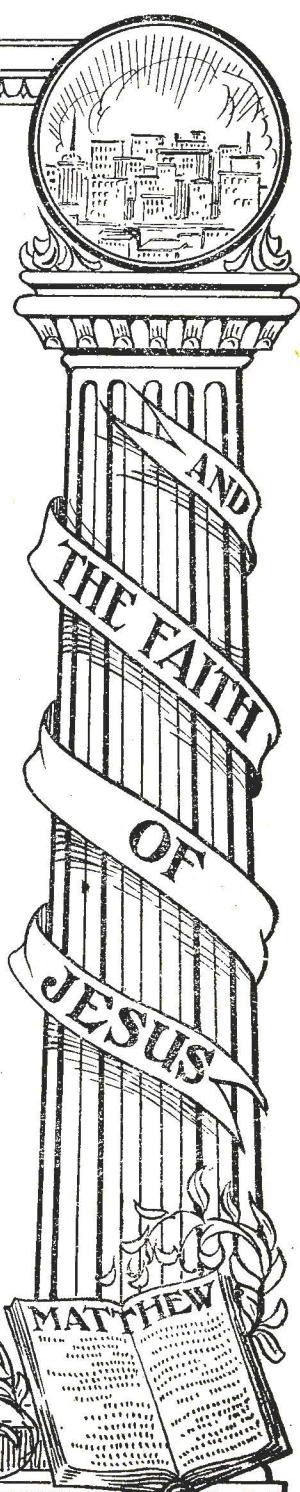
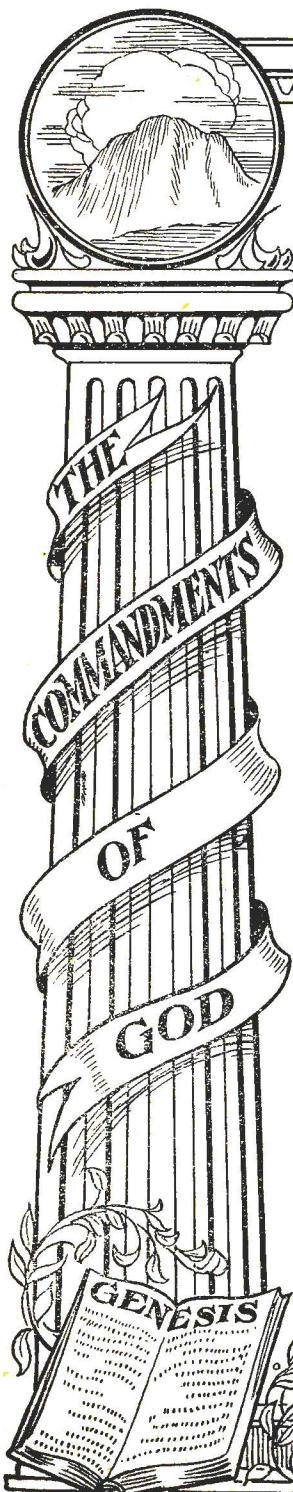


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GOD'S GREAT PAY DAY

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Freed From Death

Thus Christ was freed from sin (imputed sin) and the dominion of death. In death, He triumphed over death. Then were created the infinite riches of His grace. Then it was that Christ acquired the debt-paying, pardoning power. The wages of man's sins were not yet paid. The sins even of God's people were not yet blotted out and forgotten. Not yet had they been removed as far from them as the east is from the west. But all this was assured in its proper time and manner.

Faith in Christ is necessary for the remission of sins. There is no present remission of future sins. Paying in advance the wages of future sins would simply be granting indulgences for sin, a work attempted only by "the mystery of iniquity."

The death of the Saviour did not at the time and in itself automatically pay the debt of any sinner or the wages of sin for mankind. Rather, by it Christ acquired the power to do this for every one who would come to Him. He was crowned with glory and honor and the power to impute and impart the death unto sin which He had tasted, to every one who wished to die in sin. Authority was given Him to act as both Judge and Advocate of the human race. To the apostle John, He said in vision, "I am He that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive forevermore. Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death." Revelation 1:18. His death had not opened the prison doors of death and the grave; but His death, with the life power of His resurrection, had put into His hands the keys.

