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Marvelous Working of Satan

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Our lesson today is on the marvelous working of Satan. Where do we get that particular expression—that wording—the marvelous working of Satan? How many know where that is? How many know where that is? All right, Brother Jackson. Thank you. You all remember it now? *Volume 5*, 451.

Now, what does it say about this marvelous working of Satan, John, in *Volume 5*, 451? Who knows what it says there? How many know what it says about the marvelous working of Satan on that *Volume 5*? All right, Mavis. The threefold union is accomplished. Then what?

“Then we may know...”

Testimonies for the Church, Volume 5, page 451.

What?

“...that the time has come for...” *Ibid.*

What?

“...the marvelous working of Satan...” *Ibid.*

All right. Now, a few questions. Is there a particular time, then, for the marvelous working of Satan? Will we know when the time has come for it? If we're doing what? Following the scriptures and the Spirit of Prophecy and watching the signals.

Well, will that be before or after the close of probation? How many of you think it will be before? How many of you think it will be after? During the time of trouble, after the close of probation, will he be working marvelously? But when is this:

“...that the time *has come* for the marvelous working of Satan...” *Ibid.*

Is that this side or this side? Is it before or after the close of probation? Before. All right. Now, as the threefold union—but notice the wording of that—it isn't only the threefold union, but what it says:

“...under the influence of this threefold union, our country...”
Ibid.

Does what?

“...shall repudiate every principle...and shall make provision for the propagation of papal falsehoods and delusions...”
Ibid.

What is that? What’s another name for that signpost? National Sunday Law, yes. That’s the great papal falsehood and delusion that the threefold union is to bring to the public. Very well.

“...then we may know...” *Ibid.*

What?

“...that the time has come for...” *Ibid.*

What?

“...the marvelous working of Satan...” *Ibid.*

Does that stop when probation closes? No. Goes right on. Is that right? Up until what time? Yes. Right up until the time of the coming of Jesus or immediately before. It increases in crescendo there, in power and intensity, but the great signal that marks the special time for the marvelous working of Satan is what? National Sunday Law.

Now, as we shall see, that’s the signal for some other things. In fact, in our last study, we noticed that it was a sign to us as the approach of the Romans armies around Jerusalem was a sign to whom? The Judean Christians. To do what? To leave Jerusalem. So that will be a sign to us that we’re to do what? Leave what? The large cities. That’s right. Preparatory to doing what?

“...leaving the smaller ones for retired homes in secluded places among the mountains” *Ibid.*, page 464.

Why should anybody leave them ahead of that time? Yes. Get something ready for those that come at last. That’s one good reason, isn’t it? But are there other reasons? Especially, those with children need to get them out.

But now, my point tonight is that that same sign that we studied was a sign to leave the large cities—the last sign—last call to get out of the large cities—is also a sign to us that:

“...we may know that the time has come for...”
Testimonies for the Church, Volume 5, page 451.

What?

“...the marvelous working of Satan, and that the end is near”
Ibid.

All right. Now, Morgan, what do we call—what name is used—for this marvelous working of Satan during this time? What would you say describes it? What does it work through? Miracles or what? Spiritualism, yes. Spiritualism is what I was thinking of.

What does spiritualism mean, David? Yes, but what does spiritualism mean. John, what do you say spiritualism means? Dorothy, what does spiritualism mean?

[Student] Communion with the dead.

The dead? The dead?

[Student] Supposed communion with the dead.

Or communion with the supposed dead. Is that right?

Well, now, who are these that claim to be the spirits of the dead? Devils.

“...they are the spirits of devils, working miracles...”
Revelation 16:14.

That’s right. And that is spiritualism. Is spiritualism the great agency through which Satan is going to work here? Yes. In a sense, it’s all spiritualism because all the wonders that the Devil does he does by the power of these spirits of devils. But, of course, when we think of spiritualism, we usually think, as the sister has said, about these spirits claiming to be the spirits of the dead.

Will there be a great activity of spiritualism during this time? Will they claim to be the spirits of the dead? Were we warned about that through the Spirit of Prophecy? How long ago? Beginning when? Did you look it up there in *Early Writings*—the visions on this?

When did spiritualism begin—modern spiritualism? 1848. That’s four years after our October. The true Spirit of Prophecy was restored to this people in ’44, and just four years later, the Devil started things to going in good shape just a few miles away.

