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## OUR SALVATION

Will God work a miracle for the salvation of our souls? No. According to the plan of salvation, conditions must be met, the weights and besetting sins must be laid aside, not to be taken up again but to be entirely forsaken.

All sins must be confessed and forsaken. Forgiveness must be sought with loving humility and sorrow of heart from those whom we have wronged, then God will have pleasure to pardon us among those whom He reserves. Read Jer. 50:20. This will give us freedom with God and man. Our entire deportment and burden for souls will hasten the coming Kingdom of God,—the promises great and precious,—the rewards written by the prophet John while in exile for the testimony and faith of Jesus will be kept in memory and constantly rehearsed to those with whom we labour for their buoyance in the fight.

We are nearing the days when the sins of Israel will never again be found. The former things will not be remembered nor come to mind, throughout eternity, joy and peace will forever reign. The prophet says, "He (God) will make an utter end. Affliction shall not rise up the second time.

"Since 1844 the investigative judgement has been in session in heaven, our Great High Priest is cleansing the heavenly sanctuary, removing the records of

sin. We are admonished, warned and entreated to repent and be converted that our sins may be blotted out when the time of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord."

When this work of reconciliation is completed and the last case is decided in the final judgment of heaven, the Saviour will say: "He that is unjust let him be unjust still, and he which is filthy let him be filthy still; and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still; he that is holy, let him be holy still."

Satan the great instigator of all evil, the antitypical scapegoat will then come in for his part of the service, all the sins of the righteous will be laid upon his head in the presence of the Father, the angels of God and the redeemed host.

Dear loved ones, time is fleeting; Jesus is eagerly waiting. Consider Jesus who bore our sins on Calvary's cross. Are you appreciating the great sacrifice that was made for your soul? The great and precious promises laid down for the overcomers?" The mind of God is to give us an end and an expectation. "The Kingdom and dominion and the greatness of the Kingdom under the whole heaven shall be given to the people of the saints of the Most High." Dan. 7:27.

"For since the beginning of the world, men have not heard nor perceived by the ear, neither hath the eye seen. Oh God beside thee what he hath prepared for him that waiteth for Him." Isa. 64:4. "How shall we escape if we neglect so great salvation." Heb. 2:3.

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## MARRYING UNBELIEVERS

"Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? And what communion hath light with darkness?" 2 Cor. 6:14.

This verse has a twofold meaning. (First), It applies to church membership, that is, those who are born again, or from above and have accepted Christ and have become lights of the world. Therefore light has no communion with darkness. The life which Christ lived is the life lived out in us. He

(Christ), was in the world, but not of the world. So are we in the world, but are not of the world.

"Be not deceived: evil communications or evil associations corrupt good morals." 1 Cor. 15:33.

## (Poet)

"Shun evil companions,  
Bad language disdain,  
God's name hold in rev'rence,  
Nor take it in vain;  
Be thoughtful and earn-est,  
Kind-heart-ed and true,  
Look ev-er to Je-sus,  
He'll carry you through."

Go no place where you would not want Christ to come and find you. Sing no song that will misrepresent the Third Angel's Message nor listen over the radio, graphophone or any other musical instrument to that which is unChristian, the instrument within itself is harmless and should be used to the glory of God and not the devil.

Records of such unChristian songs should be broken up. Books of the same nature should be burned. And many that believed came and confessed, and showed their deeds, (or sins). "Many of them also which used curious arts brought their books together and burned them before all men and they counted the price of them and found it fifty thousand pieces of silver." So mighty grew the word of God and prevailed. Acts 19: 18-20.

The funny paper, novels, all fictitious stories, should not be read by Seventh-Day Adventist Christians. If Free Seventh-Day Adventists are true to their profession and will live in harmony with principles of the Third Angel's Message, they who have in their possession such, like as heretofore been described, will do as the Corinthians did, confess their sins and burn such literature that mis-lead and destroys our spirituality, and in the end destroy our souls. Movies are included.

The word must grow in us. We are the soil in which it grows. In order to have a fruitful crop we must gather out all of the weeds and grass. So we must separate from these evil things that the word of God may grow in us and that we be fruitful. 2 Cor. 6:17, 18. Eph.

2:1-6; 5:6-11.

### Marriage

Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers. Secondly, this verse applies to the marriage relationship. Should Seventh-Day Adventists Christians marry unbelievers, those not of the faith? The Bible only can answer this question. Teaching the same truth to Israel of old, God said "Thou shalt not plow with an ox and an ass together." Deut. 22:10. The ox is one among the clean animals, the ass is one among the unclean animals.

