

# God's Last Message 11 of 12

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Let's turn to 1 Corinthians 1:4–8. This is one of my favorite passages. It has a wonderful message for you and me today, although it was written by the apostle Paul by inspiration years ago. One of the privileges of a prophet is to look down through the ages ahead and see what is coming. And much of the Bible is focused upon this last generation. Let us listen to Paul's message to the last generation, those who are waiting for the coming of our Lord, Jesus Christ:

I thank my God always on your behalf, for the grace of God which is given you by Jesus Christ; That in every thing ye are enriched by Him, in all utterance, and in all knowledge; Even as the testimony of Christ was confirmed in you: So that ye come behind in no gift; waiting for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ: Who shall also confirm you unto the end, that ye may be blameless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ  
1 Corinthians 1:4–8.

Now notice, here are people who are waiting for something. What for? The coming of Jesus. Are you one of those? I trust everyone is looking with a longing heart for the appearing of Jesus to bring that glorious kingdom that we've been studying.

Here is a message for you—you who are waiting for the coming of Jesus. He wants you, it says in that eighth verse, to be blameless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. There's a work of preparation to be done. And here is a program to get us ready.

As we were studying in our last lesson, God has put gifts in His church for the edifying of the body of Christ. Among those there is one outstanding gift, the gift of the spirit of prophecy, the testimony of Jesus [Revelation 19:10]. Notice these people that Paul is writing to have among them this testimony of Jesus, which is the spirit of prophecy. There's nothing shaky or uncertain about it. The testimony of Christ was confirmed in you. There's nothing uncertain here. It's just as solid as a rock.

The remnant church which has the testimony of Jesus, which is the spirit of prophecy, is certain in a world of confusion. It speaks with assurance though surrounded with perplexities.

Now with all this before us, I call your attention to the particular words that I would like to have you think of in a special way. I thank my God always on your behalf

for the grace of God which is given you by Jesus Christ, that in everything ye are enriched by Him, in all utterance, and in all knowledge; Even as the testimony of Christ was confirmed in you. Rich, rich in everything, even as the testimony of Christ was confirmed in you. Then, there are riches for those that have this gift confirmed in them.

Those who believe and know that Jesus has spoken in these latter days, those who believe and know the precious truths He has revealed through this channel; they are rich, truly rich. Oh, I pray that every one of us will have the wisdom to know it.

You know, this is one of our last lessons in this series, we have just one more, I thought it would be appropriate for the glory of God for me to take a few of the moments we have together to tell you what this gift has meant and does mean to me, and what it has done and is doing for me.

I look back over 50 years when my father and Mother accepted this message shortly before I was born. They were studying this blessed truth of the soon coming of Jesus Christ. My mother had been a member of one of the large popular churches. My father had never belonged to any church. But as they studied together, the wonderful prophecies of the Bible, the evidence of the soon coming of Christ, their hearts were impressed. But the thing that settled them on this message and gave them the conviction that this was the truth of God was when they found the evidence that within this movement was the testimony of Jesus, which is the spirit of prophecy.

I hold here in my hand the book by Elder Loughborough, *The Great Second Advent Movement*, which convinced them and settled them that Ellen G. White and her visions and her work were a fulfillment of Bible prophecy and that these visions in the Seventh-day Adventist church constituted evidence that this is the remnant of Revelation 12:17—which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.

As the result of their being settled in this message through the evidence of these visions—the prophetic gift, it was my privilege to be born into and to grow up in a Christian home, a Seventh-day Adventist home. I thank the Lord for the blessings that has brought to me. I thank the Lord as I have observed in my own life and the lives of those near to me what this gift has meant in, shall I say, just a physical way.

My mother was the oldest in a family of six children. She had three sisters and two brothers. She outlived all her family. The reason is simply this, my friends, early in her life, just before she was married as I said, she accepted this message. She was a health reformer. She took hold of these wonderful principles of health that have come to us by revelation from the skies. It added years to her life, and life to her years.

