

BEREAN SPIRIT

“... they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so.”
(Acts 17:10-11)

Christ in the Old Testament

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WHEN all was lost in Adam, the plan of redemption through Jesus Christ was immediately instituted; hence He is presented as the "Lamb slain from the foundation of the world." Rev.13:8 In the patriarchal and Jewish ages Christ was slain in figure. In the Christian age he is slain in fact. The Scriptures reveal but one plan by which fallen men may be saved. It is true that in the development of the plan of grace through Christ there has been in each dispensation an increase of light. But there is no intimation in all the Bible of three plans, one for the patriarchal age, one for the Jewish, and one for the Christian age. Jesus Christ is the Redeemer of sinners in all the ages of human probation. "Neither is there salvation in any other; for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved." Acts 4:12 We protest, in the name of rea-

son and revelation, against the vague heresy that the law of the Father and the gospel of the Son are opposed to each other, the one designed to take the place of the other; as if the men of former dispensations were saved by the law without the gospel, and those of the present dispensation are saved by the gospel while disregarding the moral law. It was not possible for sinful man in the ages past to secure a fitness for the inheritance of the saints in light by the divine law alone. There is no ability in law to redeem the transgressor. It is not the province of law, human or divine, to pardon the transgressor of law. The moral law is a rule of right action, condemning the transgressor, and holding him as such until he shall suffer the penalty. The divine law can do no more for the sinner. It is the gospel alone that offers pardon and salvation. And without the gospel of the Son of God none of the men of the patriarchal and Jewish ages could be saved.

The gospel is the joyful message of redemption through Jesus Christ. We inquire, How early in the sad history of the fallen race was the gospel proclaimed? Was it first given in the days of Christ? of Moses? of Abraham? or of Adam? We distinctly

trace the faith and hope of the gospel of the Son of God in that early denunciation of wrath upon Satan, that the seed of the woman should bruise the serpent's head. Gen 3:15 In this decree against the author of sin and death, we hear the gospel of the Redeemer as verily as in the song of the angels over the plains of Bethlehem, to the shepherds as they watched their flocks by night. Luke 2:8-14

And when the first sons of Adam brought their offerings to the Lord, Cain in unbelief brought of the first-fruits of the ground. But Abel, in faith of the great Sacrifice for sin to be manifested in the distant future, brought of the firstlings of his flock. Through that lamb Abel saw the Lamb of God, the Redeemer of the world, and set his hope upon him. In the blood of that firstling, Abel saw the blood of Jesus Christ as truly as we see the dying Saviour in the broken bread and the fruit of the

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vine at the Lord's supper. In these emblems we see Christ shedding his blood for our sins on the cross. Abel saw the same in the bleeding, dying firstling which he offered.

"And the Lord had respect unto Abel and to his offering; but unto Cain and to his offering he had not respect." Gen 4:4-5 The sacred narrative states that while Abel's act of faith in the Redeemer to come sealed his righteous character, cost him his life, and placed him at the head of the holy martyrs of Jesus, Cain's infidelity was regarded as sinful, and was the stepping-stone to the high crime of the murder of his brother, which sealed his character as a vagabond in the earth. See Heb.11:4; 1John 3:12

We pass down the sacred record of the fallen race to Abraham, and there we find the joyful news of redemption through Jesus Christ, to be ex-

tended to the nations of the earth, proclaimed to the trusting, obedient patriarch. Paul speaks of it thus: "And the scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the heathen through faith, preached before the gospel unto Abraham, saying, In thee shall all nations be blessed." Gal.3:8 The apostle here quotes from Gen.12:3 See verse 7; Chap.13:14-15; 17:7-8; 26:3; 28:13, where this promise is extended to Abraham's seed.

