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## MOTTO

*"The love of Christ constraineth us." 2 Cor. 5: 14.*

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"As one brother was carrying away an armful of books, a canvasser laid his hand upon his arm, and said, 'My brother, what are you doing with so many books?' Then I heard the voice of our Counselor saying: 'Forbid them not. This is a work that should be done. The end is near. Already much time has been lost, when these books should have been in circulation. Sell them far and near. Scatter them like the leaves of autumn. This work is to continue without the forbiddings of any one. Souls are perishing out of Christ. Let them be warned of his soon appearing in the clouds of heaven.'" —*"Testimonies for the Church," Vol. IX, p. 72.*

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## "KNOWING THE TIME"

IN beholding the city of Jerusalem and the doom which awaited her and her people, Jesus said, "*If thou hadst known . . . the things which belong unto thy peace! but now they are hid from thine eyes. For the days shall come upon thee, that thine enemies shall cast a trench about thee, and compass thee round, and keep thee in on every side, and shall lay thee even with the ground, and thy children within thee; . . . because thou knewest not the time of thy visitation.*" Luke 19: 42-44.

"Jesus, looking down to the last generation, saw the world involved in a deception similar to that which caused the destruction of Jerusalem." He "saw in Jerusalem a symbol of the world hardened in unbelief and rebellion, and hastening on to meet the retributive judgments of God."—"The Great Controversy," p. 22.

In an exhortation that applies most particularly to the last generation of Christians, Paul wrote, "*Knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep.*" Rom. 13: 11. It is evident that while the world is ignorant of the time of its visitation, there will be those who *know the time* and its significance. The following quotations are of value in enabling us to know the time:

"The crisis is fast approaching. The rapidly swelling figures show that *the time for God's visitation* has about come. . . . Those who walk in the light will see signs of the approaching peril."—"Testimonies for the Church." Vol. V, p. 209.

"The world is a theater; the actors, its inhabitants, are preparing to act their part in the last great drama. . . . A power from beneath is working to bring about the last great scenes in the drama. . . . *We who know* the truth should be preparing for what is soon to break upon the world as an overwhelming surprise."— *Testimonies, Vol. VIII, pp. 27, 28.*

During a time of war, famine, pestilence, and abounding iniquity, when it would appear that every refuge had failed and "men's hearts" were "failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth" (Luke 21: 26), God's people are to know that myriads of glorified beings are ready at God's word to overrule the power and policy of evil men, and that—

"The world is not without a ruler. The program of coming events is in the hands of the Lord. The Majesty of heaven has the destiny of nations, as well as the concerns of his church, in his own charge. . . . That which appears to finite minds entangled and complicated, the Lord's hand can keep in perfect order. . . . When the strongholds of kings shall be overthrown, . . . his people will be safe in his hands."— *Testimonies, Vol. V, pp. 753, 754.*

#### On the Threshold of Solemn Events

"The angel of mercy is folding her wings, ready to depart. Already the Lord's restraining power is being withdrawn from the earth. . . . Already the inhabitants of the earth are marshaling under the leading of the prince of darkness, and this is but the beginning of the end.

The Lord is soon to cut short his work, and put an end to sin."— *Testimonies, Vol. VIII, p. 49.*

"Soon there will be death and destruction, increasing crime, and cruel, evil working against the rich who have exalted themselves against the poor. Those who are without God's protection will find no safety in any place or position. Human agents are being trained, and are using their inventive power to put in operation the most powerful machinery to wound and to kill. . . . Let the means and the workers be scattered."— *Id., p. 50.*

#### The Preparation Needed

"God and Christ and the heavenly angels are working with intense activity to hold in check the fierceness of Satan's wrath, that God's plans may not be thwarted. God lives and reigns. He is conducting the affairs of the universe. Let his soldiers move forward to victory. Let there be perfect unity in their ranks. Let them press the battle to the gates. As a mighty conqueror, the Lord will work for them. Let the gospel message ring through our churches, summoning them to universal action."— *Id., Vol. VII, p. 14.*

"The 'time of trouble such as never was,' is soon to open upon us; and we shall need an experience which we do not now possess, and which many are too indolent to obtain. It is often the case that trouble is greater in anticipation than in reality; but this is not true of the crisis before us. The most vivid presentation cannot reach the magnitude of the ordeal. In that time of trial every soul must stand for himself before God."— "*The Great Controversy,*" p. 622.

