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Angel Visits in Modern Times—Part 1

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With all my heart, dear friends, I believe that we're living in the closing moments of human history, that Jesus is about to come, and one of the reasons, only one, but one of the reasons that I'm sure of this is that all over the world God is sending angels to speak to human beings and tell them this blessed truth.

I told you last Friday night about the visits of the angel of God in the Philippine Islands and a series of experiences in Hamburg, Germany, all within very recent months.

Tonight I'm going to take you to South America and perhaps to the island of New Guinea. But before I do that, I want to give you the Bible background of this because, dear friends, wonderful things happening must be understood and interpreted in the light of the revelations given us of God in the Bible.

Unless we get that clear in our minds, we will merely be entertained, perhaps amazed, but the real value of these experiences lies in this fact—they are in fulfillment of Bible prophecy and are confirmed by the Bible tests.

In this book, the Bible, we have frequent references to angel visitors. You remember that when Adam and Eve sinned, and they had to leave the garden, God placed at the gate of the garden angels to keep the way of the tree of life. It was not merely that men might be kept from going back to the garden. It was that the knowledge of God and His way back to the tree of life might be kept. And so, Adam and Eve, Cain and Abel, came there to the gate of the garden to meet with angels.

Coming on down through many generations, we come to Mount Sinai. There, you remember, two million of God's people were encamped in the desert, and the Lord called Moses up into the mountain and gave him the plans for a beautiful building down here in this world.

This building was constructed. It was called the tabernacle or the sanctuary, and Moses was told to make it like the one he saw in Heaven. Paul tells us in Hebrews 8 and 9 that this was made after the copy, after the pattern, of the heavenly temple where Jesus is.

We've been studying this sanctuary from week to week. We have found that in it the sacrifice of Jesus as our Redeemer on Calvary was prefigured by the offering of lambs and other animals here at the door of the sanctuary. In some cases, blood was sprinkled on the altar of incense here in the Holy Place, and finally on the Day of Atonement on the mercy seat in the Most Holy Place.

All of this represented the fact that Jesus was to come as our Redeemer, die for us here in this world upon the cross, and then go back to His Father's house and enter into the temple of God in Heaven, there to appear as our Priest, ministering His blood in our behalf.

We've been studying that, as I say, and we have found that this service centers in the Most Holy Place and in the law enshrined in the Ark in the inner temple. This law, written with the finger of God upon the tables of stone, tells us what sin is. It defines righteousness, God's will, and it points out every deviation from it as being lawbreaking. So, if we study this law, we know what God's will is, and any deviation from it is sin.

Now, all through the ages there's been a Great Controversy on this question of obedience to the law. Jesus has been seeking to write this law in the heart of His children, not only to forgive their transgressions but to change their nature so they would keep this law.

Satan, on the one hand, has opposed this law and fought it in every way, and in the generation in which you and I are now living, the crisis of the controversy will take place. This is the final battle in the age-long war between Christ and Satan. The issue is obedience to the law of God, and into this battle, both sides are throwing all their forces, all their reserves.

On the side of Satan stands one-third of the angels that used to be in Heaven. The 12th chapter of Revelation shows that when the great dragon was cast out, he drew one-third of the stars of God with him in this rebellion. And remember, they are mighty angels, and they can do wonderful things.

In Revelation 16, we're told that they work miracles so great as to deceive the kings of this earth and the whole world and get them to unite with them in a war against God in rebellion against the law of God.

But, on the other hand, Jesus and His angels (and thank God, there are two-thirds on Jesus' side) they are all enlisted in the battle for obedience to win the hearts of all who will listen to the story of the amazing love of God revealed in the plan of redemption.

Now, as we noted last week when Moses made this sanctuary, God put angels in every part of it. There are angels in this hanging at the entrance to the court. There are angels in this beautiful veil that stands at the entrance to the sanctuary—the Holy Place. There are beautiful angels in this veil in the Most Holy Place. These are angels beckoning us to the worship of the great God.

And in the ceiling veil itself, angels were embroidered in threads of gold and silver in that hanging of blue and purple and scarlet, and finally, on the cover of the Ark, on the mercy seat, the angels were represented by these two golden cherubim, looking down with reverend attention at that which lay beneath the Ark covered by the mercy seat.

