



Preparation for the Latter Rain

Quotations from the Spirit of Prophecy

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INTRODUCTION

The following compilation of statements from the Spirit of Prophecy by Elder B. E. Wagner was used in connection with studies given in several churches. There were so many requests for copies of these that he thought he would make them available. A wider distribution of this was encouraged by such men as H. M. S. Richards, N. C. Wilson, R.A. Anderson, Miller Brockett, and others.

Just recently he presented this series in Prayer Meeting at the University Church. We are happy to make this compilation available for those who wish to study this most important subject. As we approach the time of the fullness of "The Latter Rain," we surely want to be prepared.

We trust this will be a blessing to all who read it.

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CHRIST'S MESSAGE TO THE REMNANT Laodicea's Great Need

The great controversy between Christ and Satan is nearing its culmination; Satan is marshalling his forces for the last act in the drama of human history.

We are told in [Rev 12:12](#), "Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time."

1Pet 5:8 "Be sober, be vigilant, because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour."

A similar warning is given by the messenger of the Lord to the members of the Remnant church:

8T 298 "Perilous times are before us. Every one who has a knowledge of the truth should awake, and place himself, body, soul, and spirit, under the discipline of God. The enemy is on our track. We must be wideawake, on our guard against him. We must put on the whole armor of God. We must follow the directions given through the Spirit of Prophecy. We must love and obey the truth for this time. This will save us from accepting strong delusions . . . God has spoken to us through the *Testimonies for the Church*, and through the books that have helped to make plain our present duty and the position that we should now occupy. The warnings that have been given, line upon line, precept upon precept, should be heeded. If we disregard them, what excuse can we offer?"

A Grave Crisis Awaits Us

In this dark hour of earth's history we certainly need every ray of light shining from the throne of God. We know that a great crisis awaits the world; but we read in volume five of the *Testimonies*, page 711, that "A great crisis awaits the people of God."

DA 636 "The crisis is stealing gradually upon us . . . Satan sees that his time is short. He has set all his agencies at work that men may be deceived, deluded, occupied and entranced, until the day of probation shall be ended, and the door of mercy forever shut."

8T 315 "A storm is coming relentless in its fury. Are we prepared to meet it?"

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9T 17 "Fearful tests and trials await the people of God."

8T 37 "Every discourse should be given under a sense of the awful judgments soon to fall on the world . . . May God help His people to arouse and walk and work as men and women on the borders of the eternal world"

More than a half century ago (1909) the servant of the Lord wrote:

9T 29 “If every soldier of Christ had done his duty. . . the world might ere this have heard the message of warning. But the work is years behind.”

6T 450 “Had the purpose of God been carried out by His people in giving to the world the message of mercy, Christ would, ere this, have come to the earth, and the saints would have received their welcome into the city of God.” (1900)

If some should be tempted to say, “Yes, but a national Sunday law has not yet been passed,” they might well consider the following statement:

GC 48 “Let there be a revival of the faith and power of the early church, and the spirit of persecution will be revived, and the fires of persecution will be rekindled.”

Inasmuch as the coming of Jesus has been delayed for so many years, should we not at this time give diligent, prayerful study to the real cause for this long delay that we may prepare quickly to hasten His coming?

9T 46 “If human agencies would but cooperate with Divine agencies, (Holy Spirit, angels) many, many souls would be won to the truth. But the Lord’s professing people have been sleeping over their allotted work, . . .”

Know Him 330 “The Holy Spirit is waiting for channels through whom to work The Spirit of God will be poured out upon the church just as soon as the vessels are prepared to receive it.”

EW 119, 120 “I saw that the remnant were not prepared for what is coming upon the earth. Stupidity, like lethargy, seemed to hang upon the minds of most of those who profess to believe that we are having the last message A great work must be done for the remnant Said the angel, ‘Legions of evil angels are around you, . . . Ye suffer your minds to be diverted too readily from the work of preparation,’ . . . Said the angel, ‘Sabbath-keepers will have to die to self, . . .’”

However, we are without excuse, because “The events connected with the close of probation and the work of preparation for the time of trouble, are clearly presented.” (GC 594)

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1T 466 “Nearly all who profess to believe present truth are unprepared to understand the work of preparation for this time.”

Christ the True Witness ([Rev 1:5](#)) has sent a message to the Laodicean church, which if heeded will prepare us for the Latter Rain.

The Laodicean Message

Rev 3:14-22 “And unto the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write: These things saith the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of the creation of God; I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would that thou wert cold or hot. So then, because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth. Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked: I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear, and anoint shine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see. As many as I love I rebuke and chasten; be zealous therefore, and repent, Behold, I stand at the door, and knock if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me. To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne.”

The message to Laodicea is a true picture of the spiritual condition of the Remnant church during the last days of earth’s history, and is Christ’s final appeal to the Remnant before the close of probation.”

The reason for Laodicea’s lukewarm and wretched state is that self reigns in the heart and Christ is kept outside the door.”

The Laodicean message is a “startling denunciation” (3T 252) yet it is a message of love. It is an appeal of love from the great Lover. If we heed the counsel of the True Witness and open the door of the heart so that Christ by His representative, the Holy Spirit, can come in, we will receive Divine power to overcome every besetment and enjoy the great privilege of sitting down with Christ in His throne.

DA 388 “It is through the Spirit that Christ dwells in us; and the Spirit of God, received into the heart by faith, is the beginning of life eternal.”

Let us give prayerful study to the following statements from the pen of God’s messenger on this most vital subject upon which hangs our eternal destiny.

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RH Aug. 28, 1894 “The counsel of the True Witness does not represent those who are lukewarm as in a hopeless state. There is yet a chance to remedy their state and the Laodicean message is full of encouragement.”

6T 77 “The warning for the last church also must be proclaimed to all who claim to be Christians. The Laodicean message, like a sharp, two-edged sword, must go to all the churches: . . . Are we putting forth every effort that the churches may be warned?”

3T 259 “What disposition will these make of the message of the True Witness to the Laodiceans? There can be no deception here. This message must be borne to a lukewarm church by God’s servants. It must arouse His people from their security and dangerous

deception in regard to their real standing before God. This testimony, if received, will arouse to action, and lead to self-abasement and confession of sins.”

MH 455 “Man’s great danger is in being self-deceived.”

4T 87 “The only hope for the Laodiceans is a clear view of their standing before God, a knowledge of the nature of their disease. They are neither cold nor hot; they occupy a neutral position, and at the same time better themselves that they are in need of nothing.”

1T 263 “What shall I say to arouse the remnant people of God? I was shown that dreadful scenes are before us; Satan and his angels are bringing all their powers to bear upon God’s people. He knows that if they sleep a little longer he is sure of them, for their destruction is certain.”

Why is the Remnant not prepared to give the third angel’s message with great power during this late hour of earth’s history? The following quotations reveal the strategy of the enemy.

Satan’s Deceptions

GC 625, 626 “Satan will, if possible, prevent them from obtaining a preparation to stand in that day. He will so arrange affairs as to hedge up their way, entangle them with earthly treasures, cause them to carry a heavy, wearisome burden, that their hearts maybe overcharged with the cares of this life, and the day of trial may come upon them as a thief.”

9T 43 “The powers of Satan are at work to keep the minds diverted from eternal realities. The enemy has arranged matters to suit his own purposes. Worldly business, sports, the fashions of the day—these occupy the minds of men and women.”

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8T 316 “We must turn away from a thousand topics that invite attention. There are matters that consume time and arouse inquiry, but end in nothing. The highest interests demand the close attention and energy that are too often given to comparatively insignificant things.”

“ . . . We need to feel our responsibility to give our souls food that will nourish and stimulate spiritual life.”