"Christians should be preparing for what is soon to break upon the world as an overwhelming surprise, and this preparation they should

make by diligently studying the word of God, and striving to conform their lives to its precepts. . . . God calls for a revival and a reformation."—*Prophets and Kings*, p. 626.

"The time has come for a thorough reformation to take place. When this reformation begins, the spirit of prayer will actuate every believer, and will banish from the church the spirit of discord and strife. Those who have not been living in Christian fellowship will draw close to one another. . . . The barriers separating believer from unbeliever will be broken down, and God's servants will speak the same things. The Lord will co-operate with his servants."—*Testimonies, Vol. VIII, p. 251.*

"God calls for a spiritual revival and a spiritual reformation. . . . A revival and a reformation must take place under the ministration of the Holy Spirit. Revival and reformation are two different things. Revival signifies a renewal of spiritual life, a quickening of the powers of mind and heart, a resurrection from spiritual death. Reformation signifies a reorganization, a change of ideas, theories, habits, and practises. . . . Revival and reformation are to do their appointed work."—*Special Testimony, 1905.* (Not verified.)

#### Plan of Salvation About to Close

Evidences are multiplying on every hand that the plan of salvation is about to close. Great power is to attend it in its closing work. "While the work of salvation is closing, trouble will be coming on the earth, and the nations will be angry, yet held in check so as not to prevent the work of the third angel.

At that time the 'latter rain,' or refreshing from the presence of the Lord, will come, to give power to the loud voice of the third angel."—*Early Writings*, pp. 85, 86.

In referring to the political confusion and unsettled conditions on the earth, "a little time of peace" is referred to. This time of apparent peace is followed by the final world conflict. "Once more the inhabitants of the earth were presented before me; and again everything was in the utmost confusion. Strife, war, and bloodshed, with famine and pestilence, raged everywhere. . . . Then men's hearts failed them for fear, 'and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth.'"—*Testimonies, Vol. I, p. 268.*

When peace was declared in Europe, men were still hopeful of bringing about, through a league of nations, the reign of peace; but as the final conflict opens, all hope will be given up. Men's hearts will then fail them for fear.

This short period between the two great world conflicts is providentially granted God's people to finish the task before them of carrying the last message of mercy to the people, and of warning them of the impending judgments, and of the nearness of the end. It is at this time that "the 'latter rain,' or refreshing from the presence of the Lord, will come to give power to the loud voice of the third angel." As God's Spirit comes upon his churches and each member becomes an active toiler, in a comparatively short time it will be possible for the task of warning the world and leading souls to Christ to be finished.

### Accounts with Nations Are Soon to Be Closed

"With unerring accuracy the Infinite One still keeps an account with all nations. While his mercy is tendered, with calls to repentance, this account will remain open; but when the figures reach a certain amount which God has fixed, the ministry of his wrath commences. The account is closed. Divine patience ceases."—*Testimonies, Vol. V, p. 208.*

### The Spirit of God to Be Withdrawn from the Earth

"The fast-fulfilling signs of the times declare that the coming of Christ is near at hand. The days in which we live are solemn and important. The Spirit of God is gradually but surely being withdrawn from the earth. . . . The calamities by land and sea, the unsettled state of society, the alarms of war, are portentous. They forecast approaching events of the greatest magnitude.

"The agencies of evil are combining their forces, and consolidating. They are strengthening for the last great crisis. Great changes are soon to take place in our world, and the final movements will be rapid ones."—*Id., Vol. IX, p. 11.*

### Predictions

Twenty-nine years ago, when many were predicting that nations would never again lift up sword against nation, neither should there be war any more, the following impressive warning was given: "The tempest is coming, and we must get ready for its fury, by having repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ. The Lord will arise to shake ter-

ribly the earth. We shall see troubles on all sides. Thousands of ships will be hurled into the depths of the sea. Navies will go down, and human lives will be sacrificed by millions. Fires will break out unexpectedly, and no human effort will be able to quench them. The palaces of earth will be swept away in the fury of the flames. Disasters by rail will become more and more frequent; confusion, collision, and death without a moment's warning will occur on the great lines of travel. The end is near, probation is closing."—*Signs of the Times, April 21, 1890.*

Sixteen years ago it was said: "The time is nearing when the great crisis in the history of the world will have come, when every movement in the government of God will be watched with intense interest and inexpressible apprehension. In quick succession the judgments of God will follow one another,—fire and flood and earthquake, with war and bloodshed. O that the people might know the time of their visitation!"—*Testimonies, Vol. IX, p. 97.*