Of course, that wasn’t *all* that he had done or would do, but what we call modern spiritualism had its beginning back there, and right away in these *Early Writings*, came the warnings—Those are the spirits of the Devil, and they will do more and more miracles, finally, under a religious garb, and finally, all the world will be taken captive.

Do you remember that train the servant of the Lord saw? It looked like all the world was on board. Who was the conductor? Satan. Spiritualism—the train was spiritualism.

Now, what verses do we have in the Bible that deal especially with this marvelous working of Satan down here at the end of time? Wallace, can you give me one?

[Student] Revelation 13:13–14.

Who else has another one?

[Student] Revelation 16:13 and 14.

Thank you. That's a good way to remember it, isn't it—Revelation 13:13 and 14 and Revelation 16:13 and 14. You can't forget that now, can you?

Both of those are wonderful prophecies of the work of spiritualism in the closing up of the great controversy.

[Student] 2 Thessalonians 2:10–12.

Thank you.

[Student] Matthew 24:24.

Good.

[Student] Mark 13:22.

Thank you. All right.

And you're familiar with what those say and what they mean. Now, in that one in Revelation 16:13 and 14, where does it say these spirits come from, Bill Sherman? Yes. They are the spirits of devils, but where does it say they come from? The mouth of the false prophet. Where else? All right.

“...out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet”
Revelation 16:13.

You know what those three represent, don't you—the three great divisions of world Babylon. All right. Now, they came—these wicked spirits—came out of where?

“...the *mouth* of the dragon... the mouth of the beast, and...
the mouth of the false prophet” Revelation 16:13.

If they came out, where were they all the while? Well, they were in there. Do you see that? According to that, then, these wicked spirits live—they abide, they dwell, right where? Inside the dragon, the beast, the false prophet—the three great divisions of Babylon.

Now, is there a verse that says that right down here in this very time that Babylon has become the habitation of devils? Thank you, Brother Moxley—Revelation 18:2. What does habitation mean? They live.

“...the hold of every foul spirit...” Revelation 18:2.

So, you see, this is their home—Babylon is their home. Babylon is fallen, and these wicked spirits have taken over. There they live.

Now, what is the mouth—what is the mouth associated with? Speaking. Then, when the dragon speaks, or the beast speaks, or the false prophet speaks, what comes out of the mouth?

“...the spirits of devils, working miracles...” Revelation 16:14.

Oh, folks, I don’t want to listen to that. Do you? I don’t want to listen to it. Now, how many in the world are going to be taken captive by Babylon? How many? What does 2 Thessalonians 2—that text you referred me to a moment ago—who is it that’s going to be deceived by this marvelous working? Those that:

“...received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved...” 2 Thessalonians 2:10.

Then, is it important not only to know the truth but to love it? And unless we love it, eventually we’ll what? We’ll be deceived *by* what? These marvelous miracles.

Let me illustrate that, folks. Several years ago, another minister and I were holding a series of meetings in a town, and there was a woman from one of the popular churches that attended our meetings, and she accepted the Sabbath, along with some others, and was regularly coming to the meeting—coming on Sabbath.

But one Sabbath, I noticed she wasn’t there, and I noticed she missed the night at the tent, so I went down to see her. Knocked on the door, and by and by, she came, but she didn’t even want to invite me in at first. I could see things were cold, but she finally invited me in.

And finally, the story came out. She said, “You know, Mr. Frazee, I went down to the tent, and I heard about the Sabbath, and ah...” but she said, “You know, the more I thought about it, the more I thought, Does God really require me to do this? Here, I’ve been in my church all my life, and all my friends are in this church, and all my relatives, and my family don’t see this. Do I really have to do this?”

“So,” she said, “I went to the Lord, and I prayed,” and she said, “and the Lord has shown me I don’t need to do it.” And she became rather irritated when I even tried to open the question of whether she might have been misled in that answer to her prayer.

Now, she was receiving what? What kind of a delusion? Strong delusion to do what? To believe a lie. Why did she? Had she received the truth? Yes, she’d

received the truth, but she lacked what? The love of the truth. Do you see what I mean, friends?

Now, suppose that, along with that kind of thing, we have marvelous miracles, the sick healed, signs and wonders. Won't everybody that wants to believe that way believe that way with that sort of program?