1T 341 “Man is naturally inclined to follow Satan’s suggestions, and he cannot successfully resist so terrible a foe unless Christ, the mighty Conqueror, dwells in him, guiding his desires, and giving him strength . . . Satan is preparing his deceptions, that in his last campaign against the people of God they may not understand that it is he.” ([2Cor 11:14](#))

GC 508 “This vigilant foe is upon their track every moment.”

1T 302 “Evil angels are upon our track every moment.”

8T 294 “I say to all, Be on your guard; for as an angel of light Satan is walking in every assembly of Christian workers, and in every church, trying to win members to his side.”

COR 149 “There is nothing that Satan fears so much as that the people of God shall clear the way by removing every hindrance, so that the Lord can pour out His Spirit.”

5T 397 “A constant battle must be kept up with the selfishness and corruption of the human heart Those who forget God, even for an hour or a moment, are in a dangerous path.”

5T 394 “Whenever a Christian is off his guard, this powerful adversary makes a sudden and violent attack.”

One third of the angels of heaven were deceived. Eve and Cain, her firstborn, were deceived. All but eight were deceived at the time of the flood. Many of the religious leaders at the time of Christ were deceived, even though they witnessed the Son of God perform some of His greatest miracles.

In the last days when Satan’s power is greatly increased (*Spiritual Gifts*, vol. 2, p. 277), He will deceive if possible the very elect ([Matt 24:24](#)). “Because of the increasing power of Satan’s temptations, the times in which we live are full of peril for the children of God.” (*Counsels to Teachers*, p. 322)

5T 102, 103 “No matter how high our station, we need to watch and pray continually. We must be daily controlled by the Spirit of God, or we are controlled by Satan “Those who are not wholly consecrated to God may be led to do the work of Satan, while yet they flatter themselves that they are in the services of Christ.”

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TM 79 “Satan takes control of every mind that is not decidedly under the control of the Spirit of God.”

DA 636 “Few believe with heart and soul that we have a hell to shun and a heaven to win.”

1Thess 5:17 “Pray without ceasing.”

Suf. of Chr. 8 “The continued, earnest prayer of faith will bring us light and strength to withstand the fiercest assaults of Satan.”

9T 44 “Intense earnestness should now take possession of us.”

Arousing God's People

Let us ponder these divine comments on the message to the Laodiceans.

5T 233 “Will you heed the counsel of the True Witness, to seek the gold tried in the fire, the white raiment, and the eyesalve? The gold is faith and love, the white raiment is the righteousness of Christ, the eyesalve is that spiritual discernment which will enable you to see the wiles of Satan and shun them, to detect sin and abhor it, to see truth and obey it.”

But, many do not appreciate the fact that they must have the heavenly unction. “The name ‘foolish virgins’ represents the character of those who have not the genuine heart-work wrought by the Spirit of God. The coming of Christ does not change the foolish virgins into wise ones

“The state of the church represented by the foolish virgins is also spoken of as the Laodicean state.” (RH Aug. 19, 1890, par. 8-10)

4T 87 “The Laodicean message applies to the people of God who profess to believe present truth. The greater part are lukewarm professors, having a name but no zeal They are unwilling to die to self.”

1T 186 “I was shown that the testimony to the Laodiceans applies to God’s people at the present time, . . . It is designed to arouse the people of God, to discover to them their backslidings, and to lead to zealous repentance, that they may be favored with the presence of Jesus, and to be fitted for the loud cry of the third angel.”

The foregoing quotations make it clear that by giving heed to the Laodicean message God’s people will be prepared to proclaim the third angel’s message with

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great power curing the Latter Rain. However, Laodiceans who do not realize their spiritual poverty and are not willing to follow the counsel of Christ, the True Witness, will be shaken,

EW 270 “I asked the meaning of the shaking I had seen and was shown that it would be caused by the straight testimony called forth by the counsel of the True Witness to the Laodiceans. This will have its effect upon the heart of the receiver, and will lead him to exalt the standard and pour forth the straight truth. Some will not bear this straight testimony. They will rise up against it, and this is what will cause a shaking among God’s people.

“I saw that the testimony of the True Witness has not been half heeded. The solemn testimony upon which the destiny of the church hangs has been lightly esteemed, if not entirely disregarded. This testimony must work deep repentance; all who truly receive it will obey it and be purified.”

Those Who Heed the Message

If we heed this last message to the Remnant, we will not be shaken. When the national Sunday law is enforced we will stand the great test, experience the Latter Rain and act a part in giving the message with great power during the Loud Cry. The faithful Remnant will follow the counsel of Christ, the True Witness. They will crucify self, be transformed by the Holy Spirit, fitted for the Latter Rain and for translation.”

7T 14 “Those who place themselves under God’s control, to be led and guided by Him, will catch the steady tread of the events ordained by Him to take place. Inspired with the Spirit of Him who gave His life for the life of the world, they will no longer stand still in impotency, pointing to what they cannot do. Putting on the armor of heaven, they will go forth to the warfare, willing to do and dare for God, knowing that His omnipotence will supply their need.”

9T 107 “God will do the work if we furnish Him the instruments.”

7T 16, 17 “Upon us rests the weighty responsibility of warning the world of its coming doom. From every direction, from far and near, are coming calls for help. God calls upon His church to arise and clothe herself with power. Immortal crowns are to be won; the kingdom of heaven is to be gained; the world perishing in ignorance, is to be enlightened.

“As the third angel’s message swells into a loud cry, great power and glory will attend its proclamation. The faces of God’s people will shine with the light of heaven.”

What a glorious opportunity! I am sure that with me you will determine to give treed to the Laodicean love message, die to self daily, permit the Holy Spirit to have full control of your life that you may be speedily prepared for the Latter Rain and act your part in giving the message with compelling power during the Loud Cry.

THE EARLY RAIN NEEDED NOW

PK 148 “The whole universe is watching with inexpressible interest the closing scenes of the great controversy between good and evil. The people of God are nearing the borders of the eternal world.”

This message began on time in fulfillment of prophecy, and it is going to be finished. God will finish the work ([Rom 9:28](#)) with you and me, if we will, or with others if we will not.

The Holy Spirit is given for service, not for the work of our own choosing but for the work God calls us to do.” We cannot use the Holy Spirit. The Spirit is to use us. Through the Spirit God works in His people ‘to will and to do of His good pleasure.’” (DA 672)

The Transforming Power of the Holy Spirit

If we are not willing to let the Holy Spirit have His way in our lives, then we are working in the energy of the flesh and not in the power of the Spirit. And what will be the result? Here is God’s answer:

5T 158 “Without the Spirit and power of God, it will be in vain that we labor to present the truth.”

The last words of Jesus just before He ascended to heaven should constantly ring in our ears.” But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.” ([Acts 1:8](#))

ISM 156 “Christ, the great Teacher, had an infinite variety of subjects from which to choose, but the one upon which He dwelt most largely was the endowment of the Holy Spirit. What great things He predicted for the church because of this endowment. Yet what subject is less dwelt upon now?”

DA 296, 297 “Man needs a power outside of and beyond himself, to restore him to the likeness of God, and enable him to do the work of God; but this does not make the human agency unessential. Humanity lays hold upon divine power, Christ dwells in the heart by faith; and through cooperation with the divine the power of man becomes efficient for good.

“He who called the fishermen of Galilee is still calling men to His service. And He is just as willing to manifest His power through us as through the first disciples.”

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ISM 374 “We can be fitted for heaven only through the work of the Holy Spirit upon the heart; for we must have Christ’s righteousness as our credentials if we would find access

to the Father. In order that we may have the righteousness of Christ, we need daily to be transformed by the influence of the Spirit, to be a partaker of the divine nature. It is the work of the Holy Spirit, to elevate the taste, to sanctify the heart, to ennoble the whole man.”

Satan will seek to prevent the outpouring of the Holy Spirit by introducing a counterfeit (Read GC p. 464).