My father was the oldest one in his family—a family of five. He has outlived all his brothers and sisters. He is past 75 now. He still has a part in God's work.

As I see what this work has done in a practical and tangible way for these I love, do you wonder that I thank the Lord for the working of this gift? I see it working with us in many, many lives.

Returning to my own childhood, I thank the Lord that my parents not only believed in these books, but they studied them and sought to practice them in the training of my brother and me. Led by these books, they taught us to work, to work in the garden, to do other things, to help in various ways. Led by these books, we were taught to memorize many, many chapters in the Bible. Led by these books, we were taught obedience. And my parents, in their study of these books, they became convinced, as my brother and I were just entering the teens that it was time for them to follow the counsel of this gift and move out of the city out into the country. I'm thankful that they did. I'm thankful for what it meant to me and what it saved me from.

I'm thankful for what this gift has meant to me personally. I pick up this little book, *Steps to Christ*. I got acquainted with this little book when I was about 12 years old. I began to carry it around in my pocket. Through the teenage years, I wore out several of these, those that I didn't give away to others, I just kept getting one after another. And I can turn to page after page in this little book now, and back through the years, I can think of times that God has used that particular paragraph or that particular sentence to bring blessings to my heart.

I thank the Lord for what this little book did for me as it has done for thousands of others in revealing Jesus as a wonderful Savior; how to come to Him and know that my sins are forgiven; how to believe in Him as a prayer-hearing Savior, and how to work for others.

Yes, in my study of this little book, *Step to Christ*, and in the volumes of the *Testimonies*, I found a way of life for young people that was different from the pleasure-mad experience of the youth around me. I found that there were joy and satisfaction in the service of God.

One of the greatest tests of my young life was when I came across in the writings of these books, certain visions that dealt with certain kinds of amusement that I was interested in. I was face to face with a decision as to whether I would follow the plain counsels of these visions or whether I would go the way of most young people in popular amusements. And although it was a great battle for my young heart, I thank the Lord that Jesus helped me to make what seemed at that time to be a sacrifice, and give up those particular amusements which I read in these books were not to be engaged in by those who were looking for the coming of Jesus.

And you know dear friends, as I look back at it now, it doesn't look like a sacrifice at all. I know that was one of the things that made me rich, losing the thrill and inspiration of those amusements and finding instead the deeper joy and the more lasting satisfaction of the life that Jesus offers. So, you see, I feel rich as I look back through the years for what the visions of this gift have meant to me.

I thank the Lord for particular volumes that have meant a great deal to me. I think of this book, *Messages to Young People*. It was published while I was a young man. I remember the thrill that came to me and some of my young companions as this wonderful book came out with page after page and chapter after chapter addressed particularly and especially to young people, dealing with the problems of young people—reading, and music, and recreation, and amusements, and courtship, and marriage, and association. Oh, how I loved that book, and I still love it. I feel rich as I think of what that book meant to me and its influence on my life.

Through the influence of this gift, I was led to Loma Linda as a student to prepare for medical missionary service. There at Loma Linda our medical college is established. Loma Linda itself was established because of these visions. God showed the prophet that particular location long before her natural eyes ever saw it. She pointed out the place where they were to look to locate that wonderful medical training institution.

Well, I was led there over 30 years ago to get training in medical missionary work. I thank the Lord for that. I thank the Lord for what it meant to me. I thank the Lord that there I was led into contact with a medical evangelist of many years experience in soul-winning who took me out into the field with him and trained me in the gospel ministry to give this wonderful message that means so much to me. I thank the Lord that this man that believed the Spirit of Prophecy with all his heart, and that trained us in using the methods of evangelism outlined by the Spirit of Prophecy. That has meant everything to me.

I think what this gift has meant to me in life companionship. To me, one of the greatest gifts that God can give a man this side of Heaven is the gift of a good wife. The Bible says who so finds a wife finds a good thing. A prudent wife is from the Lord. But if I hadn't had the many pages of guidance on this subject of choosing a life companion that are given in the Spirit of Prophecy, I'm just as sure as stand here that I would have failed to wait for Heaven's choice.

