

Country Living

THE MIGHTY EXODUS

WILDERNESS JOURNEY

By Zaddoch Ponde

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- The minister, the missionary, the teacher, will find **their influence with the people greatly increased when it is manifest that they possess the knowledge and skill required for the practical duties of everyday life.** *And often the success, perhaps the very life, of the missionary depends on his knowledge of practical things.* The ability to prepare food, to deal with accidents and emergencies, to treat disease, to build a house, or a church if need be--often these make all the difference between success and failure in his lifework. {Ed 221.1}

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After the dispersion from Babel idolatry again became well-nigh universal, and the Lord finally left the hardened transgressors to follow their evil ways, while He chose Abraham, of the line of Shem, and made him the keeper of His law for future generations. **Abraham had grown up in the midst of superstition and heathenism. Even his father's household, by whom the knowledge of God had been preserved, were yielding to the seductive influences surrounding them, and they "served other gods" than Jehovah. But the true faith was not to become extinct. God has ever preserved a remnant to serve Him. Adam, Seth, Enoch, Methuselah, Noah, Shem, in unbroken line, had preserved from age to age the precious revealings of His will.**

The son of Terah became the inheritor of this holy trust. Idolatry invited him on every side, but in vain. Faithful among the faithless, **uncorrupted by the prevailing apostasy, he steadfastly adhered to the worship of the one true God.** "The Lord is nigh unto all them that call upon Him, to all that call upon Him in truth." Psalm 145:18. He communicated His will to Abraham, and gave him a distinct knowledge of the requirements of His law and of the salvation that would be accomplished through Christ. {PP 125.1}

- The message of God came to Abraham, "Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will show thee." **In order that God might qualify him for his great work as the keeper of the sacred oracles, Abraham must be separated from the associations of his early life.**

- The influence of kindred and friends would interfere with the training which the Lord purposed to give His servant. **Now that Abraham was, in a special sense, connected with heaven, he must dwell among strangers.** His character must be peculiar, differing from all the world. *He could not even explain his course of action so as to be understood by his friends. Spiritual things are spiritually discerned, and his motives and actions were not comprehended by his idolatrous kindred.* {PP 126.1}

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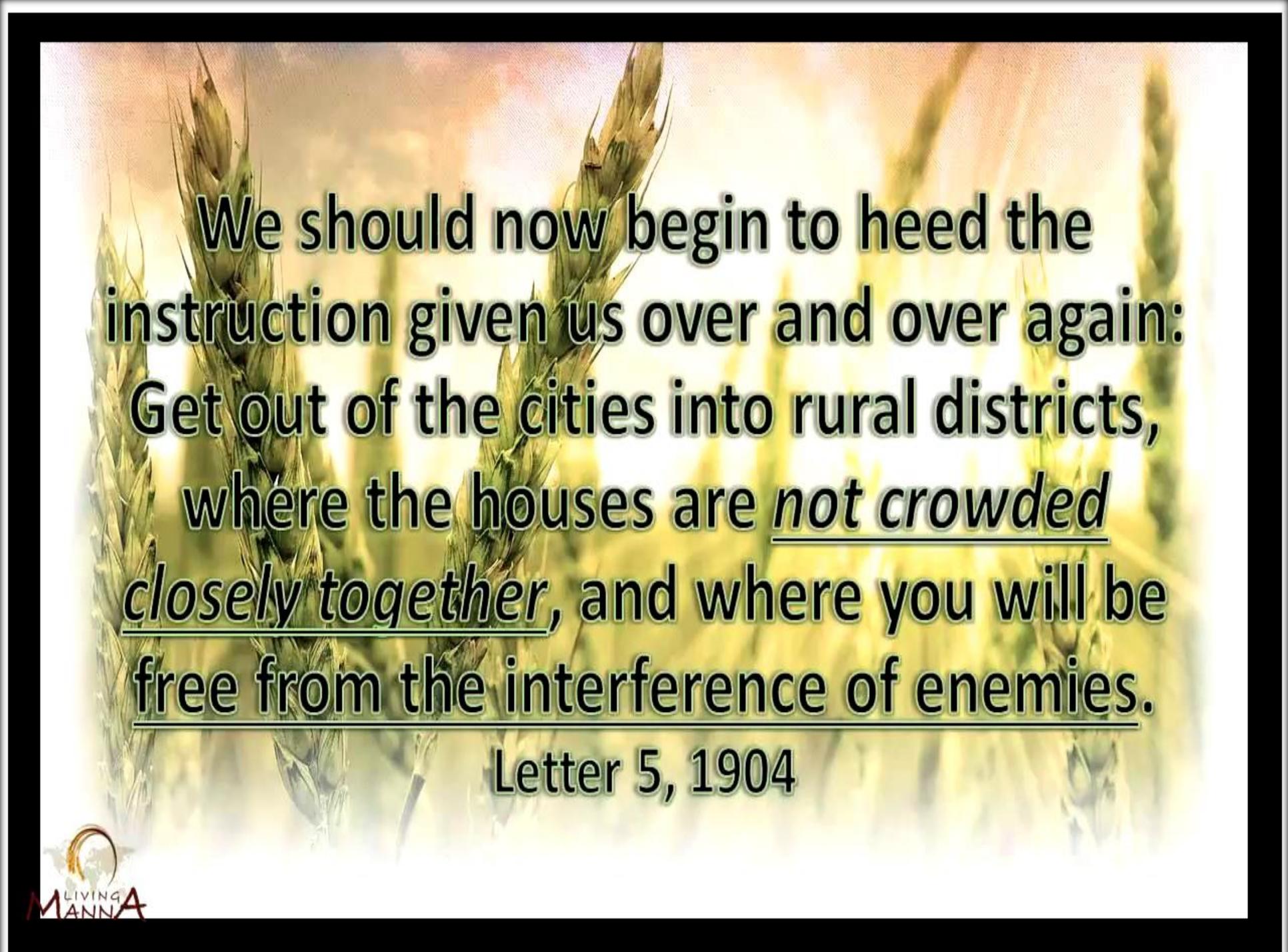
- "By faith Abraham, when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, obeyed; and he went out, not knowing whither he went." Hebrews 11:8. Abraham's unquestioning obedience is one of the most striking evidences of faith to be found in all the Bible. To him, faith was "the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." Verse 1. **Relying upon the divine promise, without the least outward assurance of its fulfillment, he abandoned home and kindred and native land, and went forth,** he knew not whither, to follow where God should lead. "By faith he became a sojourner in the land of promise, as in a land not his own, dwelling in tents, with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise." Hebrews 11:9, R.V. {PP 126.2}

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all associations unfriendly to religious life.**

**In choosing their surroundings,
few make their spiritual prosperity the first consideration.**

{CL 5.1}



We should now begin to heed the instruction given us over and over again: Get out of the cities into rural districts, where the houses are not crowded closely together, and where you will be free from the interference of enemies.

Letter 5, 1904



WHY?

Why leave the cities (Secondary Reason) ?

OUT OF THE CITIES

Abomination of desolation-1885

It is no time now for God's people to be fixing their affections or laying up their treasure in the world. The time is not far distant, when, like the early disciples, we shall be forced to seek a refuge in desolate and solitary places. **As the siege of Jerusalem by the Roman armies was the signal for flight to the Judean Christians, so the assumption of power on the part of our nation in the decree enforcing the papal sabbath will be a warning to us.** It will then be time to leave the large cities, preparatory to leaving the smaller ones for retired homes in secluded places among the mountains. And now, instead of seeking expensive dwellings here, we should be preparing to move to a better country, even a heavenly. Instead of spending our means in self-gratification, we should be studying to economize.....

- . Every talent lent of God should be used to His glory in giving the warning to the world. God has a work for His colaborers to do in the cities. Our missions must be sustained; new missions must be opened. To carry forward this work successfully will require no small outlay. Houses of worship are needed, where the people may be invited to hear the truths for this time. For this very purpose, God has entrusted a capital to His stewards. Let not your property be tied up in worldly enterprises, so that this work shall be hindered. Get your means where you can handle it for the benefit of the cause of God. Send your treasures before you into heaven. {5T 464.3}

Flight signal

- **When the idolatrous standards of the Romans should be set up in the holy ground, which extended some furlongs outside the city walls**, then the followers of Christ were to find safety in flight. ***When the warning sign should be seen, those who would escape must make no delay.*** Throughout the land of Judea, as well as in Jerusalem itself, the signal for flight must be immediately obeyed. He who chanced to be upon the housetop must not go down into his house, even to save his most valued treasures. Those who were working in the fields or vineyards must not take time to return for the outer garment laid aside while they should be toiling in the heat of the day. They must not hesitate a moment, lest they be involved in the general destruction. {GC 25.4}

But ere long there will be such strife and confusion in the ***cities that those who wish to leave them will not be able***. We must be preparing for these issues. This is the light that is given me. {GCB, April 6, 1903 par. 33}

1897

- The Protestant world have set up an idol sabbath in the place where **God's Sabbath should be, and they are treading in the footsteps of the Papacy.** *For this reason I see the necessity of the people of God moving out of the cities into retired country [places,] where they may cultivate the land and raise their own produce.* Thus they may bring their children up with simple, healthful habits. I see the necessity of making haste to get all things ready for the crisis.--Letter 90, 1897.
{CL 21.1}

“At the age of 23 Alonzo T. Jones, an officer in the United States Army, became a Seventh-day Adventist. An earnest, studious, selfmade man, he qualified himself for the ministry, which he entered in 1885. He soon distinguished himself as an associate editor of the Signs of the Times. Soon he was joined by a physician-turnedminister, Dr. Ellet J. Waggoner. **At the General Conference of 1888,** the two led out in the presentation on righteousness by faith. **They carried the strong support of Ellen White as advocate of this precious truth.** When she could, she traveled and worked with them for two years following the session, carrying the message to churches, ministerial institutes, institutions, and camp meetings.” {5BIO 414.4}

1st national Sunday law attempt

May 21, 1888 – Blair Sunday-Rest Bill Introduced

- a. Fiftieth Congress -- First Session
[Blair Sunday-rest bill.]

S. 2983. "To secure to the people the enjoyment of the first day of the week, commonly known as the Lord's Day, as a day of rest, and to promote its observance as a day of worship."

Introduced by Senator Blair, of New Hampshire, May 21, 1888; referred to Committee on Education and Labor; hearing on bill December 13, 1888, report of hearing Miscellaneous Document No. 43; not reported out of committee. C. R. 19.4155.

- Before the overflowing scourge shall come upon the dwellers of the earth, the Lord calls upon all who are Israelites indeed to prepare for that event. To parents He sends the warning cry, Gather your children into your own houses; gather them away from those who are disregarding the commandments of God, who are teaching and practicing evil. **Get out of the large cities as fast as possible.** Establish church schools. Give your children the Word of God as the foundation of all their education.--
Testimonies, vol. 6, p. 195. {CL 12.3}

1906

- ***"Out of the cities; out of the cities!"--this is the message the Lord has been giving me.*** The earthquakes will come; the floods will come; and we are not to establish ourselves in the wicked cities, where the enemy is served in every way, and where God is so often forgotten. The Lord desires that we shall have clear spiritual eyesight. We must be quick to discern the peril that would attend the establishment of institutions in these wicked cities. We must make wise plans to warn the cities, and at the same time live where we can shield our children and ourselves from the contaminating and demoralizing influences so prevalent in these places.--Life Sketches, pp. 409, 410. (1906) {CL 31.4}

1903

- **The time has come, when, as God opens the way, families should move out of the cities.** The children should be taken into the country. The parents should get as suitable a place as their means will allow. Though the dwelling may be small, yet there should be land in connection with it, that may be cultivated.--
Manuscript 50, 1903. {CL 24.2}



“Again and again the Lord has instructed that our people are to take their families away from the cities, into the country, where they can raise their own provisions; for in the future the problem of buying and selling will be a very serious one.” CL 9.5



“If God abhors one sin above another, of which His people are guilty, it is doing nothing in case of an emergency. Indifference and neutrality in a religious crisis is regarded of God as a **grievous crime** and equal to the **very worst type of hostility against God.**” CL 9.5

Q Why

Answer Educate our people out of the cities
into the country
and

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Problem with buying and selling

1. Use of chemicals in farming leading to diseases such as cancer, auto-immune diseases, skin diseases
2. Food will be expensive – leading to poor health (malnutrition)
3. Food will not be easily available
4. We may not be able to buy due to the no buy or sell
5. Sustainable energy problem
6. Sustainable water problem
7. Sustainable health care
8. True education

Kenya's doctors to end 100-day strike

Jacob Kushner, Special for USA TODAY

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Kenyan activists shout slogans against the country's health ministry as they demand better healthcare service in downtown Nairobi, Kenya, on Feb. 24, 2017.

(Photo: Dai Kurokawa, EPA)

Students delay graduation as lecturers continue with strike

SUNDAY MARCH 4 2018



Public universities staff begin their nationwide strike to demand for higher salaries. They met at the College of Health Sciences in Nairobi on March 1, 2018. PHOTO | EVANS HABIL | NATION MEDIA GROUP

“These cities are filled with wickedness of every kind,--with strikes and murders and suicides. Satan is in them, controlling men in their work of destruction.” CL17.1

“We are now to use all our entrusted capabilities in giving the last warning message to the world. In this work we are to preserve our individuality. We are not to unite with secret societies or with trade-unions. We are to stand free in God, looking constantly to Christ for instruction.” 7T84.2

“Through the working of trusts, and the results of labor unions and strikes, the conditions of life in the city are constantly becoming more and more difficult. Serious troubles are before us; and, for many families, **removal from the cities will become a necessity.**” MH364.3

“The time is fast coming when the controlling power of the labor unions will be very oppressive. Again and again the Lord has instructed that our people are to take their families **away from the cities**, into the country,” CL9.
.” 7T84.2

“The terrible disasters that are befalling great cities ought to arouse us to intense activity in giving the warning message to the people in these congested centers of population, while we still have an opportunity. **The most favorable time for the presentation of our message in the cities has passed by.** Sin and wickedness are rapidly increasing; and now we shall have to redeem the time by laboring all the more earnestly.” Lt148 1906.

“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. GC 622.4**

WHY?

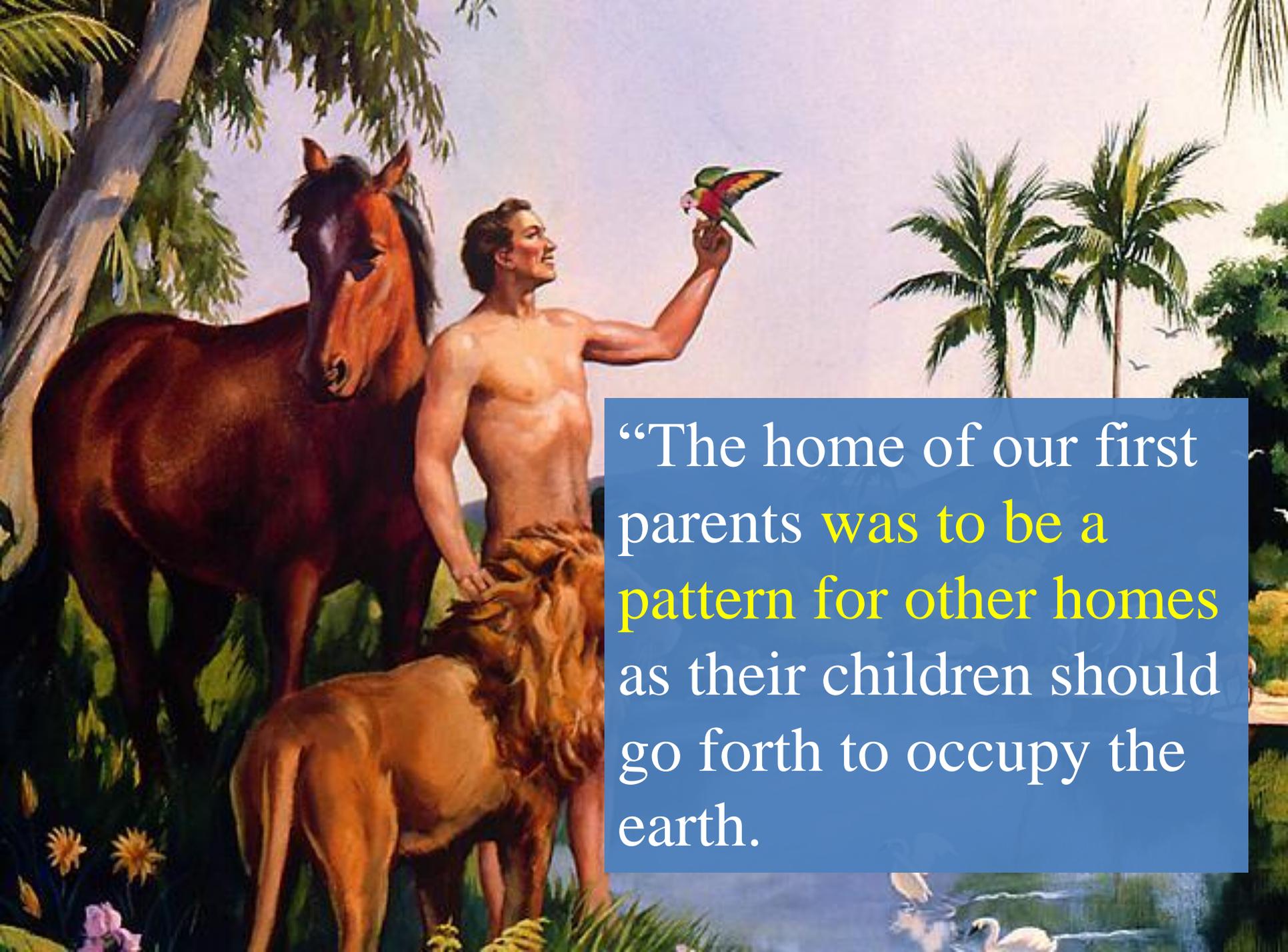
Q. *Why* leave the cities (**Secondary Reason**) ?

