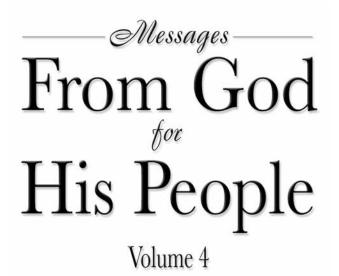
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www.formypeople.org email@formypeople.org And I fell at his feet to worship him. And he said unto me, See thou do it not: I am thy fellowservant, and of thy brethren that have the testimony of Jesus: worship God: for the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy. *Revelation 19:10*

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 12:17*

Quench not the Spirit. Despise not prophesyings. Prove all things; hold fast that which is good. *1 Thessalonians 5:19-21*

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INTRODUCTION

"Before the entrance of sin, Adam enjoyed open communion with his Maker; but since man separated himself from God by transgression, the human race has been cut off from this high privilege. By the plan of redemption, however, a way has been opened whereby the inhabitants of the earth may still have connection with heaven. God has communicated with men by His Spirit, and divine light has been imparted to the world by revelations to His chosen servants." My Life Today, p. 40.

The Bible reveals that "Surely the Lord God will do nothing, but He revealeth His secret unto His servants the prophets." Amos 3:7. Throughout the history of this world, God has in His providence made known the things that are about to transpire. "By direct command, by the sacred writings, and by the spirit of prophecy has He made known unto them His will." My Life Today, p. 40.

Before the earth was destroyed by water, God sent Noah to make "known to them his purpose, that they might have opportunity to turn from their evil ways. For a hundred and twenty years was sounded in their ears the warning to repent, lest the wrath of God be manifested in their destruction. But the message seemed to them an idle tale, and they believed it not. From unbelief they proceeded to scorn and contempt, ridiculing the warning as highly improbable, and unworthy of their notice. Emboldened in their wickedness, they mocked the messenger of God, made light of his entreaties, and even accused him of presumption. How dare one man stand up against all the great men of the earth? If Noah's message were true, why did not all the world see it and believe it? One man's assertion against the wisdom of thousands! They would not credit the warning, nor would they seek shelter in the ark." Spirit of Prophecy, Vol. 4, p. 208

Faithfully Noah preached to that wicked generation the importance in possessing Christ's righteousness, but how many accepted the message? "Scoffers pointed to the things of nature,--to the unvarying succession of the seasons, to the blue skies that had never poured out rain, to the green fields refreshed by the soft dews of night,--and they

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cried out, 'Doth he not speak parables?' In contempt they declared the preacher of righteousness to be a wild enthusiast; and they went on, more eager in their pursuit of pleasure, more intent upon their evil ways, than ever before. But their unbelief did not hinder the predicted event. God bore long with their wickedness, giving them ample opportunity for repentance; but at the appointed time his judgments were visited upon the rejecters of his mercy." Spirit of Prophecy, Vol. 4, p. 209

Just as God sent Noah to warn the antediluvians of destruction, so He sent His prophets to warn Israel of the coming destruction from the north. "And the LORD God of their fathers sent to them by his messengers, rising up betimes, and sending; because he had compassion on his people, and on his dwelling place." 2 Chronicles 36:15. However, like the people of Noah's time, Israel rejected God's faithful messengers. "But they mocked the messengers of God, and despised his words, and misused his prophets, until the wrath of the LORD arose against his people, till there was no remedy. Therefore he brought upon them the king of the Chaldees, who slew their young men with the sword in the house of their sanctuary, and had no compassion upon young man or maiden, old man, or him that stooped for age: he gave them all into his hand." 2 Chronicles 36:16-17

One of those prophets that was rejected and abused was Jeremiah the weeping prophet. In lamentable language he wrote "Oh that my head were waters, and mine eyes a fountain of tears, that I might weep day and night for the slain of the daughter of my people!" Jeremiah 9:1 In vain did Jeremiah warn God's chosen people to repent. "I have sent also unto you all my servants the prophets, rising up early and sending them, saying, Return ye now every man from his evil way, and amend your doings, and go not after other gods to serve them, and ye shall dwell in the land which I have given to you and to your fathers: but ye have not inclined your ear, nor hearkened unto me." Jeremiah 35:15

History testifies that mankind has never changed. Often we are inclined to think ourselves better than previous generations, but in thinking this way, we fail to learn from the mistakes of the past. The

people of Christ's time prided themselves in the prophets of the past, but Jesus said of them, "Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! because ye build the tombs of the prophets, and garnish the sepulchres of the righteous, And say, If we had been in the days of our fathers, we would not have been partakers with them in the blood of the prophets." Matthew 23:29-30.

Just like in the time of Noah, Jeremiah, and many other prophets, so in Christ's time the people were not willing to accept God's appointed messenger. In a parable that revealed the true condition of that faithless generation, Jesus said: "Hear another parable: There was a certain householder, which planted a vineyard, and hedged it round about, and digged a winepress in it, and built a tower, and let it out to husbandmen, and went into a far country: And when the time of the fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the husbandmen, that they might receive the fruits of it. And the husbandmen took his servants, and beat one, and killed another, and stoned another. Again, he sent other servants more than the first: and they did unto them likewise. But last of all he sent unto them his son, saying, They will reverence my son. But when the husbandmen saw the son, they said among themselves, This is the heir; come, let us kill him, and let us seize on his inheritance." Matthew 21:33-38

If Jesus Himself was misunderstood and rejected, how must it be with His prophets? Thankfully God is patient and merciful. Despite our backsliding, He tenderly calls for our heart. In the not too distant past, God's messenger, Ellen White wrote, "In ancient times God spoke to men by the mouth of prophets and apostles. In these days he speaks to them by the testimonies of his Spirit. There was never a time when God more earnestly instructed his people concerning his will, and the course that he would have them pursue, than now. But will they profit by his teachings? Will they receive his reproofs and heed the warnings? God will accept of no partial obedience; he will sanction no compromise with self." The Review and Herald, June 9, 1885. Sadly, the answer from the majority is, no. Today, the volumes of counsel that are available to us in the writings of Ellen White are neglected or rejected. Therefore, as in Jesus' parable, God in His mercy has sent another messenger to His people living in the last days of this world's history.

Through the dreams of Ernie Knoll, God has revealed Himself to His people once more. Like the prophets of old, He calls for us to return to Him with all our heart. He reminds and encourages us that Jesus is about to return. He calls for us to take seriously His prophet Ellen White. He reveals the true condition of His remnant church and He warns of coming destruction. Will Ernie Knoll be treated any differently to previous messengers? Will the messages he has been instructed to share be rejected as in past generations?

The Bible has much to say about prophets. It warns us against being deceived by them. But it also warns us to "Despise not prophesyings. Prove all things; hold fast that which is good." 1Thessalonians 5:20-21. It urges us to "Believe in the LORD your God, so shall ye be established; believe his prophets, so shall ye prosper." 2 Chronicles 20:20.

It is with these encouraging words that we present to you the dreams of Ernie Knoll. As you read these dreams, we urge you to seek earnestly the Holy Spirit's guidance as promised in John 16:13: "Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come."

It is our prayer that as you read these dreams, you will hear the voice of the Savior speaking to you of His willingness to transform your life and prepare you for His imminent return.

SITTING BY THE FEET AT THE THRONE OF GOD

January 18, 2014 By Ernie Knoll

In my dream, I am sitting on a large rock along a dirt path. A warm breeze is blowing. I am thinking about my life and the many different paths I have taken. I think of the many ups and downs, but most of all I think about the messages from God that I have been given and how these have changed many lives. Many now have a walk with God and with Jesus that they never had before. I think about the many people who email and share how their lives have changed. I think about Becky and our daughter, and yet I think of the loneliness I feel. Even with my family and those who stand and have stood with me over the years, deep down I have a loneliness that is a deep void.

As I sit there, I am constantly thinking. It is as if in my loneliness I am pleading with my heavenly Father. I am thinking about my great need to talk with Him, to be with Him. Yet what I am feeling is so difficult to put into words, because of all that I have seen and experienced. I feel so alone and troubled in my walk with my Father. I feel a separation and the need to openly commune with Him.

My thoughts are broken by the sound of a voice. I look up, forcing my face into a smile to mask how I feel deep inside. It is the same smile I wear so that those with whom I speak will not know how alone I am, or of my constant need to feel the love and see the countenance of my Father. I raise my head, forcing a smile to greet whoever is calling my name.

As my eyes look towards the person calling my earthly name, I see a familiar face, and now I am addressed by my heavenly name. He is the angel I call the announcing angel. I have learned that he is the one who told me that he is not worthy to be called by his name, but that I should only call the name Jesus, and that His is the only name that should be called. I also know that this angel stands next to Gabriel, the angel I call the Herald.

He tells me to rise from the rocky throne I occupy on a path of dirt. He tells me to rise from this throne on which I sit in despair and with thoughts of loneliness. He places his hand on my shoulder and tells me that I have been told many times that I am never alone. He

reminds me that all I need to do is call upon the name of Jesus, and He will send legions of angels to comfort me. He tells me that the Great Comforter, the very one that Jesus said He would send, is always with me.

The angel once again addresses me by my heavenly name and says, "Created of the Father, brother to the Savior, messenger of God: arise and serve our Father who is in heaven; holy is His name. Arise, messenger, and serve." When I stand, he points to the right. I now observe a realm of holy angels descending. They are seraphim, and as I gaze at them, I realize that they do not have a body like other angels or humans have. It is as if they are comprised of pure energy.

As they descend, I see that they have six wings. There are three on the left and three on the right. There is a set of wings just below their head, another set near the middle of their body, and the last set near the middle of what would be their legs. The wings do not move as feathered wings, but like a fiery flame. The wings move like separate wings of fire, and yet they are not fire. They are wings of pure energy that are a part of their bodies. Now I notice that as the wings move they create a constant sound. The sound from the movement of their wings reminds me of the whirring noise a hummingbird makes as it flies. I think of the fluttering whistle made by a dove's wings when it flies away. I think of the distinct drumming sound a turkey makes to impress another turkey. However, the constant sound I hear coming from the wings of the seraphim is a soft, sweet, gentle Holy, Holy, Holy. I know that these special angels exude love.

The announcing angel extends his hand and asks if I will allow these angels to escort me to a special, prepared place. I lift my right hand and I ascend, slowly at first, and then I move very quickly with these angels. I do not speak to them, but only hear the constant sound of Holy, Holy, Holy that comes from the movement of their wings.

I am taken to what I know to be the middle of the great city. I am taken to a room that is in a room inside a room that is inside another room that is inside several more rooms. Next, I am guided to a small throne made of the purest gold. When I sit on it, I notice that it conforms to my shape. The throne is not hard but soft like a pillow. I have never sat in a more comfortable chair, and yet I know that this is not just a chair but a throne.

A large realm^{*} of seraphim gather in this place. Now, I also see a large realm of cherubim gather around the throne. These angels reach up and lift a veil from their back and cover their beautiful faces. The cherubim begin to sing of the holiness and love of the Father, while the seraphim's wings softly sing along.

While sitting there, I understand that I am in a very special, prepared place. I am made to understand that, in spite of what I am shown next, the Father is actually many chambers away. Otherwise, I would be instantly consumed by His presence.

What I see next is very unique. The cherubim and seraphim change the way they present themselves. I notice the seraphim cover the top and bottom of their bodies. With the middle wings, they ascend to avoid touching the floor.¹ The cherubim bow their heads. I instinctively

Conflict and Courage, p. 232

It was under circumstances of difficulty and discouragement that Isaiah, while yet a young man, was called to the prophetic mission. Disaster was threatening his country. ... It was the perversity of the people that brought upon the Lord's servant the deepest depression. By their apostasy and rebellion they were inviting the judgments of God. The youthful prophet had been called to bear to them a message of warning, and he knew that he would meet with obstinate resistance.... His task seemed to him almost hopeless....

Such thoughts as these were crowding upon his mind as he stood under the portico of the holy temple. Suddenly the gate and the inner veil of the temple seemed to be uplifted or withdrawn, and he was

^{*} A celestial body; a particular field of activity

¹ Isaiah 6:1-3 ... I saw also the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up, and his train filled the temple. Above it stood the seraphims: each one had six wings; with twain he covered his face, and with twain he covered his feet, and with twain he did fly. And one cried unto another, and said, Holy, holy, holy, is the LORD of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory.

kneel and lower my head as if I am about to pray to my Father. Then I hear a voice tell me to rise and sit on my throne next to Him.

Next to my throne I see an enormous foot. I guess it to be about eight feet long. It is a perfect, golden bronze. I never thought of God having toes, but each of His toes is perfect and symmetrical. I gaze in awe at what I see.

At the same time, the angels raise their voices to the Great Holiness. In my mind I seem to understand the love very clearly. I know that the Holy Spirit, the Great Comforter, is love. He is the Great Comforter of love. I know that Jesus is the love of the love of the love. But here next to me is the actual source, the actual source of all love. Here next to me is actually the source of ALL love. I am sitting next to the source of ALL that is love. I am overwhelmed and in awe to know that I am sitting next to my Designer, my Creator, my Builder. I am

Never before had Isaiah realized so fully the greatness of Jehovah or His perfect holiness; and he felt that in his human frailty and unworthiness he must perish in that divine presence. "Woe is me!" he cried; "for I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips: for mine eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts." But a seraph came to him to fit him for his great mission. A living coal from the altar was laid upon his lips with the words: "Lo, this hath touched thy lips; and thine iniquity is taken away, and thy sin purged." And when the voice of God was heard saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" Isaiah with holy confidence responded, "Here am I; send me." . . . The prophet was nerved for the work before him.

permitted to gaze within, upon the holy of holies, where even the prophet's feet might not enter. There rose up before him a vision of Jehovah sitting upon a throne high and lifted up, while His train filled the temple. On each side of the throne hovered the seraphim, two wings bearing them up, two veiling their faces in adoration, and two covering their feet. . . .

amazed that I am next to the Great I AM and the SOURCE of all love. $^{\rm 2}$

God speaks to me and explains that He prepared this place to meet, and because He is everywhere, He is also many compartments away. He tells me to listen and understand. He begins by telling me that He knows about my loneliness and how I so want to walk and be with Him. He explains that He knows how we are going to feel before we begin a thought. "God's family on earth, subject to temptations and trials, is very near to His heart of love." Signs of the Times, February 14, 1900. He tells me about His desire to walk and share so much. He

But turning from all lesser representations, we behold God in Jesus. Looking unto Jesus we see that it is the glory of our God to give. "I do nothing of Myself," said Christ; "the living Father hath sent Me, and I live by the Father." "I seek not Mine own glory," but the glory of Him that sent Me. John 8:28; 6:57; 8:50; 7:18. In these words is set forth the great principle which is the law of life for the universe. All things Christ received from God, but He took to give. So in the heavenly courts, in His ministry for all created beings: through the beloved Son, the Father's life flows out to all; through the Son it returns, in praise and joyous service, a tide of love, to the great Source of all. And thus through Christ the circuit of beneficence is complete, representing the character of the great Giver, the law of life.

The Signs of the Times, March 5, 1896

The Lord has instructed us to call God our Father, to regard him as the fountain of paternal affection, the source of the love that has been flowing from century to century through the channel of the human heart. All the pity, compassion, and love which have been manifested in the earth have emanated from the throne of God, and, compared to the love that dwells in his heart, are as a fountain to an ocean. His love is perpetually flowing forth to make the weak strong, to make the faint-hearted firm, and give moral courage to the wavering. God works through Christ, and man may come unto the Father in the name of the Son. Our science and our song is, "Hear what the Lord hath done for my soul."

² The Desire of Ages, p. 21

tells me that we will spend eternity learning about what He and Jesus decided would need to be done to save us, His creation. He says that He sent Jesus to walk on this earth to be with us and to teach us.

I now hear God tell me that He looks forward to the day when we can walk along a path together, and how He waits for the time when we can also sit and talk together. I now feel a love coming from His voice as He says He looks forward to the day when I can sit on my throne next to Him. I know that I am not to look up at Him, but only to look upon His most beautiful, perfect foot. I tell Him that I also look forward to that day when I can sit next to Him.

I hear that perfect voice, which is the source of all love, call me by my heavenly name. He tells me that while He looks forward to that day, I need to understand that I have been called to sit next to Him as a messenger. What I have heard is not a message only for me; He wants everyone to understand what I have heard. His foot moves a little, and He tells me to share that He knows each of our thoughts. He says, "Tell them I know the loneliness each of you feels, the separation that kindles like fire in your heart, the desire to walk with me, the desire to sit with me. I, too, want to walk and sit with you."

God tells me that He knows that each of us struggles and battles with Satan's temptations every day. He knows and hears the regret in our thoughts afterwards. He knows the weariness we feel, as if we are each lost and longing for love, the longing for an arm, a soft voice, or a hand placed on the back. Know that God, His Son Jesus, and the Great Comforter are there, always with you. Just call on Them. When needed, in the name of Jesus and through His blood, command that Satan and his angels depart from your presence. Decide in your heart to walk away from the temptation. Take the first step and the Lord will be there to pick you up and carry you. He loves you, and you are His own. Jesus paid the greatest price for you.

Next, I hear God call my heavenly name and say, "I look forward to the day when I can wrap my arms around each of my children. You are my child, and there is not a day that goes by that I do not hear your thoughts. There is not a day that I do not cry, that I do not laugh. I am there when you fall to pick you up. I am there when you are sick. I am there when you are playing. I am there when you are working. I am there watching you sleep. There is not a day that goes by that I am not standing next to you. I am there at your darkest and loneliest hour. I stand there with my arm around you, even though you cannot see or feel my arm around you. You are my child, and I love and want to care for you. My children, I am your Father, and I love you."³ I now fully realize that this message is not just for me, but for each of His people. It is a message for those who want to know and accept it.

The Father continues to tell me that He is about to instruct His angels to begin their final work—the plan that He and Jesus put together is about to be completed. The universe stands watching with attentive eyes and ears. Angels stand ready to move upon the earth to do God's bidding. He tells me that I have been shown that Ezekiel 9 will be fulfilled soon. He tells me that He wants to show me something so His people will understand. He tells me that He will soon send His angels of mercy to lay many to rest, so they will not have to go through the events that are about to take place during a time such as has never been seen before. He tells me to watch.

I look up, and to my right I see what looks like a cloud, but it is a clear image, like a video of what is to happen. The Father tells me that this will happen at His command. In the blink of an eye, I see many islands of different sizes drop below the surface of the water. As I watch each island, it is as if someone simply grabbed it from deep underneath the ocean and quickly pulled it down. Each island goes

The Upward Look, p. 23

Drawing aside the veil which conceals the glory of God, it shows Him in His place, high and holy, and lifted up, not in a state of solitude, but surrounded by ten thousand times ten thousand and thousands of thousands of holy, happy beings, every one waiting to bear the message, to do His bidding--all heaven is in active communication with every part of the universe through a variety of channels, and that holy One is actually stooping, bending from His throne, listening to every sound uttered, observing the movements of every earthly power. It is the highest Being condescending to the lowliest, approving or condemning every action which is developed.

³ John 16:27 For the Father Himself loveth you....

down so quickly that the suction from the sinking of each island takes down anything that floats. Instantly, everything and everyone is gone.

I am told that each is laid to rest faster than the islands disappear. Each of the faithful involved will know nothing about it, until the great voice of Jesus calls them up from their graves at His Second Coming. For others it will be when Jesus calls them up for their judgment after the millennium in heaven. He tells me that many of God's faithful will think they must flee from the islands to a mainland in order to find refuge. However, God's angels will still lay them to rest, no matter where they are or where they go. He tells me that all and everything is according to His plan. Blessed are those who rest until the day they are called to meet their Savior when He comes to this earth the second time.

Next, I tell the Father that I need to ask something on behalf of two individuals. He tells me that He already knows my question and that He has heard their thoughts and prayers. He tells me that two brothers, Nelson Cruz and Christopher Cruz, both received invitations to serve God with the For My People Ministry. But in time, each one ripped up his invitation and abandoned his calling. Because of this, they began to walk like Hazen Foss, who rejected God's call just before Ellen White accepted hers.

Some had asked what to do about both brothers. So, God gave instructions to me that their church should make the decision. He said, "It should be understood that as they walked away from Me, with one hand I held on to their coat strings, and in My other hand I held another invitation. I know whom I call, and that they would return to serve. If one brother accepts the invitation, he will serve and lead as one example of the pastor in the dream, "The Senior Pastor." If the other brother accepts the invitation, he will serve the way he has been instructed, through the gifts that would be poured out through the service of his wife, Marisol. God would choose these two to lead by serving together as one.

^{*} Full names published by request of Nelson and Christopher Cruz.

Next, I notice the Father again moves His foot. He reminds me about the time He opened the windows of heaven and gold coins fell out to allow the For My People Ministry to do what God had asked. I then seem to know that God raises His right arm and the Herald (who is Gabriel) immediately comes before God. The announcing angel stands to the right and just behind Gabriel. The guide angel stands behind them and to the left. Many archangels stand behind the guide angel. Standing behind them is what I want to call a squadron of angels dressed in battle gear. This large group is dressed to destroy. Another squadron is dressed in a way to comfort. Another squadron is dressed to protect. I look at many other squadrons that are brought forward to serve as they are informed and instructed.

Now I hear the Father address Gabriel, who immediately kneels. I listen as God instructs him to send certain squadrons of angels to those whom God selects. Along with those squadrons, God sends the Holy Spirit. He explains that the Holy Spirit will speak to those who have been selected to sell excess items, such as homes, land, and items of value, or to give extra funds to be placed at God's throne. Those who obey God's voice will eventually have nothing of earthly value.⁴ They will have squadrons of angels to provide for them and

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⁴ The Review and Herald, November 3, 1885 The message must go, notwithstanding the hard times. We must make special efforts in this direction now, while the angels are holding the four winds. Soon the time to labor will be past. Who does not want to have a part in this closing work? All can do something. Those who cannot give themselves can give of their means, and all can pray that the Lord will not only raise up laborers, but that the treasury, now empty, may be supplied with the necessary funds to extend the work. Pray, brethren, pray earnestly, that the hearts of some who are doing very little, and of others who have as yet done nothing, may be opened, and that the means that God has intrusted to them may be used to his glory.

The principle of the cross of Christ brings all who believe under heavy obligations to deny self, to impart light to others, and to give of their means to extend the light. If they are in connection with

protect them, even if it means moving them quickly from place to place for protection. This reminds me of Philip, who is mentioned in the Bible as moving quickly from one place to another. The faithful will be instantly moved when necessary as God's wrath is poured out.

The heavenly Father speaks the following, "To those who hear My voice, who hear My messages and scoff at my instructions, woe will be multiplied unto them seventy times seven. I will remove and destroy all their earthly treasures. I will then command them to be without possessions and without heavenly protection. Satan and his angels will be allowed to harm them. Those who do not heed my call will stand as if in an ocean, with their possessions a burden, like a heavy yoke about their necks."⁵

God continues: "Those whom I ask to give all but refuse to do so will curse their earthly idols. They will turn and spit upon them, but it will be too late. Those who hold on to anything of value should place it before My throne now; otherwise, these items will be taken from them, and the weight of their value will become a curse." Isaiah 2:20 tells us, "In that day a man shall cast his idols of silver, and his idols of gold, which they made each one for himself to worship, to the moles and to the bats."

⁵ Early Writings, p. 57

I saw that if any held on to their property and did not inquire of the Lord as to their duty, He would not make duty known, and they would be permitted to keep their property, and in the time of trouble it would come up before them like a mountain to crush them, and they would try to dispose of it, but would not be able. I heard some mourn like this: "The cause was languishing, God's people were starving for the truth, and we made no effort to supply the lack; now our property is useless. Oh, that we had let it go, and laid up treasure in heaven!"

heaven they will be engaged in the work in harmony with the angels.

The Father instructs the following: "Place a squadron of angels around each of those who are poor and have nothing but a heart of pure gold. Protect and care for these who are My precious jewels, these who shine brighter than any sun. As the waters rise, move each of them to safer ground. As the earth opens, move them to solid ground. As the elements fall, move them to sheltered ground. Keep these precious gems shiny, because they will sit next to Me on My throne."⁶

Then the Father gives another command to the Herald. "Send forth My destroying angels. Release the winds that are held in check. Let Satan once again fear for his own existence. Let the earth feel My wrath, but keep the angels in check. Save My people until I send My Son to redeem His own."

I raise my hand to ask a question. All becomes silent. I know God is looking down at me. He says, "Ask your question so all can hear. I have My response prepared for you." I ask, "Are you sending out the

Maranatha, p. 270

During the night a very impressive scene passed before me. There seemed to be great confusion and the conflict of armies. A messenger from the Lord stood before me, and said, "Call your household. I will lead you; follow me." He led me down a dark passage, through a forest, then through the clefts of mountains, and said, "Here you are safe." There were others who had been led to this retreat. The heavenly messenger said. "The time of trouble has come as a thief in the night, as the Lord warned you it would come."

In the time of trouble just before the coming of Christ, the righteous will be preserved through the ministration of heavenly angels; but there will be no security for the transgressor of God's law. Angels cannot then protect those who are disregarding one of the divine precepts.

⁶ Malachi 3:17 And they shall be mine, saith the LORD of hosts, in that day when I make up my jewels; and I will spare them, as a man spareth his own son that serveth him.

angels to destroy and send down the fireballs now?" He responds: "Tomorrow I will send My Son with clouds to redeem those He purchased. The next day, We return to make the earth new. My time is not your time, and My day is not your day." Isaiah 55:8 says, "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the Lord."

The Father adds, "At this moment I ask those who give of themselves to give now, because the final work must be accomplished. I could simply create all the gold coins as easily as I created the gold that the gold coins are made from. However, each individual needs to show that they are willing to do their part. How can I have pastors come forth to serve without sufficient funds for them to serve? Those who are called to dig a ditch will need tools. How can those who dig do so without shovels?"

"Let those who want fireballs, those who wait for a Sunday law, and those who want to see the events they have waited for so long, give all they can.⁷ Those who give will need nothing, because they will be moved from place to place on the wings of angels to serve as witnesses before the assembled universe, and to testify to the fulfilment of My promises. They will be placed where they will be unharmed, in the arms of safety to witness events never before seen."⁸

⁸ Psalm 91:4, 7-11 He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings shalt thou trust.... A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand; but it shall not come nigh thee. Only with thine eyes shalt thou behold and see the reward of the wicked. Because thou hast made the LORD, which is my refuge, even the most High, thy habitation; there shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling. For he shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways.

Maranatha, p. 270

 ⁷ Christ's Object Lessons, p. 69 It is the privilege of every Christian, not only to look for, but to hasten the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

I now see Gabriel stand and address angels without number assembled before God's throne. After what seems like one spoken word, all the angels are instructed to depart. Gabriel then turns to the seraphim and instructs them to take me back to where I am to prepare this message.

I hear the Father address me again. He calls me, Earnest, and then says my heavenly name. He explains, "In the courts of heaven your name is heard spoken many times, because many prayers are spoken on your behalf. If both you and Becky remain faithful, I promise to bind you as friends for all eternity, no longer male and female, but as one. Where you are, she will be; where she is, you will be. You will both travel together forever. Your heavenly names will reflect each other's as in a mirror. For this time now, I create many new angels of the same kind."

Instantly, I see in front of me the forming of these new angels. They stand about 35 feet tall and are massive. Each one holds a long shaft in their right hand. The shaft is about a foot in diameter and has the appearance of pure energy. I cannot quickly count these new angels who stand before me. They are immediately instructed to always encircle Becky and me and to provide special protection, in addition to what the already-serving guardian angels provide. I know that no

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In the closing period of earth's history the Lord will work mightily in behalf of those who stand steadfastly for the right. . . . In the midst of the time of trouble--trouble such as has not been since there was a nation--His chosen ones will stand unmoved. Satan with all the hosts of evil cannot destroy the weakest of God's saints. Angels that excel in strength will protect them, and in their behalf Jehovah will reveal Himself as a "God of gods," able to save to the uttermost those who have put their trust in Him.

In the future life we shall understand things that here greatly perplex us. We shall realize how strong a helper we had, and how angels of God were commissioned to guard us as we followed the counsel of the Word of God.

evil angel could penetrate through these angels, and that all who are within the circle of these angels are safe. Even the angels that are within the circle of these angels are safe from Satan's attacks. From Sons and Daughters of God, p. 36: "The angels' work is to keep back the powers of Satan."

I only hear God speak a few words, because the new angels already know how they are to protect. Immediately, I am encircled, along with Gabriel, the seraphim, and many other angels. We are placed within a cluster of angels, like in the middle of a ball shape. Each new angel holds his large staff in his right hand. Ellen White wrote: "The angels are commissioned of God to guard, to encourage, and to bless humanity, to help us in every way possible to resist the temptations of Satan." The Youth's Instructor, November 12, 1896.

I now see what looks like a red barn. Gabriel says that previously the gold coins fell from a window. Those funds were to allow Becky and me to serve. However, now it is time to begin to serve even more. It is time to call those who will serve, as in the dream "The Senior Pastor." It is time to heal those who need healing.

The Herald grabs the barn door and begins sliding it open. "Here," he says, "is what was placed before the Father's throne. Here are the means to do the work that is needed. Here are the means; He is the Way." As Gabriel slides open the barn door, the coins are so numerous that they do not stop falling. Gabriel explains that great are the riches of the heavenly Father. Upon those who serve, He will pour forth incomprehensible blessings.