So, we see that all through the sanctuary, there are angels, angels, angels, angels, angels—angels all the way through. And that is to give us a picture of this fact, dear friends, that all Heaven is enlisted in our redemption.

Paul tells us in Hebrews, the first chapter, and the 14th verse that these angels are:

“...all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation” Hebrews 1:14.

And what a wonderful work they’re doing. Now usually, these angels are unseen—we do not observe them. I speak a fact, dear friends, when I tell you that there are hundreds of angels here tonight. They’re just as real as the radio waves that fill this room.

All it takes to pick up those radio waves is the right kind of instrument, isn’t it? You can’t see them, you can’t hear them with this ear, unless that little radio receiver is here, and then we all become conscious of the fact that this room is full of radio waves.

And it is just as much a fact, and just as much a scientific fact, that there are many, many angels here tonight. Every one of you brought an angel with you when you came tonight—your guardian angel, who is watching over you day and night. From time to time, he’s prompting you.

Ah, my dear friends, many of the sweet and precious thoughts, the desires to do right, that we might think that they show that something good is in us—they’re really the suggestion of our angel companion, and how wonderful it is when we yield our minds to those angel-inspired thoughts.

On the other hand, the angels of darkness (the Devils that work with Satan) they’re suggesting things to our mind. How are we going to tell the difference? Well, that’s what the Bible is for, my dear friends. The Bible is like a great yardstick, and if we will take the thoughts that are suggested to us, the messages that come to us, and measure them by the Bible, we can detect the deceiver, and we can appreciate the light that comes from the sanctuary of God. Oh, I’m so glad for this Bible.

Now, this Bible came to us through angel ministry. You remember that the apostle John on the isle of Patmos received the visit of the angel. The word angel is used over and over and over again in this closing book of Revelation. John was so thrilled with the visits of this angel that came to him that he finally fell at his feet to worship him.

But I want you to turn to Revelation 19:10, and see what the angel said. This angel wouldn’t let anybody worship him. Glorious as he was, he recognized he was just a fellow servant with John.

John says:

“...I fell at his feet to worship him. And he said unto me, See thou do it not: I am thy fellowservant, 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.

Here, you notice the angel tells what his work is. He is serving with those that have the testimony of Jesus, and he says that this testimony of Jesus is the Spirit of Prophecy.

Now, if we'll go to Revelation 22:8 and 9, we'll understand this better. Here again, John was so thrilled and overcome that he was about to worship this wonderful angel again:

“...I John saw these things, and heard them. And when I had heard and seen, I fell down to worship before the feet of the angel which showed me these things. Then saith he unto me, See thou do it not: for I am thy fellowservant, and of thy brethren the prophets, and of them which keep the sayings of this book: worship God” Revelation 22:8–9.

In 19:10, we read that he's a fellow servant with those that have the testimony of Jesus, and here he says he's a fellow servant of the prophets. The prophets are those that have the testimony of Jesus. In other words, the angel is serving with the prophets to give us the testimony of Jesus.

And that's why we read in Revelation 22:16—notice that text:

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

That's how the Bible was given. That's how this book of Revelation came. Jesus sent His angel from the sanctuary. John, who was a prophet, saw that angel, talked with him, wrote out the message, and sent it off to the churches in Asia. Those messages have been preserved, and that's why we have them in this Bible today.

I repeat, the entire Bible has come to us through angel ministry, except for this one exception, the Ten Commandments. God wrote those with His own finger upon the tables of stone.

So, we have the law and the testimony—what God spoke directly and what He gave to the prophets through the angels—what God wrote with His own finger and what the prophets wrote down with the human hand—but it is all the Word of God. It is all the message of Heaven.

A number of years ago, when I was preaching in a western city, an infidel came to the meetings that another minister and I were holding, and as he listened to the messages, one night he asked me if he could have an interview and, of course, I was glad to talk with him. We're always glad to talk with those that have questions.

So, we made an appointment, and the next day we sat down and he told me at some length of his doubts and questions concerning the Bible and why he couldn't believe it, and when he got through, I asked him if it gave him any hope. He said, "No," that he couldn't believe it.