A. To escape God's impending judgments

WHY?

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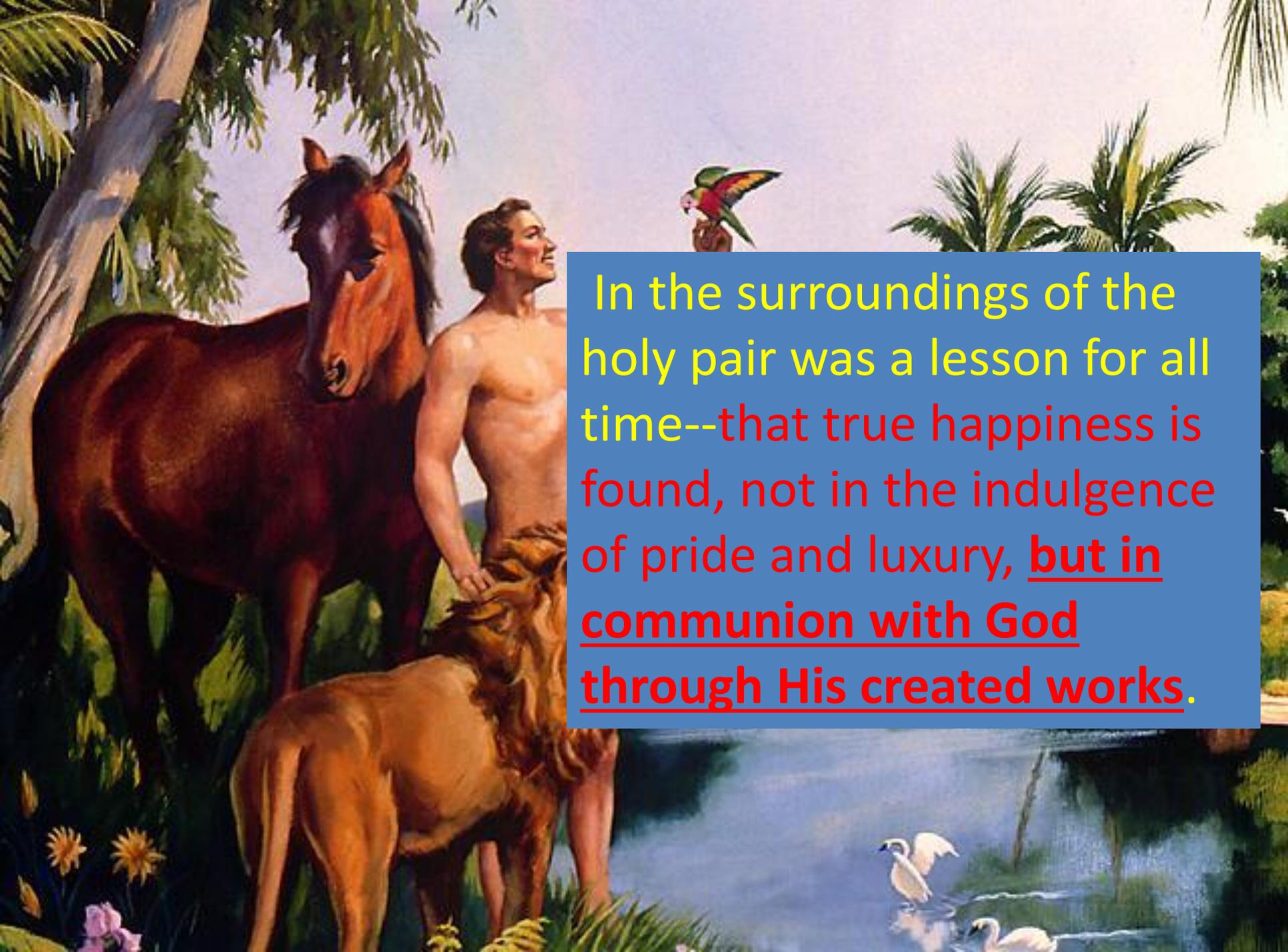
*“The angel that stood at my side then instructed me that but **few** have any conception of the wickedness existing in our world today, and **ESPECIALLY** the wickedness in the large cities. CL9.5*



“The home of our first parents was to be a pattern for other homes as their children should go forth to occupy the earth.

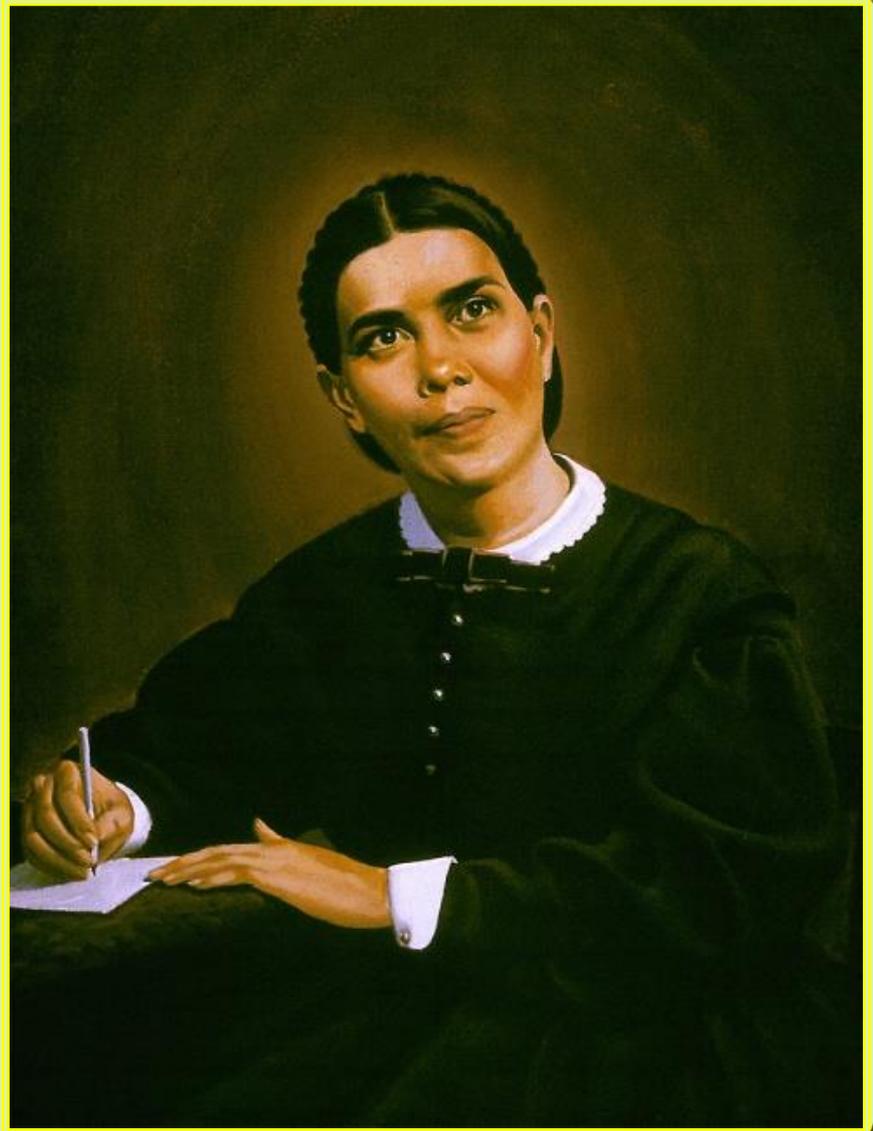
A painting depicting Adam in a lush garden. Adam, a muscular man with a beard, stands shirtless, looking towards the right. He is surrounded by various animals: a brown horse stands to his left, and a lion is in the foreground. The background features a large tree, a body of water with swans, and a small path leading to another horse. The scene is set in a vibrant, sunlit garden.

That home, beautified by the hand of God Himself, was not a gorgeous palace. Men, in their pride, delight in magnificent and costly edifices and glory in the works of their own hands; but God placed Adam in a garden.

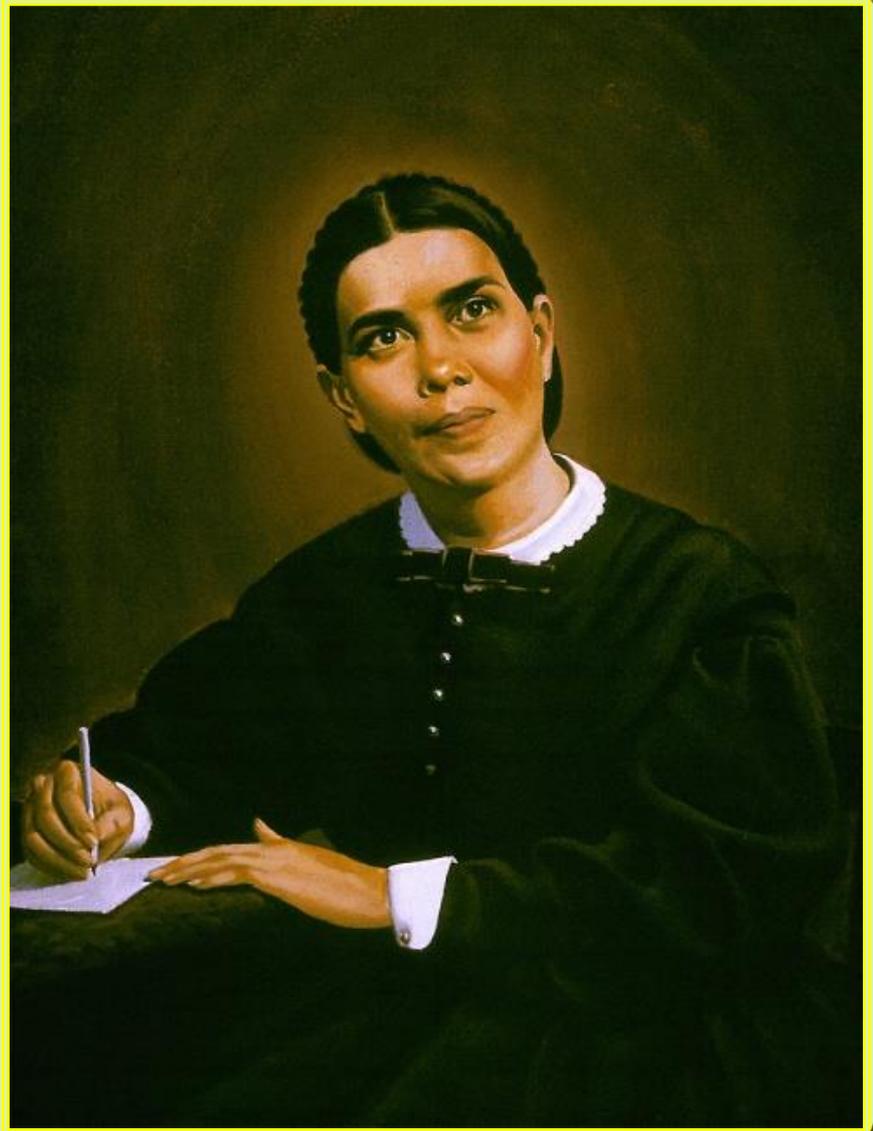


In the surroundings of the holy pair was a lesson for all time--that true happiness is found, not in the indulgence of pride and luxury, but in communion with God through His created works.

If men would give less attention to the artificial, and would cultivate greater simplicity, they would come far nearer to answering the purpose of God in their creation.



Pride and ambition are never satisfied, but those who are truly wise will find substantial and elevating pleasure in the sources of enjoyment that God has placed within the reach of all.



“Cain and Abel represent the two classes, the righteous and the wicked, the believers and unbelievers, which should exist from the fall of man to the second coming of Christ. Cain’s slaying his brother Abel represents the wicked who will be envious of the righteous and will hate them because they are better than themselves. They will be jealous of the righteous and will persecute and put them to death because their right-doing condemns their sinful course. *Story of Redemption*

“And Cain went out from the presence of the Lord, and dwelt in the land of Nod, on the east of Eden.
¹⁷ And Cain knew his wife; and she conceived, and bare Enoch: and he builded a city, and called the name of the city, after the name of his son, Enoch.” Gen 4:16, 17

“⁸ And Cush begat Nimrod: he began to be a mighty one in the earth. He was a mighty hunter before the Lord: wherefore it is said, Even as Nimrod the mighty hunter before the Lord.

And the beginning of his kingdom was Babel, and Erech, and Accad, and Calneh, in the land of Shinar.

Gen 10:8-10

Semiramis

Nimrod



Moon

Tammuz

sun-sovereign

**sovereignty
of Ancient
Babylon**

**Wife and
mother of
Nimrod**

Born Dec 25

The entire earth is filled with religious ideas that originally started with the Babylonian leaders Nimrod, Tammuz and Semiramis.

““Here they decided to build a city, and in it a tower of such stupendous height as should render it the wonder of the world. These enterprises were designed to prevent the people from scattering abroad in colonies. God had directed men to disperse throughout the earth, to replenish and subdue it; but these Babel builders determined to keep their community united in one body, and to found a monarchy that should eventually embrace the whole earth. Thus their city would become the metropolis of a universal empire; its glory would command the admiration and homage of the world and render the founders illustrious. The magnificent tower, reaching to the heavens, was intended to stand as a monument of the power and wisdom of its builders, perpetuating their fame to the latest generations.” PP118-119.



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OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

Happy New Year
2018

May the dawn of this new Year
fill your heart with new hopes;
Open up new horizons and
bring promises of a brighter
tomorrow.

Have a blessed, fulfilling and
prosperous year 2018.

H.E. Mike Mbuvi Sonko, EGH
Governor, Nairobi County



““Life in the
cities is false
and artificial.
CL 6.

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There is not one family in a hundred who will be improved, physically, mentally, or spiritually, by residing in the city. Faith, hope, love, happiness, can far better be gained in retired places, where there are fields and hills and trees. Take your children away from the sights and sounds of the city, away from the rattle and din of streetcars and teams, and their minds will become more healthy. It will be found easier to bring home to their hearts the truth of the Word of God. 19MR335.1

“Those who will take their families into the country, place them where they have fewer temptations. The children who are with parents that love and fear God, are in **every way much better situated to learn of the Great Teacher**, who is the source and fountain of wisdom. They have a much more favorable opportunity to gain a fitness for the kingdom of heaven. Send the children to schools located in the city, where **every phase of temptation is waiting to attract and demoralize them**, and the work of character building is tenfold harder for both parents and children.” FE 326.

““Few realize the importance of shunning, so far as possible, all associations unfriendly to religious life. **In choosing their surroundings, few make their spiritual prosperity the first consideration.**

Parents flock with their families to the cities, because they fancy it easier to obtain a livelihood there than in the country. The children, having nothing to do when not in school, obtain a street education. From evil associates, they acquire habits of vice and dissipation. The parents see all this, but it will require a **SACRIFICE** to correct their error, and they stay where they are, until Satan gains full control of their children.