Through the more of a quarter of a century that my good wife has stood by my side and we've been united in soul-winning ministry, I have thanked God for the wonderful counsels of the Spirit of Prophecy that helped me to wait for and find Heaven's choice for life's companionship. Do you wonder that I feel rich as I think of this gift this morning?

I thank God for our daughter. Five years ago, when the Lord brought this dear girl into our home to adopt, the new book, *Child Guidance*, a compilation from the writings of Ellen G. White, had just come out at that time. And my wife and I both said as we searched through this book, "This is just for us, particularly at this time, to help us know how to train this girl for God."

I remember one day I was in my room reading this book, *Child Guidance*, and the little one came by where I was reading, she knew how to read some, but she didn't know all the words. She looked over to the title of this book and said, "What does that

say, Daddy, what does that say?" I said, "Child Guidance." She looked up and she said, "You want to know how to guide me, don't you Daddy?"

That's it. Thank God for divine revelation from Heaven to know how to guide the child. You can see that I feel rich, can't you? And really, don't you think I have a right to? And the thing that makes me happy is that this isn't some gold mine that I have to have a secret map of and be sure nobody finds it. Oh, no. I can just open it wide and say to everybody, Come and dig and get riches for yourself.

One of the greatest joys of my life is seeing these wonderful volumes solve the problems of others. Not very long ago, two young people were seated in my little study. They had come to some very difficult problems—personal problems, problems in the home, several more kinds of problems all wrapped up in one package. I sat there and for an hour I listened to first one and then the other tell their problems, and I just listened. Then when they got all through, I was so thankful that I could just turn, and there by the side of my desk was this library—this inspired library; these visions that have come in these latter days. We opened up a book and read a passage that was the answer to one of their questions. We opened up another book and read some more that was the solution of another problem, and so on and on from book to book and problem to problem. And I've seen that happen again and again.

Oh, my friends, I know that the world today is filled with all sorts of answers for human problems, but I want to tell you something, the more the world gets its answers, the greater the problems grow. Have you noticed it? The wiser men get with all their human plans of counseling, the more the need for that sort of thing keeps growing, on and on and on. The wisdom of this world is foolishness with God.

But when I see what inspired answers do to human problems, it thrills my soul—I repeat, here are riches, come and dig.

Now, in our closing moments together in this study, I want to give you a view of some other riches that are mine and that are yours that we haven't entered into yet. I've been telling you so far in the lesson of some of the riches I have already experienced, but oh, there are some more ahead—some wonderful things. As we have indicated in this series, many people today are interested in space travel. I suppose there are thousands of people this morning that would gladly line up and wait at the ticket counter to get a trip to the moon. But what a little trip it would be compared with the boundless universe, and how uncertain even at best in these various means of conveyance that human wisdom is working out.

But you and I have been studying a space trip's guided by the Creator Himself, arranged by Jesus Christ, and directed by Him.

Now I want to give you this morning just a glimpse or two of some wonderful revelations concerning the universe that have come to us through this gift, and that

picture to us what awaits us; the glorious riches that are in the bank waiting for us to enter into them.

I'm going to read from a vision that came to the servant of the Lord over 100 years ago. You'll find it now in this little volume called, *Early Writings* of Ellen G. White:

"The Lord has given me a view of other worlds. Wings were given me, and an angel attended me from the city to a place that was bright and glorious. The grass of the place was living green, and the birds there warbled a sweet song. The inhabitants of the place were of all sizes; they were noble, majestic, and lovely. They bore the express image of Jesus, and their countenances beamed with holy joy, expressive of the freedom and happiness of the place. I asked one of them why they were so much more lovely than those on the earth. The reply was, 'We have lived in strict obedience to the commandments of God, and have not fallen by disobedience, like those on the earth.'" *Early Writings*, page 39.

Ah friends, what scientists can only conjecture about you and I know if we know that this is the testimony of Jesus. We know that there are people living on other worlds, and we know that they're bright, glorious beings who have not fallen in sin.