The Whole World Guilty.

The whole world is guilty before God through transgression of His holy law. Men, even professed Christians, have, as the psalmist says, "made void" the law of God. They have taken away the seal of the law, the seventh-day Sabbath, and substituted the sign, or mark, of an apostate power. False teachers tell us that Christ came to

make void His own law, so that man might transgress it with impunity. And truly, if Christ at the cross paid the debt of sin for all mankind, past, present, and future, and, so to speak, deeded His work over to man unconditionally, and recorded it in man's name, then no one since then could possibly be guilty before God, or under the condemnation of the law.

Strengthened by this false idea, many, when the claims of God's law and their transgressions are pointed out, say, "We are not under the law, but under grace," and so, by misconstruing God's most precious gift are emboldened to go on in transgression.

Heaven's Clearing House.

But though no debts have yet been paid, though no sins have yet been blotted out or cast into the depths of the sea, and the new covenant promise has not been fully realized, God has provided a clearing house where all accounts are to be balanced, and appointed a day when all debts that can be paid will be paid. That clearing house is the heavenly sanctuary, and that day is the Day of Judgment, or of the cleansing of that sanctuary, the day of final adjustment of all accounts that have been sent before to judgment. (1 Timothy 5:24.)

According to the prophecy of Daniel 8:14, this great day of the cleansing of the sanctuary arrived in the year 1844. We are living in God's great pay day. Jesus still sits upon the throne of grace, as the Advocate of every repentant sinner. The sins that through the ages have been confessed and forgiven will soon be blotted out of existence, and God's people will be clean from all their sins before the Lord.

Thus the first great end in the plan of redemption will have been accomplished; namely, the deliverance of all who have been willing to renounce evil. Then "the iniquity of Israel shall be sought for, and there shall be none; and the sins of Judah, and they shall not be found: for I will pardon them whom I reserve." Jeremiah 50:20. Then will come the full realization of the new covenant promise, and the righteous shall "shine forth

as the sun in the kingdom of their Father."

A Thousand Years Later.

The second great purpose will be realized a thousand years later, in the final eradication of sin and sinners from the universe, in the fires of God that will consume this present earth, and prepare the way for the new heavens and the new earth, "wherein dwelleth righteousness." (Revelation 20:7-9; 2 Peter 3:12, 13.)

Two great cleansings, then, we see brought to view in the gospel: one, of the sanctuary, by the blood of Christ, the grand climax of God's work for sinners, perfecting them for their heavenly home; the second, of the earth and the universe, by fire, from sin and all its consequences, making a clean dwelling place for the redeemed of earth.

To this generation, the warning is given: "Repent . . . and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out." "Fear God, and give glory to Him; for the hour of His Judgment is come." Revelation 14:6-12 is being fulfilled today in our ears and before our very eyes.

How is it with you? Have you made arrangements for Jesus to pay your debt in this great day which will soon close, or will you pay it yourself in the cleansing fires that shall eradicate sin and sinners?

A CALL TO SERVICE

(The Late Mrs. E. G. White)

We are living in the very last days of this earth's history. All the signs that our Saviour predicted would herald His second advent are being fulfilled. We must earnestly continue laboring until the work given us to do is finished. As we see and sense the perils of the last days, and as the powers of darkness press more heavily than ever upon us, should not we, as Bible believers, do our very best work?

We see before us a special work to be done in the time when the whole earth shall be filled with the light and the glory of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea. The prophecies in the eighteenth of Revelation will soon be fulfilled. During the proclamation of the third angel's

message, "another angel" is to "come down from heaven, having great power;" and the earth is to be "lightened with the glory." The Spirit of the Lord will so graciously and universally bless consecrated human instrumentalities, that men, women, and children will open their lips in praise and testimony, filling the earth with the knowledge of God, and with His unsurpassed glory, as the waters cover the sea.

The proclamation of the gospel is the only means by which God can employ human beings as His instrumentalities for the salvation of souls. As men, women, and children proclaim the gospel, the Lord will open the eyes of the blind to see His statutes, and will write His law upon the hearts of the truly penitent.

