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“Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus, By a new and living way, which he hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, His flesh; And having an high priest over the house of God; Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith...” Hebrews 10:19–22.

You remember that when God had Moses make the earthly copy of the heavenly temple, He said, “Moses, fill it full of angels.” There were angels in this veil at the entrance to the sanctuary; angels in the ceiling, covering—full of angels—angels in this veil between the holy and the most holy, and two golden angels above the mercy seat. Angels, angels, angels.

John saw them there in the sanctuary above. And he tells us about it, as he looked through the open door (Revelation 4 and 5)—ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands. Daniel saw them as the judgment was set, and the books were opened (Daniel 7). He tells us the number was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands. Paul saw them (Hebrews 12). And telling about that heavenly temple in the New Jerusalem, he says there’s an innumerable company of angels. What are they for? What are they doing in this temple above? Hebrews 1:14:

“Are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation?” Hebrews 1:14.

You know this expression “for them”—“for us,” is a frequently recurring phrase in this wonderful book of Hebrews. It’s all for us, friends. The whole plan of salvation, conceived before the world was made—the life of Jesus, the death of Jesus, the ministry of the Spirit, the love of the Father, the incarnation, the cross, the mediatorial work of Christ in the Holy Place and most holy place—it’s all for us. Friends, with all that to help us, I think we ought to be of good cheer. What do you say? Thank God.

Now, with all these other agencies, God, in His infinite wisdom and love, has provided these angels, ministering spirits, all working for our salvation. And we have their help all the while. It’s true they are invisible, usually. But there are many things that are invisible which are quite a help to us, aren’t there? Yes, the air we breathe is invisible, but we couldn’t live long without it. Think of the radio messages that are going all over the world—invisible. But what a word they carry! So these angel

messengers, invisible, are the channel of communication between Heaven and earth, and earth and Heaven.

You remember that when Jacob was given that dream there at Bethel, he saw that mystic ladder reaching from Heaven to earth. He saw the angels of God descending on that ladder to where he was, ascending on the ladder back to the throne of God. The ladder is Jesus, the only bridge between earth and Heaven. But oh, thank God for the angels that work with Jesus, under His direction to bring us blessing and to minister in our behalf. I'm so glad for these angels, aren't you?

You know, one of the things I'm looking forward to in the kingdom is sitting down with my own guardian angel, perhaps under the tree of life. I'm sure he can tell me a lot of things that will be very interesting to me. Wouldn't you like to sit down with your guardian angel? He's a real being, friends, nothing imaginary or mystic about him. He's just as real as you are. And he has been with you every moment of your life.

Now, at the head of all this army of angels, God, in His wisdom, has placed two special angels. They were represented in the ancient sanctuary by these Cherubim, the golden angels that stood one at each end of the Ark. I don't know the name of the left hand covering Cherub, but the right hand covering Cherub's name is Gabriel. He fills the position from which Satan fell, and he is next to Christ.

I shall not take time to read a text for every statement I make this morning. But if there's anyone who is not familiar with the biblical proof for any of these statements, if you wish to ask me afterward, we will help you with the texts.

But I want us this morning to get our minds on a great channel of light. This light is flowing in glorious streams from the mercy seat through the open veil, through that rent veil. That life, that glory is streaming down to this world. It's the glory of revelation. Let us turn to the last page of the last book in the Bible. Revelation 22:16. Who is speaking in this verse?

"I Jesus have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things in the churches..." Revelation 22:16.

Christ chooses to testify to His people.

"See that ye refuse not him that speaks..." Hebrews 12:25.

If Jesus were to appear personally, as He did 2,000 years ago, and it was possible for you to get there, would you want to listen to Him? Every word and take notes. But friends, He'd be gone as He went away back then. And all you would have would be what you would remember or what you had written hurriedly in your notebook.