The gospel of the Son of God was proclaimed to Abraham in this promise, in that it is really a promise of Christ, as argued by the apostle in Gal.3:16

The gospel was preached to the children of Israel in the days of Moses. In his epistle to the Hebrews, Paul states: "Unto us was the gospel preached, as well as unto them; but the word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in them that heard it." Heb.4:2 That the gospel was preached to their fathers in a former dispensation, the apostle treats as a well known fact, and states that it was preached in his day as well as then, making it appear that the gospel of the Son of God was alike common in both the Jewish and Christian ages. He also testifies of the Hebrews in the wilderness, that they "were all baptized unto Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and did all eat the same spiritual meat, and did all drink the same spiritual drink; for they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them, and that Rock was Christ." 1Cor.10:2-4

Moses and the believing Jews had the faith and hope of the gospel. Through the blood of the sacrificial offerings, they saw Christ, and by faith embraced him. Their hopes of the future life were not in the law, but in Christ. The typical system was but the

shadow of good things to come, of which Christ, as a sacrifice and mediator, is the center.

Christ was with Moses and the children of Israel in the wilderness. The angel that went before them, Ex.23:20-21-23; 14:19; 32:34; 33:2, 14; Num.20:16; Josh.5:13-14; Acts 7:37-38, was the Lord Jesus Christ. The record states that Joshua was by Jericho, and that " he lifted up his eyes and looked, and, behold, there stood a man over against him with his sword drawn in his hand. And Joshua went unto him, and said unto him, Art thou for us, or for our adversaries? And he said, Nay; but as captain of the host of the Lord am I now come." Josh.5:13-14

We must not understand by this declaration of the angel that he had come to supersede Joshua in the command of the armies of Israel. Joshua was still commander, as is seen by Chap.6:2; "And the Lord said unto Joshua, See, I have given into thine hand Jericho, and the king thereof, and the mighty men of valor." But the angel had come to Joshua's aid, as captain of the heavenly host of loyal angels.

The captain of the host of the Lord is the head over angels, or the Archangel of Jude 9, and the Lord himself of 1Thess.4:16 And while it was appointed to Joshua to lead the armies of Israel around Jericho, a portion of the priests bearing the ark of God containing the ten commandments, and seven priests bearing seven trumpets of ram's horns before the ark of God, the Son of God was to lead on the invisible armies.

Joshua had no battering rams with which to break down the walls of Jericho. At his command the armed men passed on before the priests that blew the trumpets, and those that car-

ried the ark of God. And the rearward came after the ark. In this simple display there was no manifestation of physical force. The work of casting down the massive walls of Jericho was left to the invisible hands of the heavenly host led on by the Son of God.

The day was gained. "So the people shouted when the priests blew with the trumpets. And it came to pass when the people heard the sound of the trumpet, and the people shouted with a great shout, that the wall fell down flat so that the people went up into the city every man straight before him, and they took the city." Josh.6:20 And it is an exceedingly interesting fact to those who keep "the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus" under the third message, Rev.14:12, that prominent among the united agencies employed to achieve that grand victory, away back in the days of Joshua, were the ten commandments in the ark, and the leadership of the Son of God.

And it is not a common angel that is spoken of in Ex.23:20-21: "Behold, I send an angel before thee, to keep thee in the way, and to bring thee into the place which I have prepared. Beware of him, and obey his voice, provoke him not; for he will not pardon your transgressions; for my name is in him." Such language can be applied to no other than the Son of God. Christ is the angel that was with Moses in the Mount Sinai. In that last address of the holy martyr, Stephen, he bears this important testimony. The words in brackets express our convictions relative to the persons meant in Acts 7:38; "This is he that was in the church in the wilderness with the angel which spake to him in the Mount Sinai, and with our fa-

thers, who received the lively oracles to give unto us." The conclusion seems irresistible that the Son of God spoke the ten commandments from Sinai.

The eternal Father is never called an angel in the Scriptures, while what angels have done is frequently ascribed to the Lord, as they are his messengers and agents to accomplish his work. It is said of Him who went before the Hebrews to deliver them, "My name is in him." In all the stupendous events of that deliverance the mind of Jehovah was represented in Jesus.

The typical system was given to Moses by the Son of God in the Mount Sinai. Jesus Christ, the minister of the "true tabernacle," showed Moses patterns of it, and of the vessels of the heavenly sanctuary, that he might know how to form the typical. And as Moses is instructed relative to the tabernacle, even the several parts of the golden candlestick, Ex.25: 31-40, the boards and bars, Chap.26: 15-30, and the altar with its staves, pans, shovels, and other particulars, Chap. 27:1-8, he is charged, as quoted by Paul, Heb. 8:5, "See that thou make all things according to the pattern showed to thee in the mount."