To my brethren and sisters I am bidden to say: Let the work of proclaiming the gospel of Jesus Christ be directed and made efficient by the agency of the Holy Spirit. Let not one believer, in the day of trial and proving that has already begun, listen to the devising of the enemy. The animating Spirit of God, working through human agencies, leads the believers to be of one mind, one soul, unitedly loving God and keeping His commandments,—preparing here below for translation.

If the families around you are opposed to the truth, strive to lead them to yield to the claims of Christ. Work patiently, wisely, considerately, winning your way by tender ministry of love. Present the truth in such a way that it will be seen in all its beauty, exerting an influence that can not be resisted. Thus the walls of prejudice will be broken down.

If this work were faithfully done, if fathers and mothers would work for the members of their own families, and then for those around them, uplifting Christ by a godly life, thousands would be saved. When God's people are truly converted, when they realize the obligation resting on them to labor for those within their reach, when they leave no means untried to rescue sinners from the power of the enemy, the reproach will be removed from our churches.

Do we realize how large a

number in the world are watching our movements? From quarters where we least expect it, will come voices urging us forward in the work of giving to the world the last message of mercy. Ministers and people, wake up! Be quick to recognize and seize every opportunity and advantage offered in the turning of the wheel of providence. God and Christ and the heavenly angels are working with intense activity to hold in check the fierceness of Satan's wrath, that God's plans be not thwarted. God lives and reigns. He is conducting the affairs of the universe. Let His soldiers move forward to victory. Let there be perfect unity in their ranks. Let them press the battle to the gates. As a mighty Conqueror, the Lord will work for them.

Let the gospel message ring through our churches, summoning them to universal action. Let the members of the church have increased faith, gaining zeal from their unseen, heavenly allies, from a knowledge of their exhaustless resources, from the greatness of the enterprise in which they are engaged, and from the power of their Leader. Those who place themselves under God's control, to be led and guided by Him, will catch the steady tread of the events ordained by Him to take place. Inspired with the Spirit of Him who gave His life for the life of the world, they will no longer stand still in impotency, pointing to what they can not do. Putting on the armor of heaven, they will go forth to the warfare, willing to do and dare for God, knowing that His omnipotence will supply their need.

HOW WILL WE TAKE CARE OF THE YOUNG PEOPLE?

This is the problem of small as well as large churches. It would be absurd for parents to say, "We have only one child, so it is not worth while to spend time and money for his development." It is equally absurd for the church to neglect her young people because she has only a few.

Do you remember the story of the old Scotch minister? One

year he toiled and prayed, but gained only one convert, and that convert was "only a boy!" as the deacon critically remarked when he and other church members were arguing their church ought to have a new minister. But the old minister refused to become discouraged; he clung to the boy, and taught him patiently. "Only a boy!" But in a few years that boy, Robert Moffat, went to Africa, and became one of the most successful pioneers in the Dark Continent.

Do you not think the efforts in behalf of that boy were worth while?

Only a girl! but one day she laid her life on the altar of service for the sufferers of the Crimean War. Together with her faithful helpers she did noble work for the wounded soldiers. Several years after the war closed, some of the officers had a reunion. Slips were passed, and each was asked to write the name of the person who he thought rendered the best service during the war. On every slip was the name of Florence Nightingale, the young woman who had bound up their wounds, ministered to their many needs, and led them to the Great Physician for help.

Do you not think it worth while to endeavor to lead other young women to consecrate themselves to unselfish service?

There are young people hidden away in small, obscure churches today, who might soon become earnest workers for God if proper attention were given them.

But it is a sad fact that, through the indifference and unintentional neglect of older church members and officers, many of these young people are drifting into the world instead of being marshaled into an army that shall go forth in the name of Prince Immanuel, "conquering, and to conquer."

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The Cuban Assembly convened Friday, May 29th. The brethren of Cuba have many plans for the future in carrying on the work. Notwithstanding the devil is working in this field as in other parts of the Lord's vineyard, the leaders of the work are of good courage, and are pressing on to victory.

Elder J. W. Manns, president of the General Assembly, is visiting Cuba, attending the Assembly Session. Doubtless his help down there at this time will be much appreciated by the Cuban brethren. He will be away from the office about three weeks. We wish for him a safe passage over the seas both to and from Cuba. We are praying for the success of our work in Cuba.