Christ has planned a wonderful arrangement. He has sent His angel to testify. Now, let us see what happens when that angel comes. Go to the first chapter of this wonderful book of Revelation. John is speaking of his experience on the Isle of

Patmos, an old man banished by the cruel Roman emperor. He receives a visit from Heaven:

“The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave unto him, to show unto his servants things which must shortly come to pass; and he sent and signified it by his angel unto his servant John: Who bare record of the word of God, and of the testimony of Jesus Christ, and of all things that he saw. Blessed is he that reads, and they that hear the words of this prophecy...” Revelation 1:1–3.

Yes, friends, thrice blessed, for when we read the book of Revelation we are reading the Word of God as it says here, the testimony of Jesus as it says here, originating in Heaven, and brought by His angel, His special angel, Gabriel. You’ll find his name in Luke 1, Daniel 8, Daniel 9. The angel’s name is given, this special angel of prophecy, of revelation.

“Blessed is he that reads and they that hear the words of this prophecy and keep those things that are written therein for the time is at hand” Revelation 1:3.

The wonderful thing is, friends, that when we get what this angel brings from Heaven, we are getting the testimony of Jesus. The angel doesn’t speak of himself. He is a messenger. He brings his message from Christ in the sanctuary.

Now, this angel does not appear to just anybody. There are special instruments chosen by God. They’re called prophets.

Notice Revelation 22 again, verses 8 and 9. John was so overwhelmed with the glorious vision and the wonderful message which the angel, Gabriel, brought from Heaven, that he fell down at his feet to worship him, but the angel gently reproved him. He said, “John, don’t do that. I’m just a fellow servant with you.”

“...I am thy fellowservant, and of thy brethren the prophets...” Revelation 22:9.

John was one of the prophets, you see. And Gabriel was there on Patmos, serving with him. But he had served with all the prophets previously—Moses and Samuel and David and Ezekiel and Daniel and Zechariah and all the rest. And now, here on Patmos, he’s serving again, the angel of prophecy. Because the message he brings comes from Christ, it is called the testimony of Jesus, as we’ve already seen. Because it is delivered to a prophet in vision, given by the Holy Spirit, it is called the spirit of prophecy.

Notice Revelation 19:10. Here on a previous occasion, John is kneeling before this angel, overwhelmed with wonder and amazement, but the angel tells him this time, “Don’t worship me, John, I am just a servant with you.”

“...and of thy brethren that have the testimony of Jesus: worship God: for the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy” Revelation 19:10.

Will you repeat that last line with me?

“...the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy”
Revelation 19:10.

The spirit of prophecy. Then what is the spirit of prophecy, friends? It's the testimony of Jesus, isn't it? That's right.

You know, when Jesus entered this sanctuary 2,000 years ago after His death on the cross, the first thing He did (and God willing, I'm going to study it with you tomorrow morning at 7:00) was to send the greatest outpouring of the Spirit that this world had ever seen. And in connection with it, the gift of prophecy was abundantly manifested.

The early church received frequent visits from this angel. Peter, Paul, James, Jude, John, all saw and talked with this angel, and wrote out for the church the messages that he brought from Heaven. That's why we have the New Testament. As Gabriel had appeared to all the prophets in the olden times, so he now appeared to these New Testament apostles and prophets.

But dear friends, when Jesus went into the Most Holy Place, He had the most important part of His priestly ministry to carry on, and a tremendous work to be done on earth in preparing a people for the closing of the sanctuary and the coming of the King. And so He sent this special angel with a special message to the remnant church.

You know the promise there in Revelation 12:17, don't you? Let's look at it again this morning. Here is the prediction given by Gabriel to John on Patmos that in the very remnant of time, the very last of the church would keep all of God's commandments, including the fourth—the blessed Sabbath—and would have something. What is it? The testimony of Jesus which is, the spirit of prophecy.

Oh friends, I'm so glad I have found the church which meets those specifications. What do you say? It makes my heart happy. It's an anchor. This world today, there's every wind of doctrine blowing. But, praise God, those that know that Jesus, at the end of the 2,300 days, went within the inner veil, those that know that Christ is standing at the mercy seat lifting up His hands for us, those who understand that He is preparing a people to stand without a mediator in full obedience to the law of God, they rejoice that Heaven and earth are linked so closely together and that what we need to help us to get ready has been furnished by Jesus Himself, sending us this angel of prophecy.

