

AS IN THE DAY OF PENTECOST

The Spirit – How and what are we Born of?

- The Lord will not leave his afflicted, tried children to be the sport of Satan's temptations. It is our privilege to trust in Jesus. The heavens are full of rich blessings, and it is our privilege to have the joy of Christ in us that our joy may be full. We have not because we ask not, or because we do not pray in faith, believing that we shall be blessed with the ***special influence of the Holy Spirit***. To the true seeker through the mediation of ***Christ the gracious influences of the Holy Spirit are imparted in order that the receiver may impart a knowledge of saving truth. Why do we not believe the plain "Thus saith the Lord"?*** ... The Lord Jesus loves his people, and when they put their trust in him, depending wholly upon him, he strengthens them. He will live through them, giving them the inspiration of his sanctifying Spirit, imparting to the soul a ***vital transfusion of himself***. He acts through their faculties, and causes them to choose his will and to act out his character. Christ impresses upon the mind of believers the fact that ***they are to have the glory which the Father has given him***, in order that all who love and serve him may be one with God. ***"For I have given unto them the words which thou gavest me; and they have received them, and have known surely that I came out from thee, and they have believed that thou didst send me... Father, I will that they also, whom thou hast given me, be with me where I am; that they may behold my glory [character], which thou hast given me; for thou lovedst me before the foundation of the world."*** {SSW, February 1, 1896 par. 3}

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- Ellen White uses the analogy of a "***transfusion***". If I am giving you a blood transfusion, my blood, which the Bible says contains my "life" would be "in" you. There is a sense that you could say I am "in" you because it originated as a part of me, but we know that once my blood leaves my body, it is no longer "me" in any sense. I can give you a "piece of my mind" but it doesn't mean that I am independently thinking IN you. I find it disturbing and not in harmony to say a part of God lives in us when we consider the transfusion statement and its logical reasoning and application as it's in a natural realm.

Sanctified and born by the Word and the Spirit

- John 17:17:***Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.***
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- 2Thessalonians 2:13:But we are bound to give thanks alway to God for you, brethren beloved of the Lord, because God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through ***sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth:***
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- Ephesians 1:13:In whom ye also trusted, ***after that ye heard the word of truth***, the gospel of your salvation:in whom also after that ye believed, ye were ***sealed with that holy Spirit*** of promise,
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- 1Peter 1:23 Being ***born again***, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by ***the word of God***, which liveth and abideth for ever.
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- John 3:5:Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be ***born of water and of the Spirit***, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. 6:That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is ***born of the Spirit is spirit.***
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- Hebrews 4:12:***For the word of God*** is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the ***dividing asunder of soul and spirit***, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.
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- It's clear the sanctification we receive is from the Holy Spirit by effectual acceptance of the word of Truth. There is no sanctification in accepting error hence no room for the Holy Spirit to work. The word of truth creates the environment, a platform if you will for the Holy to work on the human brain and mind which is the hardware.

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- The ***anointed ones*** standing by the Lord of the whole earth, have the position once given to Satan as covering cherub. By the holy beings surrounding his throne, ***the Lord keeps up a constant communication*** with the inhabitants of the earth. The ***golden oil represents the grace with which God keeps the lamps of believers supplied***, that they shall not flicker and go out. Were it not that this holy oil is poured from heaven ***in the messages of God's Spirit***, the agencies of evil would have entire control over men. {RH, July 20, 1897 par. 6}
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- As all of us understand the oil is the Holy Spirit, here we are told that that oil is poured from heaven ***in the messages of God's Spirit***. Here is revealed one of the mechanisms by which the spirit is carried to the believer, by the messages or word of God. The words of God are not only living words, but they are spirit and life (John 6:63) to those who believe them.
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- Life seems to belong to everything that is associated with Christ, He has life in himself (John 5:26). His word is a word of life (Phil 2:16), the breath of life (Gen. 2:7), the bread of life (John 6:48), the river of life, and the tree of life (Rev. 22:1, 2). The word is the sword of the Spirit (Eph. 6:17), for the Spirit dwells in the word (compare James 1:18 and 1Peter 1:23 with John 3:5). CHRIST is called the Word of God (Rev. 19:11-13), not only because he spake the words of God (Deut. 18:18; John 17:8), but also because he was a living proclamation to the world of the character of God (2 Corin 5:19)

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- It is very important that we should have a correct understanding of the power of God's word in creation, in order to appreciate his power in redemption. The current teaching upon this subject has done much to undermine faith in God's word and its power. He simply spake and "it was" (Ps. 33:9), he commanded and it standeth". The breath of God's mouth is a breath of life (Gen. 2:7; Job 33:41. It has the same creative power as his word (compare Job 37:10 and Ps. 147:15-17); so his word, which is life (John 6:63), is God-breathed (2 Tim. 3:16). In the record of creation we read (Gen. 1:3, 6, 9, 11, 14, 20, 24) that at each step in the work "God said" let it be so and "it was so." He made "light to shine out of *darkness*" (2 Cor. 4:6) by calling for it (Gen. 1:3).

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- The true God is distinguished by this creative power (Ps. 95:4, 5), and the call to worship him is based upon the same reason (Rev. 14:7). This is the only way of guarding panentheism and Kellogg's error by not espousing ideas that a part of God is in anything. That "science falsely so called" (1 Tim. 6:20) which teaches that only a force and not a person is the creator, and that an indefinite period of time was required to accomplish the work, has struck at the very foundation of true Christianity by weakening the faith in the power of God's word, and destroying the foundation for the Bible Sabbath. The Holy Spirit is not just a force or words, but a living regenerating principle able to transform the mind it's worked on. It's the soul of life of Jesus.
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- The same word that created is the power which now preserves (Neh. 9:6). The universe is not left to run itself (Ps. 145:9), but the unwearied worker (John 5:17) still directs it (Isa. 40:20), and cares for all his creatures (Matt. 10:20-31). He controls the elements by his word (Ps. 147:15-18; Jer. 10:13), and they accomplish his purpose (Ps. 148:8).

