

Satan's Counterfeit

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The book of Revelation was written especially for the last generation. It testifies to God's servants the things which must shortly come to pass. There're reasons why this last generation is so important in the plan of God. In some of the games of this world, the last inning is the crucial one. The last battle in a war may be, indeed, the decisive one. And so it is in the great controversy between Christ and Satan. Satan still thinks that he can win. Of course he won't, but he thinks he can, and he has most of the people of this world on his side and *will* have, right up till the end. But there's to be a little remnant (that's what inspiration calls them: "a little remnant," "a little flock") through whom God will demonstrate the fullness of obedience and the fullness of power. Concerning this, the 18th chapter of Revelation says:

"And after these things I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power; and the earth was lightened with his glory" Revelation 18:1.

This is the Latter Rain, the Loud Cry angel.

We noted last night something of the cost of healing and found that healing, as well as forgiveness of sin, is wrapped up in the atonement. Christ bore our sicknesses as well as our iniquities. To be the healer, He must be the Savior. Salvation and healing are closely connected in God's plan.

In the thrilling times of the Latter Rain/loud cry just ahead of us, the fullness of salvation and the fullness of healing will be seen. Mighty miracles will be wrought. The sick will be healed, we're told, and signs and wonders will follow the believers. What a wonderful hour to be living in, dear friends, to get us ready for those stirring scenes! God has already used up 132 years, and He's going to continue to work with us, to labor with His church, until all that He has promised will be fulfilled.

It would be nice if we could limit our presentation of the future to the positive side. It would be delightful if we could think only of the demonstration of love and light and healing and power. But notice that the message of this loud-cry angel is very clear in pointing out error and calling God's people *out* of confusion:

"...he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird. For all nations have drunk of the wine of the

wrath of her fornication, and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies. And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, My people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues” Revelation 18:2–4.

When the Loud Cry has done its work and probation closes, every one of God’s children will be *out* of Babylon and sealed with the seal of the living God among the remnant. Likewise, all the foolish virgins, all who have failed to have the oil that will see them through, will be outside the door. So this is decision time—this latter rain/loud cry time—and results in a complete separation between the world on one side, deceived by Satan, and the remnant on the other side, under the mighty inspiration of the Holy Spirit in the Latter Rain. We’ll have more to say, the Lord willing, Saturday night in our closing study of this series dealing with the imminent crisis.

But tonight I want you to notice especially this expression, “all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication.” Babylon has a cup, a golden cup, of poisonous wine, which she holds to the lips of the nations. It is by these poisons that the multitudes are deceived. In fact, we’re told in the 23rd verse of this, the last line,

“...for by thy sorceries were all nations deceived”
Revelation 18:23.

This evening I want to study with you three of Satan’s great counterfeits for the Spirit of God, especially in the gift of healing. The first is on the spiritual plane—actual miracles worked under the name and guise of religion to deceive the people.

In Revelation, several times we’re told about these mighty miracles. For instance, Revelation 16:14:

“For they are the spirits of devils, working miracles, which go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty”
Revelation 16:14.

The 13th verse shows us who these spirits are and where they come from. They come out of the mouth of the dragon, out of the mouth of the beast, out of the mouth of the false prophet. Now, if they come *out* of the mouth of these great religious powers, they were *in* there. The reason they come *out* is because they were *in* there, and that’s what’s mentioned here in Revelation 18, which we’ve also read, Revelation 18:2,

“...Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils...” Revelation 18:2.

Isn't it a sad thing, friends, that organized religion in general has become the "cage of every unclean and hateful bird," the "habitation of devils"? No wonder God says, "Babylon is fallen, is fallen." And the reason she's fallen, Revelation 14:8 says, is because of this wine. The senses become confused. The mind is deceived.

"Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging: and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise" Proverbs 20:1.

This physical intoxication which alcohol makes is taken as a symbol here, an illustration of the effect upon the mind of false doctrines. This is exactly what *has* taken place and *is* taking place in religion today. The multitudes are being led to ruin, being deceived by the false doctrines and the mighty miracles of Babylon.

One great faith healer claims to have healed three million people in his meetings and over the TV and the radio. There are three million cases, he says, of people that he has healed. Another great leader in the charismatic movement claims that his movement has touched the lives of 40 million people favorably. Last year in St. Peter's in Rome, 25,000 worshippers jammed into that great church, the historic center of Roman Catholicism, and 10,000 of them were tongue-speaking charismatics. The Pope came and pronounced a blessing upon them. Thus, official sanction was given by the head of the Roman Catholic Church to this tongue-speaking, mighty miracle-working movement—Out of the mouth of the beast, out of the mouth of the dragon, out of the mouth of the false prophet.