The Herald walks over to Becky and me. He hands each of us a rolled piece of paper with what looks like a pure gold ribbon around it. We unwrap it, look at each other, and read instructions from God for us.

A CHILD NAMED PROMISE

February 17, 2014 By Ernie Knoll

In my dream I am standing next to the Herald. Calling me by my heavenly name he tells me to observe a young woman as she enters a room. I look to the left and notice a young woman in a bathrobe. In her right hand she holds an object about four inches long. She is smiling a very large smile and has this very happy way about her. She walks over to the couch and sits down, tucking her legs up under her. Moments later her husband walks in and looks at her. He sees her smiling but does not see what is in her hand. He simply asks her what she is so happy and smiling about. She looks up to him and tells him that she is happy because she knows that he is going to be a wonderful dad to their child. She then holds up the object, and now I understand that they just found out she is pregnant.

The Herald has now taken me and I stand in a large field. Several angels stand next to us. They each hold a bag full of seeds. The Herald walks over to one of the angels and takes a handful of seeds from the bag. He tells me that these bags hold many seeds. Then he begins to explain that these are only seeds. He asks, "Are these plants? Are these flowers? Are these trees? Are these corn? Are these watermelons? Are these peppers?" He answers, "No, these are only seeds." He reaches down and makes a small, straight row in the soil. Then he takes some of the seeds and distributes them along the row. He covers up the seeds with the dirt alongside the row. As we stand there, a gentle rain begins to fall. Then the rain stops and the sun shines brightly. Next, I see a very bright light shine from heaven on the seeds that were placed in the dirt. Instantly, plants of different kinds start growing up through the soil.

The Herald explains that all life comes through the heavenly Father, through Jesus, and through the Holy Spirit. The Herald was allowed to assist in giving life to the plants, to serve as a pro-creator. However, he did not give life to the plants but simply placed the seeds in the earth, nurtured, trained, and watered them. Water is essential for plants to grow. Otherwise, they will wither and die. In the same way, we must have the Holy Spirit, represented by water, so that we do not wither and die spiritually. It is equally important that plants receive sunshine in order to grow as they should. In the same way, we need the Sun of Righteousness. Without God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, the seed is just a seed. It is God who gives life to the plants, and this life is His.¹ The Herald continues by telling me that the plants do not belong to him; they belong to God.

I am instantly standing next to a chicken coop that is fenced, so that other animals cannot get inside. I notice many chickens walking around. Some are in the nesting boxes. The Herald tells me these are female chickens. We walk into the coop and he shows me several eggs in one of the nests. He tells me these are chicken eggs. Next he says to notice that here in this chicken coop there are only hens and eggs. He tells me three times that the eggs are only eggs.

Next I am taken to another chicken coop. The Herald says to notice that not only are there many hens, but there are also several roosters. He explains that the hen is the female and the rooster is the male. He tells me that after a rooster fertilizes the hen, the egg that she lays is no longer just an egg. Three times he says to notice that the egg is no longer just an egg but that now it contains life. In the egg is what in time will become another chicken. Placed around the inside of this precious egg is a membrane that will hold the needed water for it to grow. The hen will sit for hours to keep the egg warm, just as the sun warmed the plants. Placed under this hen is a life that will be nurtured and cared for until the time when a baby chicken emerges from the eggshell.

Next, the Herald shares that he simply put the seeds in the ground, covered them with dirt, watered them, and let the sun shine on them. However, it was the Creator who gave life. The hen and rooster

The Review and Herald, October 18, 1898 And after man has done his part, God's miracle-working power gives life and vitality to the things placed in the soil.

¹ 1 Corinthians 3:7-9 So then neither is he that planteth any thing, neither he that watereth; but God that giveth the increase. Now he that planteth and he that watereth are one; and every man shall receive his own reward according to his own labor. For we are laborers together with God.

simply do what they are created to do. The hen does not create the egg; it only lays the egg, as hens are designed to do. The rooster does not create the egg; it simply fertilizes the egg, as roosters are designed to do. Just as the Creator planned, fertilized eggs become chickens.

The Herald and I now return to the young couple who discovered they were going to have a child. The husband's seed fertilized the wife's egg; then the fertilized egg was placed in her womb, as it was designed to be. In what seems like only brief moments, but actually over many months, we watch the wife's body change while carrying a growing child in her womb.

When that special day arrives, the mother gives birth. I know that no man can understand the great love a mother can have for the infant she has given birth to. For many months she and that baby have been as one. An even closer bond forms as she begins to feed and care for her newborn. I continue to watch as the parents take turns caring for the little one. As the mother spends many nights getting up to feed her precious baby, they share special time together. The father obtains a second job to help provide for his family.

The Herald and I stand there in complete silence and amazement over the small being that the parents procreated as one of God's creations—just as He creates the seeds that become plants and the eggs that become chickens. As the Creator, they are His because He created them.

As the Herald and I watch the baby sleeping in a crib, we notice the parents sleeping nearby, ready to awake and care for their little one. Several angels I have never seen before now enter the room and stand around the baby. One angel holds a very small, white blanket with the word "INNOCENT" in pure gold letters outlined in very bright red. Another angel holds a special white flag, and another holds a glass tablet. I know this angel came to record and mark the end of the life that was created upon fertilization—this life that was His who is in heaven.

I try rushing to the infant to stop these angels, because I understand what they are about to do. The Herald stops me and rebukes me. He asks if I am greater than He who sits in heaven. To whom does this little one belong? To Him who is in heaven. What right do I have to decide differently than what the heavenly Father has decided? The Herald's eyes have a look that I have never seen before. He tells me to stand in my place and remain faithful and obedient. We do not always understand, yet we are to be obedient. He explains that I will soon understand why.

I step back to my place and watch as the baby immediately takes one last breath and now lies lifeless. The angel covers the now "sleeping" child with this very small, white blanket. All the angels leave, except for the Herald who stands next to me. Once again my feelings against Satan rise from the depths of my soul. This happened because of him, because of his rebellion against the perfection of the heavenly Father.

Now I see the young mother wake up to check on her baby. I hear her shrieks as she has discovered her now lifeless infant. They are sounds no one should ever hear. Because I can no longer stand what I see and hear, I let go of the Herald's hand and begin to walk away.

Now I am instantly standing in the corridor where I have been many times before. The Herald comes toward me with a look of patience, love, and care on his face. On the other hand, I am sure that I have a look of anger in my eyes. I look at him, and with a voice burning with frustration, I ask, "WHY?" With a patient, gentle voice, he calls me by my heavenly name and says, "You are a messenger of the Father who sits upon His throne. You have sat next to Him, and He has spoken directly to you. He has reminded you that you are a messenger and that He has called you to provide messages to His people—those who call on Him in times of growing and planting, but also in times of grief. You are a messenger, and you are being given a message to bear. Be a messenger and carefully record these words. Provide the message to those who are to receive His words. Do you think this is the only child who has been laid to rest?"

The Herald raises his hand and points to the wall. I begin to read the following words:

Soldiers were at once sent to Bethlehem, with orders to put to death all the children of two years and under. The quiet homes of the city of David witnessed those scenes of horror that, six hundred years before, had been opened to the prophet. 'In Ramah was there a voice heard, lamentation, and weeping, and great mourning, Rachel weeping for her children, and would not be comforted, because they are not.' ... This act of cruelty was one of the last that darkened the reign of Herod. Soon after the slaughter of the innocents, he was himself compelled to yield to that doom which none can turn aside. He died a fearful death. The Desire of Ages, p. 66

The Herald lowers his arm and says, "The innocents-His innocents-sleep. We who serve, we who wanted to raise our swords and shields, were instructed to stand in our place and lower our swords and shields. You are to stand as you were instructed. We serve because God is the One we serve. We serve knowing that His way is always best. You have been shown that at the birth of your Great Savior and Brother, we were instructed to sheathe our swords. At the smallest whimper, we wanted to care for Him who is our Lord and our Master. But we were instructed to stand in our place. When He began to walk, we wanted to catch Him so He would not scratch, cut, or bruise that perfect Kingly body. Yet we were told to stand in our place. When the whip was raised to strike Him, when He was spat upon, we were instructed to stand in our place. As we stood in our place, we knew that none deserved the Gift that you were beating and spitting upon. If given the word, we wanted to and were ready to destroy all whom He had created. Just a few of us who stand in our place could and would destroy each of you who beat upon that perfect One who came as an infant, grew to childhood, and took your place. He who is the giver of life had to have His life ended, so that He could give eternal life."

The Herald now tells me that if I had stayed with him, I would have seen that the young couple continued on and placed their infant their small gift that was entrusted to them for a time—into the ground. The Herald asks whether I will come back with him to see, so that I can understand. I take his hand, and we are now at a cemetery. I see the young couple at the funeral. I see the small casket lowered into the ground. The minister says that this little one sleeps until that glorious day when Jesus descends from the heavens and calls for His people to awake. He will call for the innocents to arise and be placed back in the arms of their faithful mothers. The Herald continues by sharing how Jesus said to "suffer the little children to come unto me." (Mark 10:14.) The Herald explains that soon I will understand this better. This innocent one who belonged to the heavenly Father was placed in the earth to sleep until Jesus, the Eternal One, comes in the clouds and calls the innocents from the ground. The same Jesus who was placed in the womb of Mary, the same Jesus who was born and grew like one of you, the same Jesus who was killed, the same Jesus who was placed in the earth, in a tomb before sundown on a Friday and rested through the Sabbath hours—that same Jesus was called by the Father and the Holy Spirit to rise from an earthly tomb to live once again. That same Jesus who rested on the Sabbath got up on Sunday, not to rest but to work. His work is that of everlasting serving.

Even though Satan holds the keys to this earth, Jesus holds the keys for those who die and are placed in the ground.² Those who believe and call on Him will be called up from the ground at His Second Coming. Those who have a white blanket with the word "Innocent" placed over them will be raised by Him who is the Creator. Jesus holds the eternal keys for those who believe and will call out that perfect name. Those who walk and become perfect like Jesus will be called to everlasting life in Him. "The injunction of Christ is: 'Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect.' [Matthew 5:48] He here shows us that we may be as perfect in our sphere as God is in His sphere." Testimonies for the Church, Vol. 4, p. 454.

The Herald now takes me back to the corridor and explains that many innocents lie sleeping in the ground. He shows me that because of sin, many of them did not make it to the day of their birth. Some die while they are still growing in the womb, and others are purposely removed from the womb. This happens because of conception as the result of force, or because of the partners' immaturity or lack of

² Revelation 1:18 I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death.

spiritual integrity.³ Whatever the circumstances were, these innocents belong to God and are covered with the "white blanket of innocence."⁴

Next, the Herald pauses and says, "As it is written of the recorded words of Jesus, 'Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God.' (Mark 10:14.) Jesus declares: 'Allow the children that are covered by My robe to come unto Me, because it is through My blood that they will enter the kingdom of My Father. These are the innocents.' "

This provides another glimpse of the wonderful truth about being covered with Christ's righteousness. All children before the age of accountability, as well as aborted and miscarried babies, are accounted by God as not having rebelled or deliberately disobeyed His commandments. Therefore, the robe of Christ's righteousness will be placed on them, and God will welcome them into His kingdom. While we inherit the tendency to sin, there is no such thing as original sin. We are not born in sin; we choose to sin or not to.

Many so-called experts have declared that homosexuality is something people are born with and that their lifestyle must be accepted as right. However, two men or two women together cannot produce children. This is not part of the Creator's plan, and whatever is not part of His plan cannot be accepted into heaven.

The Herald explains further: "To each mother who has lost an infant during pregnancy or after birth and remains faithful, a promise is given that her child will be returned to her arms." I ask the Herald about mothers who have miscarried or aborted many children. He explains that if the mothers remain faithful, they will be given an opportunity to care for each one, and that angels will assist them. I

³ Jeremiah 2:33, 34 Why trimmest thou thy way to seek love? therefore hast thou also taught the wicked ones thy ways. Also in thy skirts is found the blood of the souls of the poor innocents: I have not found it by secret search, but upon all these.

⁴ Jeremiah 1:5 Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee; and before thou camest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee.

ask about the guilt each mother might feel if she is seen with those children. The Herald answers, "As Jesus said, 'He that is without sin among you, let him first cast a stone.' " (John 8:7.) It will not matter whether the saved know or not if a child was discarded on earth.

The Herald continues by explaining that a farmer who grows one stalk of corn cares for it just as a farmer cares for acres of corn. However, a farmer knows that a stalk of corn that does not grow properly, as God intended, will simply wither and die, and be as if it never was. I ask the Herald to explain more clearly about the imperfect stalk of corn. He smiles patiently and says that those who are born grossly deformed physically or mentally will be as if they never were. We must realize that God knows what is best.⁵

The Herald asks if I fully understand all that I have been shown, and I answer that I do. Then he shares that he is to show me something else and to remember that as a messenger, my task is to faithfully report what I am shown.

I now stand on the earth as an observer. The ground that Satan has walked on is broken apart in many different places. It is the sign that sin is widespread. I look upward and see Jesus in the sky. He has just finished blowing His trumpet. As I have seen before, I know this is His Second Coming—a promise He made to all. I quickly remember His words of leaving this earth so that He could prepare a place for His people and return for them.

⁵ Spiritual Gifts, Vol. 1, p. 193 I saw that the slave-master would have to answer for the soul of his slave whom he has kept in ignorance; and all the sins of the slave will be visited upon the master. God cannot take the slave to heaven, who has been kept in ignorance and degradation, knowing nothing of God, or the Bible, fearing nothing but his master's lash, and not holding so elevated a position as his master's brute beasts. But he does the best thing for him that a compassionate God can do. He lets him be as though he had not been; while the master has to suffer the seven last plagues, and then come up in the second resurrection, and suffer the second, most awful death. Then the wrath of God will be appeased.

Next, I see that worldwide the ground is opening up. It is no longer able to keep the saints where they were placed as a seed, waiting for Jesus, the Great Harvester, to gather His fruits. To give eternal life to His people, He died on the cross where His blood was placed into the earth, and He entered the tomb and was raised. At the command of Jesus, I now observe the righteous, from the beginning of the earth, awake from the depths of the ground or the oceans. Their bodies are made new and perfect, with no sign of sin. As I look into the eyes of Jesus, I immediately have an overwhelming sensation of instantly receiving a whole new body.

As I slowly ascend higher into the air, I know that I am to turn and look down at the earth, which is nothing but a large grave of death. Suddenly, I see something that I know is important and must be explained clearly. Yet I know that what I will observe is symbolic and shown in a way for all to understand. From small holes in the surface of the earth, I notice what resembles small, perfect balls of bright light quickly shooting upwards into the air. With great interest, I watch as even more quickly innumerable angels descend. Each angel takes hold of one of these small, bright objects in the palm of his hand and covers it with the other hand. Each of these objects is one of the countless innocents who belong to the heavenly Father. The brightness that surrounds them is the white robe of Jesus. Next, I notice the innocents growing to the size of a baby.

I look back up into the eyes of Jesus my Savior—those eyes that have the love of the love of the love. As we ascend towards the enormous cloud where He is, I know that many are very eager to meet Him for the first time. The faithful who knew Jesus while He was on this earth are excited to see Him once again.

While standing on the cloud, I feel its softness beneath my bare feet, just as I did before. I see countless angels holding infants or with small children by their side. With tears of happiness running down my face, I witness as angels approach certain mothers who lost their little ones and present their children to each of them. In their arms is God's promise fulfilled. Angels care for others who wait for parents. However, they still have their heavenly Father, and each one is His child.

As I stand there in awe over all that I see, I realize something I had never noticed. None of the babies cry. Instead, as they are returned to the waiting arms of their mother, each little innocent smiles or laughs. The mothers' joyful tears at the fulfilment of God's promise are a testimony to the love that flows from the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Next, I am taken to the same couple I saw earlier whose infant was laid to rest. I watch as this same baby who was removed from these parents is returned to them. Why was that infant removed from the parents? Why was the infant returned? "In the heart of Jesus, There is love for you, Love most pure and tender, Love most deep and true."

As the great cloud travels to heaven, I see infants and children being cared for by angels. Their parents were not saved due to their unfaithfulness.⁶ I watch angels approach those saved who were not able to have children on earth. They are asked whether they would like to care for one or more of these children. No one is forced to do so, because the heavenly Father never forces. Some will inquire for themselves. Others will receive children later. It will be done in God's way and in His time, because He is always correct.

Now I notice certain men and women in heaven who were never married on earth because they were seen as undesirable. Yet they longed to have a family and children. Now they wait for one or more children. They are not male and female or husband and wife, but become friends who join as one to raise innocent children together. They teach them about the great love and work of the heavenly Father, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit.

⁶ Selected Messages, Book 2, p. 260 As the little infants come forth immortal from their dusty beds, they immediately wing their way to their mother's arms. They meet again nevermore to part. But many of the little ones have no mother there. We listen in vain for the rapturous song of triumph from the mother. The angels receive the motherless infants and conduct them to the tree of life

As I look out over the cloud, I see the countless of the redeemed from the beginning of the earth. Some stand with a lofty height; some do not have parents. Yet they all have one thing in common: Jesus is their Savior. I have absolutely no words to explain what I witness before me, except for these very precious words: "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." John 3:16. Love! It is the love of the great I AM—a love of the love of the love that is the Source of all love. They are Love. Even if we remain faithful, we are still unworthy to receive that incredible love that has been given so freely. It is because of God's great love that we can receive a crown and robe.⁷

The Herald takes my hand, and I am immediately back in the corridor. He patiently waits while I get my emotions under control so that I can once again serve. After a while he reminds me that I serve as a messenger. What I am shown is revealed in a way that all may understand.

I now stand with the Herald as an observer. He explains that he is to show me a certain event that will take place after the 1,000 years in heaven. The Great Heavenly City has descended upon the plain Jesus prepared. He is sitting up high on His throne and is about to call the final judgment upon the wicked outside the Holy City. Those who have served in the temple for the 144,000 have finished reviewing the records. Those who were babies and children are the only ones who will grow in heaven. The rest keep their same height. In the New Earth, everyone will grow to the height of Adam.

⁷ The Signs of the Times, June 27, 1900 Jesus, the sinless, died having done nothing deserving of death. The sinner is saved without having done anything worthy of salvation. He is wholly without merit. But, clothed with the spotless robe of Christ's righteousness, he is accepted by God. The living way has been laid open. Life and immortality have been purchased by Christ. Through obedience to God's commands, sinners may find pardon and peace. Now I am looking at the innocents who stand as adults with their crowns of pure light. I notice their crowns are unlike all other crowns. Each fits perfectly around the forehead. Along the many bars that make up the crown are thin, bright beams of light that project outward at different angles. It resembles the reverse of the crown of thorns that Jesus wore. The crowns will be like beacons for all to see, and constant reminders of their innocence, death, and resurrection to eternal life. In the same way, Jesus was innocent yet put to death, and was resurrected to eternal life.

The innocents, now grown to adulthood, rise to the top of the city wall. I watch them as they look out over the vast multitude of the wicked with their innocent, childlike eyes. I watch as, for the first time ever, with their innocent eyes, they see for themselves the evidences of what sin has done. They look upon Satan and his angels and then look at the Father, the Son, the Holy Spirit and the great number of angels that did not follow Satan. They see how the wicked have lost the glory that the Great Creator created them with. They look upon those who are lost and have the distinct mark of sin, because they followed Satan rather than accepting Jesus. The unsaved came up from the ground with the same degrading, sinful look as when they were put into the ground.

The innocents look back at the redeemed, then at the innumerable multitude of people who did not accept the free gift of eternal life. The innocents understand who Jesus is, what He gave up, why He came to the earth, why He died, and why He will serve as the King of the Universe. Tears flow down their faces, because for the first time they witness sin with their innocent eyes. For the first time they see what Satan has done. I watch as they are comforted by those who adopted them.

The Herald takes my hand, and I am immediately in the corridor again. He says that he is to show me something else. I quickly wonder how with all I have been shown that there could possibly be anything else. He smiles and says, "Eye has not seen and ear has not heard." $^{\rm 8}$

Next, he tells me to carefully document what I observe now. I am in the temple of the 144,000 and see a couple watching what I call a video of someone who did not get to heaven. After the video ends, the two exit the temple and begin talking about what they watched. This couple was married on earth, but in heaven they are not husband and wife nor male and female.⁹ (Please note: In the parts of this dream that discuss heavenly matters, male and female terms are used for the sake of understanding. In heaven and the new earth, humans will not have the physical characteristics of male or female. However, they will retain their male or female personalities. "For in the resurrection they neither marry, nor are given in marriage, but are as the angels of God in heaven." Matthew 22:30.) The couple will be together as best of friends forever. I seem to know that they have been in heaven for only a short time, and that the earth has not yet been made new.

Just ahead of them is a little child about two years old. I knew that this child, aborted on the earth, would have been a boy. Even though he was discarded, he still belonged to His heavenly Father who created him. They walk towards the child who sits alone on the grass.

⁸ 1 Corinthians 2:9 But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.

⁹ Selected Messages, Book 1, p. 172 There are men today who express their belief that there will be marriages and births in the new earth; but those who believe the Scriptures cannot accept such doctrines. The doctrine that children will be born in the new earth is not a part of the "sure word of prophecy" (2 Peter 1:19). The words of Christ are too plain to be misunderstood. They should forever settle the question of marriages and births in the new earth. Neither those who shall be raised from the dead, nor those who shall be translated without seeing death, will marry or be given in marriage. They will be as the angels of God, members of the royal family.

Butterflies, birds, and other animals surround him. Sitting down next to him, the man asks what he is doing. The boy looks up and says that he was wishing he had someone to play with. The man asks, "Where are your parents?" The boy answers that he does not think he has parents there. The man and woman look at each other. Then the man asks the little boy what he would like to do. He says he would love to play chase. The man and woman laugh and say that they do not believe he would have a chance, since they are so much bigger. Then the man tells the boy that they would love to play with him and asks if he would like to come with them. The boy smiles a big smile and says he would love to go with them. Because God would not force the child on this couple, they could have simply said hello and continued on with what they were doing. The little boy would have continued to wait.

As they all stand up, the boy looks at the temple and then back at the couple. He asks, "You were inside; you are "those," aren't you? They smile and answer, "Yes." Reaching down, the man takes the child's right hand and the woman takes his left hand. They start walking and talking. Soon they arrive at the woman's mansion.

Jesus is there with them. I understand that Jesus is with each of the redeemed forever. As the man looks at Jesus, he asks if they can have a large sandbox to play in. Jesus looks at the man as if thinking about what they are going to do and replies, "Yes, absolutely." When the man, woman, and little boy climb into the large sandbox, the man looks at Jesus again, and I know that he would like to ask for something very special. He asks Jesus if he can have some toy cars, trucks, tractors, and bulldozers. Jesus looks at the man as if remembering His own toys as a boy on earth. He smiles a very large smile and again answers, "Yes, absolutely."

Now the man and child sit down in the sandbox with all the new toys and begin to play together. The woman looks down at them and says she is going to get some food for them and will be back soon. As the man and boy continue to play, the man teaches the boy how to make roads and tunnels the way it was done on earth. The little child laughs at the motor sounds the man makes and quickly starts making the same sounds. What seems like moments later, but roads and tunnels later, the woman returns with a large platter of food. She spreads something large and white on the grass, and they all sit down on it. They eat and talk and laugh. The little boy eats what looks like a giant, juicy cherry. They laugh as the juice runs down the child's face. As they continue to feast, the woman suggests that when they finish eating they can go for a swim. It is then that I first hear the child ask, "You promise?" The couple glances at each other, then at the little boy. She replies, "We promise."

After eating, they get up and the woman instinctively reaches down and picks up the little child. He wraps his legs and arms tightly around her and almost whispers to her, "You promise not to let me go?" The woman squeezes him tightly, kisses him on his cheek and says, "We promise to never let you go—forever." The child closes his eyes and puts his head on her chest as if to rest, because he feels safe and contented.

At this time I receive a deeper understanding that this child who was aborted—who was let go—also symbolizes Jesus. We all have aborted Jesus at some point in our lives. Now He comes to each of us, asking that we promise not to let Him go!¹⁰

Without discussing the "heavenly adoption," the man and woman know that they should welcome the little boy into their family. They both make the decision as one. In His wisdom, God will wait for the correct time, and will not force an adoption. It will be a choice. However, those who are willing will be given the wonderful opportunity to raise a child in a perfect place.¹¹

¹⁰ The Faith I Live By, p. 99 If we let go of Jesus we have nothing to hold on to.

¹¹ Isaiah 54:1 Sing, O barren, thou that didst not bear; break forth into singing, and cry aloud, thou that didst not travail with child: for more are the children of the desolate than the children of the married wife, saith the LORD.

I watch as the new family begins walking towards a stream. Arriving there quickly, they wash the juice from their child's face. The father tells his boy that he would like to teach him how to swim. Looking up at his father, he asks, "You promise?" The father replies, "I promise. Let's start right now." The mother sits on the bank and watches them both swim and play.

It seems like minutes go by, but after what could have been hours, they return to the mother's home. With tears of joy in her eyes, she calls him "son" and says that she is his mother and promises that he will be with them always. The man tells his son that he is his father and that they will be together always as promised. He explains that as his mother and father, they have two mansions in the heavenly city for their family. The boy also learns that when the time is right, God will have a mansion built for him. The mother reveals to him that he has family that they would like him to meet. The little boy asks, "I have brothers or sisters?" She smiles at him and says that he is part of a family that will always love him, and that will always be a promise. However, she stresses that, most importantly, he must first learn of Jesus. The boy asks, "Who is Jesus?"¹² The father replies, "We have much to tell you. Let's go into your mother's house and rest for a little while."

After what seems like moments, but what could have been hours later, all three walk out of the mansion. I hear the father tell his son that they are going to take him somewhere special to begin teaching him about Jesus. He picks up his son and holds him in his arms. The mother reaches over and places her hand around the father's arm. He tells his son, "We are going up. Are you ready?" Their little son asks, "We're going to fly?" The parents respond, "We promise."

They lift off and fly into the vastness of space. They pause and look back at the heavenly kingdom sitting as if supported in space by majestic, unseen pillars. Before them in all directions is a view of many brightly illuminated galaxies teeming with the Father's creations. The father begins the child's first lesson by saying, "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth."

¹² Zechariah 13:6 What are these wounds in thine hands?

As an observer, I understand that the child's lessons begin with the creation of earth and all the events that took place on creation week, ending with the seventh-day Sabbath. His instruction continues with Eve's deception by Satan and the entrance of sin; earth's destruction by the flood; the birth, life, death, and resurrection of Jesus; and major events until His Second Coming.

Next I see the three of them on a planet. They are enjoying a magnificent view while sitting at the top and close to the edge of a beautiful waterfall. I listen as they continue their discussion about Jesus. I watch as the three of them travel throughout the universe, and the son meets many other created beings. He listens as his parents tell them about Jesus and their life on earth.

I know that time has gone by now, because I see them for brief moments as the child quickly grows. As he is taught daily, he learns more about Jesus. There is no better place than heaven and the entire universe for this child and others to learn about God's love forever. They tell their son that he will travel one day, and for eternity he will share about Jesus and the innocents' love for their Savior. He listens as his parents tell him about the promise Jesus made to return to the earth to make it new. I watch as this small child grows to be a young boy and then a young man.

I am now able to watch as the parents and many others witness him standing with Jesus for a great presentation. A choir of many angels surrounds Jesus. He calls for a bearing angel who approaches and hands Him a pure white robe. On the hem of the robe is the word "INNOCENT" in pure gold letters outlined in very bright red. As his Savior, Jesus takes the robe and places it around this now-grown man. He proclaims, "It is through My blood and our heavenly Father's promise that I bestow upon you My robe of righteousness." Another angel approaches and hands a crown of bright light to Jesus. He takes the crown and places it on the young man's head and says, "It is through the crown of thorns that was placed upon me that I now present you with a crown of light and life."¹³

¹³ Selected Messages, Book 2, p. 260

Jesus now turns and calls upon the heavenly Father. As we watch, in what looks like a great empty area of the heavenly city a most beautiful mansion is being built. All raise their voices in a song of praise. The young man, found to be innocent, discarded before birth, yet claimed as a bright jewel by the heavenly Father, now stands robed and crowned as a prince of the heavenly kingdom. This young man is witnessed by the universe as one who Jesus calls a brother and who the Father in heaven calls a son. He is a child named Promise.

Jesus places the golden ring of light, the crown upon their little heads.

CALL ON THE NAME OF JESUS

March 7, 2014 By Ernie Knoll

[Please note: Just as in the "If You Love Me" dream, at the beginning of this dream, an evil angel tries to deceive me by sharing truth mixed with error.]

And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the LORD shall be delivered: for in mount Zion and in Jerusalem shall be deliverance, as the LORD hath said, and in the remnant whom the LORD shall call. Joel 2:32.

In my dream, I am walking along a path that has trees on each side. I can tell it is a well-traveled path because the dirt is smooth. A cool breeze is blowing. As I walk, I suddenly notice the Herald and several large guard angels just above me. They slowly descend and stop in front of me. The Herald addresses me with my heavenly name and reveals that he has been sent with a message that I am to share when instructed. He says that the heavenly Father is allowing me to observe what he is to show me. I am to know that if I remain faithful, heavenly angels will protect me.