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- Adam lost his life by the first act of disobedience (Gen. 2:17). By the mercy and forbearance of God, probation has been granted to him; but life has been forfeited by sin (Eph. 2:1). Death has been abolished and life brought to light through the gospel (2 Tim. 1:10), which is the power of God (Rom. 1:16), and the basis of which is his word (1 Peter 1:25). This word is life, and when received as the word of God (1 Thess. 2:13) it begets new life in the believer.
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- *The **gospel of Christ becomes personality in those who believe**, and makes them living epistles, known and read of all men. In this way the leaven of godliness passes into the multitude. The heavenly intelligences are able to discern the true elements of greatness in character; for only goodness is esteemed as efficiency with God. {CE 97.1}*
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- The word is both *spirit* and *life* (John 6:63); and so both is spoken of as the agency in the new birth; "Like the wind, which is invisible, yet the effects of which are plainly seen and felt, is the Spirit of God in its work upon the human heart. That regenerating power, which no human eye can see, begets a new life in the soul; it creates a new being in the image of God." This work is beyond the power of man to accomplish (John 1:13), and everyone in whom it is wrought is said to know God (1 John 4:7), or to be known of God (Gal. 4:9), and to be born of God (1 John 5:1, 18). Thus, to know God is eternal life (John 17:3), and through this knowledge blessings are multiplied to us (2 Peter 1:2). In this knowledge one may glory (Jer. 9:23, 24). God's Spirit is a spirit of knowledge (Isa. 11:2), and is given to guide us into all truth (John 16:13), and is superior to any merely human teacher (1 John 2:27); **but it works through the word in which it dwells**. It is in this way that it defeats the enemy (Isa. 59:19, Rev 12:11), and witnesses to our acceptance with God (Rom. 8:16) by bringing the word of God to our remembrance (John 14:26). WATER is used as a symbol of cleansing (1 Peter 3:21); but the power is in the word (Eph. 5:25-27), by which we are made clean (John 15:3), through the spirit which dwells in it (Titus 3:5). Christ is also called the Word (John 1:1), and in 'him is life (John 1:4; 5:26) and the power to give life (1 Cor. 15:45). So when we receive him, which is done by believing on him (John 1:12; Eph. 3:17), we have life (1 John 5:12), Christ himself dwelling in us (Gal. 2:20) by his word (Col. 3:16). So we feed upon him (John 6:57) in studying his word (Jer. 15:16). Thus the same Word, by which all things were created in the beginning, begets by the same power a new life in the believer.

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- Thus redemption is simply "a new creation," and the gospel is the same creative power manifested in salvation (Rom. 1:16). But we have learned that this creative power is in God's word, and it is equally true whether applied to the creation of a world or a new heart. Through faith in his promises our natures may be changed (2 Peter 1:4) by the power of his word. When he speaks righteousness in place of sin (Rom. 3:25), and "is declaring righteous" the ungodly (Rom. 4:5), we are to believe in the power of his word supplying the fact." God makes a man righteous by counting him so. This is the divine paradox of justification by faith."
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- The miracles of Jesus illustrate the power of the word over disease, over evil spirits, and over the elements, and convey important instruction to us, bearing upon our Christian experience. We are sick with sin (Isa. 1:5, 6), "but it is the will of God to cleanse us from sin, to make us his children, and to enable us to live a holy life." The power is in his word (John 15:3) to cleanse us from all unrighteousness (1 John 1:9), and God desires to say to each one, "Be thou clean" (Mark 1:41). We are to believe that he is "able to do this" (Matt. 9:25), and, as of old, so he says to-day, "According to your faith be it unto you" (verse 29, compare with Mark 5:34; 10:52, etc.). The result of disease finally is death, as sin ends in the second death (James 1:15; Rom. 6:23), and Satan has power over death (Heb. 2:14). He is the prince of this world (John 12:31), but Christ has overcome the world (John 16:33), meeting the temptations of Satan with the **word of God** (read Matt. 4:1-11), which is the sword of the Spirit (Eph. 6:17). Faith in the same power gives us the same victory (1 John 5:4, 2:14, Psalms 119:11). Lazarus came forth from the grave in response to the word of Christ (John 11:43, 44), though bound hand and foot; but the same authority said, "Loose him." So we who were dead have been made alive (Eph. 2:1), and set free from the power of sin (John 8:34-36), and all who are in their graves will be brought forth by the power of the same word (John 5:28, 29). Christ has given peace to his followers (John 14:27), but the wicked know not of this peace (Isa. 57:20, 21). When the storms of life arise, his word will bring a calm, as it did upon the lake. Christ's power over the elements is further shown. by his walking upon the water (Matt. 14:25-31). When he said to Peter, "Come" (verse 29), he gave him his word to walk upon, and it sustained him so long as he did not doubt. The word of God placed the earth here (Heb. 11:3); it is upheld by the same word (Heb. 1:2), and by the same it will be renewed. (Heb. 12:26, 27). Then the same word, "Come," which upheld Peter, will be spoken to the saints (Matt. 25:34), and they will meet the Lord in the air (1 Thess. 4:17). All the miracles were recorded for a purpose (John 20:31), and should lead to unshaken confidence in the power of God's word manifested in salvation.