Some of these developments have come so quickly that it's almost breathtaking. Who would have thought 20 years ago that anything like what we see today would be taking place? But friends, all that we have seen so far is but the prelude. We're going to see, according to the 13th chapter of Revelation, and the 13th and 14th verses, mighty miracles worked, even to bring down fire from heaven in the sight of men. And the Scripture says that he

"...deceiveth them that dwell on the earth by the means of those miracles which he had power to do..." Revelation 13: 13–14.

These are just two of the statements that could be read from the Scripture on this.

Now, don't think that this is something that's just going to affect people in the commandment-breaking churches. There's something about this that's going to bring the remnant to the test. I'll read it here in *Selected Messages*, Book 2, page 53:

"We need not be deceived. Wonderful scenes, with which Satan will be closely connected, will soon take place. God's Word declares that Satan will work miracles" *Selected Messages*, Book 2, page 53

We've just read two texts on that, haven't we? Now notice one of the ways in which he's going to work miracles:

"God's Word declares that Satan will work miracles. He will make people sick, and then will suddenly remove from them his satanic power" *Ibid.*

Quite clever, isn't it?

"He will make people sick, and then will suddenly remove from them his satanic power. They will then be regarded as healed. These works of apparent healing will bring Seventh-day Adventists to the test" *Ibid.*

Are you and I going to be tested then? Oh, yes. And these works of apparent healing, worked by the popular religious leaders to substantiate the false Sabbath, will bring to the test those who claim that it's *essential* as a part of the faith of Jesus to keep the commandments of God.

Now, I want to tell you something, friend: If *every* time you're tested, you had the power to work a greater miracle right there, it wouldn't be much of a test, would it? The test comes when a mighty miracle is worked by law-breaking elements, and you, seemingly, have to wait without that miraculous evidence on your side. That's the test.

But friends, I hope you've settled it; if you haven't, I hope you will tonight that you'd rather be sick with Jesus than to be apparently healed by the Devil. I hope you'll settle that. In fact, I'll go farther. I hope you'll settle it that you would rather die in the Lord and be one of those of whom it's said, "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth"(Revelation 14:13), than to be raised up by some miraculous working of some faith healer who does not keep or teach obedience to the law of God.

Now, we could spend a great deal of time on this part of it, but I hasten on to another one of Satan's great counterfeits. This operates through the mental plane. The first was on what plane? The spiritual. This is on the mental, but again, it's one of Satan's counterfeits.

Both the Bible and the Spirit of Prophecy present true mind-cure which, rightly understood, is the work of the Holy Spirit operating through our brain and nervous system, the only medium through which heaven communicates with us. But Satan has not overlooked these channels. He practiced this beginning in the Garden of Eden. He took a beautiful woman and hypnotized her there at the tree. I use "hypnotize" in the sense that he changed her thinking and her decisions because she came up there believing one thing, and she left believing something else. She came up there expecting to obey God, and she left completely deluded, thinking that it was all right to disobey God. And it all came by listening and looking. That's the way hypnotism comes. It comes by listening and looking.

This people have been given repeated warnings on this subject, and I've been struck with how often certain expressions are repeated. Take, for instance, this statement here on page 112 of *Medical Ministry*:

"This science..."

Speaking of mind cure.

"...may appear to be to you very valuable; but to you and to others it is a fallacy prepared by Satan..."

It comes under the heading of my subject tonight, "Satan's Counterfeit," Satan's substitute. This was written to a Seventh-day Adventist physician,

"...It is the charm of the serpent which stings to spiritual death. It covers much that seems wonderful, but it is foreign to the nature and spirit of Christ. This science does not lead to Him who is life and salvation" *Medical Ministry*, page 112.

In this same testimony, on the next page, the prophet to the remnant quotes the words of Paul to the Corinthians:

"But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtlety, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ" 2 Corinthians 11:3.

"Well," somebody says, "I wouldn't have anything to do with hypnotism. I wouldn't use it, and I wouldn't let it be used on me."

It's been said that a rose by any other name would smell as sweet. I suppose, substituting a few words, we could change that about a skunk, couldn't we? Yes. He'd smell just as "un-sweet" no matter what we called him. And it is passing strange, my dear friends, how Satan can take down the cans off his shelf and, without opening the cans at all, simply rub off the labels and put on new labels, and people buy them like hotcakes. Isn't that too bad? Isn't that too bad, dear friends? Yes.

On page 115, we're told about the *only* kind of mind-cure that is safe:

"The Christ life, the Christ grace, is the only power that can safely be brought to bear upon the human mind. Every other influence is to be taken away" *Medical Ministry*, page 115.

