

WHAT IS 7TH DAY ADVENTISM?

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A congregation may be the poorest in the land. It may be without the attraction of any outward show; **but if the members possess the principles of the character of Christ, they will have His joy in their souls. Angels will unite with them in their worship.** The praise and thanksgiving from grateful hearts will ascend to God as a sweet oblation. {COL 298.3}



"From the beginning, faithful souls have constituted the church on earth. In every age the Lord has had His watchmen, who have borne a faithful testimony to the generation in which they lived. These sentinels gave the message of warning; and when they were called to lay off their armor, others took up the work. ***God brought these witnesses into covenant relation with Himself, uniting the church on earth with the church in heaven.*** He has sent forth His angels to minister to His church, and the gates of hell have not been able to prevail against His people." {AA 11.2}



Matthew 10:16-25 King James Version (KJV)

¹⁶ Behold, I send you forth as sheep in the midst of wolves: be ye therefore wise as serpents, and harmless as doves. ¹⁷ But beware of men: for they will deliver you up to the councils, and they will scourge you in their synagogues; ¹⁸ And ye shall be brought before governors and kings for my sake, for a testimony against them and the Gentiles. ¹⁹ But when they deliver you up, take no thought how or what ye shall speak: for it shall be given you in that same hour what ye shall speak. ²⁰ For it is not ye that speak, but the Spirit of your Father which speaketh in you. ²¹ And the brother shall deliver up the brother to death, and the father the child: and the children shall rise up against their parents, and cause them to be put to death. ²² And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake: but he that endureth to the end shall be saved. ²³ But when they persecute you in this city, flee ye into another: for verily I say unto you, Ye shall not have gone over the cities of Israel, till the Son of man be come. ²⁴ The disciple is not above his master, nor the servant above his lord. ²⁵ It is enough for the disciple that he be as his master, and the servant as his lord. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebub, how much more shall they call them of his household?



John 16:1: These things have I spoken unto you, that ye should not be offended. 2: They shall put you out of the synagogues: yea, the time cometh, that whosoever killeth you will think that he doeth God service. 3: And these things will they do unto you, because they have not known the Father, nor me.



I was shown the necessity of those who believe that we are having the last message of mercy, being separate from those who are daily imbibing new errors. I saw that neither young nor old should attend their meetings; for it is wrong to thus encourage them while they teach error that is a deadly poison to the soul and teach for doctrines the commandments of men. The influence of such gatherings is not good. **If God has delivered us from such darkness and error, we should stand fast in the liberty wherewith He has set us free and rejoice in the truth. God is displeased with us when we go to listen to error, without being obliged to go; for unless He sends us to those meetings where error is forced home to the people by the power of the will, He will not keep us.** The angels cease their watchful care over us, and we are left to the buffetings of the enemy, to be darkened and weakened by him and the power of his evil angels; and the light around us becomes contaminated with the darkness. {EW 124.3}



Our Purpose



To be guardians and promulgators of truth

“The church in the wilderness,” and not the proud hierarchy enthroned in the world's great capital, was the true church of Christ, the guardian of the treasures of truth which God has committed to His people to be given to the world.” GC 64



Said our Saviour: "Take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and so that day come upon you unawares. For as a snare shall it come on all them that dwell on the face of the whole earth"--upon all whose interests are centered in this world. "Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man." Luke 21:34-36. {PP 166.2}

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- I saw that God has honest children among the nominal Adventists and the fallen churches, and before the plagues shall be poured out, ministers and people will be called out from these churches and will gladly receive the truth. Satan knows this; and before the loud cry of the third angel is given, he raises an excitement in these religious bodies, that those who have rejected the truth may think that God is with them. He hopes to deceive the honest and lead them to think that God is still working for the churches. But the light will shine, and all who are honest will leave the fallen churches, and take their stand with the remnant. {EW 261.1}

- Romans 2:25: For circumcision verily profiteth, if thou keep the law: but if thou be a breaker of the law, thy circumcision is made uncircumcision. 26: Therefore if the uncircumcision keep the righteousness of the law, shall not his uncircumcision be counted for circumcision? 27: And shall not uncircumcision which is by nature, if it fulfil the law, judge thee, who by the letter and circumcision dost transgress the law? 28: For he is not a Jew, which is one outwardly; neither is that circumcision, which is outward in the flesh: 29: But he is a Jew, which is one inwardly; and circumcision is that of the heart, in the spirit, and not in the letter; whose praise is not of men, but of God.

