

# **COUNTRY LIVING**

**WHY COUNTRY LIVING?**

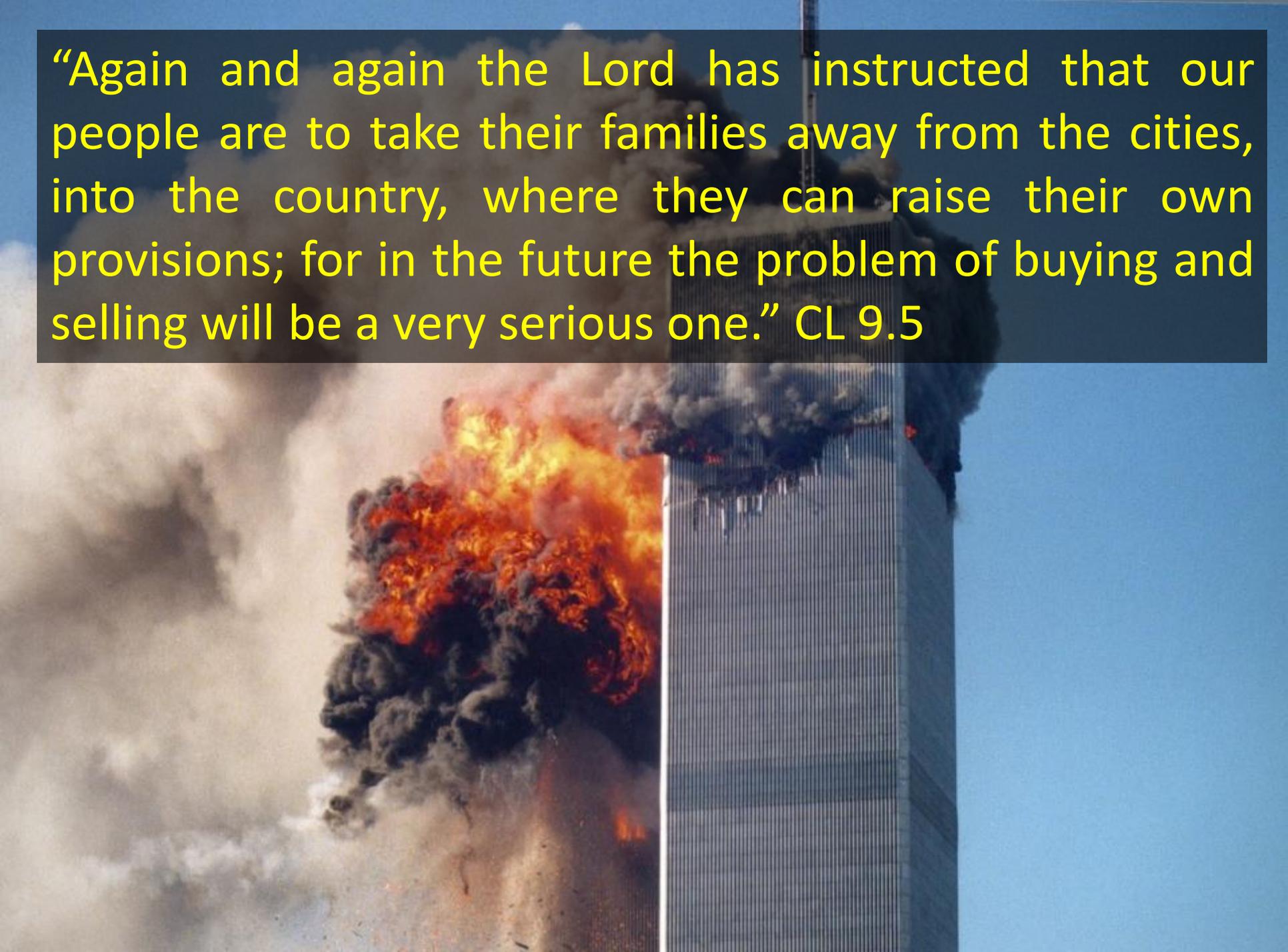
# WHY ?

*Why* do we need to leave the cities?

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**Q.** Why the need for these “Out of the Cities Meetings?”

**Answer:** “Educate our people to get out of the cities into the country, where they can obtain a small piece of land, and make a home for themselves and their children.” CL 10.4

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# WHY?

Why leave the cities (Secondary Reason) ?

# 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

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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 is near **when the large cities will be visited by the judgments of God.** In a little while these cities will be terribly shaken. No matter how large or how strong their buildings, no matter how many safeguards against fire may have been provided, let God touch these buildings, and **in a few minutes or a few hours they are in ruins.** 7T83.2

O that God's people had a sense of the **impending destruction of thousands of cities,** now almost given to idolatry! RH Sept 10, 1903.

“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?

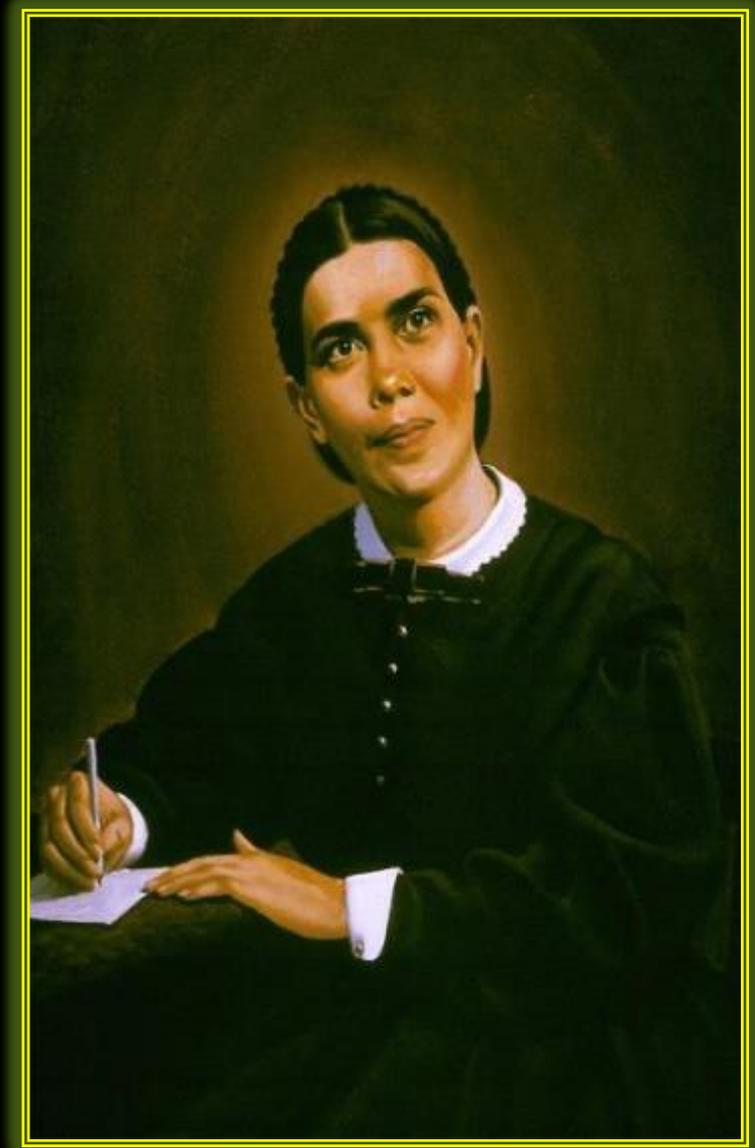
Q. *Why* leave the cities (**Secondary Reason**) ?

A. To escape God's impending judgments

# WHY?

Why leave the cities (Primary Reason) ?

*“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*





When Satan heard that enmity should exist between himself and the woman, and between his seed and her seed, he knew that his work of depraving human nature would be INTERRUPTED; that by some means man would be enabled to resist his power. Yet as the PLAN OF SALVATION was more fully unfolded, Satan rejoiced with his angels that, having caused man's fall, he could bring down the Son of God from His exalted position. He declared that his plans had thus far been successful upon the earth, and that when Christ should take upon Himself human nature, He also might be overcome, and thus the redemption of the fallen race might be prevented."PP66.1



“Satan was exulting that he had succeeded in debasing the image of God in humanity. Then Jesus came to RESTORE in man the image of his Maker. None but Christ can FASHION ANEW the character that has been ruined by sin. He came to expel the demons that had controlled the will. He came to lift us up from the dust, to reshape the marred character after the pattern of His divine character, and to make it beautiful with His own glory.” DA 37.3



"The CENTRAL THEME of the Bible, the theme about which every other in the whole book clusters, is the REDEMPTION PLAN, the restoration in the human soul of the image of God. From the first intimation of hope in the sentence pronounced in Eden to that last glorious promise of the Revelation, *"They shall see His face; and His name shall be in their foreheads"* (Revelation 22:4), the burden of every book and every passage of the Bible is the unfolding of this wondrous theme,--man's uplifting,--the power of God, "which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." 1 Corinthians 15:57.

He who grasps this thought has before him an infinite field for study. He has the key that will unlock to him the whole treasure house of God's word. ED 126, 127.

“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.

<sup>17</sup> 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

““Gen 10:6-10

<sup>10</sup> And the beginning of his kingdom was Babel, and Erech, and Accad, and Calneh, in the land of Shinar.”

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. This was the method of education that God desired to establish in Israel. {AH 181.3}

Genesis 13:10: And Lot lifted up his eyes, and beheld all the plain of Jordan, that it was well watered every where, before the LORD destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah, even as the garden of the LORD, like the land of Egypt, as thou comest unto Zoar. 11: Then Lot chose him all the plain of Jordan; and Lot journeyed east: and they separated themselves the one from the other.

Genesis 13:12: Abram dwelled in the land of Canaan, and Lot dwelled in the cities of the plain, and pitched his tent toward Sodom.

**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.

““In Shem, Ham, and Japheth, who were to be **the founders of the human race**, was foreshadowed the character of their posterity.

Noah, speaking by divine inspiration, foretold the history of the **three great races to spring from these fathers of mankind**. Tracing the descendants of Ham, through the son rather than the father, he declared, "*Cursed be Canaan; a servant of servants shall he be unto his brethren.*" **THE UNNATURAL CRIME OF HAM** declared that filial reverence had long before been cast from his soul, and it revealed the impiety and **vileness** of his character. These evil characteristics were perpetuated in Canaan and his posterity, whose continued guilt called upon them the judgments of God." PP 117

““As a rule, children inherit the dispositions and tendencies of their parents, and imitate their example; so that the sins of the parents are practiced by the children from generation to generation. Thus the vileness and irreverence of Ham were reproduced in his posterity, bringing a curse upon them for many generations. "One sinner destroyeth much good." Ecclesiastes 9:18.” PP118.2

““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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**2018**

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Open up new horizons and  
bring promises of a brighter  
tomorrow.

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**Governor, Nairobi County**



““Life in the  
cities is false  
and artificial.  
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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

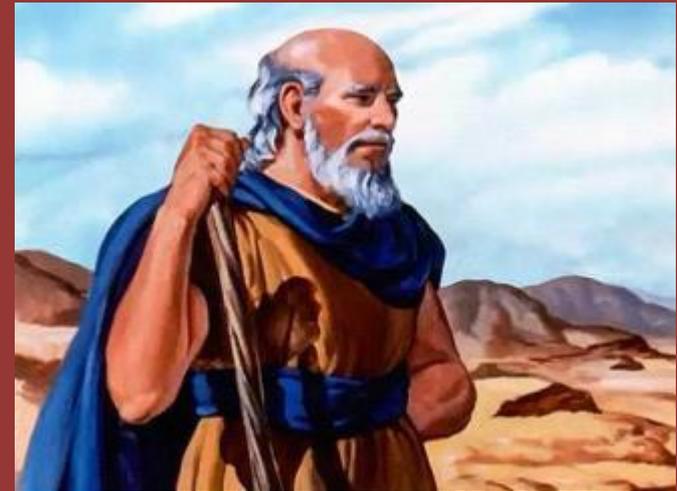
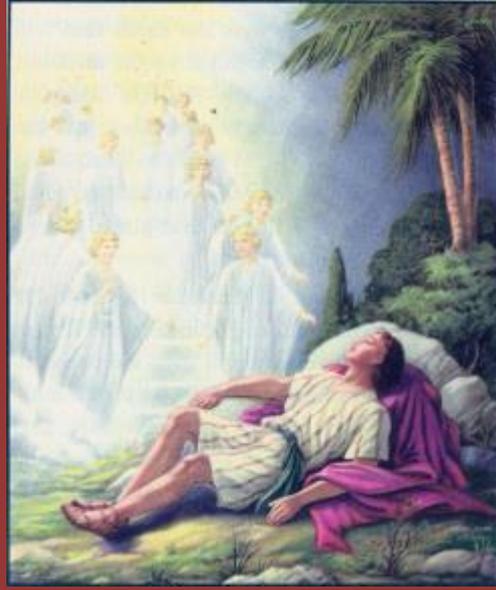
When the children of Israel were gathered out from among the Egyptians, the Lord said: “For I will pass through the land of Egypt this night, and will smite all the first-born in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and against all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgment: I am the Lord.”