The Herald places his hands on my shoulders, repeats my heavenly name, and says, "If at any time you need to, stop walking, then simply call out the most precious name in the universe—Jesus." He reminds me that I am a messenger just as he is a messenger. Who we are is not important. The only name that is worthy to be spoken is Jesus—the most beautiful name in the universe. He says, "Remember, if at any time you need to, stop, and call out the name of Jesus." Psalm 50:15 says, "Call upon me in the day of trouble: I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify me."

The Herald and the guard angels are now a very short distance behind me. As I begin walking, I notice several angels slowly descend in front of me. I look behind me at the guard angels and notice that together they raise their shields and swords, which shine with an iridescent light, as if alive with energy. Looking as if they are prepared to battle, the guard angels walk several steps forward and in front of the Herald. I look back at the angels who descended in front of me. They are very bright, and many of them also have shields and swords. Without raising them, they walk peacefully toward me.

One of the angels smiles at me. Just like the Herald, he is taller and more noble looking than the other angels. When he starts talking to me, I immediately realize that he is an evil angel. As I continue walking, he walks next to me and says, "Brother of Jesus, I bring you greetings of love from Jesus, the One whose name is spoken of most often and whose name rings throughout the Father's universe." He smiles continually and I keep walking. The angel continues, "You have been told that Jesus is always with you. You have been told that all you have to do is call upon His name. These are most comforting words. It is good to know that all one has to do is call upon the name of Jesus and that He will be right there with you. You know, if He wanted to, He could call upon thousands of legions of angels, all just for you. It has to be a wonderful feeling to know that, of all the brothers He has on the earth, He would do that just for you. You are very special in His eyes. You know, our Father who sits upon His sacred throne in heaven calls you Elijah and John the Baptist. You know, He holds you in His hand in a very special way. You know, you are His very special messenger, just like so many others who have served and, of course, died. There have been other messengers who have lived in privation and poverty, but He has cared and provided abundantly for your needs."

This evil angel again addresses me by saying, "Brother of Jesus, it is good to know that Jesus has said He will forgive all your sins." As we continue, this angel slowly starts reminding me of my life. He reminds me of things I did as a child. He reminds me of the things I did as I got older. As I walk along, I begin thinking of all the things I did. Once in a while, the angel reminds me about how unworthy I am that Jesus would even bother to call me His brother. As I listen to the angel, I begin to feel very unworthy. I begin to remember the many things I did and the depths that I have fallen into sin. I feel that I am such a sinner. I feel that I am so unworthy, so worthless, so undeserving and that I have done things that are so much worse than others.¹

¹ The Review and Herald, August 18, 1874 Satan tried to deceive Christ through flattery.

As the evil angel takes my left hand, he says that I should not feel bad, because all have sinned. He tells me that no one is perfect, and that everyone continues to make mistakes. He says that no one can walk sinless, and that everyone knows it is impossible to keep God's

Manuscript Releases, Vol. 16, p. 171 A dream the Lord gave me August 22.

...My life came up before [me] and looked so full of wrongs I could not see how I should be able to stand. Just then Satan came where I was and said to me, "You are lost; you are now my property [and] will go with me to the dark regions." My feelings I cannot describe. To be separated from the Jesus I had loved and to take up my abode with those that I abhorred looked dreadful to me. At the same time, I felt unworthy to be with the lovely Jesus.

While in this dreadful perplexity one of the angels came where I was and said to Satan, "She is not your property, for she has been redeemed unto God by the precious blood of Jesus. She is the purchase of His blood." Satan fled. My feelings changed.

The Signs of the Times, March 28, 1892

We should let our faith penetrate the darkness. It is Satan that casts his dark shadow between our souls and God so that we may not see Jesus; but by living faith we may keep him in view, and let nothing interpose between the soul and God.

Pacific Union Recorder, October 7, 1909

"And he showed me Joshua the high priest standing before the angel of the Lord, and Satan standing at his right hand to resist him." (Zech. 3:1)

Joshua here stands as the representative of God's people. Satan is represented as trying to revive Joshua's past sins, or the past sins of the people of God, so that he shall lose his confidence in God, and his hold upon heaven. But we find that Christ stands ready to resist the work of Satan. laws.² The angel smiles and tells me that it is good to know that all we need to do is ask forgiveness from the Father, and He will always forgive us. He goes on to say that the Father is waiting on His throne for us to simply ask, and He will forgive us. He tells me that the Father is all-loving and all-forgiving, and that we will always be forgiven, because that is the Father's nature.

I look up to the evil angel and say, "But it is important to ask these things in the name of Jesus."³ He smiles and tells me, "Although many like to mention the name of Jesus, the Father is always waiting for each to ask so they may be forgiven."

"When Jesus came to this earth, He was not exactly like you. He did not have the propensity to sin. You know, Jesus was made to have flesh and bones like you. He bled when cut. He cried when in pain. But unlike you, He was unable to sin.⁴ Because Adam and Eve ate of

² Faith and Works, p. 118

The Review and Herald, May 7, 1901

God requires of man nothing that is impossible for him to do.... Possessing our nature, though unstained by sin, and tempted in all points like as we are, Christ kept the law, proving beyond controversy that man also can keep it.

³ Selected Messages, Book 3, p. 180 Christ came because there was no possibility of man's keeping the law in his own strength. He came to bring him strength to obey the precepts of the law. And the sinner, repenting of his transgression, may come to God and say, "O Father, I plead forgiveness through the merits of a crucified and risen Saviour." God will accept all who come to Him in the name of Jesus.

It was impossible for the sinner to keep the law of God, which was holy, just, and good; but this impossibility was removed by the impartation of the righteousness of Christ to the repenting, believing soul.

⁴ Manuscript Releases, Vol. 13, p. 18

the forbidden fruit from the tree of knowledge, you also have the complete fallen nature of Adam. But Jesus, well, He came to this earth as a human, but He also came with His princely powers.⁵ That is why He did not have the propensity to sin. When you think about it, we know He healed blind people and those who were not able to walk. He raised people from the dead and turned water into juice. He even walked on water and many other things that no true brother or sister of Adam and Eve could ever do. Holding my left hand, he smiles and asks, "When is the last time you gave sight to a blind person, turned water into juice, or walked upon water? Jesus came as a human, but He used powers that humans do not have."

As this angel and I walk along, he continues to remind me of all my sins. He says that along with all the sins I have committed, I will continue to sin, because I do not have the advantage that Jesus had.⁶ He tells me that I will end up just like all the other messengers before

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The Signs of the Times, December 29, 1887 Christ was despised and rejected of men. Those he came to save could not see in him anything desirable. Should he come unto our world today without earthly honor or princely power, who would receive him as the King of glory? How many proud church members would be so ashamed of Jesus and the reproach that would be likely to be attached to them should they accept him, that they would refuse to follow him; but his matchless love led him to endure infinite sorrow and reproach that he might bring many sons and daughters to glory. Who is willing today to be on the Lord's side?

⁶ The Review and Herald, March 21, 1912 John says: "My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous." "That ye sin not,"--here is where you bring yourself into condemnation when you continue to sin. But in the strength of Christ cease to sin. Every provision has been made that grace should abide with you, and that sin may appear to you the hateful thing it is.

He could have sinned; He could have fallen, but not for one moment was there in Him an evil propensity.

me—not caught up in the air to meet Jesus, but rather caught in the ground. Once again he reviews all my sins and goes over each one. Then he begins mentioning things that I never did. He smiles at me and reminds me that it is written that if you break one of His commandments, you break them all. But I am thinking to myself that I did not do all the things he mentioned, and that I do not need to repent for things I never did.

However, after hearing all that the angel shared with me, I feel there is no way I can ever be sinless. I begin thinking about the seriousness of all the things I have done, and that indeed if we break one of His commandments we break them all.⁷ More and more I feel so unworthy, as if I lived each day without having all my sins forgiven. Then I begin to feel overwhelmed with the thought that I have sinned too much, and that with all the things I have done, surely God could never forgive me. I feel that I am a terrible sinner and that I am lost. I feel lost forever—a lowly, powerless human, compared with what Jesus possessed. I begin to cry and feel that all I do is completely in vain. I feel such a depth of pity for myself.

Suddenly, a sensation comes over me that feels like I am enveloped in a shower of fresh, warm water, and at the same time as if a warm blanket surrounded me. The Holy Spirit has reminded me about what the Herald said just before he and his angels took up their positions behind me: "Remember, if at any time you need to, stop, and call out the name of Jesus."

With those words in my mind, I stop walking and call out loudly, "Jesus." I seem to know that His name echoes throughout the neverending universe. It is instantly heard by all the holy beings in the universe, and they also call out the name of Jesus on my behalf. I am now secure, because my mind is instantly cleared of all the thoughts that the evil angel filled it with.

All of a sudden, the sky looks as though it is ripped apart, and I see Jesus descend immediately with thousands upon thousands and

⁷ James 2:10 For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all.

thousands of legions of angels. It is as if all heaven and every angel across the endless universe were instantly here, at the simple calling of His name, that most precious name in the universe—Jesus.

Jesus immediately comes and takes my right hand, while the evil angel who held my left hand and all his angels quickly depart. I notice that the brightness of Jesus is hard for them to endure, and His wonderful name is painful for them to hear. They cannot tolerate remaining in His presence.⁸

As Jesus and I walk together on a path, the Herald and his angels walk behind us. I notice the guard angels lower their swords and shields. Many angels now fly overhead and sing softly. I notice that the path around the feet of Jesus and far behind us becomes a living carpet of green grass. Along the path, flowering trees are alive with fragrance. A vast assortment of flowers lines each side of the path.

Ibid., October 30, 1901

The closer we are to God, the safer we are; for Satan hates and fears the presence of God.

Testimonies for the Church, Vol. 1, pp. 345-346

Satan cannot endure to have his powerful rival appealed to, for he fears and trembles before His strength and majesty. At the sound of fervent prayer, Satan's whole host trembles. And when angels, all-powerful, clothed with the armory of heaven, come to the help of the fainting, pursued soul, Satan and his host fall back, well knowing that their battle is lost.

In Heavenly Places, p. 297

Satan brings all his powers to the assault in the last, close conflict, and the endurance of the follower of Christ is taxed to the utmost. At times it seems that he must yield. But a word of prayer to the Lord Jesus goes like an arrow to the throne of God, and angels of God are sent to the field of battle. The tide is turned.

 ⁸ The Signs of the Times, October 6, 1887
 As you repeat the confidence you have in Jesus, Satan will flee; for he cannot bear the name of Jesus.

Different butterflies and songbirds surround us. I now feel a very comforting, warm breeze.

I look up into the eyes of Jesus and still see the love of the love of the love, a love that has no end. Just as the universe has no end, there is no end to the love I see in the eyes of Jesus, my Brother, my Savior, my Creator–Jesus–the most precious name in the universe. That name is spoken by all the unfallen beings and resounds throughout the universe.

Jesus tells me that it is important for all to approach and kneel at the heavenly Father's throne. In order to be forgiven, we have been instructed to ask for the forgiveness of sins in the name of Jesus. As Jeremiah 31:34 tells us, when the Father forgives, He chooses to no longer remember the sin.

Jesus holds out His right arm and all stop. Everything becomes quiet, and His voice is the only sound I hear. He points to a scene, which I recall is His crucifixion. He explains that it was at the cross that He loosed the hold Satan has on many. It was through His sacrifice that each can come to the Father and through His name be forgiven. Jesus lowers His arm and we begin to walk again.

Still holding my right hand, Jesus stops, turns, and looks at me. He explains that the sins I was shown did not just apply to me but represented the sins of everyone. All are to know that everyone has been deceived in some way. Jesus stresses that while there is still time, we are to approach the heavenly Father in reverent prayer and ask for the forgiveness of sins. He tells me to share that the angel is now numbering the 144,000 upon their foreheads. Revelation 14:1 says, "And I looked, and, lo, a Lamb stood on the mount Sion, and with him an hundred forty and four thousand, having his Father's name written in their foreheads." Soon the last person in this group will have stopped sinning and will have been numbered. When that number is complete, probation for everyone on earth will have ended. Jesus will have finished serving as our High Priest and Advocate, and the 144,000 will be ready for translation.⁹

⁹ Selected Messages, Book 3, p. 427

Jesus shares that since He did not have the propensity to sin when He came to this earth, that there are those who teach that He had an advantage over us. It is also taught that He used His full powers on His own. Jesus says that it needs to be understood that He was born as our Brother. At birth, He had every human quality that Adam and Eve had after they sinned in the Garden of Eden. Jesus explains that He did not use His own powers to turn water into juice, walk on water, heal the blind, the deaf, the lame, the lepers, and give life back to those who died. He asked for help from His heavenly Father, just as we can. Jesus further explains that He could have sinned, but it was through His Father that He chose not to sin.

Next, Jesus reveals that after He was born, He crawled, fell, tripped, and skinned His knees. He laughed, cried, worked, played, and became sick, not because of breaking the health laws, but due to

Christ's Object Lessons, p. 69

Are we striving with all our God-given powers to reach the measure of the stature of men and women in Christ? Are we seeking for His fullness, ever reaching higher and higher, trying to attain to the perfection of His character? When God's servants reach this point, they will be sealed in their foreheads. The recording angel will declare, "It is done."

[&]quot;When the fruit is brought forth, immediately he putteth in the sickle, because the harvest is come." Christ is waiting with longing desire for the manifestation of Himself in His church. When the character of Christ shall be perfectly reproduced in His people, then He will come to claim them as His own.

It is the privilege of every Christian not only to look for but to hasten the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, (2 Peter 3:12, margin). Were all who profess His name bearing fruit to His glory, how quickly the whole world would be sown with the seed of the gospel. Quickly the last great harvest would be ripened, and Christ would come to gather the precious grain.

living in a sinful world.¹⁰ Jesus lived each day through the guidance of His Father. He experienced all our sadness and suffering without sinning. He proved that we can do the same, even if we are sick or in pain. We do not have to sin.

Those who pick up their cross and follow Jesus can approach the heavenly Father and ask that their sins be forgiven. It is then that each can decide to resist temptation, no longer sin, and to live each day allowing God to guide their steps.¹¹ Each can walk a path that is not filled with sin. Each can have a life that is free from sin. There are

It was generally believed by the Jews that sin is punished in this life. Every affliction was regarded as the penalty of some wrongdoing, either of the sufferer himself or of his parents. It is true that all suffering results from the transgression of God's law, but this truth had become perverted. Satan, the author of sin and all its results, had led men to look upon disease and death as proceeding from God,--as punishment arbitrarily inflicted on account of sin. Hence one upon whom some great affliction or calamity had fallen had the additional burden of being regarded as a great sinner.

Thus the way was prepared for the Jews to reject Jesus. He who "hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows" was looked upon by the Jews as "stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted;" and they hid their faces from Him. Isaiah 53:4.

In Strong's Concordance, the translation of the original Hebrew word for "grief" that appears in Isaiah 53:4 (entries 2470 and 2483) also means disease and sickness.

¹¹ The Review and Herald, May 14, 1908 Christ declared to the tempter, "Get thee behind me, Satan....

So we may resist temptation, and force Satan to depart from us. Jesus gained the victory through submission and faith in God, and by the apostle he says to us, "Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you."

¹⁰ The Desire of Ages, p. 471

those who will walk that walk, and there is a marking angel who will number each of them.

When that angel has numbered the last person, he will close his inkhorn and return to Jesus and the heavenly Father. He will report that he found and numbered the ones who no longer sin. The Father will tell Jesus that those numbered—the 144,000—are a witness to the universe that there are those who are sinless like Jesus was. Jesus assures me that this number (these who are they) will pray to the Father as He did and some will perform miracles as He did.¹²

Hebrews 2:4 God also bearing them witness, both with signs and wonders, and with divers miracles, and gifts of the Holy Ghost. . . .

Testimonies for the Church, Vol. 5, p. 211

Here we see that the church--the Lord's sanctuary--was the first to feel the stroke of the wrath of God. The ancient men, those to whom God had given great light and who had stood as guardians of the spiritual interests of the people, had betrayed their trust. They had taken the position that we need not look for miracles and the marked manifestation of God's power as in former days.

The Great Controversy, p. 612

Servants of God, with their faces lighted up and shining with holy consecration, will hasten from place to place to proclaim the message from heaven. By thousands of voices, all over the earth, the warning will be given. Miracles will be wrought, the sick will be healed, and signs and wonders will follow the believers.

Manuscript Release 311, p. 36

Christ will be with these humble workers. The angels of heaven will cooperate with them in their self-sacrificing efforts. By the power of the Holy Spirit Jesus will move upon hearts. God will work miracles in the conversion of sinners. Men and women will be gathered into church fellowship.

¹² John 14:12 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father.

The 144,000 will laugh, cry, work, play, and they will become sick, not because of breaking the health laws, but due to living in a sinful world. Through the Father, a number of them will heal, provide food from heaven, and perform other miracles. With a propensity to sin, they will choose not to sin, just as Jesus chose not to sin without having the propensity. The heavenly Father will say of them: "When I see you, I see my Son, and when I see my Son, I see you."¹³

As Jesus and I stand talking together, I tell Him that I would like to understand in what ways He was like us when He came to this earth. Now that He is in the Most Holy Place, how is it that He knows all things, since He gave up all His powers when He came to earth? How can He hear His name being called in prayer?

Jesus explains that when He came to this earth, He gave up His powers and was as human as we are.¹⁴ Before returning to heaven, He promised to send the Holy Spirit to be with us. Even now that Jesus is in heaven, He still does not have His own powers. However,

Mind, Character, and Personality, Vol. 2, p. 456

In the strength of Christ cease to sin. Every provision has been made that grace should abide with you, that sin shall ever appear the hateful thing that it is, sin.

¹⁴ The Review and Herald, January 20, 1903He gave up all to carry out God's plan of mercy for the fallen race.

Ibid., April 21, 1896

¹³ Our High Calling, ch. 9

As Satan seeks to break down the barriers of the soul, by tempting us to indulge in sin, we must by living faith retain our connection with God, and have confidence in His strength to enable us to overcome every besetment. We are to flee from evil, and seek righteousness, meekness, and holiness.

Christ gave up everything, that he might seek and save that which was lost, that He might recover the pearl that He valued at infinite cost.

because of His relationship with the Father and the Holy Spirit, They allow Him to be omniscient (to know everything). Through the Father and the Holy Spirit, Jesus knows everything.

When we pray, Jesus is allowed to know what the Holy Spirit sees and hears on this earth. So, when a child prays to Jesus, or when we call on the name of Jesus for help, He always sees and hears us through the Holy Spirit.¹⁵

When Jesus performed miracles, such as feeding the 5,000, changing water into grape juice, healing people, and walking on water, He did not do it on His own. God allowed it. Jesus was able to do every miracle only through the will and power of His heavenly Father.¹⁶

So that I can better understand, Jesus tells me that He will show me in this dream what it is like to be omnipresent (everywhere simultaneously). However, I will not be allowed to actually have that power.

Even though I am standing there with Jesus, instantly and through the power of the Holy Spirit, I am on three different planets. It is difficult to grasp how I can be fully aware, mentally and physically, of everything that I experience on those planets, yet still be able to talk with Jesus.

The Youth's Instructor, December 15, 1898 He [Christ] is our Advocate through the Holy Spirit.

¹⁶ John 5:19 Verily, verily, I say unto you, The Son can do nothing of himself, but what he seeth the Father do: for what things soever he doeth, these also doeth the Son likewise.

John 14:10 ... the Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works.

¹⁵ The Review and Herald, August 25, 1896 The Lord Jesus acts through the Holy Spirit; for it is His representative.

On the first planet, I walk and talk with beings that Jesus and the Father created, but I am unable to tell how long I am with them. This planet has a large variety of animals, including fish and birds.

At the same time, I am on a second planet where there are no animals or created beings, only plant life. As I walk, I smell the wonderful scents of the various plants and flowers. I feel the wonderful texture of the carpet of grass under my feet and notice its constant, fresh aroma. I do not have adequate words to describe the scene around me.

Simultaneously, I find myself jumping from rock to rock as I descend down the side of a beautiful waterfall. I feel the texture of the smooth rocks under my feet, as well as a misty breeze. At the same time, I swim underwater and observe a vast assortment of colorful fish, while I think about the many colorful birds in the air. There is vivid color everywhere. Simultaneously, I fly along the side of majestic, grasscovered mountains and waterfalls. I fly past large ponds, valleys, and flower-filled meadows. On this planet, and all at the same time, I walk, jump, fly, and swim. Yet, I am also still on the first planet talking with created beings, and I am also fully aware that I am having a conversation with Jesus.

At the same time, I also visit a third planet and know that it is the sixth day because there is plant and animal life with beings about to be created. I have the privilege of being the first one there. While there I can walk, run, jump, fly, swim, and explore for as long as I wish beyond that creation week.

Of all the animals there, the most interesting to me is one that resembles a very large, rectangular-shaped manta ray without a tail. It is covered with long, flowing fur that sparkles in the sunlight. As this beautiful animal moves, its fur illuminates in constantly-changing colors. It quickly glides lengthwise as it eats grass, leaving it all the same height. Because it perfectly assimilates what it eats, it leaves a beautifully-manicured lawn with no waste.¹⁷

While on this third planet, I am also on the other two, and at the same time Jesus is explaining to me that planets and perfect beings will be created continually and forever. Throughout eternity, the saved will travel the galaxies and teach newly-created beings about Jesus. Just as God is eternal, the universe has no end. He is the Creator; therefore, He will continue to create forever.

Jesus continues to explain that the number of planets which exist in the universe can be compared to the grains of sand on all the beaches and in every ocean and sea on earth. We cannot count them. Only a "God-sized handful" of the planets that have been created are inhabited. Their inhabitants look forward to each time when God, as the Eternal Creator, creates another planet, each different from the others. Revelation 4:11 tells us, "Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created."

How important it is to strive now to be one of the 144,000. What an honor they will have to travel and share about Jesus with newly created beings, telling them what He did for us and them while on earth.

Instantly, I am standing once again with Jesus. He hugs me and says that He waits for us to call on His name so that He can lift us back up, wipe the filth from us, and dress us in His robe. When we call on His name, it is repeated throughout the universe.

Manuscript Releases, Vol. 6, p. 30 In the visible creation, divine wisdom is manifested in an endless variety of processes. Uniformity is not the rule that is followed in the kingdom of nature.

¹⁷ 1 Corinthians 2:9 Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.

Next, Jesus and His angels ascend. The Herald comes forward and takes my right hand. He smiles and says that Jesus serves as our Brother. He reveals that when Jesus was being tried and crucified, the angels watched and waited for Him to call on them for help.¹⁸ If He had called just one time, they would have been there. However, Jesus chose not to.¹⁹ He walked each day as we can, with our heavenly Father's help.

The Herald says to continue upon the path that Jesus has laid out for me. As I look ahead, I tell the Herald that from where I stand, I do not see any green grass or flowers, like there are behind me. The Herald reminds me that Jesus has said He will walk with each of us. However, we must each always hold onto the Savior's hand. If we let go, the path will be a dirt path. As long as we hold onto His hand, the path will be a path of living green.²⁰

I tell the Herald that I know I am holding the hand of Jesus, but that the path before me is a dirt path. Saying my heavenly name, the Herald smiles patiently and says, "Simply take a step." When I take a step, the path under my foot becomes a living carpet of green grass. Flowering trees are alive with fragrance. A vast assortment of flowers lines each side of the path. Different butterflies and songbirds

¹⁸ Early Writings, p. 177 The angels who hovered over the scene of Christ's crucifixion were moved to indignation as the rulers derided Him.... They wished there to come to the rescue of Jesus and deliver Him....

¹⁹ The Review and Herald, January 9, 1883 But He chose to exchange all the riches, honor, and glory of heaven for the poverty of humanity, and His station of high command for the horrors of Gethsemane and the humiliation and agony of Calvary.

²⁰ The Review and Herald, October 7, 1890 As we near the close of time, the current of evil will set more and more decidedly toward perdition. We can be safe only as we hold firmly to the hand of Jesus, constantly looking to the Author and Finisher of our faith. He is our mighty Helper.

surround us. I take another step, and again I see a living carpet of green grass. I now feel a very comforting, warm breeze.

With each step I take, a green path continues to appear. The Herald says that if we continue to hold the hand of Jesus, the Father will allow us to remain on the living path. If we let go of that beautiful hand, we will walk on a path of dirt, and in time that path will be enveloped in darkness. The Herald tells me that the living path may seem rough and hard to walk on. Sometimes there will be many logs in the path that we must climb over. But if we look closely, they are not logs, but simply toothpicks. There are no boulders, but simply pebbles.²¹ As long as we stay on the path God has chosen for us, He will never allow anything that He knows we cannot handle. The Herald tells me to stay on the living path, to seek and strive to be one of the 144,000 who receive a number.

The Review and Herald, July 25, 1871 Christians should be the most cheerful and happy people that live.

Ibid., July 23, 1895

²¹ Manuscript Releases, Vol. 4, p. 179 Oh, how many walk a dark path, looking to the objectionable, unlovely things on either side of them when a step higher are the flowers.

The seven last plagues are about to descend upon the disobedient. Many have let the gospel invitation go unheeded; they have been tested and tried; but mountainous obstacles have seemed to loom up before their faces, blocking their onward march. Through faith, perseverance, and courage, many will surmount these obstructions and walk out into the glorious light. Almost unconsciously barriers have been erected in the strait and narrow way; stones of stumbling have been placed in the path; these will all be rolled away.

HOW DO WE STOP SINNING?

First of all, we must understand what sin is. 1 John 3:4 tells us that "Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law." Romans 4:15 says, "Because the law worketh wrath: for where no law is, there is no transgression."

Breaking God's laws is a sin. It is also a sin to break state and federal laws. However, this Spirit of Prophecy statement explains the exception to not obeying man's laws. "I saw that it is our duty in every case to obey the laws of our land, unless they conflict with the higher law which God spoke with an audible voice from Sinai, and afterward engraved on stone with His own finger." Testimonies for the Church, Vol. 1, p. 361

While many understand that breaking the Ten Commandments is sin, in what other ways do we sin?

- Through careless speech, thoughts, or feelings such as complaining, anger, or jealousy
- By breaking the laws of health, such as the wrong diet, lack of exercise, intemperance, or even self-pity
- Being involved with worldly amusements
- Being accusers of the brethren
- Failing to reprove wrongs within the family or the church
- Lack of prayer and the study of God's Word

Other sin involves character, such as

- Impatience
- Greed
- Selfishness
- Pride
- Being unforgiving
- Laziness
- Being thoughtless of others
- Lack of faith in God's Word

Many Christians are tired of sinning and want to stop. As the Holy Spirit works on their hearts, they realize that if they continue to sin, He will be grieved away.

God wants us to be perfect in order to save us and to vindicate His character. Do we believe Him when He says that perfect obedience is possible? Satan insists that, as a result of our sinful nature, it is not possible. Who is telling the truth? God's remnant has the privilege of proving that Satan is a liar. In that process, we must do our part to stop sinning; then God can do His part to help us.

Every soul must fight his own battles. He must himself put on the armor. He must pray for himself. He must commune with God for himself. He must keep his own soul under watchful guidance, knowing that if he does his part, God will not fail of doing His part. The Signs of the Times, October 24, 1900

We must remember that we are <u>not</u> born sinners; we choose to sin. We become guilty due to the choices we make, not because of our nature. Ellen White specifically states that God's people will gain the victory over their personal sins before Jesus comes.

Here are suggestions of what you can do to obtain the victory over sin:

- Ask the Lord in faith for a deep desire to stop sinning.
 - Agree with what God says.
 - Decide to obey with a willing heart and the right motives.
 - If the willingness is not there, earnestly ask God for it in prayer.
- Get rid of whatever makes sinning easier.
 - Replace bad habits with good ones.
 - $^{\circ}$ Keep busy doing good things, especially in helping others to overcome sin.
- Since each resistance to temptation makes the next time easier,
 - When temptation comes, resist it immediately.
 - Do not entertain it in your mind.
- Prepare yourself for temptation with prayer and Bible study.
 - Claim God's promises.
- Follow the health message.

- The mind's ability to resist temptation is strengthened by caring for the body.
- When you fall into sin:
 - Immediately ask for forgiveness in the name of Jesus.
 - Begin again.
 - $^{\circ}$ Do not take God's mercy for granted, thinking that He will always forgive.
 - Do not allow yourself to carelessly keep on sinning.
- Each sin mocks Jesus and glorifies Satan. Therefore, God's last generation will learn to hate sin so much that they will prefer to die rather than commit a wrong act.
 - Learn to love God with all your heart.
 - Surrender all to God-your will, your heart, and your service.
 - Keep Christ in your heart that you may have the power to always obey God, to daily be born again.
 - Continue in Christian growth by keeping your focus on Jesus and His perfect character.
- Perfection involves spiritual maturity, growing, and learning more about God. We are not held accountable for sins of ignorance but rather for increased light that we choose to disregard. God cannot forgive sins committed through willful blindness.
 - If possible, read Steps to Christ by Ellen G. White.

Rejoice with courage and faith when trials and opposition come, knowing these bring about victory over self and produce a perfect character. Nothing is valuable enough to hold onto, if it means losing eternal life.