- The last church to which John was bidden to send a message was Laodicea. ***The messages to Sardis and to Philadelphia, separately cover a period extending to the second coming of Christ;*** but in addition to the experiences portrayed in the fifth and sixth messages, that which is directed to Laodicea is also applicable.....
{1905 SNH, SSP 86.2}

*James white, Volume 1 of The Second Advent Review and
Sabbath Herald, July 9, 1851,*

- “Behold I set before thee an open door.’ This door Christ opens, while He shuts another. **As the Philadelphia church applies to no other period than the time of the termination of the 2300 days, when Christ closed His work for the world in the Holy, and opened the door of the Holiest of all, the conclusion** seems irresistible that the open and shut door of Revelation 3:7, 8, refers to the change in the position and work of our great High Priest in the heavenly sanctuary.” {ND JW, PARA 18.2}

- September 1850 article by the Advent Review Publishing Committee, which was composed of Hiram Edson, David Arnold, George W. Holt, Samuel W. Rhodes, and James White
- **“Now just as sure as the Philadelphia church is the true church of the last days, just so sure the 144,000 are sealed, just before the coming of the Lord.” *The Advent Review, volume 1, 1850.***
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- {Rev 14:1-5 quoted}. ***This Scripture represents the character of the people of God for these last days. The everlasting gospel is to be preached, and it is to be practiced in true missionary work carried forward not after the wisdom that men may devise, but after the wisdom of God.*** All who walk in safe paths are to understand that the third angel's message is of consequence to the whole world, and must be carried to the world in clear, straight lines, and in its distinctive features, as Christ revealed it to John. {18MR 28.1}



**Where did Laodicea Come
from?**

Letter to Bro. Snow from J. D. Pickands.

Akron, Ohio, June 9

Dear Bro. Snow:--I have frequently thought I would write to you---your paper is received here and read with much pleasure and profit, and at length I am obliged to decide in what company I will be found. I did hope, when I visited the Eastern bands last winter that the differences, which I could not but see, would soon end, and peace be restored. I became convinced the time of consolidation had passed by, and the power of God's people was scattered. Still I hoped the brethren would continue to love each other, and stand firm in the truth. But a great change has come over our affairs. In spite of every effort to prevent it, a separation has occurred. The attempt made at Albany to heal the breach has but consummated the division. God's, Word cannot be broken: you know we have in the 2nd and 3rd chapters of Rev a series of letters addressed to the seven churches, showing seven successive eras or stages of the people of God. The last in order is the Laodicean state. It has generally been supposed by Adventists that the Philadelphia church came out of the Sardis church about 1840, and the mass that remained behind we called ... that same body 'Babylon. I have no doubt we called the nominal church by her true name 'Babylon,' in accordance with Scripture. The evidences on that point are overwhelming. {June 19, 1845 SSSe, JUBST 119.9}

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- ..the Laodicean church is to follow after and come out of the Philadelphia church. Can this be possible? Why if it is so we can see clearly some things which before were more or less obscured. If the Laodicean state is the last before the actual coming of the son of Man, well may he ask, 'shall he find faith on the earth?' {June 19, 1845 SSSe, JUBST 119.10}
- I have said the Laodicean church comes out of the Philadelphia state... I know we are severely blamed for our incredulity on this subject. {June 19, 1845 SSSe, JUBST 119.11}

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□ We are to look for a people who will not be opposed to Christ's coming--not of Babylon, and yet not 'extravagant', nor 'fanatical,' nor 'ultra,' a people who will be full of self-sufficiency, 'rich, and increased in goods, and having need of nothing,' yet ignorant of the fact that they are in reality wretched, miserable, poor, blind, and naked---objects of compassion, and exciting pity in the minds of God, and of all who sympathize with Him. Where will you find that people? or have they not yet made their appearance? Say, my brother, where are they? There is to be a church of this description, not a few scattered back-sliders from the Philadelphia church, but a body,---shall I say an organized body? We know that organization is not essential to a church, for there was a church in the Apostles' days without organization, and we have called ourselves the Church of Philadelphia, while having no organization for many months. But there must be a body; and organization, though not necessary, will not hinder nor nullify their claim. Perhaps we should not expect that church to come out at once, and in a body; or at least not afford some note of preparation. The members of that church are in a back-slidden or lukewarm state. That state is not reached at one leap. A series of steps usually leads to such a condition; and in the meantime repeated indications will show to the careful observer something of the process going on. A variety of causes must be in operation to bring about such extensive results. Perhaps we may see the mystery of certain occurrences in the Advent ranks, explained by the results. How wonderful are God's ways,--how sure his Word---how glorious his truth! We will rejoice and be glad in the Lord always! {June 19, 1845 SSSe, JUBST 120.2}