The church of all the ages is the church of Jesus Christ. He is the world's only Redeemer. Those who shut themselves up to the New Testament, and have the foundation of the church laid at the resurrection, or at pentecost, are building too narrow a structure. The apostle states the foundation of the true church in these words: "Now, therefore, ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow-citizens with the saints, and of the household of God, and are built upon the foundation of the apostles

and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner-stone." Eph.2:19-20.

When the angel said to John in Patmos, "The testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy," he meant more than expositors generally suppose. His words reach far back to the days of fallen Adam, when the plan of redemption was instituted, and embrace the entire prophetic word of both Testaments.

The manifestation of the spirit of prophecy was designed for all dispensations. The Sacred Record nowhere restricts it to any particular period of time, from the fall to the final restitution. The Bible recognizes its manifestation alike in the patriarchal age, in the Jewish age, and in the Christian age. Through this medium God communed with holy men of old.

Christ and his angels are the connecting link between God and fallen man. Here is the order by which prophetic truth is communicated from the throne of heaven to the children of men. God gives it to Christ. Christ gives it to his angel. The angel shows it to the chosen prophet of God. And the prophet reveals it to the people.

The plan of salvation by which man is reconciled to God and God to man was devised by both the Father and the Son. And in carrying it out, the counsel of peace is between them both. Zech.6:13 But it was given to the Son to reveal this plan in the several stages of its development to the fallen race in the several ages.

All things pertaining to the grand scheme of redemption, whether in the figures of the former dispensation, or

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The Forbidden Fruit

by Mark and Eva Dumitry

"And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die." Bible -Genesis 2:16,17

The "NATURAL MAN" not only dislikes any restrictions, the tendency is to want, to have and do the opposite. He desires, covets that which is forbidden.

Have you noticed how little children become very restless under any form of control? Even at a young age, they begin to struggle against parental authority and seek to push the limits. That is human sinful nature! Wise parents will not give in, but will rather set limits and house rules. Home government insures the safety and happiness of its inmates. Children are far happier under some form of restraint, rather than no restraint at all. Where there are no rules there will be anarchy.

WHAT WAS IT?

The "tree of the knowledge of good and evil" - The tree not just the fruit, must have looked very fair and attractive. Perhaps the fruit had an enticing smell. Have you noticed that we tend to be drawn by the smell of food more so than the looks of it? The brain retain the smell and the taste of food so much so that even at a distance we are either drawn to the food or repelled by the smell of it.

The forbidden fruit must have been very delicious to the taste as well.

How many food articles do you know that smell good and taste delicious but do not agree with you? They may give you stomachaches, headaches, or worse? I am specially referring to cakes, candies, unhealthy pastries and desserts of all sorts. It often amazes me how children want those things even more so than their favorite dish. Wise mothers will make a food menu and select the healthiest and best meals for the family.

THINGS TO AVOID:

- **Excessive condiment:** some spices are literally not healthy.
- **Sugar:** should never be the first ingredient - best if it is organic pure cane sugar, if used at all. Sugar leads to teeth decay and weakening of the immune system.
- **Junk food,** such as chips, candy and treats, are usually loaded with salt, sugar (or both), artificial coloring and artificial preservatives. Worse yet, junk food has excitotoxin to enhance flavor. Animal fat (as stated in Lev. 3:17) leads to cholesterol build up and skin cancer. Candy Bars' primary ingredients are usually sugar and milk (this combination is poisonous to our bodies), preservatives, artificial coloring and flavor, unhealthy chocolate, caffeine.
- **Cakes and Pastries:** most if not all are made of processed and refined flour, baking powder, triglycerides - animal fat, liquor or vinegar. They are unnatural and unhealthy, and they give you poor nutrition.