I said, Would you like to hear about my hope? He said, Yes. So I told him that I expected Christ to come soon, set up His kingdom in this world, put an end to all the sorrow and trouble, and usher in the reign of everlasting peace right here in this world.

And I said, Would you like to know the reason I'm sure of this? And he said, Yes. So, we began to study the prophecies. I studied with him about the vision in Daniel 2, about the great image that shows that we're living in the closing days of human history, and it also shows that God can foretell the future. We went to other prophecies that God had sent by the angels to the prophets—Daniel and others.

And then he asked me this question. He said, "Mr. Frazee, how is it that the angels came back there but they never come today?" And then I asked *him* a question.

I said, "Sir, have you ever asked that question to any other preacher?"

"Oh yes," he said, "lots of times."

I said, "Did you ever get an answer?"

"No," he said, "I never did."

"Well," I said, "you've met the movement that has the answer to that question. It's nothing in me. I just happen to be connected with the movement that has the answer to that question."

And friends, I'm so glad that that's so, for I submit to you that the infidel had a reasonable question. If for hundreds and thousands of years God sent His angels down here to this world again and again and again and again, and they appeared to Moses and to Samuel, to David and Isaiah, to Jeremiah and Ezekiel, to Hosea and Amos and Obadiah, to Peter and Paul and John, and to a host of others, why, all of a sudden, does that stop and Heaven is never heard from again while the ages roll? What a strange thing.

And it becomes even stranger when we find in this book *itself* the prophecy that in this last generation, God will again send His angels as He sent them back there. So the Bible *itself* would lead us to expect that as the world is filling with trouble, and as Christ is about to come, this mighty angel should come once more from the sanctuary and reveal himself to this world.

And so, we find in Revelation, the 12th chapter, and the 17th verse, the clear prediction of this. Here we find what I mentioned in the opening words that the great controversy swells to a final crisis just before Christ comes:

“...the dragon was wroth with the woman...” Revelation 12:17.

the Devil was angry with the church.

“...and went to make war with the remnant of her seed...”
Revelation 12:17.

The very last of God’s children in this world. And how are they identified?

“...which keep the commandments of God, and have the
testimony of Jesus Christ” Revelation 12:17.

Yes. Down here in this remnant (the very last) just before Christ comes, God will have a church represented by this woman and her children which keep the commandments of God—all ten of them, my friends—and they have this testimony of Jesus which, as we’ve already seen, is the Spirit of Prophecy, the message which the angel brings from Heaven. This personal angel of Jesus comes with this message.

And so, all through these years as this advent message has been circling this globe, God has been pleased to pour out His spirit in this wonderful gift of prophecy in the visits of these angels—in the giving of visions and dreams by this angel ministry.

Some of those, I told you last week. Some I’m going to tell you tonight, but there are more, and I hope to give you some more another time, but this evening, before we turn to the story in South America, I want to have you turn to Acts, the second chapter, where we have another clear prediction from the Bible itself telling us in the plainest language that in the time in which you and I live we may expect just such manifestations.

I repeat, the infidel asked a proper question—why don’t the angels come today? Why aren’t there visions *today* as in Bible times, and the Bible itself calls for it.

I read Acts, the second chapter, and the 17th verse:

“And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams: And on my servants and on my handmaidens I will pour out in those days of my Spirit; and they shall prophesy” Acts 2:17.

Well might the infidel ask, Where are the angels today? Thank God, friends, they’re here—they’re here. I told you about their visit to Germany just a few months ago, leading four people right into this remnant church, talking to them about the soon coming of Jesus, talking to them about keeping the right day, talking to them about repenting, and talking to them how to find the leaders of God’s true church.

And in obedience to the instructions of this angel, these four people in Hamburg, Germany, last year got in touch with the leaders of this church in Washington, D. C., communications were established, and these four people were baptized into the remnant church on the 10th of December, just last. Thank God, they're rejoicing in this message today because of the visions given to them by this angel from the courts above.

Then, I told you experiences last week from the Philippines. Well, tonight, we're going down to South America, and these experiences that I'm going to give you just now have happened in the very recent weeks and months. This communication that I'm reading to you from is from the president of the conference in eastern Brazil, where this experience took place.