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- It is astonishing to me that any Adventist can think of making terms with the world or the nominal church. We have long since passed that line, beyond which there is for us no hope of mercy from them, except upon the shameful, awful, fatal condition of apostacy! I fully agree with my dear Bro. Matthias, that we either have been led by the Spirit of God, and have had His divine approbation;--are right in our views and conduct, or we are the most wicked of all this ungodly generation! Our offences against the professed ministry and church of Christ are indeed of no common character. There is no middle ground,--there never was any middle ground between truth and falsehood, between God and the devil! {June 19, 1845 SSSe, JUBST 120.3}
- I presume you are by this time well aware that all the power of the Laodicean church will go against you and your paper You need not be surprised to find yourself in a very 'lean minority,' nor to find your successful opponents rejoicing in their numbers and strength. I recommend for your consolation Jer. ix. 23, 24. {June 19, 1845 SSSe, JUBST 120.4}

- 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. By uniting with the world and partaking of its spirit, they have come to view matters in nearly the same light; and when the test is brought, they are prepared to choose the easy, popular side. Men of talent and pleasing address, who once rejoiced in the truth, employ their powers to deceive and mislead souls. They become the most bitter enemies of their former brethren. When Sabbathkeepers are brought before the courts to answer for their faith, these apostates are the most efficient agents of Satan to misrepresent and accuse them, and by false reports and insinuations to stir up the rulers against them. {GC 608.2}

Literal Laodicea

Those who have sinned against great light are not left without a message of warning and mercy. God says to them: [Revelation 3:15-22, quoted]. {16MR 12.1}

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- **This is the testimony borne concerning the church at Laodicea. This church had been faithfully instructed. In his letter to the Colossians, Paul wrote: "Epaphras, who is one of you, a servant of Christ, saluteth you, always laboring fervently for you in prayers, that ye may stand perfect and complete in all the will of God. For I bear him record, that he hath a great zeal for you, and them that are in Laodicea, and them in Hierapolis."**