Just before the flood, during the days of Noah, God commanded Noah, "Of every clean beast thou shalt take to thee by seven the male and the female, and of beasts that are not clean by two, the male and his female." Gen. 6:2. Thus He purposed that they should remain separate. The separation was a lesson to Israel, and it is a lesson for you and me today. Rom. 15:4; 10:9.

As God commanded Israel not to plow an ox with an ass, so He commanded His people Israel to not form an agreement in marriage with the idolatrous nations of the then known world. God is the same today as He was back there. Mal. 3:6. Heb. 13:8.

To Israel, He said, "Neither shalt thou make marriage with them; thy daughter thou shalt not give unto his son, nor his daughter shalt thou take unto thy son. For they will turn away thy son from following me, that they may serve other gods: so will the anger of the Lord be kindled against you, and destroy thee suddenly. For thou art an holy people unto the Lord thy God: the Lord thy God hath chosen thee to be a special people unto himself, above all people that are upon the face of the earth. Deut. 7:3, 4, 6.

Joshua leading and speaking to Israel, saying, "Take good heed therefore unto yourselves, that ye love the Lord your God. Else if ye do in any wise go back, and cleave unto the remnant of these nations, even these that remain among you, and shall make marriages with them, and go in unto them, and they to you: Know for a certainty

that the Lord your God will no more drive out any of these nations from before you; but they shall be snares and traps unto you, and scourges in your sides, and thorns in your eyes, until ye perish from off this good land which the Lord your God hath given you. Jos. 23:11-13.

My dear brethren and sisters of the Free S. D. A. God is speaking to you, and me today. The day of our Lord's preparation to take heed to ourselves, that we be not as Israel of old were, a disobedient and stiff-neck people.

Marriage is honourable in all, and the bed undefiled; but whoremongers and adulterers God will judge. Heb. 13:4.

But who should we, who are not married take for a husband or wife? This is a very important question. This question of marriage, and, should demand our attention.

Does God have anything to do with our marriage, or does He leave it all to us to decide? No. He does not leave it to you to direct your steps. The marriage institution is just as holy as the Sabbath, and should be taught to be observed just as carefully as we are taught to observe the Sabbath or any other rule of the Bible.

The ox as I have already referred to, represents the Christian, the ass represents the sinner. One is clean and the other is unclean. God said to Israel, don't plow an ox together with an ass. So the gospel minister should not unite in marriage a Christian with a sinner. Listen to me, Free S. D. A. brethren and sisters, an ox when he wants water the ass wants corn. So the ox pull one way for water and the ass pulls another way for corn. Can't you see that there is no getting along pulling against each other that way? So when the Christian brother or sister of the Free S. D. A. unite in marriage with an unbelieving man or woman of the Third Angel's Message, he or she has trouble on his or her hand.

When the one who is an Adventist gets ready for church, the one who is not an Adventist gets ready for work or some place of amusement. Many of our people are marrying out of

the truth and leaving the message, both old and young. I must, as a minister of God cry aloud against this evil that has come into our church, both colored and white. Isa. 58:1.

And the Lord said unto him, go through the midst of Jerusalem and set a mark upon the foreheads of the men that sigh and that cry for all the abomination that be done in the midst thereof. (The church.) Slay utterly old and young, both maid and little children, and woman: but come not near any man upon whom is the mark. Ezel. 9:4, 6. The work of sealing, or setting a mark upon the forehead of the commandment keeping people of God, is done through the preaching of the Third Angel's Message without compromising.

Paul, charging his son Timothy in the gospel, preach the word; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all long suffering and doctrine. For the time will come, (and that time is here) when they, the professed people of God will not endure sound doctrine. Nevertheless, the minister of God must preach the word. Let us who have been called out of spiritual Babylon remember the covenant which the children of Israel made with God after returning from Ancient Babylon. Note first, while in Ancient Babylon they remembered how God had lead them from Egypt, across the Red Sea, and fed them with manna from heaven, gave them His law, commanded them to keep the Sabbath, and that they were not to make marriage with the nations of the land, the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites and Perizzites and the Jesubites and the Gergashites. Nevertheless they were disobedient and rebelled against thee and cast thy law behind their back and slew thy prophets which testified against them to turn them to thee, and they wrought great provocations (or excited to anger). Neh. 9:1-38; 10:1-31. Verse thirty reads, "And because of this, (or past experience) we make a sure covenant, and write it and our Princes, Levites and Priests seal unto it."