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.

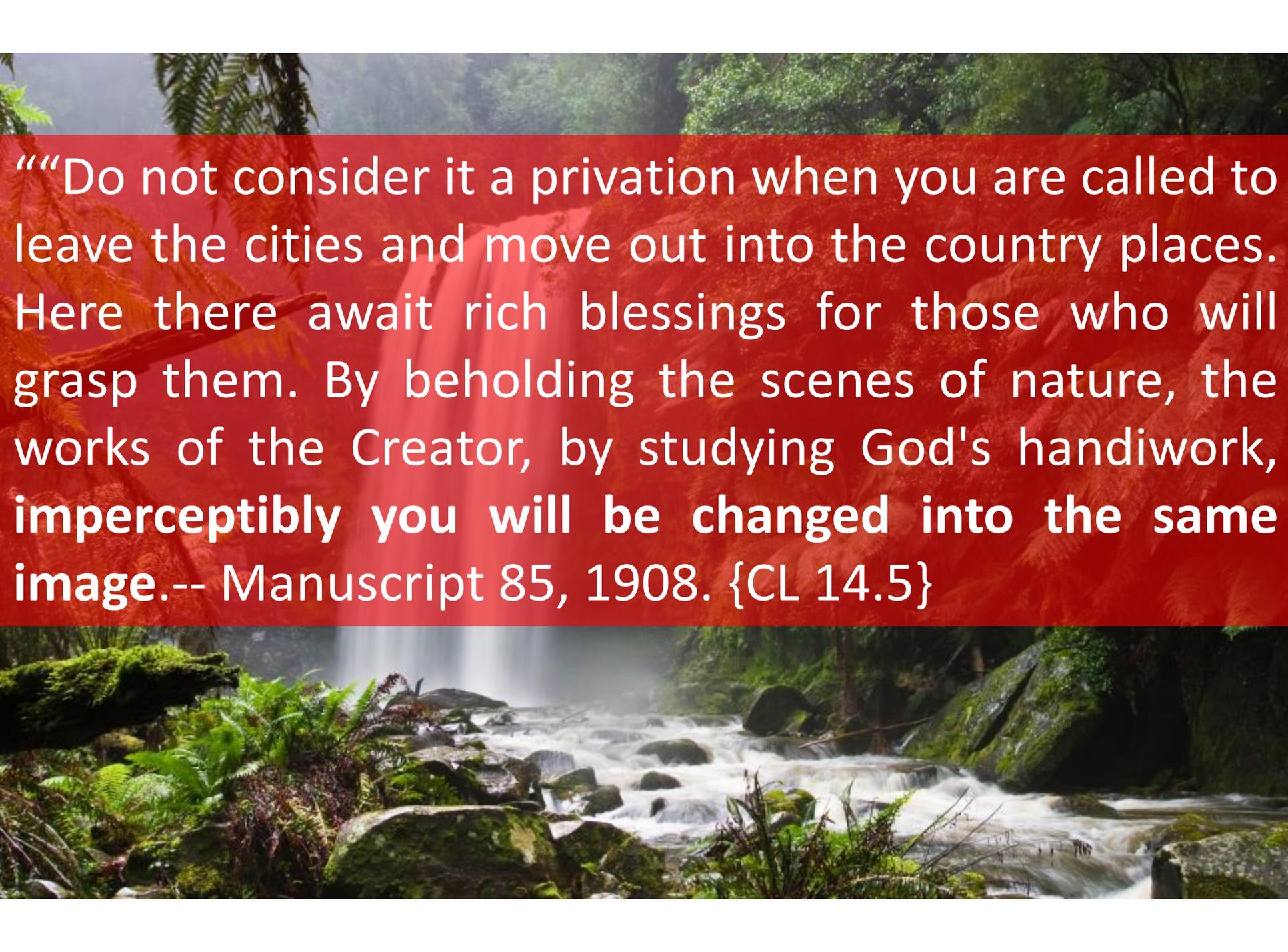


“The curse of God will **surely** rest upon unfaithful parents. Not only are they planting thorns which will wound them here, but they must meet their own unfaithfulness when the judgment shall sit. Many children will rise up in judgment and condemn their parents for not restraining them, and charge upon them their destruction. The false sympathy and blind love of parents causes them to excuse the faults of their children and pass them by without correction, and **their children are lost in consequence, and THE BLOOD OF THEIR SOULS WILL REST UPON THEIR UNFAITHFUL PARENTS.**1T219,220

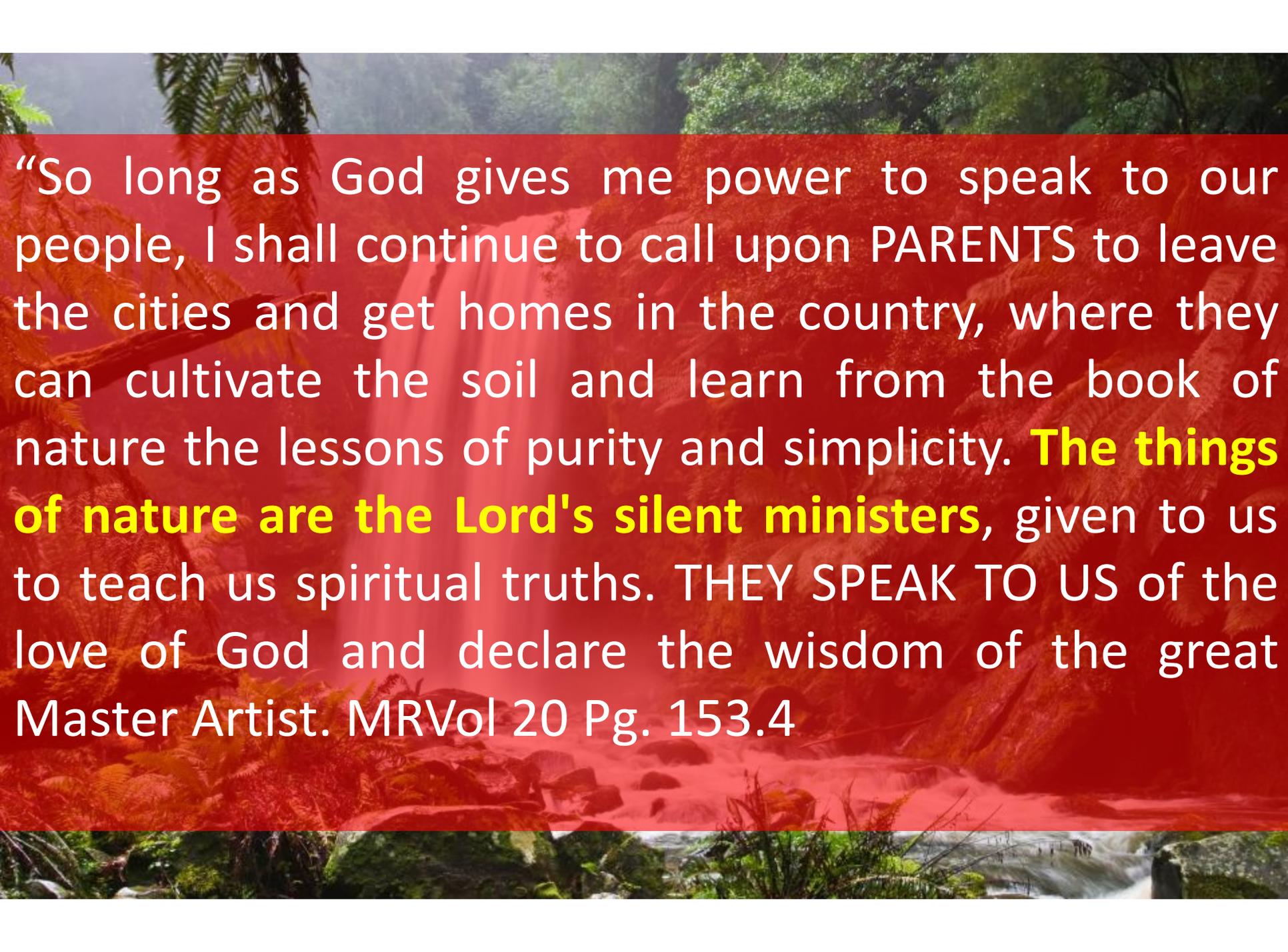
“Moses had been learning much that he must unlearn. The influences that had surrounded him in Egypt- -the love of his foster mother, his own high position as the king's grandson, the dissipation on every hand, the refinement, the subtlety, and the mysticism of a false religion, the splendor of idolatrous 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

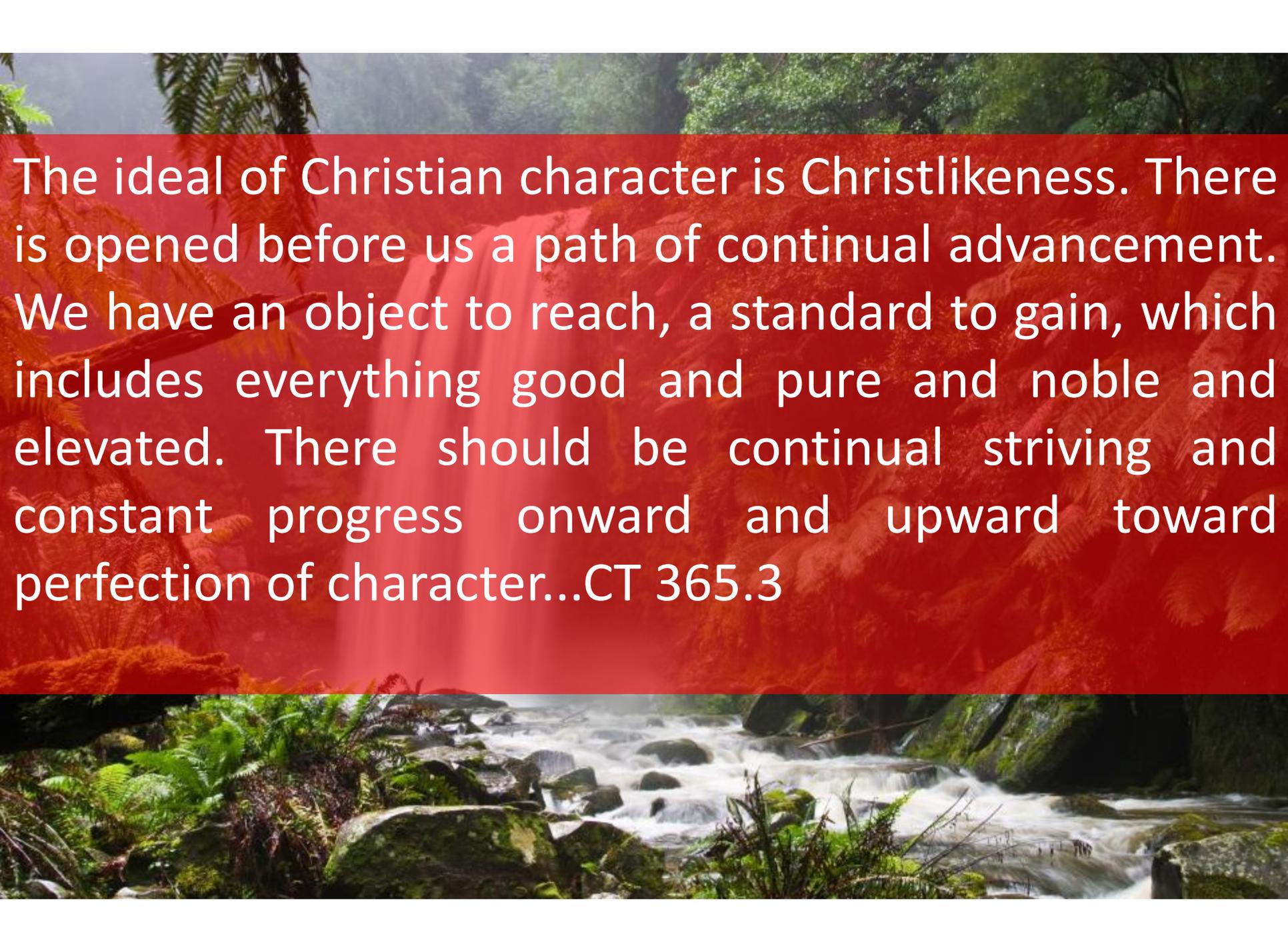
“Shut in by the bulwarks of the mountains, **Moses was alone with God**. The magnificent temples of Egypt no longer impressed his mind with their superstition and falsehood. In the solemn grandeur of the everlasting hills he beheld the majesty of the Most High, and **in contrast realized how powerless 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 SWEPT 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

A vibrant photograph of a waterfall in a tropical forest. The water is white and frothy as it flows over dark, moss-covered rocks. The surrounding vegetation is dense and green, with various types of ferns and trees visible. The scene is captured from a low angle, looking up at the waterfall. A semi-transparent red banner is overlaid on the top half of the image, containing white text.

