

CHRIST OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS: A STUDY OF THE LATTER RAIN AND THE LOUD CRY IN ADVENTIST HISTORY

PART 2

THE KEY THAT UNLOCKS THE
FUTURE

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RIGHTEOUSNESS BY FAITH

THE DEVIL'S MOST HATED SUBJECT

“The thought that the righteousness of Christ is imputed to us, not because of any merit on our part, but as a free gift from God, is a precious thought. The enemy of God and man is not willing that this truth should be clearly presented; for he knows that if the people receive it fully, his power will be broken.

“If he can control minds so that doubt and unbelief and darkness shall compose the experience of those who claim to be the children of God, he can overcome them with temptation.”

Ellen G. White, *Gospel Workers*, p. 161.



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UNDERSTANDING OUR PAST IS THE KEY TO UNLOCKING THE FUTURE

**WHY IS HISTORY
IMPORTANT?**



THE PURPOSE OF INSPIRED HISTORY

PSALMS 78

“(1) Give ear, O my people, to my law: incline your ears to the words of my mouth. (2) I will open my mouth in a parable: I will utter dark sayings of old: (3) Which we have heard and known, and our fathers have told us. (4) We will not hide them from their children, showing to the generation to come the praises of the LORD, and His strength, and His wonderful works that He hath done. (cont)

THE PURPOSE OF INSPIRED HISTORY

PSALMS 78

“(5) For He established a testimony in Jacob, and appointed a law in Israel, which He commanded our fathers, that they should make them known to their children: (6) That the generation to come might know them, even the children which should be born; who should arise and declare them to their children: (7) That they might set their hope in God, and not forget the works of God, but keep His commandments: (cont)

THE PURPOSE OF INSPIRED HISTORY

PSALMS 78

“(8) **And** might not be as their fathers, a stubborn and rebellious generation; a generation that set not their heart aright, and whose spirit was not steadfast with God....

“(38) But He, being full of compassion, forgave their iniquity, and destroyed them not: yea, many a time turned He His anger away, and did not stir up all His wrath. (39) For He remembered that they were but flesh; a wind that passeth away, and cometh not again. (40) How oft did they provoke Him in the wilderness, and grieve Him in the desert! (41) Yea, they turned back and tempted God, and limited the Holy One of Israel.”

THE PURPOSE OF INSPIRED HISTORY

“The reason why the children of Israel forsook Jehovah was that the generation rose up that had not been instructed concerning the great deliverance from Egypt by the hand of Jesus Christ.

“Their fathers had not rehearsed to them the history of the divine guardianship that had been over the children of Israel through all their travels in the wilderness. (cont)

THE PURPOSE OF INSPIRED HISTORY

“The Lord Jesus had given special instruction from the pillar of cloud, bringing before parents the responsibility of teaching their children the statutes and the commandments of God....

“But the parents failed to act the part that God had assigned them in diligently teaching their children, so that they might have been intelligent in regard to the works of God in leading his people through the wilderness. Had the parents been true to their trust, the children would have seen the **mercy and goodness of the Lord Jesus Christ.**”

Ellen G. White, *Review and Herald*, May 21, 1895.

THE PURPOSE OF INSPIRED HISTORY



1 Corinthians 10:11 “Now all these things happened unto them for ensamples: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come.”

BIBLE WRITTEN FOR OUR TIME

“Paul writes concerning the experiences of the people of God in ancient times, ‘All these things happened unto them for ensamples; and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come.’ The prophets **spoke less for their own time than for the ages which have followed, and for our own day.**”

Ellen G. White, “Heart Piety Essential” *Signs of the Times*, April 2, 1896

ADVENTIST HISTORY: “WRITTEN FOR OUR ADMONITION”

“We have nothing to fear for the future,
except as we shall forget the way the
Lord has led us, and His teaching in our
past history.”

Ellen G. White, Letter 32, 1892; in Life Sketches, p. 196



ADVENTIST HISTORY: “WRITTEN FOR OUR ADMONITION”

“The Record of the experience through which the people of God passed in the early history of our [Adventist] work must be republished.”

Ellen G. White, Letter 105, June 1, 1903.

“The history of the early experiences in the message will be a power to withstand the masterly ingenuity of Satan’s deceptions.”

Ellen G. White, Letter 99, April 6, 1905.

THE WAY HE HAS LED US IN THE PAST



THE OLD LANDMARKS

“The passing of the time in 1844 was a period of great events, opening to our astonished eyes the cleansing of the sanctuary transpiring in heaven, and having decided relation to God's people upon the earth, [also] the first and second angels' messages and the third, unfurling the banner on which was inscribed, ‘The commandments of God and the faith of Jesus.’...

“The light of the Sabbath of the fourth commandment flashed its strong rays in the pathway of the transgressors of God's law. The nonimmortality of the wicked is an old landmark.”

Ellen G. White, *1888 Materials*, p. 518

ADVENTIST'S LANDMARK FOUNDATION

- The meaning of the passing of time in 1844
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- **Expanded understanding of the books of Daniel and Revelation.**
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- **The Latter Rain and the final Loud Cry of the fourth angel (Rev. 18:1).**

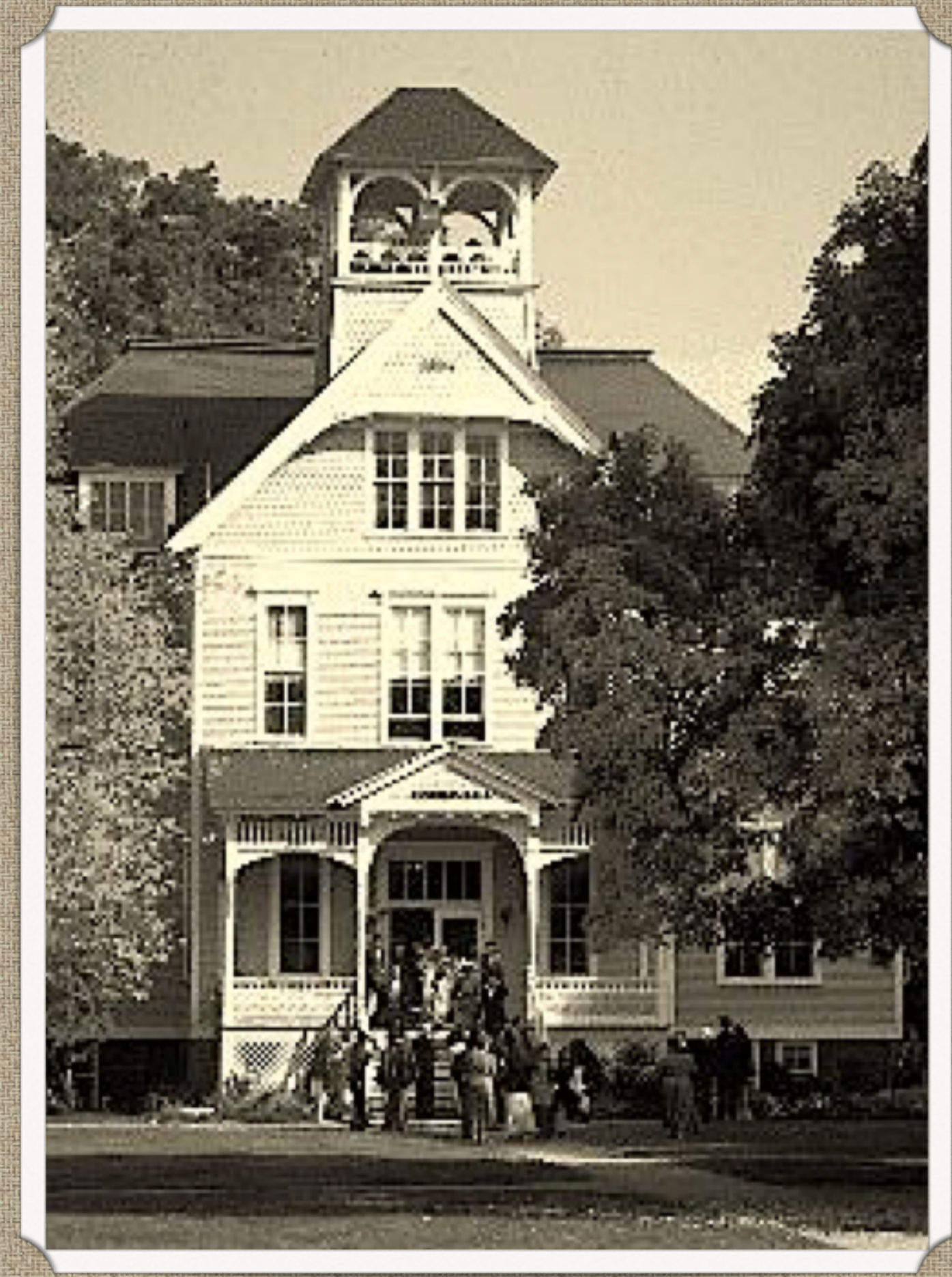
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BRANCHES OF THE WORK