Since His [Christ's] life was marked with continual self-denial, suffering, and self-sacrifice, we shall make no complaint if we are partakers with Him. We can walk safely in the darkest path if we have the Light of the world for our guide.... Selected Messages, Book 1, p. 29

HOW DOES GOD HELP US TO STOP SINNING?

• He gives us the requirements.

Christ died to make it possible for you to <u>cease to sin</u>, and sin is the transgression of the law. The Review and Herald, August 28, 1894

To every one who surrenders fully to God is given the privilege of <u>living without sin</u>, in obedience to the law of heaven.... God requires of us <u>perfect obedience</u>. Ibid., September 27, 1906

Christ came to this earth and lived a life of perfect obedience, that men and women, through his grace, might also <u>live lives of perfect obedience</u>. This is necessary to their salvation. Ibid., March 15, 1906

When our earthly labors are ended, and Christ shall come for His faithful children, we shall then shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of our Father. But <u>before that time</u> shall come, <u>everything</u> that is <u>imperfect</u> in us will have been seen and <u>put</u> <u>away</u>. All envy and jealousy and evil surmising and every selfish plan will have been banished from the life. Selected Messages, Book 3, p. 427

• He promises to help us when we are tempted.

Now unto him that is <u>able to keep you from falling</u>, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy. Jude 1:24.

I can do <u>all things</u> through Christ which <u>strengtheneth me</u>. Philippians 4:13.

The Lord knoweth how to <u>deliver the godly out of temptations</u>, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished. 2 Peter 2:9.

The life that Christ lived in this world, men and women can live through His power and under His instruction. In their conflict with Satan they may have all the help that He had. They may <u>be more than conquerors through Him</u> who loved them and gave Himself for them. Testimonies for the Church, Vol. 9, p. 22

• He protects us from a greater temptation than we can bear.

There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who <u>will not suffer you to be tempted</u> <u>above that ye are able</u>; but will with the temptation also <u>make a</u> <u>way to escape</u>, that ye may be able to bear it. 1 Corinthians 10:13.

If you will stand under the bloodstained banner of Prince Emmanuel, faithfully doing His service, <u>you need never yield</u> to temptation; for <u>One stands by your side who is able to keep</u> you from falling. Our High Calling, p. 19

Through the plan of redemption, <u>God has provided means for</u> <u>subduing every sinful trait</u>, and <u>resisting every temptation</u>, however strong. The Review and Herald, December 22, 1885

• He provides Himself as an example to show us how to overcome.

For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, <u>leaving us an example</u>, that ye should follow his steps: Who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth. 1 Peter 2:21-22.

Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is. And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure. Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law. And ye know that he was manifested to take away our sins; and in him is no sin. <u>Whosoever abideth in him sinneth not</u>: whosoever sinneth hath not seen him, neither known him.... He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning.... Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God. 1 John 3:2-9.

(For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but <u>mighty</u> <u>through God</u> to the pulling down of strong holds;) Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and <u>bringing into captivity</u> <u>every thought</u> to the obedience of Christ. 2 Corinthians 10:4-5.

Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall <u>not fulfil the lust of the flesh</u>. Galatians 5:16.

The Saviour took upon Himself the infirmities of humanity and lived a sinless life, that men might <u>have no fear</u> that because of the weakness of human nature they could not overcome. Christ came to make us "partakers of the divine nature," and His life declares that <u>humanity</u>, <u>combined with divinity</u>, <u>does not commit sin</u>. The Ministry of Healing, p. 180

Jesus revealed no qualities, and exercised no powers, that men may not have through faith in Him. <u>His perfect humanity</u> is that which <u>all His followers may possess</u>, if they will be in subjection to God as He was. The Desire of Ages, p. 664

<u>He did not consent to sin</u>. <u>Not even by a thought</u> did He yield to temptation. <u>So it may be with us</u>. Ibid., p. 123

He [Jesus] was <u>subject to all the conflicts</u> which we have to meet, that He might be <u>an example to us</u> in childhood, youth, and manhood. Ibid., p. 71

• He promises victory in His strength.

<u>To him that overcometh</u> will I grant to sit with me in my throne, <u>even as I also overcame</u>, and am set down with my Father in his throne. Revelation 3:21.

<u>As the will of man co-operates with the will of God, it becomes</u> <u>omnipotent</u>. Whatever is to be done at His command may be accomplished in His strength. <u>All His biddings are enablings</u>. Christ's Object Lessons, p. 333

We can overcome. Yes; fully, entirely. Jesus died to make a way of escape for us, that we might overcome every evil temper, every sin, every temptation, and sit down at last with Him. Testimonies for the Church, Vol. 1, p. 144

God's ideal for His children is higher than the highest human thought can reach. "Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect." This command is a promise. The plan of redemption contemplates our complete recovery from the power of Satan. <u>Christ always separates the contrite soul from sin</u>. He came to destroy the works of the devil, and <u>He has made provision that the Holy Spirit shall be</u> imparted to every repentant soul, to keep him from sinning..... Satan is jubilant when he hears the professed followers of Christ making excuses for their deformity of character. It is these <u>excuses that lead to sin</u>. There is <u>no excuse for sinning</u>. A holy temper, a Christlike life, is accessible to every repenting, believing child of God.

The ideal of Christian character is Christlikeness. As the Son of man was perfect in His life, so His followers are to <u>be perfect</u> in their life. Jesus was in all things made like unto His brethren. He became flesh, even as we are. He was hungry and thirsty and weary. He was sustained by food and refreshed by sleep. He shared the lot of man; yet He was the blameless Son of God. <u>He was God in the flesh. His character is to be ours</u>. The Desire of Ages, p. 311

...[I]t is your privilege to have Christ abiding in your heart by faith, and <u>He can overcome sin in you</u>, when you <u>cooperate</u> with <u>His efforts</u>. Our High Calling, p. 76

One victory won, the next is more easily gained. Had Moses neglected the opportunities and privileges granted him of God, he would have neglected the light from heaven and would have been a disappointed, miserable man. Sin is from beneath; and when it is indulged, Satan is enshrined in the soul, there to kindle the very fires of hell. God has not given His law to prevent the salvation of souls, but He wants all to be saved. Man has light and opportunities, and if he will improve them he may overcome. You may show by your life the power of the grace of God in overcoming.

When a man is earnestly engaged day by day in overcoming the defects in his character, he is cherishing Christ in his soultemple; the light of Christ is in him. Under the bright beams of the light of Christ's countenance his entire being becomes elevated and ennobled. Testimonies for the Church, Vol. 4, pp. 345-346

GOD IS ANGRY June 7, 2014

By Ernie Knoll

Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord. Romans 12:19.

The glory of Him who is love will destroy.... The Desire of Ages, p. 764

Following are several dreams I was instructed to record but not make public until God instructed. Some began on February 18, 2013. Some of the dreams were about specific individuals within the ministry. I was not to contact these individuals unless instructed to. It is now time to post these messages from the heavenly Father.

In my dream, the guide angel stands behind me with his left hand on top of my right shoulder and his right arm pointing to the sky. He states my heavenly name and instructs me to notice the sky, which is black or gray and sometimes a dark purple. Once in a while a bright yellow ribbon of lightning streaks through the sky followed by a thunderous roar. The guide continues by sharing that God is love and all-patient, but there is an end to His patience.¹ He explains that God is angry with what is occurring on this earth.²

¹ Fundamentals of Christian Education, pp. 356-357 There will soon be a sudden change in God's dealings. The world in its perversity is being visited by casualties,--by floods, storms, fires, earthquakes, famines, wars, and bloodshed. The Lord is slow to anger, and great in power; yet He will not at all acquit the wicked. ... He is putting under restraint His own attributes. His omnipotent power is under the control of Omnipotence. ... But His forbearance will not always continue. Who is prepared for the sudden change that will take place in God's dealing with sinful men? Who will be prepared to escape the punishment that will certainly fall upon transgressors?

 ² The Review and Herald, February 18, 1862
 As the curtain was lifted and I was shown the corruption of this age, my heart sickened, my spirit nearly fainted within me. I saw that the

The angel tells me that he will show me things to better illustrate God's anger. I now see a very large volcano that is not erupting with a fiery blast. Instead, the boiling lava simply flows from an opening. The lava is white with heat, and the air around it is polluted. The guide says that this is how we should perceive God's anger over the things He witnesses on this earth.

The angel points in another direction, and I see a large body of water that represents a pond, a lake, or an ocean. The water is boiling, not just on the surface but even down to the very bottom. The steam that rises into the air is so hot that even it appears to be boiling. The angel says that this is another way to describe God's anger.

Next, the guide points in another direction. I see a road made of concrete. Instead of being hard, it is boiling. Large bubbles break open on the road's surface, which appears to have melted. The angel says to look again. I see a black, asphalt road. It also becomes hot, and the surface begins to bubble. The angel repeats that this is another way to show God's anger.

The guide again points to the sky and says to look up and understand. I notice what I know to be airwaves from a video that is being played either at one of the apostasy-driven Seventh-day Adventist worship services, or on one of their many telecasts. Rather than showing a reverent video, such as a nature movie, it is simply entertainment. He says to notice the instruments and the way the individuals perform. We are to know that these things anger the heavenly Father who sits on His holy throne, He who is worthy of divine, sacred worship.

The guide tells me to look again. Now I see what I can only describe as different music wave patterns scrolling across the sky. Suddenly, I am able to hear all the music all at once. Yet, I can differentiate each of the sound patterns. The angel explains that this is a representation

inhabitants of the earth were filling up the measure of the cup of their iniquity. God's anger is kindled, and will be no more appeased until the sinners are destroyed out of the earth.

of most Seventh-day Adventist radio or television programs. With disappointment, he says that even though these claim to be doing God's work, they are not always reverent.

The guide explains that a model of sacred worship is found in the courts of heaven. Enough examples have been shared through the Bible, the Spirit of Prophecy, and For My People Ministry. Is the music being used sacred to God's ears, or is it just pleasing to those who want to hear it? Is it sacred music to worship the heavenly Father, or is it for entertainment?

The angel shares that there are other things which God is angry about. We begin walking and he tells me that Protestants, including Seventh-day Adventists, are taking up the banner of women serving as ordained elders and pastors. In the Garden of Eden, Adam was instituted as the priest of the family, and this role was passed on solely to his male offspring. God never ordained women as priests; therefore, it is not to be done. It is a deception of Satan. Now most Protestants no longer promote the ideals their churches were founded on. Cain, Abel, Noah, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Levi, and his priestly line all offered sacrifices, but it was never given to women to serve as priests or to officiate in the services of the sanctuary, or now in the churches. God is not the only One who calls individuals to ministry. Satan also does, in order to lead the church astray and confuse its members.

Next, the guide says to notice a contrast between Protestants and Catholics. Protestants, including Adventists, used to worship reverently, but the majority no longer does.³ Even though the Catholic Church is Satan's counterfeit of God's Church, it is interesting to note that the majority of its members still hold reverent services. There is no rock music with drums and electric guitars, no praise or gospel singers performing, no waving of hands or praise dancing, and no loud talking or running in the sanctuary.

³ Selected Messages, Book 2, p. 367 The professed Protestant world will form a confederacy with the man of sin [the papacy], and the church and the world will be in corrupt harmony.

The angel now asks something very specific: "Does the Catholic Church ordain women priests?" No, it does not. Additionally, no woman priest is ever mentioned in the Bible. Protestants used to protest, but now they conduct irreverent worship services and ordain women as pastors. Satan has brought in a creeping compromise to lower the high standards and change the doctrines.⁴ This has led people down his path—a path that leads opposite to heaven. And God is angry.

Next, the guide discusses how leaders and pastors are pushing for the acceptance of those who choose a homosexual lifestyle, even though it is immoral and an abomination in God's sight.⁵ Whether it is

The Signs of the Times, February 19, 1894

The church that holds to the word of God is irreconcilably separated from Rome. Protestants were once thus apart from this great church of apostasy, but they have approached more nearly to her, and are still in the path of reconciliation to the Church of Rome. Rome never changes. Her principles have not altered in the least. She has not lessened the breach between herself and Protestants; they have done all the advancing. But what does this argue for the Protestantism of this day? It is the rejection of Bible truth which makes men approach to infidelity. It is a backsliding church that lessens the distance between itself and the Papacy.

⁵ Leviticus 18:22, 29 Thou shalt not lie with mankind, as with womankind: it is abomination. ...For whosoever shall commit any of these abominations, even the souls that commit them shall be cut off from among their people.

Leviticus 20:13 If a man also lie with mankind, as he lieth with a woman, both of them have committed an abomination: they shall surely be put to death; their blood shall be upon them.

⁴ 2 Timothy 4:3-4 For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.

practiced by men or women, this choice is not God's design and is never to be accepted in any situation or under any circumstances. He stresses that the heavenly Father made it very clear in the Garden of Eden that He designed marriage to be only between a man and a woman.⁶ The evil design of men with men and women with women is Satan's plan. This style of life is never to be accepted, even if it is considered to be socially or politically correct, because it is a base crime against the second institution God ordained during earth's creation week.

The guide now gives me an illustration from nature of how God has a male and female in almost everything. As he raises his arm, I see different kinds of animals, each created for mating and reproducing. He shows me a depiction of Adam in the Garden of Eden. He is noticing that each animal has a mate. The angel shows me that God created and designed Eve to be the mate for Adam. He explains that the Creator did not make another man for Adam, and that even in nature there is a correct balance.

Next, the guide angel illustrates how electricity has positive and negative components. The earth has positive and negative magnetic poles. If there were no opposite poles, the earth could not spin on its

Manuscript Releases, Vol. 8, p. 168

Not one particle of Sodomitish impurity will escape the wrath of God at the execution of the judgment. Those who do not repent of and forsake all uncleanness will fall with the wicked.

⁶ Genesis 1:27 So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.

Romans 1:26-27, 32 For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature: and likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly.... Who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death....

axis. God never intended two negatives or two positives to work together. Throughout the universe, this was never a part of His design. Then I see the angel holding a flashlight. It emits light because its batteries contain positive and negative poles. He explains that with two positive or two negative poles, no light would be emitted. Without opposites, there is only darkness.

I understand that in all of God's nature there is a balance between the negative and the positive. Lightning results from an electrical discharge produced to balance the differences between negative and positive charges in a cloud. Sometimes the charge occurs between the cloud and the ground, or it could happen between two clouds. In fact, we could not have thunder without lightning.

The guide angel puts a hand on my shoulder and says that I was already shown in the dream, "The End," that homosexuality is not genetic. The following was stated by the Herald:

The Creator then commanded that these two [Adam and Eve] in their marital union, through the holy institution of marriage, be fruitful and multiply. They were to populate the earth. They were not created with a genetic makeup of a man and a man or a woman and a woman to live in this holy union or to have a sexual relationship. The Great Founder created a perfect union between a man and a woman, between a husband and a wife in the sanctity He called marriage. He never created a genetic makeup that results in a life of homosexuality. Those who have chosen this path have not chosen it because of an inherited trait or a genetic disorder. It is not anything that is connected with the Creator's grand design. Those who live this style of life live it because of what they have chosen. It is not through what was created. Those in a position of counsel who did not assist in correcting those who lived that lifestyle, those that endorsed it and spoke smooth, soft things will give an account to the Great Judge.

The guide angel continues to explain that homosexuality is a choice that God's grace does not cover. Would we be expected to be accepting of serial killers, because we are told that they are born that way? Would it be acceptable to welcome them into our churches, pat them on the back, and then point them to the children's classrooms? The practice of homosexuality is not to be accepted. God is angry over this acceptance.

Next, the angel leads me to a large field. In front of me I notice what looks like a large, three-story projection screen. He mentions future events that were shown in the dream, "Final Events and the First Supper." He tells me that we have been shown the Father's patience with those who have openly spoken against His messages and His messenger. He talks about the many times God invited them to ask for His forgiveness for sinning and letting their own desires get in the way of obedience. He speaks about how they openly condemned me as God's messenger, because I documented the false teachings of those who claim to teach truth. Additionally, most people do not think to expose the false teachers who condemn the messages of eternal salvation that God has given me to share.

My guide angel pauses and reminds me of something that I have already been shown in my dreams. Soon the ground will obey the voice of the Creator. It will open and slowly devour those who have discredited, defamed, and condemned God's messages and messengers. It will be their just reward. They will be swallowed up like Korah, Dathan, and Abiram. God is angry.⁷

Prophets and Kings, p. 276

⁷ The Ellen G. White 1888 Materials, p. 831

^{...}There will be those who will resist the light and crowd down those whom God has made His channels to communicate light. ...the real heaven-sent message and messengers are scorned. ...Those who do not...yield to the evidence God has given will war against their brethren whom God is using. They will make it very hard.... These men will have opportunities to be convinced that they have been warring against the Holy Spirit of God. Some will be convinced; others will hold firmly their own spirit. ...They will be more and still more deceived until they cannot discern truth and righteousness.

God allows men a period of probation; but there is a point beyond which divine patience is exhausted, and the judgments of God are sure to follow. The Lord bears long with men, and with cities,

Please notice from the following that what happened in Korah's day will happen again, just as shown in this dream. Certain critics will be swallowed up and then the destruction by fire will fall upon specific Seventh-day Adventist buildings and the people inside. History will be repeated.

In the name of the God of Israel, Moses now declared, in the hearing of the congregation: "Hereby ye shall know that the Lord hath sent me to do all these works; for I have not done them of mine own mind. If these men die the common death of all men, or if they be visited after the visitation of all men, then the Lord hath not sent me. But if the Lord make a new thing, and the earth open her mouth, and swallow them up, with all that appertain unto them, and they go down quick into the pit, then ye shall understand that these men have provoked the Lord."

The Review and Herald, August 1862

God requires his servants who labor for the salvation of souls, to be ensamples to the flock; and unfaithfulness on their part is regarded by heaven as a high crime, and will be visited with God's anger.

Manuscript Releases, Vol. 8, p. 168

The punishment inflicted on human beings will in every case be proportionate to the dishonor they have brought on God.

The Signs of the Times, May 27, 1880

When individuals commit sins which are too grievous for the Lord to pardon, their names are erased from the book, and they are devoted to destruction.

mercifully giving warnings to save them from divine wrath; but a time will come when pleadings for mercy will no longer be heard, and the rebellious element that continues to reject the light of truth will be blotted out, in mercy to themselves and to those who would otherwise be influenced by their example.

The eyes of all Israel were fixed upon Moses as they stood, in terror and expectation, awaiting the event. As he ceased speaking, the solid earth parted, and the rebels [Korah, Dathan, and Abiram] went down alive into the pit, with all that pertained to them, and "they perished from among the congregation." The people fled, self-condemned as partakers in the sin.

But the judgments were not ended. Fire flashing from the cloud consumed the two hundred and fifty princes who had offered incense. These men, not being the first in rebellion, were not destroyed with the chief conspirators. They were permitted to see their end, and to have an opportunity for repentance; but their sympathies were with the rebels, and they shared their fate. Patriarchs and Prophets, pp. 400-401

Now the angel raises his right arm and points to the screen. I see a depiction of sinkholes around the world. He shares that these are examples of the ground opening and devouring individuals, whether it is while they sleep in their beds, work in their yards, walk across a golf course, or drive down a road. God's wrath is witnessed upon those who continue to sin against Him.

The guide lowers his arm, turns to me and says that soon each of the critics spoken of in the Truth book, as well as others who mock God's messages, will receive God's justice. Heaven is aware of certain Seventh-day Adventist pastors, not mentioned in the Truth book, who have mockingly stated that they should be added to the list of corrupt pastors. If these pastors do not repent, they will be devoured as a result of God's judgment. These critics will be swallowed up because of their own sins, and they will hear the cries of those they misled. And God is angry.

No unjust person can or will be excused from unconfessed sins. Know that the theme in my messages from God has been the patience of the Father, the love of Jesus, and the pleadings of the Holy Spirit. Over and over again, the messages have called for repentance, and urged everyone to test all things with the Bible and the Spirit of Prophecy. The Herald now descends and reveals that there are individuals in the Seventh-day Adventist organization that serve a master who is not the true God, because they are Jesuit infiltrators. He instructs that I am not to share their names. While most members do not know their true work or identity, the heavenly Father, who is the Alpha and Omega, knows who they are and the instructions they receive from the pope. He knows about their infiltration into Protestantism, which includes Seventh-day Adventists. He knows about the directions they are giving. The Herald says that the Great Mapmaker knows the road they take and where that road ends.

The Herald tells me that God is angry. He has shown signs of His wrath, which is about to be poured out upon the contaminated Seventh-day Adventist organization.⁸ He continues by saying that the Father will use fire to cleanse and purify His church, and to bring about only sacred worship services.⁹ It will be the greatest shaking

2 Kings 17:18 Therefore the LORD was very angry with Israel, and removed them out of his sight: there was none left but the tribe of Judah only.

⁹ Jeremiah 15:6-7 Thou hast forsaken me, saith the LORD, thou art gone backward: therefore will I stretch out my hand against thee, and destroy thee.... I will bereave them of children, I will destroy my people, since they return not from their ways.

Revelation 2:23 And I will kill her children with death; and all the churches shall know that I am he which searcheth the reins and hearts: and I will give unto every one of you according to your works.

Manuscript Releases, Vol. 4, p. 321 The Lord has shown plainly that He has a controversy with His people. The fires that have lately raged in New York and other cities

⁸ Deuteronomy 6:14-15 Ye shall not go after other gods, of the gods of the people which are round about you; (For the LORD thy God is a jealous God among you) lest the anger of the LORD thy God be kindled against thee, and destroy thee from off the face of the earth.

ever seen. The heavenly Father who sees and knows all is observing those who have secreted themselves into leadership positions and hide behind their individual "masks." He will sit upon His throne as He watches them be consumed in the fires. The Herald explains that this will be their first fire. They will be raised to receive God's wrath again. Regarding others who are worthy of God's wrath, He will hold out His holy hand and the ground will devour them. He will do it because, as He has stated, they have provoked Him to anger.

The Herald turns to me, places his hand on my shoulder, and says that all are to know that God is angry. His patience has been tried. Even though God is love and Jesus pleads through His blood, the critics will meet their judgment. That time is near. Each was instructed to prepare, to repent, to test God's messages, and to examine their own hearts. Look for their just reward, because God is angry.

My dream changes and I stand looking up a gradual, upward-sloping hill, which has a most beautiful, crystal clear, cascading stream coming down over rocks. Along both sides of the stream are trees, flowers, and thick, luscious, dark green grass. Silently, the guide angel and I begin to walk upward alongside the stream. The air is cool and smells fresh and rich with oxygen. As we reach the top of the hill, I look down into a hole where all the water is coming from. The water is crystal clear and smells fresh.¹⁰

Suddenly, the stream of water slows its flow out of the hole. It is as if a valve is gradually being turned off. Then the water completely stops flowing, and there is complete silence. My guide breaks the silence and says that water flows like the Holy Spirit. There is life as long as

were no accident. It was the hand of omnipotent power. The Spirit of God is withdrawing from the world because the warnings of heaven have not been heeded. We need to beware, for a similar condition of things is coming in amongst us as a people.

¹⁰ Manuscript Releases, Vol. 11, p. 239 God wants you to come and drink of the clear waters of the streams of Lebanon, and when you have drunk yourselves you will want to call others to drink.

the Holy Spirit flows. Where He is absent, there is only death and decay.

Next, I notice all kinds of garbage and trash coming up from the hole. It is as if the earth is spitting out the trash that has been created and dumped. I see all forms of broken and shredded plastic, pieces of paper, cardboard boxes, and empty cigarette packets. Then I see something that makes me look more closely. It is a very old, handblown, Coca-Cola bottle from the late 1800s that would have contained syrup sold for medicinal purposes. The bottle comes up from under the ground with mud and other muck. It is interesting to note that in the late 1800s, Ellen White wrote much about the backsliding in the Seventh-day Adventist organization.¹¹ How much worse is it today?

My dream changes again and there are two angels present. While the guide angel explains to me about Moses and Aaron, the announcing angel listens. I am enabled to visualize the illustration in my mind. When Moses gave instructions, the people were to listen because he was a mouthpiece for God. They were not to question or doubt, but to trust what he said and act upon it.¹²

I am shown again how Moses was provoked to anger because of the rebelliousness of the Israelites. With his rod in his hand, he turned and faced a giant boulder. He was very angry as he yelled and swore

¹¹ The Review and Herald, January 19, 1897 But there is backsliding among us, and God is dishonored.

¹² Manuscript Releases, Vol. 16, p. 113 The levity of some, the free speeches of others, the manner of treating the messenger and the message when in their private stopping places, the spirit that stirred to action from beneath, all stand registered in the books of heaven. And when these persons are tried and brought over the ground again, the same spirit will be revealed. When the Lord has sufficiently tried them, if they do not yield to Him, He will withdraw His Holy Spirit. May the Lord grant that those who are deceived may make thorough work before probation closes.

at the Israelites. He did not just tap the boulder. Instead of speaking to it, as God had commanded, he furiously hit it. Then I saw water coming out. The people were to listen to Moses because he was the mouthpiece of God.

The next part of this dream has specific information that is necessary for certain individuals. It is so important that it was given by God to the Herald, who is Gabriel, and then to the announcing angel to deliver. Until now, I did not know his position as an angel. I thought he was low in rank and would simply deliver messages as he was instructed. I already knew that the Herald is Gabriel. However, I am now shown that the announcing angel is very important, yet very humble. He stands to the right of Gabriel. Before the war in heaven, Lucifer stood next to God's throne, and Gabriel stood next to Lucifer.

The guide angel stays while the announcing angel steps forward and begins to speak. He tells me that the Father called him before the throne. He was instructed to go immediately to share what I am to know. He tells me that two brothers, Chris and Nelson, were given an invitation to serve as pastors with the For My People Ministry. However, they were to wait until they were ready and called to serve as pastors. As they waited, they were to humble themselves before God. It was to be a time of learning and testing for both. However, I am shown that they did not humble their hearts.

The prayers of many on behalf of Chris and Nelson have been heard. The announcing angel explains that Jesus went before His heavenly Father to plead on their behalf. Jesus explained that these two did not realize the danger they were in. He pleaded for God to forgive them and give them another chance.¹³ Jesus was the One who invited them to serve as pastors. However, each must make their own free choice. God will not force anyone against their will.¹⁴

¹³ 2 Peter 3:9 The Lord is...longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

¹⁴ The Review and Herald, December 24, 1889 God does not force any man into his service. Every soul must decide for himself whether or not he will fall on the Rock and be broken.

The announcing angel, who stands next to the Herald, who is next to God's throne, heard the conversation between Jesus and the Father. The announcing angel shares that the Father gave the brothers another chance, but said that if they failed again, He would personally remove the invitation from their hands. It was stated that He has a timetable, and if they did not follow His instructions, He would quickly move on to others He has waiting.

The angel stresses that when God's messengers share His instructions, He expects them to be heeded. If He sends a message through one of His angels, and the messenger who receives it does not give the message, He will move on to another messenger. When the message is given, if the individual receiving it does not heed it, or if he begins to doubt and speak against the messenger, God will move on to someone else. The Father's timetable must be followed.

The announcing angel explains that in the dream I shared with Chris and Nelson, they were both to wait outside while a symbolic building was being built. They were to be lieutenants in waiting. The building under construction did not represent a church, but rather symbolized that they were not yet ready to serve. They both needed to learn and grow spiritually. Because the brothers refused to accept this, they discredited the messenger.

Another example comes from a dream where I am slowly walking up a path. The Herald, the guide, and the announcing angels are following me. As I walk, on each side of the path are depictions that mark important events in the development of the Seventh-day Adventist denomination. I stop at each place to review and study God's perfect guidance in the development of His church. At each

Heaven has been amazed to see the spiritual stupidity that has prevailed. You need individually to open your proud hearts to the Spirit of God. You need to have your intellectual ability sanctified to the service of God. The transforming power of God must be upon you, that your minds may be renewed by the Holy Spirit, that you may have the mind that was in Christ.

stopping place of my ascent, I notice that it is very bright, and I understand it to be the presence of the Holy Spirit.

As I continue up the path, the grass becomes greener and more lush. Different types of decorations, such as flowers, colorful bushes, and small, very colorful trees, adorn each side of the path.

Continuing on, I notice that the path ends at the top of a cliff. I see an elevation sign that reads "1951." (This is the time when doctrinal changes on the nature of sin and the nature of Christ were being made.)

At the top of the cliff, the path drops straight down, so I turn and make a sharp right. In this instance, I know that the right turn does not represent good or that a left turn means the wrong way. The path simply goes to the right and then gradually slopes downward. Now the lush green path and beautiful flowers and trees begin to turn brown. The scenery is no longer beautiful. The depictions that marked important events guided by God disappear and change to those created by man. I see the glorification of man, not of God, such as someone receiving a plaque for doing community service work. Why should a person receive an award for helping someone in need? As I continue further down, weeds grow and the grass dries up from lack of water and nutrients. Then the path becomes barren, and there are only rocks, stones, and dirt.