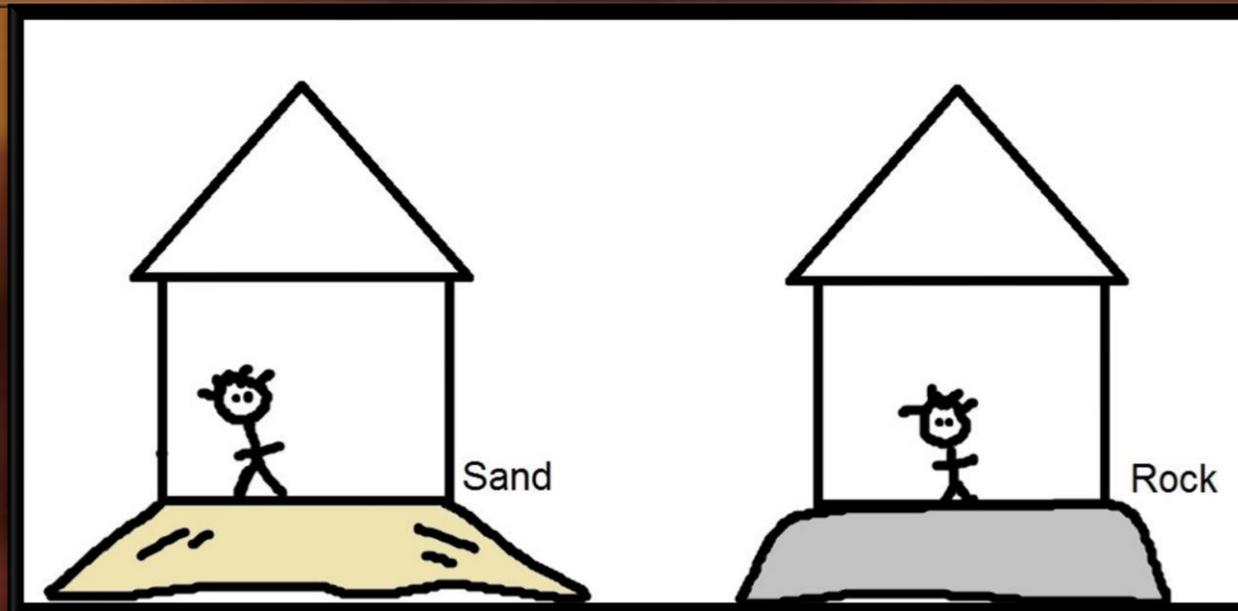
{16MR 12.2}

- Much excellent labor was bestowed upon the Laodicean church. To them was given the exhortation, "Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect." ***But the church did not follow up the work begun by God's messengers. They heard, but they failed to appropriate the truth to themselves, and to carry out the instruction given them.*** The result that followed is the result always sure to follow the rejection of the Lord's warnings and entreaties. {16MR 12.3}



Manuscript 129, 1905.

“We cannot now step off the foundation that God has established. We cannot now enter into any new organization; for this would mean apostasy from the truth.—”





**Who are Laodicea and
what is their End?**

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FOOLISH VIRGINS, LAODICEA

“The state of the Church represented by the foolish virgins, is also spoken of as the Laodicean state.” Review and Herald, August 19, 1890.

If the church of God becomes lukewarm, it does not stand in favor with God any more than do the churches that are represented as having fallen and become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and the cage of every unclean and hateful bird. {Lt35-1898}

- *“The message to the Laodiceans is applicable to **SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS** who have great light and have not walked in the light.”*
(2 Selected Messages p. 66

□ I ask the church, Will you remain in the condition of the Laodicean church, or will you change your position? In the name of the Lord I call upon every family to show its true colors. Reform the church in your own home. Let your conversation be pure and elevating.
{Ms119-1901}

If God is not in her Presence what is she?

- Cleansing of the Camp. We must as a people arouse and cleanse the camp of Israel. Licentiousness, unlawful intimacy, and unholy practices are coming in among us in a large degree; and ministers who are handling sacred things are guilty of sin in this respect. They are coveting their neighbors' wives, and the seventh commandment is broken. We are in danger of becoming a sister to fallen Babylon, of allowing our churches to become corrupted, and filled with every foul spirit, a cage for every unclean and hateful bird; and will we be clear unless we make decided movements to cure the existing evil? {TSB 188.3}



Did the Jewish church ever become a harlot?

It was by departure from the Lord, and alliance with the heathen, that the Jewish church became a harlot; and Rome, corrupting herself in like manner by seeking the support of worldly powers, receives a like condemnation. {GC88 382.2}



What do you do with a harlot?

Matthew 5:32: But I say unto you, That whosoever shall put away his wife, saving for the cause of fornication, causeth her to commit adultery: and whosoever shall marry her that is divorced committeth adultery.



The people whom God had called to be the pillar and ground of the truth had become representatives of Satan. They were doing the work that he desired them to do, taking a course to misrepresent the character of God, and cause the world to look upon Him as a tyrant. The very priests who ministered in the temple had lost sight of the significance of the service they performed. They had ceased to look beyond the symbol to the thing signified. In presenting the sacrificial offerings they were as actors in a play. The ordinances which God Himself had appointed were made the means of blinding the mind and hardening the heart. **God could do no more for man through these channels. The whole system must be swept away.** {DA 36.2}



The enemy of souls has sought to bring in the supposition that a great reformation was to take place among Seventh-day Adventists, and that this reformation would consist in giving up the doctrines which stand as the pillars of our faith, and engaging in a process of reorganization. Were this reformation to take place, what would result? The principles of truth that God in His wisdom has given to the remnant church, would be discarded. Our religion would be changed. The fundamental principles that have sustained the work for the last fifty years would be accounted as error. A new organization would be established. Books of a new order would be written. A system of intellectual philosophy would be introduced. The founders of this system would go into the cities, and do a wonderful work. The Sabbath of course, would be lightly regarded, as also the God who created it. Nothing would be allowed to stand in the way of the new movement. The leaders would teach that virtue is better than vice, but God being removed, they would place their dependence on human power, which, without God, is worthless. **Their foundation would be built on the sand, and storm and tempest would sweep away the structure. {1SM 204.2}**



A People Unchurched

When and what caused the Unchurching?