Again, in the year 1904, the prediction was made: "Soon grievous troubles will arise among the nations,—troubles that will not cease until Jesus comes. . . . The judgments of God are in the land. The wars and rumors of wars, the destruction by fire and flood, say clearly that the time of trouble, which is to increase until the end, is very near at hand. We have no time to lose. The world is stirred with the spirit of war."—*Review and Herald, Nov. 24, 1904.*

Five years later, or in 1909, the representatives of the General Conference assembled were solemnly charged to prepare their hearts for the

terrible scenes of strife and oppression beyond anything they had conceived of, soon to be witnessed among the nations of the earth. The message then was: "Very soon the strife and oppression of foreign nations will break forth with an intensity that you do not now anticipate."—*General Conference Bulletin, 1909, p. 57*. Five years after this prediction was made, the great World War was precipitated.

In referring to this same time, we were told: "The passage from place to place to spread the truth will soon be hedged with dangers on the right hand and on the left. Everything will be placed to obstruct the way of the Lord's messengers, so that they will not be able to do that which it is possible for them to do now." Then followed the admonition: "We must look our work fairly in the face, and advance as fast as possible in aggressive warfare. . . . We have warnings now which we may give, a work now which we may do; but soon it will be more difficult than we can imagine."—*Testimonies, Vol. VI, p. 22*.

"The work which the church has failed to do in a time of peace and prosperity, she will have to do in a terrible crisis, under most discouraging, forbidding circumstances. The warnings that worldly conformity has silenced or withheld, must be given under the fiercest opposition from enemies of the faith. . . . The members of the church will individually be tested and proved. They will be placed in circumstances where they will be forced to bear witness for the truth."—*Testimonies, Vol. V, p. 463*.

### A Great Reformatory Movement and the Work

While these calamities were witnessed among the nations of earth, another scene was presented,—a great reformatory movement among God's people.

"I have been deeply impressed by scenes that have recently passed before me in the night season. There seemed to be a great movement—a work of revival—going forward in many places. Our people were moving into line, responding to God's call." "God calls upon those who are willing to be controlled by the Holy Spirit to lead out in a work of thorough reformation. I see a crisis before us, and the Lord calls for his laborers to come into line. Every soul should now stand in a position of deeper, truer consecration to God than during the years that have passed." "Do not the Scriptures call for a more pure and holy work than we have yet seen?"—*General Conference Bulletin, May 19, 1913, p. 34*.

"In visions of the night representations passed before me of a great reformatory movement among God's people. Many were praising God. The sick were healed, and other miracles were wrought. . . . Hundreds and thousands were seen visiting families, and opening before them the word of God. Hearts were convicted by the power of the Holy Spirit, and a spirit of genuine conversion was manifest. On every side doors were thrown open to the proclamation of the truth. The world seemed to be lightened with the heavenly influence. Great blessings were received by the true and humble people of God."—*Testimonies, Vol. IX, p. 126*.

"At this time—a time of overwhelming iniquity—a new life, coming from the Source of all life, is to take possession of those who have the love of God in their hearts."—*Id.* p. 44.

#### Great Power Will Attend the Last Message of Warning

"The great work of the gospel is not to close with less manifestation of the power of God than marked its opening. The prophecies which were fulfilled in the outpouring of the former rain at the opening of the gospel, are again to be fulfilled in the latter rain at its close. . . . 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."—*The Great Controversy*, pp. 611, 612.

"When the crisis comes, many will be prepared to make right decisions even in the face of formidable difficulties that will be brought about through the deceptive miracles of Satan. There will be an army of steadfast believers who will stand firm as a rock through the last test."—*Review and Herald*." (Not verified.)

"The time of God's destructive judgments is the time of mercy for those who have had no opportunity to learn what is truth."—*Testimonies*, Vol. IX, p. 97.

#### Every Believer a Worker

"God is testing the devotion of his churches and their willingness to render obedience to the

Spirit's guidance. . . . The standard of righteousness is to be exalted. The Spirit of God is moving upon men's hearts, and those who respond to its influence will become lights in the world. Everywhere they are seen going forth to communicate to others the light they have received, as they did after the descent of the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost. As they let their light shine, they receive more and more of the Spirit's power." (Not verified.)