Practical Aspects of being born by the Spirit

- No attempt will be made in this study to define the Holy Spirit. The subject will be considered from the practical rather than from the theoretical side. We know that it is omnipresent. Ps. 139:7-12. We know that it is the. **ETERNAL SPIRIT** [more on this to come]. Heb. 9:14. We know that it is the Comforter (John 14:26), and the Spirit of truth (John 15:26). These names are given because there is **comfort in the truth**. It is of much more **importance to us that we receive the Spirit than that we try to discern what it is**. "Holy Ghost" and "Holy Spirit" are from the same original words, and seem to be used interchangeably in the King James' Version. The American members of the Revision Committee desired to use in all cases the term "Holy Spirit." FAITH in Christ makes us children of God (Gal. 3:26), and the Spirit is given because we are sons (Gal. 4:6); and so Paul asked the believers if they had received the Holy Spirit (Acts 19:2). All things are ours (1 Cor. 3:22), but God does not give spiritual blessings against our will, and so we are to ask (Matt. 7:7) for the Spirit, with the assurance that he will give willingly (Luke 11:13). This, the disciples did (Acts 1:5, 14), and their request was granted (Acts 2:4). The promise that was fulfilled to them (Joel 2:28, 29) is for us also. The possession of the Spirit gives us a union with God (1 John 3:24; 4:13), and no one can be Christ's without it (Rom. 8:23-9).
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- Christ bestowed it upon his disciples (John 20:21, 22), and we are exhorted to be filled with it (Eph. 5:18). We receive it by faith. Gal. 3:2. Just prior to his leaving his disciples for the heavenly courts, Jesus encouraged them with the promise of the Holy Spirit. This promise belongs to us as much as it did to them, and yet how rarely is it presented before the people, and its reception spoken of in the church. In consequence of this silence upon this most important theme, what promise do we know less about by its practical fulfillment than this rich promise of the gift of the Holy Spirit, whereby efficiency is to be given to all our spiritual labor? This promised blessing, if claimed by faith, would bring all other blessings in its train, and it is to be given liberally to the people of God. Through the cunning devices of the enemy the minds of God's people seem to be incapable of comprehending and appropriating the promises of God. They seem to think that only the scantiest showers of grace are to fall upon the thirsty soul. The power of God awaits their demand and reception.

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- The Christian must build upon the foundation if he would build a strong, symmetrical character, if he would be well balanced in his religious experience. It is in this way that the man will be prepared to meet the demands of truth and righteousness, as they are represented in the Bible; for he will be sustained and energized by the Holy Spirit of God. He who is a true Christian combines great tenderness of feeling with great firmness of purpose, with unswerving fidelity to God; he will in no case become the betrayer of sacred trusts. He who is endowed with the Holy Spirit has great capacities of heart and intellect, and strength of will.
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- God's Spirit dwells in his word (compare John 3:5 with James 1:18 and 1 Peter 1:23, 2 Timothy 4:2, 3:16), and it is through this agency that it reproves the-world. The Spirit is an instructor (Neh. 9:23), to teach all things (John 14:26), according to the promise (John 6:45), and to testify of Christ (John 15:26). It is the agent in inspiration (2 Peter 1:21), testified in the prophets (1 Peter 1:11), and is to speak in those who are persecuted (Matt. 10:19, 20). Through the word it witnesses that we are the children of God (Rom. 8:16) and lifts up a standard against the enemy (Isa. 59:19). The Spirit strives with men (Gen. 6:3), helps in prayer (Born. 8:26; Jude 20; Eph. 6:18), and guides them in the right way (Isa. 30:21). It renews (Titus 3:5), quickens (1 Peter 3:18), and sanctifies (2 Thess. 2:13). The practical importance of receiving the Spirit is apparent, as we see the part which it acts in God's purpose concerning man. "The Holy Spirit exalts and glorifies the Saviour. It is his office to present Christ, the purity of his righteousness, and the great salvation that we have through him. Jesus says, 'He shall receive of mine, and shall show it unto you.' The Spirit of truth is the only effectual teacher of divine truth. How must God esteem the human race, since he gave his Son to die for them, and appoints his Spirit to be man's teacher and continual but shall we trust the spirit at the expense of the revealed word of God? No (Isaiah 8:20). The Spirit has to speak according to it.

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- It is worse than useless to speculate on the process of the new birth. It is our privilege, however, to know the fact. "Like the wind, which is invisible, yet the effects of which are plainly seen and felt, is the Spirit of God in its work upon the human heart, That regenerating power which no human eye can see, begets a new life in the soul; it creates a new being in the image of God." To know God (John 17:3), or to be known of him (Gal. 4:9), involves that idea of that generative power of the Holy Spirit which creates a new heart (Ps. 51:10). The birth of Christ, in whom God was manifested (2 Cor. 5:19), and who is God with us (Matt. 1:25), was due to the Holy Spirit (Luke 1:35); ***so we are begotten of God through his word (James 1:18), are born of his Spirit (John 3:3, 5),*** are sons now (1 John 3:1, 2), receive power by the Holy Spirit (Acts 1:8). Religion is not a mere sentiment, but a life; and the mystery of godliness (or the "secret of piety ") is that as God dwelt and worked in Christ (John 14:10), and in him condemned sin in the flesh (Rom. 8:3), so Christ shall dwell in us (Eph. 3:17), and live in us (Gal. 2:20), being with us always (Matt. 28:20), enabling us to do all things (Phil. 4:13). All this new life and power come through the Holy Spirit (Eph. 3:16), which is to dwell in us (John 14:17). Thus it was that after Christ left his disciples, "their union with him was closer than when he was personally with them." Thus we become a habitation of God (Eph. 2:22), a spiritual house (1 Peter 2:5; Heb. 3:6), a temple of God in which he dwells (2 Cor. 6:16).
- In the new covenant the law is written in the heart by the Spirit (2 Cor. 3:3, Hebrews 8:10, Jer 31:31-34), just as it was in Christ's heart (Ps. 40:8). This writing of the law in our hearts is also referred to as the sprinkling of his spirit on our hearts (Ezekiel 11:19, 36:25). The word of God being spirit and life when in the heart keeps from sin (Ps. 119:11), and establishes the righteous in the way (Ps. 37:31). The law of God "is an expression of the- will of God," "the transcript of the character of God." In Christ this character was illustrated. "He gave to man a new interpretation of God." He was the Word made flesh (John 1:14), and thus, when the law of God is in the heart, it is Simply Christ in us the hope of glory (Col. 1:27). Such are born of the Spirit, and through faith become partakers of the divine nature (2 Peter 1:4). These promises are the better promises even the promises of God.