Better sacrifice any and every worldly consideration than to imperil the precious souls committed to your care. They will be assailed by temptations, and should be taught to meet them; but it is your duty to cut off every influence, to break up every habit, to sunder every tie, that keeps you from the most free, open, and hearty committal of yourselves and your family to God. Instead of the crowded city, seek some retired situation where your children will be, so far as possible, shielded from temptation, and **there train and educate them for usefulness** . CL 5

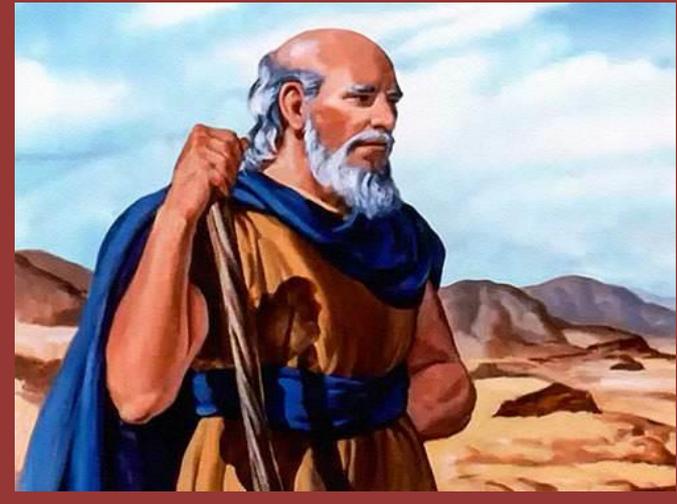
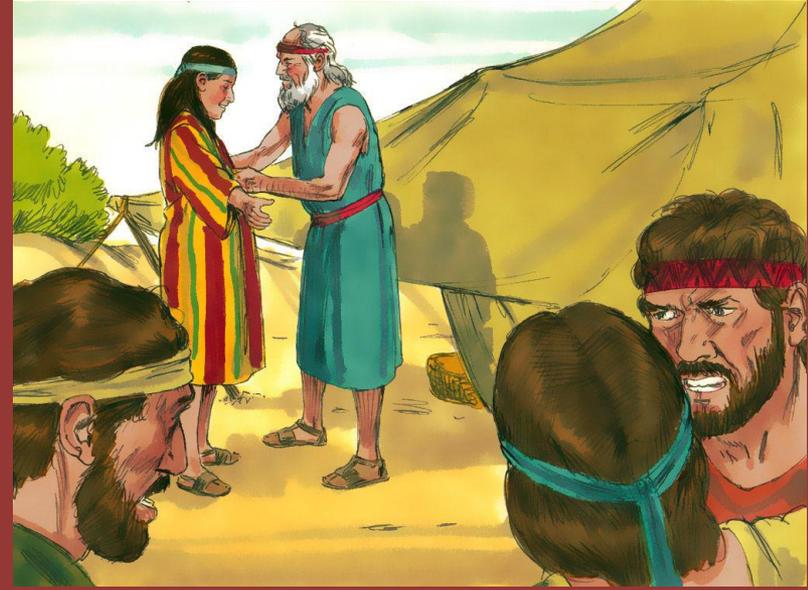
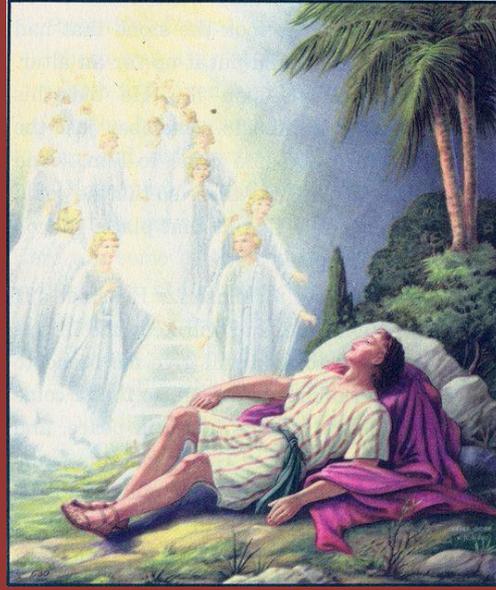
When the children of Israel were gathered out from among the Egyptians, the Lord said: “For I will pass through the land of Egypt this night, and will smite all the first-born in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and against all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgment: I am the Lord.”

The blood upon the lintel of the door symbolized the blood of Christ, who alone saved the first-born of the Hebrews from the curse. Any one of the children of the Hebrews who was found in an Egyptian habitation was destroyed.

This experience of the Israelites was written for the instruction of those who should live in the last days. Before the overflowing scourge shall come upon the dwellers of the earth, the Lord calls upon all who are Israelites indeed to prepare for that event.

To parents He sends the warning cry, Gather your children into your own houses; gather them away from those who are disregarding the commandments of God, who are teaching and practicing evil. **Get out of the large cities as fast as possible.** CL 12.

Country Heritage of Noblemen



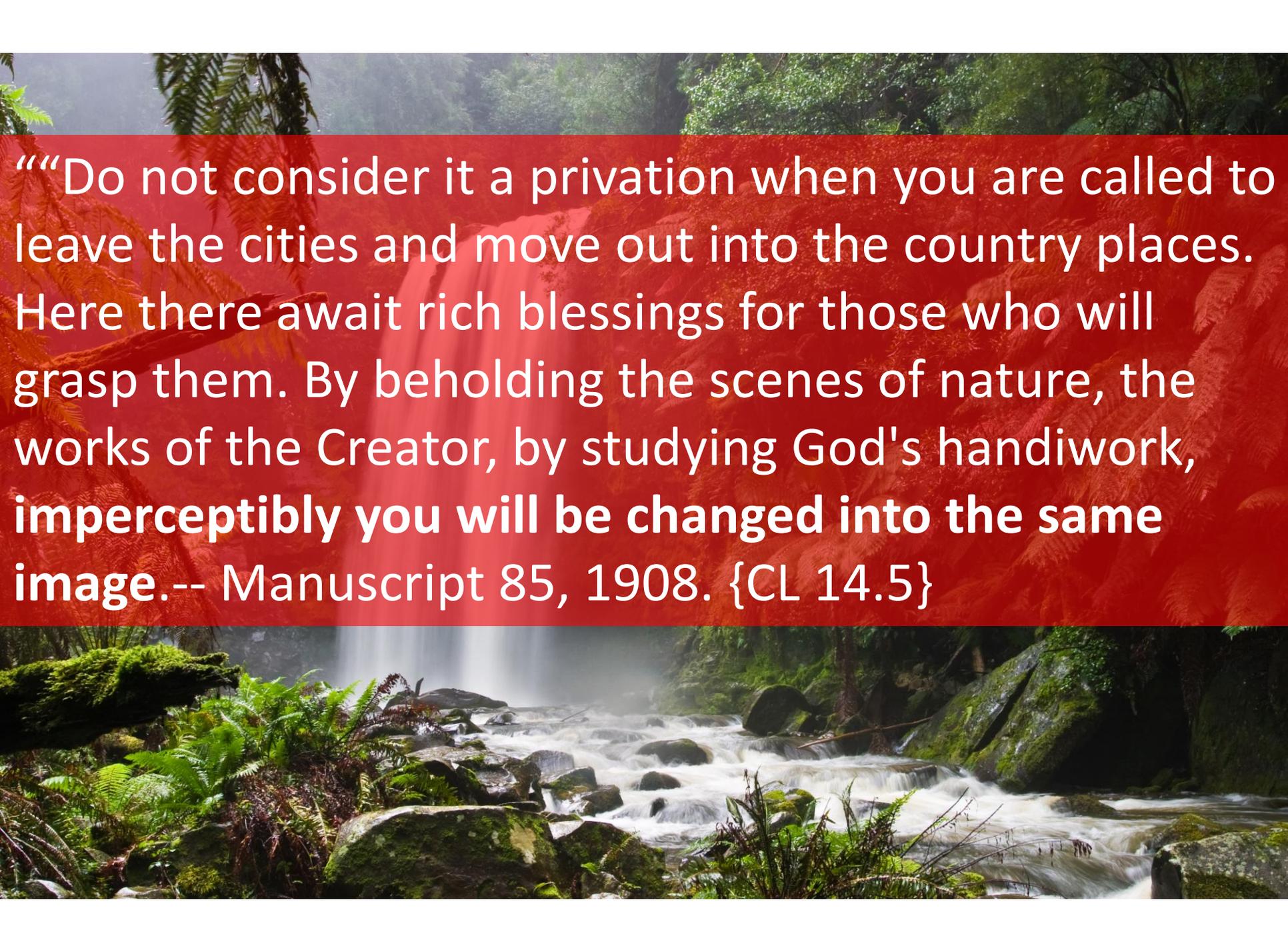
Country Heritage of Noblemen

“Read the history of **Abraham, Jacob, and Joseph,** of **Moses, David, and Elisha.** Study the lives of men of later times who have most worthily filled positions of trust and responsibility, the men whose influence has been *most effective* for the world's uplifting. **How many of these were reared in country homes?** CL 15.

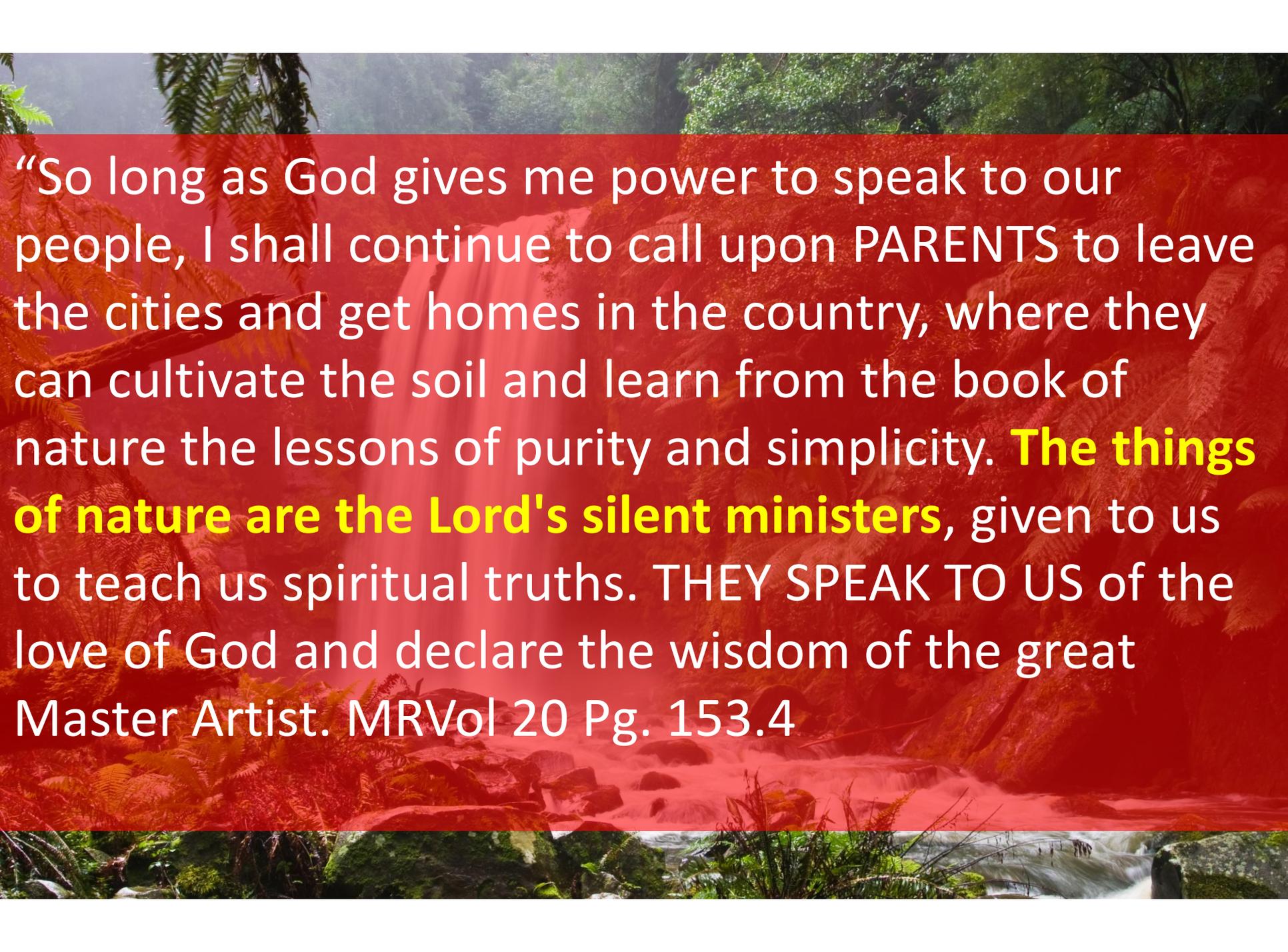
“Moses had been learning much that he must unlearn. The influences that had surrounded him in Egypt--the love of his foster mother, his own high position as the king's grandson, the dissipation on every hand, the refinement, the subtlety, and the mysticism of a false religion, the splendor of idolatrous worship, the solemn grandeur of architecture and sculpture--all had left deep impressions upon his developing mind and had molded, to some extent, his habits and **CHARACTER**. 1)Time, 2)change of surroundings, and 3)communion with God could **REMOVE THESE IMPRESSIONS.**”

PP248.2

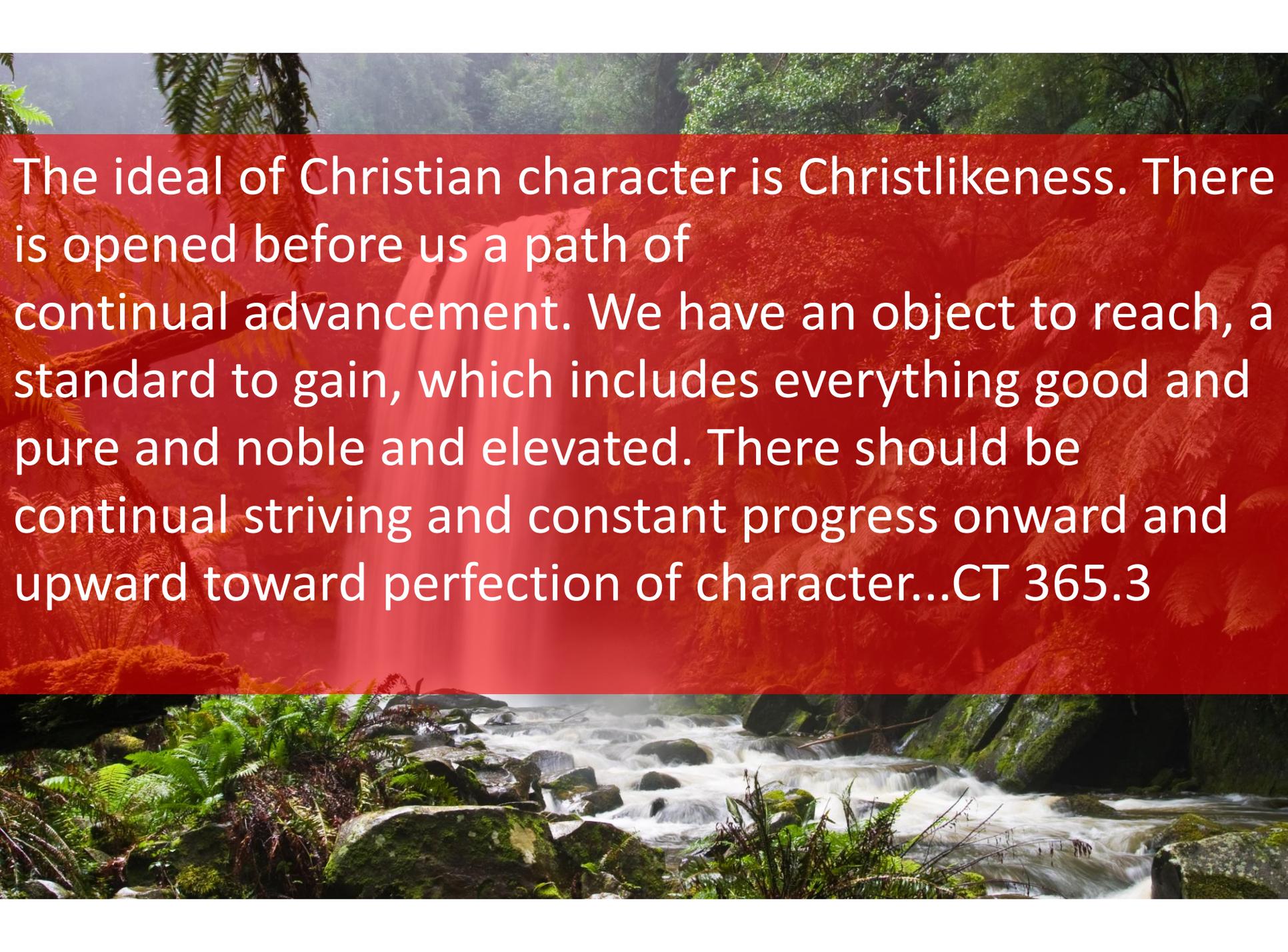
“Shut in by the bulwarks of the mountains, **Moses was alone with God**. The magnificent temples of Egypt no longer impressed his mind with their superstition and falsehood. In the solemn grandeur of the everlasting hills he beheld the majesty of the Most High, and **in contrast realized how powerless and insignificant were the gods of Egypt. EVERYWHERE THE CREATOR’S NAME WAS WRITTEN**. Moses seemed to stand in His presence and to be over-shadowed by His power. **Here his pride and self-sufficiency were SWEEP AWAY**. In the stern simplicity of his wilderness life, the results of the ease and luxury of Egypt disappeared. Moses became 1)**patient**, 2)**reverent**, and 3)**humble**,” PP251



