

Sayings Worth Remembering

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"Our eyes must be fixed not so much on our character building as on the lamb and priest that makes it possible." – Sermon # 1609

"God thoughtfully put our eyes in the front of our head. I am glad aren't you? No eyes in the back. So when I look to Jesus I can't see what's behind." – Sermon #0374

"The nice thing about being higher is that we are closer to heaven. Mind you that we are not closer I our *standing*, but in our *understanding*; not closer in our *acceptance* but in closer in our *experience*."

-Sermon #0370

"Our salvation does not depend on our holding Him, but on His holding us. There is a world of difference in that. We are like little children. And how wonderful it is that if our grip grows weak, our grasp is feeble, we are held not by our hold of Him, but His hold of us. 'Neither shall any man pluck them out of My hand.'" – Sermon # 0702

"Salvation is not something we do or have done for God. It is something He does for us" – Sermon #0079

"I don't want to fail God every again. Do you? But the ground of my hope is not that I will never fail Him again. My ground of hope is that He has never failed me and never will. I know He will keep His word." - Sermon #0079

"Well, is that where your hope of salvation rests – in how many times you don't fall? If it is, I fear that you will be shaky, and that will make you fall all the more. Why not put your hope of salvation where *God says* to put it – in His promise." - Sermon #0079

"No, I don't know how bad you are, and don't tell me. For one thing, you don't even know how bad you are. You are worse than you thought you were. So why look in that direction? When we look to man trouble grows. When we look to Jesus trouble goes." - Sermon #0597

"If we look around us we will be distressed. If we look within we'll be depressed, but if we look up to Jesus we will be *blessed!*" – Sermon #0749

"One of the greatest needs of the human heart is to feel needed."
- Ransom and Reunion p. 12

"It is a wonderful thing to have something worth living for that is worth more than living." - Sermon #1214

"Sprinkling holy water on a pig would not sanctify it, would it?" - Sermon #1458

"Every mistake that people make is because they don't understand and believe the love that God has for them and often because they don't believe the love that their bothers and sisters have for them." – Sermon #1219

"Love was not invented in order to get men to obey law; but law was given in order that love might find expression." – Sermon #1177

"There is this thing about light dear friends: if it is walked *in* it brings blessings; but if it is walked *on* it brings a curse." – Sermon #1402

"As a friend of mine as well put it: There is *one* mention of death bed repentance in the Bible. There is one that all men may hope; there is only one that all men may be warned." – Sermon #0011

"How it is that men are saved – I want to bring it to you in two very simple but wonderful facts: The first is - that Jesus has come *all* the way from where He is to where we are. The second is that He invites us to come with Him *all* the way from where we are to where He is." – Sermon #0277

"One thing that makes me love Him is: He slows His pace to my short steps. I remember when my little girl was small; we would be walking along a trail or a path, sometimes she would say 'Daddy, remember my legs are not as long as yours.'" – Sermon #0277

"What is grace? It is love going beyond the ordinary. It means mercy to some that doesn't deserve it at all." - Sermon #0025

"There is no lie so bad as a half truth." - Sermon #0025

"Yes friends, times have changed – that's the trouble; but God hasn't changed – that's the point." – Sermon #1056

"You may do something that you do not love, but you do not love that you don't do." – Sermon #0524

"The next step is the most important step in all the world to you." – Sermon #0526

"Baptism is not graduation, it is enrollment." – Sermon #0530

"I wonder friends if there is anything in your refrigerator that you wouldn't put on the table if Jesus were coming to eat with you?" – Sermon #0531

"We will never get a clean world until we get a clean church." – Sermon #0532

"If there had not been war in heaven it could not have remained heaven."
– Sermon #0532

"The light that shines the farthest shines the brightest nearest home."
– Sermon #1617

"As a friend of mine says, 'Even if you win the rat race, you are still a rat!' Well, who wants to be a rat?" – Sermon #0803

"Some people can never see the ideal because they are so practical, but there are other people that are so idealistic they can never see the practical."
–Sermon #0757