Let me take another illustration. Here's a member of the remnant church that isn't pleased with health reform. He's sick, and he sends for the elders of the church, and in harmony with the Lord's instructions, they get ready to pray for him.

But those elders believe what the Spirit of Prophecy plainly teaches—that they should ask into his health habits and his obedience to the laws of health, and so they do.

But he says, Now, listen. I don't want to go into that at all. I know that I eat certain things that some people think you shouldn't eat, but that's my business and has nothing to do with prayer for the sick, and if you don't pray for me, I'll get somebody that will.

So, he sends down the street to a faith healer that doesn't care what you eat and thinks that all things are clean, and that faith healer comes and prays for him, and he gets up and shouts all over the house that God has healed him, and it looks like he *is* healed.

Do you think, folks, that he will ever be interested—is he likely to be interested—in health reform, from then on? What's the matter? He's deceived. He has received what? Strong delusion to what? Believe a lie. Why? What happened? He received not what?

“...the love of the truth, that he might be saved”
2 Thessalonians 2:10.

I want to tell you something, friends. Whenever God shows you some truth, if you don't love it to start with, start right in that very minute praying God for a love of it—for a love of *that* truth—because if you don't, eventually, what's going to happen? Some delusion is going to come along that will show you what? That you don't have to do it. That's right.

And you'll be so glad to get it. You'll say, Oh, my. This is such a relief. I was just afraid—I was just afraid I had to keep that old Jewish Sabbath, or I was afraid that I had to be strict about health reform, or I was afraid that I had to be strict about dress reform, or I was afraid that I had to do this, that or the other thing, but now I'm so glad to see that that isn't necessary at all.

Receive what?

“...strong delusion...to believe a lie” 2 Thessalonians 2:11.

Why?

“...received not...” 2 Thessalonians 2:10.

What?

“...the love of the truth...” 2 Thessalonians 2:10.

Now, that's true even now, but folks, remember, we haven't seen the beginning yet. Has the time come for the most marvelous working of Satan? When will it come? When the threefold union is formed, the image set up and the mark enforced, then the time has come for the marvelous working of Satan.

And everybody that wants to find a way out of God's straight truth—they'll find it—they'll find it. And some of them will be so glad—so glad. Then, the only people that will stick to the truth through this time are who? Those that what? Love the truth. Of course, to love the truth, we need to what? Know it, and do it. That's right.

You may do something that you don't love, but you don't love something that you don't do. In other words, you can do it without loving it, but you can't love it without doing it. You think anybody loves the Sabbath and doesn't keep it? No. Why, no. If you love the Sabbath, you *will* keep it. And that's the way with every other point of truth.

So, watch this important point. Loving the truth is the key to doing it, and it's also the key to being kept from the delusions of Satan. All wrapped up in what? Loving what? The truth. Thank God for that. All right.

Now, we have seen that Satan is going to work through spiritualism. What great truth, Sister Stevens, has God given this people to protect us from this miracle-working power of spiritualism? What great truth, Sister Stevens, has He given this people to protect us from the power of spiritualism? All right.

What's one text, Sister Brown? Thank you. Ecclesiastes 9:5. Let's say it together:

“...the dead know not any thing...” Ecclesiastes 9:5.

Again:

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In San Francisco, once, where I was assisting in evangelistic work, among many, many names that we had to visit, I went out to one address to deliver literature and visit those who'd come to the meetings, and when I got in there and started talking to this woman, I found out that she had seen some of her relatives, so she said. In other words, she was a believer in spiritualism and had actual experience.

So, I said to her, Do you believe the Bible? Oh, yes. I said, Well, now, will you open your Bible and read a text? Yes. Ecclesiastes 9:5. And this is exactly what happened. She opened the Bible, and she started to read:

“For the living know that they shall die: but the dead know not any thing...” Ecclesiastes 9:5.

“Why, that isn’t so,” she said. Just like that. That’s right. Well, she *knew* she had seen her uncle. Now, you see the problem? It was her experience against what? The Word of God.

Now, have we been told that the miracles that Satan is going to work are going to be so great and so wonderful that the only way we can detect them is by the Word of God? Have we been told that? Well friends, if we believe that, what should we be studying now? Studying the Word of God.