The Eternal Spirit

- *Hebrews 9:14 How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?*
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- *Romans 8:9 But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the SPIRIT OF GOD dwell in you. Now if any man have not the SPIRIT OF CHRIST, he is none of his.*
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- *John 3:34, 35: For he whom God hath sent speaketh the words of God:for God giveth not the Spirit by measure unto him. 35:The Father loveth the Son, and hath given all things into his hand.*
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- The Father gave the Son his Spirit; it's this Eternal Spirit that doesn't back off from burdens that encouraged the Son of God to offer himself for us. It's this Spirit of the Father given to the Son that enabled him to live a life without spot and every believer can possess this eternal Spirit of the Father if they submit to Him and His Son.
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- As Christ's miraculous conception was by the Holy Spirit, and he wrought all his miracles by the Spirit of God, so his death or final offering was made through or by the eternal Spirit; and by that Spirit he was raised from the dead, 1Peter 3:18. Indeed, through the whole of his life he was justified by the Spirit; and we find that in this great work of human redemption, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit were continually employed.

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- The voluntary nature of the offering gives it especial efficacy. He "through the eternal Spirit," that is, His divine Spirit (Ro 1:4, in contrast to His "flesh," Heb 9:3; His Godhead, 1Ti 3:16; 1Pe 3:18), "His inner personality", which gave a free consent to the act, offered Himself. The animals offered had no spirit or will to consent in the act of sacrifice; they were offered according to the law; they had a life neither enduring, nor of any intrinsic efficacy. But He from eternity, with His divine and everlasting Spirit, concurred with the Father's will of redemption by Him. His offering began on the altar of the cross, and was completed in His entering the holiest place with His blood. The eternity and infinitude of His divine Spirit (compare Heb 7:16) gives eternal ("eternal redemption," Heb 9:12, also compare Heb 9:15) and infinite merit to His offering, so that not even the infinite justice of God has any exception to take against it. It was "through His most burning love, flowing from His eternal Spirit," that He offered Himself. Christ was actuated and filled with a Divine influence when he offered up himself as a sacrifice--an influence which was not of a temporal and fleeting nature, but which was eternal in its efficacy. Christ made his great sacrifice under the extraordinary influences of that Eternal Spirit.
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- *Acts 20:28 Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the **Holy Ghost** hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood*

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- On this one, scripture must be compared to scripture in other places. We ask ourselves, is it the Holy Ghost which made the apostles of Jesus overseers of the Flock or is it Jesus? Notice
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- *John 21:15-17: So when they had dined, Jesus saith to Simon Peter, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me more than these? He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, Feed my lambs. 16: He saith to him again the second time, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me? He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, Feed my sheep. 17: He saith unto him the third time, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me? Peter was grieved because he said unto him the third time, Lovest thou me? And he said unto him, Lord, thou knowest all things; thou knowest that I love thee. Jesus saith unto him, Feed my sheep.*
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- *Matthew 26:28 For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.*
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- From the above, you find that its Christ who has made us overseers of the flock and he is the one who shed his blood. But why is the Spirit used instead? Because Christ is ministering in heaven and the Holy Spirit is His representing on the earth, so anything that happens on the earth is overseen by the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of Christ, which is the Spirit of the Father which in turn is eternal Spirit cause the Father is eternal.

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- It set forth conditions for receiving the Holy Spirit: The spirit is given to those who “walk therein”, “repent and be baptized” “given to them that obey him”, to them that ask. Therefore, it presupposes that those who do not meet these conditions do not have the Holy Spirit.
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- *“In times past holy men of old spake as they were moved by the Holy Spirit. In ancient times the prophets searched what the Spirit of God which was in them signified. THE SPIRIT WAS NOT THEN GIVEN IN POWER BECAUSE JESUS WAS NOT YET GLORIFIED. Dating from the day of Pentecost, the Holy Spirit was to be poured forth on sons and daughters, on servants and handmaidens. In every hill country, every lowland, every valley, humble workmen for the Lord are to be raised up. The divine, sacred influence of the Holy Spirit working in our world is to be as signs and wonders, because God’s people are a peculiar people, an holy nation, shining amid moral darkness as living stones in the Lord’s building. The weakest and feeblest, if they exercise faith in God, and improve their entrusted powers, will be elevated, refined and perfected in character under the Holy Spirit’s working. Humble and contrite, they submit to the moulding and fashioning of the Spirit, and THEY WILL KNOW WHAT HIS ETERNAL FULLNESS MEANS.” {RH February 7, 1957, par. 2}*
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- *“During the patriarchal age the influence of the Holy Spirit had often been revealed in a marked manner, BUT NEVER IN ITS FULLNESS. Now, in obedience to the word of the Saviour, the disciples offered their supplications for this gift, and in heaven Christ added His intercession. HE CLAIMED THE GIFT OF THE SPIRIT, that He might POUR IT upon His people.” — (E.G. White, AA, p.37)*

THE MINISTRY OF ANGELS

- Ex:25:18: And thou shalt make two cherubims of gold, of beaten work shalt thou make them, in the two ends of the mercy seat.
- Ex:25:19: And make one cherub on the one end, and the other cherub on the other end: even of the mercy seat shall ye make the cherubims on the two ends thereof.
- Ex:25:20: And the cherubims shall stretch forth their wings on high, covering the mercy seat with their wings, and their faces shall look one to another; toward the mercy seat shall the faces of the cherubims be.
- Ex:25:22: And there I will meet with thee, and I will commune with thee from above the mercy seat, from between the two cherubims which are upon the ark of the testimony, of all things which I will give thee in commandment unto the children of Israel.