Elder C. G. Manns, with Brother W. L. Blunt and other helpers from Savannah, are conducting tent meetings in Gainesville, Florida. At this little Florida city, we have a faithful little company standing loyal to Free Seventh-day Adventists for the past eight years. We are glad to answer a call for help at this time.

The Executive Committee is asking all of our members everywhere to assist in this ef-

fort with an offering of from \$1.00 to \$5.00 per member. We need your help just now. Send all offerings for the Gainesville tent meeting to Mrs. L. L. Johnson, 610 West 36th Street, Savannah, Georgia.

Brother W. L. Blunt has been spending a few weeks at Savannah, taking some much needed rest. He has not been well for the past year. We are hoping that he will soon be all right again. He left a few days ago to connect with Elder C. G. Manns in a tent meeting at Gainesville, Florida.

Brother D. E. Williams, the local leader of the Savannah church, is at West Palm Beach. We trust he will be successful in all of his missionary Bible work. Brother Williams, as a rule, carries on two lines of work wherever he goes, and good results are always seen. Converts are won to Christ through his efforts. May the Lord bless his work down there.

The Executive Committee has planned two tent meetings for this summer. The place where the second will be conducted has not yet been published. The committee will set its stakes and then make its announcement. Send in your offerings for these tent meetings.

UTILIZE THE WASTE

One of the greatest problems before the local church is how to utilize her unused talents.

Generally the burdens are borne by the overworked few. We look out on a commercial and industrial world, and marvel to see how, through careful study and untiring effort, men have transformed waste materials into valuable products of the cotton plant.

In 1860 it was garbage; in 1870, a fertilizer; in 1880, a food

for cattle; by 1890, it had become a food for our tables. So little by little men discovered great commercial possibilities in what formerly had been thrown away as garbage.

Today, the one time by-products of petroleum are more than a thousand times as valuable as the crude oil itself. Everywhere we find wealth and power conserved and utilized through study and effort.

The commercial world has solved a stupendous problem. And does not this fact challenge the church to solve speedily the greater one with which she is wrestling?

Think of Niagara Falls! Before men began to harness into service the waters of Niagara, that foaming torrent contained as much energy as it does today; but these enormous quantities of energy were entirely wasted.

In like manner, a stream of splendid young men and women, with unmeasured possibilities for Christian service, has been pouring into the world; and its energies have been entirely wasted to the church. The picture is a sad one, and calls every church in every community to stem the tide of laboring incessantly to utilize, not the waste products but the wasted products of the Church.

GOOD MOTTOES

It may be a little farther around the corners of a square deal, but the road is better."

"Better to be small and shine than to be great and cast a shadow."

Every war, even to the nation that conquers, is nothing less than a misfortune.—Von Moltke.

A gentleman is just a gentleman: no more, no less: a diamond polished that was first a diamond in the rough. A gentleman is gentle, modest, courteous, slow to take offense, and never giving it. He is slow to surmise evil, as he never thinks it.

PRESENT TRUTH

By Chas. J. Ellis.

The following from the pen of the Apostle Peter makes mention of the above subject. He writes: Wherefore I will not be negligent to put you always in remembrance of these things, though ye know them and be established in present truth. 2 Pet. 1:12.

To the believer, truth carries with it a divine obligation: it works and makes manifest itself in the life of the individual professor, thus molding and fashioning his character after the divine image of God. Write this deeply on the tablets of your understanding that truth is unchangeable, and therefore is as eternal as God Himself. You now inquire, what is PRESENT TRUTH, and why the need of such a term in our Bible? A few, brief, biblical illustrations with which the reader is familiar, will elucidate this question.

There are two principal purposes for which a message from God to His people is always necessary: (a) that which brings His blessed promises to a dying world; (b) that which forewarns the inhabitants of earth of any impending doom. Accordingly, God has sent different messages betimes to His people of past ages, and is still sending at the present time; because in every age our sinful world stands in need of a special message to meet its special sinful condition; therefore, upon the acceptance or rejection of these messages or PRESENT TRUTH, man's eternal destiny is decided.