God's messenger saw two trees there, what two trees do you suppose they were? The tree of life, the tree of good and evil. Through the ages past, the inhabitants of these worlds have not touched nor tasted of the forbidden tree. They've shown their loyalty to God as Adam and Eve should have done.

She was taken to another world; she said one had seven moons. There she saw good old Enoch. She asked him if that was his home. No, he said. My home is up in the city, but I'm just visiting here. He moved about the place as if perfectly at home. Isn't that an interesting picture, friend?

The last part of this vision, the words of the angel to God's messenger:

"If you are faithful, you, with the 144,000, shall have the privilege of visiting all the worlds and viewing the handiwork of God" *Ibid.*, page 40.

Oh, I'd like to go on that trip, wouldn't you? I'm planning on it. That's part of my money in the bank—part of my riches where no bank failure can touch it, where no thief can steal it, and where nothing can in any way mar it. Thank God for that.

Now, I want to give you something interesting on the very next page of this little volume, *Early Writings*. This now is page 41, and this is a vision that was given on December 16, 1848. That's 111 years ago now, isn't it? Yes.

“The Lord gave me a view of the shaking of the powers of the heavens...” *Ibid.*

This is in connection with those events which immediately precede the coming of Jesus. You remember Jesus said the powers of Heaven shall be shaken, and then shall appear the sign of the Son of Man, and they shall see the Son of Man coming in the clouds of Heaven, and with power and great glory—all right, this is a view of those wonderful, thrilling scenes. Now we haven't time for the whole vision here this morning, just a glimpse.

“Dark, heavy clouds came up and clashed against each other. The atmosphere parted and rolled back; then we could look up through the open space in Orion, whence came the voice of God. The Holy City will come down through that open space”  
*Ibid.*

What does that mean—the open space in Orion—the Holy City coming through the open space in Orion? Orion, you know, is a constellation of great stars in the heavens. What would be an open space there? Astronomers didn't know. Sixty years went by. Then out in southern California, at the observatory up there on Mt. Wilson Dr. Edger Larkin, in observations made of the great nebula in Orion, came to the conclusion (he didn't know anything about this vision) that there indeed was something that had been overlooked and never brought to view until the larger telescopes and modern methods of astronomical observation opened it up.

Listen, I have before me here the original article which he wrote for the *Signs of the Times* in 1910. Listen:

“Recent photograph transparencies made on glass plates at the Mt. Wilson observatory revealed the optical property of perspective. What has all along appeared to be a flat surface of nebulous matter, the beautiful shimmer and sheen in the great nebula in the sword of Orion is shown to be the mouth of a cavern, a deep opening receding into the mighty distance beyond.”

Then he goes on and shows by his various astronomical measurements that that opening is no less than sixteen trillion miles across. He describes in glowing words the beauty of that.

Come down nine years later, and I read in the *National Geographic* magazine of August 1919, on page 175, these beautiful words underneath a full-page photograph of the great nebula of Orion, listen:

“The central portion in the nebula of Orion is the opening of a colossal cavern. The nebula is no longer a flat surface. One

peers within cosmic deeps, one looks into a chasm before which all powers of imagination are submerged, and feasts the eye with supernal splendors. The chasm is the most beautiful object visible to human sight.”

Ah friends, how did it happen that a young woman way back there in New England, 60 years before the astronomers ever recognized that great opening in the nebula of Orion, knew that of all the object in the heavens there was the opening?

I believe then the rest of the vision—that the Holy City will come down through that open space. There the corridor to the throne of God we shall behold beauties never imagined in this earthly sphere. And on through the universe of God through the years of eternity, we shall explore the wonders of creative power and the mysteries of redeeming love.

Shall we bow our heads? Our Father, we thank Thee for the gift that opens Heaven to view, that magnifies the Bible, that fulfills the predictions of Bible prophecy. We thank Thee for the riches that come to those who hear in these revelations the voice of Jesus.

May it be ours as little children, to walk with our kind Father up the way of life, we ask it in Jesus' name, amen.

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