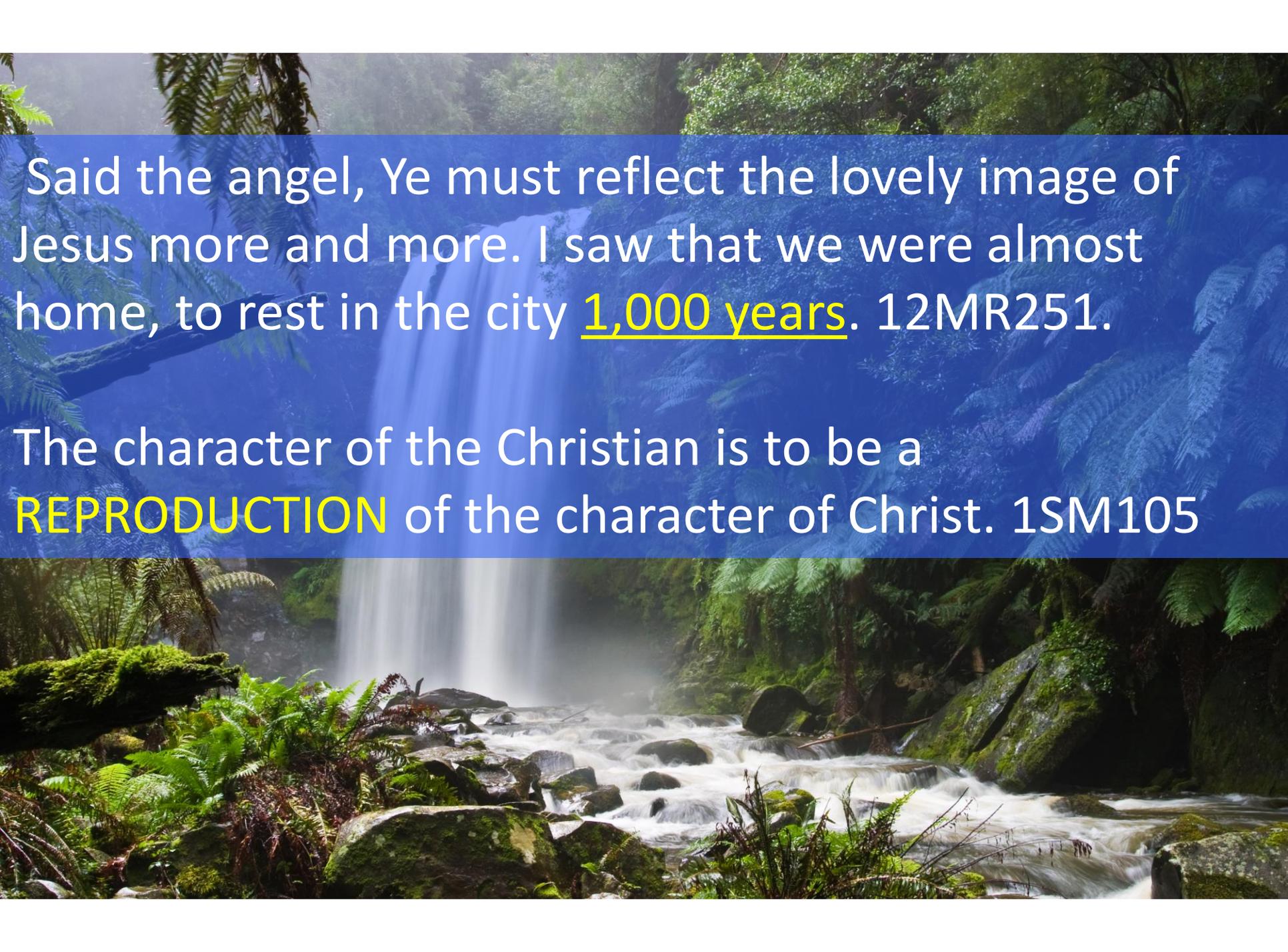
““Do not consider it a privation when you are called to leave the cities and move out into the country places. Here there await rich blessings for those who will grasp them. By beholding the scenes of nature, the works of the Creator, by studying God's handiwork, **imperceptibly you will be changed into the same image.**-- Manuscript 85, 1908. {CL 14.5}

A photograph of a lush tropical waterfall cascading over rocks into a pool. The scene is overlaid with a semi-transparent red filter. The text is centered over the image.

“So long as God gives me power to speak to our people, I shall continue to call upon PARENTS to leave the cities and get homes in the country, where they can cultivate the soil and learn from the book of nature the lessons of purity and simplicity. **The things of nature are the Lord's silent ministers**, given to us to teach us spiritual truths. THEY SPEAK TO US of the love of God and declare the wisdom of the great Master Artist. MRVol 20 Pg. 153.4

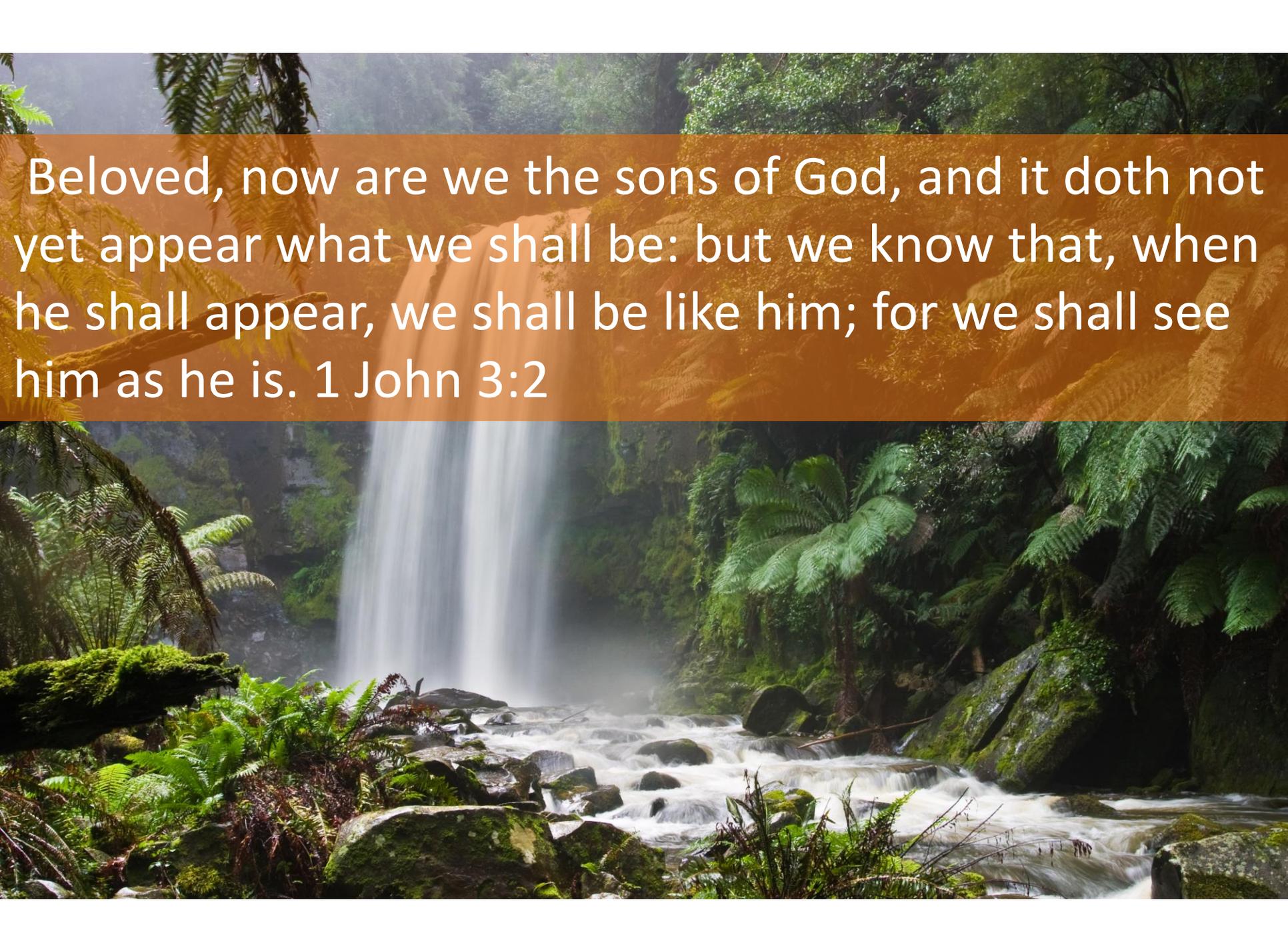


The ideal of Christian character is Christlikeness. There is opened before us a path of continual advancement. We have an object to reach, a standard to gain, which includes everything good and pure and noble and elevated. There should be continual striving and constant progress onward and upward toward perfection of character...CT 365.3

A lush tropical forest with a waterfall cascading over rocks into a stream. The scene is filled with vibrant green foliage, including ferns and moss-covered rocks. The waterfall is the central focus, with water splashing and creating white foam as it flows over the rocks. The background is a dense canopy of trees, and the overall atmosphere is serene and natural.

Said the angel, Ye must reflect the lovely image of Jesus more and more. I saw that we were almost home, to rest in the city 1,000 years. 12MR251.

The character of the Christian is to be a **REPRODUCTION** of the character of Christ. 1SM105

A vibrant tropical waterfall cascades over mossy rocks in a dense jungle. The water flows from the top center, creating a soft, white mist at the base. The surrounding forest is lush with various green plants, including large ferns and palm trees. The scene is captured in a long-exposure style, giving the water a silky, ethereal appearance. The overall atmosphere is serene and majestic.

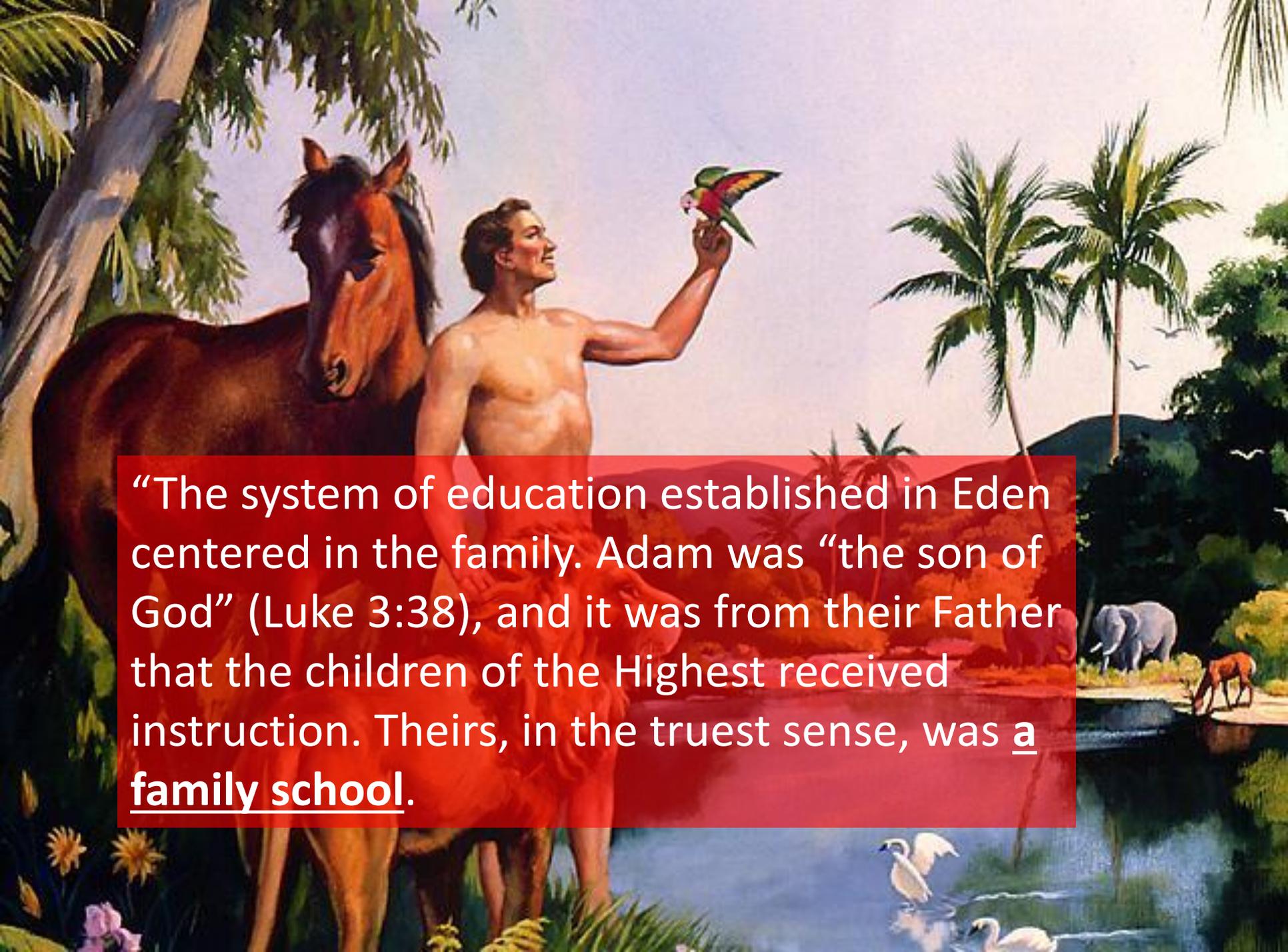
Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is. 1 John 3:2

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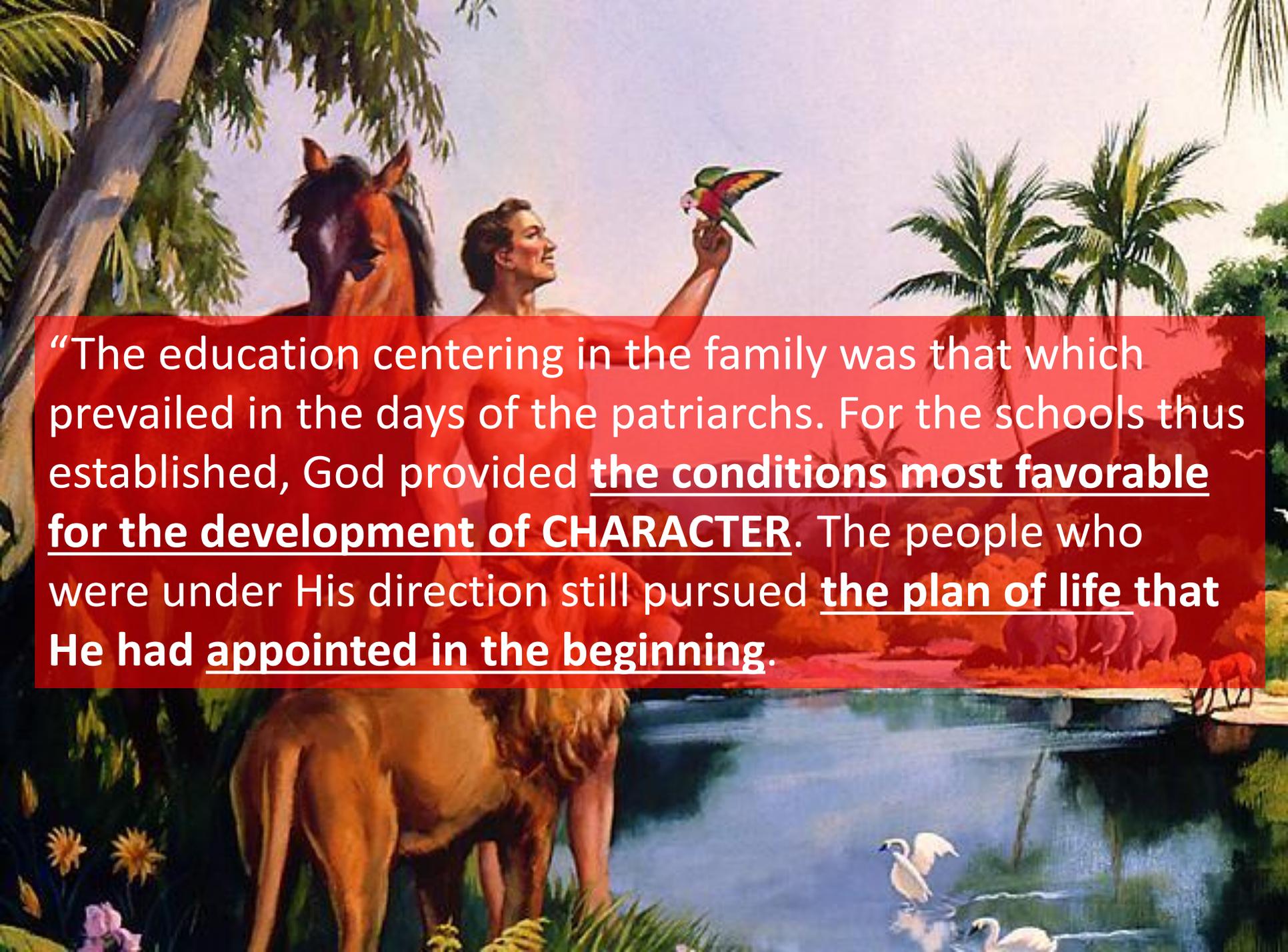
Where do we go When we leave the Cities?