"Order, someone has said, means a place for everything and everything in its place; and a time for everything and everything on time."—Sermon #0762

"Love is the electric current of the soul. It has a great potential for good; it has a great potential for pain, for heartbreak. And may I tell you my friends, the reason that heartbreaks are so heartbreaking is that we are dealing with one of the most wonderful things in the universe. " –Sermon #1618

"Reserve is necessary if we are to preserve." – Sermon #1618

"I'll tell you this – if you're going to learn mathematics fast you'll have more problems per day, won't you?" – Sermon #1622

"No man is a good counselor unless he believes the Bible and the Spirit of Prophecy with all his heart. Unless he leads you to exalt these inspired writings; not to twist them or pervert them or change them or modify them *but just believe them.*" – Sermon #1623

"You don't fall upwards. Right? And the falling in love that people talk about, so many times it *is* falling, it's infatuation." – Sermon #1627

"How do you keep your heart? Well, I'll tell you dear friends the only way you can keep anything is to give it to God," – Sermon #1629

"I want to tell you something friends; faith is not a matter of going ahead or stopping. It depends on what the light is – if it is red, faith says "I'll stop" if it is green faith says "I'll go ahead" – Sermon #0043

"Daniel was true in Babylon because he was true in Jerusalem. He was willing to be different in the heathen country because he had learned to be different among the professed people of God." – Sermon #0694

"Love must not only flow *to* us but *through* us, if we are to understand it." – Sermon # 0458

"Our job in the home is not to make a living, it's to make a life." – Sermon # 0458

"And where we go is often determined by what it is by what we are seeking." – Sermon #0035

"The purpose of Christian prayer – *true prayer* - is not to get God to give us what we want; it's to bring us to the place where God can give us what He wants." – Sermon #0389

"Let us not pray for problems as little as we are. Let us pray for the grace of God to enable us like David to tackle the greatest problems." – Sermon #0389

"While the *impression* is deep in your mind let the *expression* deepen that impression." – Sermon # 0392

"There is a German Proverb that says that the good is the enemy of the best." - Sermon # 0394

"You heard about the man who was going to cut off a dog's tale and he thought how hard it would be on the dog and so he cut off just a little every day. You've heard about that haven't you? I doubt it if anybody every did it with a dog, but thousands of Christians are practicing that sort of dissection on themselves friends." - Sermon # 0394

"Did you ever go to surgery? Well if you did, weather you remember it or not, you *signed* something that gave the surgeon authorization to take anything out in there that he found that needed to come out. Am I correct? Why not do that with Jesus friends?" - Sermon # 0394

"The church is not a mutual admiration society – it's an army!" – Sermon #1129

"Indecision soon becomes decision in the wrong direction." – Sermon #1129

"I have good news for you, God can use awkward people to reach some souls that polished, educated disciplined trained workers can't reach at all!" – Sermon # 1130

"What would you think of a soldier, in the trenches or in a foxhole, coming up and getting an audience with his captain and when he finally gets in the captain says 'What is it that you wanted to see me about?' and he says, 'the sergeant didn't talk to me very nice yesterday morning and I wish that you would tell him to be nicer to me.' *What in the world friends!* Is there a war on or isn't there?" – Sermon # 1130

"The Devil hates specifics!" - Sermon # 1130

"We must never think of the sacrifice of Jesus as in some way buying off the Judge, fixing the parking ticket or anything of that kind." – Sermon # 1094

"Nothing that Christ has done for us can ever take the place of what He does to us." – Sermon #1094

"May I tell you this my friends, in dealing with references never chisel the reference to fit your building. The time will come when you will need the block just as big as God made it." – Sermon # 0664

"But I want to say to you that no matter how much God does for us, there are some things that He wants to do *with* us and *in* us." – Sermon # 1095

"If Jesus isn't worth dying for, He isn't worth living for." – Sermon # 0109

"A good teacher knows the way, shows the way and goes the way." – Sermon #0652

"There's no improvement without change but there can be many changes without improvement" – Sermon # 0655