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- Ex:26:1: Moreover thou shalt make the tabernacle with ten curtains of fine twined linen, and blue, and purple, and scarlet: with cherubims of cunning work shalt thou make them.
- Ex:26:31: And thou shalt make a vail of blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen of cunning work: with cherubims shall it be made:
- Ex:36:8: And every wise hearted man among them that wrought the work of the tabernacle made ten curtains of fine twined linen, and blue, and purple, and scarlet: with cherubims of cunning work made he them.
- Ex:36:35: And he made a vail of blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen: with cherubims made he it of cunning work.

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- Ex:37:7: And he made two cherubims of gold, beaten out of one piece made he them, on the two ends of the mercy seat;
- Ex:37:8: One cherub on the end on this side, and another cherub on the other end on that side: out of the mercy seat made he the cherubims on the two ends thereof.
- Ex:37:9: And the cherubims spread out their wings on high, and covered with their wings over the mercy seat, with their faces one to another; even to the mercy seatward were the faces of the cherubims.

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- 1Peter 1:12: Unto whom it was revealed, that not unto themselves, but unto us they did minister the things, which are now reported unto you by them that have preached the gospel unto you with the Holy Ghost sent down from heaven; which things the angels desire to look into.
- Psalms:34:7: The angel of the LORD encampeth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them.

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- **Angels in the Sanctuary**

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- **Exodus 36:8**: Angels were woven **on the veils** of the sanctuary.
 - —*Then all the gifted artisans among them who worked on the tabernacle made **ten curtains** woven of fine linen, and of blue, purple, and scarlet thread; with artistic **designs of cherubim** they made them.*||
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- **Exodus 36:35**: Angels were **woven on the veil** between the **holy and most holy** place.
 - —*And he made a veil of blue, purple, and scarlet thread, and fine woven linen; it was worked with an artistic **design of cherubim**.*||
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- **Exodus 25:20-22**: There was one cherub on **either side** of the Ark of the Covenant.
 - —*And you shall make two cherubim of gold; of hammered work you shall make them at the two ends of the mercy seat. **19** Make one cherub at one end, and the other cherub at the other end; you shall make the cherubim at the two ends of it of one piece with the mercy seat. **20** And the cherubim shall stretch out their wings above, **covering** the mercy seat with their wings, and they shall face one another; the faces of the cherubim shall be toward the mercy seat. **21** You shall put the mercy seat on top of the ark, and **in the ark** you shall put the Testimony that I will give you. **22** And there **I will meet with you**, and I will **speak with you** from **above** the mercy seat, from **between the two cherubim** which are on the ark of the Testimony, about everything which I will give you in commandment to the children of Israel.*||

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- **Psalm 80:1**: God dwells **between the cherubim**.
- — *Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, You who lead Joseph like a flock; You who dwell between the cherubim, shine forth!!*
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- **Deuteronomy 10:1-5**: The **Law of God** was inside the Ark of the Covenant.
- *"At that time the Lord said to me: 'Hew for yourself two tablets of stone like the first, and come up to Me on the mountain and make yourself an ark of wood. 2 And I will write on the tablets the words that were on the first tablets, which you broke; and you shall put them in the ark.' 3 "So I made an ark of acacia wood, hewed two tablets of stone like the first, and went up the mountain, having the two tablets in my hand.*
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- *4 And **He wrote** on the tablets according to the first writing, the Ten Commandments, which the Lord had spoken to you in the mountain from the midst of the fire in the day of the assembly; and the Lord gave them to me. 5 Then I turned and came down from the mountain, and **put the tablets in the ark** which I had made; and there they are, just as the Lord commanded me."*

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- Angels in Temple Built by Solomon
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- **2 Chronicles 3:7:** In Solomon's Temple, cherubim were carved on the walls.
- —*He also overlaid the house — the beams and doorposts, its walls and doors — with gold; and he carved cherubim on the walls.*
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- **Chronicles 3:14:** Cherubim were woven on the veil between the holy and most holy place.
- “. . . and he made the veil of blue, purple, crimson, and fine linen, and wove cherubim into it.
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- **2 Chronicles 5:7, 8:** Two special cherubim overshadowed the Ark of the Covenant.
- —*Then the priests brought in the ark of the covenant of the Lord to its place, into the inner sanctuary of the temple, to the Most Holy Place, under the wings of the cherubim. **8** For the cherubim spread their wings over the place of the ark, and the cherubim overshadowed the ark and its poles.*
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- **Isaiah 6:2, 3:** Seraphim also were present in God's throne room.
- —*In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lifted up, and the train of His robe filled the temple. **2** Above it stood seraphim; each one had six wings: with two he covered his face, with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew.*

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- **The Mission of the Angels**

- **Matthew 4:11**: Angels were sent to **minister to Jesus**.

- —*Then the devil left Him, and behold, angels came and **ministered to Him**.*||

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- **Hebrews 1:14**: The angels are **ministering spirits** to human beings.

- —*Are they not all **ministering spirits** sent forth to minister for those who will inherit salvation?*||

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- **John 1:51**: The angels do the **bidding of Jesus**—they take our prayers to Him and bring his **answers back** to us.