Great Controversy, 593:

“Antichrist is to perform his marvelous works in our sight. So closely will the counterfeit resemble the true that it will be impossible to distinguish between them except by the Holy Scriptures” *Great Controversy*, page 593.

Do you think the only miracle that Satan is going to work is just having the spirits of the dead so-called appear? Why, no, friends. There’s a lot of Seventh-day Adventists that wouldn’t even begin to fool. They’ve been so drilled in the state of the dead, and rightly so, that if somebody would come and say, I’m your mother back from the dead, or I’m Elder Joseph Bates, back from the dead, or whatever, they’d say, No, you’re not. I know what the Bible says. You’re a devil, and in Jesus’ name, be gone.

But are there other more subtle deceptions ahead of us in this marvelous working of Satan? All right. What are some of them? Nancy, what’s one? What are some miracles that we know of that are going to happen? I heard somebody. Mary? Healing the sick. That’s right. We were into that a moment ago. All right.

Some other miracle that we know? What particular miracle is mentioned in the Bible? Fire coming down from heaven. Oh, yes. Now, is there any reference in the Bible of fire coming down from heaven? When did that happen, Mavis? Well, was that a good man or a bad man? Good man. Was that a miracle of God or of the Devil? Of God.

Now, comes somebody down here today and says, We’re going to bring fire down from heaven just like Elijah did, and will they do it? They’ll do it. But whose power will it be? Satan.

Can Satan’s angels do many of the same things that God’s angels can? Yes, they can. They can bring fire down. They can do a lot of other things.

“The same destructive power exercised by holy angels when God commands, will be exercised by evil angels when He permits” *Great Controversy*, page 614.

Yes. But this time, instead of vindicating God, this fire coming down from heaven will do what? What does Revelation 13 say it'll do? It'll what? That's right. What is it? Deceive. What does deceive mean? What does it mean, John? What does deceive mean? [Make a person believe a lie.] That's right. And that's what 2 Thessalonians said they are going to do.

And some of the great multitudes, as they see this fire come down out of heaven—they're going to say, This is the power of God, and yet right there in the Revelation, it says in plain language exactly what's going to happen and who's going to do it. Isn't that amazing, friends?

Oh, how God has warned us, and we should know that warning and be giving it to the people, just as we teach them these truths on the state of the dead, so that they may be warned against that delusion. All right.

Now, there are some other ways that Satan is going to work. Lee Dudley, what's another one? Ruth? Yes, that was mentioned, but there's another one. Through calamities, yes. Will that be part of the marvelous working of Satan? Oh, yes.

Well, why would Satan bring calamities? Send people unprepared into eternity, but there's another reason. Why at this particular time? Stir up the masses against whom? The people of God. Make the public believe that it's because of the Sabbath-keeping people of God that those calamities come. That's right. That's part of his game. All right.

Now, another great way that Satan is going to work during this time? Yes, that's the great final delusion. He's going to impersonate whom? Christ. You know, he's the great actor. We're told he's the great actor. That's right. So he's going to come impersonating Christ.

What are the multitudes going to do? Bow down. What's *he* going to do as he comes? Going to heal the sick, bless the children, take them in his arms, and bless them. His voice will be so beautiful and lovely. Oh friends, the multitudes are going to be deceived. He's coming as the great medical missionary.

But now, before all that, another great way that he's going to be working? False what? Revivals. Ah, false revivals. And dear friends, all the votes aren't going to wait for this National Sunday Law. Some of them are on now, and many of them help to *bring* the National Sunday Law—false revivals.

You know, this chapter in *Great Controversy* on "Modern Revivals"—I hope that after this lesson tonight, sometime between now and next Wednesday, you'll give that chapter a very careful reading—very careful study—*Great Controversy*.

It's hard to pick out one chapter in the book and say that it's most important than others, but I will say that this is one of the very most important chapters—461, beginning—"False Revivals."

Page 464 is a most significant page in this chapter. It shows us when this false revival must start, with reference to the Latter Rain and loud cry. We'll be studying latter rain and loud cry in other lessons, but when does the false revival come, with reference to the Latter Rain/loud cry? Before. Why? To deceive. That's right.

Satan looks ahead, and he knows that the Loud Cry is coming to call the true people of God out of Babylon, and so he raises an excitement in these fallen churches when? Before that. To keep them what? Keep them satisfied and keep them deceived. And it says multitudes will think that the power of God is at work when it's what? The power of Satan.