“The Lord alone did lead him; [SEP] He instructed him, He kept him as the apple of His eye.” Deut 32:12, 10.



“The system of education established in Eden centered in the family. Adam was “the son of God” (Luke 3:38), and it was from their Father that the children of the Highest received instruction. Theirs, in the truest sense, was a family school.



“The education centering in the family was that which prevailed in the days of the patriarchs. For the schools thus established, God provided the conditions most favorable for the development of CHARACTER. The people who were under His direction still pursued the plan of life that He had appointed in the beginning.

Those who departed from **God** built for themselves cities, and, congregating in them, **gloried in the splendor, the luxury, and the vice that make the cities of today the world's pride and its curse.** But the men who held fast God's principles of life dwelt among the fields and hills. They were tillers of the soil and keepers of flocks and herds, and **in this free, independent life, with its opportunities for labor and study and meditation**, they learned of God and taught their children of His works and ways.

“The youth educated in large cities are surrounded by influences similar to those that prevailed before the flood. The same principles of disregard for God and his law; the **same love of pleasure of selfish gratification, and of pride and vanity** are at work at the present time. The world is given up to pleasure; immorality prevails; the rights of the weak and helpless are disregarded; and, the world over, the large cities are fast becoming hotbeds of iniquity.

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“How many children there are in the crowded cities that have not even a spot of green grass to set their feet upon. If they could **be educated in the country, amid the beauty, peace, and purity of nature,** it would seem to them the spot nearest heaven. **In retired places, where we are FARTHEST from the CORRUPTING maxims, customs, and excitements of the world, and nearest to the heart of nature,** Christ makes his presence **real to us**, and speaks to our souls of his peace and love. May 11, 1896. 46.4

History (Type) Will Repeat (Antitype)

“All that prophecy has foretold as coming to pass, until the present time, has been traced on the pages of history.... PK 536,537.

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¹¹ Then Lot chose him all the plain of Jordan; and Lot journeyed east: and they separated themselves the one from the other.

¹² Abram dwelled in the land of Canaan, and Lot dwelled in the cities of the plain, and pitched his tent toward Sodom.



¹³ But the men of Sodom were wicked and sinners before the Lord exceedingly.

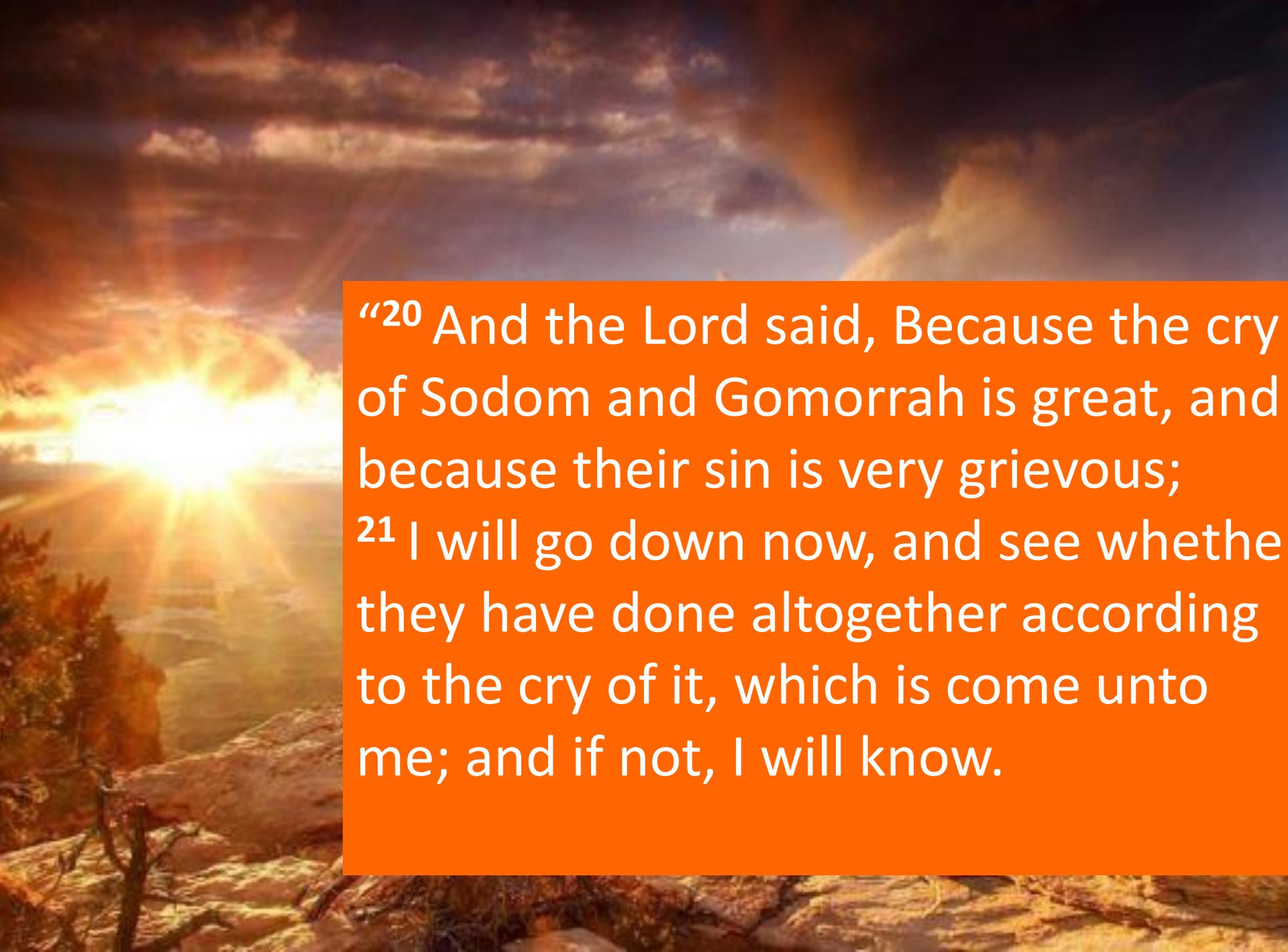




“¹⁷ And the Lord said, Shall I hide from Abraham that thing which I do;

¹⁸ Seeing that Abraham shall surely become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth shall be blessed in him?

¹⁹ For I know him, that he will command his children and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of the Lord, to do justice and judgment; that the Lord may bring upon Abraham that which he hath spoken of him. 18:17-19.



“²⁰ And the Lord said, Because the cry of Sodom and Gomorrah is great, and because their sin is very grievous;
²¹ I will go down now, and see whether they have done altogether according to the cry of it, which is come unto me; and if not, I will know.



Well, when the angels came in Sodom, they could not find even
five righteous ones in the splendid city so that we may reason
that there may **be the most splendid cities, having the greatest
wealth, and yet there not be found FIVE RIGHTEOUS** in them.
Every one of us, as we are seeking for the future immortal life,
should have everything connected with us as favorable as we can
make it for the development of **CHRISTIAN CHARACTER**. God
frequently calls us to break every tie that binds us to unholy
influences and to **COME OUT FROM AMONG THEM**. Ms19-
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Genesis 19

Type of Today's Cities?

Homosexuality

Adultery

Fornication

Pride

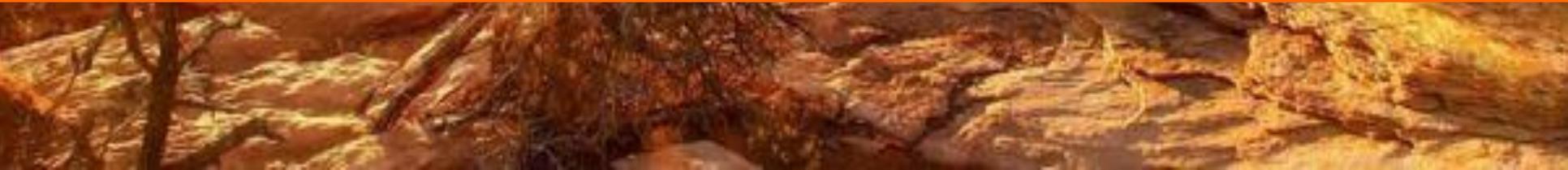
Gluttony

Greed

The Sins of
Sodom & Gomorrah
Admah and Zeboiim



and there came two angels to Sodom at even; and Lot
in the gate of Sodom: and Lot seeing them rose up
to meet them; and he bowed himself with his face
toward the ground;
and he said, Behold now, my lords, turn in, I pray
you, into your servant's house, and tarry all night, and
wash your feet, and ye shall rise up early, and go on
your ways. And they said, Nay; but we will abide in the
street all night.





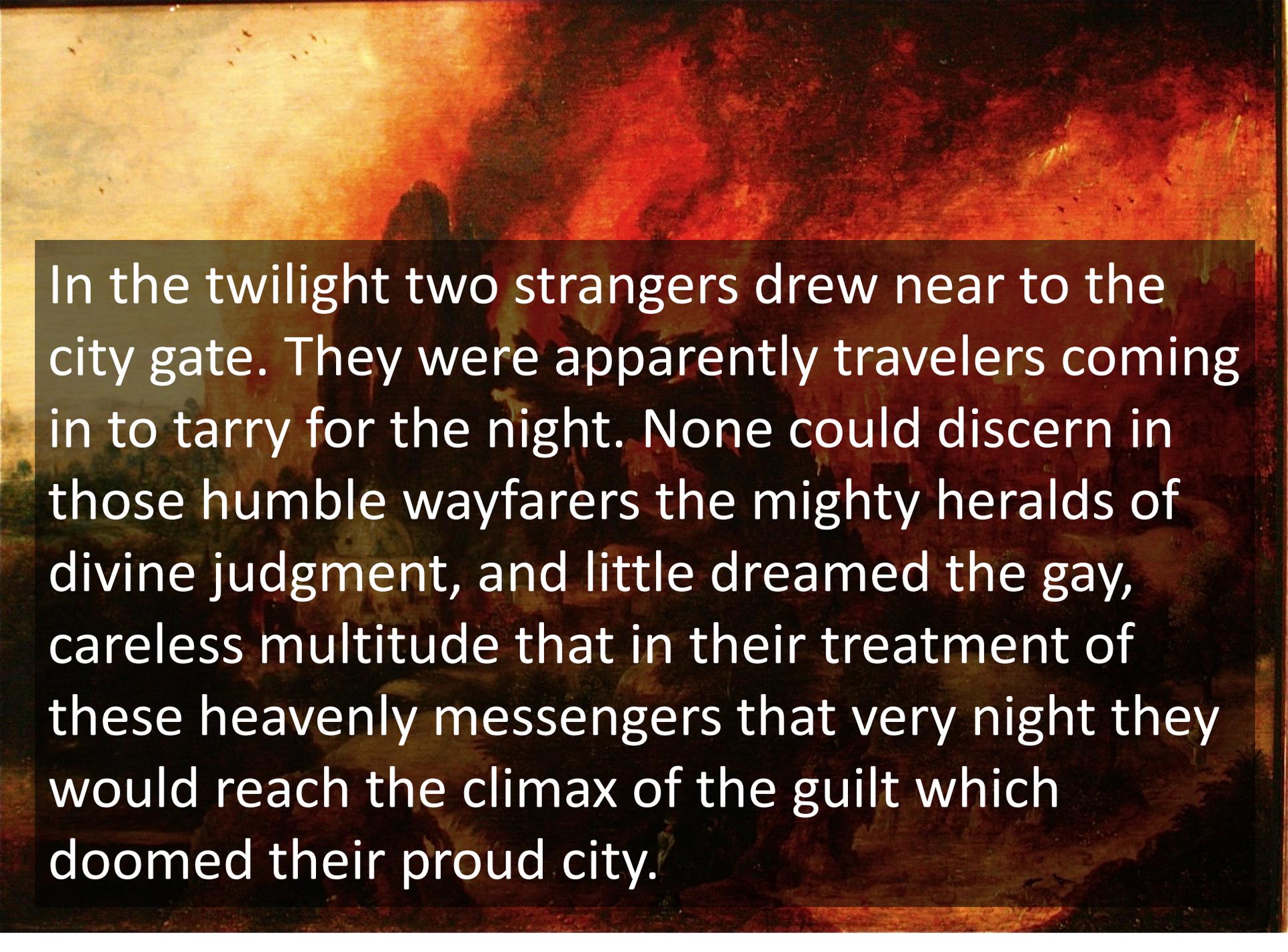
And he pressed upon them greatly; and they turned
in unto him, and entered into his house; and he made
them a feast, and did bake unleavened bread, and
they did eat.





But before they lay down, the men of the city, even the men of Sodom, compassed the house round, both old and young, all the people from every quarter: And they called unto Lot, and said unto him, Where are the men which came in to thee this night? bring them out unto us, that we may know them.





In the twilight two strangers drew near to the city gate. They were apparently travelers coming in to tarry for the night. None could discern in those humble wayfarers the mighty heralds of divine judgment, and little dreamed the gay, careless multitude that in their treatment of these heavenly messengers that very night they would reach the climax of the guilt which doomed their proud city.

The Boundary of Mercy

The Sodomites had passed the boundary of mercy, and no more light was granted to them prior to their destruction. Had the warning gone through these cities of the plain, and had they been told just what was to come, who of them would have believed it? They would no more have accepted the message, and God knew it, than the sons-in-law of Lot. *MR 19a 1886.*

The Boundary of Mercy

¹⁵ And when the morning arose, then the angels hastened Lot, saying, Arise, take thy wife, and thy two daughters, which are here; lest thou be consumed in the iniquity of the city.

¹⁶ And while he lingered, the men laid hold upon his hand, and upon the hand of his wife, and upon the hand of his two daughters; the Lord being merciful unto him: and they brought him forth, and set him without the city.

ZOAR

Lot dwelt but a short time in Zoar. **INIQUITY PREVIALED THERE AS IN SODOM**, and he feared to remain, lest the city should be destroyed. Not long after, **Zoar was consumed, as God had purposed**. Lot made his way to the mountains, and abode in a cave, stripped of all for which he had dared to subject his family to the influences of a wicked city. **But the curse of Sodom followed him even here**. The sinful conduct of his daughters was the result of the evil associations of that vile place. **Its moral corruption had become so INTERWOVEN WITH THEIR CHARACTER that THEY COULD NOT DISTINGUISH BETWEEN GOOD AND EVIL**. Lot's only posterity, the Moabites and Ammonites, were vile, idolatrous tribes, rebels against God and bitter enemies of His people. PP167.3

ZOAR

But what mercy and condescension are manifested by the God of heaven! His request is heard, and his plea granted; yet how much better would it have been to heed the angel's voice, and go to the mountains, AS FAR AS POSSIBLE FROM THE WICKED CITY. The angel bids him to hasten, because the fiery storm would be widespread and terrible. “

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“But the earth has blessings hidden in her depths for those who have courage and will and perseverance to gather her treasures. Fathers and mothers who possess a piece of land and a comfortable home are kings and queens. {CL 18.2}

Day 3 - How?



Except the Lord build the house, they labour in vain that build it: except the Lord keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain. Psalms 127:1.

⁸ It is better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in man.

⁹ It is better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in princes. Psalms 118:8,9.

⁵ Thus saith the Lord; Cursed be the man that trusteth in man, and maketh flesh his arm, and whose heart departeth from the Lord.

⁷ Blessed is the man that trusteth in the Lord, and whose hope the Lord is. Jer. 17:5,7.

3rd Night – How?

How do we leave the city

What is Faith?

“Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

² For by it the elders obtained a good report.

³ Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear.

What is Faith?

⁴ By faith Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, by which he obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts: and by it he being dead yet speaketh.

⁵ By faith Enoch was translated that he should not see death; and was not found, because God had translated him: for before his translation he had this testimony, that he pleased God.

What is Faith?

⁶ But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him. Heb 11:1-6.

Do you want to own a country home?

The substance is the house you hope for.

We need to know how to exercise faith.

“There are those who find it hard to exercise faith, and they place themselves on the doubting side. These lose much because of their unbelief.” Lift Him Up pg 322.3.