ADVENT MOVEMENT 1844–1880s

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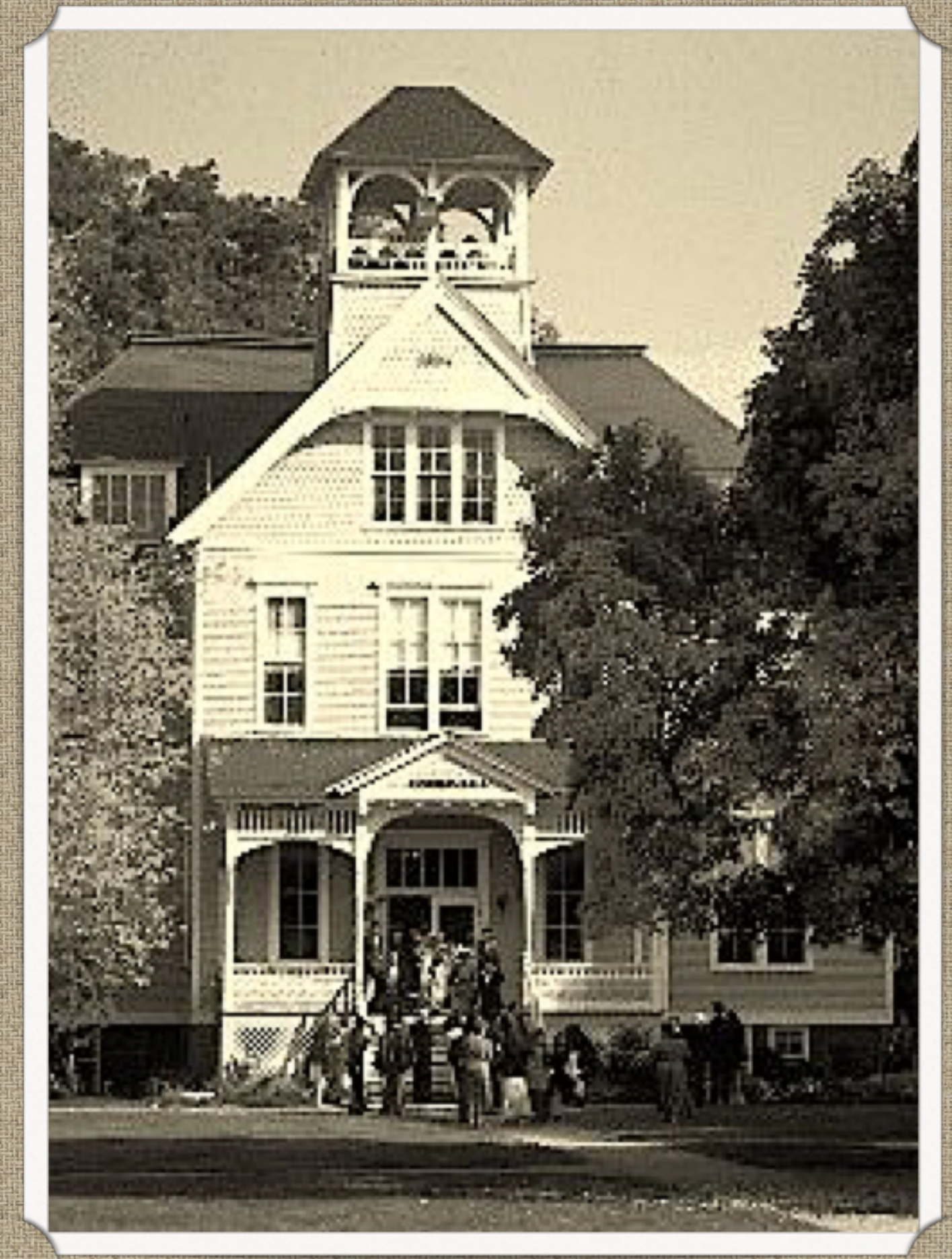
All to work in Unity for a common cause!

THE LAODICEAN CONDITION

Revelation 3:14-15, 17 “(14) And unto the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write; These things saith the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of the creation of God; (15) I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot.... (17) Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked:”

IMPACT OF THE LAODICEAN CONDITION

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Disunity is ultimately the result!

THE LAODICEAN CONDITION

“As I have of late looked around to find the humble followers of the meek and lowly Jesus, my mind has been much exercised. Many who profess to be looking for the speedy coming of Christ, are becoming conformed to this world, and seek more earnestly the applause of those around them, than the approbation of God. They are cold and formal, like the nominal church, that they but a short time since separated from.

The words addressed to the Laodicean Church, describe their present condition perfectly. See Revelation 3:14-20.”

Ellen G. White, “To the Brethren and Sisters,” *Review and Herald*, June 10, 1852.

THE SHAKING AND THE LAODICEAN MESSAGE

“I asked the meaning of the shaking I had seen. I was shown that it would be caused by the straight testimony called forth by the counsel of the True Witness to the Laodiceans. It will have its effect upon the heart of the receiver of the testimony, and it will lead him to exalt the standard and pour forth the straight truth. Some will not bear this straight testimony. They will rise up against it, and this will cause a shaking among God's people.

“The testimony of the True Witness has not been half heeded. The solemn **testimony upon which the destiny of the church hangs** has been lightly esteemed, if not entirely disregarded. This testimony must work **deep repentance**, and all that truly receive it will obey it and be purified.” (Cont.)

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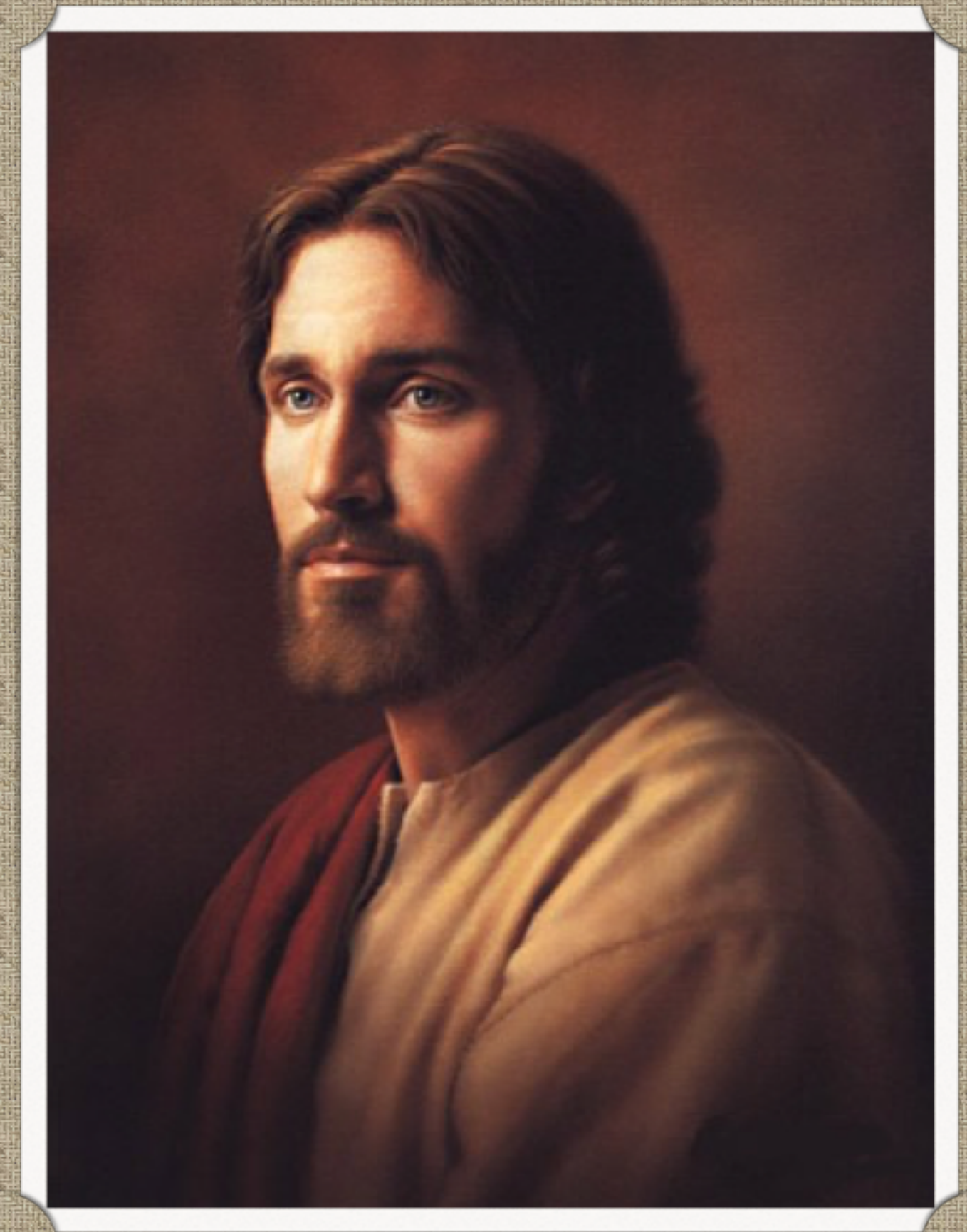
“Said the angel: ‘List ye!’ Soon I heard a voice that sounded like many musical instruments, all in perfect strains, sweet and harmonious. It surpassed any music I had ever heard. **It seemed to be so full of mercy, compassion, and elevating, holy joy.** It thrilled through my whole being. Said the angel: ‘Look ye!’ My attention was then turned to the company I had seen, who were mightily shaken.... They moved in exact order, firmly, like a company of soldiers....

“I heard those clothed with the armor speak forth the truth in great power.... **I asked what had made this great change. An angel answered:** ‘It is the latter rain, **the refreshing from the presence of the Lord,** the loud cry **of the third angel.**’”

Ellen G. White, “The Shaking,” Nov. 20, 1857; in *Testimonies*, vol. 1, pp. 181-183.

THE LAODICEAN REMEDIES

Revelation 3:18 “I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see.”



THE LAODICEAN REMEDIES

“Faith and love are the gold tried in the fire.”

Ellen G. White, *Desire of Ages*, p. 280.

“They need the divine love of God which is represented by gold tried in the fire; they need the white raiment of Christ's pure character; and they need the heavenly eyesalve that they might discern with astonishment the utter worthlessness of creature merit to earn the wages of eternal life.”

Ellen G. White, *Faith and Works*, p. 23.