#### The Spirit of God Given for Service

None should wait in idle expectancy for the baptism of the Holy Spirit. The Spirit of God is given for service. As church members go forth at God's bidding, the Holy Spirit comes to give efficiency and power. "Every truly converted soul will be intensely desirous to bring others from the darkness of error into the marvelous light of the righteousness of Jesus Christ. The great outpouring of the Spirit of God, which lightens the whole earth with his glory, will not come until we have an enlightened people, that know by experience what it means to be laborers together with God. When we have entire, whole-hearted consecration to the service of Christ, God will recognize the fact by an outpouring of his Spirit without measure; but this will not be while the largest portion of the church are not laborers together with God."—*Review and Herald*, July 21, 1896.

"When the churches become living, working churches, then the Holy Spirit will be given in answer to their sincere requests. . . . Then the windows of heaven will be open for the showers of the 'latter rain.'"—*Review and Herald*, Feb. 25, 1890.



"When the reproach of indolence and slothfulness shall have been wiped away from the church, the Spirit of the Lord will be graciously manifested. Divine power will be revealed. The church will see the providential working of the Lord of hosts."—*Testimonies, Vol. IX, p. 46.*

#### Personal Work

"The special work for this time must be done in reaching the people through personal effort." (Not verified.)

"Let all who believe the truth begin to work. Do the work that lies nearest you. . . . If the lay members of the church will arouse to do the work that they can do, . . . each seeing how much he can accomplish in winning souls to Jesus, we shall see many leaving the ranks of Satan to stand under the banner of Christ. If our people will act upon the light that is given in these few words of instruction, we shall surely see of the salvation of God. Wonderful revivals will follow. Sinners will be converted, and many souls will be added to the church. When we bring our hearts into unity with Christ, and our lives into harmony with his work, the Spirit that fell on the disciples on the day of Pentecost will fall on us."—*Testimonies, Vol. VIII, p. 246.*

#### Lessons from the Early Disciples

"Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature" (Mark 16: 15), is the commission that Jesus gave to the members of his church. His confidence that they would accomplish the task assigned them, and not disappoint him, he expressed when, in answer to the inquiry, "What shall be the sign of thy com-

ing, and of the end of the world?" he said, "This gospel of the kingdom *shall be preached* in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come." Matt. 24: 14.

The psalmist, in speaking of this time, said, "Thy people shall be willing in the day of thy power." Ps. 110: 3.

The early disciples received power from on high in answer to their sincere requests as they went forth to carry out the commission.

"Christ opened the world before them as their field of labor. They were to go 'into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature,' with the promise, "'Ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you.' . . . 'Tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high.' In obedience to the word of their Master, the disciples assembled in Jerusalem to wait for the fulfilment of God's promise. Here they spent ten days—days of deep heart-searching. They put away all differences, and drew close together in Christian fellowship. At the end of ten days the Lord fulfilled his promise, by a wonderful outpouring of his Spirit."—*Testimonies, Vol. VIII, p. 15.*

"Under the influence of the Spirit, words of penitence and confession were mingled with songs of praise for sins forgiven."—*Id., Vol. VII, p. 31.*

"It was after the disciples had come into perfect unity, when they were no longer striving for the highest place, that the Spirit was poured out. They were of one accord. All differences had been put away." This preparation for the

reception of the Spirit having been made, we are told that *then* "the disciples did not ask for a blessing for themselves. They were weighted with a burden of souls. The gospel was to be carried to the ends of the earth, and they claimed the endowment of power that Christ had promised. *Then it was that the Holy Spirit was poured out*, and thousands were converted in a day."—*Id.*, Vol. VIII, pp. 20, 21.

"By earnest, persevering prayer they obtained the endowment of the Holy Spirit, and then they went forth, weighted with the burden of saving souls, filled with zeal to extend the triumphs of the cross."—*Id.*, Vol. VII, p. 32.

"They called on the *believers to arouse and do their part*, that all nations might hear the truth, and the earth be filled with the glory of the Lord."—*Id.*, pp. 31, 32.

#### Hundreds Proclaiming the Message

"Hundreds proclaimed the message, 'The kingdom of God is at hand.' They could not be restrained or intimidated by threatenings. The Lord spoke through them; and, wherever they went, the sick were healed, and the poor had the gospel preached unto them."—*Id.*, Vol. VIII, p. 20.

"Notwithstanding the fierce opposition that the disciples met, in a short time the gospel of the kingdom had been sounded to all the inhabited parts of the earth."—*Id.*, p. 15.