I want to share with you a very interesting statement written by Elder James White, the early leader of this people, right on the point we're studying just now. He quotes Revelation 22:11–12. You remember that. Jesus says at the close of the sanctuary service:

“He that is unjust, let him be unjust still... He that is righteous, let him be righteous still... And behold I come quickly...” Revelation 22:11–12.

Notice his comment:

“This proves that probation will close, that every case will be decided and fixed before the Lord comes to give rewards. And so it surely must be. But no one could be saved if the advocacy of Christ were closed before the judgment were decided in favor of the saints. And what a thought. Probation closed? The priestly work of Christ forever ended? And the time of trouble to be passed through?

“The mass of the people think that if a person is prepared to die he is prepared for the coming of the Lord. But they do not consider the difference between dying and standing alive to meet the Lord at His appearing. It is one thing to die in Christ, to yield our spirits to Him while He is pleading for us before His Father’s throne, and quite a different thing to stand in the time of trouble after Jesus has ceased to plead in man’s behalf after His priesthood is closed.

“Those who now realize these things will bless heaven that means have been devised in the mercy of God for the perfecting of the saints” *Life Sketches of James and Ellen White*, page 430.

He’s talking about the gift of prophecy.

“And that we are not left without direct help from on high to carry on such a work as that which lies before us” *Ibid*.

And so, thank God for the gift of prophecy in the remnant church.

I want you to think of the relation of this gift to the Bible and to the law. You remember in an earlier study we were looking at the promise there in Hebrews 10, where God says He will write this law where? In our minds and in our hearts. And we noted that this law contains the whole duty of man (Ecclesiastes 12:13). Everything that God requires is right here. We also noticed that in the Old and New Testaments, God has given us a pair of glasses, which properly focused, magnify the law, and help us to see wondrous things in this law.

For instance, we noted in Christ’s Sermon on the Mount, He is magnifying the Sixth Commandment:

“Thou shall not kill” Exodus 20:13.

And He showed that the person who gets angry with his brother has broken the Sixth Commandment. The man who looks with lustful intent has broken the Seventh Commandment, and so with the other commandments. The Old and New Testaments are magnifying lenses to help us see what the will of God is in all its broad applications to human life.

But I want to ask you something. Did you ever chance to see an old man with a pair of glasses on reading something, and besides his glasses, he had a magnifying glass? Did you ever see that? What's the matter? Is the print too small? His eyes need special help.

And I cannot speak for you, my dear friends, but I thank the Lord for my own heart's need filled by this precious gift. For in the Spirit of Prophecy, in the writings of the messenger that God has sent from Heaven as written down by Ellen White, in these wonderful writings, I find a magnifying glass on the Bible, and the Bible, in turn, magnifies God's holy law, the Ten Commandments.

And if there are those who say, "Well, I don't need this Spirit of Prophecy. I have the Bible," I say to you, friends, if all had always fully kept the Ten Commandments, we wouldn't need what we find in the Old and New Testaments.

But if I were lost out here in these forests and mountains, and someone should point out to me a guide who knew the way home, I don't think I would answer, "Well, if I had only stayed on the path, I never would have needed the guide, so I'm not going to listen to him now." I don't think I would do that. Would you? No.

And friends, I need all the help I can get from Jesus in the Most Holy Place. Think about it for a moment. If you were in the Savior's place October 22, 1844, and the work of judgment is beginning, and you know that a people must be prepared,—not only ready to die but ready to live, ready to live forever, and that a demonstration must be made by that group of people before the second coming, there standing in full obedience to the law of God—wouldn't you want to send special help in this special time? That's exactly what He did, friends.