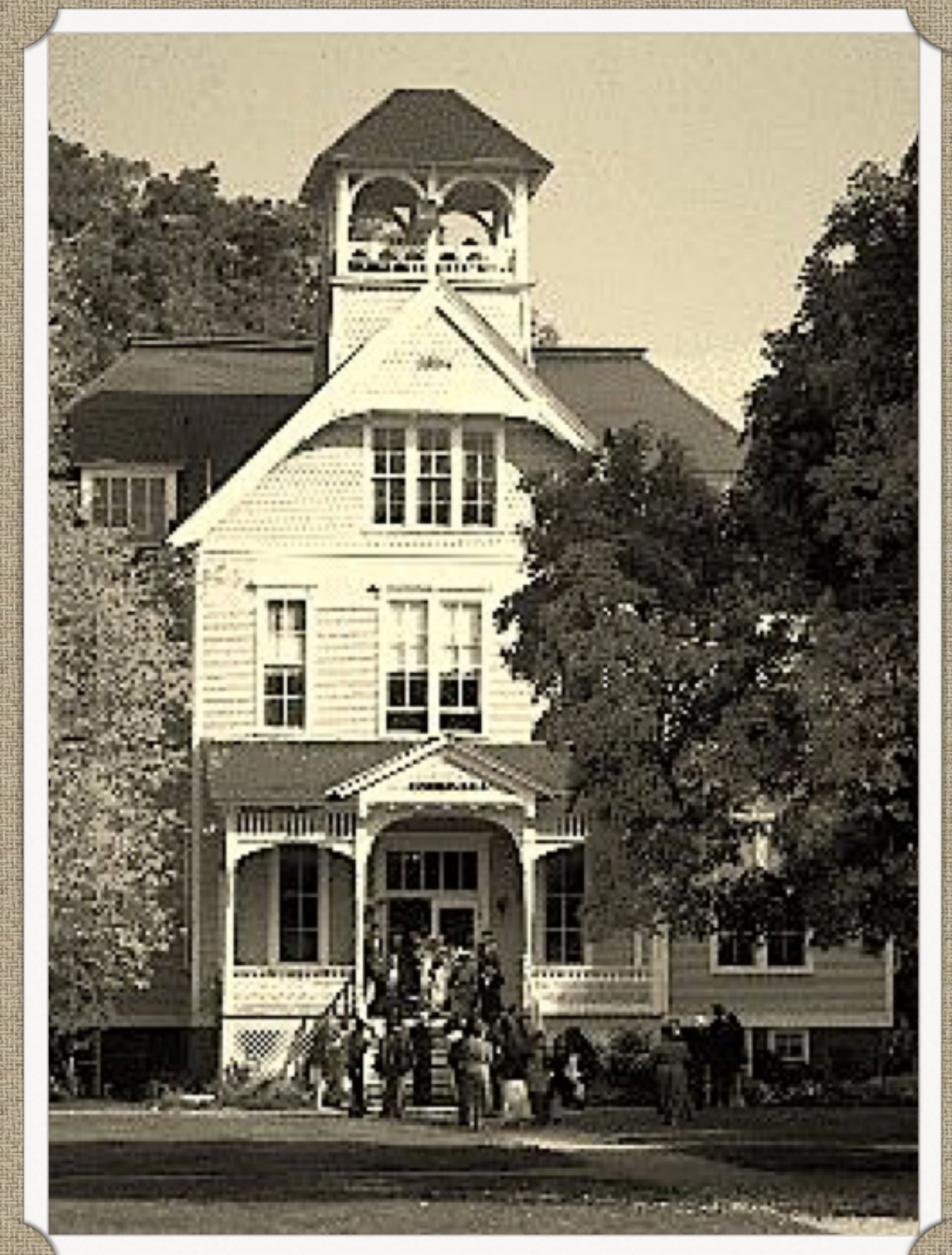
SUMMARY OF THE LAODICEAN REMEDIES

“The Laodicean message has been sounding. Take this message in all its phases and sound it forth to the people wherever Providence opens the way. **Justification by faith** and the **righteousness of Christ** are the themes to be presented **to a perishing world.**”

Ellen G. White, Letter 24, 1892; *1888 Materials*, p. 1053.

FAR REACHING IMPACT OF THE LAODICEAN REMEDIES

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CHRIST'S COMING DELAYED

“Had Adventists, after the great disappointment in 1844, held fast their faith and followed on unitedly in the opening providence of God, receiving the message of the third angel and in the power of the Holy Spirit [latter rain] proclaiming it to the world [loud cry], they would have seen the salvation of God, the Lord would have wrought mightily with their efforts, the work would have been completed, and Christ would have come ere this to receive His people to their reward....

“For forty years did unbelief, murmuring, and rebellion shut out ancient Israel from the land of Canaan. The same sins have delayed the entrance of modern Israel into the heavenly Canaan. In neither case were the promises of God at fault. It is the unbelief, the worldliness, unconsecration, and strife among the Lord's professed people that have kept us in this world of sin and sorrow so many years.”

Ellen G. White, Manuscript 4, 1883; in *Evangelism*, pp. 695-6.

JUSTIFICATION BY FAITH AND THE OLD LANDMARKS

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Ellen G. White, *1888 Materials*, p. 518.

THE “FAITH OF JESUS” HAS NOT BEEN PROCLAIMED

“The third angel's message is the proclamation of the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus Christ. The commandments of God have been proclaimed, but the faith of Jesus Christ has not been proclaimed by Seventh-day Adventists as of equal importance, the law and the gospel going hand in hand. I cannot find language to express this subject in its fullness.

“‘The faith of Jesus.’ It is talked of, but not understood. What constitutes the faith of Jesus, **that belongs, to the third angel's message?** Jesus becoming our sin-bearer that He might become our sin-pardoning Saviour. He was treated as we deserve to be treated. He came to our world and took our sins that we might take His righteousness. **Faith in the ability of Christ to save us amply and fully and entirely is the faith of Jesus.**”

Ellen G. White, *1888 Materials*, p. 217

WHY THE “FAITH OF JESUS” WAS NOT BEING PROCLAIMED

- Laodicean condition: in need of Christ’s robe
- Pride in being part of the Remnant church.
- Overreaction to the opposition against the Ten Commandments and the Sabbath.
- Debating style of evangelism and preaching.
- The false understanding that most converts came from other Christian churches, therefore they already understood Righteousness by Faith.
- A failure to realize that Righteousness by Faith is the key component to our last day message.
- A failure to realize the uniqueness of Adventism’s Biblical understanding of Righteousness by Faith.

LEADING DOCTRINES OF ADVENTISTS

THE ADVENT REVIEW, AND SABBATH HERALD.

"Here is the Patience of the Saints; Here are they that keep the Commandments of God and the Faith of Jesus."
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Immortality alone through Christ, to be given to the Saints at the Resurrection.

"'TIS ALL FOR THE BEST."

BY ANTON D. SCHUB.

"All things work together for good to them that love God!"
Tread not this dark "valley of conflict" and sin,
Tread without and temptation within,
O'erstep to glory, still ere thy hour pass,
Joyful in hope of the long promised day.
In every danger thou hast a sure guide:
To every shore there is a bright tide;
Faster than nut at the sternest bolson,
Ever remember—"Tis all for the best!"

Just as the eagle is soaring in sky,
Foreth he's young from their covert no high;
Then if strength fail, beneath them the skies,
On far wings hearkens them safe to the skies;
So will the arm of Jehovah uphold;
In each affliction his mercies unfold;
Murmur thou not that "he stretch thy nest,"
Ever remember—"Tis all for the best!"

Never of Providence dost complain;
Sundries and sterns both must ripen the grain;
Tried is the gold that the furnace will refine;
Cruel is the visitation that yields the vine;
Its who the and from beginning can tell,
Works for thy good, for to death all well;
This that prepares for the mercies of rest—
Ever remember—"Tis all for the best!"

PERPETUITY OF THE ROYAL LAW.
OR, THE
TEN COMMANDMENTS NOT ABOLISHED.
BY J. M. ANDREWS.

It is painful to witness the various inconsistent and self-contradictory positions resorted to by those who reject the Sabbath of the Lord. But of all the positions adopted, none seem so dangerous, or fraught with such alarming consequences, as the view that the law of God, by which the Sabbath is enforced, has been abolished, and that we are, therefore, under no obligation to remember the Sabbath-day to keep it holy. The question whether God has abolished his law or not is, indeed, the main point at issue in the Sabbath controversy; for when it is shown that that law still exists, and that its perpetuity is clearly taught in the New Testament, the question is most conclusively settled, that the Sabbath is binding on us, and upon all men.

The Sabbath of the Lord is embodied in the fourth commandment of the Decalogue. This commandment stands in the midst of nine moral precepts which Jehovah, after uttering with his own voice, wrote with his own finger on the tables of stone. These nine commandments stand around the Sabbath of the Lord, an impregnable bulwark, which all the enemies of that sacred institution in vain attempt to destroy. It is evident that the Sabbath of the fourth commandment cannot be set aside unless the Deca-

logue can be destroyed. Hence the enemies of the Sabbath institution have brought their heaviest artillery to bear upon the law of the Most High; calculating that when they had destroyed this strong hold, the Sabbath would fall an easy prey to their attack. We invite attention then to the law and to the testimony. By the unerring word of God we wish to settle this question; and this we believe can be done in the most satisfactory manner.

That the hand-writing of certainties containing the fables, new mores and the associated annual sabbaths of the Jews, has been abolished and taken out of the way, we do not doubt. This was not the moral law of God; but was merely the shadow of good things to come. But the royal law in which are the ten commandments of God is the subject of this investigation, and it is the perpetuity and immutability of this law that we affirm. If the law of God has been destroyed, the act must have been accomplished by one of three things; viz., 1. By the teachings of the Lord Jesus; or 2. By his death; or 3. By the apostles. We believe that all will agree to this statement.