For many years we have seen many evidences of the counterfeit. Inasmuch as the hour is so late, should there not be abundant evidence of the genuine? The greatest need of the world today is to see manifestations of the transforming power of the Holy Spirit in the lives of those who profess to be giving the last warning message.

For years many have felt this need. Here are a few statements taken from a series of lectures on Evangelism given in 1952 by William Ward Ayer to a large group of theological students at Bob Jones University. (Printed in a book entitled *Flame for the Altar*).

“We need a prophet! We need an Elijah! . . . Therefore we ask at the very outset, ‘Where is the Lord God of Elijah? . . .’”

“In this solemnly tragic hour, this crisis time of history. . . the Church is passive, waiting like the impotent man at the Pool of Bethesda

“The need of the churches, therefore, is the spirit and the power of Elijah. They must submit themselves to the Lord God of Elijah until He imbues them with that spirit and power

“I am not exaggerating when I say that the great body of the church has failed miserably in truly leading the people of our communities to the truth of God.” Preachers must thunder the command, ‘Ye are my witnesses,’ until the people awaken from their deep sleep and start in to win the lost.”

Someone has said, “The church is now under fire, when it should be on fire.”

In a personal letter dated Nov. 1, 1942, a vice-president of the General Conference (now sleeping) wrote:

“I believe, Brother Wagner, that the only thing that hinders the finishing of the work now is the lack of a deeper consecration, and a deeper work of grace in the hearts of our church members everywhere. If our workers and church members were what they ought to be, the fullness of the outpouring of the latter rain would come, and the message would go like wildfire.”

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The lack of Latter Rain power during this very late hour should humble our hearts and impel us to faithfully follow the counsel of Christ to the Laodiceans that we may speedily be prepared to experience the “refreshing,” and be ready to act our part in giving the message when it will be proclaimed with great power during the “Loud Cry.”

The following quotations from the Spirit of Prophecy, reveal why the Latter Rain has been so long delayed, and what we must do in preparation to give this message with great power.

1T 261 “I was shown God’s people waiting for some change to take place, —a

compelling power to take hold of them. But they will be disappointed, for they are wrong. They must act, they must take hold of the work themselves and earnestly cry to God for a true knowledge of themselves. The scenes which are passing before us are of sufficient magnitude to cause us to arouse and urge the truth home to the hearts of all who will listen.”

1T 619 “I was shown that if God’s people make no efforts on their part, but wait for the refreshing to come upon them and remove their wrongs and correct their errors; if they depend upon that to cleanse them from filthiness of the flesh and spirit, and fit them to engage in the loud cry of the third angel, they will be found wanting.”

TM 507, 508 “Many have in a great measure failed to receive the former rain. They have not obtained all the benefits that God has thus provided for them. They expect that the lack will be supplied by the latter rain. When the richest abundance of grace shall be bestowed, they intend to open their hearts to- receive it. They are making a terrible mistake If we do not progress, if we do not place ourselves in an attitude to receive both the former and the latter rain, we shall lose our souls, and the responsibility will lie at our own door.”

The Indispensable Early Rain

The Holy Spirit in the Early Rain purifies and transforms us until we overcome and gain the victory on every point. This is the preparation we must make before we are ready to receive the Latter Rain.

ISM 191 “Today you are to give yourself to God, that you may be emptied of self Today you are to have your vessel purified that it may be ready . . . for the showers of the latter rain; for the latter rain will come, and the blessing of God will fill every soul that is purified from every defilement fitted for the time of refreshing. . . fitted for the baptism of the Holy Spirit.”

5T 214 “It is left with us to remedy the defects of our characters, to cleanse the soul temple of every defilement. Then the latter rain will fall upon us as the early rain fell upon the disciples on the Day of Pentecost.”

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1T 187, 188 “Those who come up on every point, and stand every test, and overcome, be the price what it may, have heeded the counsel of the True Witness, and they will receive the latter rain, and thus be fitted for translation.”

EW 71 “I saw that many were neglecting the preparation so needful and were looking to the time of ‘refreshing’ and the ‘latter rain’ to fit them to stand in the day of the Lord and to live in His sight. Oh, how many I saw in the time of trouble without a shelter! They had neglected the needful preparation; therefore they could not receive the refreshing that all must have to fit them to live in the sight of a holy God I saw that none could

share the ‘refreshing’ unless they obtain the victory over every besetment, over pride, selfishness, love of the world, and over every wrong word and action.”

1T 186 “I was shown that the testimony to the Laodiceans applies to God’s people at the present time, . . . It is designed to arouse the people of God, to discover to them their backslidings, and to lead to zealous repentance, that they maybe favored with the presence of Jesus, and be fitted for the loud cry of the third angel.”

Those who do not die to self daily and let the Holy Spirit purify and transform their lives, will not recognize or understand the manifestations of the Holy Spirit in the Latter Rain. They will be shaken out and their places will be filled by others taking hold of the truth and uniting with God’s commandment-keeping people.

TM 399 “We may be sure that when the Holy Spirit is poured out, those who did not receive and appreciate the early rain will not see or understand the value of the latter rain.”

TM 507 “But there must be no neglect of the grace represented by the former rain. Only those who are living up to the light they have, will receive greater light. Unless we are daily advancing in the exemplification of the active Christian virtues, we shall not recognize the manifestations of the Holy Spirit in the latter rain. It may be falling on hearts all around us, but we shall not discern or receive it.”

2SM 57 “Those who are devoid of the Holy Spirit cannot be faithful watchmen upon the walls of Zion; for they are blind to the work that ought to be done, and do not give the trumpet a certain sound.”

“The baptism of the Holy Ghost as on the day of Pentecost will lead to a revival of true religion and to the performance of many wonderful works. He evenly intelligences will come among us, and men will speak as they are moved by the Holy Spirit of God. But should the Lord work upon men as He did on and after the day of Pentecost, many who now claim to believe the truth would know so very little of the operation of the Holy Spirit that they would cry, ‘Beware of fanaticism.’ They would say of those who were filled with the Spirit, ‘These men are full of new wine.’

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“. . . there will be those who will question and criticize when the Spirit of God takes possession of men and women, because their own hearts are not moved, but are cold and unimpressible.”

EW 271 “The numbers of this company had lessened. Some had been shaken out and left by the way. The careless and indifferent, who did not join with those who prized victory and salvation enough to perseveringly plead and agonize for it, did not obtain it, and they were left behind in darkness, and their places were immediately filled by others taking hold of the truth and coming into the ranks.”

Preparing Now for the Latter Rain

5T 216 “It is now that we must wash our robes of character and make them white in the blood of the Lamb. It is now that we must overcome pride, passion, and spiritual slothfulness. It is now that we must awake and make determined effort for symmetry of character. ‘Today if ye will hear His voice, harden not your hearts.’ We are in a most trying position, waiting, watching for our Lord’s appearing. The world is in darkness. ‘But ye, brethren,’ says Paul, ‘are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief.’ . . .

“What are you doing, brethren, in the great work of preparation? Those who are uniting with the world, are receiving the worldly mold, and preparing for the mark of the beast. Those who are distrustful of self, who are humbling themselves before God and purifying their souls by obeying the truth, —these are receiving the heavenly mold, and preparing for the seal of God in their foreheads. When the decree goes forth, and the stamp is impressed their character will remain pure and spotless for eternity.”

The hour is very late. We must not delay, Israel spent 40 years wandering in the wilderness when she could have gone to the promised land in two weeks.

When God’s people are prepared for the Latter Rain, the work of God will be finished in a very short time.

OHC 187 “We are not safe a moment unless guided and controlled by the Holy Spirit.”

PP 421 “There is not an impulse of our nature, not a faculty of the mind, or an inclination of the heart, but needs to be, moment by moment, under the control of the Spirit of God.”