Jesus now comes to walk with me on this path for a short time. He says that many still do not comprehend that His church is not a building or an establishment. God's true church is comprised of individuals and small groups that worship only Him. They believe in the true teachings of Jesus as shown in the Bible, and uphold His testimonies, which are the Spirit of Prophecy. [See addendum at end of dream]

Chris and Nelson do not comprehend this simple fact. Tragically, they have returned to their previous Seventh-day Adventist church, joining in the celebration and apostasy even after receiving such great light through the For My People Ministry. They have turned their backs on the truth for these last days, and once again are in a Laodicean condition, back in a system that has become a spiritual whore.¹⁵

Recently, I was shown a dream about Chris and Nelson with two different scenarios. However, I will only share the latter one, because the first only showed the younger brother, Chris, while the latter showed both brothers. I was not to share it at the time I received it, but was to wait until the instructed time, which is now. It is very difficult for me to have to share this.

In this dream, I stand by what I know to be a lake covered with thin ice. I see Jesus standing and holding a large, leather medical bag in His left hand. In the bag I see a young woman I know. There are also others in the bag, but I do not see their faces. In His right hand, Jesus holds two threads. One of the threads is attached to Chris, and the other to Nelson. I notice that the brothers tie a very short, black rope to each other. They begin walking toward the partially-frozen lake, while Jesus holds tightly to both threads. It looks like He is trying to keep them from going onto the lake. I look back at the medical bag, and for the first time I notice the words "For My People Ministry" written on it. It is then I realize that the people in the medical bag are some of those God has called to serve in this ministry.

Isaiah 1:21 How is the faithful city become an harlot!

James 4:4 Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God.

S.D.A. Bible Commentary, Vol. 1, p. 1106

All false worship is spiritual adultery. The second precept, which forbids false worship, is also a command to worship God, and Him only serve. The Lord is a jealous God. He will not be trifled with. He has spoken concerning the manner in which He should be worshiped. He has a hatred of idolatry; for its influence is corrupting.

¹⁵ Ezekiel 16:26 Thou hast also committed fornication...and hast increased thy whoredoms, to provoke me to anger.

Next, I notice Chris and Nelson as they carefully walk out onto the thin ice. Just below the surface, there are many spears that point upwards. Each spear tip is razor-sharp. They will not only cut, sever, and shred, but each one also has a flame of fire to consume. As Chris and Nelson continue to walk slowly, they somehow reach out with their left hands and grab the young woman in the medical bag. They guickly pull her out, along with others, and instantly their two threads break. (Now I know that in real life, Chris and Nelson have been contacting individuals through social media.) Suddenly, the ice breaks and Chris and Nelson sink below the surface. I notice that the young woman and the others no longer appear in the dream, but I am made to understand that neither she nor the others went down into the water. I now look below the surface and see that as Chris and Nelson sink to the bottom, their invitations to serve are shredded and burning. God has reluctantly let them go, fulfilling His promise. He will do the same to others who trample His messages and condemn His messengers.

I turn back to look at Jesus and hear Him say, "It is because of their actions that I will require their blood for attacking My ministry and trying to deceive those who serve Me." As I look into those eyes where I always see the love of the love of the love, I notice tears streaming down His face. In a strange way, freedom is love. Love provides the freedom to choose eternal life or eternal death. Now Jesus says, "Blessed be the ones who believe before the evidence mounts."¹⁶

The Signs of the Times, August 11, 1898 ...those who think it impossible to yield to the will of God until all is made clear and plain before them, will never yield at all. Faith is not certainty of knowledge; it is "the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen."

Ibid. November 3, 1898

¹⁶ The Youth's Instructor, January 10, 1901 It is of great importance that we have a faith that will not wait for the evidence of sight before it ventures to advance.

The dream changes once again, and I know that God in His anger commanded several special angels to surround those who were in the medical bag. I also notice that the Holy Spirit is sent to stand next to the young woman. I am shown that Chris and Nelson had been sending messages to this young lady to pull her away from a work God has called her to do. The angels, as well as the Holy Spirit, become a fortress around her. Instantly, I see her sitting in a large pasture with many, many sheep. As loudly as she can, she is singing the hymn, "There's Sunshine in My Soul Today."

> There's sunshine in my soul today, More glorious and bright Than glows in any earthly sky, For Jesus is my light.

Refrain O there's sunshine, blessed sunshine, When the peaceful, happy moments roll; When Jesus shows His smiling face, There is sunshine in the soul.

> There's music in my soul today, A carol to my King, And Jesus, listening, can hear The songs I cannot sing.

The Spirit of Prophecy, Vol. 2, p. 322 He who waits for entire knowledge before he can exercise faith, will never be blessed of God.

The Gospel of Christ was a stumbling-block to the Jews, because they required signs instead of a Saviour; but the Lord would not have His people rest in signs and outward forms. He would not have them wait until every seeming objection is removed before they believe. God will never remove all seeming difficulties from our path. Those who wish to doubt may find opportunity; those who wish to believe will find plenty of evidence on which to base their faith.

Refrain

There's springtime in my soul today, For, when the Lord is near, The dove of peace sings in my heart, The flowers of grace appear. Refrain

There's gladness in my soul today, And hope and praise and love, For blessings which He gives me now, For joys "laid up" above.^{*}

The Herald descends again and addresses me by my heavenly name. Behind and to the right of the Herald is the announcing angel. To his left is the guide angel. The Herald tells me that what the Father promised, He fulfilled. He reminds me that Jesus went before His heavenly Father and pleaded on behalf of Chris and Nelson. He pleaded that God would forgive them and give them another chance.

The Herald again shares that the Father decided to give them another chance, but if they failed again, He would personally remove the invitation from their hands. It was stated that He has a timetable, and if they did not respond according to God's directions, He would quickly move on to others He has waiting. And He has already begun to do so. The Herald explains that when God's messenger speaks, God expects His instructions to be heeded. If He sends a message and it is not heeded, He will move on to others, which He is doing. The Father's timetable, His schedule, must be followed. The Herald tells me that this is not the first time I have been shown that a person has lost eternal life.¹⁷

^{*} There's Sunshine in My Soul Today, lyrics by Eliza E. Hewitt

¹⁷ Testimonies to Ministers and Gospel Workers, p. 97 Go on a little longer as you have gone, in rejection of the light from heaven, and you are lost.

I am now shown the eternal decision that has been made by these two brothers. God has given them chances; He extended the invitation to serve more than once. However, both have now turned and walked away from God and His invitation. They walked away holding the hand of Satan.¹⁸

The Herald speaks about how much the For My People Ministry provided for both brothers. Not only was time spent teaching them, but financial aid was also provided. Because Nelson was having employment problems, he and his family were given a good vehicle so they could travel and do what God asked them to do. Money was provided to help with the burden of their unpaid bills. A computer was given to him to help with his studies, research, and sermon preparation. On two separate occasions, Nelson claimed that he took the ministry computer to a pawn shop in order to get money to pay his bills. The ministry provided additional funds to help with food, gas, and medical expenses for him and his family. Amazingly, he now proclaims that this ministry is of Satan. Yet he has no problem keeping the items he received from this ministry, because he states that God provided them for him. If this ministry is not of God, as Nelson claims, how could God have provided those things for him? It would mean that Satan provided those things for Nelson. Confusion comes from the devil. It is clearly evident that God was patient with Nelson.

Chris also has had employment problems and received much financial assistance from the ministry. Among other things, he received help to repair his car in order to find employment to provide for his family. Due to his debts, he was given funds to purchase food and other necessities for himself and his family. Like Nelson, he now speaks openly against this ministry and the messages. He and Nelson have "bitten" the very hand of the One who was feeding them. It is clearly evident that God was also patient with Chris.

¹⁸ Early Writings, p. 236

Those who had neglected to receive the heavenly message were left in darkness, and God's anger was kindled against them, because they would not receive the light which He had sent them from heaven.

The Herald now reveals that God's patience and His giving have run out for Chris and Nelson.¹⁹ God has also commanded that the Holy Spirit no longer walk with them, and that all His angels be removed from their presence. As long as Chris and Nelson walk on this earth, they no longer will have heaven's protection. God no longer sees their tears or hears their prayers. Jesus no longer hears their supplications. Angels no longer record their pleas. They have both committed the unpardonable sin "…the blasphemy against the Holy Ghost shall not be forgiven unto men." Matthew 12:31.

The Herald points up to what looks like a white screen. He begins to recite the Spirit of Prophecy quote below that discusses sinning against the Holy Spirit. When he gets to the bolded part, I instantly remember those who called the Herald as being of Satan. Yet we have been shown that he is Gabriel.

What constitutes the sin against the Holy Ghost? It is willfully attributing to Satan the work of the Holy Spirit. For example, suppose that one is a witness of the special work of the Spirit of God. He has convincing evidence that the work is in harmony with the Scriptures, and the Spirit witnesses with his spirit that it is of God. Afterward, however, he falls under temptation; pride, self-sufficiency, or some other evil trait, controls him; and rejecting all the evidence of its divine character, he declares that that which he had before acknowledged to be the power of the Holy Spirit was the power of Satan. It is through the medium of His Spirit that God works upon the human heart; and when men willfully reject the Spirit and declare it to be from Satan, they cut off the channel by which God can communicate with them. By denying the evidence which

¹⁹ The Signs of the Times, November 15, 1899 ...if men continue to resist light and evidence, they will cut themselves off from God's mercy, and then will come the ministry of wrath. ...The love of God is immeasurable to those who repent, but His justice is firm and uncompromising to those who abuse his long-suffering love.

God has been pleased to give them, they shut out the light which had been shining in their hearts, and as the result they are left in darkness. Thus the words of Christ are verified: "If therefore the light that is in thee be darkness, how great is that darkness!" Matthew 6:23. For a time, persons who have committed this sin may appear to be children of God; but when circumstances arise to develop character and show what manner of spirit they are of, it will be found that they are on the enemy's ground, standing under his black banner. Counsels for the Church, p. 81

I am shown that because of the brothers' positions as husbands and fathers of their households, their decisions affect their families.²⁰ Both wives, who are sisters, are on the wrong path because of their husbands' wrong decisions. The wives should have encouraged and helped their husbands to make the right decisions. Instead, they sat quietly and let their husbands make wrong choices for eternity.²¹

I am also shown that, as in the days of the Israelites, Chris and Nelson's children are to receive the same wrath now as their parents. However, all the little ones before the age of accountability (usually around the ages of 10-12) will be saved, including Chris and Nelson's children, if they die before the age of accountability. However, if they

Ibid. p. 225

²⁰ The Youth's Instructor, February 8, 1894 How terrible were the consequences of this man's [Achan's] sin. How fearful the work wrought upon his family through his example and influence.

²¹ Christ's Object Lessons, p. 224 Many there are who allow their wives or their husbands to prevent them from heeding the call of God.

All these refuse the Saviour's call because they fear division in the family circle. They suppose that in refusing to obey God they are insuring the peace and prosperity of the home; but this is a delusion.

reach the age of accountability and choose to sin, they cannot be saved.

If God allows babies or children to die in His mercy before the age of accountability, they will be saved, even if their parents are not. This agrees with the fact that we are not born guilty or sinful. We must choose to sin before God sees us as guilty. Obviously, children before the age of accountability do not sin because they do not understand yet what sin is.

"Moreover your little ones, which ye said should be a prey, and your children, which in that day had no knowledge between good and evil, they shall go in thither, and unto them will I give it, and they shall possess it." Deuteronomy 1:39.

"For before the child shall know to refuse the evil, and choose the good...." Isaiah 7:16.

The Herald now shows me the new dismal life of these two families without heaven's protection. I see holy angels leaving them. The guardian angels, who watched over the little ones while sleeping, playing, or at school, have walked away. The angels who stood over a sick one have walked away. There is no longer protection from Satan and his evil angels. The words spoken in prayer are only heard by deaf walls.²²

I see evil angels come in and torment the little ones and cause them and their mothers to become sick. Other evil angels walk through the house and torment the brothers and their wives. Some of the evil angels make noise through the night to disrupt their sleep. I see demons knock things over throughout their homes. Others empty all

Jeremiah 14:12 When they fast, I will not hear their cry; and when they offer burnt offering and an oblation, I will not accept them: but I will consume them by the sword, and by the famine, and by the pestilence.

²² Isaiah 1:15 ...when ye make many prayers, I will not hear: your hands are full of blood.

the kitchen or bathroom cabinets, throwing the contents to the floor or across the room, causing the items to smash against a wall. Without God's protection, Satan and his angels have full control over them.²³

The Herald reminds me about the way God protected the Israelites in the wilderness. Even their clothes and shoes did not wear out. However, that is not the case for these two families. I am shown that Satan and his angels will even destroy their proudly-owned possessions. The vehicles that the Father provided or repaired will fall into disrepair. The electronic possessions and other devices will be taken forcibly, or will be stolen by others who walk with Satan. Their lives will not have God's daily protection and blessings. Without these and without the Holy Spirit, these two families are completely under the tormenting power of Satan and his angels. I am told that, because of the path both brothers chose, now their lives will be full of misery.²⁴ Tragically, Chris and Nelson are examples of how not to be.

As I stand next to the Herald, I think about how God called Chris and Nelson to serve as pastors. I shared with one of the brothers that I was shown he could become like the pastor in the dream, "The Senior Pastor," who was given the gift of healing. The other brother was instructed that he could travel great distances with his wife to care for God's people. I think of how these two families were given so

²³ Spiritual Gifts, Vol. 2, p. 278 ...if individuals continue to retain their own will, choose their own course, and have their own way, the angels leave them in sadness.

²⁴ Proverbs 1:24-31 Because I have called, and ye refused; I have stretched out my hand, and no man regarded; But ye have set at nought all my counsel, and would none of my reproof: I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when your fear cometh; When your fear cometh as desolation, and your destruction cometh as a whirlwind; when distress and anguish cometh upon you. Then shall they call upon me, but I will not answer; they shall seek me early, but they shall not find me: For that they hated knowledge, and did not choose the fear of the LORD: They would none of my counsel: they despised all my reproof. Therefore shall they eat of the fruit of their own way, and be filled with their own devices.

many chances, and how God provided such things as food and healing. I contemplate how patient God was with them. I think about God's forgiveness and patience toward them, but there has to be a limit. I realize that Jesus needs to return to this earth to put a stop to Satan.

Now I ask the Herald about their wives and children. Is there nothing that can be done to save them? The Herald tells me that they have a chance, but only if the wives separate from their husbands and train their children for God, caring for and teaching them to love the true God. He tells me that if they choose to do this, they must claim Amos 3:3, which says, "Can two walk together, except they be agreed?" Only if they no longer agree with or walk with their husbands, can they receive God's grace, and He can once again provide for them and their children. However, they are never to divorce or re-marry.²⁵

The dream changes again, and I find myself where a television is playing. In the same area, there are many computers and wireless devices that display different types of media. Suddenly, all these media devices show a man or a woman announcing that all programs will be pre-empted for a special news bulletin. One woman announcer begins to talk about an event, but I do not know what event she is referring to. However, after she describes in detail what happened, she mentions "The Seventh-day Adventist church organization...." She says that additional information and video will be shared as soon as it is available.

I now see in the sky a depiction of something that looks like an inverted volcano. Very quickly it spews out something that resembles a pure, thick, golden liquid. I know that I am watching the fulfillment of what God revealed to Ellen White about taking the bodies next, as mentioned in my dream, "Final Events and the First Supper."²⁶ It is

²⁵ Romans 7:3 So then if, while her husband liveth, she be married to another man, she shall be called an adulteress: but if her husband be dead, she is free from that law; so that she is no adulteress, though she be married to another man.

²⁶ The Publishing Ministry, pp. 171, 173

because of His anger that He pours out His wrath, described in Ezekiel 9, and it provides evidence that God does kill. In His justified anger, God will destroy those who trample His laws and His commands. He will cleanse His church. He is a God of promises.²⁷

I am reminded that many had a chance to believe before the evidence came. I think of those who were given a chance to give to God's work. Many of those who could have given of their excess, but instead selfishly held onto it, will have their possessions taken from them.

Those who survive the great cleansing will also need to survive the great test which will follow. They will go through a great sifting. Many will be sifted out of God's true church and will take their place with the others who will receive God's judgment-day wrath. Many who were once proud of being Seventh-day Adventists will quickly give up that name. Many who held onto great possessions, which could have been used to hasten Christ's return, will then curse their treasures.

I am now made to hear other important information that all need to know. It is as if a voice is saying, "Look to the west for the deserved

...I am sure that unless the management of these institutions is conducted more after God's order, there will be further revelations of God's displeasure.

²⁷ The Publishing Ministry, p. 170 The Lord will work to purify His church. I tell you in truth, the Lord is about to turn and overturn in the institutions called by His name. Just how soon this refining process will begin I cannot say, but it will not be long deferred. He whose fan is in His hand will cleanse His temple of its moral defilement. He will thoroughly purge His floor.

I want to tell you that if after the warnings given in these burnings the leaders of our people go right on, just as they have done in the past, exalting themselves, God will take the bodies next. Just as surely as He lives, He will speak to them in language that they cannot fail to understand....

reward of sinners. Salvation only comes from the east. What comes from the west is not God's salvation but rather His wrath and His destruction. Your salvation does not come from the west, but from the clouds in the east. You are given this warning, and you have been allotted a time that ends at the time of the three chimes. It will be in the quiet of the time after the chime of the three chimes." The angel shared these verses from Jeremiah 19:1-3. "Thus saith the LORD, Go and get a potter's earthen bottle, and take of the ancients of the people, and of the ancients of the priests; And go forth unto the valley of the son of Hinnom, which is by the entry of the east gate, and proclaim there the words that I shall tell thee, And say, Hear ye the word of the LORD, O kings of Judah, and inhabitants of Jerusalem; Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; Behold, I will bring evil upon this place, the which whosoever heareth, his ears shall tingle."

Immediately, I am reminded of the hymn, "It Is No Secret What God Can Do."

The chimes of time ring out the news, Another day is through. Someone slipped and fell. Was that someone you?

You may have longed for added strength, Your courage to renew. Do not be disheartened, I have news for you.

It is no secret, what God can do. What He's done for others, He'll do for you. With arms wide open, He'll pardon you. It is no secret what God can do.

> There is no night for in His light, You never walk alone. Always feel at home, Wherever you may go.

There is no power can conquer you

While God is on your side. Take Him at His promise, Don't run away and hide.

It is no secret what God can do. What He's done for others, He'll do for you. With arms wide open, He'll pardon you. It is no secret what God can do.

I am once again reminded of the "Final Events" dream when Jesus pointed to the dark blue sky and instructed that I record these words for all to read. Each word was dark gold with a bright white edging.

Blessed Be the Ones who Believe Before the Evidence Mounts

The dream is now in a different setting where I am shown a representation to help me understand something. I do not see it literally. I am standing in what I know to be heaven. In front of me are three very majestic thrones. I know that even the thrones are holy. Around the three thrones stand many and many beyond many angels, each waiting to do a bidding, to serve. The heavenly Father sits on the middle throne. If I literally saw the Father in my present state on this earth, I know I would be consumed. Jesus sits on the right side of the Father's throne. The Holy Spirit sits on the left side of the Father's throne. He has a tangible, physical body, yet He can be everywhere at the same time. I now seem to know that the three chimes represent the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit who sit before me. Although They are three separate Persons, They are as one, and separately declare the sound of a chime.

My mind returns to the thought of how many times Jesus has stated, "Will I find faith when I return?" And yet He has stated that those who believe before the evidence mounts are blessed. I think about those words over and over again. If we had evidence for everything, there would be no need for faith. I realize that what Jesus said could also

^{**} It Is No Secret What God Can Do, lyrics by Stuart Hamblen

be phrased in a different way: Cursed be the ones who do not believe even after the evidence is shown.²⁸

The Herald now comes and stands in front of me. Again addressing me by my heavenly name, he shares the following: The signs of the end are evident. Look at what is happening in nature. The Holy Spirit is being removed from the earth. The very elements seem to war with each other. Men's hearts and minds are only on evil. A great work is to be carried out, but it will be done during a very difficult time. Funds are needed to complete God's work. Pastors are being called, but they need means to serve. The Seventh-day Adventist organization is about to be cleansed. Let each go to the Father in prayer, asking the Holy Spirit to reveal what they can give. Do not put your treasure on this earth, which will be consumed. Put it in heaven, so that others can hear what His pastors need to teach.²⁹

My dream changes again. I am now presented with a message to end this compilation of dreams. In this dream, I am made to understand that after the righteous have occupied heaven for 1,000 years, Jesus will destroy all evil through the power of the heavenly Father. The whole earth will be destroyed, down to its very core. Even the place where Jesus will set His feet to level the Mount of Olives into a great plain for the Holy City will be destroyed. In this dream, I again see what I saw before in the dream, "The New Earth," when our surrounding planets will be destroyed. I now see in this dream for the

²⁹ Testimonies for the Church, Vol. 1, p. 197 The work of God is to become more extensive, and if His people follow His counsel, there will not be much means in their possession to be consumed in the final conflagration. All will have laid up their treasure where moth and rust cannot corrupt; and the heart will not have a cord to bind it to earth.

²⁸ Manuscript Releases, Vol. 4, p. 330 Unless the human agent inclines his heart to do God's will, and takes up God's service, the light will shine in vain. A thousandfold more light and conviction would accomplish nothing. God knows he has had sufficient evidence already.

first time that everything within our sinful "bottomless pit," including our galaxy, will be destroyed.³⁰

Before that event, all the wicked will receive their judgment. Then, as Jesus sits on His throne high above the Holy City, through the Father's power He will call fire down upon the wicked who will be gathered all around the outside of the Holy City. They will all be completely destroyed, including Satan and his evil angels. After they are destroyed, the cleansing flames will continue to burn the earth, until nothing is left. The flames will consume the first heaven until every trace of sin is removed from the universe. Then Jesus will command that there be a new heaven and a new earth, because the former will have been destroyed in the cleansing fire. "And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away." Revelation 21:1.

Even though everything evil will be consumed, it will be a time of great sorrow, because it will be a time to witness the destruction of certain family or church members, friends, or acquaintances. It will include those who opposed God's last-day messages, those who rejected God's gift of eternal life. I see Jesus everywhere comforting

³⁰ Revelation 20:3 And cast him [Satan] into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled: and after that he must be loosed a little season.

² Peter 3:7, 10, 13 But the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men. ...the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up. ...Nevertheless we, according to His promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness.

the saints. He is literally wiping the tears from their faces. The redeemed will witness the immeasurable love of Jesus. $^{\rm 31}$

Next, I hear Jesus say, "Let us make a new heaven and a new earth," and the redeemed shout a joyous "Hallelujah." As I look out at the bright, vast emptiness of space where the "bottomless pit" was, I know that far, far away are myriads of galaxies with unfallen beings who have watched these final events.³² They know that they will never witness such events again. Never again will there be death and destruction. Never again will there be sinful planets that must be recreated.

As I look out into space again, I notice what looks like two invisible hands forming an enormous planet that I know will be the new earth. I cannot comprehend its size, and I know that no other planet created will be as large as the new earth. It will always be the largest in the universe, and God will always dwell there with the redeemed. The Holy City and the homes of the saved will always be there.³³

I am made to know that all the light throughout the universe is nothing in comparison to the light from God's throne. This light shines throughout the universe a trillion times trillions upon trillions and trillions upon trillions of light years away. The light of His love flows

³¹ Revelation 7:17 For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters: and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes.

³² 1 Corinthians 4:9 For I think that God hath set forth us the apostles last, as it were appointed to death: for we are made a spectacle unto the world, and to angels, and to men.

³³ The Desire of Ages, p. 26 Our little world, under the curse of sin the one dark blot in His glorious creation, will be honored above all other worlds in the universe of God.

from His throne with perfect, amazing brilliance everywhere, equally, and forever.³⁴

Next, I witness the creation week in six literal days. I see the creation of everything that will walk, fly, or swim on the new earth. Everything will be created new again, except that man will not be created on the sixth day. Instead, on that great and glorious sixth day—a day that Jesus has waited for so long—all at once, He will swing open all twelve gates of the Holy City, and the redeemed will go out across the new earth. Jesus will be heard telling all to enjoy their new earth and to build homes.³⁵ I think about the first home of Adam and Eve where God told them to be fruitful and multiply. In the new earth, it will be like saying, "Divide and occupy."

I know that all tears will be wiped away. I know that any physical or mental pain experienced on this earth will be forgotten. Yet I know that the saved will never forget that they suffered for the truth's sake and for the sake of saving others. Most importantly, the redeemed will always remember the price that Jesus paid for their salvation. I know that we will forever teach others about Jesus and what He did for us. I understand that we could not tell newly-created beings about Jesus if we did not remember why He did what He did for us. Yes, we will forget things, but the "why" we will always remember.³⁶

In the dream, Becky and I have been standing together on the wall of the Holy City to watch the new creation. We will always be together because we want to be. Jesus comes over and calls us by our heavenly names. It is difficult to understand, but as before I am made to know that our names are synonymous, yet singular. We will be two different people, but addressed the same way.

³⁴ 1 John 1:5 God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.

³⁵ Isaiah 65:21 And they shall build houses, and inhabit them....

³⁶ Zechariah 13:6 And one shall say unto him, What are these wounds in thine hands? Then he shall answer, Those with which I was wounded in the house of my friends.

Jesus tells us that He knows about a place that we both want to build. However, it will not be ours, but rather a special place for all the redeemed. He invites us to go, and says that He has assigned a large company of angels to go with us to help with the construction. He tells us that He also will be with us to help, and that He waits for our design with anticipation. I know that the "our" refers to the design made by Jesus, Becky, and me.

Next, Becky and I look at each other, and instead of walking away, we fly together very quickly. We both know what we are looking for. The place we want must have a very large hill behind it. Looking out and away from the hill, there must be a great flowered plain and valley. In the distance there must be a majestic waterfall that fills a beautiful lake.

After much searching, we find a place we know will be perfect. It has a large hill with trees and a stream flowing from it. The stream continues down the hill into the valley and along a great flowered plain. Beyond that is a waterfall that forms a large, beautiful lake. We both know this is the place where we will build. So Becky and I tell Jesus and our assisting angels that this is the place where we would like to build. Jesus replies, "Let it be."

I turn to Jesus and tell Him that because there is so much water flowing out of the large, lush hillside, I need Him to stop the water from flowing for a while. Jesus lifts His hand, and with one word, the waters cease to flow.³⁷ Becky and I begin to work. We both know how everything is to be. We work and think as one, but yet both of us have our own thoughts and ideas. As we suggest our ideas to each other, we agree.

The Story of Redemption, p. 184 Jesus, the Son of God, followed by heavenly angels, went before the ark as it came to Jordan; and the waters were cut off before His presence.

³⁷ Exodus 14:22 And the children of Israel went into the midst of the sea upon the dry ground: and the waters were a wall unto them on their right hand, and on their left.

Next, we begin to prepare the ground where we want this enormous country mansion to be. We know that this will be a place where the redeemed can come to walk, rest, and contemplate what Jesus did for each of them. Inhabitants from other worlds as well will come here to visit and speak with the redeemed. This place will be an eternal testament to the universe of our Savior's incredible love.

Next, Becky and I know that the mansion will need to be made of transparent matter, so that from the inside everyone can have a clear view of the beauty outside. Jesus, the Great Creator, steps forward and tells us with a smile that He knows exactly what we need. He says to notice the clear water that always flows.

Jesus puts out His ever-creating hand, and before us appear many, many stacks of what I know to be congealed water.³⁸ Each slab of crystal clear water is thick, long, and wide. The water moves inside each slab, yet the slab holds its form. When a slab is put next to another one, both form together as one, so there are never any seams. We laugh because not only can we walk on it, but we could also walk through it, if we wanted to. Because each slab is bendable, we can shape it the way we need it to be. If a slab is too long, we simply use our hands to slice through it. If it is too short, we can stretch it to the desired length, and it never loses its thickness.

The angels, who love to help, enjoy assisting us with the construction. It is their nature to serve. Becky and I talk to Jesus constantly about how we would like the mansion to be. Then it is as if Jesus instantly places the ideas into the minds of the angels, who are very quick to help lay the foundation and build this enormous place. It has many, many rooms. The size of the mansion and the land it sits on are too large to describe. Each room will always have a picture window view,

³⁸ Exodus 15:8 And with the blast of thy nostrils the waters were gathered together, the floods stood upright as a heap, and the depths were congealed in the heart of the sea.

Psalm 104:3 Who layeth the beams of his [God's] chambers in the waters....

no matter where a person is inside the mansion. The design is perfected by the Great Creator.

The floor in the mansion is seamless, soft, and made up of yellow, red, and blue slabs. As a person walks across the floor, it turns many different colors, which are a constant reminder of the great rainbow that forms over the throne of the King of the Universe.

After the walls are constructed, each room is filled with furniture made from the bendable slabs that form to a person's size. When the angels complete the construction of the roof, we all gaze at this place that will always remind everyone of Jesus. It reminds us that He is the Living Water. This place is composed of living water sustained by the Creator. He spoke, and the water formed.

To the left of the mansion, we design a great trench laid with long slabs of congealed water. The slabs will protect the earth when water begins to flow out of the hill and down into the trench. The angels help dig the trench, and again, there are no seams.

Next, Becky and I talk with Jesus about our idea of forming vertical walls of congealed water to make a very large aquarium many miles in length. Jesus agrees with it. We tell Him that we would like new and different plants and coral reefs in the aquarium. Those new creations will be unique, because there will be no others like them in the entire universe. Becky and I have another request, and Jesus agrees with it by also creating unique creatures for the aquarium.