1. Was the law of God abolished by the teachings of our Lord Jesus Christ? Let us listen to his own words.

"Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets; I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil. For verily, I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled. Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven; but whosoever shall do, and teach them, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven." Matt. v. 17-19.

Our Lord here testifies that he did not come to destroy the law or the prophets. Then it is a fact that he did not destroy either. But what is it to destroy the law? We answer, that it can only signify to abolish, or to annul it. And thus Campbell renders the word:—"Think not that I am come to subvert the law." Whiting renders it:—"Think not that I am come to annul the law." It is therefore certain that our Lord did not come to subvert, annul, or destroy, the law of God. Hence it follows that the law of God was not annulled or abrogated by him. He adds, that instead of coming to destroy, he came to fulfill. If this was the object of the Son's mission, did he not by this act do away the law, set it aside, and relieve us from obligation to keep its precepts? Let us see. As Campbell renders the text, it reads, "I am not come to subvert, but to satisfy." That is, I am not come to abolish the law, but to confirm, and render still more sacred, its just demands. If that was the object of our Lord's mission, it follows that he did not lessen our obligation to obey the law of his Father.

But let us return to the word "fulfill." Christ came to fulfill the law, James he did fulfill it. What is it to fulfill a law? Let the apostle James answer:—"If ye fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself, ye do well; but if ye have respect to persons, ye commit sin, and are convinced of the law as transgressors." James ii. 8, 9. It is evident that James here places the transgression of the law in contrast with, or in opposition to, the fulfillment of the law; therefore it follows that the fulfillment of the law is the reverse of its violation. In other words, it is its observance. To fulfill the law in the manner that James requires, is to render complete obedience to its divine requirements.

But it may be contended that to fulfill the law in the sense of our Lord's declaration, accomplishes its purpose, and takes it out of the way. To show the

absurdity of this view, let us take another of Christ's sayings which is of the same character, precisely. When John refused to baptize the Saviour, Jesus said, "Suffer it to be so now; for thus it becometh us to fulfill all righteousness." Matt. iii. 15. Did the Saviour, by fulfilling all righteousness, weaken, take out of the way, or destroy all righteousness? Certainly not. No one will claim that he lessened our obligation to fulfill all righteousness also.

But how did Christ fulfill the law of his Father? There is but one way in which this could be accomplished, and that is to answer its just demands. What were those demands? We answer: first, the law of God demands perfect obedience. The justice of this, none will deny. But when the law has been violated, it demands the death of the transgressor. Sin is the transgression of the law." 1 John iii. 4. "The wages of sin is death." Rom. vi. 23. "The soul that sinneth it shall die." Eze. xviii. 4. When Christ came to fulfill the law, he came to do this, not for himself, but in behalf of our race. He came to fulfill the law as the Messiah: an office or character which no other being ever possessed. He came to undertake for fallen men, and in a certain sense placed himself in their situation. What then was the relation which our race sustained to the law of God? We answer: all were sinful, and came short of the glory of God. The law of God stopped every mouth, and showed all men sinners in the sight of God. Rom. iii.

Then, when the Saviour took upon himself our nature, and came to fulfill the law of his Father, that law not only demanded perfect obedience, but it also justly demanded the death of our race; for all were sinners. The work of the Saviour, therefore, in fulfilling the law of his Father, was of a twofold character. He must first render perfect obedience to all its precepts, and then offer up his own life as a ransom for guilty man. To fulfill the law as the Messiah, Christ must perform all this. Did he thus do? He kept his Father's commandments, John xv. 10. In him there was no transgression of the law. 1 John iii. 4, 5. He was the Lamb of God without spot, [1 Pet. i. 19.] in whom the Father was well pleased. Matt. iii. 17. And this was not all; he took upon himself the sin of the world. Isa. liii. 6; John i. 29. He bore our sin in his own body upon the tree. 1 Pet. ii. 24. He died the just for the unjust, giving his own life a ransom for many. 1 Pet. iii. 18; Matt. xx. 28. God can now be just and yet justify him that believeth in Jesus. Rom. iii. 26, 28. Thus Christ lived our example and died our sacrifice.

Did this work of the Messiah, in rendering perfect obedience to all the law of God, and then offering up himself as a ransom for its transgressors, weaken that law, or lessen our obligation to obey it? Never. It shows in the most striking light, its perpetuity and immutability. The law of God commanded our race. Jehovah would upon the way for man's salvation. He could not destroy his own moral law; but he could give his own beloved and only Son to die for its transgressors. This evinces the estimate which the Father placed upon his own law. Isaiah predicted that Christ should magnify the law, and make it honorable. Isa. xlii. 21. The record of Christ's life and death shows the fulfillment of this prediction.

But Christ adds a solemn allusion. * For verily, I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled. What is a jot and a tittle? A jot is the smallest letter of the Hebrew alphabet. A tittle is a small point by which some of those letters are distinguished from others. Our Lord therefore

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FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES OF ADVENTISM

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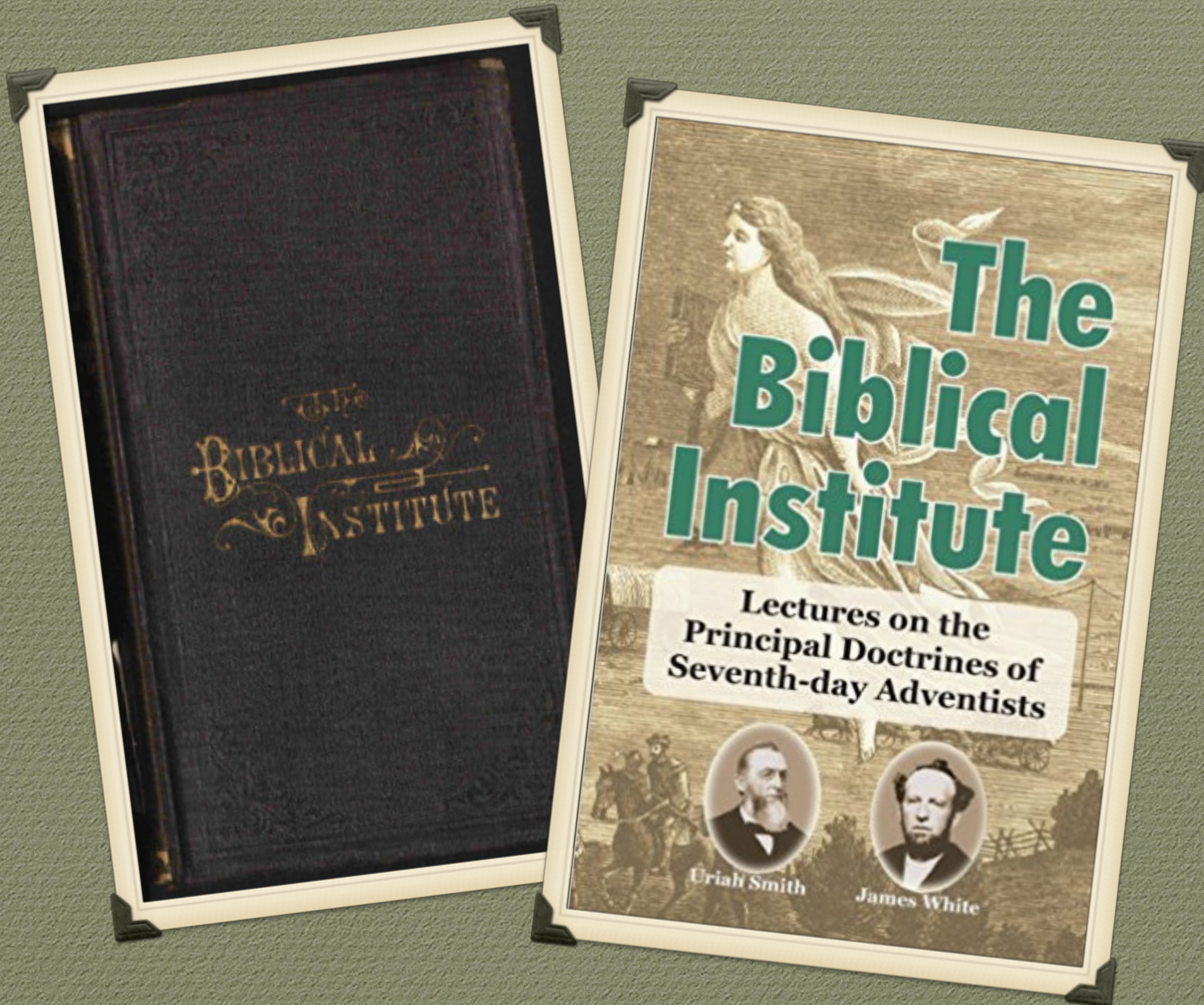
"Built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone." EPHESIANS 2:20.