In the city of Gandu, a certain widow who owned a boarding house had an unusual dream one night. It seemed that a car full of people stopped before her home. A man got out and said to her, Get ready. We are already traveling on the heavenly way. Get rid of those saints' images in your home. Then go to a certain house on a certain street—they'll tell you the way to go.

Now, I want you to notice something in all these things, friends. The true angel of God, when he comes to people down here in this world, he doesn't try to start a new church. He tries to get people in touch with the true church of God, who will teach them the way to go.

Now, let me give you an example of that. Turn, please, to the 10th chapter of the book of Acts. I want you to see something very interesting here. Last Friday night, I pointed out to you from the ninth chapter of Acts the wonderful experience of where Saul of Tarsus was met by Jesus on the Damascus Road, and when he was willing to listen and asked Jesus what to do, what did Jesus tell him? He said, Go into Damascus, and there they will tell you what to do. Well, the Lord put him in touch with His organized church—the New Testament church.

Now, in the 10th chapter, notice how we see a similar experience. Here, we see a Roman centurion named Cornelius in the city of Caesarea. He's praying, studying the Word of God, and one afternoon, an angel (it's the same angel of prophecy) appears to him, and tells him, Cornelius, your prayer is heard. Read the story here—10th of Acts.

This third verse, he saw in a vision, evidently about the ninth hour of the day, an angel of God coming in to him. Well, naturally, he expected a message from this angel. Well, what was the message? Why, he said, in the fifth verse:

“...send men to Joppa...” Acts 10:5.

That's on down the seacoast.

“...and call for one Simon, whose surname is Peter”
Acts 10:5.

Well, who was Peter, anyway? Why, one of the ministers of God's church at that time. And he even—watch the point!—he even told Cornelius what house Peter was living in—sixth verse:

“He lodgeth with one Simon a tanner, whose house is by the sea side: he shall tell thee what thou oughtest to do”
Acts 10:6.

I say, this is the mark of the true angel messenger of Heaven. He put Cornelius in touch with God's true church in the world. He told him the exact house to find Peter in.

And so, this good woman down here in South America was visited by this angel from Heaven in this dream. He told her to get ready for Heaven, put away all those saints' images, and to go, then, to a certain street to a certain house, and she'd never been to that place, she didn't know who lived there.

But what did she do? She gathered her family together, told them what the angel had told her, and they had a room in that house that was just dedicated to saints' images, and they went in there and got all those saints' images and put them in a big sack, and they went down to the river and put that sack in the river.

And the people, of course, were quite interested in what was going on, and they asked her about this, and she told them the dream she'd had, and then she went to this certain street, to this certain house. She didn't know who lived there. She went up there, and she knocked at the door. She introduced herself, and told about this dream that she'd had.

And who do you suppose lived there? The leader of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in that area. That's right. This all happened, friends, within the last few months.

Well, so naturally, she began to take Bible studies and her whole family—she and her whole family were baptized on the 31st day of December, just this last year. Thank God, she and her whole family are rejoicing in the message now. The angel came and led her to the law of God, to this people, and she's rejoicing in hope.

Well, now we'll go to another place in South America. This concerns a certain influential farmer by the name of Crespin. Now, he was a member of the great established church of that area, but he was concerned about salvation, and one night he had a vision in which a man clothed in white appear to him and told him four things.

Now listen, what the angel told this wealthy farmer. He said, Crespin, look for the true church, keep the Ten Commandment law, look for the missionaries of God because the door of grace is going to close. Four things he told him.

Well, he didn't pay too much attention to this dream. Ten days later, the exact dream was repeated word for word, and again he said nothing to anybody about the dream. But in a little over a week, the dream was repeated again word for word. My

dear friends, what efforts God makes to reach people. Doesn't He? Three times now, he'd had the same dream word for word.

So, this time, Crespín called together his relatives and his in-laws, and he quoted the dream to them, and they counseled him to go to the nearest priest and learn what God wanted to tell him.

So, he made a trip of a number of miles. He lived out in the country, and went to a large church—the established church—and told the priest all about what he had seen in this dream that the angel had told him, but the priest told him, This doesn't mean anything. Go back home. Keep very quiet and it'll all disappear.