8T 46 “We need the breath of the divine life breathed unto us . . . Floods of spiritual power are to be poured forth upon those prepared to receive it, ”

Our greatest need is a daily anointing of the Holy Spirit to prepare us for the Latter Rain.

THE MIND OF CHRIST

Phil 2:5 “Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus,”

Phillips’ Translation “Let Christ Himself be your example as to what your attitude should be.”

KH 265 “Christ is our pattern, the perfect and holy example that has been given us to follow.”

MH 143 “The world needs today what it needed nineteen hundred years ago, —a revelation of Christ.”

KH 174 “To be a Christian is not merely to take the name of Christ, but to have the mind of Christ, to submit to the will of God in all things.”

Dr. Elton Trueblood, a noted educator said, “We seek for the emergence of the true church, the company of loving souls, exhibiting the mind of Christ.”

The following quotations reveal how dependent Christ was upon His Father. He is our example.

DA 675 “So Christ in His humanity was dependent upon divine power. ‘I can of Mine own self do nothing,’ He declared.”

DA 336 “When Jesus was awakened to meet the storm, He was in perfect peace. There was no trace of fear in word or look, for no fear was in His heart. But He rested not in the possession of almighty power. It was not as the Master of earth and sea and sky that He reposed in quiet. That power He had laid down, and He says, ‘I can of Mine own self do nothing’ ([John 5:30](#)). He trusted in the Father’s might. It was in faith —faith in God’s love and care— that Jesus rested, and the power of that word which stilled the storm was the power of God.”

Jesus said, “The Father that dwelleth in Me, He doeth the works.” ([John 14:10](#))

And Jesus says to us, “Without me ye can do nothing’ ([John 15:5](#)).

COL 160 “All our good works are dependent on a power outside of ourselves.”

When we are in the Laodicean state we do not realize our need. We think that we are in “need of nothing.” But “Man’s great danger is in being self-deceived . . .”(MH 455)

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“For if any man think himself to be something when he is nothing, he deceiveth himself” ([Gal 6:3](#)), “When men see their own nothingness, they are prepared to be clothed with the righteousness of Christ.” (COR 124)

DA 208 “The Son of God was surrendered to the Father’s will, and dependent upon His power. So utterly was Christ emptied of self that He made no plans for Himself. He accepted God’s plans for Him, and day by day the Father unfolded His plans. So should we depend upon God, that our lives may be the simple outworking of His will.”

COL 149 “The life of Christ has shown what humanity can do by being partaker of the divine nature. All that Christ received from God we too may have.”

9T 22 “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 be more than conquerors through Him who loved them and gave Himself for them.”

DA 523 “Self-surrender is the substance of the teachings of Jesus.”

DA 664 “Jesus revealed no qualities, and experienced no powers that men may not have through faith in Him.”

MB 52 (81) “Whenever men choose their own way, they place themselves in controversy with God. They will have no place in the kingdom of Heaven.”

Jesus said, “For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of Him that sent me.” ([John 6:38](#)) And He also said, “I do always those things that please Him.” ([John 8:29](#))

The apostle Paul followed Christ’s example. He said, “I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me.” ([Gal 2:20](#)) And he gives us the following counsel, “Whether therefore ye eat, or drink or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God.” ([1Cor 10:31](#))

God seeks to control the body through the mind. Satan seeks to control the mind through the body. “The body should be servant to the mind, and not the mind to the body.” (1T 487) “All should guard the senses, lest Satan gain the victory over them; for these are the avenues to the soul.” (3T 507) “The senses of many are benumbed by the indulgence of appetite and by familiarity with sin.” (3T 476)

Suf. of Chr. 11, 12 “Our Redeemer withstood the power of Satan upon this great leading temptation (the indulgence of appetite) which imperils the souls of men. If man should overcome this temptation, he could conquer on every other point.”

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Christ Received a Daily Baptism of the Holy Spirit

COL 139 “Christ was continually receiving from the Father that He might communicate to us Not for Himself, but for others, He lived and thought and prayed. From hours spent with God He came forth morning by morning, to bring the light of heaven to men. Daily He received a fresh baptism of the Holy Spirit.”

DA 123 “Christ’s humanity was united with divinity; He was fitted for the conflict by the indwelling of the Holy Spirit. And He came to make us partakers of the divine nature.”

If Jesus the Son of God needed a fresh baptism of the Holy Spirit daily, what about you and me? Since Christ is our example in all things (*Steps to Christ*, p. 97), we must experience the indwelling of the Holy Spirit daily that we may be fitted for the conflict.

MB 21 “To Jesus, who emptied Himself for the salvation of lost humanity, the Holy Spirit was given without measure. So it will be given to every follower of Christ when the whole heart is surrendered for His indwelling.”

KH 34 “We must look to Christ; we must resist as He resisted; we must pray as He prayed; we must agonize as He agonized, if we would conquer as He conquered.”

KH 16 “The Holy Spirit must be constantly imparted to man, or he has no disposition to contend against the powers of darkness.”

What will the Holy Spirit Do For Us?

DA 107 “To sin, wherever found, ‘our God is a consuming fire’ ([Heb 12:29](#)). In all who submit to His power, the Spirit of God will consume sin. But if men cling to sin, they become identified with it. Then the glory of God, which destroys sin, must destroy them.”

DA 173 “When the Spirit of God takes possession of the heart, it transforms the life. Sinful thoughts are put away, evil deeds are renounced; love, humility, and peace take the place of anger, envy, and strife. Joy takes the place of sadness, and the countenance reflects the light of heaven. No one sees the hand that lifts the burden, or beholds the light descend from the courts above. The blessing comes when by faith the soul surrenders itself to God. Then that power which no human eye can see, creates a new being in the image of God.”

ISM 374 “We can be fitted for heaven only through the work of the Holy Spirit upon the heart We need daily to be transformed by the influence of the Spirit”

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RH Aug. 1896 “The Spirit conforms the renewed souls to the model of Christ Jesus.”

CH 594 “Our only security against falling into sin is to keep ourselves continually under the molding influence of the Holy Spirit.”

AA 53 “If men are willing to be molded, there will be brought about a sanctification of the whole being. The Spirit will take the things of God and stamp them on the soul.”

ISM 337 “As wax takes the impression of the seal, so the soul is to take the impression

of the Spirit of God and retain the image of Christ.”

The Love of God

Rom 5:5 “The love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.”

COL 419 “The indwelling of the Spirit will be shown by the out flowing of heavenly love.”

What was the measure of Christ’s love? While He was being nailed to the cross, He prayed for His murderers, “Father, forgive them for they know not what they do.” “Oh, what love! what wondrous love!” “Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus.” When we love as Jesus loved, the Holy Spirit will use us to supply the world’s greatest need.

COL 419 “There is nothing that the world needs so much as the manifestation through humanity of the Saviour’s love.”

COL 414 “By implanting in their hearts the principles of His word, the Holy Spirit develops in men the attributes of God. The light of His glory —His character— is to shine forth in His followers.”

COL 415, 416 “The last rays of merciful light, the last message of mercy to be given to the world, is a revelation of His character of love. The children of God are to manifest His glory.”

TM 50 “Through the church eventually will be made manifest the final and full display of the love of God to the world that is to lightened with its glory.”

What a responsibility! What a challenge! What a privilege! By the mighty power of the Holy Spirit we are to reveal God’s character of love and manifest His glory.

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The only way to accomplish this is to die to self daily and experience daily a baptism of the Holy Spirit. When we fully submit to His power, the Holy Spirit will consume sin in us; purify, refine, and transform us until the countenance reflects the light of heaven. The Holy Spirit creates a new being in the image of God. God’s love will be revealed. Then we will be prepared for the Latter Rain and the Loud Cry.

AA 22 “After the descent of the Holy Spirit, the disciples were so filled with love for him and for those for whom He died, that hearts were melted by the words they spoke and the prayers they offered. They spoke in the power of the Spirit; and under the influence of that power, thousands were converted.