- **Ice Cream** is made from milk with excessive fat and sugar (which produces alcohol during digestion), preservatives, coloring, and unhealthy ingredients. Dairy ice cream should not be eaten [the best ice cream is home made from frozen fruit].
- **Soft Drinks:** even fruit juices, when consumed in excess, will lead to hypoglycemic disorder. Soft drinks have carbonated water-proven to be cancer producing. Other ingredients usually are: sugar, coloring, preservatives, caffeine (which is nerve irritant and addictive), and other addictive substances.
- **Alcohol:** beer is unhealthy to your intestines and contain plenty of alcohol which destroys your liver and leads to cirrhosis. It can harm your pancreas leading to diabetes, and destruction of brain cells! Even root beer often has small doses of alcohol.
- **Smoking and drugs:** becoming addicted to these vices is easy. Breaking the addiction is very difficult and in some cases not possible unless there is Divine help.

A second opinion on the subject is to be found here:

<http://www.healthnative.com/is-junk-food-healthy.html>

Much more could be said about "the forbidden fruit". Most people agree, and common sense would conclude that we could do without these harmful products.

"Through the intemperance begun at home, the digestive organs first become weakened, and soon ordinary food does not satisfy the appetite. Unhealthy conditions are established, and there is a craving for more stimulating food. Tea and coffee produce an immediate effect. Under the influence of these poisons the nervous system is excited, and in some cases, for the time being, the intellect seems to be invigorated, the imagination more vivid. Because these stimulants produce such agreeable results, many conclude that they really need them; but there is always a reaction. The nervous system has borrowed power from its future resources for present use, and all this temporary invigoration is followed by a corresponding depression. The suddenness of the relief obtained from tea and coffee, is evidence that what seems to be strength is only nervous excitement, and consequently must be an injury to the system." E.G.White - Counsels to Better Health 31.2

"Many who would hesitate to place liquor to a neighbor's lips, will engage in the raising of hops, and thus lend their influence against the temperance cause. I cannot see how, in the light of the law of God, Christians can conscientiously engage in the raising of hops or in the manufacture of wine and cider for the market." IBID, 32.2

"I have often heard people say, "Oh! This is only sweet cider. It is perfectly harmless, and even healthful." Several quarts, perhaps gallons, are carried home. For a few days it is sweet; then fermentation begins. The sharp taste makes it all the more acceptable to many palates, and the lover of sweet wine and cider is loath to admit

that his favorite beverage ever becomes hard and sour." IBID, 32.3

"Intoxication is just as really produced by wine and cider as by stronger drinks, and it is the worst kind of inebriation. The passions are more perverse; the transformation of character is greater, more determined and obstinate. A few quarts of cider or wine may awaken a taste for stronger drinks, and in many cases those who have become confirmed drunkards have thus laid the foundation of the drinking habit." IBID, 32.4

"Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are." 1Corinthians 6:16,17

The Divine Antidote

In Genesis 3:15 we read: "And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel."

What is this scripture speaking of? Not just enmity between mankind and snakes. In fact, there are many folks who like them well enough to have them as pets. I do not recommend this for some snakes have been known to become dangerous, strangling their owners or children. We should at the very least respect its presence. Awareness is the better word. Many are poisonous. DANGER! The above scripture speaks of something beyond the physical enmity. It speaks of spiritual separation.

It speaks of a promise that some day there would be a seed or descendent of Eve who would bring about a deadly wound on the great serpent, the Devil. Satan brought a curse upon humanity.

This seed is none else than "Jesus Christ – The only begotten of the Father"(John 3:16) - the only antidote for the sinful nature we are born with. The Son of the living God (John1:34; 3:18) overcame the Devil, and death and is alive forever more.

(1Corinthians 15:1-57) Man can't regenerate himself, though he may improve in behavior, he can not transform his innermost nature without Divine intervention. The words of Jesus, "you must be born again"(John 3:3,5), are the greatest words in human history! To us is the promise, "He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him." John 3:36 "And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up: That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life. For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved." John 3:14-17.

"SIGNIFICANCE OF CHRIST'S VICTORY.

"After His baptism, Christ was led of the Spirit into the wilderness. He had taken humanity upon Himself, and Satan boasted that he would overcome

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in the facts of the present, were revealed to the fallen race by our adorable Redeemer. He is therefore no more the author of the Christian than of the Jewish system. And those who contrast Moses with Christ, and the Jewish with the Christian system, are virtually arraying Christ against Christ.