Benches are made and placed next to the aquarium for relaxing while viewing the creations. Then we tell Jesus that under the aquarium we would like tunnels, also made of congealed water, for people to walk through to get a different perspective of the underwater world. A person would even be able to pass through the aquarium walls and swim with the creatures, or fly through the air and dive into the aquarium.

In front of the mansion, we form a long walkway that goes down toward the valley below. It is made of the same material as the mansion floor. Becky plants a tree in front of the entryway that grows into two trunks, one trunk on either side of the walkway. She trains the branches to grow up along the walkway so that they form an archway of tree limbs that frame the waterfall in the valley below. The tree produces multi-colored leaves and flowers, and a variety of fruits hangs from its branches.

When the mansion and landscaping are completed, multitudes come to visit, even from the far reaches of the universe. As they discuss and contemplate what the Savior did for mankind and why He did it, they are amazed by the depth of the love of the love of the love. Because of this love, they want to continue sharing it with others, saying, "Let me tell you about Jesus."

This mansion is not just for Becky and me, but for all the faithful. It is a place to walk hand in hand with Jesus. It is a place to remember the scars in His head, His hands, His feet, and His side. As I was shown in my dream, "Sitting by a Stream," it is a place to sit by a stream next to Jesus and pet the fish with your feet.³⁹

THE TRUE CHURCH

FALSEGod's true church is an organization.TRUEGod's true church is composed of His people.40

The Great Controversy, p. 675

There the widespreading plains swell into hills of beauty, and the mountains of God rear their lofty summits. On those peaceful plains, beside those living streams, God's people, so long pilgrims and wanderers, shall find a home.

⁴⁰ Manuscript Releases, Vol. 17, pp. 81-82 God has a church. It is not the great cathedral, neither is it the national establishment, neither is it the various denominations; it is the people who love God and keep His commandments. ... Where Christ is, even among the humble few, this is Christ's church, for the

³⁹ 1 Corinthians 2:9 Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love Him.

FALSE God's church is pure and holy.

- TRUE God's church is called Laodicea, because she is blind to her own problems. There are tares in God's church, but it is about to be purified.⁴¹
- FALSE The For My People Ministry says that the SDA organization is Babylon.

presence of the High and Holy One who inhabiteth eternity can alone constitute a church.

Acts of the Apostles, pp. 11-12

From the beginning, faithful souls have constituted the church on earth. ... Through centuries of persecution, conflict, and darkness, God has sustained His church. Not one cloud has fallen upon it that He has not prepared for; not one opposing force has risen to counterwork His work, that He has not foreseen... He has not left His church forsaken, but has traced in prophetic declarations what would occur...

⁴¹ In "The SDA Church" dream, the church building represents the SDA organization. The first part of the dream, before the "tares" left the building, represents the church militant (both wheat and tares). The part of the dream where the tares have left and the building is still intact represents the church triumphant (only the wheat). As in the "Two Cars" dream, the tares go to the left and the wheat go to the right.

"The Vessel" dream symbolizes the SDA organization at this time and how it is about to go to the right, to be purified. We believe as Ellen White stated that the Sunday law, among other things, will help to purify the church.

The "Final Events" dream shows that fire is part of what God will use to purify His church.

- TRUE The For My People Ministry says that the SDA organization is backsliding and in the omega of apostasy.⁴²
- FALSE All the leaders of the SDA organization are true and faithful to God.
- TRUE Many enemies of God have infiltrated the SDA organization, and they have led and are leading it away from the "old paths."⁴³

⁴³ Notice the following quotes from the dream, "The Senior Pastor":

Let those who study and follow the blueprint sent to God's baker, Ellen White, simply call themselves "The Church." Just as God instructed Moses to tell the Israelites, "I AM hath sent me unto you," let His people know that "The Church" is His church and that His church will not fall, but will continue.

The unfaithful in the Seventh-day Adventist organization are the offshoots. However, the organization is not Babylon, but it has fallen into deep apostasy. God's true church is the church that holds to the blueprint handed down from the Great I AM. Even if it is called an offshoot, know that those who have the true recipe for baking bread in their hands are God's true church. His church is His people who bake bread according to His directions. It is not the organization that is controlled by spies and Jesuits placed to control the worship services according to the directions of the Catholic Church. Many can clearly see that this is not what the heavenly Father has directed. He has His people, His Church.

⁴² Selected Messages, Book 2, p. 68 The wine of Babylon is the exalting of the false and spurious Sabbath above the Sabbath which the Lord Jehovah hath blessed and sanctified for the use of man, also [it is] the immortality of the soul. These kindred heresies, and the rejection of the truth, convert the church into Babylon.

FALSE	The For My People Ministry is a sect that tries to draw people away from the SDA organization.
TRUE	The For My People Ministry emphasizes the importance of maintaining membership in the SDA organization, because it is God's last-day church, even if it is in apostasy. ⁴⁴
FALSE	God's people are to continue to faithfully attend and support their local SDA churches.
TRUE	It is imperative that God's people not attend SDA churches where the Holy Spirit is not present. It may be necessary to have home church. ⁴⁵

⁴⁴ Of course, if faithful members are disfellowshipped, that does not mean they are no longer Adventists. What is important is that their names are on the books of heaven.

Life Sketches of Ellen G. White, p. 259

I would encourage those who assemble in little companies to worship God. Brethren and sisters, be not disheartened because you are so few in number.

Early Writings, pp. 124-125

I was shown the necessity of those who believe that we are having the last message of mercy, being separate from those who are daily imbibing new errors. I saw that neither young nor old should attend their meetings; for it is wrong to thus encourage them while they teach error that is a deadly poison to the soul and teach for doctrines the commandments of men. The influence of such gatherings is not good. ... God is displeased with us when we go to listen to error, without being obliged to go; for unless He sends us to those meetings where error is forced home to the people by the power of the will, He will not keep us. The angels cease their watchful care over us, and we are left to the buffetings of the enemy, to be darkened and weakened by him and the power of his evil angels; and the light around us becomes contaminated with the darkness.

⁴⁵ Matthew 18:20 For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.

- FALSEWe must unite with our local SDA conference and
support it even though it teaches error.TRUETruth brings division and separation.
- FALSE God will separate the wheat from the tares, without any human participation.
- TRUE God says that His people must cooperate with Him by separating themselves from sin and sinners. The Holy Spirit will convict and guide His people on how to do this.⁴⁷

The Review and Herald, October 14, 1884

On the Sabbath the few friends here assembled in Edson's parlor for a Sabbath-school. There are four families--twelve persons in all-who usually meet for worship. Edson conducts the Sabbath-school when he is at home. After Sabbath-school they either have a Biblereading or a prayer and social meeting. This is as it should be. The family altar should be established in every home; and if in any locality there are no more than two or three of like precious faith, they should meet together.

⁴⁶ John 7:43 So there was a division among the people because of him [Jesus].

Luke 12:51 Suppose ye that I am come to give peace on earth? I tell you, Nay; but rather division...

The Great Controversy, p. 45

If unity could be secured only by the compromise of truth and righteousness, then let there be difference, and even war.

⁴⁷ The Signs of the Times, January 13, 1881

God requires his people to separate themselves from sin and sinners, choosing their society only when there is an opportunity to do them good. We cannot be too decided in shunning the company of all who have in any way exerted an influence to draw us into sin. None will be punished with greater severity than those who have enticed God's people from their integrity.

THE TREE, THE WOOD, THE TRUTH

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In my dream, I am standing at the bottom of a dry river bed. I can tell that at one time it was wide and the water was deep. Now I can very easily walk from one side to the other. I look down at my feet and notice that the dirt is powdery dry. The guide angel is standing next to me. He smiles and tells me that today is a very special day, because it was three and a half years ago that I was given a very wonderful message in the dream, "Where Are You Looking?" He lifts his right arm and I watch as dry dirt from the river forms into letters of living water that rise into the air. I know that the living water represents Jesus. These are the words I see:

I suddenly feel someone holding my right hand, and I am instantly standing in the corridor. The Herald has been with me the entire time. He calls me by my heavenly name and says, "All you have belongs to the heavenly Father. What He has shown you is a message for everyone. He waits for each person to take the beautiful holy hand of Jesus. The Savior waits with His hand held out for those who decide to take it. He asks each one, 'Where are you looking?' Each should turn their eyes upon Jesus and look fully into His wonderful face. If they do this, all the things of this earth will grow strangely dim, but He will illuminate them by the light of His glory and His grace." Calling me by my heavenly name, the Herald says that each should ask himself, "Where are you looking?"

The guide angel lowers his arm, and I watch the words continue to rise until I no longer see them. The river is still dry. I am told that we are not to place our focus on this old earth, because it will be destroyed along with those who have followed the leader of lies. Only those who hold tightly to the hand of He who is the Eternal Living Water will have their thirst quenched.¹ The water of truth will flow through them.

¹ Testimonies for the Church, Vol. 4, p. 558

Now I look behind me at the bank of the dry river bed and see several other angels standing there. The announcing angel extends his hand to assist me up from the dry river bed. Suddenly, a throng of angels appears. They kneel and bow their heads in reverence. The birds stop singing; the bugs cease their chirping. The wind stops blowing, and everything in nature becomes quiet.

Now I hear what sounds like rolling thunder along the dry river bed. Yet it comes down from the mountains and from everywhere. I hear the voices of God the Father, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit speaking as one. They are saying to look to the north for a sign of the early winged migration. Then I hear these words: "My tears will now burst forth and be so great that the ground will not absorb My tears, which are great because My heart aches. Great will be the flooding from My tears.² The ground will move from My tears. The world will rejoice because the rain will finally come. Little do they understand that these are My tears that will come because of what I must now do. The ground will open up because of My wrath.³ Yet I suffer with great

John 4:14 But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life.

Jeremiah 17:13 O LORD, the hope of Israel, all that forsake thee shall be ashamed, and they that depart from me shall be written in the earth, because they have forsaken the LORD, the fountain of living waters.

- ² 1 Samuel 12:17 ... he shall send thunder and rain; that ye may perceive and see that your wickedness is great, which ye have done in the sight of the LORD....
- ³ Isaiah 28:21 For the LORD shall rise up as in mount Perazim, he shall be wroth as in the valley of Gibeon, that he may do his work, his strange work; and bring to pass his act, his strange act.

It is safe to let go every earthly support and take the hand of Him who lifted up and saved the sinking disciple on the stormy sea.

tears because of what I must now do. I asked each person to take the hand of Jesus. Your Savior waited with His hand held out for those who would decide to take it. I asked each, 'Where are you looking?'⁴ My calendar shows that three and a half years are now over. It is time."⁵

Now I watch all the angels step back as the Herald descends from above. He smiles at me and calls me by my heavenly name. I remember that when the Herald comes with angels, it is a very special message. Now he reveals that he has been asked to deliver a message of great truth which must be shared.

The dream changes and I now see a depiction of three identical thrones facing each other in a semi-circle. I know that the heavenly Father sits on one, Jesus sits on another one, and the Holy Spirit on the other. What I see is shown in a way that I can understand.

I listen as the Three discussed how They would save the two beings they created on Earth. Even though They knew from the beginning that Adam and Eve would sin, I understand that the discussion I witness is after Adam and Eve fell into sin.⁶ I hear Jesus speak of the

Testimonies for the Church, Vol. 3, pp. 287-288 All such should learn from the example of Elijah. His word locked the treasures of heaven, the dew and rain, from the earth three years. His word alone was the key to unlock heaven and bring showers of rain.

⁶ The Desire of Ages, p. 22-23

⁴ Matthew 16:24 Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me.

⁵ James 5:17 Elias was a man subject to like passions as we are, and he prayed earnestly that it might not rain: and it rained not on the earth by the space of three years and six months.

creation of Adam and how He formed him from the dirt of the Earth. He speaks of how He caused Adam to sleep while He created Eve

From the beginning, God and Christ knew of the apostasy of Satan, and of the fall of man through the deceptive power of the apostate. God did not ordain that sin should exist, but He foresaw its existence, and made provision to meet the terrible emergency.

This was a voluntary sacrifice. Jesus might have remained at the Father's side. He might have retained the glory of heaven, and the homage of the angels. But He chose to give back the scepter into the Father's hands, and to step down from the throne of the universe, that He might bring light to the benighted [those in moral darkness], and life to the perishing.

Manuscript Releases, Vol. 9, p. 230

After the fall of Adam and Eve, the race was plunged in hopeless misery, and it was then that this great plan of redemption was advanced. It was then the Son of God consented to leave His Father's throne, lay aside His royal crown, clothe Himself with humanity, take upon Him the nature of man, and become a man among men. He became a Man of sorrows and acquainted with grief, wounded for our transgressions, bruised for our iniquities.

Patriarchs and Prophets, p. 63

The Son of God, heaven's glorious Commander, was touched with pity for the fallen race. His heart was moved with infinite compassion as the woes of the lost world rose up before Him. But divine love had conceived a plan whereby man might be redeemed. The broken law of God demanded the life of the sinner. In all the universe there was but one who could, in behalf of man, satisfy its claims. Since the divine law is as sacred as God Himself, only one equal with God could make atonement for its transgression. None but Christ could redeem fallen man from the curse of the law and bring him again into harmony with Heaven. Christ would take upon Himself the guilt and shame of sin--sin so offensive to a holy God that it must separate the Father and His Son. Christ would reach to the depths of misery to rescue the ruined race. from one of Adam's right ribs, showing that her place was always to be by Adam's side as a helpmate.

Jesus pleaded with the Father and the Holy Spirit to carry out the plan to save Adam and Eve and the rest of mankind from Lucifer's deception. He spoke of how He was willing to leave His throne in heaven in order to save them. I listen as the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit discuss the complete plan of salvation. The discussion seems to go on for a while, but I do not know the time frame. Then the Three came to a united, unified decision. Backup plans were made for those who would not choose to follow the divine plan.

I listen as They selected, before they were born, those who would be invited to serve, some with great difficulty. Many individuals throughout earth's history would exist for the sole purpose of encouraging others. Each would stand as a testament to the universe of the great divine plan of salvation. Since the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit knew the beginning, They also know the end. They knew the path of many who walked for one purpose. I listen as Bible names are mentioned, such as Moses, the one who would receive God's Ten Commandments; Stephen, the one who would be stoned; Abraham who would give birth to the Israelite nation; Noah who would build the ark; Enoch, who would walk with God, and many others who would stand as prophets with messages, like Isaiah and Daniel. There were those who would serve along with Jesus, from John even to Judas. Even Ellen White was chosen as a fulfilment of the testimony of Jesus.

I know the following words were penned before they were written on earth. "And I fell at his feet to worship him. And he said unto me, See thou do it not: I am thy fellowservant, and of thy brethren that have the testimony of Jesus: worship God: for the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy." Revelation 19:10.

Now I see the heavenly Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit in what I know to be the city of Jerusalem on this earth. I watch as Jesus kneels on the ground, and with His bare hands, He digs a hole. He looks up at the Father and the Holy Spirit. In His hands the Father holds what I know to be the seed of a tree. The Father hands the seed to the Holy Spirit, Who hands it to Jesus. Jesus takes the seed and places it in the ground. He covers it with dirt and forms a small

mound over it. Then He stands up, and the Three form a semi-circle around the mound of dirt.

I notice the mound begins to glow very brightly, as if it were a light. A very small tree breaks through the ground, and immediately I see that it has three leaves. One is blue, one white, and the other is red. Blue represents God's love and His law; white represents His righteousness; and red symbolizes the blood that would flow from Jesus. I know that the tree grew from the nutrients in the three colored leaves, and that after a short time those leaves fell to the ground and green leaves began to grow.

I hear the Father call many angels to come to the place where the tree grows. He tells them that this place is holy. I immediately remember how Moses was instructed to remove his sandals at the place of the burning bush, because God's presence made the ground holy. The Father instructs heavenly angels to protect the tree from all humans, from the elements, and from Satan and his evil angels. No one is to disturb the tree. Immediately, heavenly angels form a protective circle around it.

I watch as on one occasion children came near the tree to play, but they lost interest and left. At another time, men with tree cutting tools came to the tree, but they decided to keep going without cutting it down.

At this point, I see the Father and the Holy Spirit look at each other and then Jesus. The Father reaches over and places His hands on the shoulders of Jesus. Jesus lowers His head. I hear Him speak, but I am unable to understand His words. I seem to know that it is time for a great separation. It is a very sad time, but it is necessary. Yet, it is a time of great rejoicing.

Instantly, I see the time when Jesus became like a small seed. The Father reached over and placed it in the hands of the Holy Spirit. I watch the Holy Spirit approach a woman who I know to be Mary, when she was engaged to Joseph. The Holy Spirit places the seed in her womb. Now I hear the voice of the Father as He proclaims, "Here is My Son, who created the Earth from nothing, who created Adam from the dirt of the Earth, who removed a rib from Adam and created a woman. A woman will now give birth to a Son who will save all who

call upon His name, Emmanuel." In my mind, the following words from Matthew 1:23 seem to pour forth as if living water: "Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us."

I think again about the dream "Where Are You Looking?" that I was shown three and a half years ago. I think of the man who lost everything and of those who sang the song, "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus." I remember that the name Manny, which was used in the dream, actually represented Emmanuel. The Herald was told to say, "Each should turn their eyes upon Jesus and look fully into His wonderful face. If they do this, all the things of this earth will grow strangely dim, but He will illuminate them by the light of His glory and His grace." Calling me by my heavenly name, the Herald says that each should ask himself, "Where are you looking?"

As I stand there, my mind quickly goes over the history of the earth beginning at the time when Jesus was placed in the womb of a virgin. I think of His birth, how He grew and learned, how He taught and nurtured. I think of His hand extended for all to take. All who grasp His hand will receive life without sin for all eternity. From childhood on, Jesus lived the life of a perfect servant, ever caring and serving.

I watch as the time comes when He who is God is to be beaten and placed on a cross. I watch as orders are given to a tree cutter to prepare a cross for the execution of Jesus. I watch as many angels guide the tree cutter's footsteps. He is escorted to the same place where Jesus dug a hole in the ground and placed the seed into the ground. As the tree cutter approaches this special place, the angels move away from it. The tree that is now grown is to be used for the Savior's cross. Now all who turn their eyes upon Jesus can be saved.

The tree cutter does what he was instructed to do. I watch as he cuts down the tree. As it lies on the ground, he proceeds to chop off the limbs and branches and places each one into a pile. He strips the bark off and places it all on the pile of wood. I am reminded of how Jesus was stripped of His clothing. The tree cutter then cuts the tree into smaller parts, and I see two square beams formed. He cuts a notch in each beam, so that they can be fitted together. He places a small block of wood at each end of one beam, where the hands of Jesus would be nailed, and His arms would be tied with rope. He places another small block at the bottom of the other beam where the feet of Jesus would be nailed. When His hands and feet were nailed, they were twisted in a way that would cause pain. The ropes also created pain. The soldiers then lifted the cross and dropped it into its place.

I watch as the tree cutter sets the tree debris on fire to burn it all. The Herald explains that this act symbolized one, last burnt offering. It served as an example of what should be done with leftover communion bread from the sacred service of the Lord's Supper.⁷

Every effort must be taken to supply the right amount of bread and wine for those partaking. Only unfermented grape juice and unleavened bread should be used in the communion service.⁸ Once the bread and wine have been blessed, after all have partaken and the service is over, any who wish may respectfully partake of additional bread and wine. If there are still leftover emblems that have been blessed, these must be discarded in the proper way. The wine should be poured into a hole that has been dug into the ground, just as the blood of Jesus went into the ground. The bread must be placed in a container and carefully burned, until only ashes remain. If there are leftovers that have not been blessed, these may be eaten in a normal manner.

⁸ The Desire of Ages, p. 653 Christ is still at the table on which the paschal supper has been spread. The unleavened cakes used at the Passover season are before Him. The Passover wine, untouched by fermentation, is on the table. These emblems Christ employs to represent His own unblemished sacrifice. Nothing corrupted by fermentation, the symbol of sin and death, could represent the "Lamb without blemish and without spot." 1 Peter 1:19.

⁷ Exodus 12:8-10 And they shall eat the flesh in that night, roast with fire, and unleavened bread; and with bitter herbs they shall eat it. Eat not of it raw, nor sodden at all with water, but roast with fire; his head with his legs, and with the purtenance thereof. And ye shall let nothing of it remain until the morning; and that which remaineth of it until the morning ye shall burn with fire.

The dream changes and I now observe a dismal scene before me. I see the empty cross of Jesus that was a device of torture and death.⁹ After His death, He was carefully removed from the cross by the cutting of the ropes and the pulling out of the blocks of wood that held His hands and feet.

As Jesus rests in the tomb, the sky turns into a blood red sunset. The angels that guarded the special tree have gathered around the base of the cross. Directly above the cross, the sky is a dark blue. Suddenly, the sky fills with angels. I know that those on the earth cannot see or hear the scene that now plays out high above them. As I continue looking up, I see the Herald sing a note as the dark blue sky glows a bright white. Then all the angels begin to sing the hymn, "The Old Rugged Cross." It is a song that had already been written before Jesus planted the tree. The words were already placed in the book of hymns in heaven before George Bennard was born. The words and the music to the hymn were penned during the great plan for the salvation of all.

I know that the ground was holy where the tree was planted for the cross. The tree was created to hold the Creator who was placed in the ground He created. Now angels sing about the importance of that tree and the cross. They sing about the tree, the wood, and the truth. They sing about Emmanuel.¹⁰

On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross, The emblem of suffering and shame; And I love that old cross where the dearest and best For a world of lost sinners was slain.

Refrain:

⁹ Philippians 2:8 And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.

¹⁰ Galatians 6:14 But God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ....

So I'll cherish the old rugged cross, Till my trophies at last I lay down; I will cling to the old rugged cross, And exchange it some day for a crown.

O that old rugged cross, so despised by the world, Has a wondrous attraction for me; For the dear Lamb of God left His glory above To bear it to dark Calvary. Refrain

In that old rugged cross, stained with blood so divine, A wondrous beauty I see, For 'twas on that old cross Jesus suffered and died To pardon and sanctify me. Refrain

To the old rugged cross I will ever be true, Its shame and reproach gladly bear; Then He'll call me some day to my home far away Where His glory forever I'll share.

Refrain

As I stand looking at the scene, I feel very unworthy. We, who only need to take the hand of Jesus, are unworthy. Tears run down my face as I listen to these angels sing. They do not perform this hymn, but rather they sing each word, as if it were a gift spoken from the very mouth of the Holy Spirit. No earthly human could ever sing this hymn the way the angels sing it. They contemplate each word and sing from the heart.

I know that I serve as God's messenger and share what I am shown, but I am undeserving. I now feel a warm hand on my shoulder. When I turn, I see the Herald handing me a white cloth to dry my face. He smiles and tells me that the message he is to give is that I am greatly loved, just as everyone is greatly loved.

The Old Rugged Cross, lyrics by George Bennard

The Herald tells me that it is time to share the following dream so that many can understand more of that beautiful song, "The Old Rugged Cross." That old rugged cross is more important than we realize. The Herald explains that he is to show me something made possible by the old rugged cross.

He takes me to a room where a woman kneels by her bed. She folds her hands, bows her head, closes her eyes, and in silence begins to pray. I know who the woman is, but I do not know what she is praying. I ask the Herald if it is all right to share this part of the dream with her. He explains that I am to share it with her, because she is asking how she is to pray. She was told this dream before its posting for all to read.

The Herald says to look closely. I see what resembles smoke of different colors rising from this person to the Father's throne.¹¹ Jesus listens to the words as the Holy Spirit delivers them. The Herald states that the Father waits with anticipation to hear the supplications spoken. They are a most fragrant aroma to Him. The woman's tender words are not written or rehearsed but rather spoken from the heart. This is what each of God's people will do if they have taken the hand of Jesus.

The Herald tells me to look closely as he reaches out and takes a tiny particle of the smoke. Then he takes another particle and tells me to look carefully. I see what resembles a beautiful gem. The Herald reaches into the smoke again and grabs several particles and separates the particles from each other. He places them before me so that I can observe the many beautiful gems of different colors. He tells me to smell the aroma. Instantly, I smell many different and wonderful things, such as a variety of flowers, trees, and fruits. The Herald shares that it is because of Jesus that each of us can come to the Father and speak to Him.

¹¹ Revelation 8:4 And the smoke of the incense, which came with the prayers of the saints, ascended up before God out of the angel's hand.

The Herald pauses and explains that angels who serve wait for the Father to speak to them. Yet those of us on this earth, who take the hand of Emmanuel, have the privilege of speaking directly to the Father at any time. We are greatly loved, and the angels love to serve those of us whom He loves. The Father waits with great anticipation for each of us to speak with Him. Our prayers to Him are beautiful, and He greatly enjoys their aroma. He longs to provide and care for us.

At this point the Herald takes me back to the dry river bed. I look out and see the wind blow and dust rise. The Herald tells me to look to the north, and I notice many birds flying south. He points to a calendar, and I realize it is too early for the birds to begin flying south for the winter. I watch as many birds wing their way; some honk as they fly.

The Herald takes my hand and we ascend further up the bank. He extends his wings, which form a covering over me. The sky turns gray, clouds begin to form, and slowly raindrops start to fall. In what seems like a few seconds, more raindrops begin to fall. The rain hits the dry, dusty ground that has formed a hard surface, so it does not absorb the rain, and the water gets deeper. The once-dry river bed fills with water and begins to flow. In just minutes, there is a torrent of flowing water that quickly starts to rise. The Herald takes me to higher ground for safety. I watch as flooding and destruction become a worldwide event, as it reaps God's sorrow. In some areas, the ground opens up into sinkholes to swallow large portions of the flooding. Great is the destruction. The drought is over, but God's sorrow is visibly seen over all the earth.

The Herald reminds me that for three and a half years, God has waited for each to choose. Now it is time. It is with great sorrow that the heavenly Father is brought to tears because of what He must do now. As the rains begin, I see people singing praises to God for the blessing they are receiving. They do not understand His great sorrow. They do not understand that the rain is like His tears, because of what He must do. The world has suffered from drought, and now it is starting to experience God's sorrow. Sadly, many will not understand. Only those who have taken the hand of Jesus, of Emmanuel, only those who have believed before the evidence mounted, only they will understand.

Where have you looked? Have you looked only wanting to place blame on the message and the messenger, or have you turned your eyes upon Jesus?¹² Do you simply look at a cross, or do you think of

Scoffers pointed to the things of nature,—to the unvarying succession of the seasons, to the blue skies that had never poured out rain, to the green fields refreshed by the soft dews of night, and they cried out, "Doth he not speak parables?" In contempt they declared the preacher of righteousness to be a wild enthusiast; and they went on, more eager in their pursuit of pleasure, more intent upon their evil ways, than ever before. But their unbelief did not hinder the predicted event. God bore long with their wickedness, giving them ample opportunity for repentance; but at the appointed time his judgments were visited upon the rejecters of his mercy.

Christ declares that there will exist similar unbelief concerning his second coming. As the people of Noah's day "knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so," in the words of our Saviour, "shall also the coming of the Son of man be." [Matthew 24:39.] When the professed people of God are uniting with the world, living as they live, and joining with them in forbidden

¹² The Great Controversy, pp. 337-338 From age to age the warnings which God has sent to the world by his servants have been received with like incredulity and unbelief. When the iniquity of the antediluvians moved him to bring a flood of waters upon the earth, he first made known to them his purpose, that they might have opportunity to turn from their evil ways. For a hundred and twenty years was sounded in their ears the warning to repent, lest the wrath of God be manifested in their destruction. But the message seemed to them an idle tale, and they believed it not. Emboldened in their wickedness, they mocked the messenger of God, made light of his entreaties, and even accused him of presumption. How dare one man stand up against all the great men of the earth? If Noah's message were true, why did not all the world see it and believe it? One man's assertion against the wisdom of thousands! They would not credit the warning, nor would they seek shelter in the ark.

the importance of the tree, the wood, and the truth? Jesus is the Creator of the tree. He was sacrificed on the wood. Jesus is the Way. No one comes to the Father except by taking the hand of Jesus, Emmanuel, who is the Truth.

pleasure; when the luxury of the world becomes the luxury of the church; when the marriage bells are chiming, and all are looking forward to many years of worldly prosperity,—then, suddenly as the lightning flashes from the heavens, will come the end of their bright visions and delusive hopes.

The Spirit of Prophecy, Vol. 4, p. 208

The Lord, in his great mercy, does not bring judgments upon the earth without giving warning to its inhabitants by the mouth of his servants.... When the iniquity of the antediluvians moved him to bring a flood of waters upon the earth, he first made known to them his purpose, that they might have opportunity to turn from their evil ways.

SUBMISSION: A MESSAGE FOR TODAY

June 25, 2015 By Ernie Knoll

In my dream, I am sitting and looking out over a flowing river. I notice it is dirty and filled with floating garbage, old tires, and other things. I think of the huge contrast of how God created things pure and holy, according to His will, and how we have polluted and destroyed them due to our choices and not following His directions.¹

Next I hear someone talking from a distance. I look over my right shoulder and see two forms walking toward me. I stand up and they are now right in front of me. It is Jesus and the Herald. Jesus calls me by my heavenly name and says, "Messenger, I have come, as it is time that you receive a message. This is a message of timely importance. The information I now give you must be prepared and given to My people immediately. Much of what I will share you have already received in other messages."