But he returned home, and he promptly had the same dream again. That's four times now the angel had come. So he became quite perturbed, and he began discussing this dream with various friends on the street and in the market.

So his family finally thought that there was something wrong with him, so one day they grabbed him and tied him up and hired an automobile and took him a trip of many miles to Salvador, the capital city of this state in Brazil where he lived.

And on the way, they kept telling him, "We're taking you to the missionary of God. We're taking you to the missionary of God because he had told them that that's what the angel had told him to do.

But now, watch. As they neared this capital city of Salvador, a voice spoke to him which he recognized was the same voice that had spoken to him in the dream. This angel was right there talking to him. He didn't see anybody, but he heard the voice of this angel.

And this angel's voice said to him, This man that they're taking you to is not a man of God. He's a spiritualist witch doctor. He is an adulterer, he's a liar, he arranges illicit encounters, and other sins were mentioned.

So, when Crespín got there, and they took him into this spiritualist witch doctor, instead of even waiting for the witch doctor to start talking to him, he lifted his hand and pointed his finger at him and began to tell him what the angel had told him about this witch doctor. He told off his sins, one after the other. And the man got frightened, and he said to the people that had brought this man Crespín, "This man has a spirit that's stronger than the spirit that's with me. Take him away."

So they took him away. But his family said to the witch doctor, "Where shall we take him?"

"Well," they said, "take him to a certain church and to the priest down there. He's a very good man."

So, on the way to this church, this angel voice spoke to Crespín again and said that they would not find a missionary of God down there at all. In fact, the angel said, when you get there, you will see the priest with the woman with whom he is having an affair.

And so, this time, Crespin told his relatives who were taking him there what they were going to find when they got to that church, and sure enough, when they got there, there was the priest engaged in very intimate conversation and so on with this woman. In fact, he was so tied up with her and wrapped up with her that the relatives of Crespin felt that they just couldn't interrupt, and so they turned and went away, assured that this voice that was speaking to Crespin knew what it was talking about.

And so, with that, they took him home. A few days later, a poor Seventh-day Adventist farmer happened to be passing through that part, and he heard Crespin telling this dream that he'd had—these four things.

Do you remember what they were? Let's see. Let's be sure we get all these four points—Crespin, look for the true church, keep the Ten Commandment law, look for the missionaries of God because the door of grace is going to close.

This poor Seventh-day Adventist farmer said, "I understand that." He said, "That's what we learn in our church."

Crespin said, "Can you explain it to me?"

He said, I'm just a poor farmer. I don't even know how to read and write, but I've got an uncle that can explain it to you. He can read and write."

So, they went on a donkey and got this man. He came with his Bible and held Bible studies with this man, and finally, the missionary came, and now Crespin and 13 of his relatives have been baptized into the faith of the commandments of God and the soon coming of Jesus, my friends.

And this has all happened just within the last few months. In fact, there is such an interest in that part, my friends, that hundreds of people are studying this message, and the work is going rapidly. Who's behind it? The angels are behind it. You can see, friends, God is at work. He's getting ready to finish His work.

In another place, not too far from this, there was a 21-year-old girl who was given a dream in which she saw stars falling from heaven, and after watching in her dream these stars falling from heaven, she went on getting ready for the meal, and at this, a voice spoke to her and asked her how could she keep on just getting ready for a meal when the end was so near, and the world was coming to an end, and she had unconfessed sins. She and her sister had both been living in sin of various kinds, and in the dream, she knelt praying and confessing her sins.

Now, this girl knew nothing about Seventh-day Adventists. She'd never heard of them. A few weeks later, she and her sister had identical dreams in which written across the sky in their language was, Repent for the kingdom of Heaven is at hand.

So, after she'd had these two dreams, she went to a neighbor. Now watch, by coincidence—I'd say by providence, there was somebody at that house where she went, this neighbor, somebody was visiting that neighbor. Do you know who it was?

The Seventh-day Adventist Bible worker, Bible teacher, Bible instructor, as we call them. Sister Damon is our Bible instructor here. If there are any of you who would like to have Bible studies in your homes, Sister Damon will be glad to study the Bible with you.