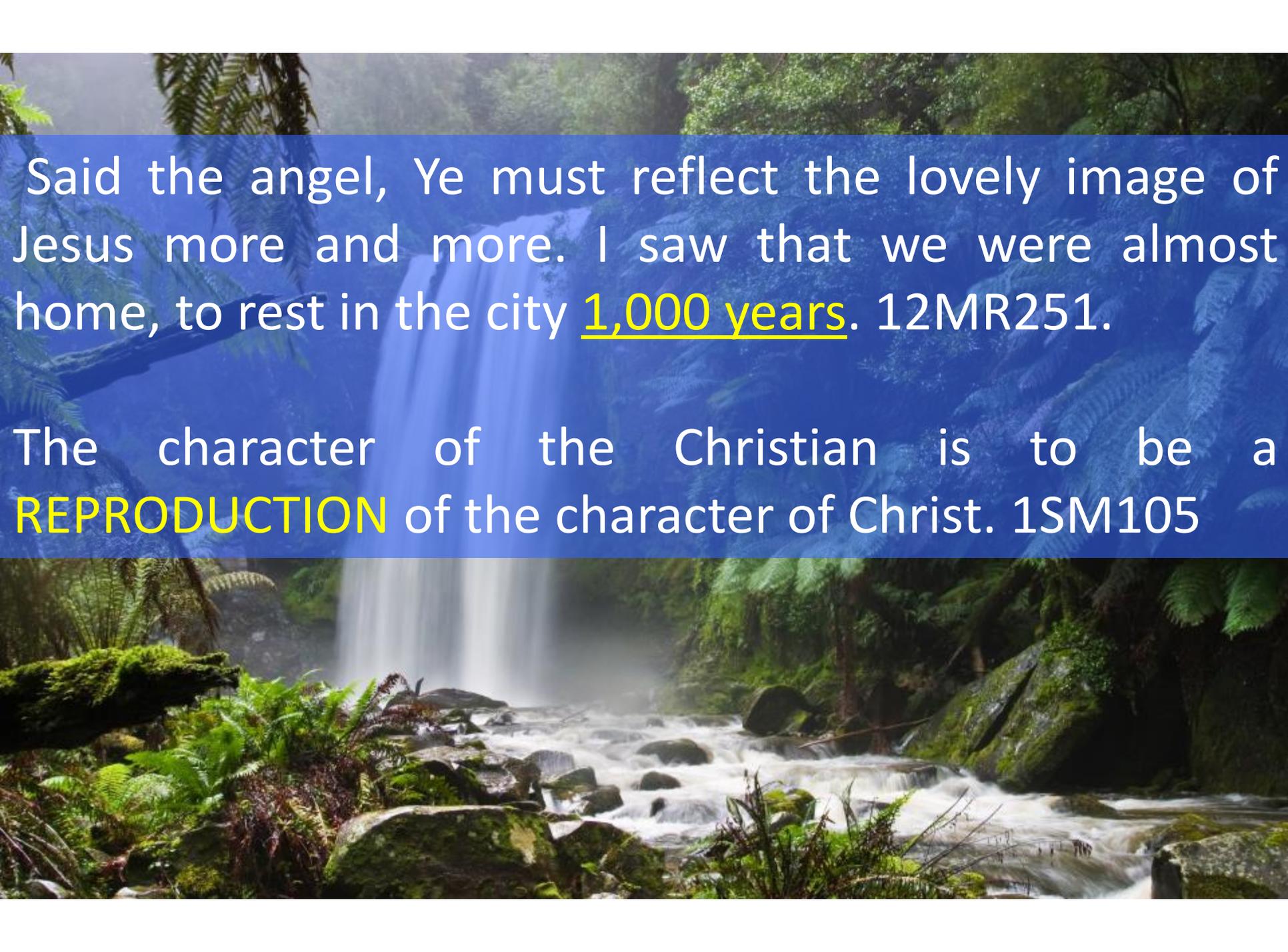
““Do not consider it a privation when you are called to leave the cities and move out into the country places. Here there await rich blessings for those who will grasp them. By beholding the scenes of nature, the works of the Creator, by studying God's handiwork, **imperceptibly you will be changed into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

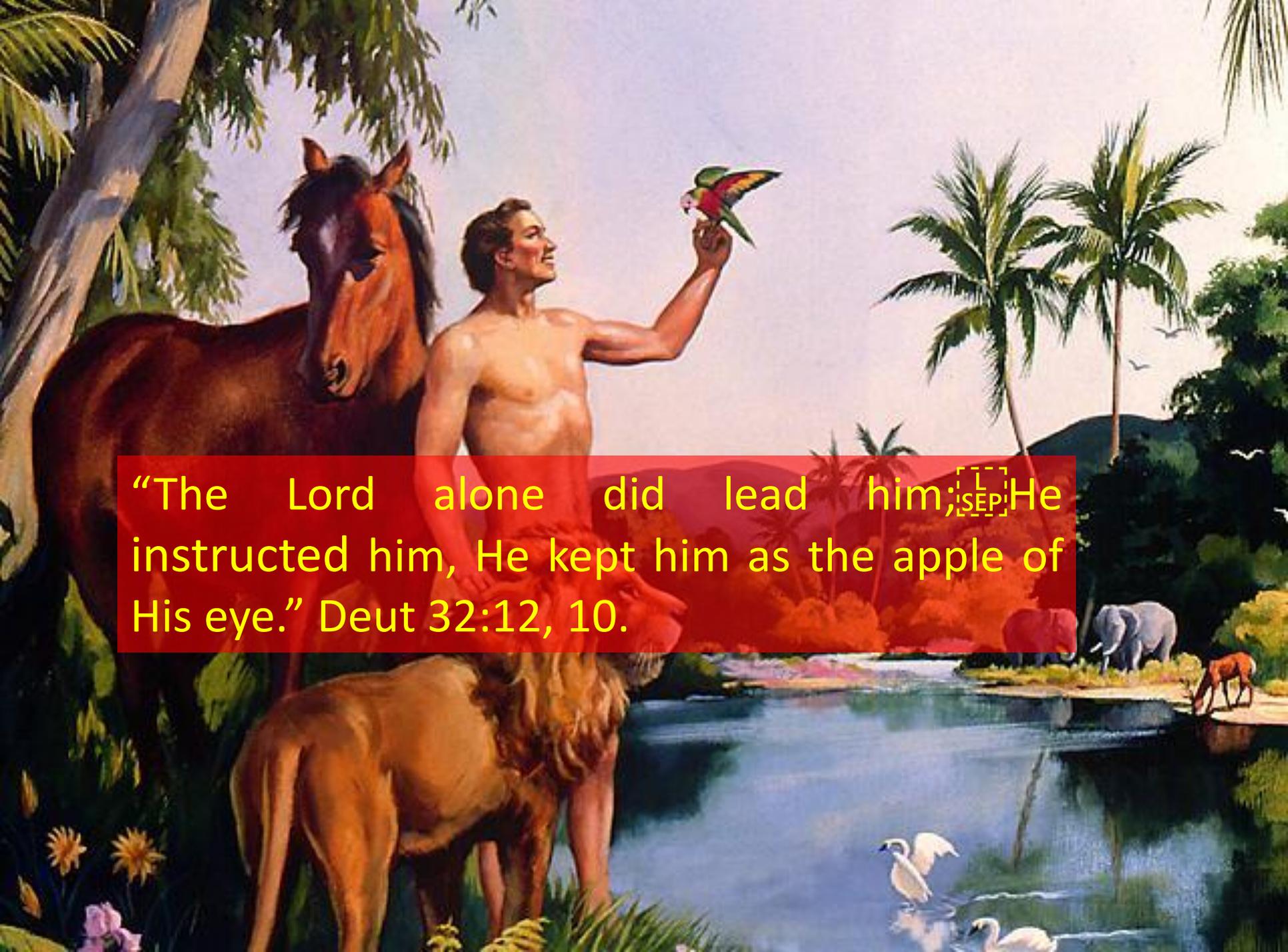
A lush tropical forest with a waterfall cascading over rocks into a stream. The scene is vibrant with green foliage, ferns, and moss-covered rocks. The waterfall is the central focus, with water splashing and creating white foam as it flows over the rocks. The surrounding forest is dense and verdant, with various types of trees and plants visible. 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.

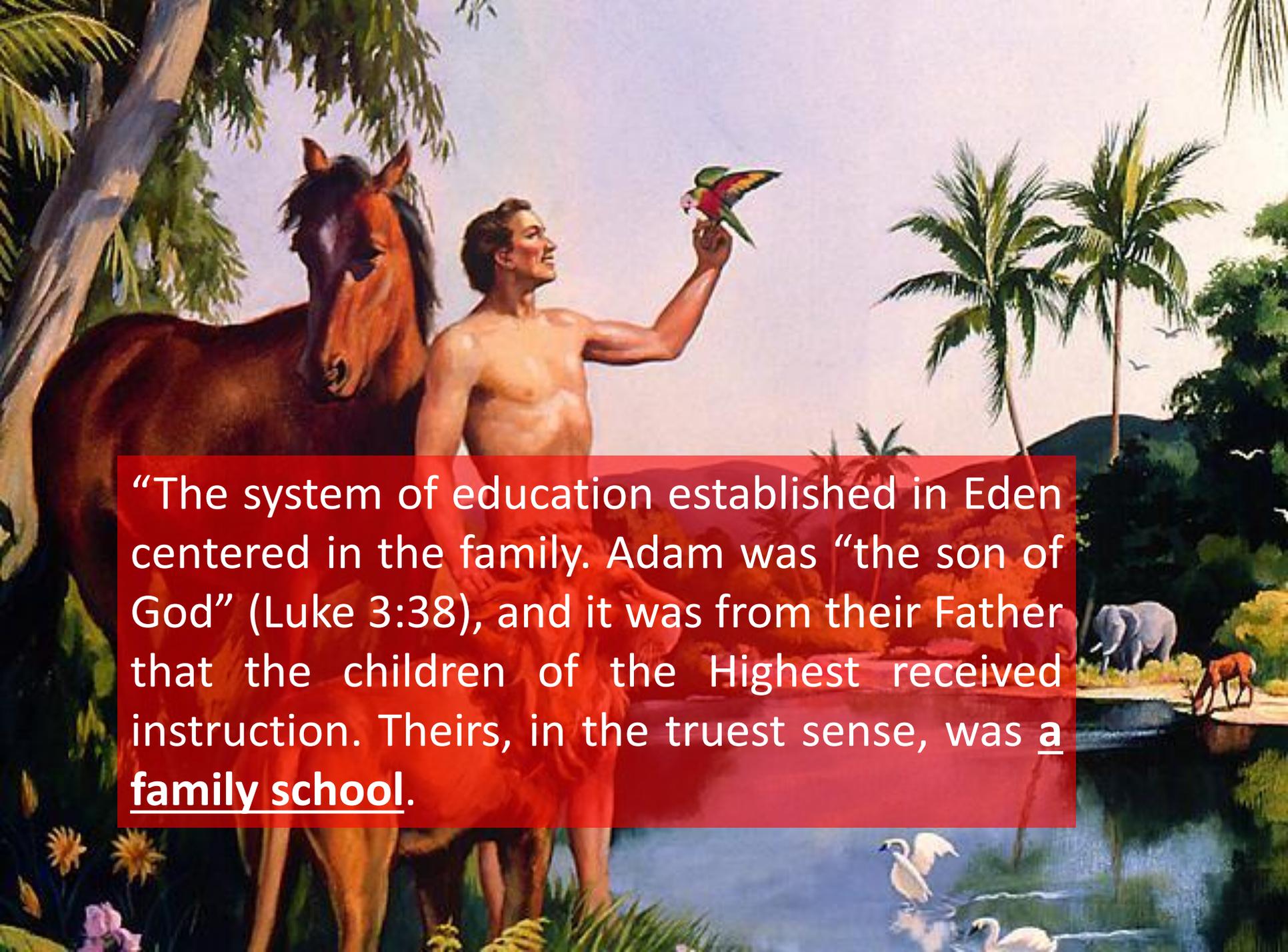
The character of the Christian is to be a **REPRODUCTION** of the character of Christ. 1SM105