Stepping back to the days of Noah, we see God sending a message of a coming flood. The acceptance of such a message which was a then present truth would mean salvation. The fact concerning the flood will always be the truth, but such a message cannot be preached today with the same application. Why? Because it has met its fulfilment and therefore ceased to be present truth.

The prophets of old have heralded the messages re the first advent of our Saviour. Micah spoke of His birthplace—Bethlehem. Micah 5:2. Zechariah, of His riding into Jerusalem as King. Zech. 9:9. Isaiah, of His

sufferings and death. Isa. 53, and Daniel of the time of His birth and death, etc. Dan. 9:24-27. And now, the time came when these prophecies were fulfilled. The flood came, and the people to whom that message was preached "knew not." It wrought its destruction upon them, and only eight persons survived to tell the tale. Christ came and actually fulfilled all the prophetic specifications concerning Himself. He was rejected by the majority who discredited the messages and was accepted by the few who believed them. All these were messages of present truth for those times, and neither can they be preached today with equal emphasis. And what followed?

The fact of His crucifixion and resurrection subsequently became a message of present truth, which resulted in the persecution and martyrdom of many of its advocates. Though this message remains a present truth and will always be, yet its popularly believed and accepted by all Christians, consequently, there is no necessity of special emphasis in its preaching. But is there a message of present truth for our day? The answer is in the affirmative.

Turning to Rev. 14:6-12, a threefold message is to be found: and now we have but to look around us and see the apostate conditions as spoken of by the faithful apostle in order to know whether the above quoted message is applicable to our day. Says Peter: "For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lust shall they heap to themselves teachers having itching ears; and they shall turn away their ears from the truth and shall be turned into fables.

When the ears of God's people are turned from the truth to fables, they ceased to be "true worshipers." It is obvious then, that a message will be necessary to reform their lives from this state of apostacy in order that they may "worship in spirit and truth."

In this threefold message of Rev. 14, God is calling upon the inhabitants of earth to fear and give glory to Him who made the heaven and earth, the seas and fountains of waters; this evidently takes us to the fourth

commandment and urges a Seventh-day Sabbath reform. The second message continues to show the fall (moral) of Babylon—the apostate church, "because she made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornications"—false doctrines. Neither does it stop here.

Because of the continued state of apostacy and rebellion against these two messages it behooves our merciful Father to send a third—a message more dreadful and with more terrible consequences against its rejection is not to be found in all the Scriptures. This warns against the worship of the beast and his image, and the receiving of his mark and the number of his name. This threefold message and no other constitutes the PRESENT TRUTH for this last generation.

Again the reader inquires, what is the "beast," his "image," and his "mark," etc.? The limited space for this article will not afford any explanation in this issue, but it will undoubtedly appear subsequently. Suffice it to say here that this threefold message has been expounded wherever the banner of Prince Immanuel is unfurled by the people who keep the commandments of God, including the Seventh-day Sabbath, commonly called Saturday. Very soon this message will be preached in all the world and Jesus will come.

MORTUARY

Bowens—Eliza Bowens passed away in Port Limon, C. R., March 8, 1925. She was baptized in January, 1924, and was a faithful member of the Port Limon Church of Free Seventh-day Adventists until death. Leaving a husband, two sons and one daughter to mourn her death. Her remains were committed to the cemetery by Evangelist J. B. Mosley.

Westney—Louisa Westney died in Port Limon, C. R., April 9, 1925. She was baptized in July, 1923, and remained a faithful member of the Port Limon Church of Free Seventh-day Adventists until death. A husband, father and other relatives mourn her death. Evangelist J. B. Mosley took charge of her funeral.

TOMORROW

Loud chilling winds may hoarsely blow
 From off the distant mountain,
 And winter, on his wings of snow,
 May hush the crystal fountain,
 Sere, withered leaves, on every hand,
 May tell of earth in sorrow,
 Again will springtime warm the land
 And bring a glad tomorrow.

The storm may gather loud and fast,
 Sweeping o'er the angry sky;
 Rough winds may rock the stubborn mast,
 And the waves pile mountain high;
 Darkness may deepen in her gloom,
 Nor stars relieve her sorrow,
 Light will come trembling from her tomb
 In golden-haired tomorrow.