COL 402 “Without love to their brethren, without humility before God, they are nothing

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“Only when selfishness is dead, when strife for supremacy is banished, when gratitude fills the heart, and love makes fragrant the life, —it is only then that Christ is abiding in the soul, and we are recognized as laborers together with God.”

6T 401 “The love of Christ, the love of our brethren, will testify to the world that we have been with Jesus and learned of Him. Then will the message of the third angel swell to a loud cry, and the whole earth will be lightened with the glory of the Lord.”

AA 50 “For the daily baptism of the Spirit, every worker should offer his petition to God.”

Shall we not follow the example of Jesus by paying the full price of receiving a daily baptism of the Holy Spirit? “Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus.”

ENOCH AND JOHN THE BAPTIST

Knowing God

ED 260 “An intensity such as never before was seen is taking possession of the world. In amusement, in money-making, in the contest for power, in the very struggle for existence, there is a terrible force that engrosses body and mind and soul. In the midst of this maddening rush, God is speaking.”

What is this vital message that God wishes to communicate to man? Listen to His voice in [Jer 9:23, 24](#): “Thus saith the Lord, let not the wise man glory in his wisdom, neither let the mighty man glory in his might, let not the rich man glory in his riches; but let him that glorieth glory in this, that he understandeth and knoweth me.

Jesus speaks to us saying, “And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent.” ([John 17:3](#))

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MH 457 “The knowledge of God and of Jesus Christ. . . is the key that opens the portals of the heavenly city.”

DA 668 “When we know God as it is our privilege to know Him, our life will be a life of continual obedience.”

COL 114 “The experimental knowledge of God and of Jesus Christ whom He has sent, transforms man into the image of God.”

8T 329 “The knowledge of God that works transformation of character is our great need. If we fulfill His purpose, there must be in our lives a revelation of God that shall correspond to the teaching of His word.

“The experience of Enoch and John the Baptist represents what ours should be. Far more than we do, we need to study the lives of these men, —he who was translated to heaven without seeing death, and he who, before Christ’s first advent, was called to prepare the way of the Lord, to make His paths straight.”

Enoch

Gen 5:24 “And Enoch walked with God: and he was not; for God took him.”

Heb 11:5 “By faith Enoch was translated that he should not see death; . . . for before his translation he had this testimony, that he pleased God.”

8T 329 “The infinite, unfathomable love of God through Christ, became the subject of

his meditations day and night. With all the fervor of his soul he sought to reveal that love to the people among whom he dwelt.”

God revealed His love through faithful Enoch before the world was destroyed by water, and now He desires to reveal His love through His people before the world is destroyed by fire. A manifestation of the love of God is the greatest need of the world today.

PP 85 “Enoch’s walk with God was not in a trance or a vision, but in all the duties of his daily life. He did not become a hermit, shutting himself entirely from the world; for he had a work to do for God in the world.”

8T 330 “The power of God that wrought with His servant was felt by those who heard . . . Enoch’s heart was upon eternal treasures While still on earth, he dwelt, by faith, in the realms of light.”

PP 85 “His heart was in harmony with God’s will Enoch was a man of strong and highly cultivated mind, and extensive knowledge; he was honored with special revelations from God; yet being in constant communion with heaven, with a sense of the divine greatness and perfection ever before him, he was one of the humblest of men. The closer the connection with God, the deeper was the sense of his own weakness and imperfection.”

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Constant communion with God brought to Enoch great measures of divine power and filled his soul with humility. It was D. L. Moody who said, “The beginning of greatness is to become little, the increase of greatness is to become less, and the perfection of greatness is to be nothing.” Ellen White wrote, “The only greatness is the greatness of humility.” (DA 650)

PP 85 “Thus he waited before the Lord, seeking clearer knowledge of His will, that he might perform it. To him prayer was as the breath of the soul. He lived in the very atmosphere of heaven.”

PP 87 “Communing thus with God, Enoch came more and more to reflect the divine image. His face was radiant with a holy light, even the light that shineth in the face of Jesus. As he came forth from those divine communings, even the ungodly beheld with awe the impress of heaven upon his countenance.”

“The experience of Enoch. . . represents what ours should be, (8T 329). If we crucify self daily, surrender ourselves to God for service withholding nothing, pray constantly for a daily anointing of the Holy Spirit, our faces will become radiant with a holy light, and others will behold the impress of heaven upon our countenances.

This program will meet our great need, and the Holy Spirit will use us as instruments to meet the great need of the world. Then the work of God will be finished in a very short

time.

Shall we not unitedly say, “By the grace of God and the power of the Holy Spirit, the experience of Enoch represents what ours should be, until the east shall blaze with the coming of the Son of man?”

PP 88, 89 “. . . The godly character of this prophet represents the state of holiness which must be attained by those who shall be ‘redeemed from the earth.’ . . . But like Enoch, God’s people will seek for purity of heart, and conformity to his will, until they shall reflect the likeness of Christ. Like Enoch they will warn the world of the Lord’s second coming, . . . As Enoch was translated to heaven before the destruction of the world by water, so the living righteous will be translated from the earth before its destruction by fire.”

8T 331 “For three hundred years Enoch had been seeking purity of heart, that he might be in harmony with heaven. For three centuries he had walked with God. Day by day he had longed for a closer union; nearer and nearer had grown the communion, until God took him to Himself. He had stood at the threshold of the eternal world, only a step between him and the land of the blest; and now the portals opened, the walk with God, so long pursued on earth, continued, and he passed through the gates of the holy city, —the first among men to enter there.”

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Heb 11:5 “By faith Enoch was translated that he should not see death; . . . for before his translation he had this testimony, that he pleased God.”

“To such communion God is calling us. As was Enoch’s so must be their holiness of character who shall be redeemed from among men at the Lord’s second coming.”

5T 555 “Our great need today is of men who are baptized with the Holy Spirit of God, — men who walk with God as did Enoch.”

7T 155 “If ever a people needed to walk before God as did Enoch, Seventh-day Adventists need to do so now.”

John the Baptist

8T 329 “The experience of Enoch and John the Baptist represents what ours should be.”

John 5:35 “He (John) was a burning and a shining light.”

DA 100 “God had called the son of Zacharias to a great work.”

DA 100 “Such a messenger must be holy. He must be a temple for the indwelling Spirit of God.”

8T 333 “In order to give such a message as John gave, we must have a spiritual experience like his. We must behold God, and in beholding Him lose sight of self.”

8T 331, 332 “John the Baptist in his desert life was taught of God. He studied the revelations of God in nature. Under the guiding of the Divine Spirit, he studied the scrolls of the prophets. By day and by night, Christ was his study, his meditation, until mind and heart and soul were filled with the glorious vision.

“He looked upon the King in His beauty, and self was lost sight of. He beheld the majesty of holiness and knew himself to be inefficient and unworthy. It was God’s message that he was to declare. It was in God’s power and His righteousness that he was to stand. He was ready to go forth as Heaven’s messenger, unawed by the human, because he had looked upon the Divine. He could stand fearless in the presence of earthly monarchs, because with trembling he had bowed before the King of kings.”

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The Holy Spirit Given Without Measure

8T 333, 334 “Looking in faith to the Redeemer, John had risen to the height of self-abnegation. He sought not to attract men to himself, but to lift their thoughts higher and still higher, until they should rest upon the Lamb of God. . . . Those who are true to their calling as messengers for God will not seek honor for themselves. Love for self will be swallowed up in love for Christ. . . . The soul of the prophet, emptied of self, was filled with the light of the Divine. . . . So with the followers of Christ. We can receive of heaven’s light as we are willing to be emptied of self. We can discern the character of God, and accept Christ by faith, only as we consent to the bringing into captivity of every thought to the obedience of Christ. To all who do this, the Holy Spirit is given without measure.”