Just a few weeks after His entrance into the Most Holy Place, He sent this angel, the angel of prophecy, to Portland, Maine. And there, Ellen Harmon was given a vision. This angel showed her the travels of the people of God from earth to Heaven. She saw Jesus. She saw the pearly gates. She saw the golden streets. She saw the tree of life. And she was given a message that explained their disappointment and pointed the way through to full success and final victory. I thank God for that gift which was given that December morning in Portland, Maine. What do you say?

But friends, that was only the beginning. Jesus told her in a second vision, "I want you to be My messenger. I want you to receive the messages that Gabriel brings from Heaven, and write them out for My people. I want you to travel and tell the messages."

But think of her great weakness—a frail, sick girl, only 17. Because of an accident in earlier life, she had never had more than three grades of formal education. She was about to die, the doctors said. But Jesus said, “I’ll be with you.”

She was told to write the vision. But she said, “Lord, you know I cannot write. My hand trembles. The words run together.”

But He said, “Write the vision.” And in obedience to that command, that trembling hand took up the pen, and for 70 years wrote the messages that Gabriel brought from Heaven.

And now we have them in this wonderful library, a divine commentary on the Scriptures, not to take the place of the Bible. Oh, no. But to magnify the Word of God, which in turn, magnifies the law.

And friends, the proof of this lies in this fact that those who know these books the best love their Bibles the most. Isn’t it true? Those who study these books the most understand their Bibles the best. This is the proof that it has one inspiration—the testimony of Jesus. This is light direct from the sanctuary. This is glory straight from the mercy seat.

You know, as the years go by, more and more there is confirmation of this glorious gift, the accuracy of these messages. We have this wonderful, little book *Counsels on Diet and Foods*. Dr. McGee has been bringing us some precious things from the School of Health at Loma Linda University. And our scientists out there, thank God, they’re working in research, to find more and more evidence that what God gave us over a hundred years ago, through the gift of prophecy, works.

You’ve read about the interesting research that was done over there in California, among the Seventh-day Adventists, that proved that Seventh-day Adventist men, on the average, live six years longer than their non-Seventh-day Adventist neighbors. That’s the average, covering hundreds of thousands of cases. What does this mean? This means, friends, that this light which God gave us on healthful living, through the gift of prophecy, works. Why shouldn’t it work if the Creator is telling us how to take care of what He created?

A few years ago, the professor of nutrition at Cornell University in New York State was given a copy of this book, *Counsels on Diet and Foods*. He later read others of the Ellen G. White books on health, such as *Ministry of Healing*. He was charmed with what he read. He’s not a Seventh-day Adventist. But do you know he was so impressed with what he read in Sister White’s books on diet and health, that he, a professor of nutrition, gave lectures at various churches (not Seventh-day Adventist churches) on the life and work and writings of Ellen G. White, praising this book, *Counsels on Diet and Foods*, and pointing out that the findings of modern nutrition confirmed what she wrote a hundred years ago.

In this little book, *Ellen G. White and the Seventh-day Adventist Church*, by Elder Delafield, some of what he [this professor] said and wrote is written down. This is one of his statements spoken in Ithaca, New York, in the Unitarian church:

“Among writers of the past century, those who are concerned with the betterment of human health must pay tribute to the writings of Ellen G. White, because she understood the importance of the selection of proper foods. Whatever may be the religious belief of a reader; he or she cannot help but gain much guidance in a better and healthier way of life from reading the major works of Ellen G. White. Every modern specialist in nutrition, whose life is dedicated to human welfare, must be impressed by the writings and leadership of Ellen G. White” *Ellen G. White and the Seventh-day Adventist Church*, D. A. Delafield.

When even the Gentiles appreciate this light, how should Israel feel about it, friends?

Then, we have this wonderful book, *Education*. Imagine a woman who had never gone beyond the third grade in school, sitting down to write a book on education as a guide to a people for a complete system of education, from the preschool child on to the elementary, high school and college, and on even in other writings to guidance in the medical college. But, my friends, this book *Education* has been acclaimed by people of this world that are not members of this church.

Dr. P. P. Claxton, the superintendent of education for the United States Government under three presidents, read this book through twice. He said it's the greatest book on education ever written. He was right, wasn't he?