“When Christ cried out, ‘it is finished,’ the Holy Watcher that was an unseen guest at Belshazzar’s feast pronounced the Jewish nation to be a nation **unchurched**. The same hand that traced on the wall the characters that recorded Belshazzar’s doom and the end of the Babylonian kingdom, rent the veil of the temple from top to bottom, opening a new and living way for all, high and low, rich and poor, Jew and Gentile. From henceforth people might come to God without priest or ruler.”
5BC 1109

“They cried out for the crucifixion of Christ and, as **representatives** of the Jewish nation, **placed themselves under** the Roman jurisdiction, which they despised, by **saying** ‘We have no king but Caesar.’ **When they said this they unchurched themselves.**” MR 999-4

The unchurching happened when the church fornicated with the Kings of the earth as we learned above. “When she united with the state, she fell and, as an organization, was the body of Christ no longer.” The call to “come out of her my people” was made and approximately 50 days later we have this recorded:

Act 2:41 ...the same day there were added *unto them* about three thousand souls.

Not going through

Matthew 23:13: But woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye shut up the kingdom of heaven against men: for ye neither go in yourselves, neither suffer ye them that are entering to go in.

Luke 11:52 Woe unto you, lawyers! for ye have taken away the key of knowledge: ye entered not in yourselves, and them that were entering in ye hindered.

Just a name

Revelation :3:1: And unto the angel of the church in Sardis write; These things saith he that hath the seven Spirits of God, and the seven stars; I know thy works, that thou hast a name that thou livest, and art dead.

Synagogue of Satan

Revelation 2:9: I know thy works, and tribulation, and poverty, (but thou art rich) and I know the blasphemy of them which say they are Jews, and are not, but are the synagogue of Satan.

Revelation 3:9: Behold, I will make them of the synagogue of Satan, which say they are Jews, and are not, but do lie; behold, I will make them to come and worship before thy feet, and to know that I have loved thee.

Not going through

You think, that those who worship before the saint's feet, (Revelation 3:9), will at last be saved. Here I must differ with you; *for God shew me that this class were professed Adventists, who had fallen away, and "crucified to themselves the Son of God afresh, and put him to an open shame." And in the "hour of temptation,"* which is yet to come, to show out every one's true character, they will know that they are forever lost; and overwhelmed with anguish of spirit, they will bow at the saint's feet. {WLF 12.2}



What then?

Finishing the Reformation

- Thus the Waldenses witnessed for God centuries before the birth of Luther. Scattered over many lands, they planted the seeds of the Reformation that began in the time of Wycliffe, grew broad and deep in the days of Luther, and is to be carried forward to the close of time by those who also are willing to suffer all things for "the word of God, and for the testimony of Jesus Christ." Revelation 1:9. {GC 78.1}

Finishing the Reformation

- The Reformation did not, as many suppose, end with Luther. It is to be continued to the close of this world's history. ...From that time to this, new light has been continually shining upon the Scriptures, and new truths have been constantly unfolding. {GC 148.4}

Finishing the Reformation

- **Christ was a protestant.** He protested against the formal worship of the Jewish nation, who rejected the counsel of God against themselves. He told them that they taught for doctrines the commandments of men, and that they were pretenders and hypocrites. Like whited sepulchers they were beautiful without, but within full of impurity and corruption. {RH, June 1, 1886 par. 14}

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- **The Reformers date back to Christ and the apostles.** They came out and separated themselves from a religion of forms and ceremonies. **Luther and his followers did not invent the reformed religion. They simply accepted it as presented by Christ and the apostles.** The Bible is presented to us as a sufficient guide; but the pope and his workers remove it from the people as if it were a curse, because it exposes their pretensions and rebukes their idolatry. {RH, June 1, 1886 par. 14}

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**Who are to finish
the Work?**

The great and wonderful work of the last gospel message is to be carried on now as it has never been before. The world is to receive the light of truth through an evangelizing ministry of the word in our books and periodicals. Our publications are to show that the end of all things is at hand. I am bidden to say to our publishing houses: "Lift up the standard; lift it up higher. Proclaim the third angel's message, that it may be heard by all the world. Let it be seen that 'here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus.' Revelation 14:12. Let our literature give the message as a witness to all the world." {9T 61.1}