Miracles:

1. Parting of the Red Sea, Exodus 15:1,8
2. Sun and Moon to Stand Still: Joshua
3. Sun Dial turned back: Isaiah 38:1,7,8 9 (turned back about 40mins)

¹³ These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God.

¹⁴ And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us:

¹⁵ And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him. 1 John 5:13-15.

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

⁷ Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you:

⁸ For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened. Matt 7:7,8.

The Prayer of faith will be answered but there are conditions:

James 4:1-3. “Ye lust, and have not: ye kill, and desire to have, and cannot obtain: ye fight and war, yet ye have not, because ye ask not. ³ Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts.”

“⁸ If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me:”

Psalms 66:18

“⁹ He that turneth away his ear from hearing the law, even his prayer shall be abomination.” Proverbs 28:9

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“⁸The sacrifice of the wicked is an abomination to the Lord: but the prayer of the upright is his delight.” Proverbs 15:8.

“²⁹The Lord is far from the wicked: but he heareth the prayer of the righteous.” Pro 15:29.

“¹⁷The righteous cry, and the Lord heareth, and delivereth them out of all their troubles.” Psalms 34:17.

²²And whatsoever we ask, we receive of him, because we keep his commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in his sight.” 1 John 3:22.

“Fasting and prayer will accomplish nothing while the heart is **estranged** from God by a **wrong course of action.**” 2T146

“I saw that the reason why God did not hear the prayers of His servants for the sick among us more fully was, that **He could not be glorified in so doing while they were violating the LAWS OF HEALTH.** And I also saw that He designed the health reform and Health Institute to **prepare the way for the prayer of faith to be fully answered.**” CD 25.

“We should first find out if the sick one has been withholding tithes or has made trouble in the church.” HL 121.

Praying principle: - Spread it before the Lord

¹⁴ And Hezekiah received the letter of the hand of the messengers, and read it: and Hezekiah went up into the house of the Lord, and **spread it before the Lord**. 2Kings 19:14.

The prayer of Moses was heard and answered, and we also may present our earnest petitions to God, and receive of his grace and power. ...TELL THE LORD EXACTLY WHAT YOU WANT in the way of spiritual blessings; and you need not fear to lay before him your temporal needs and perplexities.”

Signs of the Times April 25 1892.

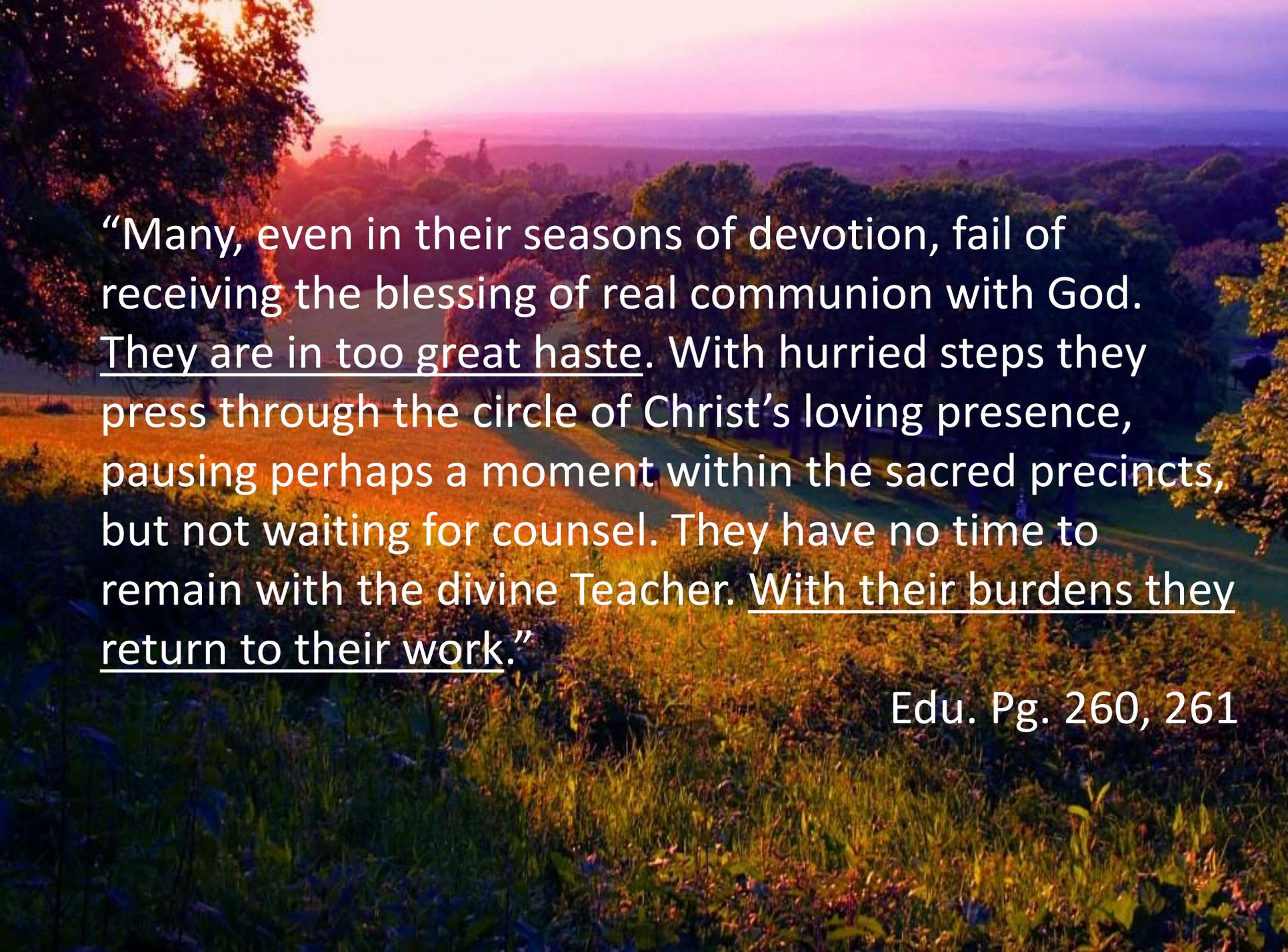
“Learn to pray short and right to the point, asking for just what you need. ... Let us learn to pray intelligently, expressing our requests with clearness and precision. Let us ... pray as though we meant it. “The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.” James 5:16.

Our High Calling Pg. 130.

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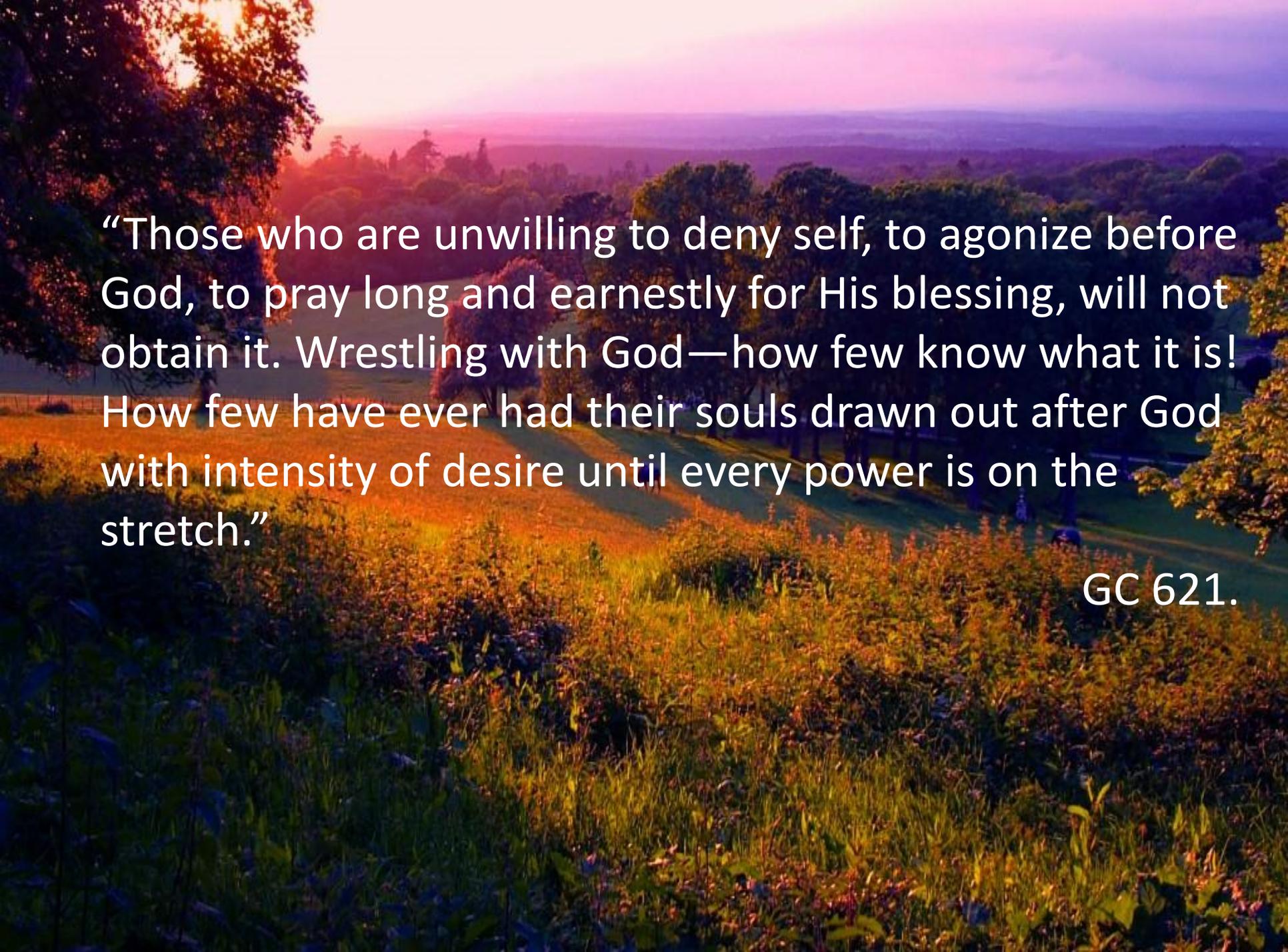
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“Many, even in their seasons of devotion, fail of receiving the blessing of real communion with God. They are in too great haste. With hurried steps they press through the circle of Christ’s loving presence, pausing perhaps a moment within the sacred precincts, but not waiting for counsel. They have no time to remain with the divine Teacher. With their burdens they return to their work.”

Edu. Pg. 260, 261



“Those who are unwilling to deny self, to agonize before God, to pray long and earnestly for His blessing, will not obtain it. Wrestling with God—how few know what it is! How few have ever had their souls drawn out after God with intensity of desire until every power is on the stretch.”

GC 621.

My Life Today pg.16.

*“If you will find **voice and time** to pray, God will find **time and voice** to answer.”*

“By faith he forsook Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king: for he endured, as **seeing him who is invisible.**”

Heb 11:27

“So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.” Romans 10:17

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SEE MARK 8:36

THE HEAVENLY HEREAFTER



PLEASURE AND TREASURE
OF THIS WORLD



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“Go to now, ye rich men, weep and howl for your miseries that shall come upon you.

² Your riches are corrupted, and your garments are motheaten.

³ Your gold and silver is cankered; and the rust of them shall be a witness against you, and shall eat your flesh as it were fire. Ye have heaped treasure together for the last days.” James 5: 1-3.

“I was directed to James 5:1-3:

I saw that these fearful words apply particularly to the wealthy who profess to believe the present truth. The Lord calls them to use their means to advance His cause. Opportunities are presented to them, but they shut their eyes to the wants of the cause, and cling fast to their earthly treasure. Their love for the world is greater than their love for the truth, their love for their fellow men, or their love for God.”

He calls for their substance, but they selfishly, covetously, retain what they have. They give a little now and then to ease their conscience, but have not overcome their love for this world. They do not sacrifice for God. The Lord has raised up others that prize eternal life, and that can feel and realize something of the value of the soul, and they have freely bestowed their means to advance the cause of God. The work is closing; and soon the means of those who have kept their riches, their large farms, their cattle, etc., will not be wanted. I saw the Lord turn to such in anger, in wrath, and repeat these words: "Go to now, ye rich men." He has called, but you would not hear. Love of this world has drowned His voice. Now He has no use for you, and lets you go, bidding you: "Go to now, ye rich men."

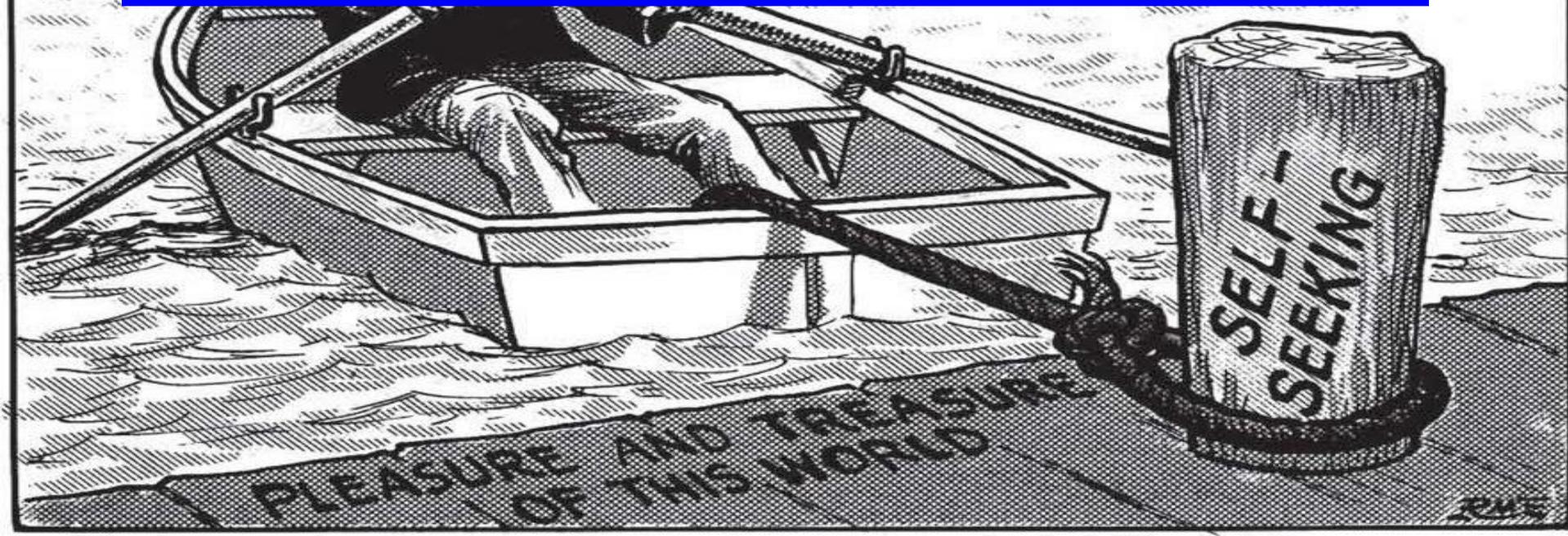
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“The members of the church should individually hold themselves and all their possessions upon the altar of God.”

5T465.1

3:36



“I could not sleep past two o'clock this morning. During the night season I was in council. I was pleading with some families to avail themselves of God's appointed means, and get away from the cities to **save their children. Some were loitering, making no determined efforts.** {CL 6.6}

The 3 GREAT PILLARS OF COUNTRY LIVING

Water Source



Heat Source



Food Source



“The nobleman wanted to see the fulfillment of his prayer before he should believe; but he had to accept the word of Jesus that his request was heard and the blessing granted. This lesson we also have to learn. Not because we see or feel that God hears us are we to believe. We are to trust in His promises. When we come to Him in faith, every petition enters the heart of God. When we have asked for His blessing, we should believe that we receive it, and thank Him that we have received it. Then we are to go about our duties, assured that the blessing will be realized when we need it most. When we have learned to do this, we shall know that our prayers are answered. God will do for us "exceeding abundantly," "according to the riches of His glory," and "the working of His mighty power." Eph. 3:20, 16; 1:19. Desire of Ages Pg. 200.

DAY 4 – What to do when God gives you a country Home



“Many do not realize what they must be in order to live in the sight of the Lord without a high priest in the sanctuary through the time of trouble. Those who receive the seal of the living God and are protected in the time of trouble must reflect the image of Jesus fully.

Their robes must be spotless, their characters must be purified from sin by the blood of sprinkling. Through the grace of God and their own diligent effort, they must be conquerors in the battle with evil. **While the investigative judgment is going forward in heaven, while the sins of penitent believers are being removed from the sanctuary, there is to be *a special work of purification*, of *putting away of sin, among God's people upon earth*.**" *The Faith I live by*
Pg. 337.