"All we need we have but all we have we need." – Sermon # 1119

"When you hear and answer the call of God to leave ordinary things and do extra ordinary things, He may give you some simple humble work to do, but up that trail lies a miracle waiting for you." – Sermon # 1119

"Shall we hold the cross or shall we hide the cross?" – Sermon #0735

"Loyalty is the antidote for liberalism and love is the antidote for legalism." – Sermon #1614

"Good judgment comes from experience and experience comes from exercising poor judgment." – Sermon #1149

"Our eyes must be fixed not so much on our character building as on the lamb and priest that makes it possible." – Sermon # 1609

"Sin is not so much of an action as it is an attitude" – Sermon # 1609

"We can know the truth but we can never know a lie, we may believe a lie." – Sermon # 1610

"The living Word of God does not need to be *dissected* my friends, it needs to be studied and *accepted*." – Sermon # 1610

"The more truth there is in a lie the more dangerous it is." - Sermon #0138

"Salvation is by faith; God works it in and we work it out." - Sermon #0138

"The biggest part of 'cooperate' is operate." - Sermon #0138

"A little truth will save you: if you accept it. An immense amount of truth will never save you *unless* you accept it." – Sermon # 0175

"Nature is a lesson book, and what a beautiful lesson book it is - every page is illustrated!" sermon #0792

"The only way that we can get out of religious experience what God intends friends is that we put everything we have into it." – Sermon #0398

"For all your days prepare, and beat them ever alike,
When you are the anvil bear it, when you are the hammer, strike."
– Sermon # 0569

"One reason God does not answer our prayers sometimes is that we are not asking for enough. He wants us to expect more and attempt more. He wants us to undertake more for Him." - Sermon # 0681

"Unless you and I are willing to get down at the foot of the cross and see how weak and full of failures we are *alone* with God, then we will have to learn it before the multitude."
– Sermon #0632

"Is there a difference between humility and humiliation? Oh yes. With humiliation I go with my head bowed down, but with humility I can go with my head up looking at Jesus." -Sermon #0632

"So the question is not, as I pick up this book or magazine. "Is there something worse"? No, the question is "is there something better"? That's the question! That's the question for the converted heart. Do you see the difference, friends?" – **Sermon #0708**

"Let us not stop to stone the devil's dogs as they bark. Let's be on with our work, sharing this glorious gift with those around us. Remember that the true sheep will recognize the Shepherd's voice. If some soul doesn't want to recognize it, let's pray for them and help them if we can. But let us never be diverted from our mission to communicate this wonderful gift." – Sermon #0743

"The idea that to abstain from outward sin, and to do that which is outwardly right is a passport to heaven, is all a mistake. There is only one way to come to heaven, and that is the way of the cross." – Sermon #0747

“The only obedience that’s worth a nickel is the obedience that comes from love. But may I add friends, the only love that’s worth anything is the love that’s manifested in obedience.” – Sermon # 0701

“The only time that we are prepared to live is when we are prepared to die.” – **Sermon #0831**

“All change is not improvement but all real improvement involves changes. Let’s put that another way - there can be change without improvement but there can be no improvement without change.” – Sermon #0850

“It is because He loves us that Christ suffers. I do not mean that His love leads Him to be willing to suffer. Love itself is the cause of His suffering. Loving us, He cannot be happy while we are unhappy. He cannot be happy while we are in sin. The more He loves us, the more His love for us makes Him suffer.” – Sermon #0854

“To give quick answers to many questions you either need to know everything or not know very much. “ – Sermon #0861

“No obedience is real obedience unless it comes from love.” – Sermon #0863

“We must never forget that the reason God send Adam and Eve out of Eden is that Eden no longer furnished the conditions necessary for the development of character ” – Sermon #0867

“When we can get the heart and the mouth singing the same song it makes a beautiful duet friends.” -Sermon #0879

“When you don't feel like praying you need to pray, and when you do feel like it you want to pray. So that doesn't leave out any day. Every day there is something to pray about. Either you feel like it or you don't feel like it. Either one is the signal.” - Sermon #0683

Every time we say yes to somebody we have got to say no to somebody else. Every time we say yes to right, we must say no to wrong. And someone is going to get hurt. Someone is going to get offended. - Sermon #0907