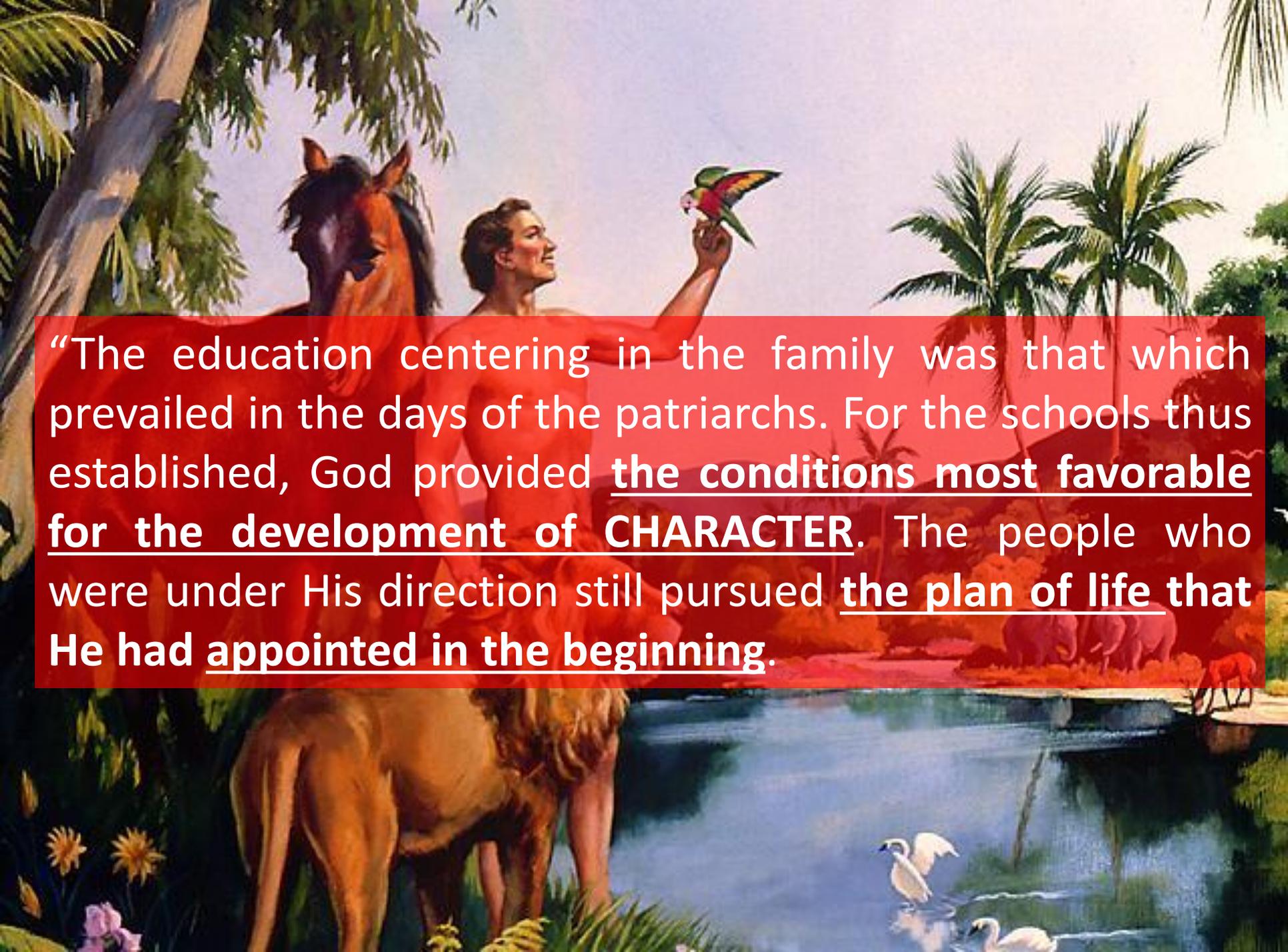
**FROM THE CITIES TO WHERE?**



“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

# The Jordan River



John did not feel strong enough to stand the great pressure of temptation he would meet in society. He feared his character would be molded according to the prevailing customs of the Jews, **and he chose the wilderness as HIS SCHOOL**, in which his mind could be properly educated and disciplined from **God's great book of nature**. In the wilderness, John could the more readily deny himself and bring his **APPETITE** under control, and **DRESS** in accordance to natural simplicity. **And there was nothing in the wilderness that would take his mind from meditation and prayer**. Satan had access to John, even after he had closed every avenue in his power through which he would enter. But his habits of life were so pure and natural that he could discern the foe, and had **strength of spirit and decision of character to resist him**. 2SP 47.1







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# 10 Reasons People move into big cities

10. Anonymity
9. Convenience
8. Lots of dating options
7. Things to see
6. Shopping
5. Parties/Bars/Clubs/Nightlife
4. Restaurants
3. More People
2. Higher Salaries
1. More Jobs

## 10 Reasons People move to the country

10. You can get lost
9. Peace and quiet
8. You can afford the entertainment
7. Everybody knows your name
6. You can see the stars in the sky
5. Everybody knows the lone town policeman
4. No tourists to crowd the sidewalk
3. Long lines for brunch don't exist
2. You get more square footage for your money
1. No traffic jams

# Current World Population

# 7,645,515,521

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TODAY

Births today

**209,286**

Deaths today

**86,685**

Population Growth today

**122,601**

THIS YEAR

Births this year

**91,654,579**

Deaths this year

**37,962,622**

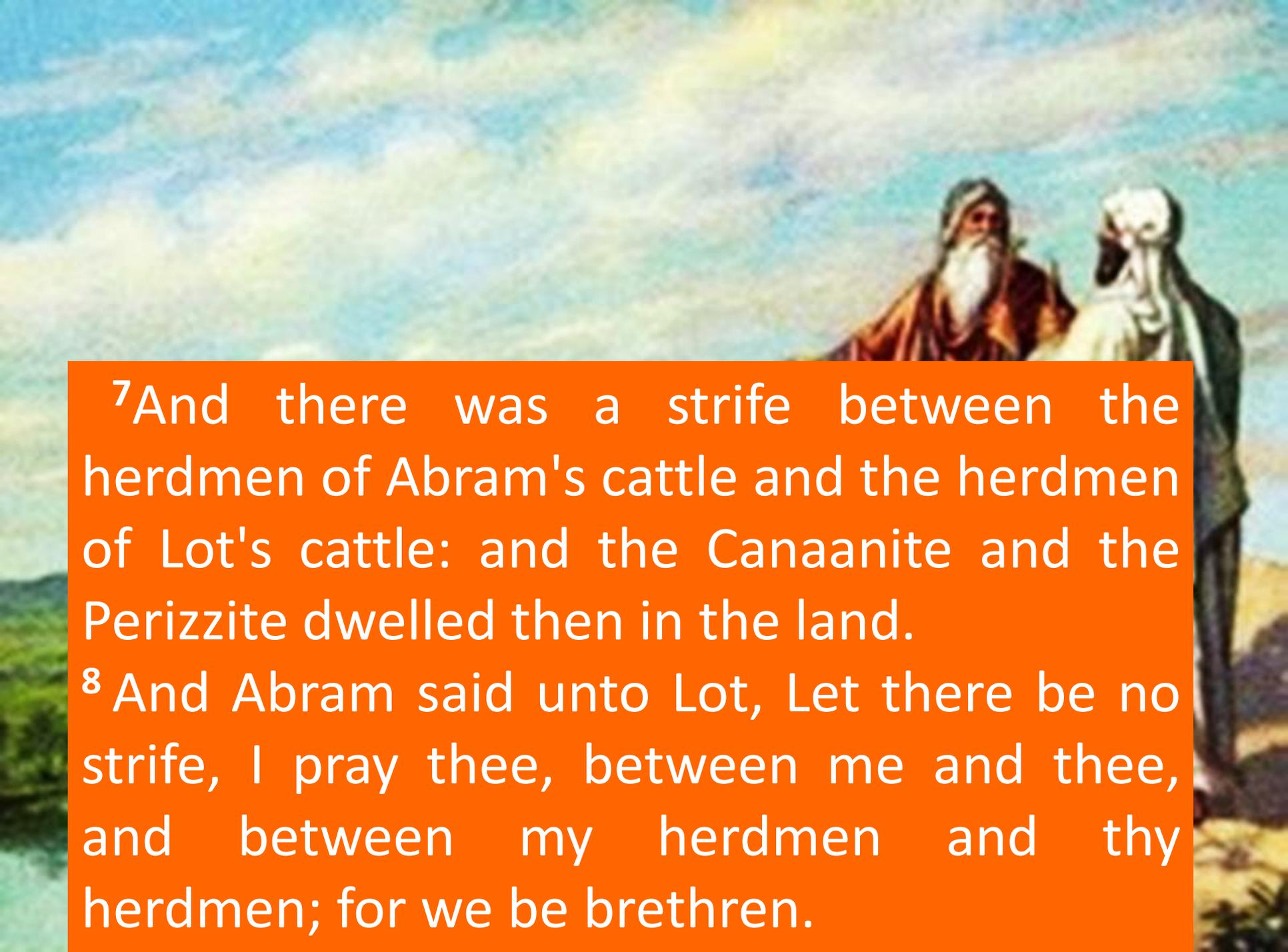
Population Growth this year

**53,691,957**

- The current population of **Kenya** is **51,125,003** as of Sunday, August 26, 2018, based on the latest United Nations estimates.
- Kenya population is equivalent to **0.67%** of the **total world population**.
- Kenya ranks number **28** in the list of **countries (and dependencies) by population**.
- The population density in Kenya is 90 per Km<sup>2</sup> (232 people per mi<sup>2</sup>).
- The total **land** area is 569,140 Km<sup>2</sup> (219,746 sq. miles)
- **26.7 %** of the population is **urban** (13,580,934 people in 2018)
- The **median age** in Kenya is **19.2 years**.

## Population of Kenya (2018 and historical)

Year	Population	Yearly % Change	Yearly Change	Migrants (net)	Median Age	Fertility Rate	Density (P/Km <sup>2</sup> )	Urban Pop %	Urban Population	Country's Share of World Pop	World Population
2018	<b>50,950,879</b>	2.52 %	1,251,017	-10,000	19.2	4.03	90	25.6 %	13,580,934	0.67 %	7,632,819,325
2017	<b>49,699,862</b>	2.56 %	1,238,295	-10,000	19.2	4.03	87	26.2 %	13,029,800	0.66 %	7,550,262,101
2016	<b>48,461,567</b>	2.59 %	1,225,308	-10,000	19.2	4.03	85	25.8 %	12,495,709	0.65 %	7,466,964,280
2015	<b>47,236,259</b>	2.70 %	1,177,221	-10,000	19.0	4.10	83	25.4 %	11,978,118	0.64 %	7,383,008,820
2010	<b>41,350,152</b>	2.78 %	1,060,373	-37,866	18.2	4.65	73	23.3 %	9,642,731	0.59 %	6,958,169,159
2005	<b>36,048,288</b>	2.77 %	919,561	5,029	17.6	5.00	63	21.5 %	7,756,542	0.55 %	6,542,159,383
2000	<b>31,450,483</b>	2.84 %	820,805	-4,277	17.0	5.35	55	19.8 %	6,223,277	0.51 %	6,145,006,989
1995	<b>27,346,456</b>	3.16 %	788,790	44,314	16.4	5.65	48	18.3 %	5,007,379	0.48 %	5,751,474,416
1990	<b>23,402,507</b>	3.56 %	750,256	1,005	15.5	6.54	41	16.8 %	3,926,795	0.44 %	5,330,943,460
1985	<b>19,651,225</b>	3.85 %	676,447	761	15.0	7.22	35	16.1 %	3,161,146	0.40 %	4,873,781,796
1980	<b>16,268,990</b>	3.82 %	556,472	-586	15.0	7.64	29	15.6 %	2,535,089	0.36 %	4,458,411,534
1975	<b>13,486,629</b>	3.69 %	446,827	-3,583	15.2	7.99	24	12.9 %	1,741,678	0.33 %	4,079,087,198
1970	<b>11,252,492</b>	3.43 %	349,558	-3,907	15.5	8.11	20	10.3 %	1,158,462	0.30 %	3,700,577,650
1965	<b>9,504,703</b>	3.24 %	279,853	0	18.9	7.48	17	8.6 %	817,908	0.28 %	3,339,592,688
1960	<b>8,105,440</b>	3.04 %	225,102	0	17.2	7.79	14	7.4 %	596,757	0.27 %	3,033,212,527



<sup>7</sup>And there was a strife between the herdmen of Abram's cattle and the herdmen of Lot's cattle: and the Canaanite and the Perizzite dwelled then in the land.