"That if the people of the land bring more, or any victuals on the Sabbath-day to sell, that we would not buy it of them on the

Sabbath or on the holy day: and that we would not give our daughters unto the people of the land nor take their daughters for our sons." Verse31.

Remember brethren and sisters of the Free S. D. A., that an ox and ass will not and do not work together. Neither will a Seventh-Day Adventist Christian unadvisedly unite in marriage with a non Seventh-Day Adventist or an unbeliever. Believe it or not?

EVANGELIST C. G. MANNS.

### YOUTH

What is youth? What is its purpose?

Is it just a happen so;  
Just a joke by God almighty,  
Placed here on the earth below?

Is it like a song without music,  
Like a poem without rhyme;  
Like a history of life,  
With no reckoning of time?

No it isn't, for our Creator  
Knew that all must grow in truth,  
Therefore gave he this plastic stage  
That man might be moulded in his youth.

When the gardner sees his sapling,  
Bent by winds—no longer straight,  
He knows that soon the sap will harden  
So he labors ere 'tis too late.

If a man would build a building,  
First he must select a place,  
And sink his piles to rocky bottom  
That he might form a perfect base.

And here there is a word of warning  
On which builders all agree,  
That the strength of the foundation  
Depends on how high your house will be.

So to all who are molding manhood—  
Take care in the place that you select,  
Or life's constantly shifting subsoil  
Will your prideful building wreck.

And to those who would build a tower  
High above the muck and grime,  
Make a deep and broad foundation  
That will stand the shocks of time.  
—Mr. Henry Lowington Blakely.

### CHRIST OUR HIGH PRIEST

The Saviour has many titles, for He "hath by inheritance obtained a more excellent name" than all the angelic host of heaven. Of the many titles bestowed upon Him, there is none more dear to humanity than the "Lamb of God" and "High Priest." By virtue of these two offices He lifts fallen humanity up where they can share in His glorious kingdom of grace, even while in the midst of this sin-cursed earth.

In the typical service the one who realized he was a sinner must bring a lamb for a sin-offering. The priest could not officiate for him without this offering. That entire service was but a great kindergarten lesson, making the way of salvation so simple that none could fail to comprehend it. When we realize that we have sinned, we remember our "Lamb," confess our sins, and in His name they are forgiven; then He officiates as High Priest in our behalf before the Father. He pleads the merits of His blood, and covers our life, stained with sin, with the robe of His spotless righteousness, and we stand before the Father "accepted in the Beloved." How can we fail to love Him who offered His life for us? Christ could say of His Father, "Therefore doth My Father love Me, because I lay down My life." Even the infinite love of the Father for His Son was increased by that act.

In the type, the blood of the sin-offering was shed in the court, and then the priest entered the sanctuary with the blood to present it before the Lord. The Saviour gave His life a sacrifice for sin here upon the earth; and as He entered the heavenly sanctuary as High Priest, He is called the "Forerunner." Under no circumstances, except as He enters

"within the veil" of the heavenly sanctuary, is that name applied to the Saviour.

In all monarchical forms of government the forerunner is a familiar character. In gorgeous uniform, with waving plumes, he rides before and announces the approach of the royal carriage. While he is always hailed with joy by the waiting crowds, yet he is not the center of attraction; their eyes do not follow him as he passes on, but are turned down the road whence he came to get the first glimpse of the royal personage of whom he is the forerunner.

Of the many condescensions on the part of our blessed Master, this is one of the grandest. When He entered a mighty Conqueror over death and the grave, before the entire heavenly host and representatives of other worlds, He entered a forerunner for us. He presented the "wave sheaf," those brought forth from their graves at the time of His resurrection, as a sample of the race He had died to redeem, thus directing the attention of that wonderful assemblage down the road whence He came to watch—for royalty?—yes, for royalty made so by His precious blood. It is only a company of poor, frail mortals stumbling along and often falling by the way; but when they reach the heavenly gate, they will enter heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ."

It meant much for us that Christ entered within the veil as our Forerunner, for all heaven is watching the church of God on earth. When tempted by the enemy to doubt God's love and care, remember that on account of the great sacrifice made, you are so dear to the Father that "he that toucheth you toucheth the apple of His eye." Heaven and earth are closely united since Christ entered within the veil as our Forerunner. The attention of every angel in glory is centered upon those striving to follow in Christ's footsteps. "Are they (the angels) not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation? Why should we falter by the way, and disappoint the heavenly host who are watching for us to come over the same road that

our Forerunner passed as a mighty Conqueror over death and the grave?