There is no such thing as loving righteousness without hating iniquity. There is no such thing as saying yes to God without saying no to sin. - Sermon #0907

Daniel faced the lion's den when he was an older man because he could face the king's dining table when he was a teenager. - Sermon #0907

Now I think that God would like to have us be very practical. You know it is possible sometimes to be poetic and stop there. But I like that expression of religion in shoes. Getting right down to earth and walking about. That is what Jesus did when He was here, didn't He? Yes. He walked the

common paths and mingled with the common people and brought the religion of heaven right down to earth.- Sermon #0913

Now we are told in *Desire of Ages*, pages 19 and 20, that the glory shining in the face of Jesus is the glory of self-sacrificing love. God's light is love. And love is a **delightful** thing, isn't it, friends? Yes. How appropriate it is to associate love with light, and light with love. How a smiling face brightens the room as a dark clouded brow tends to bring the shadows.- Sermon #0913

You show what you are by what attracts you. The thing that attracts you shows what is in your heart. - Sermon #0919

Elder Luther Warren

"When you don't know what to do, then you know just what to do – pray."
–As quoted by Elder Frazee

"My best Friend has made arrangements for me to become personally acquainted with everybody who has ever lived in this world that is worth knowing."
–As quoted by Elder Frazee, Sermon #1483

Elder Burden

"When you're looking for money from unexpected sources you hardly know what direction to look." – As quoted by Elder Frazee, Sermon #1403

Elder W. C. White

"We can even learn from our critics sometimes." – As quoted by Elder Frazee, Sermon #0655

Elder Frazee Quoting an Unknown Author

"The more you have to *live for* the less you need to *live on*." – Sermon #0078

"The city of happiness is in the state of mind." – Sermon # 0654

"Time is such a precious commodity that God only gives it to us a minute at a time." – Sermon #1514

"As one of old put it 'Without Him we cannot, without us he will not'"
- Sermon #0138

"Someone as said that 'money can provide you food but not appetite. It can provide you a bed but not sleep.'" – Sermons # 0116

"As a friend of mine put it:

Think of the time in your past experience when Jesus seemed the closest to you of anything in your whole life. Remember He is just the same now as He was then."

-Sermon #0368

"Someone as said, " If you trust, you cannot worry and if you worry, you cannot trust." – Sermon #0597

"Somewhere I saw a saying like this: It is never too soon to do a kindness, because we never know when it may be too late."-Sermon #0725

"A friend of mine said: 'The application of the board of education is the seat of learning.'"

"How big was Alexander, Pa? The people call him great;
Was he like old Goliath tall, his spear a hundred weight?
Was he so large that he could stand like some tall steeple high?
And while his feet were on the ground his hands could touch the sky?
Oh, no, my child, about as large as I or Uncle James;
T'was not his stature that made him great, but the greatness of his name.
His name so great? I know 'tis long, but easy quite to spell;
And more than half a year ago I knew it very well.
I mean my child his actions were so great he got a name;
That everybody speaks with praise that tells about his fame.
Well, what great action did he do? I want to know it all.
Why, he it was that conquered Tier and leveled down her wall,
And thousands of her people slew and then to Persia went;
And fire and sword on every side through many a region sent,
A hundred conquered cities shone with midnight burnings red,
And strewed o'er many a battle ground a thousand soldiers bled.
Did killing people make him great? Then why was Abdul Young,
Who killed his neighbor training day put into jail and hung?
I never hear them call him great, why no, t'was not in war;
And him that kills a single man his neighbors all abhor.
Well then, if I should kill a man I should kill a hundred more;
I should be great and not be hung like Abdul Young before.
Not so, my child, t'will never do, the gospel bids be kind;
Then they that kill and they that praise the gospel do not mind.
-Sermon #0823

"It was not thought of any gold that hundred sheep might bring,
That sent the keeper of the fold back into weariness and cold
When home was beckoning.

It was His love that could not think of that poor willful one,
Unmindful by the canyon's brink, or in despair about to sink
With strength and courage gone.