#### Expectation of the Church Today

"Is not the Spirit of God to come today in answer to earnest, persevering prayer, and fill men with power? . . . Already many are receiv-

ing the Holy Spirit, and no longer will the way be blocked by listless indifference. Why has the history of the work of the disciples as they labored with holy zeal, animated and vitalized by the Holy Spirit, been recorded, if it is not that from this record the Lord's people today are to gain an inspiration to work earnestly for him? What the Lord did for his people in that time, it is just as essential, and more so, that he do for his people today. All that the apostles did, every church member today is to do. And we are to work with as much more fervor, to be accompanied by the Holy Spirit in as much greater measure, as the increase of wickedness demands a more decided call to repentance. . . . From *all believers* light is to be reflected in clear, distinct rays. A work similar to that which the Lord did through his delegated messengers after the day of Pentecost, he is waiting to do today. . . . Should not the power of God be even more mightily revealed today than in the time of the apostles?"—*Id.*, Vol. VII, pp. 32, 33.

"There is to be in the churches a wonderful manifestation of the power of God, but it will not move upon those who have not humbled themselves before the Lord, and opened the door of their heart by confession and repentance. In the manifestation of that power which lightens the earth with the glory of God, they will see only something which in their blindness they think dangerous, something which will arouse their fears, and they will brace themselves to resist it. Because the Lord does not work according to their expectations and ideas, they will oppose the work."—*Mrs. E. G. White, in the Bible Training School, May, 1907.*

"All who endeavor to excuse or conceal their sins, and permit them to remain upon the books of heaven, unconfessed and unforgiven, will be overcome by Satan."—*The Great Controversy*, p. 620.

"Even one wrong trait of character, one sinful desire *cherished*, will eventually neutralize all the power of the gospel. . . . Those who would rather die than perform a wrong act are the only ones who will be found faithful."—*Testimonies*, Vol. V, p. 53.

### The Field Is the World

"God's people have a mighty work before them, a work that must continually rise to greater prominence. Our efforts in missionary lines must become far more extensive. A more decided work than has been done must be done prior to the second appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ. God's people are not to cease their labors until they shall encircle the world."—*Testimonies*, Vol. VI, pp. 23, 24.

### Providential Openings

Never in the history of the world have there been so many providential openings for the gospel in foreign lands. Never have the calls been more urgent for men and means, and never has there existed a greater need. "Our burden for the 'regions beyond' can never be laid down until the whole earth shall be lightened with the glory of the Lord."—*Id.*, p. 29.

Neither can our efforts be relaxed. We must do more, much more, for these far-off countries than we have done as yet. To do this work in foreign lands will be the most successful way of

strengthening the work in the home field. "The home missionary work will be farther advanced in every way when a more liberal, self-denying, self-sacrificing spirit is manifested for the prosperity of foreign missions; for the prosperity of the home work depends largely, under God, upon the reflex influence of the evangelical work done in countries afar off."—*Id.*, p. 27.

### A Greater Demand for Men and Means

European lands, as a result of the war, are left poverty stricken. They cannot do so much in regions beyond as formerly. In order to meet the increased demands thus made upon America for men and means, the home field must be worked differently than it has been in the past. Here workers are to be developed. The demand is now so great that, in order to finish the work speedily, we can no longer place entire dependence upon our schools or a long course of training to supply the men and women needed.

### Churches as Training Centers

In addition to our schools, the church must become a training center. From among its members capable workers must be developed. To do this, special attention must of necessity be given to the work in the home field. Wise plans must be laid, especially in our large cities, to develop workers by having them learn to work. We have been told: "The large cities should have been worked just as soon as the churches received the light, but many have carried no burden for souls, and Satan, finding them susceptible to his temptations, has spoiled their experience. God asks his people to repent, to be converted, and return to their first love,

which they have lost by their failure to follow in the footsteps of the self-sacrificing Redeemer."—*Testimonies, Vol. IX, p. 140.*

"The church of Christ is organized for service. . . . Every church member should be engaged in some line of service for the Master. . . . Many would be willing to work if they were taught how to begin. . . . Every church should be a training school for Christian workers. . . . *Let the teachers* lead the way in working among the people, and others, uniting with them, will learn from their example. One example is worth more than many precepts."—*Ministry of Healing,* pp. 148, 149.

"If less time were given to sermonizing, and more time were spent in personal ministry greater results would be seen."—*Id., p. 148.*

"It was by personal contact and association that Jesus trained his disciples. . . . He did not sermonize, as men do today. . . . On his journeys through country and cities he took them with him, that they might see how he taught the people. He linked their interest with his, and they united with him in the work."—*The Desire of Ages,* pp. 151, 152.