Well, that's what this woman was doing in this home where this 21-year-old girl went, and remember, the girl had never heard anything about Seventh-day Adventists, but led by the angel, she began to get these Bible studies, and she was baptized March 15. That's just a few weeks ago.

Now, I want to go back a little further in South America. This is an experience brought to us by Brother A.W. Cott. It was my privilege on my last visit to California to talk personally with Brother Cott. He and his wife were the Seventh-day Adventist missionaries who found this tribe of Indians that I'm going to tell you about.

Some time ago, up way in the mountains and the jungles, in the territory where Venezuela, British Guyana and Brazil corner, the Lord sent His angel to an old Indian chief by the name of Owka, O-W-K-A, Owka. Owka received repeated visions from this angel messenger, and although he couldn't read or write. He had no books up there—no Bible, he instructed his people.

They were far from the ways of civilization. They didn't know the things that you and I know, but taught by this angel from Heaven Owka instructed his people in the creation of the world, the fall of man, the institution of the plan of salvation, the coming of Jesus, the death of our Savior and also His second coming.

The Indians were taught that the seventh day is the Sabbath and that they should keep the Sabbath from sundown Friday till sundown Saturday. They were taught that Friday is the preparation day.

Owka told them that eventually, some men would bring a book (which, of course, was the Bible) but that it would not come until after he died, but he got them ready the best he could with these messages that the angel gave him.

This chief Owka had three wives, as many of the Indians did, but the angel instructed him and so he put two of them away and kept just one, in harmony with the law of God. He taught them other very practical things.

As I was hearing the doctor give us this health message tonight, I thought, Isn't it a wonderful thing to be a part of a message that deals with the practical needs of human life from day to day. The Bible does, friends, and you'll find that when angels come from Heaven, they deal with these things, too.

And so, these Indians down there in the jungles of Venezuela were taught to lay aside unclean food, unhealthful practices, and they were taught what you and I call hydrotherapy—the use of hot and cold water.

Brother Cott tells us that this is something that the Indians themselves would never think of because they're afraid of hot water, and it's the last thing that they would do, but Owka taught them what the angel had taught him, and they used hot

and cold water in the treatment of sickness, and they were taught that their bodies were the church or the temple of the Holy Spirit.

The angel taught him to build a church and to even have the Indians bring flowers to decorate the church. They were taught to keep the church clean—to have a janitor. This was all foreign to the practice of these savage Indians way up there in the jungles.

But when our missionaries came there, after the death of this chief, they found way out in the jungles, people who had never seen a Bible, who didn't know how to read and write, but who were keeping the seventh-day Sabbath from Friday sundown to Saturday sundown, abstaining from unclean foods, living a clean life, putting away polygamy and in other ways living in harmony with the Bible, and those Indians were expecting the soon coming of Jesus.

How can all this be explained, my dear friends? It can be explained on only one basis—that we have reached the time prophesied in what we read here in the book of Revelation and the book of Acts tonight—the time when God is pouring out of His Spirit upon all flesh and visions and dreams are being brought to men and women from the angels of God in order that a people may be prepared for the coming of the Savior.

You see, this has been true all the way through in the history of this movement. I've not had the opportunity yet to study with you this wonderful chart above the sanctuary, but one of these evenings when we do, we shall find that according to the wonderful prediction of Daniel, the eighth chapter, and the 14th verse, the year 1844 was the time for our Savior to finish His work in the Holy Place and move into the Most Holy Place of the Heavenly Sanctuary for the closing work of judgment preparatory to His coming.

The year 1844, according to the clear prediction of Bible prophecy, marks the greatest event of modern times—the beginning of the closing judgment work just before Jesus would come. In that year, God brought to the attention of His people in a special way the keeping of the seventh-day Sabbath in harmony with the Fourth Commandment of the Decalogue, and in that year, God revived the gift of prophecy in His church here in this world.

And in the city of Portland, Maine, this same angel that I've been telling you about came to young Ellen Harmon, a 17-year-old girl in the city of Portland, and gave her the first of a series of visions which for over 70 years she received, and like John on Patmos or like Daniel in Babylon, she wrote out those messages which the angel brought.