It was not any grace of mine that drew my Lord to me;
In heaven spotless angels shined that vie to do His will divine,
And here was Calvary.

It was His love that could not bear to think of my distress;
He knew the pride of life would wear away, and leave me bleating there
In utter wretchedness.

Oh, if He had not come for me, forever I would roam,
Alone and lost in misery, but up and over Calvary
The Shepherd bears me home."

-Sermon #0265

Serene I fold my hands and wait,
Nor care for winds nor tide nor sea;
I rave no more against time or fate,
For my own shall come to me.

I stay my haste, I make delay,
For what avails this eager pace?
I stand amid the eternal waves,
And what is mine shall know my fate.

The stars come nightly to the sky,
The tidal wave unto the sea;
Nor time nor space nor depth nor height
Can keep my own away from me.

- Sermon #0842

Poems and Other

I have a case at court, and court is set,
How soon my case is called I may not know;
But from the seat of justice dare not go
Till sentence has been passed on me;
And yet although my sins more red than crimson be,
I have an advocate who pleads for me.

I have a case at court, and court is set,

The Judge supreme is on the judgment seat;
With trembling low I bow before His feet,
Convicted by my own proud heart;
And yet will downcast eyes see not the Judge's face?
My advocate has never lost a case.

I have a case at court, and court is set,
My straining ears have caught at last my name;
Needs not the former charge to tell my shame,
My heart cannot deny its guilt;
And yet to hide my filthy garments out of sight,
My advocate provides a robe of light.

I have a case at court, and court is set,
With tears the angel reads the charges there;
And to the court my Counsel makes His prayer,
For pardon please, admits my guilt;
And yet the Judge divine in mercy sets me free,
My advocate has born the curse for me. – Sermon #0746

"Lonely, no, not lonely,
While Jesus standeth by;
His presence always cheers me,
I know that He is nigh."
- Sermon #0749

Hark the cry goes forth abroad,
Pitchers for the lamps of God;
Not the beauty of the make,
But oh, the willingness to break
Marks the vessels of the Lord,
Meet to bare His lighted Word.
- Sermon #0203

Dear Lord, I do not ask that Thou shouldst give
Some high work of Thine, or some noble task.
Give me a little hand to hold in mine,
Give me a little child to point the way
Over the strange, sweet path that leads to Thee.
Give me a little voice to teach to pray,
Give me two shining eyes Thy face to see;
The only crown I ask to wear, Dear Lord, is this:
That I may teach a little child.
I do not ask that I may stand
Among the wise, the worthy, or the great;
I only ask that softly, hand in hand,

A child and I may enter at the gate.

- Sermon #0281

"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life" John 3:16.

This is the gospel! This is the good news. By the way, you boys and girls, if you want something interesting to do sometime during the next twenty-four hours try this. Write down the left-hand side of the page, one letter under the other, G-O-S-P-E-L. What does that spell? Gospel. When you have done that written "gospel" then start in there in John 3:16 and find in order the words that begin with those letters. It is all there in John 3:16. And in that order.

- Sermon # 0299

Christ vs Alexander

Jesus and Alexander died at thirty-three,
One lived and died for self, One died for you and me;
The Greek died on a throne, the Jew died on a cross,
One's life a triumph seemed, the Other but a loss.

One led vast armies forth, the Other walked alone,
One shed a whole world's blood, the Other gave His own;
One won the world in life and lost it all in death,
The Other lost His life to win the whole world's fate.

Jesus and Alexander died at thirty-three,
The Greek made all men slaves, the Jew made all men free;
One built a throne on blood, the Other built on love,
The one was born of earth, the Other from above.

The one won all this earth, to lose all earth and heaven,
The Other gave up all that all to Him be given;
The Greek forever died, the Jew forever lives,
He loses all who gets, He wins all things who gives.

-Sermon #0354

No flock that roams the valley free to slaughter I condemn;
Taught by the power that pities me, I learn to pity them.
But from the mountains grassy side a guiltless feast I bring;
A scrip with herbs and fruit supplied, and water from the spring.