Let those who would follow Christ fully come up to the work, even if it be over the heads of ministers and president. {5T 369.2}

The medical missionary workers are doing the long-neglected work which God gave to the church in Battle Creek --they are giving the last call to the supper which He has prepared. {8T 71.1} My brethren, why do you keep so many things bound up in Battle Creek? Why do you not take the tract and missionary work into other cities, where there is much missionary work to be done? {8T 71.2} The many interests centering in Battle Creek should be divided and subdivided, and placed in other cities. You who think you are wise men may say: "It will cost too much. We can do the work here in Battle Creek at less expense." Well, does not the Lord know all this? Is not He a God who understands all the unbelieving reasoning that holds so many interests in Battle Creek? He has revealed to you that centers should be made in all the cities. This would call many out of Battle Creek to work in other places. {8T 71.3} In order to be carried forward aright, the medical missionary work needs talent. It requires strong, willing hands, and wise, discriminating management. But can this be while those in responsible places--presidents of conferences and ministers --bar the way? {8T 71.4} The Lord says to the presidents of conferences and to other influential brethren: "Remove the stumbling blocks that have been placed before the people." {8T 71.5}

Time is short, and there is a great work to be done. If you feel no interest in the work that is going forward, if you will not encourage medical missionary work in the churches, it will be done without your consent; for it is the work of God, and it must be done. My brethren and sisters, take your position on the Lord's side and be earnest, active, courageous co-workers with Christ, laboring with Him to seek and save the lost. {8T 75.2}

Let not those who preach the word lay their hands upon the humblest worker and say: "You must labor in this channel or not work at all." Hands off, brethren. Let everyone work in his own sphere, with his own armor on, doing whatever he can do in his humble way. Strengthen his hands in the work. This is no time for pharisaism to control. Let God work through whom He will. The message must go. {5T 461.2}

Time is short, and our forces must be organized to do a larger work. Laborers are needed who comprehend the greatness of the work and who will engage in it, not for the wages they receive, but from a realization of the nearness of the end. The time demands greater efficiency and deeper consecration. Oh, I am so full of this subject that I cry to God: "Raise up and send forth messengers filled with a sense of their responsibility, messengers in whose hearts self-idolatry, which lies at the foundation of all sin, has been crucified." {9T 27.2}

God wants minute-men. He will have men who, when important decisions are to be made, are as true as the needle to the pole; men whose special and personal interests are swallowed up, as were our Saviour's, in the one great general interest for the salvation of souls. {GW92 377.2}

The greatest want of the world is the want of men,--men who will not be bought or sold; men who in their inmost souls are true and honest; men who do not fear to call sin by its right name; men whose conscience is as true to duty as the needle to the pole; men who will stand for the right though the heavens fall.--Education, p. 57. (1903) {CM 54.4}

IRREGULAR LINES

Shall the "regular lines", which say that every mind shall be controlled by two or three minds at Battle Creek, continue to bear sway? The Macedonian cry is coming from every quarter. Shall men go to the "regular lines" to see whether they will be permitted to labor, or shall they go out and work as best they can, depending on their own abilities and on the help of the Lord, beginning in a humble way and creating an interest in the truth in places in which nothing has been done to give the warning message? {SpM 176.5}

"God calls for a revival and a reformation. The 'regular lines' have not done the work which God desires to see accomplished. Let revival and reformation make constant changes. Something has been done in this line, but let not the work stop here. No; let every yoke be broken. Let men awaken to the realization that they have an individual responsibility. {GCB, April 11, 1903 par. 5}

"The present showing is sufficient to prove to all who have the true missionary spirit that the 'regular lines' may prove a failure and a snare. God helping His people, the circle of kings who dared to take such great responsibilities shall never again exercise their unsanctified power in the so-called 'regular lines.' Too much power has been invested in unrevived, unreformed, human agencies." {GCB, April 11, 1903 par. 6}

The situation was again presented, and the urgency of occupying the fields that were presented to me, then being worked under the supervision of God, using Edson White as His agency to open the field. But there were no others that would think of touching that portion of the field or would engage in working it. Those who should have rejoiced to see something done were determined to give no recognition to Edson White or the work, because he did not work in the regular lines. God has presented before you how He regarded the regular lines. The regular lines had need to be broken as a potter's vessel is broken, and reconstructed.--Ms 29, 1903, pp. 1, 3. (General manuscript, "The Southern Work," Undated.) {3MR 264.3}