<sup>8</sup>And Abram said unto Lot, Let there be no strife, I pray thee, between me and thee, and between my herdmen and thy herdmen; for we be brethren.

<sup>9</sup> Is not the whole land before thee? separate thyself, I pray thee, from me: if thou wilt take the left hand, then I will go to the right; or if thou depart to the right hand, then I will go to the left.

<sup>10</sup> And Lot lifted up his eyes, and beheld all the plain of Jordan, that it was well watered every where, before the Lord destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah, even as the garden of the Lord, like the land of Egypt, as thou comest unto Zoar.





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

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



<sup>13</sup> But the men of Sodom were wicked and sinners before the Lord exceedingly.

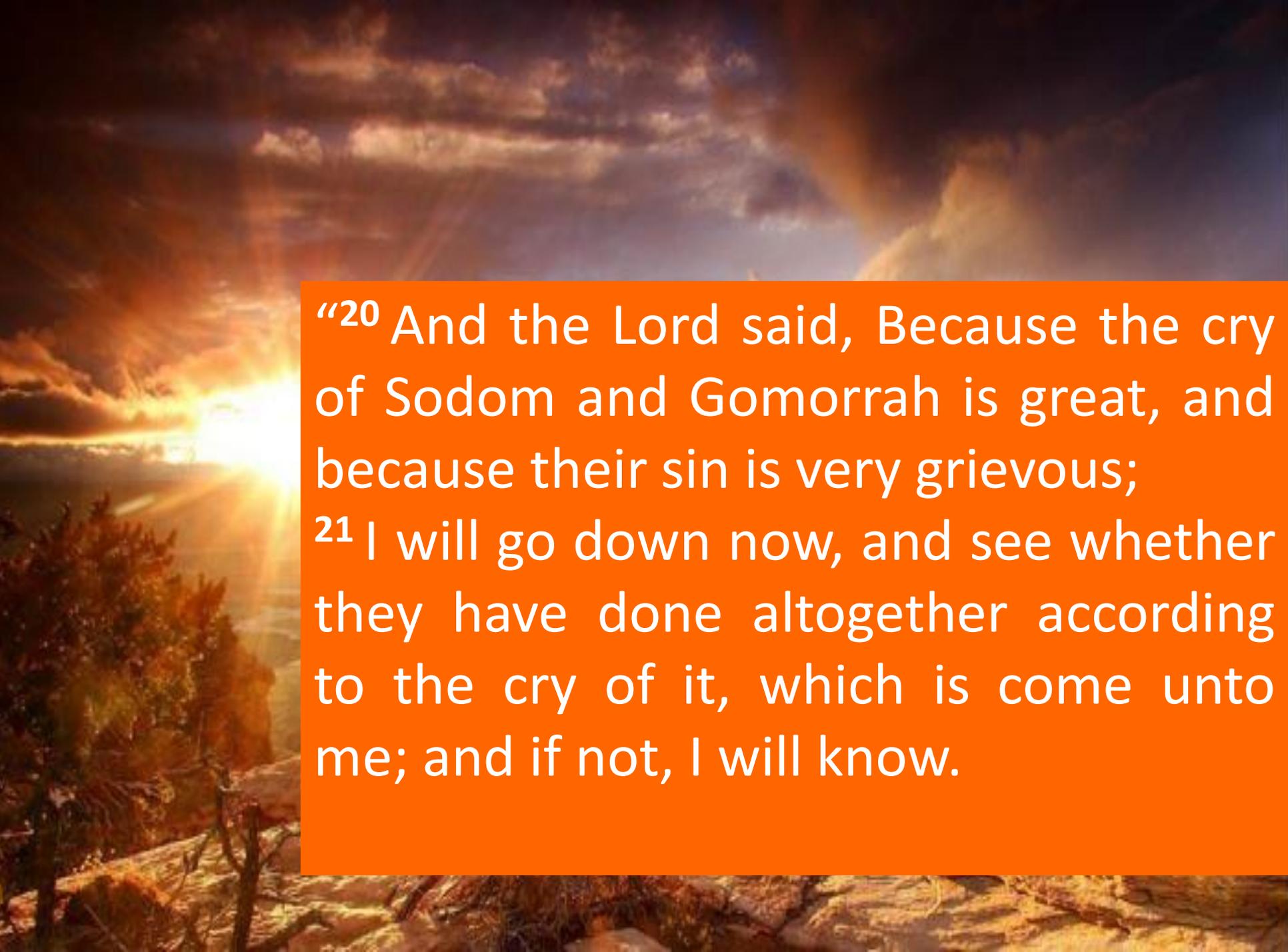




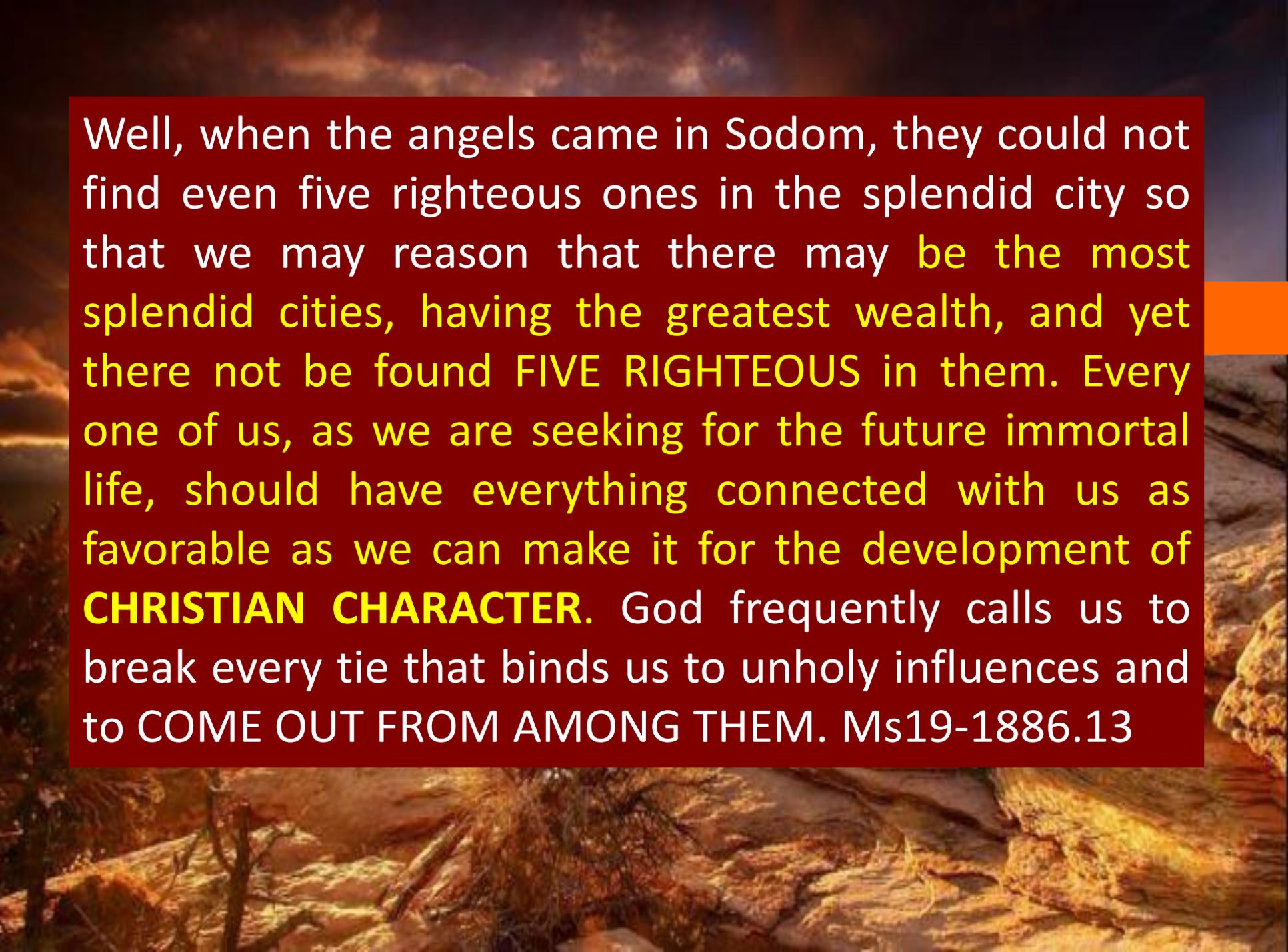
“<sup>17</sup> And the Lord said, Shall I hide from Abraham that thing which I do;

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

<sup>19</sup> 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.



“<sup>20</sup> And the Lord said, Because the cry of Sodom and Gomorrah is great, and because their sin is very grievous;  
<sup>21</sup> 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**. Ms19-1886.13

# Genesis 19

## Type of Today's Cities?

Homosexuality

Adultery

Fornication

Pride

Gluttony

Greed

The Sins of  
Sodom & Gomorrah  
Admah and Zeboiim

# Top ten cities of USA with highest Homosexual Population %

10. Hartford CT – 4.6%
9. Denver, CO – 4.6%
8. Los Angeles – 4.6%
7. Salt Lake City, UTAH – 4.7%
6. Boston, MA – 4.8%
5. Seattle, WA – 4.8%
4. New Orleans, LA – 5.1%
3. Austin, TX – 5.3%
2. Portland, OR – 5.4%
1. San Francisco, CA – 6.2%