-Sermon #0223

Oh hearts are bruised daily, and homes are bare and cold,
And lambs for whom the Shepherd bled are straying from the fold.

The captives to release, to God the lost to bring,
to teach the way of life and peace, it is a Christ-like thing.

- Sermon #0350

God's strategy is to use circumstances rather than letting them be the reason why we can't do something. A friend of mine was telling me the other day about a man who asked his friend, "How are you getting along?"

His friend said, "Well, under the circumstances"

The man cut him short and said, "What are you doing down there anyway?"

Where does God want us to be? On top of the circumstances. Of course, that means climbing. It means faith. What is your attitude when unexpected problems come into your life? This was a problem Jesus found Himself in, and in giving His disciples an opportunity to think through what they might do, all the difficulties arose.

-Sermon #0385

Teach me to pray Lord, teach me to pray.
This is my heart cry, day unto day.
I long to know Thy will and Thy way,
teach me to pray Lord, teach me to pray.

Power in prayer Lord, power in prayer.
Here neither sin, and sorrow, and care,
men lost and dying, souls in despair,
O give me power, power in prayer!

- Sermon #0456

I would like to encourage you to take the comprehensive index of the Ellen G. White writings and turn to the section walking, and as you find time look up the different statements. I am going to run down through some of them, just read them off without the references. You can read the references.

Walking

after a meal, benefit of walking.

All organs of the body are used in walking.

Beneficial exercise in walking.

For person's who are feeble and invalid.

Preferable to driving.

Preferable to riding.

Better for health than all the medicine that doctor's may prescribe.

Blood circulation improved by walking.

Habit of talking with Christ while walking, cultivate this.
Hold erect and shoulders back while walking.
Walking in winter beneficial to health.
Lungs are forced into healthy action by walking.

Lungs given needful action by walking.
More muscles brought into exercise by walking than by riding or driving.
Morning exercise and walking are a sure safeguard against colds.
Muscles are enabled to do better work by walking.
No exercise can take the place of walking.
Physical strength gained by walking.
Practice the principles of health reform by walking.
Veins enabled to do better work by walking.
Vitality increased by walking.
Walking when it is possible to engage in it is the best remedy for diseased bodies.

Isn't that a wonderful outline there? I am sure that many of you as you heard me read that there is at least a few of those that you say, "I want to look those up." Well, thank God, friends, we have it.

- Sermon #0537

Refining fire go through my heart,
Illuminate my soul;
Scatter Thy life through every part,
And sanctify the whole.

- Sermon #0576

Rest weary soul, the penalty is born, the ransom paid,
For all thy sins full satisfaction made,
Think not to do thyself what Christ has done.

Claim the free gift and make the joy thine own,
No more by pangs of guilt and fear distress,
Rest, sweetly rest

- Sermon #0577

Perish every human story,
Ever system taught or tried;
God forbid that I should glory
Save in Jesus crucified.

Here let faith repose and cherish,
Jesus crucified for me;
They who trust Him never perish,
They are safe beneath the tree.

- Sermon # 0600

There is a race of men that don't fit in, a race that can't stay still.
So they break the hearts of kif and kin and they roam the world at will.
The range the field and they rove the flood, and they climb the mountain's crest.
Theirs is the curse of the gypsy blood and they don't know how to rest.
If they just went straight they might go far, they are strong and brave and true.
But they are always tired of the things that are, and they want the strange and new.
They say, Could I find my proper groove what a deep mark I would make.
So they chop and change and each fresh move is only a fresh mistake.
And each forgets as he strips and runs with a brilliant fitful pace, it is the steady, quiet, plodding ones who win in the lifelong race.

- Sermon #0658

Oh, Thou whose bounty fills my cup with every blessing meet,
I give Thee thanks for every drop, the bitter and the sweet.
I thank Thee for the desert road, and for the riverside,
For all Thy goodness hath bestowed, and all Thy grace denied.

- Sermon # 0702

Father, I ask the daily strength to none that ask denied;
A mind to blend with outward life while keeping at Thy side.
Content to fill a little space if Thou be glorified.