"Well," somebody says, "Brother Frazee, if we carried that out, wouldn't a person have to be a Christian in order to deal with the mind?"

Yes, very definitely. He'd have to not only be a *professing* Christian, he would have to be a *practicing* Christian, and he would have to understand that his business is not to manipulate the mind but to get the mind in contact with Jesus Christ.

Now, let me read a stupendous statement here in *Counsels on Health*, pages 324–235. I'm just studying with you tonight about some of Satan's counterfeits:

"Sickness of the mind prevails everywhere. Nine tenths of the diseases with which men suffer have their foundation here" *Counsels on Health*, page 324–325.

How many? Ninety percent—nine out of ten of the sick people. The foundation of their problem—it doesn't say their *whole* problem—but the foundation of it is what? "Sickness of the mind." A man may have an ulcer, it's a real ulcer, it's right there in his stomach eating away his vitals, but the foundation of it may be in the mind. Even arthritis has been shown to be caused, in many cases, by emotional troubles—fear, anxiety, guilt. Scientific work has been done on this. And 9/10th, inspirations says, of the diseases from which men suffer have their foundation here.

"Perhaps some living home trouble is, like a canker, eating to the very soul and weakening the life forces" *Ibid.*

Yes, somebody ought to run to a marriage counselor, then, shouldn't they?

"Remorse for sin sometimes undermines the constitution and unbalances the mind" *Ibid.*

They need to have somebody that will help them forgive themselves, get rid of guilt. After this presentation, notice what the next paragraph says:

"The physician needs more than human wisdom and power that he may know how to minister to the many perplexing cases of disease of the mind and heart with which he is called to deal" *Ibid.*

He needs what? More than human wisdom and power. Now, the next sentence is the stupendous one that I want to direct your attention to:

"If he is ignorant of the power of divine grace, he cannot help the afflicted one..." *Ibid.*

What?

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That's not the end of the sentence:

“...But will aggravate the difficulty...” *Ibid.*

What does ‘aggravate’ mean? Why, it means the person is worse off when he gets through than he was when he started. And all it takes to accomplish that is for a mind that is in difficulty to be put in the hands of some human being that does not have the grace of God operating with and through him. That’s all it takes, dear friends.

“Oh,” but somebody says, “but I know so and so, and they were just in a pitiable state. They went to so and so. I know he doesn’t know anything about the grace of God, but they got well.”

Did they? Did they, friends? It would be interesting to see heaven’s charts on the progress of people that get ‘help’ from Satan’s counterfeits, my friends. We’re told that is it through these sciences that deal with the mind that Satan is coming *especially* to the last generation.

Don’t misunderstand me. There’s a true science of mind-cure. There’s a whole chapter on it in *Ministry of Healing*. We’re studying tonight Satan’s counterfeits. We’re told that this is the most awful science every invented—the science of dealing with the mind and leaving God out of it, my friends. That’s a terrible thing. The better it seems to work, the worse it is.

In this book, *Medical Ministry*, referring to it again, I read just two excerpts from pages 116–117. The first is the one I just referred to:

“The mind cure is the most awful science which has ever been advocated... We should be afraid of it. Never should the first principles of it be brought into any institution”
Medical Ministry, page 116.

And then the prophet quotes that wonderful invitation from Matthew 11:28–30:

“Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden and I will give you rest” Matthew 11:28–30.

“Come and learn of me,” He says, “and you will find rest.”

“When in our daily experience we learn His meekness and lowliness, we find rest. There is then no necessity to search for some mysterious science to soothe the sick. We already have the science which gives them real rest—the science of salvation, the science of restoration, the science of a living faith in a living Saviour” *Ibid.*, page 117.

Oh friends, I'd rather have a genuine \$100 bill than I would a counterfeit \$1 bill, what would you say? For when we bring people to Jesus, He's not only helping them to get that particular problem solved that's hurting them at the moment; when we connect them with Jesus Christ, we give them not only help for the present but hope for eternity. Isn't it a precious work that God has called us to? Thank God! Thank God!

Now, I told you we were going to study how many counterfeits tonight? Three. And the first one was on what plane? The spiritual. That's the mighty miracles of Babylon. And the second is on what plane? The mental, that's hypnotism, or call it any name you want to, the mind-cure that leaves Jesus Christ out of it, the mind-cure that is centered in some human being instead of in the God of heaven. Those two are Satan's counterfeits. Now, the third one. Let's go back to that book of Revelation. I want you to notice something interesting. Revelation 14:8. This is right in the middle of the threefold message:

“And there followed another angel, saying, Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city, because she made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication” Revelation 14:8.