"The people have had too much sermonizing; but have they been taught how to labor for those for whom Christ died? Has a line of labor been devised and placed before them in such a way that each has seen the necessity of taking part in the work? It is evident that all the sermons that have been preached have not developed a large class of self-denying workers. *This subject is to be considered as involving the most serious results. Our future for eternity is at*

*stake.* . . . Let the missionary meeting be turned to account in teaching the people how to do missionary labor."—*Testimonies, Vol. VI, p. 431.*

"The very simplest modes of work should be devised and set in operation among the churches. If the members will unitedly accept such plans, and perseveringly carry them out, they will reap a rich reward."—*Id., Vol. VI, p. 433.*

"Because the church members have not been properly instructed by those whom God has placed as overseers, many are slothful servants. . . . They expect to be tended like sick children. This condition of weakness must not continue."—*Id., pp. 434, 435.*

"The members of the church have not *done a hundredth part* of that which God requires of them. What can we expect but deterioration in religious life when the people listen to sermon after sermon, and do not put the instruction into practice."—*Id., p. 425.*

"The greatest help that can be given our people is to teach them to work for God, and to depend on him, not on the ministers. . . . There are times when it is fitting for our ministers to give on the Sabbath, in our churches, short discourses, full of the life and love of Christ. But the church members are not to expect a sermon every Sabbath. . . . Let church members, during the week, act their part faithfully, and on the Sabbath relate their experience. The meeting will then be as meat in due season, bringing to all present new life and fresh vigor. . . . With joy they will tell of the precious experience they have gained in working for others."—*Testimonies, Vol. VII, p. 19.*

"Were every one of you a living missionary, the message for this time would speedily be proclaimed in all countries, to every people and nation and tongue. *This is the work that must be done before Christ shall come in power and great glory.*"—*Id.*, Vol. VI, p. 433.

"The work of God in this earth can never be finished until the men and women comprising our church membership rally to the work, and unite their efforts with those of ministers and church officers."—*Id.*, Vol. IX, p. 117.

#### Book and Periodical Work

"In a large degree through our publishing houses is to be accomplished the work of that other angel who comes down from heaven with great power, and who lightens the earth with his glory."—*Id.*, Vol. VII, p. 140.

"The agency of the printing press, with its manifold facilities, is at our command. Bibles, and publications in many languages, setting forth the truth for this time, are at our hand, and can be swiftly carried to every part of the world."—*Id.*, Vol. IX, p. 122.

"The world is to receive the light of truth through an evangelizing ministry of the word in our books and periodicals. . . . Let us now, by the wise use of periodicals and books, preach the word with determined energy. . . . *The third angel's message is to be given through this medium and through the living teacher.*"—*Id.*, pp. 61, 62.

"God calls upon every church member to enter his service. . . . Every one must learn to work, and to stand in his place as a burden-bearer. Every addition to the church should

be one more agency for the carrying out of the great plan of redemption."—*Id.*, Vol. VIII, p. 47.

"Every one who is added to the ranks by conversion is to be assigned his post of duty."—*Id.*, Vol. VII, p. 30.

"By lending or selling books, by distributing papers, and by holding Bible readings, our lay members could do much in their own neighborhoods."—*Id.*, Vol. IX, p. 35.

"Who will go forth now with our publications? The Lord imparts a fitness for the work to every man and woman who will co-operate with divine power. All the requisite talent, courage, perseverance, faith, and tact will come as they put the armor on. A great work is to be done in our world, and *human agencies will surely respond to the demand.* The world must hear the warning. When the call comes, 'Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?' send back the answer clear and distinct, 'Here am I; send me.'"—*Id.*, Vol. VI, p. 333.

"Let none think that it belittles a minister of the gospel to engage in canvassing as a means of carrying truth to the people. In doing this work he is laboring in the same manner as did the apostle Paul. . . . As you visit the people, tell them you are a gospel worker, and that you love the Lord."—*Id.*, pp. 321-323.

"Praise ye the Lord," "for that the leaders took the lead in Israel," "when the people willingly offered themselves." Judges 5: 1, A. V. and R. V.

"My heart is toward the governors of Israel, that offered themselves willingly among the people." Verse 9.