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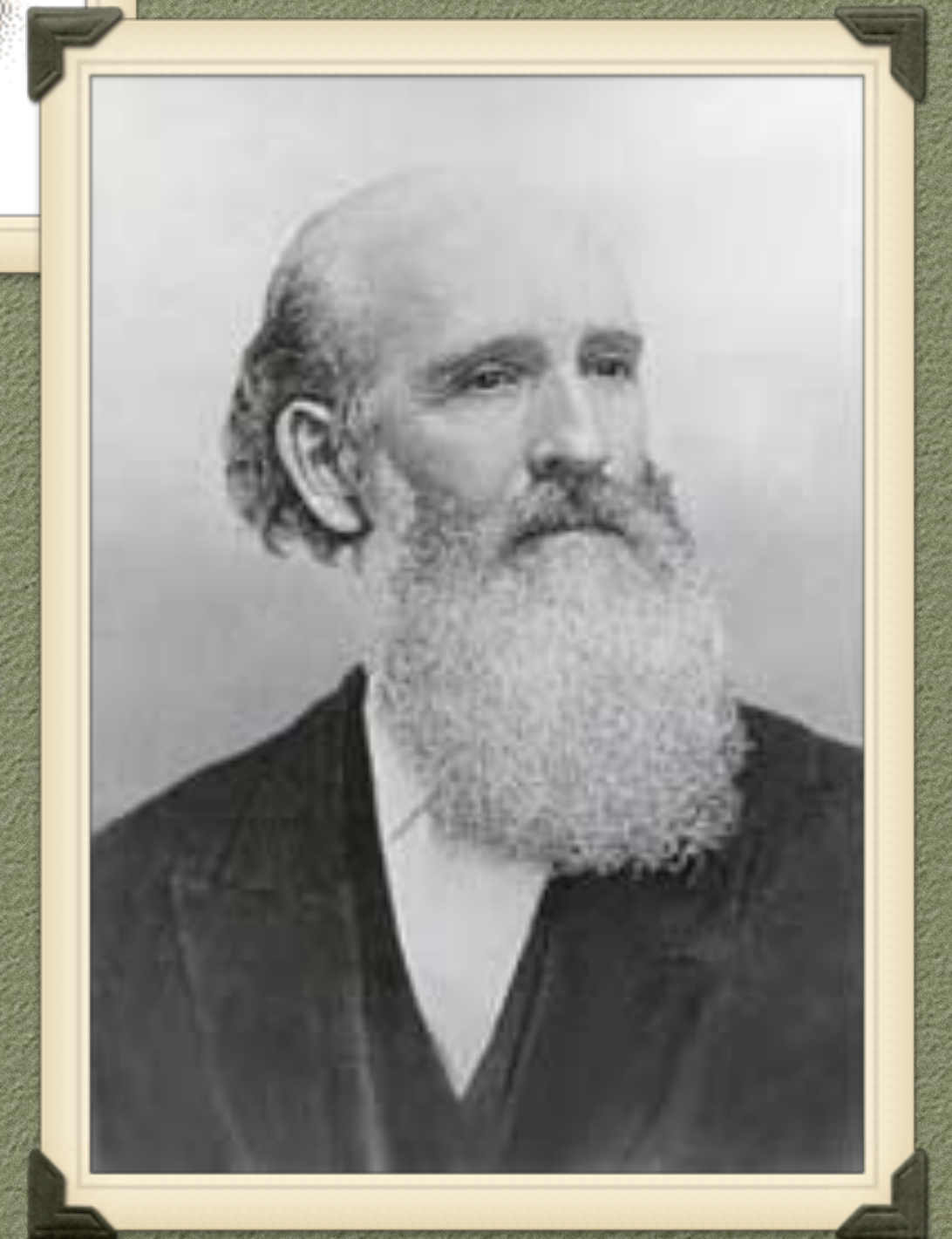
“As compared with other Adventists, Seventh-day Adventists differ ... in believing in the unconscious state of the dead ... the perpetuity of the law of God as summarily contained in the ten Commandments ... in the observance of the seventh day of the week as the Sabbath of the Lord....” (pp. 4-5)

“II: That there is one Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of the Eternal Father,... that he took on him the nature of the seed of Abraham for the redemption of our fallen race;... lived our example, died our sacrifice, was raised for our justification, ascended on high to be

PRINCIPLE DOCTRINES OF ADVENTISTS



Uriah Smith



James White

THE “FAITH OF JESUS” HAS NOT BEEN PROCLAIMED

“On the one hand the religionist generally has divorced the law and the gospel, while we have on the other hand almost done the same from another standpoint. We have not held up before the people the righteousness of Christ and the full significance of His great plan of redemption. **We have left out Christ and His matchless love, and brought in the theories and reasonings, preached arguments.**

“Unconverted men have stood in the pulpits sermonizing; their own hearts have never experienced the sweet evidence, through a living, clinging trusting faith of the forgiveness of their sins. How then can they preach the love, the sympathy, the forgiveness of God for all their sins?”

Ellen G. White, *1888 Materials*, pp. 669-670.

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“Many remarks have been made to the effect that in our campmeetings the speakers have dwelt upon the law, the law, and not on Jesus. This statement is not strictly true, but have not the people had some reason for making these remarks? Have not there stood in the desk, as mouthpieces for God, men who had not a genuine experience in heavenly things, men who had not received the righteousness of Christ Jesus?”

Ellen G. White, *1888 Materials*, pp. 890-891.

“We have talked the law. This is right. But we have only **casually lifted up Christ** as the sin-pardoning Saviour.

Ellen G. White, *1888 Materials*, p.429.

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“Christ has not been presented in connection with the law as a faithful and merciful High Priest, who was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. He has not been lifted up before the sinner as the divine sacrifice. His work as sacrifice, substitute, and surety, has been only coldly and casually dwelt upon; but this is what the sinner needs to know.”

Ellen G. White, *1888 Materials*, p.1076.

“The message of the gospel of His grace was to be given to the church in clear and distinct lines, that the world should no longer say that Seventh-day Adventists talk the law, the law, but do not teach or believe Christ.”

Ellen G. White, *Testimonies to Ministers*, p. 92.

THE “FAITH OF JESUS” HAS NOT BEEN PROCLAIMED

“It is true men will say, ‘You are too excited; you are making too much of this matter, and you do not think enough of the law; now, you must think more of the law; don't be all the time reaching for this righteousness of Christ, but build up the law.’

“Let the law take care of itself. We have been at work on the law until we get as dry as the hills of Gilboa, without dew or rain. Let us trust in the merits of Jesus Christ of Nazareth. May God help us that our eyes may be anointed with eyesalve, that we may see.”

Ellen G. White, *1888 Materials*, p. 557.