This is a promise to every one of us. If we meet the conditions as did John the Baptist, our greatest need will be supplied. Then God will use us as instruments to supply the world’s greatest need.

9T 107 “God will do the work, if we furnish Him the instruments.”

8T 332 “With no elaborate arguments or fine spun theories did John declare his message. Startling and stern, yet full of hope, his voice was heard from the wilderness: ‘Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.’ ([Matt 3:2](#))

With a new strange power it moved the people. The whole nation was stirred. Multitudes flocked to the wilderness.”

God used one man in the wilderness to stir a nation. Soon, yes very soon, He will use a faithful Remnant to move and stir the whole world. If we determine to be among that faithful few, we must make speedy preparation now. The experience of John represents what ours is to be.

8T 332 “Unlearned peasants and fisherman from the surrounding country; the Roman soldiers from the barracks of Herod; chieftains with their swords at their sides, ready to put down anything that might savor of rebellion; the avaricious tax-gatherers from the tollbooths; and from the Sanhedrin the phylacteried priests, —all listened as if spell bound; and all, even the Pharisee, and the Sadducee, the cold, unimpressible scoffer, went away with the sneer silenced, and cut to the heart with the sense of their sins. Herod in his palace heard the message, and the proud, sin-hardened ruler trembled at the call to repentance.

“In this age, just prior to the second coming of Christ in the clouds of he even, such a work as that of John is to be done. God calls for men who will prepare a people to stand in the great day of the Lord.”

7T 16 “Upon us rests the weighty responsibility of warning the world of its coming doom. God calls upon His church to arise, and clothe herself with power.”

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CM 155 “God’s workers must gain a far deeper experience. If they will surrender all to Him, He will work mightily for them.”

THE LATTER RAIN

The Early Rain is the transforming power of the Holy Spirit, daily infilling the believer’s heart, which brings victory over sin and covers with Christ’s righteousness.

The Latter Rain is power for witnessing. It prepares God’s faithful Remnant to give the Loud Cry of the Third Angel’s Message with compelling power. Then the eyes of the world will be focused upon God’s commandment-keeping people.

Then the people of God will reveal the love of God, the character of God —the glory of God. Then they will be prepared to stand during the seven last plagues without a mediator.

ISM 192 “I have no specific time of which to speak when the outpouring of the Holy Spirit will take place —when the mighty angel will come down from heaven, and unite with the third angel in closing up the work for this world; my message is that our only safety is in being ready for the heavenly refreshing, having our lamps trimmed and burning.”

Although the servant of God did not indicate a specific time for the outpouring of the Spirit, she said that at the “commencement of the time of trouble . . . the ‘latter rain,’ or refreshing from the presence of the Lord, will come.” (EW 85. 86) This is the brief time of trouble before the plagues fall. We are near to that time when all mankind will be divided in two classes: those with the mark of the beast and those with God’s name in their foreheads.

The Mark of the Beast

GC 445 “When the leading churches of the United States, uniting upon such points of doctrine as are held by them in common, shall influence the state to enforce their decrees and to sustain their institutions, then Protestant America will have formed an image of the Roman hierarchy, and the infliction of civil penalties upon dissenters will inevitably result.”

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GC 449 “But Christians of past generations observed the Sunday, supposing that in so doing they were keeping the Bible Sabbath; and there are now true Christians in every church, not excepting the Roman Catholic communion, who honestly believe that Sunday is the Sabbath of divine appointment. God accepts their sincerity of purpose and their integrity before Him. But when Sunday observance shall be enforced by law, and the world shall be enlightened concerning the obligation of the true Sabbath, then whoever shall transgress the command of God, to obey a precept which has no higher authority than that of Rome, will thereby honor popery above God. He is paying homage to Rome, and to the power which enforces the institution ordained by Rome. He is worshiping the beast and his image. As men then reject the institution which God has declared to be the sign of His authority, and honor in its stead that which Rome has chosen as the token of her supremacy, they will thereby accept the sign of allegiance to Rome— ‘the mark of the beast.’ And it is not until the issue is thus plainly set before the people, and they are brought to choose between the commandments of God and the commandments of men, that those who continue in transgression will receive ‘the mark of the beast.’”

5T 451 “When Protestantism shall stretch her hand across the gulf to grasp the hand of the Roman power, when she shall reach over the abyss to clasp hands with spiritualism, when, under the influence of this threefold union, our country shall repudiate every principle of its Constitution as a Protestant and Republican government, and shall make provision for the propagation of papal falsehoods and delusions, then we may know that the time has come for the marvelous working of Satan and that the end is near.”

GC 449 “. . . the enforcement of Sunday-keeping in the United States would be an enforcement of the worship of the beast and his image.”

This will mark the fall of Babylon. This is the real issue. God’s only answer to the worship of the Beast and his image is the image of God restored in the soul and reflected in the life. The time of the test is fast approaching. We must prepare now.

7T 141 “The substitution of the laws of men for the law of God, the exaltation, by merely human authority, of Sunday in place of the Bible Sabbath, is the last act in the drama.”

RH May 2, 1893 “The people of the United States have been a favored people; but when they restrict religious liberty, surrender Protestantism, and give countenance to popery,

the measure of their guilt will be full, and national apostasy will be registered in the books of Heaven. The result of this apostasy will be national ruin.”

6T 18 “As America, the land of religious liberty, shall unite with the papacy in forcing the conscience and compelling men to honor the false sabbath, the people on every country of the globe will be led to follow her example.”

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6T 395 “Foreign nations will follow the example of the United States. Though she leads out, yet the same crisis will come upon our people in all parts of the world.”

GC 591 “Communications from the spirits will declare that God has sent them to convince the rejecters of Sunday of their error, affirming that the laws of the land should be obeyed as the law of God. They will lament the great wickedness in the world and second the testimony of religious teachers, that the degraded state of morals is caused by the desecration of Sunday. Great will be the indignation excited against all who refuse to accept their testimony.

GC 607 “The church appeals to the strong arm of civil power, and in this work, papists and Protestants unite. As the movement for Sunday enforcement becomes more bold and decided, the law will be invoked against commandment keepers. They will be threatened with fines and imprisonment, and some will be offered positions of influence, and other rewards and advent ages, as inducements to renounce their faith.”

The Great Test

2SM 368 “When the law of God is made void, the church will be sifted by fiery trials, and a larger portion than we now anticipate, will give heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of devils.”

5T 717 “My brethren, do you realize that your own salvation, as well as the destiny of other souls, depends upon the preparation you now make for the trial before us.

(Review DA 107 last paragraph; DA 173 first paragraph; and [Rom 8:14](#)).

7BC 976 “The Lord has shown me clearly that the image of the beast will be formed before probation closes; for it is to be the great test for the people of God, by which their eternal destiny will be decided.”

GC 608 “As the storm approaches, a large class who have professed faith in the third angel’s message, but have not been sanctified through obedience to the truth, abandon their position and join the ranks of the opposition.”

This may be the time that Satan will personate Christ. Read GC 622-625.

2 5M 51 “We are warned that in the last days he (Satan) will work with signs and lying wonders. And he will continue those wonders until the close of probation, that he may point to them as evidence that he is an angel of light and not of darkness.”

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5T 81 “In this time, the gold will be separated from the dross in the church. True godliness will be clearly distinguished from the appearance and tinsel of it. Many a star that we have admired for its brilliancy will then go out in darkness.”

DA 630 “Those who apostatize in the time of trial will, to secure their own safety, bear false witness, and betray their brethren. Christ has warned us of this, that we may not be surprised at the unnatural, cruel course of those who reject light.”

The Latter Rain and the Loud Cry

GC 464 “Before the final visitation of God’s judgments upon the earth there will be among the people of the Lord such a revival of primitive godliness as has not been witnessed since apostolic times. The Spirit and power of God will be poured out upon His children.”