# Christians, Muslims oppose petition seeking gay rights

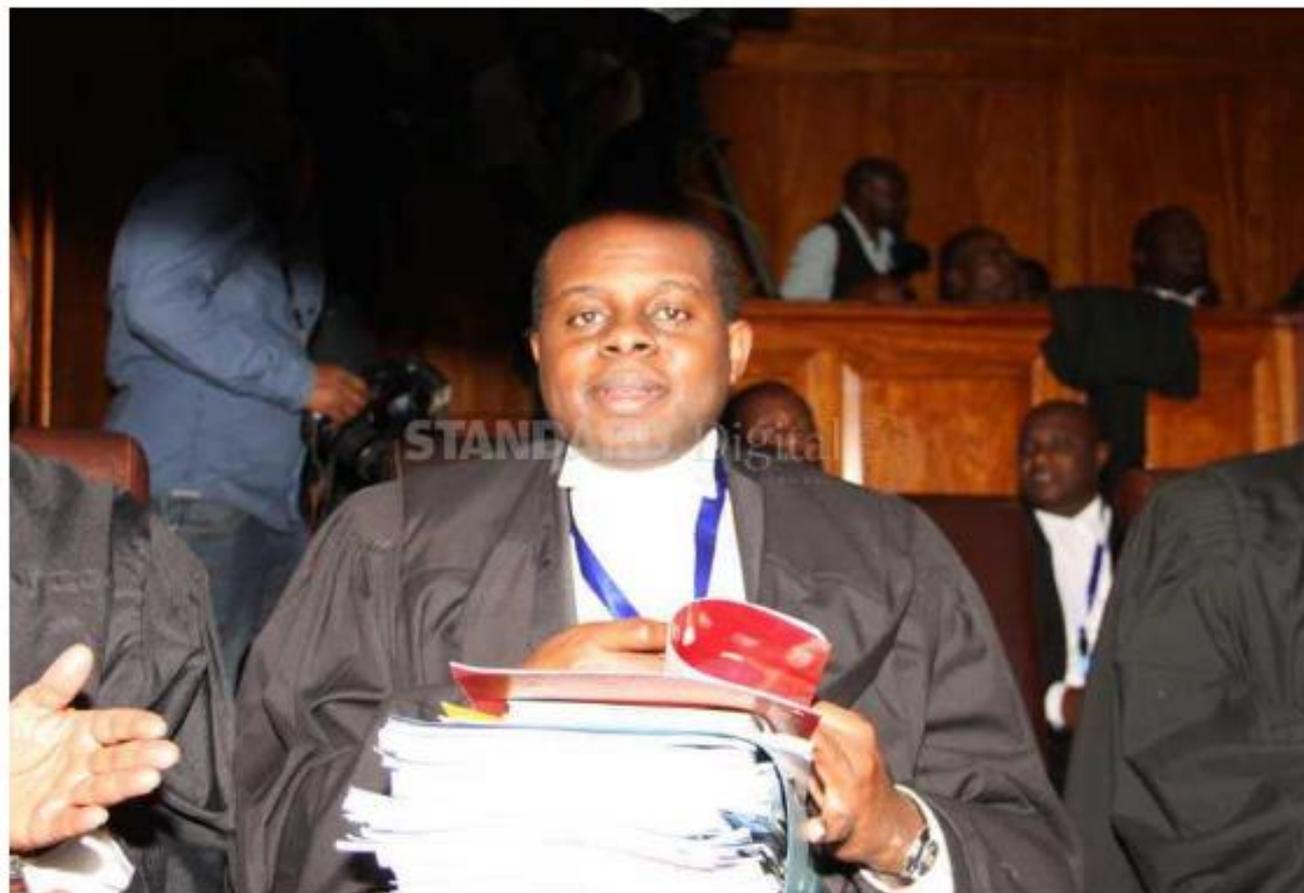
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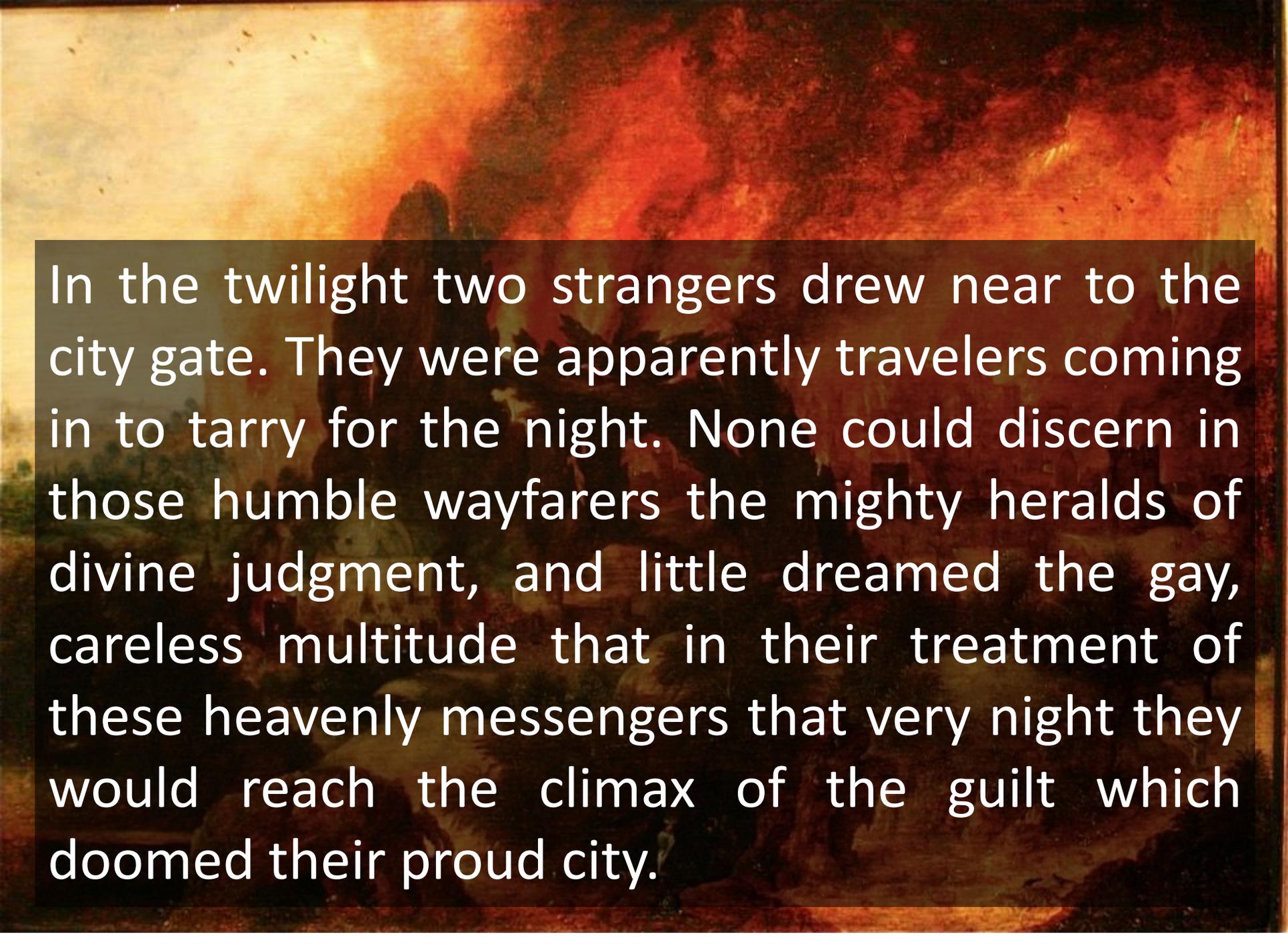
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In the twilight two strangers drew near to the city gate. They were apparently travelers coming in to tarry for the night. None could discern in those humble wayfarers the mighty heralds of divine judgment, and little dreamed the gay, careless multitude 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

But there was one man who manifested kindly attention toward the strangers and invited them to his home. Lot did not know their true character, but politeness and hospitality were habitual with him; they were a part of his religion--lessons that he had learned from the example of Abraham. Had he not cultivated a spirit of courtesy, he might have been left to perish with the rest of Sodom. PP158.1

# 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.*

## “Here you are Safe”

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

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

In the closing period of earth's history the Lord will work mightily in behalf of those who **stand steadfastly for the right**.... In the midst of the time of trouble—trouble such as has not been since there was a nation—His chosen ones will stand unmoved. MAR 270

# The Boundary of Mercy

<sup>15</sup> 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.

<sup>16</sup> 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

“But why should Lot not have trusted the mercy of the angels in directing him to escape to the mountains, since he ascribed to them the saving of his life? Lot's stay in Sodom had not tended to increase his faith in God, nor had his intercourse with those who knew not God tended to convert them from the error of their way. He had pleaded that the angels permit him to take up his abode in the city of Zoar, saying, *“Is it not a little one? and my soul shall live,”* as though the God who had directed his escape from Sodom did not understand how to preserve the life he had saved.

# ZOAR

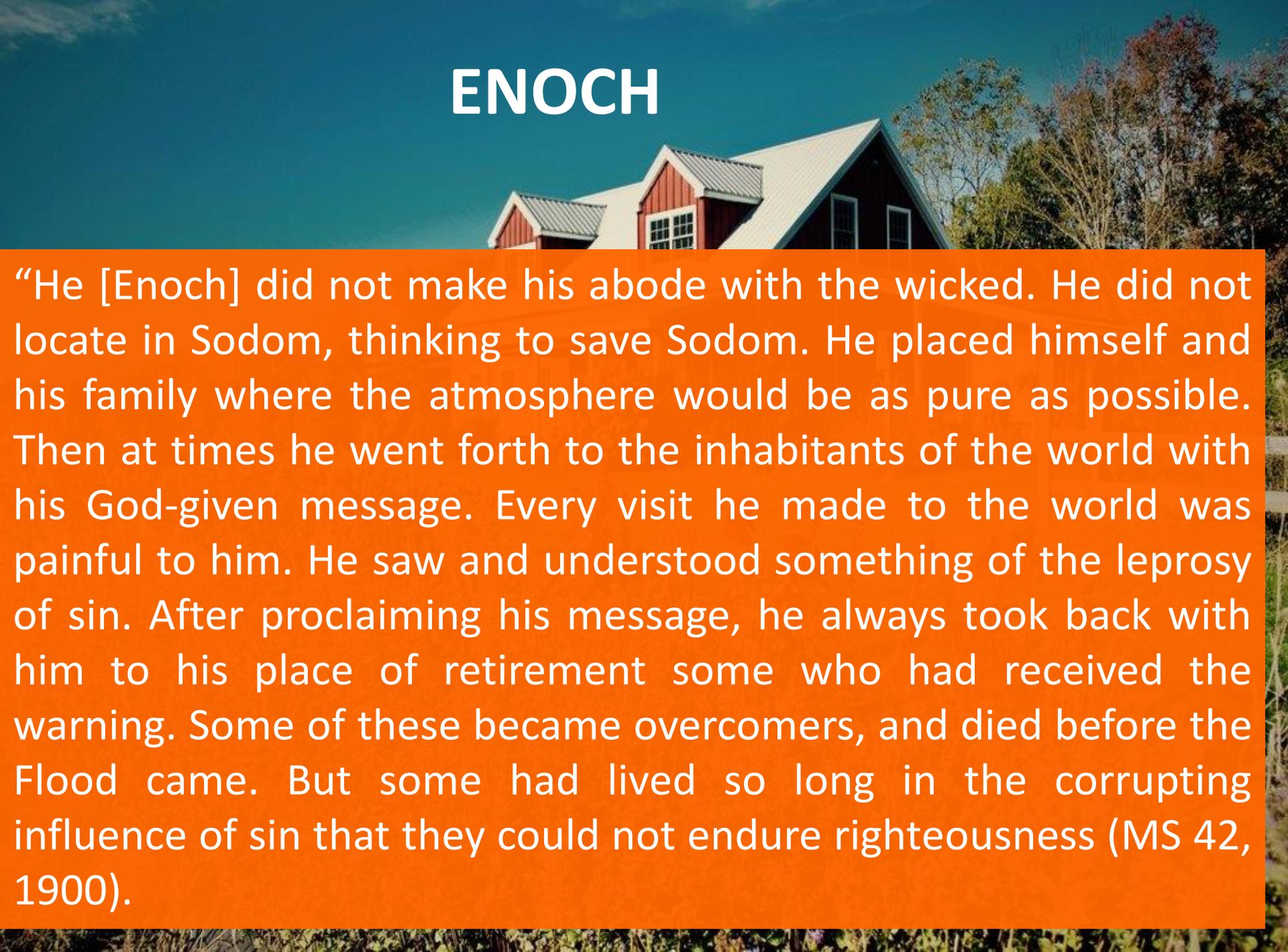
But what mercy and condescension are manifested by the God of heaven! His request is heard, and his plea granted; yet how much better would it have been to heed the angel's voice, and go to the mountains, AS FAR AS POSSIBLE FROM THE WICKED CITY. The angel bids him to hasten, because the fiery storm would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

**As God's commandment-keeping people, we must leave the cities. As did Enoch, we must work in the cities but not dwell in them.-  
Manuscript Release 85, 1899**

**Enoch was an Adventist. He directed the minds of men forward to the great day of God, when Christ will come the second time, to judge every man's work. ST Oct, 1904**



# ENOCH



“He [Enoch] did not make his abode with the wicked. He did not locate in Sodom, thinking to save Sodom. He placed himself and his family where the atmosphere would be as pure as possible. Then at times he went forth to the inhabitants of the world with his God-given message. Every visit he made to the world was painful to him. He saw and understood something of the leprosy of sin. After proclaiming his message, he always took back with him to his place of retirement some who had received the warning. Some of these became overcomers, and died before the Flood came. But some had lived so long in the corrupting influence of sin that they could not endure righteousness (MS 42, 1900).

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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.

<sup>8</sup> It is better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in man.

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

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

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

## 1<sup>st</sup> Night – Where

**Why** do we live need to live the cities:

1. To develop the Character of Jesus – Primary Reason  
We need to be in nature where God is fully there, so that we can establish God's image in our souls
2. To escape God's judgments

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Night - Where

Where do we need to go when we leave the cities?

We need to move **as far away from the big cities as possible**

Where we can have **elbow room**

Where we can avoid interference from potential enemies

Where we **are not influenced** by our neighbours, where they are not too close together with us

Where we can **establish little colonies** or locations where other Adventists are also living

# What is Faith?

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

<sup>2</sup> For by it the elders obtained a good report.

<sup>3</sup> 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?

<sup>4</sup> 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.

<sup>5</sup> 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?

**<sup>6</sup> 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)

## The Journey with Joshua

Joshua 3:3: And they commanded the people, saying, When ye see the ark of the covenant of the LORD your God, and the priests the Levites bearing it, then ye shall remove from your place, and go after it. 4: Yet there shall be a space between you and it, about two thousand cubits by measure: come not near unto it, that ye may know the way by which ye must go: for ye have not passed this way heretofore. 11: Behold, the ark of the covenant of the Lord of all the earth passeth over before you into Jordan. 17: And the priests that bare the ark of the covenant of the LORD stood firm on dry ground in the midst of Jordan, and all the Israelites passed over on dry ground, until all the people were passed clean over Jordan.

## The Journey with Joshua

Joshua 6:10: And Joshua had commanded the people, saying, Ye shall not shout, nor make any noise with your voice, neither shall any word proceed out of your mouth, until the day I bid you shout; then shall ye shout. 20: So the people shouted when the priests blew with the trumpets: and it came to pass, when the people heard the sound of the trumpet, and the people shouted with a great shout, that the wall fell down flat, so that the people went up into the city, every man straight before him, and they took the city.