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- —*And He said to him, „Most assuredly, I say to you, hereafter you shall see heaven open and the **angels of God ascending and descending** upon the Son of Man.’*||

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- Watching the Great Controversy
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- **I Corinthians 4:9**: The angels are not passive bystanders in the great controversy. They are actively engaged; they are **observing the mystery of redemption** and participating in ministering to needy human beings (they **fill the sanctuary** and **are watching**). They impart God's message to the prophets, seek to persuade sinners to repent, protect from the power of the evil one, bring God's word to mind in times of need, speak to the voice of our conscience, etc.
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- —*For I think that God has displayed us, the apostles, last, as men condemned to death; for we have been made **a spectacle [theatron]** to the world, both to **angels** and to men.*||
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- **Luke 15:10**: Angels **rejoice when sinners repent.**
- —*Likewise, I say to you, there is joy in the **presence of the angels** of God over one sinner who repents.*"
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- **Luke 12:8, 9**: Jesus **confesses our names** before the angels.
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- *"Also I say to you, whoever confesses Me before men, him the Son of Man also will confess **before the angels of God.** 9 But he who denies Me before men will be denied before the **angels of God.** —*

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- Human agencies are the hands of heavenly instrumentalities, for heavenly angels employ human hands in practical ministry. Human agencies as hand helpers are to work out the knowledge and use the facilities of heavenly beings. By uniting with these powers that are omnipotent, we are benefited by their higher education and experience. Thus as we become partakers of the divine nature, and separate selfishness from our lives, special talents for helping one another are granted us. This is heaven's way of administering saving power. {6T 456.3}
- Since there is decided sympathy between heaven and earth, and since God commissions angels to minister unto all who are in need of help, we know that if we do our part, these heavenly representatives of omnipotent power will give help in this time of need. If we will become one in mind and heart with the heavenly intelligences, we can be worked by them. Men to whom God has entrusted capabilities and talents of means will be impressed by Him to take on the burden of responsibility, and help our Scandinavian brethren. {6T 461.3}

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- If there are only a few assembled, there are enough to claim the precious promises of God. The Father, the Son, and the holy angels will be present with you to behold your faith, your steadfast principle, and there you will have of the outpouring of God's Holy Spirit. God has rich blessings in store for those who will bring not only all the tithes into his store-house, but also time and strength of bone and brain and muscle into his service. Those who will do this, will walk in the light, and will triumph in God. {ST, February 10, 1890 par. 4}

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- CM Chap. 17 - Accompanied by Angels
- Ministry of Holy Angels.--We need to understand better than we do the mission of the angels. It would be well to remember that every true child of God has the co-operation of heavenly beings. Invisible armies of light and power attend the meek and lowly ones who believe and claim the promises of God. Cherubim and seraphim, and angels that excel in strength, stand at God's right hand, "All ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation."--The Acts of the Apostles, p. 154. (1911) {CM 110.1}

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- Thousands of Angels.--In working for perishing souls you have the companionship of angels. Thousands upon thousands, and ten thousand times ten thousand angels are waiting to co-operate with members of our churches in communicating the light that God has generously given, that a people may be prepared for the coming of Christ.--Testimonies, vol. 9, p. 129. (1909) {CM 110.2}
- They Are Ever Near.--Those who labor for the good of others are working in union with the heavenly angels. They have their constant companionship, their unceasing ministry. Angels of light and power are ever near to protect, to comfort, to heal, to instruct, to inspire. The highest education, the truest culture, and the most exalted service possible to human beings in this world are theirs. --Testimonies, vol. 6, pp. 307, 308. (1900) {CM 110.3}
- Sent to Help Us.--Nothing is apparently more helpless, yet really more invincible, than the soul that feels its nothingness and relies wholly on the merits of the Saviour. God would send every angel in heaven to the aid of such a one, rather than allow him to be overcome. --Testimonies, vol. 7, p. 17. (1902) {CM 111.1}
- Our canvassers are having marked success. And why should they not? The heavenly angels are working with them. Hundreds of those who believe the truth will, if they keep their hearts humble, do a good work, in the companionship of heavenly angels. God will use those who humble the heart before him, and sanctify themselves in faith and humility, following the example of the Great Teacher, and speaking words that will enlighten those not of our faith. We are to work patiently and disinterestedly, as the servants of the Lord, opening the Scriptures to others.--Letter 102, 1910. {CM 111.2}
- Angels Give Words.--Much responsibility rests upon the canvasser. He should go to his work prepared to explain the Scriptures. If he puts his trust in the Lord as he travels from place to place, angels of God will be round about him, giving him words to speak that will bring light and hope and courage to many souls.-- Testimonies, vol. 6, p. 314. (1900) {CM 111.3}
- They Come to Soften Hearts.--God will impress those whose hearts are open to truth, and who are longing for guidance. He will say to His human agent, "Speak to this one or to that one of the love of Jesus." No sooner is the name of Jesus mentioned in love and tenderness than angels of God draw near, to soften and subdue the heart.--Manual for Canvassers, p. 37. (1902) {CM 111.4}

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- They Give Instruction.--Every canvasser has positive and constant need of the angelic ministration; for he has an important work to do, a work that he cannot do in his own strength. Those who are born again, who are willing to be guided by the Holy Spirit, doing in Christ's way that which they can do, those who will work as if they could see the heavenly universe watching them, will be accompanied and instructed by holy angels, who will go before them to the dwellings of the people, preparing the way for them. Such help is far above all the advantages which expensive embellishments are supposed to give. {CM 112.1}
- They Give Success.--When men realize the times in which we are living, they will work as in the sight of heaven. The canvasser will handle those books that bring light and strength to the soul. He will drink in the spirit of those books and will put his whole soul into the work of presenting them to the people. His strength, his courage, his success, will depend on how fully the truth presented in the books is woven into his own experience and developed in his character. When his own life is thus molded, he can go forward, representing to others the sacred truth he is handling. Imbued with the Spirit of God he will gain a deep, rich experience, and heavenly angels will give him success in the work.-- Testimonies, vol. 6, pp. 319, 320. (1900) {CM 112.2}
- Jesus and holy angels will give success to the efforts of intelligent, God-fearing men who do all in their power to save souls. Quietly, modestly, with a heart overflowing with love, let them seek to win minds to investigate the truth, engaging in Bible readings when they can. By so doing they will be sowing the seed of truth beside all waters, showing forth the praises of Him who hath called them out of darkness into His marvelous light. Those who are doing this work from right motives are doing an important work of ministering. They will manifest no feeble, undecided character. Their minds are enlarging, their manners are becoming more refined. They should place no bounds to their improvement, but every day be better fitted to do good work.--Testimonies, vol. 5, p. 403. (1885) {CM 113.1}