The Spirit of Christ inspired the prophets of the former dispensations. It testified through them of his sufferings at his first advent, and of the glory that should follow at his second coming. The apostle, speaking of the great salvation which had come to the church through Jesus Christ, says that the prophets "inquired and searched diligently, who prophesied of the grace that should come unto you; searching what, or what manner of time the Spirit of Christ which was in them did signify, when it testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ, and the glory that should follow." 1Pet.1:10-11

In this is seen the harmony of both Testaments, that the Spirit of Jesus inspired the writers of both. And while the blind Jew shuts himself up to the Old and equally blind Christian virtually shuts himself up to the New Testament, we thank God for a whole Bible. In the writings of both Testaments we see the entire plan of salvation in all stages of its development, in the several dispensations, and the Spirit of Christ inspiring the divine whole.

The Spirit of Christ was in Enoch the seventh from Adam, testifying through him: "Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousands of his saints, to execute judgment upon all,

and to convince all that are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have ungodly committed, and of all their hard speeches which ungodly sinners have spoken against him." Jude14-15 And so extended was the range of his prophetic vision, and so minute, that he could look down over long ages, and describe the coming of the Lord, and the execution of the last judgment upon the ungodly.

The Spirit of Christ was in Abel, testifying of the sufferings of Christ through the blood of the firstling of his flock. And the Spirit of Christ was in Moses, testifying of the sufferings of Christ through the blood of those beasts which was typical of the blood of the Son of God.

The Spirit of Christ was in Daniel, testifying in his prophecy of the sufferings of Christ in the midst of the seventieth prophetic week: "And after threescore and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off." "And in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease." Chap.9:26-27 The Spirit of Christ in the prophet also testified of the glory that should follow, in these words: "I saw in the night visions, and behold one like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven, and came to the Ancient of Days, and they brought him near before him. And there was given him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom." Chap.7:13-14

The blessed Christ of the New Testament had the supervision of giving this important prophecy to Daniel. In the proof of this proposition we first cite the statement of the angel that appeared to Daniel in his vision of the tenth chapter: "There is none that holdeth with me in these things but Michael your prince." Verse 21 There were only three persons connected

with the giving of the prophecy; Daniel, Michael, and another, which Chap.8:16, shows to be Gabriel. "And I heard a man's voice between the banks of Ulai which called and said Gabriel, make this man to understand the vision." This command to Gabriel to further instruct the prophet Daniel came from Michael, as no other held with him in the things of the prophecy. Hence Michael, or the Son of God, having received the great things of the prophecy from the Father, shows them to the angel Gabriel, with the order for him to reveal them to the prophet Daniel.

There is a striking similarity in the manner in which the prophecy of this book was given in the Jewish dispensation, and the manner in which the last book of the New Testament was given in the Christian dispensation. Both came from the Father to the Son, and both were shown to angels by the Son, to be revealed by them to Daniel and to John, for the benefit of the servants of God. The object of one was to show "what shall be in the latter days," Dan.2:28, and the object of the other is to show the "things which must shortly come to pass." Rev.1:1

The Spirit of Christ was in Isaiah, testifying of the sufferings of Christ in these words "He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief." He was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities. The chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed." Chap.53:3-5 The Spirit of Christ in Isaiah also testifies of his glory: "Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgement and with

justice from henceforth, even forever." Chap.9:7

We might continue these quotations to almost any length. The whole ground, however, is briefly covered by these remarkable words of the Saviour: "All things must be fulfilled which were written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the Psalms, concerning me." Luke 24:44

Moses was a prophet. The Spirit of Christ was in this leader of the tribes of Israel, and testified, as quoted by Peter: "A prophet shall the Lord your God raise up unto you of your brethren like unto me." Acts 3:22; Deut.18:18 The phrase like unto me, in the above passage, has reference to Christ and Moses as prophets or teachers. In many respects Moses and Christ were unlike; but as prophets they were alike. The principles which they declared to the people came from Him who had said, "I change not." God spoke through them both. Neither Moses nor Christ were law makers. Christ disclaims having anything to do with legislation. "My doctrine is not mine, but his that sent me." John 7:16 I do nothing of myself but as my Father hath taught me, I speak these things." Chap.8:28 "The word which ye hear is not mine, but the Father's which sent me." Chap.14:24 And speaking of the Son, the Father says, "He shall speak unto them all that I shall command him." Deut. 18:18

In their efforts to hold before the people the Jewish and Christian dispensations in as wide contrast as possible, certain religious teachers would make it appear that the doctrines and principles taught by Christ were unlike those taught by Moses. But any amount of reasoning from false premises, or unwarrantable assertions on their part cannot change the word like in the above passages to unlike. There

forts of those who would hold in wide contrast God's two grand ministrations of truth and love, covering the periods of the Jewish and Christian ages.