..But the Captain of the Lord's host Himself came from heaven to lead the armies of heaven in an attack upon the city. Angels of God laid hold of the massive walls and brought them to the ground..." {3T 264.1}

## The Journey with Joshua

12 Then spake Joshua to the Lord in the day when the Lord delivered up the Amorites before the children of Israel, and he said in the sight of Israel, Sun, stand thou still upon Gibeon; and thou, Moon, in the valley of Ajalon.

13 And the sun stood still, and the moon stayed, until the people had avenged themselves upon their enemies. Is not this written in the book of Jasher? So the sun stood still in the midst of heaven, and hasted not to go down about a whole day.

<sup>14</sup> And there was no day like that before it or after it, that the Lord hearkened unto the voice of a man: for the Lord fought for Israel. Joshua 10:12-14.

## Parting of the Red Sea, Exodus 15:1,8

Then sang Moses and the children of Israel this song unto the Lord, and spake, saying, I will sing unto the Lord, for he hath triumphed gloriously: the horse and his rider hath he thrown into the sea.

And with the blast of thy nostrils the waters were gathered together, the floods stood upright as an heap, and the depths were congealed in the heart of the sea. Exodus 15:1, 8.

## Sun Dial turned back: Isaiah 38:1,7,8 9 (turned back about 40mins)

In those days was Hezekiah sick unto death. And Isaiah the prophet the son of Amoz came unto him, and said unto him, Thus saith the Lord, Set thine house in order: for thou shalt die, and not live.

<sup>7</sup> And this shall be a sign unto thee from the Lord, that the Lord will do this thing that he hath spoken;

<sup>8</sup> Behold, I will bring again the shadow of the degrees, which is gone down in the sun dial of Ahaz, ten degrees backward. So the sun returned ten degrees, by which degrees it was gone down. Eze. 38:1,7,8.

<sup>13</sup> 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.

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

<sup>15</sup> 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.

<sup>12</sup> 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.

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

<sup>8</sup> 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. <sup>3</sup> Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts.”

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

Psalms 66:18

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

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

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

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

<sup>22</sup> And 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

<sup>14</sup> 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.

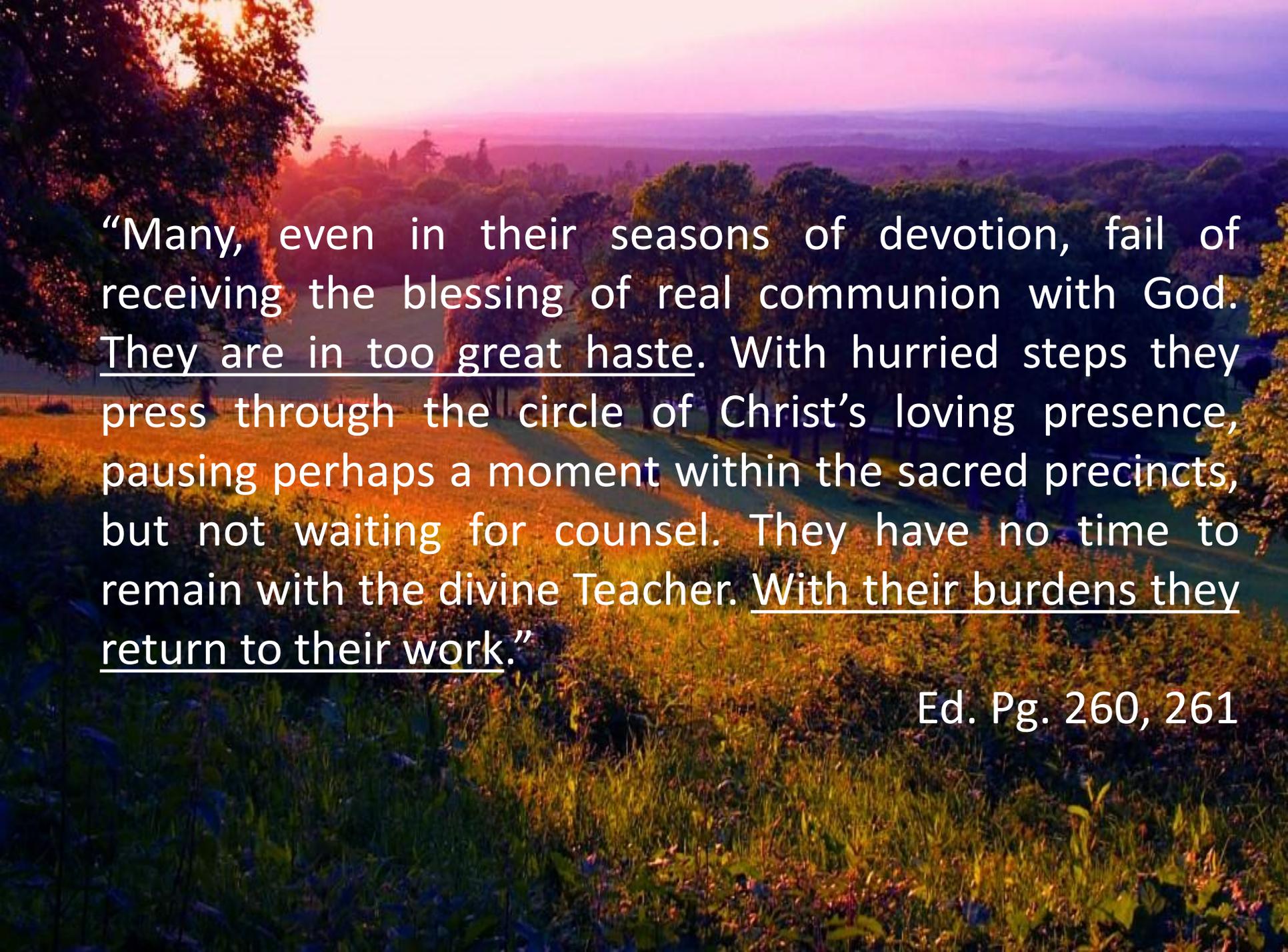
“Learn to pray short and right to the point, asking for just what you need. ... Let us learn to pray intelligently, expressing our requests with clearness and precision. Let us ... pray as though we meant it. “The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.” James 5:16.

Our High Calling Pg. 130.

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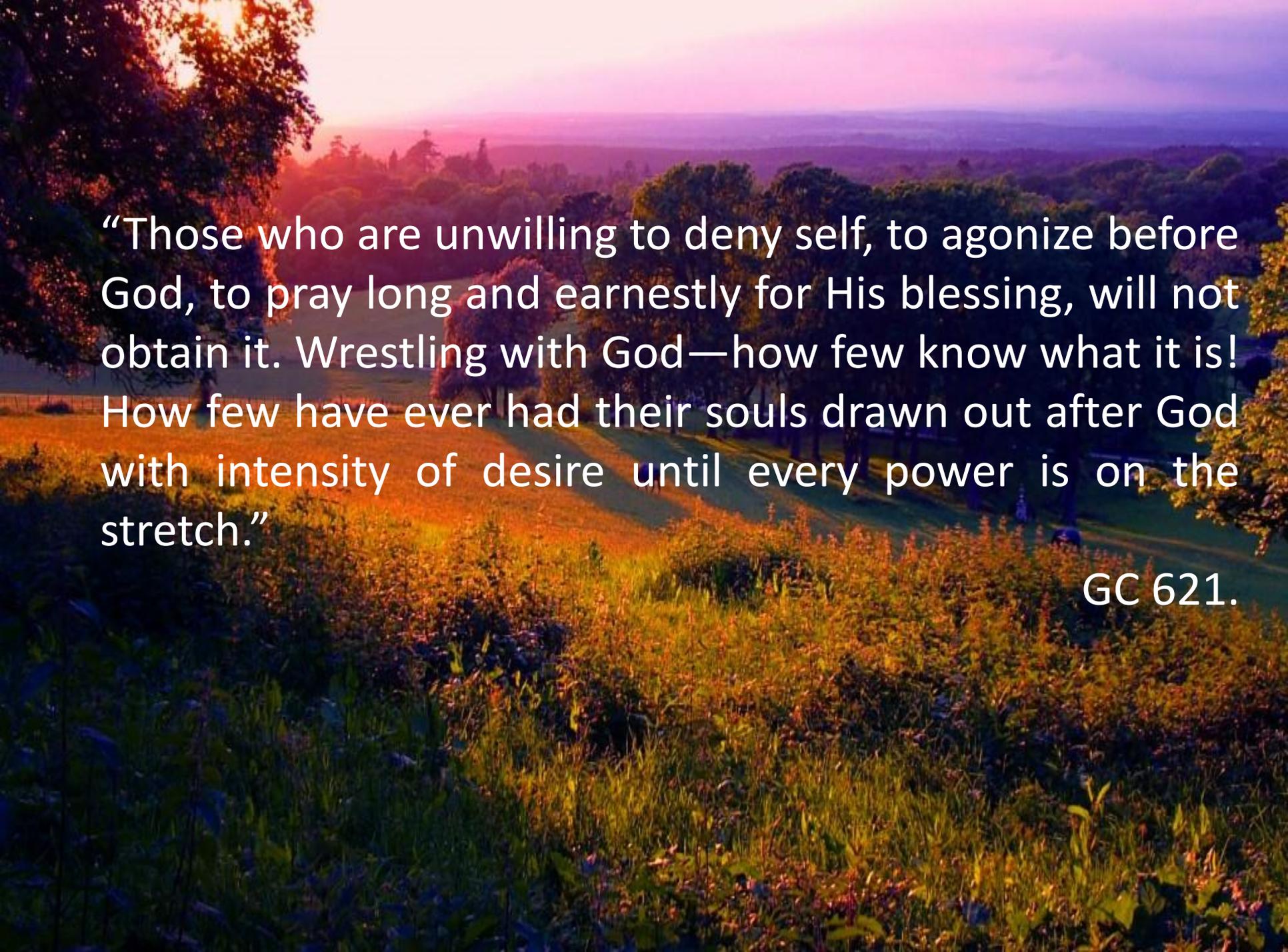
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“Many, even in their seasons of devotion, fail of receiving the blessing of real communion with God. They are in too great haste. With hurried steps they press through the circle of Christ’s loving presence, pausing perhaps a moment within the sacred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

Ed. 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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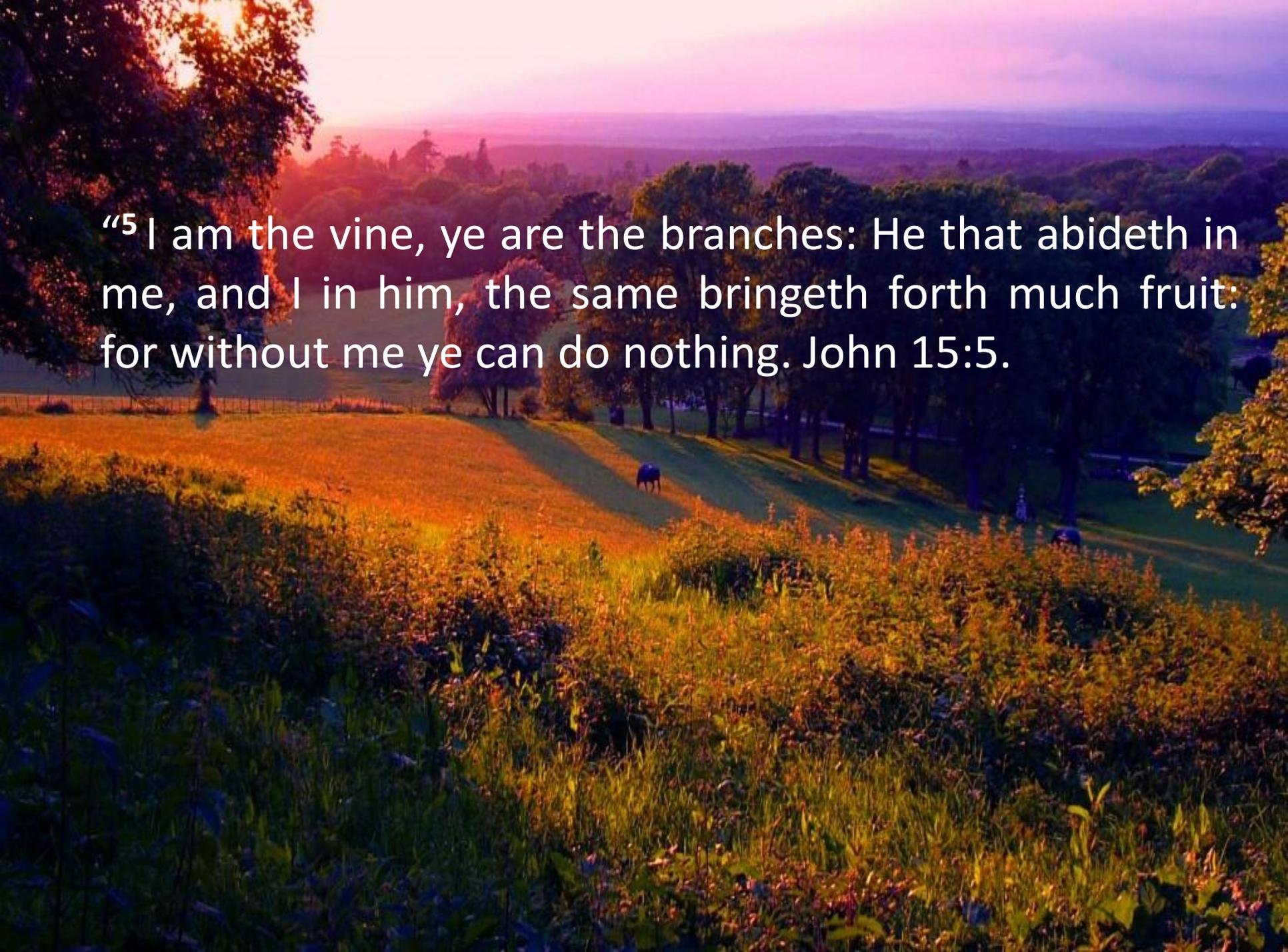
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“<sup>5</sup> I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing. John 15:5.