I would not have the restless will that hurries to and fro,
Seeking for some great thing to do or secret thing to know;
I would be dealt with as a child and guided where I go.

Briars beset my every path that called for patient care,
There is a cross in every lot, and earnest need for prayer;
But lowly hearts that lean on Thee are happy anywhere.

-Sermon #0702

Sometimes when faith is weak,
He gives the very gifts the believers seek;
But often faith must learn a deeper trust,
And trust God's silence when He does not speak.

-Sermon #0265

Elder Mote was telling us about a great idol he saw over in the Orient. There were some people actually whipping the god. Of course, he couldn't feel it.

Why were they were flogging the god? Because he hadn't answered their prayers. He had not done what they wanted, so they were giving their god a whipping.

We don't do that with our God, do we? Well not with a lash. But when we murmur and complain, when we ask why God lets this happen to me, we are whipping Him, and He can feel it. That idol over in the east doesn't feel a thing, but the God that loves us feels our lack of trust, our lack of resignation, our lack of surrender, our lack of simple faith in His love.

-Sermon #0265

Through five-score years our great High Priest
Has waited earnest longing for the final day;
The day when sprinkled on the seat of mercy,
His blood shall wash this people's sins away.

This generation wanes and nears its passing,
The thickening signs fill earth and sea and sky;
Yet still the Bridegroom tarries while His message
A century re-echoes, He is nigh.

With earnest expectation of redemption,
The whole creation groaneth, filled with pain;
A universe waits the final cleansing,
The blotting out of every guilty stain.

What means this long delay? This lengthened night watch
With moon and stars arrested in their course?
The very God of ages forced to tarry,
This awful disappointment, whence it's source?

Oh, shame, my heart, thou hast kept Him waiting,
This thine own hand that stayed the clock of God;

Thy feet in selfish paths have learned to wander
As thou has spurned the teaching of His rod.

In mercy He has sought to turn me homeward,
The thorns that pressed His head have pierced Thy feet;
Oh, shame my heart that Thou dost weep,
And question the providence that calls from doom complete.

Wilt thou not raise thine eyes and see Him standing
With hands uplifted at the mercy seat?
Wilt thou not yield thyself for final cleansing,
And let Him make His work in thee complete?

A universe has marked thy sinful lingering,
A universe is waiting for thy word;
With sorrow and with joy I choose completely
The finished work of Christ, my blessed Lord.
- Sermon #0854

And each forgets that his youth has fled, forgets that his prime is past till he stands one day with a hope that is dead in the glare of the truth at last.

Remember that the preacher you are dissecting, the school teacher you are pulling apart, the Sabbath School teacher you are criticizing, may be the one that in secret prayer you are hoping that God will still use to answer your longings for your children. But when you have carved them up, don't think that your prayers are going to be answered. You have effectually closed the door against the answer to your own prayer...

...If you are really a child of God and chance to be in some dinning room or kitchen or pallor, or anywhere else, and you hear people begin to criticize and find fault, it will not appeal to you. You will feel either like rebuking it in a Christian spirit, or else get out of there as fast as you can. And if that kind of gossip appeals to you, no greater evidence could be that you are not a lamb. And I don't care what office you hold in the church, or how sanctimonious you are when you engage in criticism. Lambs do not do that. And don't think you are serving the cause of God by that sort of criticism and fault-finding.

- Sermon #0672

"If the thing that causes you and me to try to do right is the fear that God won't accept us if we fail once more, if we feel that we have just about used up any grace there is. God has forgiven us so many times that if we failed just once more it will probably end things. I say that if that is the thing that keeps us moving then we don't understand God and the gospel." - Sermon #0677

Half the wrecks that strew life's ocean,
If some star had been their guide,
Might have reached at last the harbor,
But they drifted with the tide.

- Sermon # 0681

Thou must be true thyself if thou the truth would teach
Thy soul must overflow if thou another soul would preach
It needs the overflow of heart to give the lips full speech.
Out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh

- Sermon #0681

The things of God haste not, nor delay,

A tiny seed up springing from the ground shall yet the
knowledge of our God display,
and all the wisdom of the world confound,
Yea, as a tender plant unfolds her leaf, and beauteous
bud to tell His love doth open, so wonderful and fair beyond
belief shall blossom in God's hour the child of hope.