EW 85, 86 “At the commencement of the time of trouble, we were filled with the Holy Ghost as we went forth and proclaimed the Sabbath more fully

“The commencement of the time of trouble’ here mentioned, does not refer to the time when the plagues shall begin to be poured out, but to a short period just before they are poured out, while Christ is in the sanctuary. At that time 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, and prepare the saints to stand in the period when the seven last plagues shall be poured out.”

6T 401 “. . . when the storm of persecution really breaks upon us, the true sheep will hear the true Shepherd’s voice. Self-denying efforts will be put forth to save the lost, and many who have strayed from the fold will come back to follow the great Shepherd

“The love of Christ, the love of our brethren, will testify to the world that we have been with Jesus and learned of Him. Then will the message of the third angel swell to a loud cry, and the whole earth will be lightened with the glory of the Lord.”

EW 227-279 “I saw a great light resting upon them, and they united to fearlessly proclaim the third angel’s message

“The glory of God rested upon the patient, waiting saints, and they fearlessly gave the last solemn warning, proclaiming the fall of Babylon and calling upon God’s people to come out of her that they might escape her fearful doom

“Servants of God, endowed with power from on high, with their faces lighted up, and shining with holy consecration, went forth to proclaim the message

from heaven. Souls that were scattered all through the religious bodies answered to the call, and the precious were hurried out of the doomed churches, as Lot was hurried out of Sodom before her destruction.”

Read GC 612.

GC 606 “Thus the message of the third angel will be proclaimed. As the time comes for it to be given with greatest power, the Lord will work through humble instruments, leading the minds of those who consecrate themselves to His service. The laborers will be qualified rather by the unction of His Spirit than by the training of literary institutions. Men of faith and prayer will be constrained to go forth with holy zeal, declaring the words which God gives them. The sins of Babylon will be laid open. The fearful results of enforcing the observances of the church by civil authority, the inroads of spiritualism, the stealthy but rapid progress of the papal power, —all will be unmasked. Thousands upon thousands will listen who have never heard words like these.”

8T 20 “So mightily can God work when men give themselves up to the control of His Spirit.”

This is the time when the work of the church will be finished in a blaze of glory that shall enlighten the whole world!

5T 754 “. . . the swiftness of lightning represents the speed with which this work will finally go forward to completion.”

9T 96 “There will be a series of events revealing that God is master of the situation.”

Rom 9:28 “For he will finish the work in righteousness: because a short work will the Lord make upon the earth.”

6T 19 “The message of Christ’s righteousness is to sound from one end of the earth to the other to prepare the way of the Lord. This is the glory of God, which closes the work of the third angel.”

MB 43 (70) “The words of Christ through the gospel prophet, which are reechoed in the Sermon on the Mount, are for us in this last generation: ‘Arise, shine, for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee’ ([Isa 60:1](#)) . . . if you have beheld His beauty who is the ‘chiefest among ten thousand’ and the One ‘altogether lovely,’ if your soul has become radiant in the presence of His glory, to you is this word from the Master sent.”

COL 415 “Into the darkness of the world is to be shed the light of His glory, the light of His goodness, mercy, and truth.”

EW 279 “I was pointed down to the time when the third angel’s message was closing. The power of God had rested upon His people; they had accomplished their work and were prepared for the trying hour before them. They had received the latter rain, or refreshing from the presence of the Lord, and the living testimony had been revived. The last great warning had sounded everywhere, and it had stirred up and enraged the inhabitants of the earth who would not receive the message.”

TM 445 “Those who overcome the world, the flesh, and the devil, will be the favored ones who shall receive the seal of the living God.”

7BC 968 “Just before we entered it (the time of trouble), we all received the seal of the living God. Then I saw the four angels cease to hold the four winds. And I saw famine, pestilence and sword, nation rose against nation, and the whole world was in confusion.”

GC 613 “. . . the final test has been brought upon the world, and all who have proved themselves loyal to the divine precepts have received the ‘seal of the living God.’ Then Jesus ceases His intercession in the sanctuary above.”

The Close of Probation

EW 279-281 “I saw angels hurrying to and fro in heaven. An angel with a writer’s inkhorn by his side returned from the earth and reported to Jesus that his work was done, and the saints were numbered and sealed. Then I saw Jesus, who had been ministering before the ark containing the Ten Commandments, throw down the censer. He raised His hands, and with a loud voice said, ‘It is done.’ And all the angelic host laid off their crowns as Jesus made the solemn declaration, ‘He that is unjust, let him be unjust still; and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still; and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still; and he that is holy, let him be holy still.’ . . .

“As Jesus moved out of the most holy place, . . . a cloud of darkness covered the inhabitants of the earth. There was then no mediator between guilty man and an offended God . . .

“Then I saw Jesus lay off His priestly attire, and clothe Himself with His most kingly robes. Upon His head were many crowns, a crown within a crown. Surrounded by the angelic host, He left heaven. The plagues were falling upon the inhabitants of the earth. Some were denouncing God and cursing Him. Others rushed to the people of God and begged to be taught how they might escape His judgments. But the saints had nothing for them. The last tear for sinners had been shed, the last agonizing prayer offered, the last burden borne, the last warning given . . . With terrible distinctness they heard the words, ‘Too late! too late!’”

Shall we not do now what many thousands will wish they had done when the plagues begin to fall? Then it will be too late to surrender without reservation and earnestly pray

for a daily baptism of the Holy Spirit.

Now is the time to put self aside and make speedy preparation for the Latter Rain.

8T 22 “Why do we not hunger and thirst for the gift of the Spirit, since this is the means by which we are to receive power? Why do we not talk of it, pray for it, preach concerning it?”

TM 64 “. . . why should we not prostrate ourselves at the throne of grace, as representatives of the church, and from a broken heart and contrite spirit make earnest supplication that the Holy Spirit shall be poured out upon us from on high?”

COR 165 “Oh that we as a people might humble our hearts before God, and plead with Him for the endowment of the Holy Spirit.”

TM 310, 223 “Realize every moment that you must have the presence of the Holy Spirit;

. . .

“We need to be sanctified by the Holy Spirit every hour of the day, lest we be ensnared by the enemy, and our souls be imperiled.”

Our task is not just to continue in the Lord’s service making large gains year after year. The hour is long overdue when we should let God use us to quickly finish the work by the mighty power of His Spirit.

9T 44 “Intense earnestness should now take possession of us.”

This is the hour of greatest danger.

All that will survive the seven last plagues is a holy character.

The vital need—the greatest need of the Remnant church is not more members, more preachers, more money, or more facilities. The greatest need today is Spirit filled men and women.

We have great institutions.

We have the greatest literature in the world.

We have the greatest organization in the world. Who will respond without reservation to the mighty challenge of this climatic hour of earth’s history?

DANGER AHEAD

ST 644 “. . . if Satan cannot keep souls bound in the ice of indifference, he will try to push them into the fire of fanaticism.”

Faith I Live By 140 “No one who claims holiness is really holy. Those who are registered as holy in the books of heaven are not aware of the fact, and are the last ones to boast of their own goodness.”

SL 7 “Those who are really seeking to perfect Christian character will never indulge the thought that they are sinless. Their lives may be irreproachable, that may be living representatives of the truth which they have accepted; but the more they discipline their minds to dwell on the character of Christ, the nearer they approach His divine image, the more clearly they will discern its spotless perfection, and the more deeply will they feel their own defects.”

SC 64 “The closer you come to Jesus, the more faulty you will appear in your own eyes; for your vision will be clearer, and your imperfections will be seen in broad and distinct contrast to His perfect nature.”

A Snare of Satan

GW 316 “As the end draws near, the enemy will work with all his power to bring in fanaticism among us.”