It is time that church members understood that everywhere there is a work to be done in the Lord's vineyard. No one is to wait for a regular process before they make any efforts. They should take up the work right where they are. There should be many at work in what are called "irregular lines." If one hundred laborers would step out of the "regular lines," and take up self-sacrificing work, such as Brother Shireman has done, souls would be won to the Lord. And the workers would understand by experience what it means to be laborers together with God. {SpM 195.5}

There is need of the laying of a foundation different from the foundation which has been laid in the past. We have heard much about everything moving in the regular lines. When we see that the 'regular lines' are purified and refined, that they bear the mold of the God of heaven, then it will be time to endorse these lines. But when we see that message after message given by God has been received and accepted, yet no change has been made, we know that new power must be brought into the regular lines. The management of the regular lines must be entirely changed, newly organized. There must be a committee, not composed of half a dozen men, but of representatives from all lines of our work, from our publishing house, from our educational institutions, and from our sanitariums, which have life in them, which are constantly working, constantly broadening. {GCB, April 10, 1903 par. 3}

Time is short, and there is a great work to be done. If you feel no interest in the work that is going forward, if you will not encourage medical missionary work in the churches, it will be done without your consent; for it is the work of God, and it must be done. My brethren and sisters, take your position on the Lord's side and be earnest, active, courageous co-workers with Christ, laboring with Him to seek and save the lost. {8T 75.2}

Complete separation.--The command found in revelation 18:4, "come out of her, my people," means to come out of those institutions which will place in the minds of our young people, principles which are apt to make them join the class of worshipers of which we read in 2 timothy 3:5: "having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof." As faithful watchmen, we should be just as desirous of getting our children out of the popular schools as we are to call the older people out of the popular churches. The popular churches are only a product of worldly education, so to get at the root of the matter, **we must separate ourselves from that which creates the condition in which all the religious world, at present, finds itself.** {Ph081 38.1}

I saw that those who profess the truth should hold the standard high, and induce others to come up to it. **I saw that some would have to walk the straight path alone.** Their companions and children will not walk the self-denying pathway with them. Patience and forbearance should ever characterize the lives of those lone pilgrims, following the example of their blessed Master. They will have many trials to endure, but they have a hope that makes the soul strong, that bears them up above the trials of earth, that elevates them above scorn, derision and reproach. **Those who possess a hope like this should never indulge a harsh, unkind spirit. This will only injure their own souls, and drive their friends farther from the truth. Treat them tenderly. Give them no occasion to reproach the cause of Christ; but never yield the truth to please any one. Be decided, be fixed, be established, be not of a doubtful mind. {2SG 266.1}**