While this is a symbol, it can also be very literal, friends. In that wine cup of Babylon, we see guided by the eye of faith and understanding not only the doctrinal errors of the false Sabbath and the immortality of the soul doctrine, and all these other erroneous theories, we see not only these perils of hypnotism, but we see the actual, literal, drug poisons which stupefy the mind. We're told that Satan has studied the secrets of the laboratories of nature. By his ingenious methods, he has developed certain poisons.

For instance, in the book, *Temperance*, in the early pages, you'll find where the prophet gives us a vivid description of a committee meeting that Satan had centuries ago. He called his demons together in a special counsel, just like we're having here, to find how to accomplish their purpose of doing the most harm. Now, you and I are here to learn better how to *heal*, but his council, his seminar, was how to hurt people.

He called for suggestions from the different imps. As one after another of his leaders suggested this plan and that plan, finally Satan himself—I'm quoting—suggested a plan. Do you know what the plan was? It says he would take the fruit of the earth and grains and from them make a poison which would affect the minds of men. That's alcohol. So ethyl alcohol, C₂H₅OH, is the special brainchild of his satanic majesty. And it's not without relevance that the book of Revelation presents the wine in that cup that Babylon offers to the nation as the reason why they're deceived.

But never think that Satan has limited himself to ethyl alcohol. He has gathered from the ends of the earth every poison from the mineral and vegetable kingdom, and he has spread the knowledge of these to every other part of the earth.

Go back a few hundred years. People in some parts of the world were drinking tea; in other parts of the world, coffee. Tobacco was known in only one comparatively small segment of the population. And so I might go on with the other drug poisons. Where are they today? *All* of them, if we may generalize, are available almost everywhere. You who travel around the world, could you get a Coca-cola if you wanted it? Yes. Why? Because Satan has seen to it that caffeine is available not only through coffee and tea but through these bottled drinks. And I might go on with many other examples.

Now turning again to that 18th chapter of Revelation, will you look at the last line of that 23rd verse again? Here's something very interesting. I read it earlier:

“...for by thy sorceries were all nations deceived”
Revelation 18:23.

Do you know what the Greek word that's translated 'sorceries' here is? It's the same word that we get 'pharmacy' from? It is the same word. Interesting, isn't it? Now, I'm not about to begin to say that everything that comes in a pharmacy is wrong or deceptive, but I simply want to mention, friends, something that Elder Burden said long ago (Elder Burden, you remember, was the man that God used to start Loma Linda). He called this “Satan's substitute for the Spirit of God.” That's drug medication—Satan's substitute for the Spirit of God.

Now, lest someone fear that we're going to get into something fanatical or extreme, I'll read a statement that gives everybody enough loophole that a conscientious man can do all that he feels that he needs to do in this matter. Page 259 of *Medical Ministry*:

“Educate away from drugs. Use them less and less, and depend more upon hygienic agencies; then nature will respond to God's physicians—pure air, pure water, proper exercise, a clear conscience. Many might recover without one grain of medicine, if they would live out the laws of health. Drugs need seldom be used” *Medical Ministry*, page 259.

In reading this, dear friends, I think you'll agree with me that inspiration has left room, under certain conditions, for certain people to use certain drugs. Would you agree with me that that's what this statement says? And a conscientious person doesn't want any more latitude than that. May I read this again because I'm anxious that we get it in its proper setting?

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Do we agree then that God has called, *is calling*, for an educational program moving in a certain direction? Obviously, the decision on the precise point at which a drug is used needs to be made by one who has a tender conscience and an enlightened conscience.

I've been interested in two factors that bear upon this matter of transition, of moving away from drugs and in the direction of natural agencies. Two factors. One of them is spoken of in this book, *Medical Ministry*, page 229:

"When you understand physiology in its truest sense, your drug bills will be very much smaller, and finally you will cease to deal out drugs at all" *Ibid.*, page 229.

What do we need, then, brethren and sisters, to move in the direction of less and less, fewer and fewer, drugs? What do we need? We need more knowledge, more information. You see how un-fanatical this is. This is scientific. Was it Sir William Osler that said that that physician is the best who knows about the uselessness of the most drugs? Yes.

But this is not talking about some blind or fanatical or bigoted attitude. This is talking about studying what? Physiology. That's scientific, isn't it, friend? Thank God for the truly scientific research that sheds light upon how we can carry this out! Thank God for the pages, literally thousands of pages, of scientific research that are available pointing in the direction that this mentions.

The other factor that bears upon how fast and how far we can go in this is mentioned on page 40 of this wonderful book:

"The Lord would have our physicians cooperate with Him in their treatment of the sick, showing more faith and using fewer drugs" *Ibid.*, page 40.