The sun may chase the far-off cloud,
 And leave the world in sadness,
 Still will her smile break through the shroud
 And fill the air with gladness;
 The day may lose her golden light;
 Her tears the night may borrow,
 Yet with her parting, last good-night,
 She brings us fair tomorrow.

The thoughts that burn like altar fires,
 With incense pure and holy—
 Whose flames reach high in proud desires,—
 The riches of the lowly,
 May lose the fervor of their glow,
 Nor pleasure longer borrow,
 Their music may forget to flow,
 'Twill swell again tomorrow.

The hopes, the loves of days gone by,
 May fade in joyous seeming,
 The light that filled the radiant eye
 May lose its early beaming.
 Care's silver threads may gather o'er
 The brow oppressed by sorrow,

Still brighter joys seem yet in store,
 And promise much tomorrow.
 The victory that crowns our life
 May waver at its dawning,
 Love may be wounded in the strife,
 And tears may cloud our morning,
 But, with each fresh returning day,
 Hope wings away our sorrow,
 Sheds o'er the heart her blissful ray
 And whispers of tomorrow.

—W. F. Fox.

MIRIAM

Miriam came from a family of sterling worth, and her name stands out clearly in Bible history connected with that of Moses and Aaron, her two brothers. When we find such a strong trio in one family we naturally inquire about the parents. Amram and Jochebed, the parents, were both of the tribe of Levi. Ex. 6:14. Jochabed was especially a strong character.

Her love for her child defied Egyptian law, and she hid her babe three months; but when she saw she could evade the officers no longer she formed the bold plan of putting the babe in the basket where Pharaoh's daughter came to bathe. She well knew none but one of royal blood could save the child in the face of the king's decree.

We can picture the scene in Amram's cottage as Jochabed, with her heart uplifted to God in prayer, prepared the basket. Miriam no doubt helped the mother in her labor of love, or cared for the wee boy, Aaron, that the mother might be free. When all was prepared Miriam stood off to watch. Her ready wit and presence of mind were shown in her manner of addressing the princess when the basket was discovered.

Miriam was a woman of rare ability. When Israel came out from the Red Sea, Miriam with a timbrel in hand, led all the

women in Israel in a praise and thanksgiving service. Although there were other prophets in Israel, yet the gift of prophecy was bestowed upon her. Miriam stands out as one of the strong characters of the Bible, yet she was not proof against the great sin of jealousy.

She could not brook the thought of Moses' wife being first in his affections and she second. Their family were all pure blooded Levites; but Zipporah was an Ethiopian and Miriam could not bear the thought of her advising Moses in important matters. Aaron became her confidant. Had he stood up firmly for the right he would have helped her; but he listened to Miriam and shared her jealousy. Then God showed His displeasure and "behold, Miriam became leprous, white as snow," thus revealing the dreadful effects of the sin of jealousy. In answer to Moses' prayer Miriam was healed. The Lord has not given us many particulars of Miriam's life during the weary years of wandering; but just before they entered the land of promise she was laid to rest.

WHAT THE MOTHER CAN DO FOR THE SABBATH SCHOOL

She can bring, not send, the child to the Sabbath school. She can bring him with an offering, however small.

She can bring him with a desire to know.

She can bring him with reverence for the house and worship of God.

She can bring him with a desire to help others.

She can bring him with a wealth of Bible stories as background for the current lesson.

She can bring him with a prayer to God in her heart that he may unlock the storehouse of heaven for her child and for her child's teacher.

"A modest, sensible, and well-bred man would not insult me, and no other can."

BE CAREFUL WHAT YOU SAY

In speaking of a person's faults,
Pray don't forget your own;
Remember, those with homes of
glass

Should seldom throw a stone.
If we have nothing else to do
Than talk of those who sin,
'Tis better to commence at home,
And from that point begin.

We have no right to judge a
man

Until he's fairly tried,
Should we not like his company,
We know the world is wide.
Some may have faults—and who
have not?

The old as well as young;
Perhaps we may, for aught we
know
Have fifty to their one.

I'll tell you of a better plan,
And find it works full well—
To try my own defects to cure
Ere others' faults I tell;
And though I sometimes hope
to be

No worse than some I know,
My own shortcomings bid me
let

The faults of others go.