**31** What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us? Romans 8:31

## CO-OPERATING WITH HEAVEN

“<sup>8</sup> But thou, Israel, art my servant, Jacob whom I have chosen, the seed of Abraham my friend. For I the Lord thy God will hold thy right hand, saying unto thee, Fear not; **I will help thee.** Isaiah 41:8,13.

“Parents can secure small homes in the country, with land for cultivation, where they can have orchards and where they can raise vegetables and small fruits to take the place of flesh meat, which is so corrupting to the life blood coursing through the veins. On such places the children will not be surrounded with the corrupting influences of city life. **God will help His people to find such homes outside the cities.**--Medical Ministry, p. 310. (1902) {CL 24.3}

“Let every man be wide awake for himself, and try to save his family. Let him gird himself for the work. **God will reveal from point to point what to do next.** {CL 6.7}

## IMPORTANT POINTS TO CONSIDER

1. How many acres do you need?
2. What is the nearest town? What is its population?
3. How far away is the nearest town?
4. How far is the nearest large city(100,00+)?
5. What is the population density of the county?
6. What is the average precipitation in the county?
7. How many growing seasons are there and how long?
8. How far to county maintained road? Shared drive or easement?
9. Does the county require building permits?
10. Does the property have a clean title?
11. Is surface water present on the property?
12. Does fruit grow in the area? What kind?
13. How close is the nearest neighbour?

# 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.



# WHAT TO DO WHEN GOD GIVES YOU A COUNTRY HOME? PART I



Proverb 24:27: Prepare thy work without, and make it fit for thyself in the field; and afterwards build thine house.

“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 .



# 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

Let them read of Jesus the carpenter, and Paul the tentmaker, who with the toil of the craftsman linked the highest ministry, human and divine. Let them read of the lad whose five loaves were used by the Saviour in that wonderful miracle for the feeding of the multitude; of Dorcas the seamstress, called back from death, that she might continue to make garments for the poor;

## MANUAL LABOR

of the wise woman described in the Proverbs, who “seeketh wool and flax, and worketh willingly with her hands;” who “giveth meat to her household, and their task to her maidens;” who “planteth a vineyard,” and strengtheneth her arms;” who “stretcheth out her hand to the poor; yea, . . . reacheth forth her hands to the needy;” who “looketh well to the ways of her household, and eateth not the bread of idleness.” *Proverbs 31:13, 15, R.V.; 31:16, 17, 20, 27.* Of such a one, God says: “She shall be praised. Give her of the fruit of her hands; and let her own works praise her in the gates.” *Proverbs 31:30, 31.*

# 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.

# RPESERVING THE HARVEST

## **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.

# RPESERVING 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.*

# RPESERVING 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.

# RPESERVING THE HARVEST

## **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.

“For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places.

<sup>8</sup> All these are the beginning of sorrows.” Matthew 24:7,8.

# PRESERVING THE HARVEST

## 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 7<sup>th</sup> Day Sabbath, you will not be able to buy or sell anything.

# PRESERVING THE HARVEST

## 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, gas, 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.

# PRESERVING THE HARVEST

## Basic Biblical Principles:

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

Rev 13:15-17.

<sup>15</sup> 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.

<sup>16</sup> 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:

<sup>17</sup> 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.”

# PRESERVING THE HARVEST

"Thus the world will become mine. I will be the ruler of the earth, the prince of the world. I will so control the minds under my power that God's Sabbath shall be a special object of contempt. A sign? I will make the observance of the seventh day a sign of disloyalty to the authorities of earth. Human laws will be made so stringent that men and women will not dare to observe the seventh-day Sabbath. For fear of wanting food and clothing, they will join with the world in transgressing God's law. The earth will be wholly under my dominion." {PK 184.2}

# PRESERVING THE HARVEST

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.

# PRESERVING THE HARVEST

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}

# RPESERVING THE HARVEST

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 to pass, and to stand before the Son of man. Luke 21:36.

# CANNIG AND DRYING SOP QUOTES

God desires that in every place **the people shall be taught to use wisely the products that can be easily obtained**. Skillful teachers should show the people **how to utilize to the very best advantage** the products that they can raise or secure in their section of the country. 7T 132.

# CANNING AND DRYING SOP QUOTES

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?



# 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



# The 3 GREAT PILLARS OF COUNTRY LIVING

**Water Source**

**Heat Source**

**Food Source**



# The 3 GREAT PILLARS OF COUNTRY LIVING

## Water Source



# Water Sources

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

# 1. Rain water harvesting



# 1. Surface water



# 1. Surface water



# 1. Underground water



# 1. Underground water



# 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)



# ENERGY USES

## 1. Water Purification – boiling, UV



# ENERGY USES

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# ENERGY USES



**2. Electricity Generation**  
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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



# Water Melons





# Trades:

**Carpentry**

**Masonry**

**Plumbing**

**Electrical**

**Sewing**

**Publishing**

# Trades: Carpentry



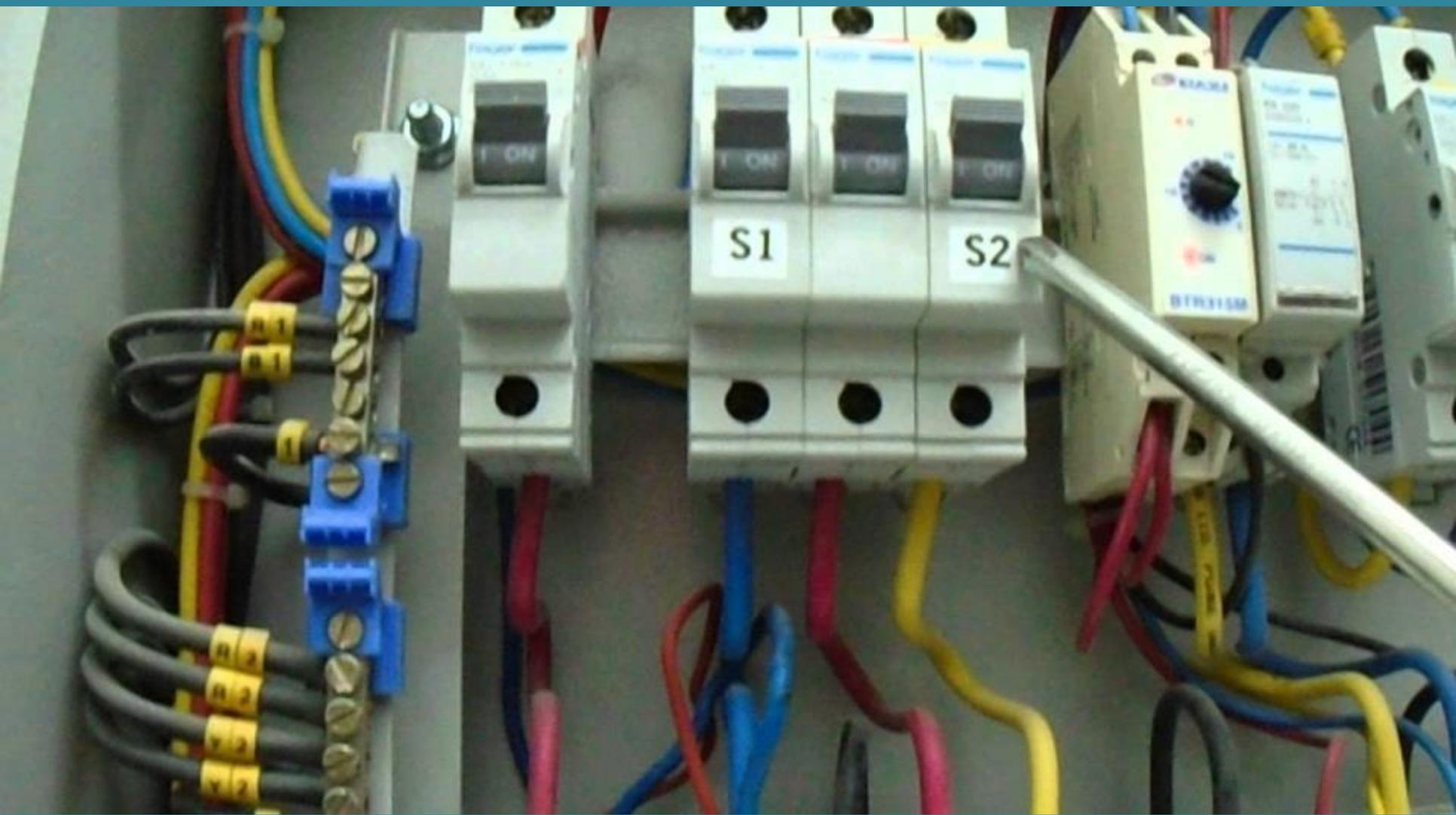
# Trades: Masonry



# 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.

# FINAL ADMONITION

Proverb 6:4: Give not sleep to thine eyes, nor slumber to thine eyelids.  
5: Deliver thyself as a roe from the hand of the hunter, and as a bird from the hand of the fowler. 6: Go to the ant, thou sluggard; consider her ways, and be wise: 7: Which having no guide, overseer, or ruler, 8: Provideth her meat in the summer, and gathereth her food in the harvest. 9: How long wilt thou sleep, O sluggard? when wilt thou arise out of thy sleep? 10: Yet a little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to sleep: 11: So shall thy poverty come as one that travelleth, and thy want as an armed man.

# FINAL ADMONITION

Chap. 304 - Laborers Together with God

For we are labourers together with God: ye are God's husbandry, ye are God's building. 1 Corinthians 3:9. {OHC 310.1}

Man cannot be towed to heaven; he cannot go as a passive passenger. He must himself use the oars, and work as a laborer together with God. {OHC 310.2}

If you think you can lay down the oars, and still make your way upstream, you are mistaken. It is only by earnest effort, by using the oars with all your might, that you can stem the current. How many there are as weak as water, when they have a never-failing Source of strength! Heaven is ready to impart to us, that we may be mighty in God, and attain the full stature of men and women in Christ Jesus. But who of you in the past year have been making progress in the way of holiness? . . . Who have been enabled to gain one precious attainment after another, until envy, pride, malice, jealousy, and every evil stain have been swept away, and only the graces of the Spirit remain? . . . {OHC 310.3}

# FINAL ADMONITION

## Chap. 304 - Laborers Together with God

God will help us if we take hold of the help He has provided. "Let him take hold of my strength," He says, "that he may make peace with me; and he shall make peace with me." Isaiah 27:5. This is a blessed promise. Many times when I have been discouraged and almost in despair, I have come to the Lord with this promise. . . . And as I have laid hold of the strength of God, I have found a peace which passeth understanding. {OHC 310.4}

There are two grand forces at work in the salvation of the human soul. It requires the cooperation of man with the divine agencies-- divine influences, and a strong, living, working faith. It is in this way only that the human agent can become a laborer together with God. The Lord does not sanction in any one of us a blind, stupid credulity. He does not dishonor the human understanding, but, far from this, He calls for the human will to be brought into connection with the divine will. He calls for the ingenuity of the human mind, the tact, the skill, to be strenuously exercised in searching out the truth as it is in Jesus. . . . Ye are labourers together with God. {OHC 310.5}

**BLESSINGS**