### The Work of Women Important

"Women as well as men can engage in the work of hiding the truth where it can work out and be made manifest. They can take their place in the work at this crisis, and the Lord will work through them. If they are imbued with a sense of their duty, and labor under the influence of the Spirit of God, they will have just the self-possession required for this time. The Saviour will reflect upon these self-sacrificing women the light of his countenance, and this will give them a power that will exceed that of men. They can do in families a work that men cannot do, a work that reaches the inner life. . . . Discreet and humble women can do a good work in explaining the truth to the people in their homes. The word of God thus explained will do its leavening work, and through its influence whole families will be converted."—*Testimonies, Vol. IX, pp. 128, 129.*

"Every sanctified heart will be pressed into service as an instrument of divine power."—*Id., p. 47.*

"There are many ways in which church members may give the message to those around them. One of the most successful is by living helpful, unselfish, Christian lives. Those who are fighting the battle of life at great odds may be refreshed and strengthened by little attentions which cost nothing. Kindly words simply spoken, little attentions simply bestowed, will sweep away the clouds of temptation and doubt that gather over the soul. The true heart-expression of Christlike sympathy, given in simplicity, has power to open the door of hearts

that need the simple, delicate touch of the Spirit of Christ. . . . For the good tidings of the gospel, for its promises and assurances, we are to express our gratitude by seeking to do others good."—*Id., Vol. IX, pp. 30, 31.*

### Children May Have a Part in the Work

"Parents, your children should be your helping hand, increasing your power and ability to work for the Master. Children are the younger members of the Lord's family. They should be led to consecrate themselves to God, whose they are by creation and by redemption. . . . With you the children should share spiritual as well as physical burdens. By helping others they increase their own happiness and usefulness."—*Id., Vol. VII, p. 63.*

### Christ's Methods of Reaching the People to Be Employed

"Christ's method alone will give true success in reaching the people. The Saviour mingled with men as one who desired their good. He showed his sympathy for them, ministered to their needs, and won their confidence. Then he bade them, 'Follow me.' . . . If less time were given to sermonizing, and more time were spent in personal ministry, greater results would be seen. The poor are to be relieved, the sick cared for, the sorrowing and the bereaved comforted, the ignorant instructed, the inexperienced counseled. We are to weep with those that weep, and rejoice with those that rejoice."—*Ministry of Healing, p. 143.*

"Consider the message of the fifty-eighth chapter of Isaiah. The work of beneficence en-

joined in this chapter is the work that God requires his people to do at this time."— *Testimonies, Vol. VI, p. 265.*

"This is the special work now before us. All our praying and abstinence from food will avail nothing, unless we resolutely lay hold of this work."— *Id., Vol. II, p. 34.*

"By humbly and earnestly engaging in the work of doing good to all, God's people will exert an influence that will tell in every town and city where the truth has entered. If all who know the truth will take hold of this work as opportunities are presented, day by day doing little acts of love in the neighborhood where they live, Christ will be manifest to their neighbors. . . . This will be of more consequence than sermons or professions or creeds."— *Id., Vol. VI, p. 264.*

"As the members of our churches individually take up their appointed work, they will be surrounded with an entirely different atmosphere. . . . The quickening, sanctifying influence of the Holy Spirit will be poured out upon them."— *Id., pp. 267, 268.*

"That the burden may be distributed, an education must be given to the church by those who can teach the workers to follow Christ and to work as he worked."— *Id., p. 435.*

#### **Prayer — Its Importance**

"Christ himself was much in prayer. Whenever he had opportunity, he went apart alone with God. As we bow before God in humble prayer, he places a live coal from his altar upon

our lips, sanctifying them to the work of giving Bible truth to the people."— *Id., Vol. VII, p. 251.*

"Only the work accomplished with much prayer, and sanctified by the merit of Christ, will in the end prove to have been efficient for good."— "*The Desire of Ages,*" p. 362.

"Every one must now search the Bible for himself upon his knees before God, with the humble, teachable heart of a child, if he would know what the Lord requires of him."— *Testimonies, Vol. V, p. 214.*

"By prayer and confession of sin we must clear the King's highway. As we do this, the power of the Spirit will come to us. We need the Pentecostal energy. This will come; for the Lord has promised to send his Spirit as the all-conquering power."— *Id., Vol. VIII, pp. 297, 298.*

"Prayer is the key in the hand of faith to unlock heaven's storehouse, where are treasured the boundless resources of Omnipotence."— "*Steps to Christ,*" p. 99.

#### **Pentecost Experience to Be Repeated**

For many years foreigners from all lands have been coming to our shores, until America's population is largely foreign. Her great cities are practically foreign cities.

There is a providence in this. The Pentecost experience is to be repeated. It is God's purpose that men gathered here from every nation under heaven shall hear the last message of mercy. Many will then carry it back to their friends and neighbors.