Be thou that seed, be thou that plant dear child.

Haste not nor delay, the hour is late, yet there is time
enough, so meek and mild, here in thy home just grow and wait.

- **Sermon #0628**

“God is looking for somebody who is interested in just one thing - finish
this battle and go home.

“There are thousands of good people who want to settle down in this world
and live their life in this world, and some of them hope Jesus doesn't come too
soon. They would be glad to have Him come when they get gray hairs or white
hairs, but they would hate to have Him come right now because it would spoil
some very important plans they have. I want to tell you, whenever Jesus comes
there will be some generation that will meet Him with unfinished plans and
unfulfilled dreams, as far as human life is concerned.

“The real spirit of this movement from the days of James and Ellen White
and J. N. Andrews to the present is to give the light to this one thing - the
finishing of the work.” - **Sermon #0642**

Through five-score years our great High Priest
Has waited earnest longing for the final day;
The day when sprinkled on the seat of mercy,
His blood shall wash this people's sins away.

This generation wanes and nears its passing,
The thickening signs fill earth and sea and sky;
Yet still the Bridegroom tarries while His message
A century re-echoes, He is nigh.

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"Life is too brief between the budding and the fading leaf,
between the sewing and ripened sheaf,
for hate and spite.

"We have no time for malice or for greed.
Therefore with love make beautiful the deed.
Fast speeds the night."
-Sermon #0896

Poems and Sayings Quoted From Unknown Authors

"If I gain the world, but not the Saviour,
Were my life worth living for a day;
Could my yearning heart find rest and comfort
In the things that soon must pass away?

If I gained the world, but not the Saviour,
Would my gain be worth the lifelong strife?
Are all earthly pleasures worth comparing
For a moment with the Christ filled life?

Oh, the joy of having all in Jesus,

What a balm the broken heart to heal;
Never a sin so great but He will forgive it,
Not a sorrow that He does not feel.

If I have but Jesus, only Jesus,
Nothing else in all the world beside;
Oh, then everything is mine in Jesus,
For my needs, and more, He will provide."
- Sermon #0413 (A translation from an unknown Swedish hymn)

Some years I picked up a little poem in a child's reader. I liked it so much I copied it out. It is supposed to be a little child talking to a little lamb.

Little lamb, who made thee?
Dost thou know who made thee?
Gave thee life and gave thee feed
By the stream and or the meed?
Gave thee clothing of delight,
Soft as clothing woolly bright?
Gave thee such a tender voice,
Making all the veils rejoice?

Little lamb, who made thee?
Dost thou know who made thee?
Little lamb I will tell thee,
He is called by Thy name,
For He calls Himself a lamb.
He is meek and He is mild,
He became a little child;
I a child and thou a lamb,
We are called by His name.
Little lamb God bless thee,
Little lamb God bless thee.

- Sermon #0672

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Shall yet the knowledge of our God display,
And all the wisdom of this world confound.

Yea, as a tender plant unfolds her leaf,
And beauteous bud to tell His love doth op;
So wonderful and fair beyond belief,
Shall blossom in God's hour the child of hope.

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Hast not nor yet delay;
The hour is late, yet there is time enough,
Here in thy Wildwood home just grow and wait.

- Sermon #0728

"Forever with the Lord! Amen! So let it be!
Life for the dead is in that word, 'tis immortality.

"Here in this body penned, absent from Him, I roam,
and nightly pitch my moving tent a day's march nearer home.

"Nearer that hour of reunion, nearer that place where we shall be
forever with the Lord." - Sermon #0877

"Being in this land we call a republic or democracy sometimes gives us false views of the government of God. The government of God is not a democracy. No. The government of God is a theocracy. Authority in God's government does not proceed from the people. It proceeds from God, the King and ruler. He does not take a vote every now and then to see whether He will be re-elected or not." - Sermon #0899