I saw that we should not put off **THE COMING OF THE LORD**. Said the angel: "Prepare, prepare, for what is coming upon **the earth**. Let your works correspond with your faith." I saw that the mind must be stayed upon God, and that our influence should tell for God and His truth. We cannot honor the Lord when we are careless and indifferent. We cannot glorify Him when we are desponding. **We must be in earnest to secure our own soul's salvation, and to save others. ALL IMPORTANCE should be attached to this, and everything besides should come in secondary.** 1T123.2

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.

Those who refuse to be hewed by the prophets and fail to purify their souls in obeying the whole truth, and who are willing to believe that their condition is far better than it really is, will come up to the time of the falling of the plagues, and then see that they needed to be hewed and squared for the building....

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. *The Faith I Live By Pg. 337*

When the Lord comes forth as an avenger, He will also come as a protector of all those who have preserved the faith in its purity and kept themselves unspotted from the world. The class who do not feel grieved over their own spiritual declension, nor mourn over the sins of others, will be left without the seal of God. 5T 207-216

We are living in the time of the end. 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.** Plagues and judgments are already falling upon the despisers of the grace of God. 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.** 9T11.1-2

I was shown the state of the world, that it is fast filling up its cup of iniquity. Violence and crime of every description are filling our world, and Satan is using every means to make crime and debasing vice popular. The youth who walk the streets are surrounded with handbills and notices of crime and sin, presented in some novel or to be acted at some theater. Their minds are educated into familiarity with sin.

3T471.3

The literature that proceeds from corrupted intellects poisons the minds of thousands in our world. Sin does not appear exceeding sinful. They hear and read so much of debasing crime and vileness that the once tender conscience which would have recoiled with horror becomes so blunted that it can dwell upon the low and vile sayings and actions of men with greedy interest. 3MR472.2

"As it was in the days of Noah, so shall it be also in the days of the Son of man." Luke 17:26

The Protestant world have set up an idol Sabbath in the place where God's Sabbath should be, and they are treading in the footsteps of the Papacy.

We are not to locate ourselves where we will be forced into close relations with those who do not honor God. . . . A crisis is soon to come in regard to the observance of Sunday. . . .
{CL 20.2}

The Sunday party is strengthening itself in its false claims, and this will mean oppression to those who determine to keep the Sabbath of the Lord.

We are to place ourselves where we can carry out the Sabbath commandment in its fullness. "Six days shalt thou labor," the Lord declares, "and do all thy work; but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work." And we are to be careful not to place ourselves where it will be hard for ourselves and our children to keep the Sabbath. {CL 20.3}

For this reason I see the necessity of the people of God moving out of the cities into retired country [places,] where they may cultivate the land and raise their own produce. Thus they may bring their children up with simple, healthful habits. I see the necessity of making haste to get all things ready for the crisis.--Letter 90, 1897. {CL 21.1}

Our bodies are Christ's purchased property, and we are not at liberty to do with them as we please. Man has done this. He has treated his body as if its laws had no penalty. Through **perverted appetite its organs and powers have become enfeebled, diseased, and crippled.** And these results which Satan has brought about by his own specious temptations, he uses to taunt God with. He presents before God the human body that Christ has purchased as His property; and **what an unsightly representation of his Maker man is!** **Because man has sinned against his body, and has corrupted his ways, God is dishonored.** CD 18.3

It is as truly a sin to violate the laws of our being as it is to break the ten commandments. To do either is to break God's laws. Those who transgress the law of God in their physical organism, will be inclined to violate the law of God spoken from Sinai. TSDF 185.4

BACK TO THE ORIGINAL DIET

Again and again I have been shown that God is trying to lead us back, step by step, to His original design,— that man should **subsist** upon the **natural** products of the earth .

BACK TO THE ORIGINAL DIET

Vegetables, fruits, and grains should compose our diet.

Not an ounce of flesh meat should enter our stomachs. The eating of flesh is unnatural. **We are to return to God's original purpose** in the creation of man.—
Manuscript 115, 1903 .



PREPARING FOR TRANSLATION

Among those who are waiting for the coming of the Lord, meat eating will eventually be done away with; flesh will cease to form a part of their diet. We should ever keep this end in view and endeavor to work steadily toward it
CD380.4



MANUAL LABOR

“At the creation, labor was appointed as a blessing. It meant development, power, happiness. The changed condition of the earth through the curse of sin has brought a change in the conditions of labor; yet though now attended with anxiety, weariness, and pain, it is still a source of happiness and development. And it is a safeguard against temptation. Its discipline places a check on self-indulgence, and promotes industry, purity, and firmness. Thus it becomes a part of God’s great plan for our recovery from the Fall.

MANUAL LABOR

The youth should be led to see the true dignity of labor. Show them that God is a constant worker. All things in nature do their allotted work. Action pervades the whole creation, and in order to fulfill our mission we, too, must be active.

MANUAL LABOR

In our labor we are to be workers together with God. He gives us the earth and its treasures; but we must adapt them to our use and comfort. He causes the trees to grow; but we prepare the timber and build the house. He has hidden in the earth the gold and silver, the iron and coal; but it is only through toil that we can obtain them. Show that, while God has created and constantly controls all things, He has endowed us with a power not wholly unlike His.

MANUAL LABOR

To us has been given a degree of control over the forces of nature. As God called forth the earth in its beauty out of chaos, **so we can bring order and beauty out of confusion.** And though all things are now marred with evil, yet in our completed work we feel a joy akin to His, when, looking on the fair earth, He pronounced it “very good.”

MANUAL LABOR

As a rule, the exercise most beneficial to the youth will be found in **useful employment**. The little child finds both diversion and development in play; and his sports should be such as to promote not only physical, but mental and spiritual growth. As he gains strength and intelligence, the best recreation will be found in some line of effort that is useful.

That which trains the hand to helpfulness, and teaches the young to bear their share of life's burdens, is most effective in promoting the growth of mind and character.

MANUAL LABOR

Notwithstanding all that has been said and written concerning the dignity of labor, the feeling prevails that it is degrading. **Young men are anxious to become teachers, clerks, merchants, physicians, lawyers, or to occupy some other position that does not require physical toil.** Young women shun housework and seek an education in other lines. These need to learn that no man or woman is degraded by honest toil.

MANUAL LABOR

That which degrades is idleness and selfish dependence. Idleness fosters self-indulgence, and the result is a life empty and barren—a field inviting the growth of every evil. “The earth which drinketh in the rain that cometh oft upon it, and bringeth forth herbs meet for them by whom it is dressed, receiveth blessing from God: but that which beareth thorns and briers is rejected, and is nigh unto cursing; whose end is to be burned.”

Hebrews 6:7, 8.

MANUAL LABOR

Many of the branches of study that consume the student's time are not essential to usefulness or happiness; but it is essential for every youth to have a thorough acquaintance with everyday duties...

Let the children and youth learn from the Bible how God has honored the work of the everyday toiler. Let them read of "the sons of the prophets" (*2 Kings 6:1-7*), students at school, who were building a house for themselves, and for whom a miracle was wrought to save from loss the ax that was borrowed.

MANUAL LABOR

For every child the first industrial school should be the home. And, so far as possible, facilities for manual training should be connected with every school. To a great degree such training would supply the place of the gymnasium, with the additional benefit of affording valuable discipline...

As a relaxation from study, occupations pursued in the open air, and affording exercise for the whole body, are the most beneficial. **No line of manual training is of more value than agriculture.**

MANUAL LABOR

A greater effort should be made to create and to encourage an interest in agricultural pursuits. Let the teacher call attention to what the Bible says about agriculture: that it was God's plan for man to till the earth; that the first man, the ruler of the whole world, was given a garden to cultivate; **and that many of the world's greatest men, its real nobility, have been tillers of the soil.** Show the opportunities in such a life. The wise man says, "The king himself is served by the field." *Ecclesiastes 5:9.*

MANUAL LABOR

Of him who cultivates the soil the Bible declares, “**His God doth instruct him to discretion, and doth teach him.**” Isaiah 28:26. And again, “**Whoso keepeth the fig tree shall eat the fruit thereof.**” *Proverbs 27:18.* He who earns his livelihood by agriculture escapes many temptations and enjoys unnumbered privileges and blessings denied to those whose work lies in the great cities. And in these days of mammoth trusts and business competition, there are few who enjoy so real an independence and so great certainty of fair return for their labor as does the tiller of the soil.

MANUAL LABOR

In the study of agriculture, let pupils be given not only theory, but practice. While they learn what science can teach in regard to the nature and preparation of the soil, the value of different crops, and the best methods of production, let them put their knowledge to use. Let teachers share the work with the students, and show what results can be achieved through skillful, intelligent effort.

MANUAL LABOR

Thus may be awakened a genuine interest, an ambition to do the work in the best possible manner. Such an ambition, together with the invigorating effect of exercise, sunshine, and pure air, will create a love for agricultural labor that with many youth will determine their choice of an occupation. Thus might be set on foot influences that would go far in turning the tide of migration which now sets so strongly toward the great cities.

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PRESERVING THE HARVEST



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Preparing your Food Storage

Storing food for your family is one of the most prudent actions you can take. No one knows what can and will affect the functioning of society or food distributions.

On average, grocery stores hold only a 3 day supply of food, and any disruption of service would prove to be disastrous. With stored food you eliminate the worry.

PRESERVING THE HARVEST

Spirit of Prophecy tells us:

We are not to place the responsibility of our duty upon others, and wait for them to tell us what to do. **We cannot depend for counsel upon humanity. The Lord will teach us our duty just as willingly as He will teach somebody else. If we come to Him in faith, He will speak His mysteries to us personally.** Our hearts will often burn within us as One draws nigh to commune with us as He did with Enoch. DA 668.4

RPESERVING THE HARVEST

Avoiding Conflict and Confusion

But ere long there will be such strife and confusion in the cities, that those who wish to leave them will not be able. We must be preparing for these issues. *GC Bulletin, April, 1903.*

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Genesis 41:1-7



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And it came to pass at the end of two full years, that Pharaoh dreamed: and, behold, he stood by the river.

² And, behold, there came up out of the river seven well favoured kine and fatfleshed; and they fed in a meadow.

³ And, behold, seven other kine came up after them out of the river, ill favoured and leanfleshed; and stood by the other kine upon the brink of the river.

⁴ And the ill favoured and leanfleshed kine did eat up the seven well favoured and fat kine. So Pharaoh awoke.

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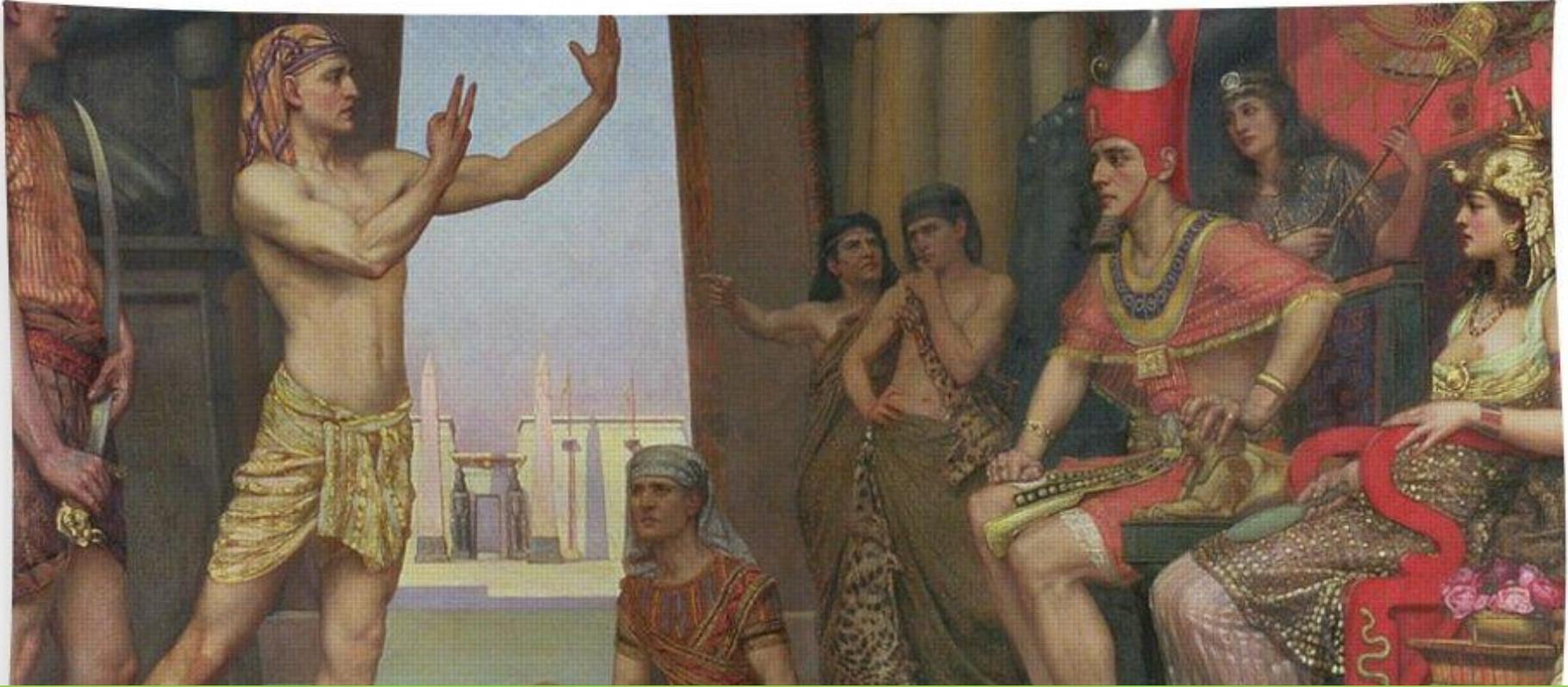


⁵ And he slept and dreamed the second time: and, behold, seven ears of corn came up upon one stalk, rank and good.

⁶ And, behold, seven thin ears and blasted with the east wind sprung up after them.

⁷ And the seven thin ears devoured the seven rank and full ears. And Pharaoh awoke, and, behold, it was a dream.

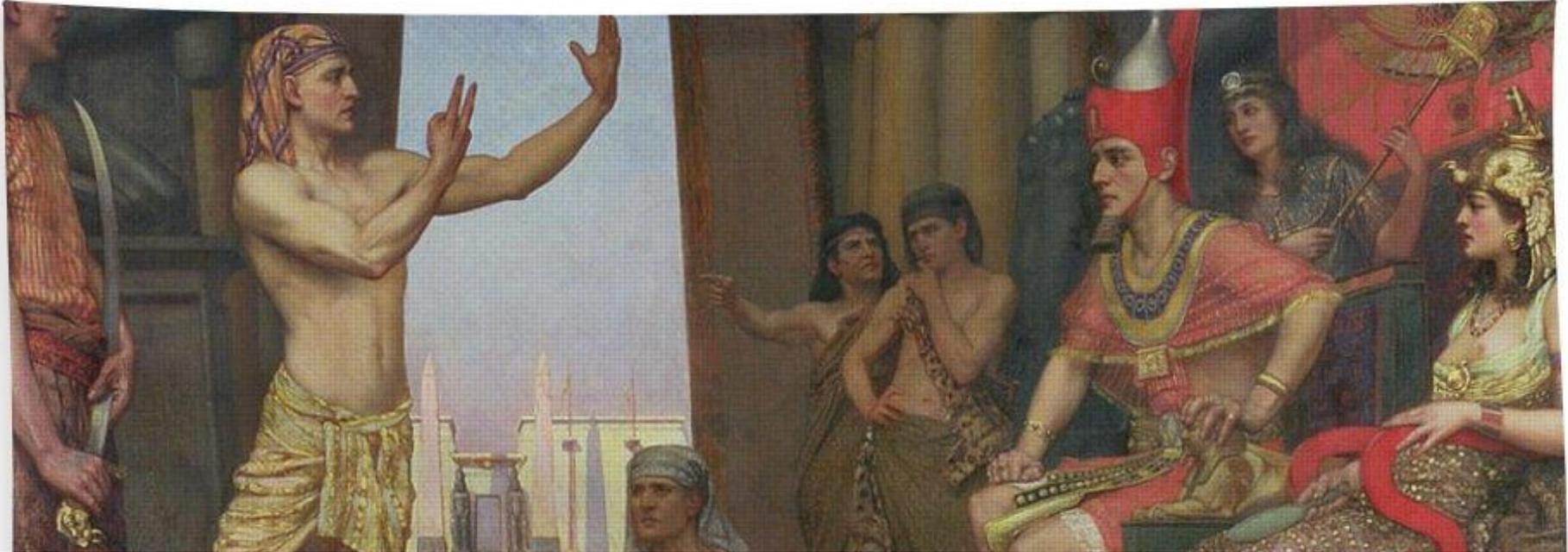
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²⁸ This is the thing which I have spoken unto Pharaoh: What God is about to do he sheweth unto Pharaoh.