Now, this is not necessarily the spirits of the dead appearing—I mean the Devils appearing as the dead. It doesn't necessarily mean that miracles would be worked. They might be—could be—sick might be healed. But it's a religious power—great religious revivals. Read that chapter. It should warn us.

There are many who claim to be looking for the coming of Jesus that would turn in horror from going to a séance who will go to some of these popular religious revivals and think nothing of it. They wouldn't tune in their radio or television to a spiritualistic broadcast, but they'll turn it into something which is as verily the work of Satan under the guise of modern revivalism.

Now, don't misunderstand me. I'm not trying to say that everybody that doesn't keep the Sabbath and yet tries to preach for Christ is a tool of the Devil. That's not what I'm trying to get across.

But I'm saying, dear friends, that the greater power you have that does not lead people to obedience to the law of God, the more you need to be afraid, because power—real power—comes from one of two sources, and what are the two sources? God and Satan. And if it's the power of God, where is it going to lead people? To the law and to the truth and to the true church, but if it's the power of Satan, it'll lead away from the law of God.

“To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them” Isaiah 8:20.

Oh, how we should thank God for that shield that He has put up between us and a law-breaking world.

But now, is this working of Satan to be entirely outside the church? Make it a lot simpler, wouldn't it? Did Paul give a warning to the church in his day on that point?

“Also of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them” Acts 20:30.

Of whom? Of your own selves. That's the 20th chapter of Acts. You can look up the verse. Now, is that going to happen down here in the last days?

Yes. I'll give you another text on that. It isn't in your lesson but I want you to put it in—1 John, the second chapter, 18th verse, and 19th:

“Little children, it is the last time...” 1 John 2:18.

Other translations read the last hour. This is closing time.

“Little children, it is the last [hour] and as ye have heard that antichrist shall come, even now are there many antichrists; whereby we know that it is the last [hour]. They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would no doubt have continued with us: but they went out, that they might be made manifest that they were not all of us” 1 John 2:18.

Where'd they come from? They came right out of the church, didn't they? But they did what? They went out. And that proved what? That they weren't of us.

[Student] There's another text or two which mentions about ravening wolves coming in in sheep's clothing.

But that's coming from outside.

“Also of your own selves shall men arise...” Acts 20:30.

All right. Now, dear friends, do you see that we have to be on our guard not only outside but inside. Taking brother's illustration, where Jesus says and Paul says that wolves can come in in sheep's clothing, you know, if you were a sheep and you were out there, and you saw a wolf coming there, with his black or grey coat and his fangs showing and snarling, you'd do what? What would you do if you were a sheep? You'd run. Run where? To the fold, wouldn't you, yes.

But suppose right there in the fold, there's one that snuggles right up to you with the sheep's coat all over. You wouldn't be so likely to run, would you, and where would you run?

Ah, my dear friend, we need to keep close to the Shepherd. It isn't enough to be in the fold. We need to be close to the Shepherd. That's the only way we're going to be kept from the marvelous working of Satan.

Now, you have in your notes, and some of you looked up, I'm sure, in your study, that strange statement in *Testimonies to Ministers*, 409, 410. Does somebody remember what it says? How many of you looked it up? All right.

Quoting:

“Many will stand...” *Testimonies to Ministers and Gospel Workers*, page 409.

Where?

“...in our pulpits with the torch of false prophecy in their hands, kindled from the hellish torch of Satan” *Ibid.*

What a strange statement.

“Many will stand in our pulpits with the torch of false prophecy in their hands, kindled from the hellish torch of Satan” *Ibid.*

That’s been fulfilled more than once. Sixty years ago, when the heresy of pantheism reared its serpent head among us, and some ministers and some physicians embraced that pantheistic philosophy that Dr. Kellogg was teaching in his book, *The Living Temple*, in some of our pulpits, those pantheistic theories were echoed and reechoed.

So, it is not enough, I repeat, friends, to be on our guard on what’s outside. We naturally view with suspicion, or should, what’s on the outside, shouldn’t we? Yes. But oh, within, while certainly we need to cultivate confidence and love, along with it, we need to be sure to use the Gospel sieve, as Sister White uses that expression—the Gospel sieve. You know what a sieve is for. And both inside and outside the church, we need to take everything that anyone says and put it through that sieve:

“To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them” Isaiah 8:20.