This has been a clear fulfillment of these prophecies of Revelation and Acts which we have read tonight. Ellen Harmon, after her marriage to James White, known as Mrs. Ellen G. White, received these visions over a period of 70 years and, as I've said, wrote them out for the benefit of the church.

This manifestation of the prophetic gift is a bit different from these experiences that I have given you from Germany and the Philippines and South

America. Those visits of the angel were for the purpose of guiding those who were ignorant of Bible truth to get in touch with God's church.

But the work of these angel messengers is not only to deal with those who know not the message and bring them to the church. The work of the gift of prophecy is to build up the church itself and to instruct the church in the ways of God.

And so, through these visions of Ellen G. White, the Seventh-day Adventist Church from its rise has been guided in a study of the Bible. The same angel that visited the prophets of ancient times has come in these modern days to lead us into a clear understanding of Bible truth.

I'd like to call your attention to a few of these books tonight. Here is a book called *Education*, a book which is used as a textbook in teacher training, and it's used not only by Seventh-day Adventists. The minister of education in one of the European countries translated this book into the language of his nation and used it throughout his country.

Now, Ellen Harmon, because of an accident at the age of eight, was never able to finish even grammar school. Her education stopped at about the third grade. She was taught by Jesus through the angel of prophecy, and when she wrote a book on education, it represented the wisdom of the great Teacher, my friends.

I want to read you something interesting from a woman—not a Seventh-day Adventist. She's a Roman Catholic, but she has been for many years in charge of teacher training at Columbia University. Her name is Dr. Florence Stratemeyer. Not long ago, one of our educators presented her with a copy of this book, *Education*. Dr. Stratemeyer read this book through. This was her comment:

"Recently, the book *Education* by Ellen G. White has been brought to my attention. Written at the turn of the century, this volume was more than 50 years ahead of its time. I was surprised to learn that it was written by a woman with but three years of schooling. The breadth and depth of its philosophy amazed me. Its concept of balanced education, harmonious development, and a thinking and acting on principle are advanced educational concepts.

"I am 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"

That's why we, as a people, have a chain of schools reaching from the preschool, the primary school, on through academies, high schools, colleges and universities, dealing with every phase of education that has to do with preparing workers for the closing work of God. We got it by revelation from Heaven, dear friends, in fulfillment of Christ's words in the book of Revelation that He would send His angel in these latter days.

You heard Dr. Harmer's health lecture tonight. Why do we as a people have sanitariums and hospitals? Why do we maintain at great expense a medical college and many nurses training schools? Why do we have a chain of dispensaries, clinics, hospitals, sanitariums, around the world? Because this angel came from Heaven and gave Ellen G. White vision after vision, revelation after revelation, dealing with the science of health and healing.

Those visions began over a hundred years ago, and they've been before the public for over a hundred years. Take this book, *The Ministry of Healing*, a marvelous book, my friends, published over 60 years ago and still up to date—ahead of the late scientific medical discoveries.

Take the matter of tobacco and lung cancer. Seventh-day Adventists have been put in the limelight because of the recent medical discoveries linking tobacco with lung cancer and with a great increase in heart disease.

But over a hundred years ago, Seventh-day Adventists were taught by this gift to let tobacco alone. The *Readers Digest* came out with a lead article entitled, "The Case of the Wise Abstainers." It was an article on Seventh-day Adventists, singling them out as a wise and fortunate people because they did not use tobacco.

It isn't that we've been wiser than other people. We've had revelation from the skies, my friends, and if you think it's a wonderful thing for an angel to visit a man in the Philippines and tell him about the Sabbath and put him in touch with this message, if you think it's a wonderful thing for the angels to go to South America and lead individuals there, if you think it's a wonderful thing for the angel to go to Hamburg, Germany, and lead four people to get in touch with this church, what is it, my dear friends, to have a message that, when these people come, they find has been guided by the angel all the way through.

Take this book, *Counsels on Diet and Foods*. Here is a book of over 500 pages dealing simply with the diet question. Most of these statements in this book are 50, 60, 70, 80, 90, 100 years old.

