valuable help.”

But it is not always that ministers of the popular churches assist the colporteur in the friendly manner indicated in the foregoing experiences. Oftentimes they feel impelled to sound a bugle note of warning against the colporteur and his books, but in such instances the colporteur is privileged to witness the fulfillment of the divine statement recorded in 2 Corinthians 13:8: “We can do nothing against the truth, but for the truth.”

A few of many examples which might be cited in proof that truth is sure to triumph, are furnished by colporteurs as follows: “I was working in a lumber camp community, and from the very first day of my work I detected that something was wrong in that community, as I could not get the people even to listen to my canvass. When I called at the home of the Baptist preacher, I discovered where the trouble lay, for he told me that he and four other ministers, covering territory within a radius of three miles, had warned their people against me.

“But I was determined not to give up nor become discouraged, and earnestly sought the Lord to overrule in this perplexing situation. Up to that time the people had asked very few questions, and manifested very little interest; but after I had taken the matter to the Lord in prayer, a change became apparent. As I went to the homes, the people seemed glad to get the books on sight. Some were curious to know who published the book, and when I told them, they seemed more interested than ever, and wanted to know why and how I came to be a Seventh-day Adventist. This afforded me a wonderful opportunity to speak of the goodness of God and His leading in my experience, which seemed to be appreciated, and nearly everybody who asked me this question gave me an order for the book. In this experience I recognized only a taste of the opposition which is coming; but I wonder if, after all, the preachers do us very much harm.”

Another colporteur says: “A minister in the territory in which I was working preached against the book, telling the people that they had better keep their money in their pockets. But this only made the people more anxious to get the books, and I made a complete delivery.”

Two of our lady colporteurs had succeeded in securing a good list of orders, and had begun their delivery, when a prominent minister and evangelist came into the neighborhood and began meetings. The first night he had a good congregation, and preached a rousing sermon, which took well with the audience. At the conclusion of his remarks he announced that the following night he had something new and special to tell the people, and asked all present to be sure to come, and if possible bring a friend with them, as a large audience was especially desired.

As a result the house was packed. This served as a great inspiration to the preacher. After preparing the way by tactful remarks, he took as the theme of his discourse, “The Teachings and Work of Seventh-day Adventists,” speaking in a most disrespectful and reproachful manner of the two ladies working in the community, warning the people against them, and advising that all books be refused, even if ordered.

A stranger in the audience arose and asked permission to speak. He said that he believed that the speaker had not represented the Adventists and their work in the right light, citing as proof that he had an Adventist neighbor, and had never found a more exemplary man.

The lady colporteurs were present at this meeting, and realized that the prospects before them, from a human standpoint, were indeed gloomy. But they decided to go straight on with the delivery, and trust in the Lord for results. They found the people ready and anxious for the books. Many said that they were more anxious than ever to get the book and read it, to see if what the preacher had said was true.

Still another instance, which shows how the Lord overrules in behalf of the messengers of truth:

Two colporteurs entered a certain county and began canvassing for subscription books. They were successful in taking orders, but the enemies of truth became aroused, and decided to try to prevent the delivery of the books. To this end they arranged with a notorious opposer of Seventh-day Adventists to come to the place and hold meetings, and inform the people concerning the hated sect. The time for the meetings to begin was set at a convenient date preceding the date of delivery of the books. But when the time arrived, the opponent informed the people that he was unexpectedly and unavoidably delayed. The colporteurs went forward with their work unmolested, and made their delivery on schedule time. The delivery was finished on Friday, and the opponent began his meetings that same evening, making a great tirade against Seventh-day Adventists. The colporteurs were present, and were strongly convinced that the Lord had overruled by causing the preacher to be delayed until the books were safely in the hands of the people, whose curiosity was aroused, and their interest stimulated to deeper investigation by the bitter attack of the minister who was a specialist in opposing truth.

Soon the book work will be ended,
Soon will come the setting sun,
Then the joy to know in heaven
Those the faithful workers won.
Come, O come, and join the army
Of the colporteurs to-day!
Then go forth into the vineyard —
Your reward in souls will pay.



Marriage Morsel

God Himself gave Adam a companion. He provided “an help meet for him”—a helper corresponding to him—one who was fitted to be his companion, and who could be one with him in love and sympathy. Eve was created from a rib taken from the side of Adam, signifying that she was not to control him as the head, nor to be trampled under his feet as an inferior, but to stand by his side as an equal, to be loved and protected by him. A part of man, bone of his bone, and flesh of his flesh, she was his second self, showing the close union and the affectionate attachment that should exist in this relation. “For no man ever yet hated his own flesh; but nourisheth and cherisheth it.” Ephesians 5:29. “Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife; and they shall be one.” (Ellen White, *Patriarchs and Prophets*, p. 46.2)



Every Christian home should have rules; and parents should, in their words and deportment toward each other, give to the children a precious, living example of what they desire them to be. Purity in speech and true Christian courtesy should be constantly practiced. Teach the children and youth to respect themselves, to be true to God, true to principle; teach them to respect and obey the law of God. These principles will control their lives and will be carried out in their associations with others. They will create a pure atmosphere—one that will have an influence that will encourage weak souls in the upward path that leads to holiness and heaven. Let every lesson be of an elevating and ennobling character, and the records made in the books of heaven will be such as you will not be ashamed to meet in the judgment. (Ellen White, *The Adventist Home*, p. 16.3)

Please let me know if there are some specific parenting challenges you are facing, and Pastor and I will prayerfully attempt to address your concerns.



Parenting Principles

By Sheri Stump

Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it. (Proverbs 22:6)

Parenting is a huge challenge! Each child is born with a fallen nature with its tendency to sin. Also, each child is unique. Parents are not given a clear instruction manual for each unique child, but they are given parenting principles throughout scripture. These principles are then applied to the training of the children God has entrusted to them.

We are also blessed with inspired childrearing instructions through Ellen White. I will include a scripture and an Ellen White quote in these short parenting segments.

And all thy children shall be taught of the Lord; and great shall be the peace of thy children. (*Isaiah 54:13*)



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