But, in order to reach the foreigners in our cities, house-to-house work must be done with

the periodicals and books which are printed in their own language. They must hear the message in their own tongue. "From door to door his servants are to proclaim the message of salvation."—*Testimonies, Vol. VIII, p. 16.*

Should this work be entered upon as energetically as it should be by members of the church who have prepared themselves for it by the putting away of all sin, the Holy Spirit would be given them, and many souls would again be added to the church. Some of these would be men of means. In this way successful work could be done for foreign fields, for both men and means would thus be supplied. By working the home field, workers are to be developed for the foreign field. The gospel commission cannot be fulfilled in any other way than through the members of the church becoming active laborers.

#### **Foreigners in These Cities Must Be Reached**

"Those in responsibility must now plan wisely to proclaim the third angel's message to the hundreds and thousands of foreigners in the cities of America. God desires his servants to do their full duty toward the unwarned inhabitants of the cities, and especially toward those who have come to these cities from various nations of the earth. Many of these foreigners are here in the providence of God, that they may have opportunity to hear the truth for this time, and receive a preparation that will fit them to return to their own lands as bearers of precious light shining direct from the throne of God."—*Testimonies, Vol. VIII, p. 35.*

"Great benefits would come to the regions beyond, if faithful efforts were put forth in behalf of the cities in America. Many would return to

the places from which they came that they might win their friends to the truth. They would search out their kinsfolk and neighbors, and communicate to them a knowledge of the third angel's message."—*Address given at Pacific Union Conference, Jan. 28, 1910. (Not verified.)*

"Unless more is done than has been done for the cities of America, ministers and people will have a heavy account to settle with the One who has appointed to every man his work. . . . May God forgive our terrible neglect in not doing the work that as yet we have scarcely touched with the tips of our fingers. . . . After you have given something for foreign fields, do not think your duty done. . . . In the cities of America there are people of almost every language. These need the light that God has given to his church."—*Testimonies, Vol. VIII, pp. 35, 36.*

#### **Means Will Flow into the Treasuries**

"As we do this work, we shall find that means will flow into our treasuries, and we shall have funds with which to carry on a still broader and more far-reaching work. Souls who have wealth will be brought into the truth, and will give of their means to advance the work of God. I have been instructed that there is much means in the cities that are unworked. God has interested people there. Go to them; teach them as Christ taught; give them the truth. They will accept it. *And as surely as honest souls will be converted, their means will be consecrated to the Lord's service, and we shall see an increase of resources.*"—*Id., Vol. IX, p. 101.*



**Unity in All the Churches as a Result**

*"If Seventh-day Adventists will now arouse, and do the work assigned them, the truth will be presented to our neglected cities in clear, distinct lines, and in the power of the Spirit. . . . God's people are to be so earnest and faithful in their work for him that all selfishness will be separated from their lives. His workers will then see eye to eye, and the arm of the Lord, the power of which was seen in the life of Christ, will be revealed. Confidence will be restored, and there will be unity in the churches throughout our ranks."—Id., pp. 32, 33.*

*"It is a mystery that there are not hundreds at work where now there is but one. The heavenly universe is astonished at the apathy, the coldness, the listlessness of those who profess to be sons and daughters of God."—Id., p. 42.*

*"If every soldier of Christ had done his duty, if every watchman on the walls of Zion had given the trumpet a certain sound, the world might ere this have heard the message of warning."—Id., p. 29.*

*"Our people have received great light, yet much of the ministerial force has been spent on the churches, teaching those who should be teachers; enlightening those who should be "the light of the world;" watering those from whom should flow rivers of living water; enriching those who might be mines of precious truth; repeating the gospel invitation to those who, scattered to the uttermost parts of the earth, should be giving the message of heaven to those who have not heard; feeding those who should be in the highways and byways giving the call, 'Come; for all things are now ready.'"—Id., Vol. VII, p. 24.*

“ The Lord Jesus is making experiments on human hearts through the exhibition of his mercy and abundant grace. He is effecting transformations so amazing that Satan, with all his triumphant boasting, with all his confederacy of evil united against God and the laws of his government, stands viewing them as a fortress impregnable to his sophistries and delusions. They are to him an incomprehensible mystery. The angels of God, seraphim and cherubim, the powers commissioned to co-operate with human agencies, look on with astonishment and joy, that fallen men, once children of wrath, are through the training of Christ developing characters after the divine similitude, to be sons and daughters of God, to act an important part in the occupations and pleasures of heaven.”—*From a Message to the General Conference in 1892, by Mrs. E. G. White (General Conference Bulletin, Feb. 27, 1893, p. 409).*