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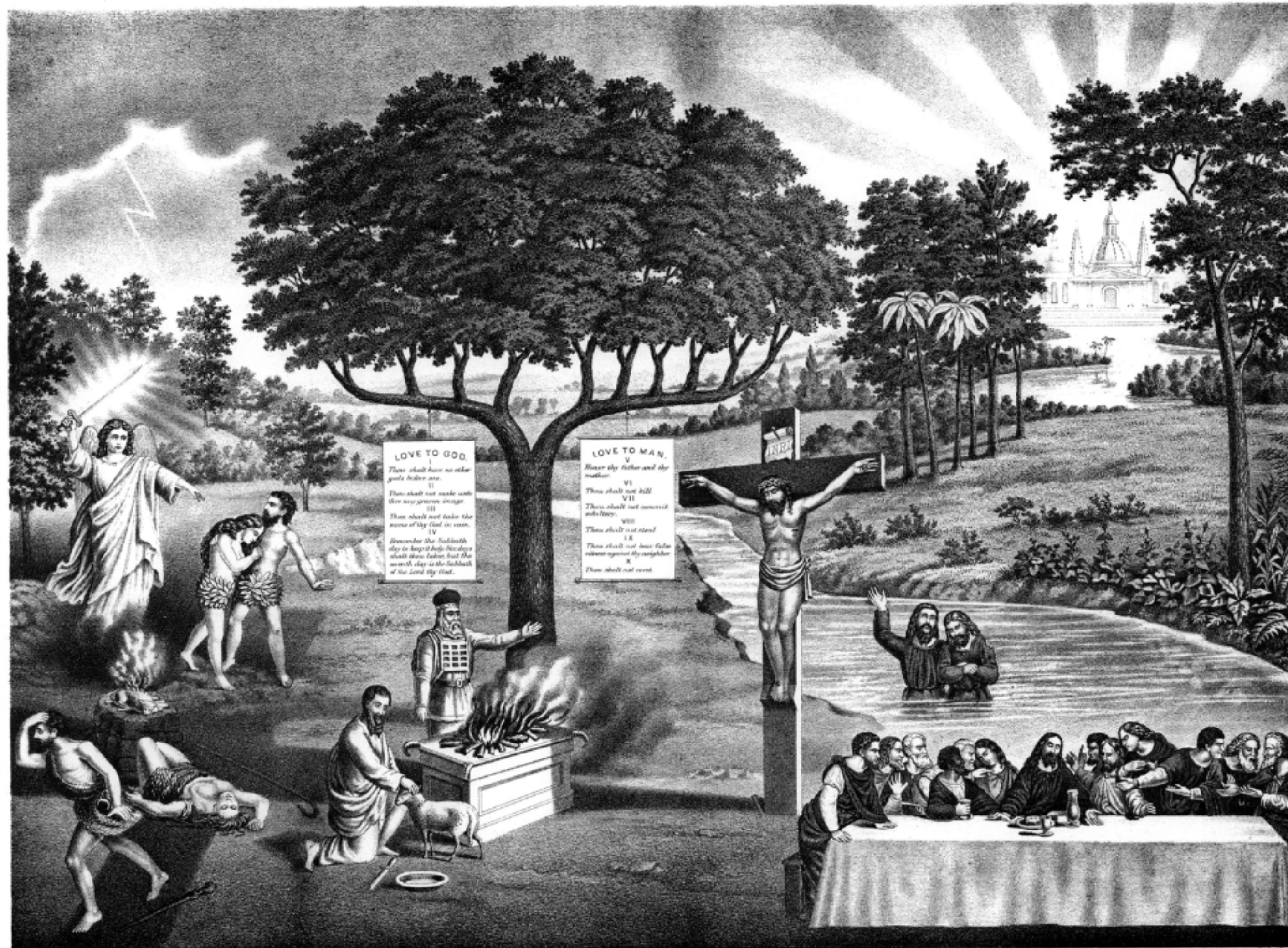
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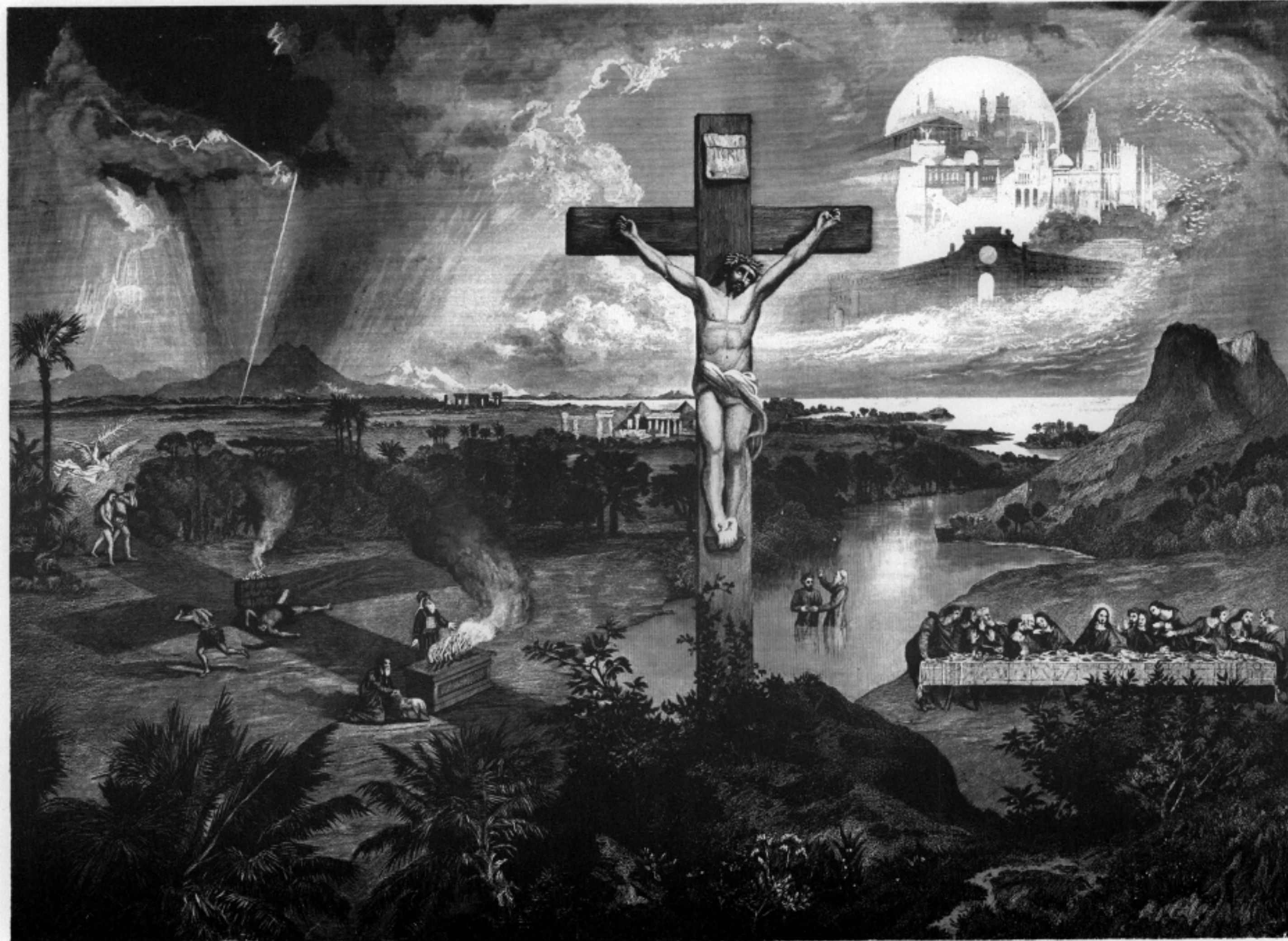
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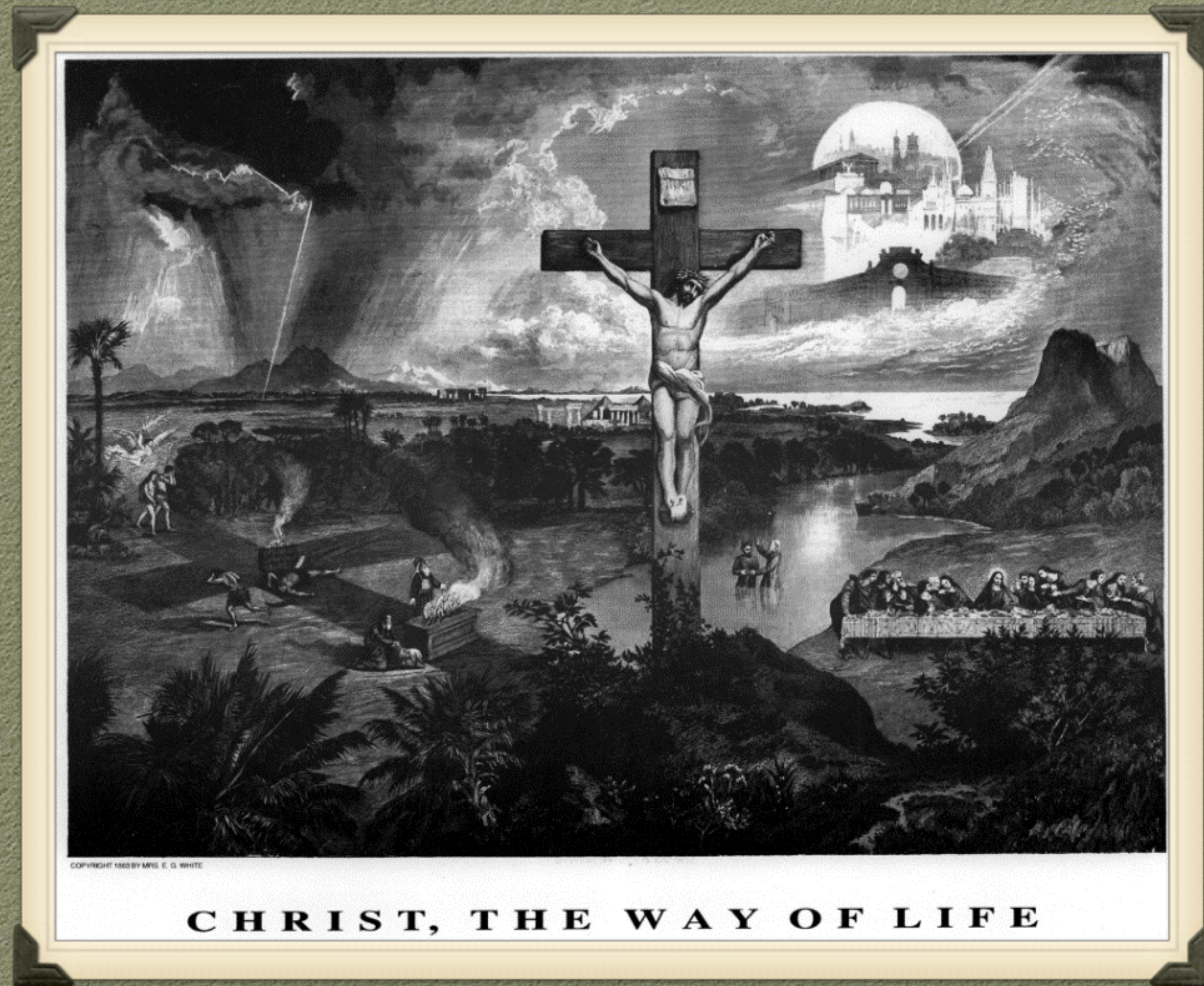
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Writing to his wife in early 1880, James White stated: "I have a sketch also of the new picture, Behold the Lamb of God. This differs from the [1876] Way of Life in these particulars: The Law Tree is removed. Christ on the cross is made large, and placed in the center."

James White to Ellen White, March 31, 1880

WHY THE CHANGE?

“‘Blessed’ said our Lord, ‘are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness; for they shall be filled.’ Matt. 5:6. **With some there is an unutterable yearning of soul for Christ, and the writer is one of this class.** With some of us it has been business, work, and care, giving Christ but little room in the mind and in the affections. With others it has been nearly all theory, dwelling upon the law and the prophets, the nature and destiny of man, and the messages, while destitute, to an alarming degree, of an indwelling Christ....

“Our preachers need more encouragement. **They should preach Christ more**, and they should know more of Him upon whom all our hopes of success here, and of Heaven hereafter, depend.”

James White, “Eastern Tour,” *Review and Herald*, Feb. 8, 1881, p. 88

WHY THE CHANGE?

“During the last few months ... I was with [James White] about eight weeks; so that I have had the best of opportunities to know him thoroughly.... In our travels together, he often mentioned the mistakes he thought he had made in his life. As we prayed alone together, he would weep over them, and plead for grace to be a true Christian man.

“He often said to me privately, and also spoke of it over and over in nearly all his sermons this spring and summer, that he felt he must be more tender toward his brethren, more compassionate toward the erring, that he must cultivate more love for Christ and more patience in his trials. ... As all will remember, wherever he preached the past few months, **he dwelt largely upon faith in Christ and the boundless love of God.**”

D. M. Canright, “My Remembrance of Elder White,” *Review & Herald*, Aug. 30, 1881, p. 153.

WHY THE CHANGE?

James White: “I feel a sense of danger, and with it comes an unutterable longing for the special blessing of God, an assurance that all my sins are washed away by the blood of Christ. I confess my errors, and ask your forgiveness for any word or act that has caused you sorrow. There must be nothing to hinder our prayers. Everything must be right between us, and between ourselves and God.’