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- He had felt it in the garden of Gethsemane, when from his pores were forced drops of blood, and where he would have died had not an angel been sent from the courts of Heaven to invigorate the divine sufferer, that he might tread his blood-stained path to Calvary. {3SP 163.2}
- We have an Advocate pleading in our behalf. The Holy Ghost is continually engaged in beholding our course of action. We need now keen perception, that by our own practical godliness the truth may be made to appear truth as it is in Jesus. The angelic agencies are messengers from heaven, actually ascending and descending, keeping earth in constant connection with the heaven above. These angel messengers are observing all our course of action. They are ready to help all in their weakness, guarding all from moral and physical danger according to the providence of God. And whenever souls yield to the softening, subduing influence of the Spirit of God under these angel ministrations, there is joy in heaven; the Lord Himself rejoices with singing. {1SM 96.2}

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- Angels are helping in this work to restore the fallen and bring them back to the One who has given His life to redeem them, and the Holy Spirit is co-operating with the ministry of human agencies to arouse the moral powers by working on the heart, reproof of sin, of righteousness, and of judgment. {6T 260.1}
- There is no line of work in which it is possible for the youth to receive greater benefit. All who engage in ministry are God's helping hand. They are co-workers with the angels; rather, they are the human agencies through whom the angels accomplish their mission. Angels speak through their voices, and work by their hands. And the human workers, co-operating with heavenly agencies, have the benefit of their education and experience. As a means of education, what "university course" can equal this? {Ed 271.1}

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- All heaven is interested in your salvation, and angels of God are waiting to do for you what they did for the early disciples on the day of Pentecost. Do your duty to your children, and for those who are ignorant of the truth. Carry out the teachings of the Word in your homes. You must stand in harmony with the God of heaven if you would lay hold of divine power. Humanity may reach divinity through faith in Christ. Then humanity can reach out to humanity, imparting the hope of the gospel to souls who are perishing out of Christ.--Ms. 75, 1909, pp. 4-6. ("Labor for the Unconverted," October 18, 1909.) {10MR 112.2}

ANGELS AND THE HOLY SPIRIT

- The angels of God are ever passing from earth to heaven, and from heaven to earth. The miracles of Christ for the afflicted and suffering were wrought by the power of God through the ministration of the angels. And it is through Christ, by the ministration of His heavenly messengers, that every blessing comes from God to us. In taking upon Himself humanity, our Saviour unites His interests with those of the fallen sons and daughters of Adam, while through His divinity He grasps the throne of God. And thus Christ is the medium of communication of men with God, and of God with men. {DA 143.1}
- After the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, thousands were converted. Angels of God that excel in strength, clothed with the brightness of heaven, came to the help of the church, and swept back the forces of Satan. The work of the Holy Spirit was not limited to apostolic days; it is not confined to any church, large or small: the field of his ministration is the world. "He will convince the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment." But the instrumentalities through which the Holy Spirit works are the members of Christ's body, those who believe in his name. It is through these light-bearers that the gospel is to be carried to all the nations of the earth. {RH, January 20, 1891 par. 8}

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- Christ will be with these humble workers. The angels of heaven will cooperate with them in their self-sacrificing efforts. By the power of the Holy Spirit Jesus will move upon hearts. God will work miracles in the conversion of sinners. Men and women will be gathered into church fellowship. Meeting houses will be built, and institutions of learning established. {MR311 36.2}
- Before the work is closed up and the sealing of God's people is finished, we shall receive the outpouring of the Spirit of God. Angels from heaven will be in our midst. {Mar 212.2}
- A measure of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal. Through the ministry of the angels, the Holy Spirit is enabled to work upon the mind and heart of the human agent, and draw him to Christ, who has paid the ransom money for his soul, that the sinner may be rescued from the slavery of sin and Satan. But the Spirit of God does not interfere with the freedom of the human agent. The Holy Spirit is given to be a helper, so that the human agent may cooperate with the divine intelligences; and it is its province to draw the soul, but never to force obedience. Christ is ready to impart all heavenly influences. He knows every temptation that comes to man, and the capabilities of every human agent. He weighs his strength. He sees the present and the future, and presents before the mind the obligations that should be met, and urges that common, earthly things shall not be permitted to be so absorbing that eternal things shall be lost out of reckoning. The Lord has fulness of grace to bestow on every one that will receive the heavenly gift. The Holy Spirit will bring the God-entrusted capabilities into Christ's service, and will mold and fashion the human agent according to the divine Pattern, in proportion as the human agent shall earnestly desire the transformation. {YI, July 5, 1894 par. 5}

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- "And, behold, a man of Ethiopia, a eunuch of great authority under Candace queen of the Ethiopians, who had the charge of all her treasure, and had come to Jerusalem for to worship, was returning, and sitting in his chariot read Esaias the prophet." This Ethiopian was a man of good standing and of wide influence. God saw that when converted he would give others the light he had received and would exert a strong influence in favor of the gospel. Angels of God were attending this seeker for light, and he was being drawn to the Saviour. By the ministration of the Holy Spirit the Lord brought him into touch with one who could lead him to the light. {AA 107.3}
- When God pointed out to Philip his work, the disciple did not say, as many are saying today, "God does not mean that. I will not be too confident, or I shall make a mistake." Philip that day learned a lesson of conformity to God's will which was worth everything to him. He learned that every soul is precious in the sight of God, and that angels will bring to the appointed agencies light for those who are in need of it. The heavenly angels do not undertake the work of preaching the gospel. Through the ministration of angels God sends light to His people, and through His people this light is to be given to the world. The Holy Spirit will guide and instruct men and women if they will show themselves willing to be guided by placing themselves in positions where they can communicate the light received. {BEcho, December 10, 1900 par. 12}