8T 293 “False theories, clothed with garments of light, will be presented to God’s people. Thus Satan will try to deceive, if possible, the very elect.”

7BC 907 “As we near the end of time, falsehood will be so mingled with truth, that only those who have the guidance of the Holy Spirit will be able to distinguish truth from error.”

TM 55 “False teachers may appear to be very zealous for the work of God, and may expend means to bring their theories before the world and the church; but as they mingle error with truth, their message is one of deception, and will lead souls into false paths. They are to be met, and opposed, not because they are bad men, but because they are teachers of falsehood, and are endeavoring to put upon falsehood the stamp of truth.”

TM 61 “God has a church upon the earth, who are His chosen people, who keep His commandments. He is leading, not stray offshoots, not one here and one there, but a people.

Those who are tempted to aid Satan by criticizing leaders or laity in the Remnant church would do well to ponder the counsel of God’s messenger in the following

quotations:

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6T 42 “Nothing else in this world is so dear to God as His church. Nothing so offends God as an act that injures the influence of those who are doing His service. He will call to account all who aid Satan in his work of criticizing and discouraging.”

8T 36 “We must be terribly in earnest. We have not a moment to spend in criticism and accusation.”

TM 156 “Those who love Jesus will love the souls for whom He died. The truth planted in the heart will reveal the love of Jesus and its transforming power. Anything harsh, sour, critical, domineering, is not of Christ, but proceeds from Satan.”

The inclination to criticize should be a danger signal to us, for when the Holy Spirit purifies and transforms us, our hearts will be filled with love for God and for our brethren.

While it is true that the majority in the Remnant church are in the Laodicean state, many of whom will be shaken out, yet there is in the church a faithful group that will give heed to the counsel of Christ the True Witness. They will be prepared for the Latter Rain, share in giving the message with a Loud Cry, and be ready for translation.

This is the Remnant church. God will not lead another movement. When the faithful ones give the message with great power during the Latter Rain, a great multitude will come out of the fallen churches, witness for their Master, and triumph with the redeemed on the sea of glass.

Now is the time to prepare for the Latter Rain. And we should remember daily that this work of preparation must take place under the Early Rain.

ADDITIONAL QUOTATIONS FOR MEDITATION

EW 66, 67 “My eyes were taken from the glory, and I was pointed to the remnant on the earth. The angel said to them, ‘Will ye shun the seven last plagues? Will ye go to glory and enjoy all that Clod has prepared for those that love Him and are willing to suffer for His sake? If so, ye must die that ye may live. Get ready, get ready, get ready. Ye must have a greater preparation than ye now have . . . Sacrifice all to Clod. Lay all upon His altar, —self, property, and all, a living sacrifice. It will take all to enter glory . . .’”

“Heaven will be cheap enough, if we obtain it through suffering. We must deny self all along the way, die to self daily, let Jesus alone appear, and keep His glory continually in view . . . “Said the angel, ‘Deny self; ye must step fast.’”

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KH 237 “Ask the Lord to reveal to you yourself; . . . “Self must die.”

KH 291 “Our future eternal happiness depends upon having our humanity, with all its capabilities, and powers, brought into obedience to God and placed under the control of Divinity

“Jesus became a man that He might mediate between man and God, . . . that He might restore to man the original mind which he lost in Eden through Satan’s alluring temptation.

“. . . Through Jesus Christ every man may overcome. . .”

ISM 98 “The Lord desires every one of us to be decidedly in earnest.”

9T 44 “Intense earnestness should now take possession of us.”

5T 267 “Pray that the mighty energies of the Holy Spirit, with all their quickening, recuperative, and transforming power, may fall like an electric shock on the palsy-stricken soul, causing every nerve to thrill with new life, restoring the whole man from his dead, earthly, sensual state to spiritual soundness. You will thus become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust; and in your souls will be reflected the image of Him by whose stripes you are healed.”

CH 138 “In order to be purged and to remain pure, Seventh-day Adventists must have the Holy Spirit in their hearts and in their homes. The Lord has given me light that when the Israel of today humble themselves before Him, and cleanse the soul-temple from all defilement, He will hear their prayers in behalf of the sick, and will bless in the use of His remedies for disease.”

PK 233 “To the heart that has become purified, all is changed. Transformation of character is the testimony to the world of an indwelling Christ. The Spirit of God produces anew life in the soul, bringing the thoughts and desires into obedience to the

will of Christ; and the inward man is renewed in the image of Clod.”

7T 33 “All that the apostles did, every church member today is to do.”

AA 49, 50 “Daily they prayed for fresh supplies of grace, that they might reach higher and still higher toward perfection. Under the Holy Spirit’s working, even the weakest, by exercising faith in God, learned to improve their entrusted powers, and to become sanctified, refined, and ennobled. As in humility they submitted to the molding influence of the Holy Spirit, they received of the fullness of the Godhead, and were fashioned in the likeness of the divine.

“. . . If all were willing, all would be filled with the Spirit.”

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CH 437 “As the human agent submits his will to the will of God, the Holy Spirit will make the impression upon the hearts of those whom he ministers.”

MH 512 “Nothing is more needed in our work than the practical results of communion with God. We should show by our daily lives that we have peace and rest in the Saviour. His peace in the heart will shine forth in the countenance. It will give to the voice a persuasive power. Communion with God will ennoble the character and the life. Men will take knowledge of us, as of the first disciples, that we have been with Jesus. This will impart to the worker a power that nothing else can give. Of this power he must not allow himself to be deprived.”

Unlimited Possibilities

DA 250 “He who loves Christ the most will do the greatest amount of good. There is no limit to the usefulness of one who, by putting self aside, makes room for the working of the Holy Spirit upon his heart, and lives a life wholly consecrated to God.”

MH 160 “To every one who offers himself to the Lord for service, withholding nothing, is given power for the attainment of measureless results.”

ADDENDA Page 1, following line 22:

5T 67 “I am presenting to you that which the Lord has presented to me. . . They are what God has opened before me in vision —the precious rays of light shining from the throne.”

Page 12, following line 35:

5T 158 “We should pray as earnestly for the descent of the Holy Spirit as the disciples prayed on the day of Pentecost.”

Page 14, following line 8:

DA 389 “So fully was Jesus surrendered to the will of God that the Father alone appeared in His life.”

Page 17, following line 21:

8T 23 “My brethren and sisters, plead for the Holy Spirit.”

Page 28, following line 29:

But to finish the work of God, we must receive daily a fresh baptism of the Holy Spirit.

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BEHOLD I STAND AT THE DOOR AND KNOCK

2SM 57 “The great sin of those who profess to be Christians is that they do not open the heart to receive the Holy Spirit.”

COR 146 “If you open the door of the heart, Jesus will supply the vacuum by the gift of His Spirit, and then you can be a living preacher in your home, in the church, and in the world.”

7T 33 “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

“At this time, when the end of all things is at hand, should not the zeal of the church exceed even that of the early church? . . . Should not the power of God be even more mightily revealed today than in the time of the apostles?”

Abbreviations

AA	Acts of the Apostles
#BC	Bible Commentary, Volumes 1-7
COL	Christ's Object Lessons
COR	Christ Our Righteousness
CH	Counsels on Health
CM	Colporteur Ministry
DA	Desire of Ages
Ed	Education
Ev	Evangelism
EW	Early Writings
GC	Great Controversy
GW	Gospel Workers
KH	That I May Know Him
MH	Ministry of Healing
MS	Mount of Blessing
OHC	Our High Calling
PK	Prophets and Kings
PP	Patriarchs and Prophets
RH	Review and Herald
SC	Steps to Christ
SL	Sanctified Life
#SM	Selected Messages, Volumes 1, 2
Suf C	Sufferings of Christ
#T	Testimonies, Volumes 1-9
TM	Testimonies to Ministers