Ellen White: “We there in humility of soul confessed to each other our errors, and then made earnest supplication for the mercy and blessing of God. My husband remained bowed some minutes after our prayers had ceased. When he arose, his countenance was cheerful and happy. He praised the Lord, saying he felt the assurance of the love of Christ.”

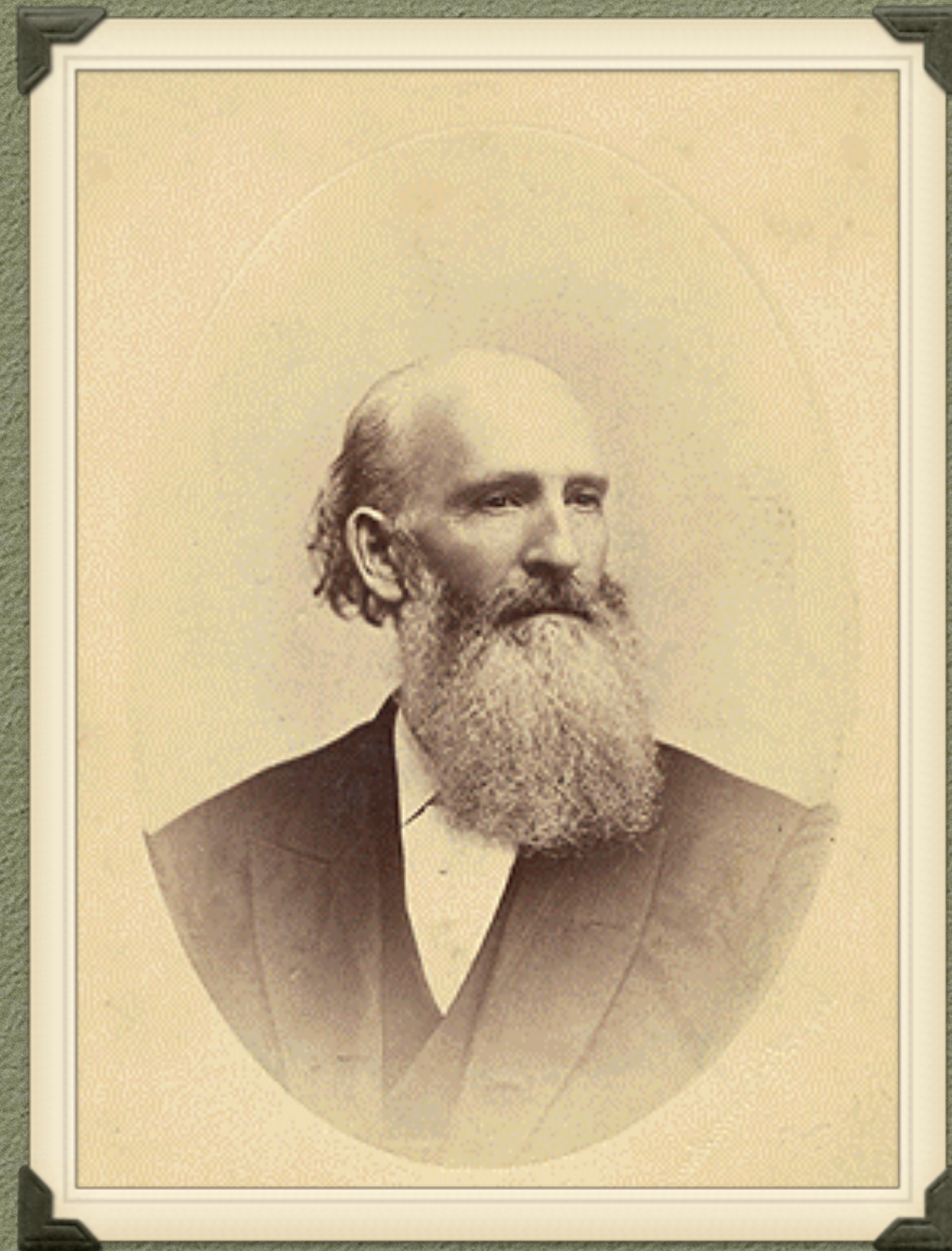
Ellen G. White Manuscript 6, Sept. 1881; in Uriah Smith, *A Sketch of the Last Sickness and Death of Elder James White*, pp. 47, 48.

DESIRE TO LEAVE BATTLE CREEK

“The spring and early summer of 1881 we spent together at our home in Battle Creek. My husband hoped to arrange his business so that we could go to the Pacific coast and devote ourselves to writing. He felt that we had made a mistake in allowing the apparent wants of the cause and the entreaties of our brethren to urge us into active labor in preaching when we should have been writing. **My husband desired to present more fully the glorious subject of redemption, and I had long contemplated the preparation of important books.**”

Ellen G. White, *Life Sketches*, p. 247.

I WOULD RATHER DIE THAN LEAVE BATTLE CREEK



James White



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“I urged upon him the importance of seeking a field of labor where we would be released from the burdens necessarily coming upon us at Battle Creek. In reply he spoke of various matters which required attention before we could leave,--duties which some one must do....

“With tears he expressed his anxiety for our institutions at Battle Creek. Said he: ‘My life has been given to the upbuilding of these institutions. It seems like death to leave them.... I would rather die than live to see these institutions mismanaged, or turned aside from the purpose for which they were brought into existence.’”

Ellen G. White, *Life Sketches*, p. 248.

WE SHOULD HAVE GONE WEST

“We have made a mistake. We have responded to urgent invitations of our brethren to attend important meetings. We had not the heart to refuse. These meetings have worn us both more than we were aware....

“We might have done a great deal for years with our pens, **on subjects the people need that we have had light upon and can present before them, which others do not have.** Thus you can work when your strength returns, as it will, and you can do far more with your pen than with your voice....

“We ought to have gone to the Pacific Coast before, and devoted our time and energies to writing. Will you do this now? Will you, as your strength returns, take your pen and **write out these things we have so long anticipated,** and make haste slowly? **There is important matter which the people need.**”

Ellen G. White, *The Retirement Years*, p. 162.

WE SHOULD HAVE GONE WEST

“When I sat with the hand of my dying husband in my own, I knew that God was at work. While I sat there on the bed by his side, he in such feverishness, it was there, like a clear chain of light presented before me: The workmen are buried, but the work shall go on. **I have workmen that shall take hold of this work.** Fear not; be not discouraged; it shall go forward.

“It was there I understood that I was to take the work and a burden stronger than I had ever borne before. It was there that I promised the Lord that I would stand at my post of duty...to do...as far as possible, the work that God has given me to do, **with the understanding that God was to bring an element in this work that we have not had yet.**”

Ellen G. White, *1888 Materials*, p. 540.