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- The anointed ones standing by the Lord of the whole earth, have the position once given to Satan as covering cherub. By the holy beings surrounding his throne, the Lord keeps up a constant communication with the inhabitants of the earth. The golden oil represents the grace with which God keeps the lamps of believers supplied, that they shall not flicker and go out. Were it not that this holy oil is poured from heaven in the messages of God's Spirit, the agencies of evil would have entire control over men. {RH, July 20, 1897 par. 6}
- From the two olive trees the golden oil was emptied through the golden pipes into the bowl of the candlestick, and thence into the golden lamps that gave light to the sanctuary. So from the holy ones that stand in God's presence His Spirit is imparted to the human instrumentalities who are consecrated to His service. The mission of the two anointed ones is to communicate to God's people that heavenly grace which alone can make His word a lamp to the feet and a light to the path. "Not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit, saith the Lord of hosts." Zechariah 4:6. {COL 408.1}

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- I am afraid we have altogether too cheap and common ideas. "Behold the heaven of heavens cannot contain Thee." Let not any one venture to limit the power of the Holy One of Israel. There are conjectures and questions in regard to God's work. Take off thy shoes from off thy feet; for the place whereon thou standest is holy ground. Yes, angels are the ministers of God upon the earth, doing His will. {3MR 207.4}
- Now the Saviour's eye penetrates the future; He beholds the broader fields in which, after His death, the disciples are to be witnesses for Him. His prophetic glance takes in the experience of His servants through all the ages till He shall come the second time. He shows His followers the conflicts they must meet; He reveals the character and plan of the battle. He lays open before them the perils they must encounter, the self-denial that will be required. He desires them to count the cost, that they may not be taken unawares by the enemy. Their warfare is not to be waged against flesh and blood, but "against the principalities, against the powers, against the world rulers of this darkness, against the spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places." Ephesians 6:12, R. V. They are to contend with supernatural forces, but they are assured of supernatural help. All the intelligences of heaven are in this army. And more than angels are in the ranks. The Holy Spirit, the representative of the Captain of the Lord's host, comes down to direct the battle. Our infirmities may be many, our sins and mistakes grievous; but the grace of God is for all who seek it with contrition. The power of Omnipotence is enlisted in behalf of those who trust in God. {DA 352.2}

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- Revelation 1:1 The Revelation of **Jesus Christ**, which **God** gave unto him, to shew unto his servants things which must shortly come to pass; and he sent and signified it by his **angel** unto his servant **John**:
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- Zechariah 4:2: And said unto me, What seest thou? And I said, I have looked, and behold a **andlestick** all of gold, with a bowl upon the top of it, and his **seven lamps** thereon, and **seven pipes** to the seven lamps, which are upon the top thereof 3: And **two olive trees** by it, one upon the right side of the bowl, and the other upon the left side thereof. 4: So I answered and spake to the angel that talked with me, saying, What are these, my lord? 5: Then the angel that talked with me answered and said unto me, Knowest thou not what these be? And I said, No, my lord. 6: Then he answered and spake unto me, saying, This is the **word of the LORD** unto Zerubbabel, saying, **Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit**, saith the LORD of hosts. 11: Then answered I, and said unto him, What are these **two olive trees** upon the right side of the **andlestick** and upon the left side thereof? 12: And I answered again, and said unto him, What be these **two olive branches** which through the **two golden pipes** empty the **golden oil** out of themselves? 13: And he answered me and said, Knowest thou not what these be? And I said, No, my lord. 14: Then said he, These are the **two anointed ones, that stand by the LORD** of the whole earth.
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- This particular chapter of Zechariah is interesting to read. We have
 - *Two olive trees*
 - *Aandlestick with a bowl*
 - *Seven lamps*
 - *Seven pipes to the lamp*
 - *Two olive branches*
 - *Golden oil*
 - *Two anointed ones*

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- From the **two olive trees**, the **golden oil** was emptied through **golden pipes** into the **bowl of the candlestick** and thence into the **golden lamps** that gave **light to the sanctuary**. So from the **holy ones that stand in God's presence**, His Spirit is imparted to **human instrumentalities that are consecrated to His service**. The mission of the **two anointed ones is to communicate light and power to God's people**. It is to receive blessing for us that they stand in God's presence. As the **olive trees empty themselves into the golden pipes**, so the **heavenly messengers seek to communicate all that they receive from God**. The whole heavenly treasure awaits our demand and reception; and as we receive the blessing, we in our turn are to impart it. Thus it is that the holy lamps are fed, and the church becomes a light bearer in the world. {TM 510.1}
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- There are **many who are laborers together with God whom we do not discern**. The hands of ministers have never been laid upon them in ordination for the work; but nevertheless they are wearing the yoke of Christ, and **exert a saving influence in working in different lines to win souls to Christ...** Read and study the fourth chapter of Zechariah. **The two olive trees empty the golden oil out of themselves through the golden pipes into the golden bowl from which the lamps of the sanctuary are fed. The golden oil represents the Holy Spirit. With this oil** God's ministers are to be constantly supplied, that they, in turn, may impart it to church. **"Not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit, saith the Lord of hosts."** **God's servants can obtain victories only by inward purity, by cleanness of heart, by holiness.** It is of the utmost importance that **ministers set a right example. If they follow lax, loose principles, their example is quoted by those who are doing wrong** as a vindication of their course.-- Review and Herald, December 22, 1904. {TM 188.1,2}

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