More recently, Dr. Florence Stradamire, professor of education at Teachers College, Columbia University, reviewed this book, *Education*. She expressed surprise when she learned this volume was written at the turn of the century and was more than 50 years ahead of its time.

“The breadth and depth of its philosophy amazed me,” she declared. And then she remarks that she is not surprised that members of the Seventh-day Adventist church “hold the writings of Mrs. White in great respect, and make them central in developing the educational programs in their schools.”

Dr. Stradamire is a member of the Roman Catholic Church, but she recognized, as she read the marvelous things in this book *Education*, wisdom beyond the ordinary. Oh friends, I thank God for this precious light. What do you say?

We might spend many hours showing how modern science has confirmed statement after statement. But this morning, I would like to focus, for just a few minutes, on the special help that this gives us in the practical problems of righteousness by faith.

You know, we're living in a world where every wind of doctrine is blowing. There are all varieties of churches, and all kinds of ideas in those various churches, about how to be saved. But when we come to the writings of the Spirit of Prophecy,

we find broad, balanced counsel, leading us away from a cold legalism on one side, or a fanatical extreme, trusting in grace without any work on the other.

The book *Steps to Christ*, written back in the 1890s in the glow of the righteousness by faith message, has helped hundred, thousands, yes, millions, with its precious message.

I want to read just a few statements from here and there that have helped me, particularly in finding how to trust in Jesus for salvation—not in my works, but in the blood of Jesus, the mediatorial work of Jesus, and yet, showing the true place of the human will in cooperating with Jesus in accomplishing this goal of a perfected people, a completed work.

Notice this statement in *Messages to Young People*, page 153. Here, the prophet is writing to a young man:

“Will you not, without delay, place yourself in right relation to God? Will you not say, ‘I will give my will to Jesus, and I will do it now,’ and from this moment be wholly on the Lord’s side?” *Messages to Young People*, page 153.

You notice the appeal to put the will where? On God’s side. She even told us the words to say. This helps me:

“I will give my will to Jesus, and I will do it now” *Ibid.*

As other speakers have brought to us here in this pavilion, we’re not to expect that some night we go to sleep, and while we sleep Jesus does a lot of things for us, so we wake up in the morning without any struggle, without any effort, without any decision on our part. All the praying in the world will not take the place of a full surrender to Jesus. And that’s an act of the will.

Will you say that with me once again?

“I will give my will to Jesus, and I will do it now” *Ibid.*

That’s the first step. Now, the second, it’s in the same paragraph:

“Say, ‘I will believe, I do believe that God is my helper,’ and you will find that you are triumphant in God” *Ibid.*

So you see, we’re not only to give all, we’re to take all. We’re not only to surrender, but we’re to accept. We’re not only to repent, we’re to have faith. We’re not only to take our sins to Jesus and leave them with Him, we’re to take His righteousness and carry it with us.

“Say, ‘I will believe, I do believe that God is my helper’”
Ibid.

Now friends, this is a sample of literally hundreds, thousands of pages of special help on victorious Christian-living righteousness by faith. *Messages to Young People* is full of it—*Steps to Christ*, *Desire of Ages*, *Patriarchs and Prophets*, *Ministry of Healing*, *Christ's Object Lessons*, and in the nine volumes of the *Testimonies*. Aren't we rich, folks?

And I hope you won't misunderstand when I say that when I find people confused about what's going on in the Most Holy Place, and how you and I are to reach the place that Heaven has planned, I usually discover that they've been reading human ideas about all these things. And in many cases, I advise them to go on a fast from that kind of diet.

The wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. Babylon doesn't know the way into the Most Holy Place. And the priests of Babylon cannot show us the road that they have never traveled.

Dear friends, if you want clear light on how to live victoriously, I urge you to fill up the mind with these precious counsels, these inspired instructions; for they contain not only light but life. They not only show us the way, they give us power to go the way, for we are dealing with the testimony of Jesus.

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