Jesus turns to the Herald and commands, "Call them now." The Herald looks up and instantly I see the sky roll apart and many angels descend. They are holding scrolls and glass tablets. They quickly descend, touch the ground, and fill in the area behind Jesus and the Herald. Jesus turns to me again and says, "They will guide you as you prepare what you are to write." He points to one of the angels who approaches the side of Jesus. Jesus tells him that I am to quickly prepare and share this message. He tells the angel to stand by my side until the message is completed.

Next Jesus turns back to me and says, "Messages given to you before have always been given in a dream. This time, this angel will stand next to you while you are awake. He will instruct you regarding the preparation of what I tell you now."

¹ Jeremiah 2:13 For my people have committed two evils; they have forsaken me the fountain of living waters, and hewed them out cisterns, broken cisterns, that can hold no water.

At this point, Jesus takes my hands and says, "What I tell you now is because time is short. Understand that those who make laws are discussing whether to allow marriage between two men, as well as between two women. This goes against what I created and set forth in the garden of Eden. I never instituted such a plan. I created Adam and Eve, a man and a woman. With this union, I created a plan of leadership, and even this plan is trampled upon. Days from now, the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists will decide to have women ordained as pastors. This decision goes hand in hand with the decision to trample on the union of marriage between a man and a woman. This is not the institution I set forth when I laid the foundations of this earth."

Jesus continues by saying, "It has been said that man cannot live by bread alone; he must have the meat as well. This is not the meat that contains blood; it is not the meat of the honeycomb, but the meat which flows from God's throne in My recorded words, inspired by the Holy Spirit. Instead of living on bread and meat from God, many live on the desserts of emerging words, which are nothing more than zero nutrients and calorie-filled desserts, like the whipped-cream-filled doughnut that is soft to the touch, fragrant to the nose, delicious to the tongue, but totally worthless. The message you receive now is of great value, but many will spit it from their lips, because it leaves a bad taste in their mouth. I tell you this: Those who do not savor My words will chew off their own tongues and their mouths will be as fire.

"I give you this message now, before the decision to ordain women is voted upon at the council which begins on the 2nd of July 2015. This message is given so that when the votes are counted and the way is set clear so that women can serve as pastors, Our Father will be justified in His decision to follow through with the message you were already given in the dream called, 'Final Events and the First Supper.' In that dream, the Father called for the destruction spoken of in Ezekiel 9."

Jesus calls for the angel, takes him by the hand, and brings him to stand at my right side. Then Jesus explains to him, "This is My messenger. You are to take your place beside him and make yourself clearly seen while this message is prepared. Dictate it to him and correct him while the message is prepared." Then Jesus comes to me, takes my hands and says, "Messenger, write these words, as this is the message that the angel will record and recite while you prepare it. The words will not be your words, but My words. Messenger, write what I now instruct for you."

Jesus continues: "What I tell you now is a message of instruction and warning. It is a message given in clarity that will allow for no gray areas or confusing ideas. It is clear and straightforward, even for those who cannot think clearly. Let us begin with what I instructed Paul to write, as recorded in Ephesians 5:22-24. I will explain what he wrote in a simple and straightforward way."

Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church.... Therefore as the church is subject unto Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in every thing. Ephesians 5:22-24.

"What did Paul mean when he made these statements about husbands and wives and Me and My church? What does submit mean? According to the dictionary, the prefix 'sub-' in the word 'submit' means under or below, as in submarine or subcontractor. The '-mit' part means to place or put. So, to 'submit' is to place underneath; to yield, accepting a place that is under the authority of another.

"Submission requires humility, which means to be meek, acknowledging that others may have more talents or a higher position. As the opposite of pride, it excludes inflated opinions of your own worth. It is important to note that humility is a quality highly prized in My eyes.^{2 3}

³ Testimonies for the Church, Vol. 1, p. 375

² Isaiah 57:15 For thus saith the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity, whose name is Holy; I dwell in the high and holy place, with him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones.

"To the humble I will entrust the Loud Cry, My last merciful message to the world. However, in order to be given that privilege, My church— My bride—must understand and accept My conditions. One of them is that she must submit to Me, as I AM the Lord and Husband of the church. Just as I told My disciples, 'If ye love Me, keep My commandments,' My bride is to do what I ask, when I ask it, and in the way I ask.⁴

"A disregard for one command opens a breach that easily widens, resulting in a general lack of reverence and respect toward Me and My law. Just as many women have refused to accept what Paul wrote and the Spirit of Prophecy confirms, the church has resisted obeying My instructions in various areas, and this has brought about widespread apostasy.⁵

"In his letter to the Colossians, I told Paul to write: 'Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering' (Colossians 3:12). To 'put on' refers to a change in attitude that accepts the Holy Spirit's

The last merciful message is entrusted to God's humble, faithful servants of this time.

⁴ The Adventist Home, pp. 118-120 The wife, if she has the spirit of Christ, will be careful of her words; she will control her spirit, she will be submissive.... You will have a fierce conflict to overcome your adversary the devil, and if you expect God to help you in this battle, you must...seal your lips against speaking any words of wrong, even if you have to fall upon your knees and cry aloud, "Lord, rebuke the adversary of my soul."

- ⁵ James 2:10 For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all.
- ⁶ The Adventist Home, p. 114 The wife is to respect her husband.... "Put on therefore...kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering." ...Give careful study to the following instruction: [Eph 5:22-24 quoted].

promptings. Thus, My followers are to have a humble, meek attitude. This is in direct contrast with the mindset that wants to be in control, doing what it wants. It is also important to understand that the command to submit does not give a husband license to become a dictator. It is quite the contrary. I used the relationship of a husband to his wife to illustrate how I tenderly care for and nurture My church.^{7 8}

"The seven churches that John wrote about in Revelation symbolize My bride during various periods of history. The churches also represent the variety of circumstances and personalities that describe My people. As married to Me, each of the seven churches—My Church—has been asked to love, respect, and obey Me.

"Sadly, throughout history, My church has been disobeying Me and causing Me a lot of pain. I have said to My people, 'If ye love Me, keep My commandments.' In other words, 'If you really love Me and want to be My wife, show it by respecting and obeying Me, by doing what I ask you to do.'

"In heaven there will be no disobedience, because heavenly love is based on obedience. As part of your preparation for heaven, you must learn to love, obey, and reverence Me. Reverence means fear mingled with respect and affection.⁹

⁷ Christ Triumphant, p. 145

The wife is to stand by the side of the husband as his equal, sharing all the responsibilities of life, rendering due respect to him.... When the Spirit of Christ controls the husband, the wife's subjection will result only in rest and benefit, for he will require from her only that which will result in good, and in the same way that Christ requires submission from the church.

⁸ Adventist Home, p. 117 ...the husband...must be under the rule of Christ that he may represent the relation of Christ to the church.... The husband is to be as a Saviour in his family.

⁹ Psalm 89:7 God is greatly to be feared in the assembly of the saints, and to be had in reverence of all them that are about him.

"Obedience includes setting aside your will, what you want to do, and do what you are asked to do. It also means to follow through with something you may have been opposed to doing, to carry out something you may dislike or feel uneasy about. It also means to be satisfied with My decisions, not against or unhappy with them. It means to submit.

"Submission encompasses surrender of your will and yielding without complaining, harboring doubts or delaying obedience, even though you may not understand or like what I ask of you. It also means asking for help and strength to follow through with whatever I command.

"True obedience may require that you endure embarrassment, privation, pain, suffering, and even death. However, I have promised wonderful, heavenly rewards for your faith and obedience. Even on this earth, I want My people to enjoy relief from the stress resulting from disobedience. In fact, I am so anxious to teach you to obey so I can save you that I often must resort to extreme measures, such as what I asked of Abraham.¹⁰

He [Isaac] had been taught implicit obedience to his father, and he loved and reverenced the God of his father. He could have resisted his father if he had chosen to do so. But after affectionately embracing his father, he submitted to be bound and laid upon the wood.

¹⁰ The Story of Redemption, pp. 80-82

The Lord saw fit to test the faith of Abraham by a most fearful trial. If he had endured the first test and had patiently waited for the promise to be fulfilled in Sarah, and had not taken Hagar as his wife, he would not have been subjected to the closest test that was ever required of man.... He repeated to him [Isaac] the promise that God several times had made to him, that through Isaac he should become a great nation, and that in performing the command of God in slaying him, God would fulfill His promise....

"Abraham's unbelief and disobedience in marrying Hagar brought about the horrible trial with Isaac. However, his subsequent obedience to My command transformed him into a friend of Mine (James 2:23). Are you willing to follow Me no matter what I ask of you?

"It is imperative that My true people be lined up and of one accord on all the doctrines that I have given. All of them must understand, agree, and be ready individually to go in the same direction, submitting to and following Me **BEFORE** the General Conference Session, which has been scheduled to begin July 2, 2015, exactly 7 days from the date of this dream.¹¹ ¹² During that session, the gathered representatives of the world church will vote to ordain regardless of gender. That vote will authorize the ordination of women as pastors throughout the Seventh-day Adventist Church.¹³

- ¹² The Review and Herald, May 7, 1901 ...the Lord will manifest himself to His people, who have tried to place themselves in line. He will work for them if they are fully set to make Him their trust, and to link together in harmonious action.
- ¹³ On June 26, 2015, the day **after** this instruction was given, the Supreme Court of the United States announced its decision to legalize same-sex marriages in all 50 states. In order to avoid discrimination, the vote to ordain women will pave the way for practicing homosexuals to be accepted as members in good and regular standing in the church. Sadly, at least one Seventh-day

¹¹ Conflict and Courage, p. 9

Notwithstanding the prevailing iniquity, there was a line of holy men who, elevated and ennobled by communion with God, lived as in the companionship of heaven. ...They had a great and holy mission--to develop a character of righteousness, to teach a lesson of godliness.... Only a few of the most prominent are mentioned in the Scriptures; but all through the ages God had faithful witnesses, truehearted worshipers. ...Multitudes of others have witnessed to the power of God's word against human power and policy in support of evil. These are the world's true nobility. This is its royal line. In this line the youth of today are called to take their places.

"How can a woman submit if she is ordained as a pastor? Pastors are to be the heads, the leaders of churches. If the leader submits to another, he is no longer the leader, because a leader cannot submit and still lead. If a woman submits in obedience to Me, how can she lead a church? How can My Seventh-day Adventist Church claim to be following Me, her Leader, if she makes decisions that are contrary to, and directly disobey, what I have instructed?"^{14 15}

Jesus, still holding my hands, says, "I have another message that will continue from here." He looks behind Him, calls for the Herald to come forward and says, "Show him the next message and have him prepare it right away."

The Herald takes my right hand and I stand outside what I know to be a Japanese restaurant. Next to the Herald now stand the Announcing angel and the Guide angel. Behind them stand 12 legions of angels. I know that what I am shown has a very important continuation of the message. As the Herald begins to give the message, all stand quietly.

The Herald tells me that plans are being laid so that I will experience in real life what I am shown now. It will not be only a dream. (What I share now is what I encountered when I was taken to observe at a Japanese style, entertainment-themed restaurant.)

The Herald explains the scene I am observing. I see a couple seated in a Japanese restaurant, the type where the chef prepares the food

- ¹⁴ The Gospel Herald, May 28, 1902 The church is the bride of Christ, and her members are to yoke up with their Leader. God warns us not to defile our garments.
- ¹⁵ Testimonies for the Church, Vol. 1, p. 301 Thousands cut off the Head, and the members act without Jesus for their head, and the result is, another guides the body. Satan controls them.

Adventist conference already has accepted homosexuals as pastors and church members.

in front of the clientele. A woman there acts very proudly. She wears a lot of gold jewelry—large earrings, necklaces, bracelets, and many rings on her fingers. She wears a great deal of make-up, and her hair is fixed for display. The clothing she wears is glamorous, very revealing, and designed to impress.

When the woman sits down, she looks at the chef and says, "Let me tell you something. You must not allow beef or pork to touch your cooking utensils." She continues in a loud voice, "I am a Seventh-day Adventist. I do not eat beef or pork." The chef then asks her, "What do you want in your meal?" She continues, "I want you to fix me shrimp. I will also eat chicken and escargot, but DO NOT allow beef or pork, because they are unclean. We are not to eat them. I am a Seventh-day Adventist, and these are things we should not eat."¹⁶

A man to her left says, "Seventh-day Adventist? I've never heard of that." She replies, "Oh yes. I have been a Seventh-day Adventist over 25 years, and my parents were important Seventh-day Adventists. We have a health message. We teach that we should not eat beef or pork. We also quit work on Friday night. I do not work from Friday sundown until Saturday sundown, because I am a Seventh-day

¹⁶ Leviticus 11:3, 7-12 Whatsoever parteth the hoof, and is clovenfooted, and cheweth the cud, among the beasts, that shall ye eat.... And the swine, though he divide the hoof, and be clovenfooted, yet he cheweth not the cud; he is unclean to you. Of their flesh shall ye not eat, and their carcase shall ye not touch; they are unclean to you. These shall ye eat of all that are in the waters: whatsoever hath fins and scales in the waters, in the seas, and in the rivers, them shall ve eat. And all that have not fins and scales in the seas, and in the rivers, of all that move in the waters, and of any living thing which is in the waters, they shall be an abomination unto you: They shall be even an abomination unto you; ye shall not eat of their flesh, but ve shall have their carcases in abomination. Whatsoever hath no fins nor scales in the waters, that shall be an abomination unto you.

Adventist." She proudly proclaims this as she lifts a wine glass to her lips.¹⁷

Back in my dream, the Herald says, "How sad that those who proudly proclaim being Seventh-day Adventists are stupid, dumb, and blind, and know nothing of the true message. She sits there and talks about unclean meats while she eats escargot and drinks wine."

My dream changes and I find myself on the top of a mountain with green grass. I notice that the temperature is pleasant, neither hot nor cold, and a breeze blows very gently. I know that I was there for quite some time, possibly two or three hours, and remember feeling very relaxed as I observe the beautiful scenery. I know that in the far, far distance there is snow on the mountain tops, but I am on the top of a smaller hill. I know that this is somewhere in the Swiss Alps.

I am totally shocked when all of a sudden the clear, blue sky is interrupted by what I think are meteors hitting the outer surface of the atmosphere. They hit with such force that the ground shakes where I stand. The explosions are louder than fireworks. Their force causes the ground to shake so hard that I notice even the grass sways back and forth.

I have a hard time standing from the force of everything that is going on. The meteors continue to fly over at an angle, hitting the atmosphere. The pieces that penetrate keep going to wherever they hit the earth, but it is not where I am standing. Nevertheless, the movement makes me feel nauseous, very nervous and very anxious.

Now I am taken into a city where I see a fireball coming down from the sky. $^{\rm 18\ 19\ 20}$ The force of the impact cuts buildings in half, and the

¹⁷ Proverbs 20:1 Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging: and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise.

¹⁸ Evangelism, p. 29 Last Friday morning, just before I awoke, a very impressive scene was presented before me. I seemed to awake from sleep but was not in my home. From the windows I could behold a terrible

fragments dissipate into a very fine mist, which simply destroys people right where they stand. It melts the people so that all that is left are shreds of clothes. I feel such separation, such loss. I feel alone.

Jesus comes, takes my hand, and I am immediately standing once again next to the polluted river. As we stand there, He looks at me and says, "All was created perfect, but sin has polluted a perfect creation." We begin walking toward the river. I feel completely safe and know that all will be perfect as I walk by His side. He says, "As sin has entered and decisions are made that go against My instruction, restitution is required of those who place their own decisions upon what was put in place at the foundation of the earth."

As His foot touches the water of the river, the garbage and debris disappear. The water that was dirty and muddy becomes clear, and I smell a freshness from the pure water. I look up to Jesus, knowing that holding my hand is the One who is the Water of all life. By holding His hand, one can have purity and eternal life. Without His hand, there is only death, decay, and a polluted life.

As we continue walking across the water, Jesus tells me that restitution must take place for all I have been shown in this message. "Tell My people to stand fast, as it is time that the river of sin be turned and a new course be allowed."

- ¹⁹ The Review and Herald, September 10, 1903
 O that God's people had a sense of the impending destruction of thousands of cities, now almost given to idolatry.
- ²⁰ Testimonies for the Church, Vol. 9, p. 28
 I saw an immense ball of fire fall among some beautiful mansions, causing their instant destruction.

conflagration. Great balls of fire were falling upon houses, and from these balls fiery arrows were flying in every direction. It was impossible to check the fires that were kindled, and many places were being destroyed. The terror of the people was indescribable. After a time I awoke and found myself at home.

With those words, I look down and see the foot of Jesus lift off the water. As we slowly ascend, the water of the river becomes dirty again, and a stench begins to rise from the once-again polluted river. We rise a ways into the air. Now I see the river, as if filled with anger and hate, lift up, change its course, and begin to flow in a new direction. It looks as if another hand controls the river, and a great destruction is now allowed. I feel as if the Holy Spirit no longer guards the banks of the river.²¹

Jesus says, "Restitution is required from those who change the course of the once-pure river that was placed and designed when the earth was created. Restitution will be demanded from those who change the natural course of the laws and institutions that were engraved into the foundation. Restitution will be required from the heads of the people who follow blindly those who set forth the changes and call them 'politically correct'. Great restitution is required from the heads of those who mar and change the engraving of My laws."²²

Jesus holds up his hand, and now I see a scene for which I feel great sadness. I am shown a mother holding the shredded remains of a small child's clothing. The fine fragments from the force of what was

²¹ Manuscript Releases, Vol. 19, p. 391 Whenever the will of God is violated by nations or by individuals, a day of retribution comes, as surely as rivers that burst their banks carry devastation before them.

²² Sermons and Talks, Vol. 2, p. 74 There can be no careless disregard of his word without the terrible consequence that always follows backsliding and neglect. Many have not the spirit of Christ, and thus give evidence that they are none of his; and yet this very class are seeking to tell others how to be saved. There is need of humiliation of souls before God, need of confession of sins and restitution. There has been unbelief, there has been dishonesty; a spirit of murmuring has been communicated from one to another in the ranks of Sabbath-keepers. They do not discern spiritual things. sent to the earth simply shredded the skin and bones of her small child. In her arms she holds nothing but shredded, blood-stained fragments of her child's clothing. This child was taken from her in the blink of an eye.

Jesus says, "Look to the west as the destruction comes, and also look to the east, the north and the south. Let each reap the seeds of their own desires, as they follow the path of their own destruction. Let each choose this day to whom they will submit. Let each one who wants eternal life take My hand."²³

²³ Testimonies for the Church, Vol. 4, p. 626 God can do without you, but you cannot do without God. It is you who will suffer without Jesus.

LEADERS IN CLOAKS AND MASKS

July 11, 2015 By Ernie Knoll

In my dream, I am sitting along the edge of the top of a mountain. The edge is actually a cliff and there is a vertical drop-off. Far below me is the rocky bottom, and in front of me I can see for a great distance. I sit there looking down, as well as straight ahead. I know that I am not afraid of where I sit; I know that I am always safe. Behind me is a grassy field. I notice that it is not a rich color as I have seen in other dreams. Around the area are trees that show life on a planet of sin.

As I sit, I think about the previous dream, which I was instructed to post quickly. I think about the importance of stressing the vote the General Conference would make regarding women's ordination. I do not question what I was shown. I realize that just as God indicated in the last dream, the way has been cleared so that women can serve as pastors. This is true, in spite of the fact, that many think the votes indicated the opposite of what the dream said. I am to serve as a messenger and deliver the message as I was instructed.

I begin thinking about those who have mistakenly assumed that the message was wrong. I think of those who would send out information to discredit me, and worse, they would try to show that the messages I receive are valueless.¹ I feel unshaken by those who express doubt. I have learned that I only serve as a messenger. It is not my place to convince others to believe.

I hear a voice call me by my heavenly name. I look up from the view below. Straight ahead is a sight of how it would have looked to see Jesus walking on the water toward Peter. Before me I see Jesus

¹ Selected Messages, Vol. 3, p. 411 In this time ... [men] will misinterpret and misconstrue the statements of the messengers of God.

Note: The previous dream stated that when the votes were counted the way would be set clear for women to serve as pastors. That is exactly what has happened, as the rest of this dream shows. walking on the air. There is nothing below Him but the vast bottom of the cliff far below.

I hear Jesus say, "Blessed be the ones who believe before the evidence mounts." Jesus now says that many wait for a sign before they will believe His messages. For so many it seems very difficult to understand that these are the final days. The events that are unfolding before us are, and will be, rapid. Jesus becomes quiet, looks down and back up, then says, "As I have asked many times before, Will I find faith? Will I find faith before the evidence mounts?"²

As before, the words Jesus says remind me of the dream "Final Events and the First Supper." He extends His right hand to me and we begin to walk on the air. As before, the words are always in front of us. While we walk, Jesus reveals that the faith He has asked of many, He sees in so few. He says that many are called, but few are chosen; many are called, but few choose. He shares that God has sent many messages through prophets, yet they have been hated, some were killed, others were lied about, and most people quickly dismissed their messages. Jesus says, "Before the evidence mounts many will stand waiting for a sign before they believe. For many, when they see their proof it will be too late."

As I stand in the air holding the hand of Jesus, my mind returns to the thought of how many times Jesus has stated, "Will I find faith when I return?" And yet, He has stated that those who believe before the evidence mounts are blessed. I think about those words over and over again. If we had evidence for everything, there would be no need for faith. I realize that what Jesus said could also be phrased in a different way: Cursed be the ones who do not believe, even after the evidence is shown.³

³ Manuscript Releases, Vol. 4, p. 330 Unless the human agent inclines his heart to do God's will, and takes up God's service, the light will shine in vain. A thousandfold more light and conviction would accomplish nothing. God knows he has had sufficient evidence already.

² Hebrews 11:1 Faith is the... evidence of things not seen.

Jesus begins speaking about Jonah when he was sent to preach to the Ninevites about their coming destruction and their need to repent. The Ninevites fasted and repented. As a result, God spared the city. When Jonah protested against this, God stated that He was showing mercy toward the population who was ignorant of the difference between right and wrong.⁴

Jesus and I have been walking on air for some time. I know we have ascended higher in the air. At times we have walked on top of the big, white clouds. Jesus continues saying, "Because some sincerely fasted and prayed about the General Conference vote, God is once again showing mercy by delaying His promised judgments and postponing His demand of restitution from the guilty."⁵

He continues saying that many seem to think that it was a clear case of a simple vote. They were quick to repeat to others the outcome and spoke against the message in the dream I received. Jesus clarifies that the motion proposed by the leaders was a case of the right hand doing something behind the back, while the left was moved in front of all to distract those who are blind to what was already planned behind the scenes.

Jesus explains the following: "You have wondered why I told you that the General Conference Session would vote in favor of ordaining women, when the visible results of the vote were 'No.' The result of the vote was what I said it would be. Most do not realize that the

⁴ The Great Test, October 2, 2010 It is clear that even the leadership of His end-time church has set aside the teachings that He has provided. No longer do His teachers prepare His people for what He has shown will happen. No longer do they teach with the Bible in one hand and the Spirit of Prophecy in the other. No longer do they prepare His sheep for His coming. No longer do they spend time in what He has written. Time is now spent in honoring man and not God.

⁵ 2 Peter 3:9 The Lord is ... longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

wording of the question to be voted on was planned and carried out in a devious, underhanded way. The leadership planned it that way⁶ and included it in the agenda.⁷

⁶ Entertainment vs Truth, July 16, 2011 Jesus now shows me a scene of individuals whose names will not be mentioned. They hold positions as leaders or pastors. I see them put on a white mask to make themselves look good and to hide their true identity before appearing in front of people. They smile and say soft, smooth things. There are other individuals who serve in their own ministry and are not a part of an established conference. However, they are controlled by the same leaders who wear a mask. All these masked individuals are placed by the hand of Satan to control and direct unfaithful churches. They pretend to serve but instead delegate and dictate, and the people follow along as sheep being led to the slaughter house. These sheep will stand along with their leaders in the final resurrection. They have been told to test all things.

⁷ The Review and Herald, September 14, 1897

Satan must deceive in order to lead away. "In vain the net is spread in the sight of any bird." Underhand work must be done; a deceptive influence must be exerted; pretenses must be set forth as truth; suspicion must be lulled to sleep. Satan clothes temptation and sin with the garments of righteousness, and by this deception he wins many to his side. Christ pronounced him a liar and a murderer. O that unwary souls would learn wisdom from Christ!

Manuscript Releases, Vol. 20, p. 28

This scheme has long been followed by Satan. He works under cover, and we must seek for a full understanding of what it is necessary to do in order to gain the victory. When we imagine the foe routed and dispersed, we find them working in an underhand way through betrayers of sacred trusts. With all the deception of which he is capable Satan seeks to falsify and misrepresent. When we least expect it we may be in the greatest jeopardy. Watchfulness and perseverance, painstaking and constant effort, are necessary in the Lord's work. "Notice that the question voted on was not a clear, 'Does God want women to serve as ordained ministers?' Instead, the question placed before My people dealt with another issue altogether.⁸ This confused

General Conference Session Agenda Item 428-15 GS Licensed Ministers Amendment": (<u>underlined phrase</u> to be replaced by **bolded phrase**)

"Licensed Ministers—To give men Licensed Pastors—To give individuals an opportunity to demonstrate their call to the ministry, especially in the area of soul winning, prospective candidates are granted <u>ministerial</u> pastoral licenses by the conference. The granting of such licenses confers the opportunity to develop the ministerial gift (Church Manual, p. 34)."

Note: The word "ministers" is usually understood to refer to men; whereas the word "pastor", as commonly used, includes women. There is pressure to demonstrate non-discrimination and inclusion. Thus, the proposed wording, planned well in advance of the session, replaced the word "men" with the general term "individuals." During the Friday, July 10, 2015 session, this amendment was approved. This was verified by a phone call to the General Conference Secretariat department on July 15, 2015. Sadly, this will allow women, and even homosexuals, to be considered and included as candidates for ministerial licenses and future ordination. http://www.adventistreview.org/%E2%80%8Bfourteenth-business-

meeting

⁸ The motion read in full: "After your prayerful study on ordination from the Bible, the writings of Ellen G. White, and the reports of the study commissions, and; after your careful consideration of what is best for the church and the fulfillment of its mission, is it acceptable

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^{...} Some, whose eyes are now blinded by Satan, seem to be proud of their smartness and keenness, as revealed in their deceptive, fraudulent, underhand dealings. But a day will come when the Word of God, as summed up in His law, will be vindicated.

many.⁹ Since the vote did not address the issue of whether or not women should be ordained to the gospel ministry, it opened the way for the leaders to continue to ordain women.¹⁰

"If the vote had been 'Yes', the world divisions would have been allowed to decide whether or not to ordain women in their territories. Some divisions would have decided to do so immediately, and others

⁹ 1 Corinthians 14:33 God is not the author of confusion, but of peace.

Regarding Angels, December 12, 2011

There will be leaders shown to be spies sent from the Catholic Church to infiltrate God's chosen church. They will be shown to be Jesuits placed to misguide Seventh-day Adventists.

¹⁰ NAD NewsPoints, July 9, 2015 http://www.nadadventist.org/article/1073742990/news/currentnewspoints/newspoints-july-9-2015-women-s-ordination-divisionsmay-not-decide

http://www.nadadventist.org/article/1073743001/news/currentnewspoints/july-10-2015-reissued-statement-of-clarification-on-theroles-of-women-in-ministry

Adventist News Network, July 10, 2015 http://news.adventist.org/all-news/news/go/2015-07-10/gcpresident-says-ordination-vote-doesnt-change-current-policy/

Counsels for the Church, p. 335

...The leaders are concealing the true issue, and many who unite in the movement do not themselves see whither the undercurrent is tending.

for division executive committees, as they may deem it appropriate in their territories, to make provision for the ordination of women to the gospel ministry? Yes or No."

http://2015.gcsession.org/fileadmin/gcsession.adventist.org/files/gall eries/2015-gcs-agenda-website.pdf

would have waited. However, since the vote was 'No', things will continue as they have in the past.¹¹ Licensed pastors are already allowed to perform most of the duties of the ordained.¹² Women will

¹² Note: The following briefly shows the progression toward the acceptance of women ministers, starting from our early Adventist history to the liberal stance of today.

https://www.adventistarchives.org/ordination-in-sda-history.pdf "The **1885 Session** underscored both the ordained pastor's prerogative in administering the ordinances and the unique ministerial authority to establish a new church when it adopted a resolution proposed by a 'Committee on Theological Queries', which stipulated that an unordained (i.e., licensed) minister did not have the right to 'celebrate the ordinances, to administer baptism, or to organize a church.' p. 14

"We also know that while licensed ministers were expected to preach, they had no right to baptize, administer the ordinances of communion and foot-washing, ordain, organize churches and so on. The 1879 GC Session resolution on 'Ordination' specified 'that none but those who are Scripturally ordained are properly qualified to administer baptism and other ordinances'—that included elders but excluded licensed ministers. As part of the debates about the roles of elders at the 1885 GC Session, the authority of the licentiate was also clarified, in very stark terms. The report of the 'Committee on Theological Queries' (which the Session adopted), stated baldly:

It is well understood that a license from the conference does not authorize the licentiate to celebrate the

¹¹ The Senior Pastor, November 2, 2011 While the Seventh-day Adventist Church is not Babylon, some of its leaders are "masked" Catholic and Jesuit spies. If they were true Seventh-day Adventists, these "leaders" would stop the apostasy and spiritualism flooding throughout the Seventh-day Adventist organization... If evil is seen, those in leadership should not just speak against it, but rather put an end to it. Those who do not stop the evil, or try to stop it, are a part of the evil.

still serve as pastors; they will still be ordained when a local conference chooses to do it.¹³ After all, has any disciplinary action

ordinances, to administer baptism, or to organize a church. And, therefore, if a local elder receive a ministerial license, it does not enlarge his sphere of action as an elder; it gives him no authority to celebrate the ordinances outside of the church of which he is acting as elder.

