

Dear Brothers & Sisters;

I wanted to take this opportunity to send all who share the Blessed Hope greetings and encouragement in the Lord. We are seeing signs around us on every hand that the end is near and hasteneth greatly—and I urge each of you individually to seek God with all your heart—prayerfully search his Word and the Spirit of Prophecy diligently for yourselves and, in the power of Jesus and the Holy Spirit put away anything from your life that could be displeasing to God.

All too many among us are willing to trust our souls to the ministers—especially our ‘favorite speakers’. Yet we have been warned there is no safety in trusting to the words of men. We know that false teachers abound among us, because it is Satan’s aim to ‘deceive the very elect’ and where else are these to be found but among professed Advent Believers? Notice the following:

“Notwithstanding the Bible is full of warnings against false teachers, many are ready thus to commit the keeping of their souls to the clergy. There are today thousands of professors of religion who can give no other reason for points of faith which they hold than that they were so instructed by their religious leaders. They pass by the Saviour’s teachings almost unnoticed, and place implicit confidence in the words of the ministers. But are ministers infallible? How can we trust our souls to their guidance unless we know from God’s Word that they are light-bearers?” GC 88 pg 597

Satan hates the Advent Message and would love to destroy it or cast it into reproach. Notice these warnings regarding popular preachers among us:

“There will be seducing spirits and doctrines of devils in the midst of the church, and these evil influences will increase; but hold fast the beginning of your confidence firm unto the end.--Ms 61, 1906, 8MR 345.

Confidence in what is she referring to? The foundational truths of the Advent movement. We live in a time when the majority in the church and even in the pulpits neither know them nor teach them. Most of them have actually been officially repudiated! Indeed, those today who fail to study for themselves, will never receive the light that Jesus is sending to prepare a people to stand, and will surely fail of a place among the faithful!

“Satan and his angels will appear on this earth as men, and will mingle with those of whom God’s Word says, “Some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils” (1 Timothy 4:1).--Letter 147, 1903

“When these spiritualistic deceptions are revealed to be what they really are--the secret workings of evil spirits--those who have acted a part in them will become as men who have lost their minds.”--Letter 311, 1905, 8MR 345

This is referring to people who blindly follow the ‘Pied Piper’ of error and wake up too late—to realize after Probation is closed and there is no second chance—that they have lost all in the battle of life; all because they failed to make searching the Inspired Word a priority and were left to receive Strong Delusion.

Each of you, as you live your lives each day, whether you realize it or not, are either working with the heavenly angels to further God’s outreach in this world and walking more and more in the light of truth OR you have the dark angels by your side seeking to stumble your feet and cause you to accept error and believe lies—especially when put forth in a pleasing manner by popular leaders.

Friends, it is essential that each of us study to show ourselves approved and know for ourselves if what we believe is really the truth of God’s Word or not. We are not safe to take anyone’s word for it. If we are living and loving a lie—we must find it out now, when there is still

a little time to correct our path and stand on the sure platform. When the crisis hits—it is too late then to rebuild our house of faith.

Remember the parable? Once the storm hit—was the man who built on the sand able to rebuild then on the Rock? No—he was swept away with his house. What does the ‘house’ represent? It represents character.

Each of us is building a character-house right now and we only get one shot at it! Are we building on the shifting sand of feelings, popular entertainment and the ideas of man, or on the solid Rock of God’s Truth? Let us each one seek to put away any wrong attitudes, hard feelings, self-seeking, carelessness or laxness and seek to live each day as unto the Lord. Let us help others to do likewise by patience, encouragement, guidance and cheerfulness. This way we encourage Holy Angels to be among us and shed blessing and help all around.

Each of us needs to pray and ask the Lord to please search each heart and reveal to us anything that is in us that can cause us to be aiding Satan’s cause and following his leading and by the grace of Jesus put it all away from our lives. We need to live as seeing the invisible—because the battle is very real and eternal destinies are at stake. Satan is as much on our track as if we could hear his lion-like roar. Pray much as you go about your daily tasks and you will have God’s angels by your side to help you.

I have learned that if Satan cannot stop us altogether, he seeks to slow us down or confuse us. He doesn’t care how many good intentions you have or how much you intend to search the Word for yourself and even if you plan to re-read prayerfully the Great Controversy and take note of the guidance there to be found. No, he doesn’t worry about all that, as long as he knows he can keep you too busy or distracted or entertained so that it never gets done. He tells us, “Sure, you plan all those good things, but remember—there’s no big hurry!”

When I place material with the Present Truth message into the hands of professed Advent Believers I often hear them say—“Oh I would really like to read that or watch that but I just don’t have time!”

In some cases I have been in a position to see some of the life pattern of some who say this and have seen that they waste many hours in idle chit-chat on the phone or in person; some actually watch foolish TV shows and others find time for common magazines or fictional reading; others go about their household and daily tasks in such an inefficient way that hours are taken when minutes should be enough.

I urge each one that this may reach, to stop where you are and give thought about where you plan to spend eternity? If it is heaven you want, then you need to take stock and remove from your life every bit of time-wasting entertainment, self-indulgence, and sentimental foolishness and gird up your loins to put your effort into preparing for that choice.

Those who drift along unconcerned, thinking in their Laodicean sleepiness that they are OK and will just cruise right in through the pearly gates, better think again! No one will be found standing on that day that did not value truth and eternity enough to sacrifice EVERYTHING to get it! None will be found there who have lived with one foot in the world while trying to put the other in the straight and narrow. It just won’t work. With God it is all or nothing and though we can fool each other—He knows our hearts and we can never fool Him!

Never forget—each of us is in this final battle whether we like it or not—it is not optional. Jesus is coming and I want each one of you to be found ready to meet Him in peace. I want that each one of us will stand one day soon on the Sea of Glass. So look up—be earnest—and live as if you could see the angels and Jesus watching you, because they are. May God Bless and

guide each one of you as you seek to make your calling and election sure! And this is from a friend of mine:

Dear Friends, a crisis is upon the world, **The Great Time of Trouble** is very near, "every earthly support will be cut off", we will need to rest, "by faith alone" in the promises of **God's Holy Word**. If we are not able to do this now, how shall we stand, "in the swelling of the Jordan" ?

Pray with out ceasing ! Live His Life ! "The Just shall live by faith" , "Alone" !