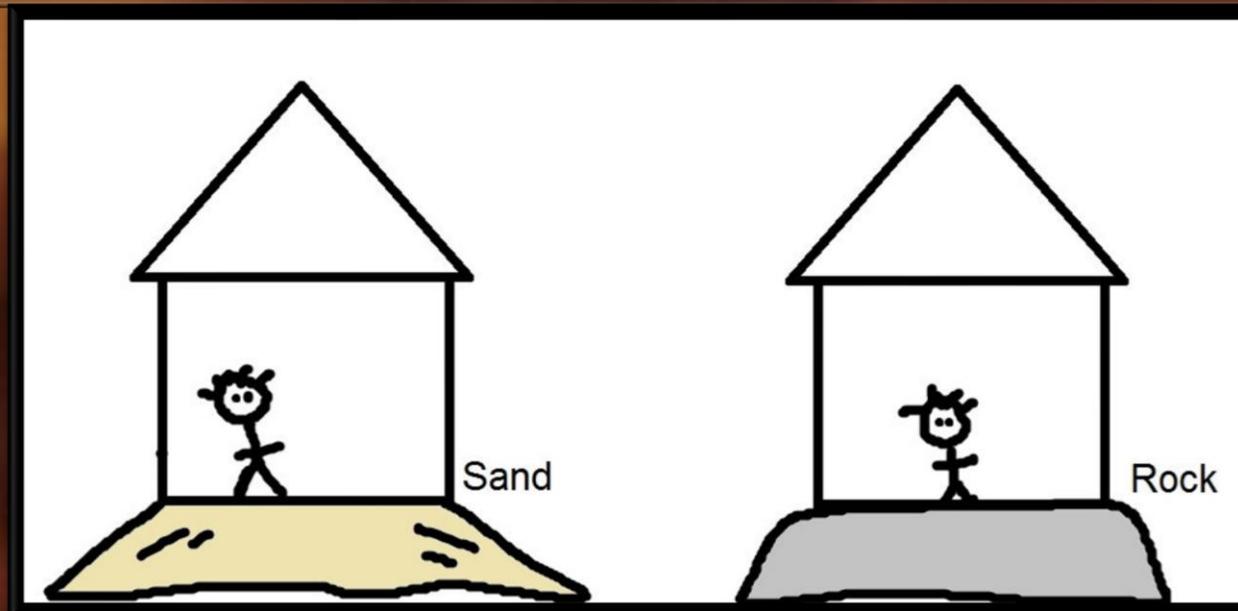
But if your companions and children will not come, if you cannot win them to yield to the claims of truth, make their lives here as pleasant as possible; for all they will ever enjoy will be this poor world. **But let not your duty to them interfere with your duty to God.** Pursue a straight-forward course. Let nothing they may do or say provoke an angry word from you. You have a hope that will yield you consolation amid the disappointments and trials of life. Your companions and children who will not be induced to tread the narrow, cross-bearing pathway with you, have not this divine consolation. They should have your pity, for this world is all the heaven they will have. {2SG 266.2}

The time is coming when we shall be separated and scattered, and each one of us will have to stand without the privilege of communion with those of like precious faith; and how can you stand unless God is by your side, and you know that He is leading and guiding you? Whenever we come to investigate Bible truth, the Master of assemblies is with us. The Lord does not leave the ship one moment to be steered by ignorant pilots. We may receive our orders from the Captain of our salvation.--Review and Herald, March 25, 1890.
{CW 42.1}



Manuscript 129, 1905.

“We cannot now step off the foundation that God has established. We cannot now enter into any new organization; for this would mean apostasy from the truth.—”



Stepped from what Foundation?

The Pillars of Our Faith

The entire message of Seventh-day Adventism rests upon these pillars and upon this foundation:

The Law/Sabbath
CW, pp. 30, 31

The Faith of Jesus
CW, pp. 30, 31

The Personalities of
God and of Christ
YRP, p. 235

The Sanctuary
GC, p. 409

The Non-immortality
of the Wicked
CW, pp. 30, 31

The Three Angels'
Messages
CW, pp. 30, 31

The Testimony
of Jesus
Testimonies, vol. 1, p. 300

**The foundation and central pillar of Adventism:
the sanctuary: *The Great Controversy*, p. 409**

**The foundation of our faith: Jesus is the Son of God
Matthew 16:13-19, *The Desire of Ages*, pp. 412, 413**

**Wisdom hath builded her house, she
hath hewn out her seven pillars. (Proverbs 9:1)**

Landmarks Removed

- Proverb:22:28: **Remove not the ancient landmark**, which thy fathers have set.
- Psalms:74:1: O God, why hast thou cast us off for ever? 2: **Remember thy congregation**, which thou hast purchased of old; the rod of thine inheritance, which thou hast redeemed; this mount Zion, wherein thou hast dwelt. 3: Lift up thy feet unto the **perpetual desolations; even all that the enemy hath done wickedly in the sanctuary**. 4: Thine enemies roar in the midst of thy congregations; **they set up their ensigns for signs**. 7: They have **cast fire into thy sanctuary**, they have defiled by casting down the dwelling place of thy name to the ground. 8: They said in their hearts, Let us destroy them together: they have burned up all the synagogues of God in the land. 9: **We see not our signs: there is no more any prophet**: neither is there among us any that knoweth how long.
- Those who seek to remove the old landmarks are not holding fast; they are not remembering how they have received and heard. Those who try to bring in theories that would remove the pillars of our faith concerning the sanctuary or concerning the personality of God or of Christ, are working as blind men. They are seeking to bring in uncertainties and to set the people of God adrift without an anchor.
{MR760 9.5}

Landmarks Removed

- Psalms:11:3: If the foundations be destroyed, what can the righteous do?