In the development of the plan of redemption through Jesus Christ in all the ages, from the time that hope first dawned upon fallen Adam to the crucifixion, resurrection, and ascension of Christ, and the glory of Pentecost, there have been degrees of light and glory. Hence the comparison of the dispensations. The great plan is one, unfolding with degrees of increased light and glory in the successive ages. Paul's comparison of the two ministrations in 2Cor.3, is worthy of special study. Mark well the clearness and strength of his expressions, which we here give side by side not for contrast but for COMPARISON

and bad, whether it be in figure in the first covenant, or in fact in the second.

The unqualified strength of scripture expression in a few instances in both the Old and New Testaments seems at first reading hardly to agree with the position here taken. But these texts must be viewed in a comparative sense in harmony with the general scope of scripture testimony, the character of God and the special comparison of the apostle in declaring the ministration of the Jewish age glorious, while that of the Christian age is simply more glorious than the one that preceded it.

And why should the two ministrations be held in contrast? They both came from the same Divine source, in behalf of the same race of sinners, to perfect that holiness of character in

JEWISH MINISTRATION	CHRISTIAN MINISTRATION
But if the ministration of death, written and engraven in stones was glorious,	how shall not the ministration of the Spirit be rather glorious. <i>Verses 7,8.</i>
For if the ministration of condemnation be glory,	much more doth the ministration of righteousness exceed in glory. <i>v. 9.</i>
For even that which was made glorious had no glory in this respect,	by reason of the glory that excelleth. <i>v. 10.</i>
For it that which is done away was glorious,	much more that which remaineth is glorious. <i>v. 11.</i>

The typical system did not originate with Moses. I came from heaven. It originated with the God of Love, and the merciful Christ of the New Testament. The first covenant, of itself, in its time, was glorious with blessings to the obedient. It is an impeachment of the character of God as a changeless being of love and wisdom to say that any part of his plan to redeem fallen man is defective

all the saved from all the ages, necessary for the same holy heaven. Hence John in prophetic vision, looking forward, saw them all gathered to the immortal shores, from the time of the holy martyr Abel down to the last ransomed sinner near the close of the Christian age, "a great multitude which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people,

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Him, as he had overcome the strong men of the past ages, and he assailed Him with the temptations that had caused man's downfall. It was in this world that the great conflict between Christ and Satan was to be decided. If the tempter could succeed in overcoming Christ in even one point, the world must be left to perish. Satan would have power to bruise the heel of the Son of God; but the seed of the woman was to bruise the serpent's head: Christ was to baffle the prince of the powers of darkness. For forty days Christ fasted in the wilderness. What is the significance of this fasting? Was there anything in the character of the Son of God that required such great humiliation and suffering? No, He was sinless. All this humiliation and keen anguish were endured for the sake of fallen man, and never can we comprehend the grievous character of the sin of indulging perverted appetite except as we comprehend the spiritual meaning of the long fast of the Son of God. Never can we understand the strength and bondage of appetite until we discern the character of the Saviour's conflict in overcoming Satan, and thus placing man on vantage ground, where through the merit of the blood of Christ, he may be able to resist the powers of darkness, and overcome in his own behalf." Temperance, 275.1

"After this long fast, Christ was in a famishing condition, and in His weakness Satan assailed Him with the fiercest temptations. "The devil said unto him, If Thou be the Son of God, command this stone that it be made bread." Satan represented him-

self as the messenger of God, claiming that God had seen the willingness of the Saviour to place His feet in the path of self-denial, and that He was not required to suffer further humiliation and pain, but might be released from the terrible conflict that was before Him as the Redeemer of the world. He tried to persuade Him that God designed only to test His fidelity, that now His loyalty was fully manifest, and He was at liberty to use His divine power to relieve His necessities. But Christ discerned the temptation, and declared, "It is written, That man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God." IBID, 275.2