More what? Faith, and with that, fewer what? Drugs. Isn't that interesting? More faith and fewer drugs. So there we have it: the better we understand physiology, the fewer drugs we need. The more *faith* we have, the fewer drugs we need. These two are tremendous factors.

Dr. Abbott, who for many years was one of the leading teachers at our medical college, in his book called, *The Witness of Science*, on page 224, quotes this inspired statement from one of the Ellen G. White manuscripts:

"That which we lack in faith we make up by the use of drugs" *The Witness of Science to the Testimonies of the Spirit of Prophecy*, page 224.

Now, this is the prophet writing. It's just quoted here in this book. [A man from the audience says that this quote is also in Ellen White Manuscripts.] I quoted it from this book because it's the only published source that you can get that particular sentence from. Of course, it's just another way of saying what I gave you from *Medical Ministry*, page 40:

“The Lord would have our physicians cooperate with Him in their treatment of the sick, showing more faith and using fewer drugs. Let us rely upon God”
Medical Ministry, page 40.

Now let's put this together. Along with leading people away from the miracles of the faith healers, along with leading people away from the false mind cure, and along with leading people away from drugs like alcohol and tea and coffee and tobacco, God has given Seventh-day Adventist medical missionaries the assignment—He's repeated it in literally dozens of statements—the assignment of leading people away from drug medication. Is that right? But God is merciful, He's practical, and He is interested in our intelligent cooperation with Him. So He tells us to study what? Study physiology and also to develop what? Faith. And the more physiology we know and the more faith we have, the fewer drugs that we shall need to use.

Brethren and sisters, I believe that if Jesus were here tonight, He would challenge us anew to face this great opportunity and privilege. This is one of the things that we can make progress in if we're really preparing for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit in the Latter Rain when we shall see mighty miracles worked by the true Holy Spirit in contradistinction to these false miracles of the false faith healers. The false miracles are worked to confirm people in disobedience. The true miracles are worked by God to lead us into obedience that we may be among those of whom it is written:

“Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus”
Revelation 14:12.

I want a part in that demonstration, don't you? I thank God tonight that He will bless everyone who seeks *sincerely* to carry out this instruction.

Now, may I add this word, dear friends? I trust that none of us will spoil the precious work that God is seeking to do in all our hearts by judging or condemning others who may not see a particular point just as you might see it, or I might see it. Do you agree with me that it's important that we avoid that, as on the diet question, there's to be progress? God leaves with the conscience of each individual the *rate* of progress and how far that progress is to be.

But brethren, don't you think that it would be too bad if I were to spend this evening with this audience dealing with just such things as the mark of the beast and the immortality of the soul; don't you think that it would be too bad if I never got any

farther than that with *this* audience? Don't you think it would be too bad if, with this audience, I would only mention the harm of whiskey and tobacco? I think you would say that you knew to do that before you came.

I trust that the Holy Spirit will quicken our minds to see where we are on the ladder and how to take a higher step, round by round, until we reach the fullness of God's expectations. The world is, or at least ought to be, far below anything we are presently experiencing. But heaven's ideal is far beyond where any of us is tonight. I say that believing that you will recognize that this is so. So onward to the top with Jesus, what do you say?

And remember this precious fact: if we are willing to be covered by Him—Jesus, if we, in simple faith, are doing the best we know to carry out His plan, *His* perfection is making up for our deficiencies all the way up the ladder. Isn't that precious?

That's what gives me the courage to go on. I know that I'm weak and unworthy, but I know that *He* is perfect, and in *Him*, we're made complete. In *Him*, we're made full. And Jesus is presenting the merits of *His* righteousness to cover our imperfections.

Thank God, as we studied last night, He is by the side of every physician and nurse and every other medical missionary who is seeking to help the sick, imparting to them the power of His love, the power of His Spirit.

May we kneel together and pray?

Dear Lord, we're so thankful tonight for the precious work of the Holy Spirit, in taking the things of God and sharing them with us. We thank Thee for unveiling, revealing Satan's plans. We thank Thee for showing up his counterfeits.

We pray that Thou wilt keep us from his schemes on every level, and lead us step by step with Thee into the fullness of the Latter Rain-Loud Cry experience. We long to see the sick healed by the miraculous work of the Holy Spirit. And we believe with all our hearts that as we add, Thou wilt multiply.

As we take the little steps which we see, Thou wilt lead us on to that which we tonight do not yet see. We pray for healing power on those in this audience that need the special help of Jesus. Just now, lay Thy loving hand upon them, in Jesus' name, amen.

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