Then let us all when we begin
To slander friend or foe,
Think of the harm one word
may do

To those we little know;
Remember, curses sometimes,
like

Our chickens, "roost at
home";
Don't speak of others' faults
until
We have none of our own.

OUR MIND AND THOUGHTS

Our thoughts determine what
we are. Prov. 23:7. "For as he
thinketh in his heart, so is he."

Satan controls the mind of the
wicked. 2 Cor. 4:4. "In whom
the god of this world hath blinded
the minds of them which believe
not, lest the light of the
glorious gospel of Christ, who
is the image of God, should
shine unto them."

This is what alienates us from
God. Eph. 4:17, 18. "This I
say therefore, and testify in the
Lord, that ye henceforth walk
not as other Gentiles walk, in
the vanity of their mind, Having
the understanding darkened, be-

ing alienated from the life of
God through the ignorance that
is in them, because of the blindness
of their heart." An alien; one
who is estranged or excluded.
Alienation: mental derangement.

Our mind must pass through
a change before it can tell what
is good. Rom. 12:2. "And be
not conformed to this world: but
be ye transformed by the renewing
of your mind, that ye may prove
what is that good, and acceptable,
and perfect, will of God."

This new mind is the mind of
Christ. Phil. 2:5. "Let this
mind be in you, which was also
in Christ Jesus."

Christ has given this to us. 1
John 5:20. "And we know that
the Son of God has come, and
hath given us an understanding."

God calls these two conditions
of mind carnal and spiritual.
Rom. 8:6, 7. "For to be carna-
nally minded is death; but to be
spiritually minded is life and
peace."

The mind He gives us is a
sound mind. 2 Tim. 1:7. "For
God hath not given us the spirit
of fear; but of power, and of
love, and of a sound mind."

He has promised to help us
keep it. Phil. 4:7. "And the
peace of God, which passeth all
understanding, shall keep your
hearts and minds through Christ
Jesus."

What we must do to keep it.
2 Cor. 10:5. "Casting down
imaginings, and every high
thing that exalteth itself against
the knowledge of God, and
bringing into captivity every
thought to the obedience of
Christ."

How this is possible. Phil. 4:
8. "Finally, brethren, whatso-
ever things are true, whatsoever
things are pure, whatsoever
things are lovely, whatsoever
things are of good report; if
there be any virtue, and if there
be any praise, think on these
things."

We must not associate with
those of corrupt minds. 1 Tim.
6:5. "Perverse disputings of
men of corrupt minds, and desti-
tute of the truth, supposing that
gain is godliness: from such
withdraw thyself."

When the wicked are finally
punished they receive the fruit
of their thoughts. Jer. 6:19.

"Hear, O earth: Behold, I will
bring evil upon this people, even
the fruit of their thoughts."

How God can keep our minds
right. Pov. 16:3. "Commit thy
works unto the Lord, and thy
thoughts shall be established." Isa.
26:3. "Thou wilt keep him
in perfect peace, whose mind is
stayed on thee: because he
trusteth in thee."

LET YOUTH SHARE

"Let not the youth be ig-
nored; let them share in the la-
bor and responsibility. Let them
feel that they have a part to act
in helping and blessing others."

Even the children should be
taught to do little errands of
love and mercy for those less
fortunate than themselves.

"Let the overseers of the
church devise plans whereby
young men and women be
trained to put to use their in-
trusted talents. Let the older
members of the church seek to
do earnest, compassionate work
for the children and youth."

Let ministers put to use all
their ingenuity in devising plans
whereby the younger members
of the church may be led to co-
operate with them in mission-
ary work.

But do not imagine that you
can arouse their interest merely
by preaching a long sermon at
the missionary meeting.

Plan ways whereby a live in-
terest may be kindled. Let all
have a part to act."—"Testimo-
nies for the Church," Vol. 6, pp.
435-436.

The young man seeking a
position to-day is not asked what
college he came from or who his
ancestors were, but "What can
you do?" is the great question.
It is special training that is
wanted.

A youth should have that self-
respect which lifts him above
meaness, and makes him inde-
pendent of slights and snubs.

Character is success, and there
is no other.