I want to read you something interesting from Dr. Clive McCay, the professor of nutrition at Cornell University, New York state. This man is not a Seventh-day Adventist, but someone not long ago gave him a copy of this book, *Counsels on Diet and Foods*. Here is a man that teaches nutrition at Cornell University.

And after he'd made a thorough study of this book, *Counsels on Diet and Foods*, *Ministry of Healing*, and other health books written by Sister White, he made this statement, and this was a lecture presented in a church of another denomination. He was not speaking to Seventh-day Adventists. He was speaking to members of another church, and he was speaking as an authority in nutrition:

"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

and the relation of the rest of the regime of living to proper nutrition and sound health”

These notes have been prepared by a biochemist, who specializes in nutrition, in the hopes that others outside of the Seventh-day Adventists may gain a broader appreciation of the genius of this pioneer nutritionist, Ellen G. White.

“Whatever may be the religious belief of a reader, he or she cannot help but gain much guidance and a better and healthier way of life from reading the major works of Ellen G. White” *Ibid.*

He gave lectures of this kind in several different places. He’s written for several journals. I have in my hand right here a health journal (not a Seventh-day Adventist journal) in which the lead article is by Dr. Clive McCay, telling about the work and writings of Ellen G. White.

Why does this doctor of education in Columbia University hold up these writings on education? Why does this professor of nutrition hold up these writings on diet and foods? Because they recognize here something out of the ordinary, my friends.

Here is a statement from Paul Harvey, the noted radio commentator. He devoted an entire broadcast to the work and writings of Ellen G. White, commenting upon the unusual fact of her stating things in the field of diet and health decades before medical science brought them out, and one of them is the very thing that Dr. Harmer was talking to us about a little while ago on, Do not eat largely of salt.

Paul Harvey comments with interest on the fact that Seventh-day Adventists were taught that a hundred years ago through the writings of Ellen G. White. How do we explain the fact that modern medical research, again and again, is confirming these truths brought to us by revelation through the gift of prophecy a hundred years ago?

It’s simple, friends, when we understand that Jesus is simply fulfilling His Word:

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

Now, I must close, but friends, I had some more stories, one of them from the island of New Guinea that I wanted to give you, but I’ll have to hold that for next Friday night.

Friends, I have something that has happened recently on the island of New Guinea that will thrill your heart in the visits of the wonderful angels of God, and I have some other experiences that I want to share with you next Friday night. So, we’ll have a good time together, the Lord willing, next week.

But now, as we close this little service, I want to say this to you, friends. The only way to know for sure what a watermelon tastes like is to taste it yourself. Am I right? You know that's true.

And the greatest reason that I know that these writings of Ellen G. White are indeed the testimony of Jesus, which is the Spirit of Prophecy, is simply this. I've gotten acquainted with Jesus through this Bible, as I trust you all have, and friends, when I hear Him speaking through His messages in these books of modern revelation, I hear that same sweet voice. There's no question but what it's the same voice.

Let me make it very clear that Seventh-day Adventists do not take the writings of Ellen G. White *instead* of the Bible—not at all. We do not take these books as a *new* Bible or as an *addition* to the Bible. We take the Bible and the Bible only, but we believe what the Bible says that in the last days God will send His angel with messages from Heaven, and we believe, friends, that that has been fulfilled. And so, to take the whole Bible, we must look for a church where the angels come and bring messages from Heaven. We found that.

And as I've told you these experiences from Germany and the Philippines, from South America and from other places, you can see that all over this world, God is sending angels to guide His children into this latter-day movement to full obedience to the commandments of God in preparation for the coming of Jesus Christ.

May I say it, friends, humbly but, oh, so happily—this is the true ecumenical movement. This is the fulfillment of the prayer of Christ that His followers before He comes shall all be one.

They're coming from *every* church and from people that have never been in *any* church. They are coming to listen to the law of God, to listen to the faith of Jesus, to listen to the Spirit of Prophecy, to keep God's holy Sabbath, to read and study from day to day the Word of God in the light of these wonderful modern revelations, and thus, to get ready through faith in what Christ is doing in the sanctuary above, to get ready for His coming.

Oh friends, I invite you—if you've not yet tasted, come and taste for yourself...

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