²⁹ Behold, there come seven years of great plenty throughout all the land of Egypt:

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³⁰ And there shall arise after them seven years of famine; and all the plenty shall be forgotten in the land of Egypt; and the famine shall consume the land;
³¹ And the plenty shall not be known in the land by reason of that famine following; for it shall be very grievous

PRESERVING THE HARVEST

Basic Biblical Principles:

1. Why should we preserve our food?

God gave Joseph the interpretation of Pharaoh's dream that if he obeyed the counsel of God, the people will be fed during the seven years of plenty as well in the seven years of famine.

God promises to take us from among the heathen, or the world into our own land. He promises to give us a new heart and to put His Spirit within us, so that we may walk in His statues, keep His judgements and do them.

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Basic Biblical Principles:

2. Did Jesus tell us that before his coming that there will be famines?

Jesus warned His disciples that there would be various things happening in the world during the time of the destruction of Jerusalem, as well as in the last days. One of those things will be famines. We should take heed to the words of Christ.

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Basic Biblical Principles:

3. Could our lack of obedience in the last days cause us to bring a “famine” upon ourselves?

- Unless we prepare for the no buy, no sell decree by growing and preserving our food, we could be creating a “famine” for ourselves in that time, in which God has warned us beforehand
- This means that if you decide to follow Christ and keep the 7th Day Sabbath, you will not be able to buy or sell anything.

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Basic Biblical Principles:

3. Could our lack of obedience in the last days cause us to bring a “famine” upon ourselves?

- You will not be able to purchase food, fuel, clothing or pay your electricity bill. You will not have car insurance, a cell phone, or any other thing that requires “funds” to have. Money will be of no use, if you do not have the mark of the beast. Food will be of greater value than money.

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Basic Biblical Principles:

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Rev 13:15-17.

¹⁵ And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed.

¹⁶ And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads:

¹⁷ And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name.”

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This is why God through the Bible and the Spirit of Prophecy has given us instructions on how to prepare for this time. We are to obey God's instruction not out of fear, but out of love. Jesus says, "If ye love me, keep my commandments" John 14:15.

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The earth has blessings hidden in her depths for those who have courage and will and perseverance to gather her treasures. Fathers and mothers who possess a piece of land and a comfortable home are kings and queens. {CL 18.2}

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He has never left his people without escape.

“I sought the Lord, and he heard me, and **delivered me** from all my fears.” Psalms 34:4.

Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted *worthy to escape all these things that shall come*

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Wherever fruit can be grown in abundance, a liberal supply should be prepared for winter, **by canning or drying**. Small fruits, such as currants, gooseberries, strawberries, raspberries, and blackberries, can be grown to advantage in many places where they are but little used, and their cultivation is neglected. CD 311.3

For household canning, **glass, rather than tin cans**, should be used whenever possible. It is especially necessary that the fruit for canning should be in good condition. Use little sugar, and cook the fruit only long enough to ensure its preservation. Thus prepared, it is an excellent substitute for fresh fruit.

CD311.4

Canning At Home



Is It Worth It?



DAY 5 – What to do when God gives you a country Home - Part II



The 3 GREAT PILLARS OF COUNTRY LIVING

Water Source



Heat Source



Food Source



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Water Sources

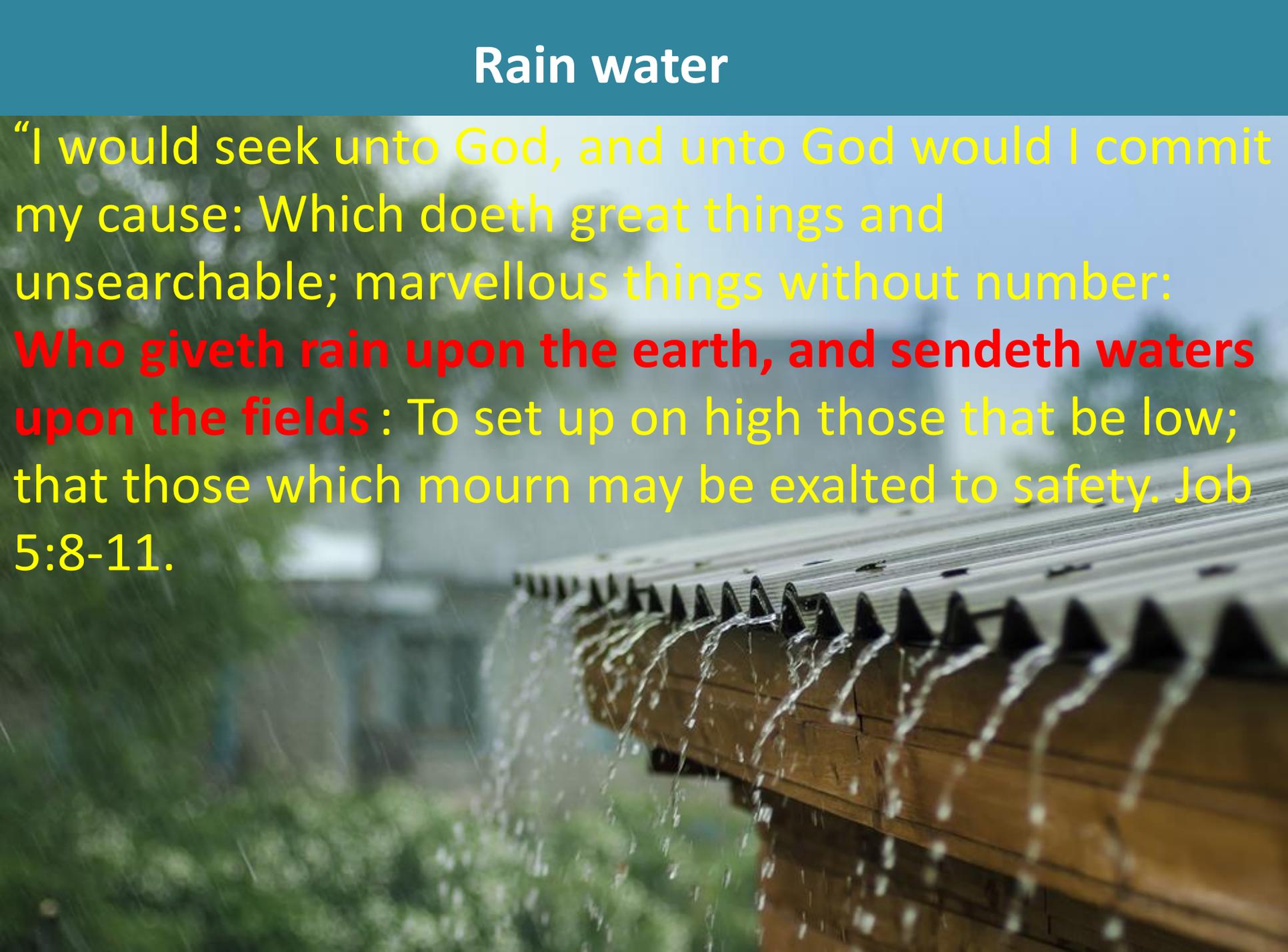
1. Rain water harvesting
2. Surface water - River , Spring water
3. Underground water - Well, borehole

1. Rain water



Rain water

“I would seek unto God, and unto God would I commit my cause: Which doeth great things and unsearchable; marvellous things without number: **Who giveth rain upon the earth, and sendeth waters upon the fields** : To set up on high those that be low; that those which mourn may be exalted to safety. Job 5:8-11.



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Domestic use – cooking, drinking, washing



Agricultural – irrigation



The 3 GREAT PILLARS OF COUNTRY LIVING

Water Source

ENERGEY SOURCE

Food Source



ENERGY SOURCE - Trees



ENERGY Source – Solar, Wind



2. Electricity Generation
- For lighting, house hold devices such as blenders, drilling, water pump, computers



ENERGY USES

1. **Cooking (Three stone, electric, gas, charcoal)**
2. **Water purification – boiling**
3. **Electricity for Lighting, household devices**
4. **Heating House heating during cold seasons**

ENERGY USES

1. Cooking (Three stone, electric, gas, charcoal)



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Food Source – Grow your own food



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Financial Support While In the Country – Sources of Income

- 1) Agriculture
- 2) Food Industries
- 3) Trades

Financial Support While In the Country

The Snares of Satan

As the people of God approach the perils of the last days, Satan holds earnest consultation with his angels as to the most successful plan of overthrowing their faith. He sees that the popular churches are already lulled to sleep by his deceptive power. By pleasing sophistry and lying wonders he can continue to hold them under his control. Therefore he directs his angels to lay their snares especially for those who are looking for the second advent of Christ and endeavoring to keep all the commandments of God.

The Snares of Satan

Says the great deceiver: "**We must watch those who are calling the attention of the people to the Sabbath of Jehovah**; they will lead many to see the claims of the law of God; and the same light which reveals the true Sabbath reveals also the ministration of Christ in the heavenly sanctuary, and shows that the last work for man's salvation is now going forward. **Hold the minds of the people in darkness till that work is ended, and we shall secure the world and the church also.**

The Snares of Satan

"I will influence popular ministers to turn the attention of their hearers from the commandments of God. That which the Scriptures declare to be a perfect law of liberty shall be represented as a yoke of bondage. The people accept their minister's explanations of Scripture and do not investigate for themselves. Therefore, by working through the ministers, I can control the people according to my will.

The Snares of Satan

"But our principal concern is to silence this sect of Sabbath keepers. We must excite popular indignation against them. We will enlist great men and worldly-wise men upon our side, and induce those in authority to carry out our purposes....

The Snares of Satan

"But before proceeding to these extreme measures, we must exert all our wisdom and subtlety to deceive and ensnare those who honor the true Sabbath. We can separate many from Christ by worldliness, lust, and pride. They may think themselves safe because they believe the truth, but indulgence of appetite or the lower passions, which will confuse judgment and destroy discrimination, will cause their fall.

The Snares of Satan

"Go, make the possessors of lands and money drunk with the cares of this life. Present the world before them in its most attractive light, that they may lay up their treasure here and fix their affections upon earthly things. **We must do our utmost to prevent those who labor in God's cause from obtaining means to use against us. Keep the money in our own ranks.**

The Snares of Satan

The more means they obtain, the more they will injure our kingdom by taking from us our subjects. Make them care more for money than for the upbuilding of Christ's kingdom and the spread of the truths we hate, and we need not fear their influence; for we know that every selfish, covetous person will fall under our power, and will finally be separated from God's people. 4SP 339.2

Agriculture - Oranges



3. Agriculture – Pear Tree



3. Agriculture – Apple Farming



3. Agriculture – Lemon Tree



3. Agriculture – Pine Tree



3. Agriculture – Casuarina Tree



3. Food Industries – Tomatoes



3. Food Industries– Vegetable drying



3. Food Industries – Mangoes



Mango Processing



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Food Industries– Pineapples



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Avocados





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Water Melons



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Trades:

Carpentry

Masonry

Plumbing

Electrical

Sewing

Publishing

Trades: Carpentry



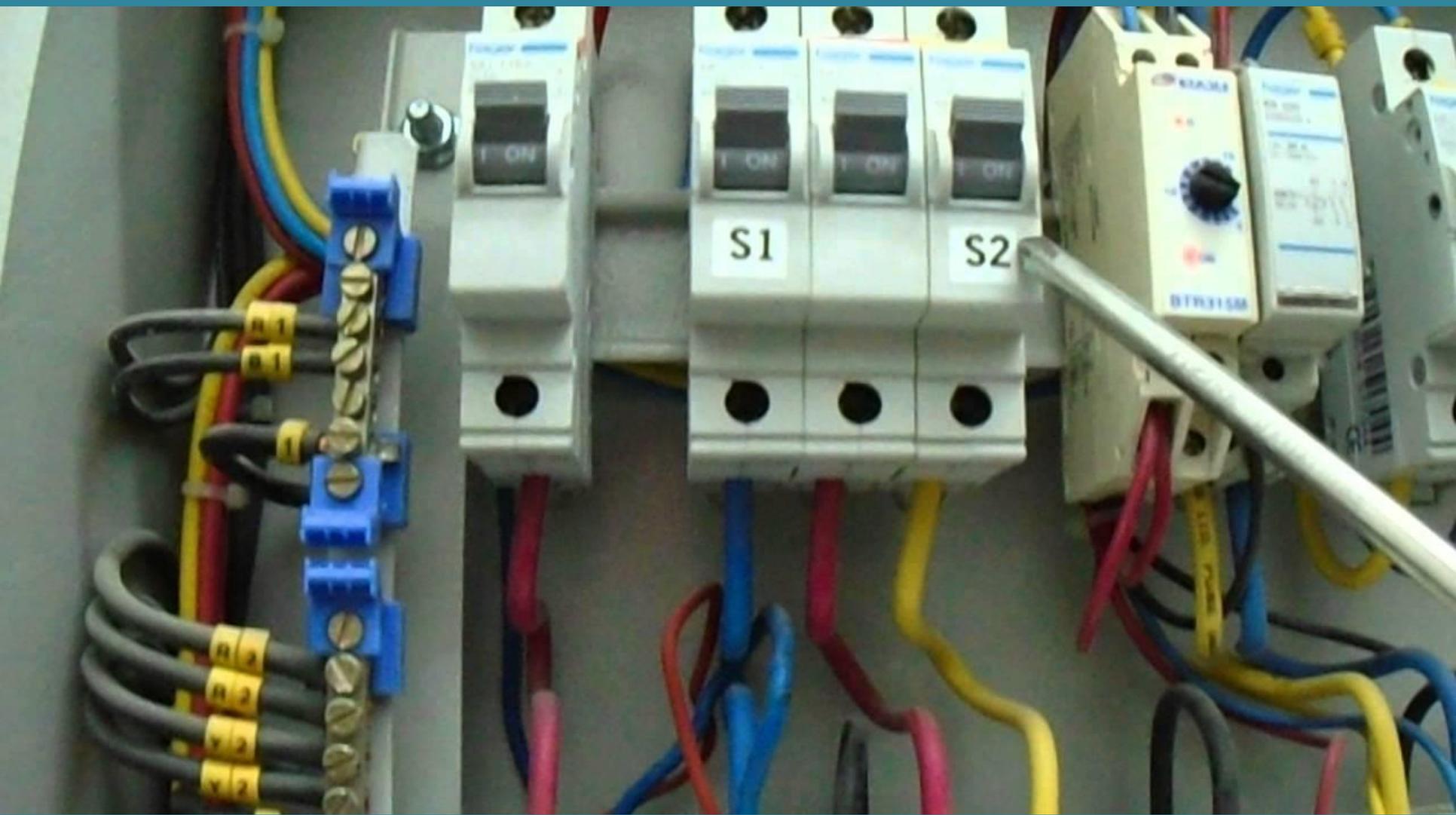
Trades: Masonry



Trades: Plumbing



Trades: Electrical



Trades: Publishing



Lay members to go Forth

There is a much greater work devolving upon the individual members of the church than they realize. They are not awake to the claims of God. The time has come when every means should be devised that can aid in preparing a people to stand in the day of God. We must be wide awake, refusing to let precious opportunities pass unimproved. We must do all that we possibly can to win souls to love God and keep His commandments. Jesus requires this of those who know the truth. Is His demand unreasonable? Have we not the life of Christ as our example? Do we not owe the Saviour a debt of love, of earnest, unselfish labor for the salvation of those for whom He gave His life?

Lay members to go Forth

Many of the members of our large churches are doing comparatively nothing. They might accomplish a good work if, instead of crowding together, they would scatter into places that have not yet been entered by the truth. **Trees that are planted too thickly do not flourish. They are transplanted by the gardener, that they may have room to grow and not become dwarfed and sickly.** The same rule would work well for our large churches. Many of the members are dying spiritually for want of this very work. They are becoming sickly and inefficient. Transplanted, they would have room to grow strong and vigorous.

Lay members to go Forth

It is not the purpose of God that His people should colonize or settle together in large communities. The disciples of Christ are His representatives upon the earth, and God designs that they shall be scattered all over the country, in the towns, cities, and villages, as lights amidst the darkness of the world. **They are to be missionaries for God, by their faith and works testifying to the near approach of the coming Saviour.**

Lay members to go Forth

The lay members of our churches can accomplish a work which, as yet, they have scarcely begun. None should move into new places merely for the sake of worldly advantage; but where there is an opening to obtain a livelihood, let families that are well grounded in the truth enter, one or two families in a place, to work as missionaries.

Lay members to go Forth

They should feel a love for souls, a burden of labor for them, and should make it a study how to bring them into the truth. They can distribute our publications, hold meetings in their homes, become acquainted with their neighbors, and invite them to come to these meetings. Thus they can let their light shine in good works.-- Testimonies, vol. 8, pp. 244, 245.