NOTES FROM CENTRAL AMERICA

Pacuarito Company—The Pacuarito Company has been reorganized into a church, taking the name, "The Pacuarito Church of Free Seventh-day Adventists." This church has a membership of about twenty.

Baptism—On February 1, 1925, two dear souls were buried with their Lord in baptism at Pacuarito.

Evangelistic Meetings—A series of evangelistic meetings were conducted in Pacuarito from February 28th to March 21st, 1925, by Evangelist J. B. Mosley and his co-workers. These meetings were very successful. Pacuarito was stirred to its height. While some have taken their stand for the truth, many are in the valley of decision. Trusting that the dear Lord will help them to decide for the truth, and make their calling and election sure ere it be eternally too late.

Panama—Calls are coming from Panama for ministerial help. Let all our brethren be courageous, help will soon come. Stand fast in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made you free and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage.

J. B. MOSLEY.

NOTICE! NOTICE! NOTICE!

Church elders and leaders of companies in the Central American Assembly: Please see to it that your treasurers make prompt remittance to this office, immediately after the close of each month. Remember promptness and faithfulness are absolutely essential in the Lord's business. Rom. 12:11; Officers of the Church, p. 25.

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THE JOY OF JESUS

There are two sides to each person—right and left—almost identical. Few are "well balanced." Paradoxical as it must seem, Jesus was even. He was a "calamity howler," telling of things that were, and that were

to come; but he was also an optimist, telling of "brighter days" and "clearer skies." He was the "man of sorrows" (Isaiah 53:3), and although never called "the man of joy," yet He experienced joy, and spoke many joyful things.

Christianity has been designed by some as the religion of sorrow. Its Founder is represented by most of the artists with a sad face. "Poets, too," as Irvin H. Evans said, "have so written of Him as to preclude the thought that He could have ever known joy." Through suffering was He perfected (Hebrews 5:8, 9), till at last that—

"visage sweet and comely,
Marred by fouling stains and
homely,
Changed as to its blooming
color,

All now turned to deathly pallor,
Making heavenly hosts afeared."

Yet, in composing Christianity's sonata, Jesus so arranged the notes "to make a joyful noise unto God, "making living a 'Te Deum' or a 'Gloria in Excelsis,'

He shows us that—

"Our lives are songs;
God writes the words,
And we set them to music at
leisure;
And the song is sad, or the
song is glad,
As we choose to fashion the
measure.

"We must write the song,
Whatever the words,
Whatever its rime or meter;
And if it be sad, we must make
it glad;
And if sweet, we must make it
sweeter."

Jesus had joy in Himself; "He rejoiced in spirit." Luke 10:21. The inner emotions arose through no outer aggregations. He possessed no property, followed no round of social masevements.

WHERE THERE IS NO VISION THE PEOPLE PERISH."—PROV. 29:18

This is one of the truest bits of philosophy ever penned. It is found in the Bible. People in the days of Solomon were much the same as they are today. Most of them lacked VISION.

You, no doubt, are acquainted with people who are literal-

ly perishing because they lack vision. They continue to eke out an existence from year to year because they lack BUSINESS VISION. They work hard and practice the strictest economy, but they never get ahead.

There are others who lack MENTAL and INTELLECTUAL VISION. They do not seem to succeed in anything they undertake. They are unable to reason from cause to effect and vice versa. They accept things as they are and continue to move along in the same rut year after year.

Then there are those who lack SPIRITUAL VISION. They do not comprehend the meaning of, "Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you." They make little or no application of the Golden Rule. The injunction, "Judge not, that ye be not judged," means nothing to them. They have no deep-seated religious convictions because they lack SPIRITUAL VISION.

If you want to be a man or woman of vision, read and study your Bible. Pray for the light of Divine guidance. "For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened."

There is a place in our Organization for you. We need more Christian men and women who want to get a LARGER AND BROADER VISION of things, both temporal and spiritual. A year spent in reading and studying and selling the Bible and other literature will prove a wonderful blessing to you.

About two things we should not fret, that which we cannot help, and that which we can help. Better find one of your own faults than ten of your neighbors.

Don't whine about your lack of opportunity. There are opportunities for everyone who is able to convince the world by his industry that he is worthy of success.

If parents were not careless about the manners of their children at home they would seldom be shocked at their behaviour abroad.