Now, I want to ask you something. If what we’ve studied this evening is so, and we’ve read it here from God’s book and testimonies, should every one of God’s children become used to testing things as you go along?

1 John 4:1:

“Beloved, believe not every spirit, but...” 1 John 4:1.

What?

“...try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world” 1 John 4:1.

Yes, we should get in the habit of testing. You know, sometimes you hear people on these public address things: testing, testing, testing. That’s the way to do, friends, when you hear something: testing, testing, testing. But the only way we can test is to become well acquainted with the Bible and the Spirit of Prophecy so that we will know the truth, the whole truth. All right.

Now, in our study of the beast, we found that how much of the world is going to worship the beast? All the world is going to worship the beast, except those whose names are written in the book of life.

Now, what about this deception of the marvelous working of Satan? How much of the world is going to be deceived? All the world. Do you remember the text that says the serpent deceives how much? The whole world. Where is that? Yes, but this on the whole world. Revelation 12:9:

“And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which...” Revelation 12:9.

What?

“...deceiveth the whole world...” Revelation 12:9.

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All the world is going to follow the papacy in keeping Sunday, except God's true children, and all the world is going to be taken in by the marvelous working of Satan, either through spiritualism and these spirits claiming to be the spirits of the dead, or through these false revivals or through miracles of healing or through the fire coming down from Heaven or through false prophecy. One way or another, there's going to be many of these delusions.

Now, coming back to this thought. Let me ask again. Are some of these going to work right within the church? Do you suppose any of them could be working now? If you were the Devil, would you try to work inside as well as outside?

If you were the Devil and were trying to deceive the remnant people of God, would you talk against the Sabbath inside the Seventh-day Adventist Church? Would you talk against tithe paying? Would you talk against the coming of Jesus? If you were the Devil, would you give a pretty straight chain of truth on all of that? Why? So as to deceive people.

It is amazing to me sometimes, as I hear people say, Well, what's wrong with this or that or something else. Prove that it's wrong. Prove that it's wrong. Ah, my dear friends, Satan is going to present things so subtle, and I say far more subtle than anything we've seen yet. We need to be on our guard continually—and watch—instead of when some new thing comes along, accepting it until it's proved to be false, we'd better wait until it's proved to be true—all true. Do you see the difference? That's right.

If somebody told me that some food was tainted and poisoned, I'd hate to try it, just to find out whether it was or not. Wouldn't you? Wouldn't you, friends? If I thought I had to eat some, I think I'd try it first on some guinea pig or mouse. Wouldn't you if you had a chance?

Oh, that God may help us to be more careful and watchful, because we are approaching the time, and already entering into it, for what? The marvelous working of Satan and all that haven't received the love of the truth are going to be taken in some delusion.

You know, I saw an illustration years ago. A friend of mine took me to visit a great orange packing shed, and I was interested in how they graded the oranges according to size. Take a long time, you know, to take a box of oranges and sort them out. You'd have people standing there and saying, I wonder whether it's this size or this size, you know. You'd take a long time.

How many of you ever saw a packing shed like that? Well, you know what I'm talking about, then. They ran those oranges out of those boxes and down the chute, and pretty soon, as they came along, there was a place where there were some little holes, and do you know what happened? Why, the smallest oranges went through that. Of course—they had to. It was their size.

But most of the oranges sailed along beautifully. Said, We're not going to fall out. But presently, some larger holes—and then what happened? Why, some more went down. But still more than half the oranges were sailing along there and saying, We're never going to fall through.

And then, you know what happened, don't you? Then, there were some bigger holes, and those medium-sized oranges—down they went. And finally, out at the very end, there were a few big oranges that wouldn't go through any of the holes they had ready for them. That's right.

Ah, dear friends, may you and I be those big oranges—those big oranges.

Shall we arise? Precious Lord, fill us so full of the truth of God that we shall be fully ripe, fully-developed fruit, that goes through to the very end of the sorting process and can never fall through.

Oh, God, I pray that Thou wilt make us proof against the deceptions of the enemy. I pray that Thou wilt help us to study the truth, through the Bible and the Spirit of Prophecy, that will make us wise unto salvation. We thank Thee for it all and for warning us in advance, in Jesus' name, amen.

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