"In other words, **only an ordained minister** could 'celebrate the ordinances . . . administer baptism [and] organize a church'. p. 19. Ordination in Seventh-day Adventist History, by D. J. B. Trim *[Emphasis supplied]*

http://www.sdanet.org/atissue/wo/IRSandRedefinition.htm

As a result of a **1976 agreement** between the North American Division and the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), it was agreed that licensed pastors may "perform all the functions of the ordained minister...". The Internal Revenue Service and the Redefinition of Adventist Ministry, by Bert Haloviak, former Director, General Conference Archives

The Adventist Home, p. 195

From a worldly point of view, money is power... Wealth is often an influence to corrupt and destroy...

https://www.ministrymagazine.org/archive/2013/02/a-job-for-superman

"The world church has 12,736 ordained ministers serving as 'Evangelistic and Pastoral Employees,' 5,615 licensed ministers (unordained but on the path to ordination), and 8,368 categorized as 'Other' meaning they work as pastors or evangelists but with a commissioned minister, missionary, or some other type of credential or license. That means there are 13,983 unordained pastors serving as 'Evangelistic and Pastoral Employees.' "*[Emphasis supplied]*

¹³ Note: Local conferences and churches will continue to promote women as pastors. The 107 women already serving as pastors in the been taken toward the conferences that have ordained women? Is there not a conference with a woman president?¹⁴ Is there not a woman serving as vice president of the General Conference?¹⁵

North American Division (NAD), whether ordained or not, will continue to serve.

NAD NewsPoints, July 8 and 10, 2015

Since the motion "did not disallow this," Dan Jackson, newly reelected president of NAD stated, "We will continue with our intention of placing as many women into pastoral ministry as possible."

https://vimeo.com/131616219

Video of NAD Report to GC Session 2015, at 15:30 minutes stated that the goal of Women in Pastoral Ministry is "to increase the number of female pastors serving more than 5000 congregations in North America.... Currently there are 107 female pastors serving in North America and the goal is to double that number in the next five years."

www.adventist.nl/2015/07/10/verklaring-inzegening-vrouwen-in-nederland/

After the vote was taken, the Seventh-day Adventist Church in the Netherlands issued the following statement (a translation).

"At their [constituency] session in the fall of 2012, the delegates of the Dutch churches voted to ordain women the same way as their male colleagues. The decision was made in June, 2013, and continues to be in force. The decision of the General Conference Session in San Antonio does not change this.

"Female pastors will continue to be ordained in the Netherlands Union Conference. We thank God that He calls men and women to serve Him. We heartily want to confirm that call by the laying on of hands."

¹⁴ Sandra Roberts has been president of the Southeastern California Conference (Pacific Union, North American Division) since 2013. "It is important to note that women who already have been ordained are not being prohibited from continuing to function as pastors. There has been no talk about revoking their credentials. Instead, the leaders have stated that they will continue to do what has been done. Not to forbid is to allow; to allow is to be in favor.

"The vote was deliberately intended to deceive.¹⁶ The leaders have talked about one thing, then turned around and done another.¹⁷ They planned and knew that the current status would prevail, regardless of the outcome of the vote.

"... Licensed ministers are authorized to preach, to engage in evangelism, to lead out in outreach (missionary) work, and to assist in all church activities.

There are circumstances, however, where it is necessary for the conference to appoint a licensed minister to carry responsibility as a pastor or assistant pastor of a church or group of churches. In order to open the way for a licensed minister to perform certain pastoral functions, the church or group of churches being served must elect the pastor as a local elder." 2010 SDA Church Manual, p. 34

¹⁷ Smooth Sayings or Surrender, January 12, 2011

"The Herald states that Ted Wilson calls for revival, repentance, and reformation. Yet each must examine the fruits of his words. Has there been a true form of repentance in the Seventh-day Adventist Church? A look at the obscene worship services will warrant a 'no' answer. Has the Church reformed, or is it still in a Laodicean state? Is the Church in the midst of apostasy? Is spiritualism rampant throughout the Church of which Ted Wilson stands as president? A resounding 'yes' is the only answer to each of these questions."

¹⁵ On July 6, 2015, Ella Simmons was re-elected as general vice president of the General Conference, a position she has held since 2005.

¹⁶ Conferences already may, under certain circumstances, allow a licensed pastor to perform the duties of those who are ordained.

Jesus asks, "How much longer will this people continue to transgress My laws and choose to follow men? He asks, "Why does this people who say they love Me continue to disobey My instructions and discredit My messages and My chosen messenger for this very time? I have given specific instructions regarding how My church is to be and how My services are to be conducted. Many do not heed the instructions of how to test the fruits of the leaders. Does this people blindly follow everything the leaders say?"¹⁸

The Review and Herald, January 31, 1893

There are men of the world who will volunteer to be our guides; they regard their course as wise, but they are of the class who, professing to be wise, need to become fools in order to become wise in God's wisdom. They lead away from the path where the voice of Jesus is heard, saying, "This is the way; walk ye in it." They are false teachers, blind leaders of the blind. They divert the attention from the very work to be done in this period of the world's history. But those who follow the Leader step by step, will hear and recognize the voice of the True Shepherd.

¹⁸ Acts of the Apostles, p. 504

Ministers of the gospel sometimes do great harm by allowing their forbearance toward the erring to degenerate into toleration of sins and even participation in them. Thus they are led to excuse and palliate that which God condemns, and after a time they become so blinded as to commend the very ones whom God commands them to reprove. He who has blunted his spiritual perceptions by sinful leniency toward those whom God condemns, will erelong commit a greater sin by severity and harshness toward those whom God approves.

THE UNIVERSAL MEMORIAL

January 3, 2016 By Ernie Knoll

In my dream, I am walking with the guide angel through the Appalachian Mountains in the fall of the year. Calling me by my heavenly name, he tells me that a great, many-faceted battle will soon be upon the world. For some it will be a mental battle; for others it will be a physical battle. For some it will be both a mental and a physical battle. He explains that many are controlled by demonic powers, and they are not even aware of it. Many think they can simply ask for an umbrella of protection and God will cover them. However, He requires that everyone do their part. It is up to each individual to choose not to allow Satan and his demons to occupy their minds. Then when they ask for protection, God will protect them.¹

We stop walking, and as the guide extends his hand, I see an individual who believes they walk with God. They pray, claim the blood of Jesus, and follow a healthful diet. However, this person allows Satan access to their mind. Therefore, they have not fully surrendered their will to God.²

¹ Prophets and Kings, p. 571 Angels help and protect those who walk humbly before God. Never will our Lord betray one who trusts in Him. As His children draw near to Him for protection from evil, in pity and love He lifts up for them a standard against the enemy. Touch them not, He says; for they are Mine. I have graven them upon the palms of My hands.

 ² Christ's Object Lessons, p. 402 In all our service a full surrender of self is demanded.

The Adventist Home, p. 402

If there is any way by which Satan can gain access to the mind, he will sow his tares and cause them to grow until they will yield an abundant harvest. In no case can Satan obtain dominion over the thoughts, words, and actions, unless we voluntarily open the door and invite him to enter. He will then come in and, by catching away the good seed sown in the heart, make of none effect the truth.

The guide stresses that even though Satan may not be permitted to harm someone physically, he can still hold that person tightly in his grasp. I am shown that this particular individual is one whom God called to do an important work for Him. He gave this person simple tests to prove their commitment, but they continued to fail. Each time, the heavenly Father gave this person an easier test. However, by allowing Satan to very skillfully enter their mind, the person failed to realize that demons controlled them.

I am made to understand that Jesus—the love of the love of the love who gave up His throne in heaven for this individual—loves this person in a way that no one can comprehend. Yet, unless this person learns to love Jesus in return, He will be heartbroken. Can we comprehend that? He loves each one of us, and all He asks is that we simply love Him in return.

This particular individual was given task after task but each time came greatly short of the finish line. In order to help, the mark was made shorter each time, so short that the individual would hardly have to move their foot to take a step. They simply needed to lean forward. However, the individual failed again and again.

I think of how Jesus asks us to just love Him. How much easier can it be?³ I think about what the Father said: "When I see my Son, I see you. When I see you, I see my Son." To be given the Perfect Complete Gift and not appreciate it is inconceivable.

The guide breaks the silence and says:

"Love is patient; love is kind. Love is never jealous. Love is never proud. Love is never selfish.

³ Matthew 11:29-30 Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

Love never leads to anger. Love is gracious. Love is forgiving. Love never takes happiness in doing wrong. Love always finds happiness in truth. Love always endures forever. Things may come to an end, but of the three things that will always last—faith, hope, and love—the greatest of these is love. Jesus is the Faith. The Holy Spirit is the Hope.

God the Father is the Love, the source of all love. Of Faith, Hope, and Love, the Father is the greatest. And Jesus, Jesus Christ is the Love of the Love of the Love."

I turn and ask the guide how a person like this is supposed to ask for help if they do not even know they are controlled by demons. Even those who know this individual did not realize the person was controlled by demons. The guide continues by explaining that instruction has already been given. So many read messages in my dreams and believe they just read a heartwarming story. However, these are not good-feeling stories, but rather messages of instruction. These are instructions to help each of us prepare for our own personal battle.

All should read and study the messages and apply them personally. It is only by much study that we can be prepared. For example, a deep, thorough study of the dream, "Regarding Angels," can answer questions for today. Through study we can know and understand the many layers in the dream, "A Song and a Prayer."⁴ We should

⁴ Christ's Object Lessons, p. 110 Christ is the truth. His words are truth, and they have a deeper significance than appears on the surface. All the sayings of Christ have a value beyond their unpretending appearance. Minds that are quickened by the Holy Spirit will discern the value of these sayings. They will discern the precious gems of truth, though these may be buried treasures.

compare the messages with the Bible as well as the Spirit of Prophecy as shown to Ellen White. We are not to just receive a good feeling. We are to study and study, and when we are finished, we are to study more. Our life depends upon it.⁵

The guide and I begin walking again. In the distance, I notice an old, Appalachian-style house with tarpaper-covered sides. It was built by very poor individuals. As I approach, I notice many individuals dressed in camouflage clothing. Some are hidden so well that they are difficult to see. Yet the guide clearly points out each one. He reveals that the men are controlled by demons. They do not serve God but rather the demons who control them.

⁵ The Medical Missionary, May 1, 1892

God ... requires that those who would be counted as the followers of Christ should study the Scriptures.... He has not required any one to believe without evidence.... To neglect this duty is to place the soul in peril of eternal death. Each one is required to understand the conditions upon which eternal life depends.... We cannot afford to have another settle questions of such momentous import as those concerning our soul's salvation. We must open the Scriptures for ourselves, searching the word of God prayerfully, that we may know the truth as it is in Jesus. We cannot afford to trust to the ministers, to follow idle traditions, to subject our souls to human authority, but we must know for ourselves what God has said.... If we neglect this important duty, we shall die in our sins.

The Great Controversy 1888, p. 69

As the mine has rich veins of gold and silver hidden beneath the surface, so that all must dig who would discover its precious stores, so the Holy Scriptures have treasures of truth that are revealed only to the earnest, humble, prayerful seeker. God designed the Bible to be a lesson-book to all mankind, in childhood, youth, and manhood, and to be studied through all time. He gave his Word to men as a revelation of himself. Every new truth discerned is a fresh disclosure of the character of its Author. The study of the Scriptures is the means divinely ordained to bring men into closer connection with their Creator, and to give them a clearer knowledge of his will.

The guide quickly takes me to where I see a small group quietly kneeling in prayer. There is not one individual praying for the group, but rather each prays unitedly for all in the group. I watch one of the women stand up, walk out of the room and down a hall. She approaches the front door, opens it, and walks out to the porch. Immediately I see and hear instructions sent to the militant people in hiding that they are to destroy the woman. The guide points out an individual lying down with a rifle and taking aim at the woman. The woman raises her arm, and all the hidden militants stand, drop their weapons, and flee in great fear. Because the woman did not say anything but simply raised her hand, I ask the guide what frightened the soldiers.

The guide replies that I simply saw a woman. Yet when God saw this woman, He saw His Son. The guide says, "It has been said many times that all are to be like Jesus. For all who do this, the heavenly Father will not see a man or a woman but rather Jesus. Look at the woman again." When I look back at the woman on the porch, I do not see a woman. Instead, I see Jesus.

The guide further reveals that demons flee from the presence of Jesus. An individual who confronts demons in a hasty manner will lose the battle. Near the time of Christ's return, only those whom the Father sees as Jesus can confront them, and by simply raising a hand will make the demons flee. This is instruction that has already been given. Each person should ask himself, "Who does the Father see in me?" If He sees His Son, great things can be done.

I tell the guide, "I can imagine situations where people think they have power and that they are doing God's will. However, I understand there is a line between faith and presumption. God would not ask someone to jump off a cliff to prove they can fly. He would simply ask the person to leap off the ground in faith. That woman would not have walked out to the porch unless she had heard the voice of God—a voice she knew. It is sad that many think they know the Master's voice, when the voice they hear is self-serving."

I hear a familiar voice speak my heavenly name. Looking up and to the right, I see the Herald descending. He states that the guide was sent with a message of instruction. Now the Herald is to give another message. He tells me that I am to be shown another example of a message that requires study and should not be considered simply a story. He says that Jesus told stories, but that each one had an application and lessons of instruction. I hold out my right hand, and we leave the Appalachian Mountains.

Now I am standing on the left side yard of a single level house. There is a small flower garden. I know it was planted to grow a variety of flowers to enjoy. A little farther away is another garden of assorted vegetables. On the other side of the house is a small orchard. Beyond the back of the house, is a large field of tall, very green grass.

From the back of the house, I watch an older woman walk outside. She is wearing a large sunhat, garden gloves, and a long-sleeved work shirt with the sleeves rolled up. She also wears a thick pair of work pants and protective knee pads. I watch as she walks to the flower garden. She gets on her knees and begins to pull weeds. With a tool, she loosens the soil around many blooming flowers. Then she pulls out a magnifying glass from her pocket and uses it to more closely admire the beautiful flowers. She smiles as she enjoys the Great Designer's handiwork. As she spends time with each flower, she looks at it as if seeing it for the first time.

Next I see her admiring a small, woolly worm crawling across a plant. She carefully places it in the palm of her glove and observes it, as if it was the first time she had ever seen such a creature. As she stands up, I notice that she struggles with arthritis. She carefully carries the worm to the tall grass behind her house. Kneeling once again, she places the woolly worm on a long spire of grass. Then she crosses her legs and sits on the grass, which comes up a little past her waist. She is admiring the little creatures that live there. I realize that most people would not care to notice such things.

Now I see the woman lean back, extend her legs, and look out in enjoyment, as if the field had been made just for her. Looking up at the sky, she gazes at the many big, white clouds floating slowly by and the birds flying to their destination. After a while, she struggles to stand and walks to her orchard where she picks different fruits. She plucks a leaf from a tree, smells it, bends it in half, looks at it closely, and smells it again. As if seeing one for the first time, she examines another leaf and contemplates the intricate pattern made by the Great Creator who placed His design on it. Now she smells one of the fruits she picked. I know she will not bite into it, because it must be washed before eating. She holds it in her hand and turns it slowly to admire it. Then she takes the different fruits, walks to her back porch, and places them in a basket.

I understand that as a young girl, the woman squandered away her youth by smoking, drinking, and being promiscuous. She walked a lonely life, wasted in frivolous affairs, yet she did not know there was One who walked with her constantly. However, one thing she had was a love for nature. When she grew older, she realized that her lifestyle caused her health to suffer. Her hands, elbows, and knees were swollen with arthritis. She walked bow-legged because of arthritis in her hips. Her feet ached; her spine hurt; and every joint in her body was painful. She longed to have her youth back, to be able to walk, run, jump, or swim without pain. The Herald informs me that he calls this woman, Penny. When I ask whether her name is Penny, he replies, "That is what we call her. In time you will learn why, but now it is time to show you more."

The scene changes and now I am at a church funeral. I see an olderlooking Penny in a casket. I know that she had died. However, I notice that her appearance had changed. Her skin looks much healthier than before, and the signs of arthritis in her arms and hands are no longer visible. I wonder about the fact that she is much older, then realize that in her final days she was in better health than during the time I first saw her.

The Herald explains that Penny will simply remain in her grave until Jesus calls her and all the righteous dead to come out of their graves. Those who are found worthy will go to heaven with Jesus for a thousand years. Then He will return to the earth again and all the wicked will be called from their graves for their final judgment. At that time, each one of them will hear Jesus say that He does not know them, just as Matthew 7:23 states.⁶

⁶ Manuscript Releases, Vol. 8, p. 168

The Herald says, "Let me show you something so that all may understand better." In this part of my dream, I am standing as an observer in a courtroom. The heavenly Father sits high on a throne as the Judge. What I see of Him is only what I am allowed to see. To my left are several angels escorting in many men. Some of them look up to the Judge and say, "Look at all the evangelistic series I held. Notice how many I baptized. I healed in Your name. What about all the demons I cast out?" One man who used a fake smile and a hypnotic type of teaching says, "Look at all the great things I did. I wrote books and did wonderful works in Your name. I deserve a great place in Your kingdom."

I notice that the men wear different types of clothing. Some are in suits or robes, but all brag about what they did for God and often repeat the word "I." God would look at them and motion for the angels to escort them out to His left. After several men came through like that, I felt disgusted.

Angels also brought in other people. Some would drop to their knees or squat down with their heads between their knees. Some would cover their heads with their hands or humbly fold their hands and bow their heads. They felt unworthy to look at the Judge. Some of them said, "I never knew who You were. I never had the opportunity to know who Jesus was. I should have taken His hand, but I did not know Him. I never knew You (God). I only knew the Spirit that walked through the trees, that quiet voice that told us not to do bad things." I saw the Father walk down the steps from His throne and pick up a man lying on the floor with his head bowed. The Father wrapped His arms around him, hugged him and said, "I was with you every step of the way."

The Herald says, "Compare the people who thought they were great with the humble ones who did not even dare to look at the Father. Some will be in heaven who never had the chance to hear the story of

The punishment inflicted on human beings will in every case be proportionate to the dishonor they have brought on God.

Jesus, yet they walked daily with the Holy Spirit. God is looking for people like that."

Now my dream returns to Penny's funeral. The Herald says, "Penny will be called up from her grave.⁷ Jesus Himself will cover her with a robe and place a crown on her head.⁸ Let me show you."

My dream changes and I am shown again the scene of the Second Coming of Jesus when He calls those who have received the seal of eternal life. Those who are not called remain in the ground until they are raised for their final judgment.⁹

I am taken to where I see Penny given a new body that reflects eternal life. With her eyes fixed upon Jesus, she ascends and is joined with many others on the large cloud headed to heaven.

⁸ Revelation 2:10 Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life.

2 Timothy 4:8 Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.

⁹ Revelation 20:12-15 And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is [the book] of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works. And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works. And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.

⁷ 1 Corinthians 15:51-52 Behold, I show you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

Although she continues to look at Jesus, she meets many old friends and makes new ones. There is such joy!

I know that this is the journey shown in the dream, "The Journey Home." Upon arriving at the gates of heaven, I see Jesus place a robe and crown on each saved individual. I follow Penny as she goes before Jesus. Before He places a robe around her, she reaches up and hugs Him, then falls to her knees and kisses His feet. She cries and says that she is not worthy to be there, that she sinned and her life was wasted in evil frivolity. Jesus lifts her up, wraps His arms around her and says, "You knew Our Father through the creations you admired. You listened to the voice that whispered softly. You accepted Me as your Brother. You claimed My blood and My sacrifice. I find great joy in being able to call you My sister. I would have gone to Earth only for you."

An angel hands Jesus a crown, which He places on her head; but she removes the crown, places it at His feet and begins crying again saying that she is not worthy. Jesus lifts her up again, wipes her tears and says, "You will cry no more. My blood is sufficient for you." He is handed a robe and covers her with it. He says, "I have washed you and wrapped you in My own robe of righteousness. Upon your head I place a crown that says you are a princess, and that you have every right to enter the gates of Our Father's City. I am honored to call you My sister!"

As I watch, Penny begins crying as she approaches the gates of the city. When she walks through, an angel guard looks at her as if to say, "You have every right to enter the city." Now I see Jesus walking with her as He escorts her to her own private mansion that sits on top of a small hill. Over the front of the doorway is a large diamond that displays her heavenly name. I know that this name depicts her character. Around her mansion are many flower gardens. Farther out I see many orchards. Flowing through the back of the large grounds is the most amazing stream. A beautiful bridge made of pure gold crosses the stream.

In my dream, I continue to follow her in heaven for what seems to be only a day. However, I know that a thousand years have passed. Time in heaven is not measured the way it is on the earth. I understand that in heaven, even though Penny is surrounded with many people, she finds enjoyment in solitude. Yet she is constantly with Jesus as her Companion.

During that time, I have watched her run through the streets, laughing with the joy and delight of a little girl. I have seen her race through groves of trees, jump into lakes and streams and swim. Sometimes she would simply look up and fly with the birds. Or were the birds flying with her? Other times she would walk or run through large pastures filled with different kinds of animals. Sometimes she would simply cross her legs and look closely at the variety of very small creatures.

At one point, I watch her pick a leaf from a tree. She holds it in her hand and looks at each side. Then she holds it up to look at it with the light passing through. She bends the leaf in half and smells its fragrance. While holding the leaf in one hand, she plucks a flower and holds it in her other hand. She sits there for a long time, lost in total admiration. I watch as she holds the flower up to her nose and inhales deeply, as if to absorb all the aroma. Then she plucks off a single petal, looks closely at it, and holds it up to the light to admire it. Then she places the flower, the petal, and the leaf in the palm of her hand, holds her hand up to her nose, and inhales the aroma. I watch her lower her hand and admire the beauty of what she holds. Then she places all three in her mouth, eating the flower, the petal, and the leaf.

Next I see her straighten her legs, lean back on her arms, and look up to admire all that she can see. Several animals walk peacefully along, others run by, and many different kinds of birds fly through the air. I watch her get up, run to a large area of water, jump in and begin to swim. She continues to enjoy the day, but I know that a great deal of time has passed.

Now I watch Penny heading to the Holy City. I am reminded of the dream, "The End," where Jesus returns to raise the wicked. He sits high on His throne with a rainbow above it. I see her fly, as if she had wings, and stand on the top of the great wall of the Holy City. She looks down on the resurrected wicked who lived since the beginning of the earth. Among them are all who defied God and His love, and those who chose their own path. Now they all stand to receive their

final judgment. All know that this is the long-awaited end to all sin and sinners. The defiant one will finally be destroyed.

My dream changes, and I know that the words have already been spoken that create a new heaven and a New Earth. I look upon the New Earth and am left in awe at its size, which is hard for me to grasp. It is there that God's throne will be located. As mentioned in the dream, "God Is Angry," I know that a commission was given to build a Universal Memorial to Jesus for all created beings to enjoy and learn from.¹⁰ A place on the New Earth had been selected, and those who were to be involved in the construction were sent out to build it.

Next I observe the construction completed. The hand of the Creator moved over the surface of the earth and created many unique forms of animals, birds, and marine life. Beside the large building, which will allow countless visitors to come, stay, and enjoy, a place was created for the creations that exist below the water. We are told that there will be no oceans in the new Earth.¹¹ On the earth now, there are continents and islands surrounded by water. At the Universal Memorial there will be a massive amount of water surrounded by land, like an enormous aquarium where myriad of marine life will exist. Its size is beyond comprehension, and the very high walls of the aquarium are transparent.

¹⁰ Child Guidance, pp. 45-46

¹¹ S.D.A. Bible Commentary, Vol. 7, p. 988 In the new earth there will be no more sea, and there shall pass there "no galley with oars."

Revelation 21:1 And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea.

Next to the Bible, nature is to be our great lesson book. ... In the natural world God has placed in the hands of the children of men the key to unlock the treasure house of His Word. The unseen is illustrated by the seen; divine wisdom, eternal truth, infinite grace, are understood by the things that God has made.

Now my dream changes back to watching Penny. I know that the aquarium has been created and that a very special ceremony was held for and about Jesus. He is not only the Savior for those from this sin-filled earth but also those throughout the universe. The memorial will be a monument forever to the One who gave all and would have given all for only one individual. It is a place where all created beings will come to understand, learn, or experience who Jesus is. This place will be constructed out of love for the one who is the love of the love of the love. It is a place that will be created by a few who have a song unlike any other. Those who will have a right to build will be a select few who are part of these who are they.

Penny enters the expansive building complex where all the teachings about Jesus are found: His life in heaven, the battle between Him and Lucifer, and the plan after sin, and what He would give up to come to this earth. It includes teachings about His birth on Earth, His work, death, resurrection, His service in heaven, His promise to return to take His people home, the giving of a crown and robe, and the gift of a mansion. However, the most wonderful treasure and the greatest gift for Jesus is to be with each of His people. The complex will document and teach about the greatest Teacher.

I watch as Penny wanders around the complex. After much time, she walks out and strolls alongside the wall of the aquarium. She looks up and quickly flies for a great distance over the aquarium. Much later she returns to where she was. She looks over the edge of the wall and gently floats to the ground. Then she sits on a bench in front of the wall to watch the great variety of marine animals as well as the plants and corals. For more time than I can calculate, she enjoys the creations formed by the hand of the Creator, from the smallest to a size that is beyond comprehension. The memorial is special, because it is the only place like it that will exist throughout the universe. It is a place to remind all of what the Savior did for the redeemed and to show how much the Creator gave up to become our Savior.

After much time, Penny stands up, walks over to the wall of the aquarium, and goes through it. As she does, I see what I can only explain as a thin layer of water that forms a barrier around her. Between the layer of water and her skin, there is a layer of air. The layer of water constantly generates the layer of air. I know that this is

the robe of righteousness that also represents Jesus as the Living Water. I watch as Penny swims and enjoys some of the large creations. She moves without effort and at the speed they travel.

Next Penny descends to a deep area where she stops to admire some small fish—the kind that would normally be found in a shallow reef. She observes them darting in and out of many hiding places, as if they are chasing each other. I think about the darkness in the deep waters of this earth. Yet on the New Earth, even the deepest areas are bright and full of color.

I continue to watch Penny as she swims to an area where she carefully examines many marine plants. She touches a leaf and analyzes the stalk of the plant. It looks like underwater flowers growing along parts of the plants. She takes a flower in her fingers and admires it for some time. Then she tears a leaf into little pieces. Instantly, she is surrounded by countless fish. She plucks another leaf and lifts it up to look at both sides as the light passes through. Then she tears it in half and eats it. Next she reaches over, picks one of the flowers and pulls off the petals for the fish to eat. When she crumbles a leaf in her hand, the water where she is turns the color of the leaf. Numerous very small fish appear and it looks like they eat the colored water.

As I continue to watch, Penny picks another flower and pulls a petal from it. She feels its velvety smoothness and holds it up to see the light pass through. She turns it over to examine the other side. When she holds it up to her nose, a water barrier forms around the petal and her nose. This allows her to smell the beautiful flower that grows deep below the surface. Then she eats the entire flower. Afterwards, she swims to a living coral reef where she watches this marine life open and close. She devotes a great amount of time to enjoy the abundant great coral reefs.

After observing Penny, I think about the size of everything and how long it would take one person to see all the aquarium. I follow Penny along as if she were a child with a very inquisitive mind, seeing everything for the first time. I think of all that she looked at and studied above the ground—the many different animals that she has only begun to enjoy, that she has run with, walked along beside, as well as played with. I think about the many birds she has watched fly in the air, as well as those she has flown with. I recall the many small creations she has held in her hands, the many plains she has looked at, the many trees she has climbed, the many forests she has run through, and the many pastures she has walked, run through or just lain on. I think about the spires of grass she has examined so closely, and the many leaves she has studied. Now she is visiting this place where she can enjoy an underwater world created for all beings to enjoy, a place even for those who never knew how to swim.

Now I watch Penny take her time to see everything, always as if it were for the first time. Her eyes are full of wonder. I see her look up toward the surface of the water and watch her leave the aquarium extremely quickly. Knowing exactly which way to go, she heads straight for the place where all go to learn of Jesus. Moving through the air at an amazing speed, like a missile with a pinpointed target, she heads directly toward it. As quickly as she is traveling, she sees Jesus smiling and standing with His arms spread wide open. She flies right into His loving arms, hugs Him, and tells Him that she could never repay all He has done for her. He hugs her tightly and says, "You are hugging Me. What else could I ever want?"

Jesus. He is the love of the love of the love.

I hear a voice that rolls like thunder say, "This is My Son, in whom I am perfectly pleased!"¹²

¹² Matthew 3:17 And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.

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