But let us never forget that it is a blood-stained pathway. 'Who, when He was reviled, reviled not again; when He suffered, He threatened not; but committed Himself to Him that judgeth righteously.' We can not follow in His footsteps in our own strength. For that reason "in all things it behoved Him to be made like unto His brethren, that He might be a merciful and faithful High Priest in things pertaining to God, to make reconciliation for the sins of the people. For in that He Himself hath suffered being tempted, He is able to succor them that are tempted. Wherefore, holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling, consider the Apostle and High Priest of our profession, Christ Jesus."

In the earthly sanctuary not only the high priest but also common priests officiated, because it was impossible for one man to perform all the work; but it required the work of all the priests in the typical services to represent the work of our High Priest. The work of one year was taken as a type of the entire work of our High Priest. During the year "the priests (plural, both high and common) went always into the first tabernacle, accomplishing the service of God."

This continued all the year, except one day; on that day, the service changed and "into the second (apartment) went the high priest alone, . . . not without blood, which he offered for himself, and for the errors of the people." These priests served "unto the example and shadow of heavenly things."

When Christ entered heaven, He went as the antitype of the earthly service God had ordained, and entered upon His work within the first veil of the heavenly sanctuary. When the typical work ordained by God in the first apartment of the earthly sanctuary had fully met its Antitype, He passed through the second veil into the glorious apartment of the antitypical holy of holies. There He is to perform the marvelous service which will end in the blotting

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out and total destruction of the sins of the righteous, nevermore to be remembered by the redeemed host nor by God Himself.

When Christ stands upon the sea of glass, and places the glittering crowns upon the heads of the company who have traveled the road made sacred by the footprints of their Forerunner, albeit with faltering steps and through falling tears, and who are clad in robes made white in the blood of the Lamb, He will see of the travail of His soul and be satisfied. He will rejoice over them with singing, and all heaven will ring with melody as the angels who have served under their Commander in the work of saving souls, join in singing, blessing, and honor, and glory, and power, be unto Him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb forever and ever."

S. A. C.

### "A TABLE SCENE"

The plate of cake chanced to be at three-year-old Willie's end of the table. Before the heads were bowed in thanksgiving for the food, Willie had asked for cake, and as soon as the serving of food began the request was repeated. "I want some cake." "No, Willie, take some of the other food first," was the reply; but Willie persisted in wanting cake until one, two, and three pieces were given him, then the mother directed that the cake be taken from the table, until

Willie ate some other food. Was that teaching him to control his appetite, that as he grew in years he would learn to refuse the evil and choose the good? Is it strange that under such training children in Christian homes are going down to destruction?

### TRY

If at first you don't succeed,  
Try, try again.  
'Tis a lesson all should heed—  
Try, try again.  
Let your courage then appear;  
For if you will persevere,  
You will conquer, never fear;  
Try, try again.

Twice or thrice though you  
should fail,  
Try, try again.  
If at last you would prevail,  
Try, try again.  
When you strive, 'tis no disgrace  
Though you fail to win the race.  
Bravely, then, in such a case.  
Try, try again.

If you find your task is hard,  
Try, try again.  
Time will surely bring reward;  
Try, try again.  
That which other folks can do,  
Why, with patience, may not  
you?  
Only keep this rule in view—  
Try, try again.

The Banner recommends this advice to all who are discouraged and who fancy that the best thing they can do is to give up. Nobody knows what he can do 'till he tries.

### FREE SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS PROGRAM

#### Our Program Is:

1st—A deeper consecration to do service in the vineyard of the Lord.

2nd—To do our BIT in preaching the everlasting gospel of Jesus Christ, in all the world, for a witness unto all nations.

3rd—As a race, maintain self-respect, and do as Our Lord has said, “Occupy until I come.”

4th—To establish among Negro Seventh-Day Adventists, Negro Conferences with Negro officers—Presidents, Secretaries, Treasurers and Bookkeepers.

5th—To establish schools for the training of our children and for workers in our organization.

6th—To establish a publishing house in which we may furnish employment to Negro Men, Women, Boys and Girls, as we strive to preach the truth of the Third Angel's Message through the printed page.

An invitation is extended to all “INTELLIGENT” Negro Seventh-Day Adventists, those, with a vision, with moral courage, with backbone, those who are strong in the knees, in short, just common self-respect, who have the love of God in the heart, to join with us and help to put this program over the TOP, for over the TOP it must GO.

“Of a truth, I perceive that God is no respecter of persons.” Acts 10:34. Therefore, we are determined to, “Stand fast . . . in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us Free.” Gal. 5:1.