"When tempted to the unlawful gratification of appetite, you should remember the example of Christ, and stand firm, overcoming as Christ overcame. You should answer, saying, "Thus saith the Lord," and in this way settle the question forever with the prince of darkness. If you parley with temptation, and use your own words, feeling self-sufficient, full of self-importance, you will be overcome. The weapons which Christ used were the words of God, "It is written;" and if you wield the sword of the Spirit, you also may come off victorious through the merit of your Redeemer." IBID, 276.1

"SATAN MORE SUCCESSFUL WITH MAN."

"The three leading temptations by which man is beset were endured by the Son of God. He refused to yield to the enemy on the point of appetite, ambition, and the love of the world. But Satan is more successful when assailing the human heart. Through inducing men to yield to his temptations, he can get control of them. And through no class of temptations does

he achieve greater success than through those addressed to the appetite. If he can control the appetite, he can control the whole man." Temperance, 276.2

"There are but two powers that control the minds of men-- the power of God and the power of Satan. Christ is man's Creator and Redeemer; Satan is man's enemy and destroyer. He who has given himself to God will build himself up for the glory of God, in body, soul, and spirit. He who has given himself to the control of Satan tears himself down. Many a man sells reason for a glass of liquor, and becomes a menace to his family, his neighborhood, and his country. His children hide when he comes home, and his discouraged wife fears to meet him, for he greets her with cruel blows. He spends his money for strong drink, while his wife and children suffer for the necessities of life." IBID, 276.3

"Satan leads the victims of appetite to deeds of violence. The liquor drinker is a man of fierce and easily excited passions, and any trivial excuse is made a cause for quarrel; and when under the influence of passion, the drunkard will not spare his best friend. How often do we hear of murder and deeds of violence, and find that their chief source is the liquor habit." IBID, 277.1

A second opinion on the subject is to be found here:

<http://herculescumings.wordpress.com/2009/03/11/the-origin-of-the-snake-in-the-garden-of-edem/>

"Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth." 3 John 1:2

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and tongues." He heard them all unite in the same acclamation, "Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb." Rev.7: 9-10

Why should there be a wide contrast between ministrations under which the unit family of the immortal world find eternal redemption? Why? God is the one Father of all the adopted sons and daughters of grace from all the ages, and Christ is their only Saviour and Redeemer. Angels that excel in strength are the holy guardians of the obedient and faithful of every age, and the Holy Spirit is their sanctifier. The pious dead of all the ages sleep in the one Jesus; 1Cor.15:17-18; and his voice will awaken them all at his coming. John 5:28-29 They will all be caught up together to meet the Lord in the air, and upon the sea of glass all will receive the crown of glory and the palm of victory from the hand of Jesus. Then why should there be a wide contrast between God's moral government of fallen men in the Jewish and Christian ages?



Wenatchee Camp Meeting - 2011 Summer

The camp meeting of this year proved to be a very special blessing to all who were able to attend.

The messages presented were rooted in the truths God gave in 1888.

Let us be glad and rejoice that God in His mercy is again bringing these messages to the front that we may be prepared to receive His Spirit and to have a part in the closing work.

We are glad for all those who were able to be present to received the blessings not just of the sermons but the in fellowshiping together with our brothers and sisters, as well.

Every message was recorded and is available to everyone who is interested. To those who are on

our mailing list, we will mail these DVDs out as our monthly discs (2 DVDs/month).



We encourage everybody to study these subjects carefully as we believe these are present Truths from God who is making His people ready to the finishing of the work.

May our focus be continually set on our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.



Tasty Vegan Recipes

(This recipe is very helpful to boost your immune system when you have a cold or the flue.)



"DRAGON FIRE"

- 1 grapefruit
- 1/2 onion
- 1/2 bulb garlic
- 1/2 tsp cayenne pepper
- 1 quart of water

1. Chop up grapefruit into cubes. (Leave on rind.)
2. Chop up garlic and onion.
3. Put everything in a kettle, bring it to boil then reduce
4. Strain and drink it. (You might want to cool it first.)

heat and simmer it for 45 minutes.

Enjoy!