RELOCATING IN HEALDSBURG, CALIFORNIA

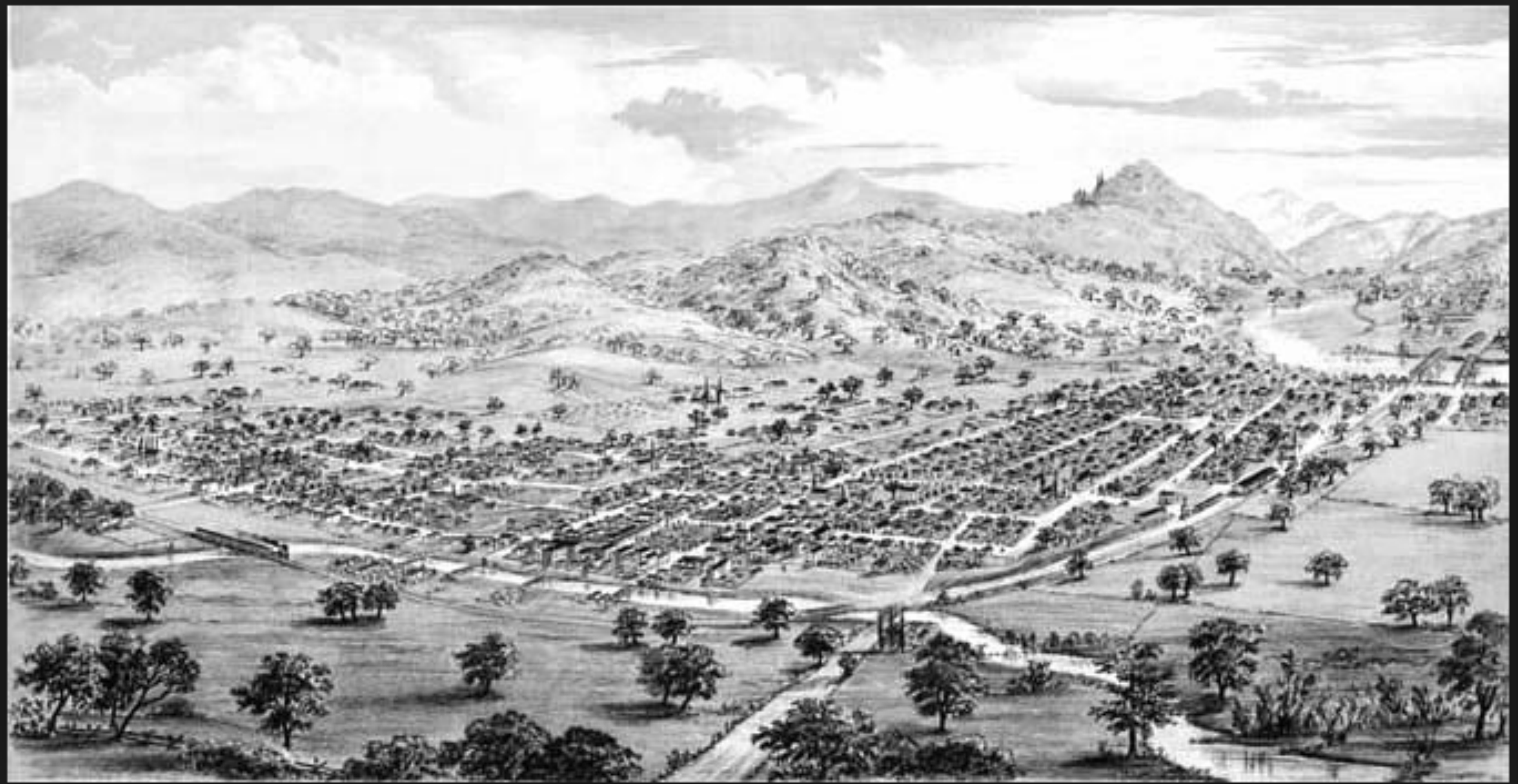


Ellen White's Home in Healdsburg



St. Helena Sanitarium

1882 HEALDSBURG CAMP-MEETING



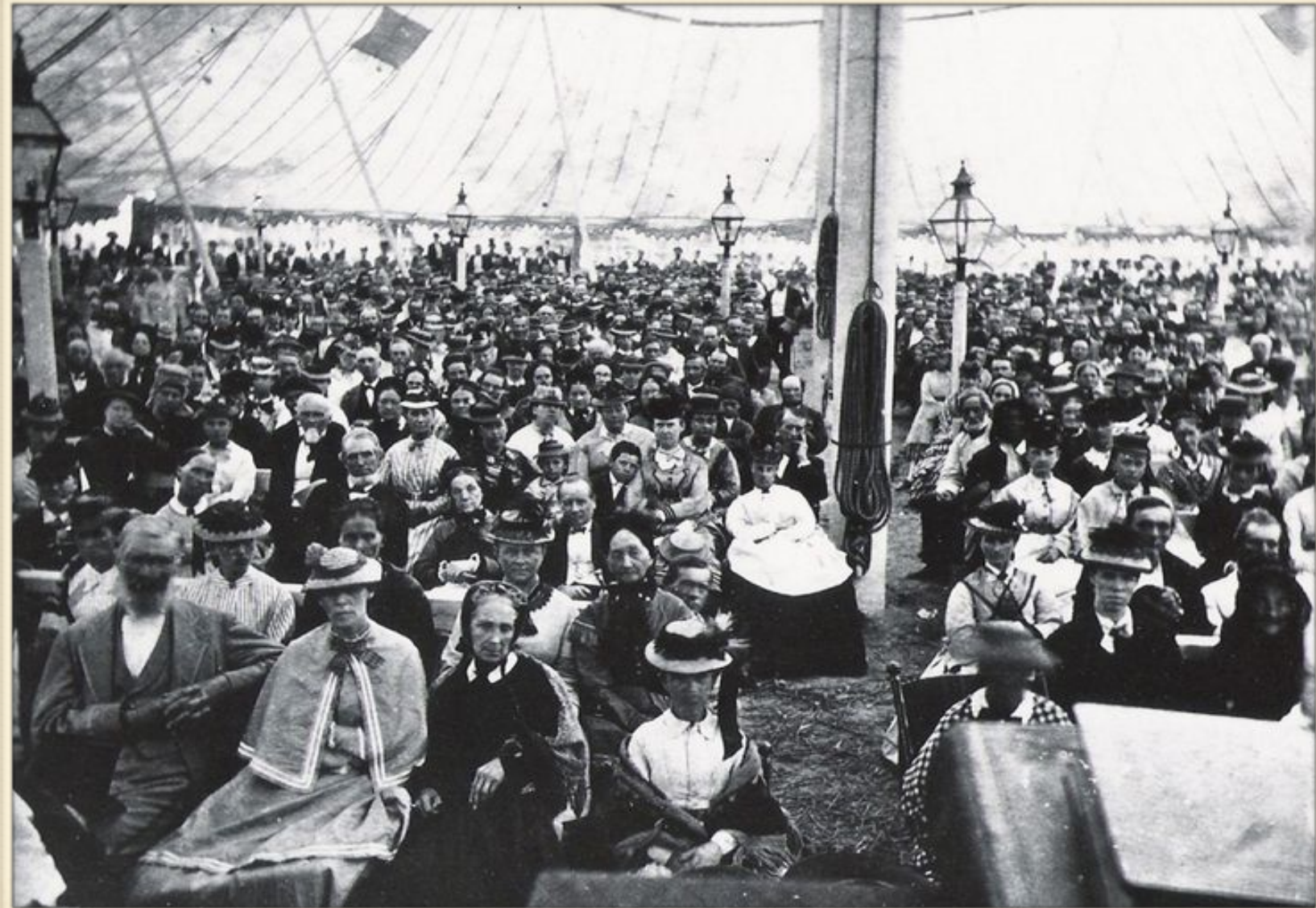
1882 HEALDSBURG CAMP-MEETING



“Sabbath forenoon she was very feeble, hardly able to leave her bed. But at noon she said: ‘Prepare me a place in the large tent where I can hear the speaker. Possibly the sound of the speaker's voice will prove a blessing to me. I am hoping for something to bring new life.’”

LIFE SKETCHES, P. 262.

1882 HEALDSBURG CAMP-MEETING



“After she had spoken a few sentences, there was a change in her voice and attitude. She felt a thrill of healing power.... As she proceeded with her address, her strength was manifest. She stood firmly, and did not need to hold onto the desk for support....

“The large congregation witnessed the healing. All noticed the change in her voice, and many observed the change in her countenance. They saw the sudden transition from a deathlike paleness to the flush of health, as the natural color was seen.... One of the [non-SDA] business men of Healdsburg exclaimed, ‘A miracle is being wrought in sight of this whole congregation!’”

Ellen G. White, *Life Sketches*, p. 263.

GOD KEEPS HIS PROMISES



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“Many years ago, the writer sat in a tent one dismal rainy afternoon, where a servant of the Lord was presenting the Gospel of His grace.... in the midst of the discourse an experience came to me that was the turning point in my life.

Suddenly a light shone about me, and the tent seemed illumined, as though the sun were shining; I saw Christ crucified for me, and to me was revealed for the first time in my life the fact that God loved me, and that Christ gave Himself for me personally. It was all for me. (cont)

GOD KEEPS HIS PROMISES



“If I could describe my feelings, they would not be understood by those who have not had a similar experience, and to such no explanation is necessary....

“I knew that this light that came to me was a revelation direct from heaven; Therefore I knew that in the Bible I should find the

message of God’s love for individual sinners, and I resolved that the rest of my life should be devoted to finding it there, and making it plain to others. The light that shone upon me that day from the cross of Christ, has been my guide in all my Bible study; wherever I have turned in the Sacred Book, I have found Christ set forth as the power of God, to the salvation of individuals and I have never found anything else.”

V, 1900 ed.

E. J. W, The Everlasting Covenant, p.

GOD KEEPS HIS PROMISES



Elliot J. Waggoner



Alonzo T. Jones

HEAVEN SENT MESSAGE

“Each of us pursued his own individual study of the Bible and teaching and preaching. Never in our lives did we spend an hour in study together on any subject or upon all subjects. Yet we were led in perfect agreement in the truths of the Bible all the way. To illustrate: On Sabbath Bro. Waggoner was away from Oakland in a campmeeting, and I preached in his place in Oakland church. My subject was ‘Righteousness by Faith.’

“The next Sabbath he was home and preached in his own place in Oakland church, and I in San Francisco. Sunday morning when I came into the ‘Signs’ office and began to work, I said to Bro. Bollman, ‘What did Bro. Waggoner preach on yesterday?’ He replied, ‘The same that you did last Sabbath.’ I asked him, ‘What was his text?’ He replied, ‘Same one that you had.’ I said, ‘What line did he follow? What illustration?’ He replied, ‘The same that you did.’”

A. T. Jones to C. E. Holmes, May 12, 1921; in *Manuscripts and Memories*, p. 347.

ELLEN WHITE RECOGNIZES THE MESSAGE

“I have had the question asked, ‘What do you think of this light that these men are presenting? Why, I have been presenting it to you for the last 45 years—the matchless charms of Christ. This is what I have been trying to present before your minds.

“When Brother Waggoner brought out these ideas in Minneapolis, **it was the first clear teaching on this subject from any human lips I had heard, excepting the conversations between myself and my husband.** I have said to myself, It is because God has presented it to me in vision that I see it so clearly, and they cannot see it because they have never had it presented to them as I have. **And when another presented it, every fiber of my heart said, Amen.”**

Ellen G. White, *1888 Materials*, pp. 348-349.

RIGHTEOUSNESS BY FAITH: GOD'S MESSAGE FOR A DYING WORLD



RIGHTEOUSNESS BY FAITH

DIFFERENT TERMS DESCRIBE SAME MESSAGE

- Laodicean Remedies (Gold, Robe, Eyesalve)
- Third Angel's Message
The Commandments & the Faith of Jesus
- Justification by Faith
- Righteousness by Faith
- The Righteousness of Christ
- Message of Revelation 18:1
Loud Cry (Loud Cry of the Third Angel)
Latter Rain
- Most Precious Message

RIGHTEOUSNESS BY FAITH

THE LOUD CRY OF REVELATION 18

“(1)After these things I saw another angel coming down from heaven, having great power [authority], and the earth was lightened [illuminated] with his glory. (2) And he cried mightily with a strong [loud] voice saying ‘Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen....’ (4) And I heard another voice from heaven saying, ‘Come out of her, my people, lest you share in her sins, and lest you receive of her plagues.’” Revelation 18:1, 2, 4

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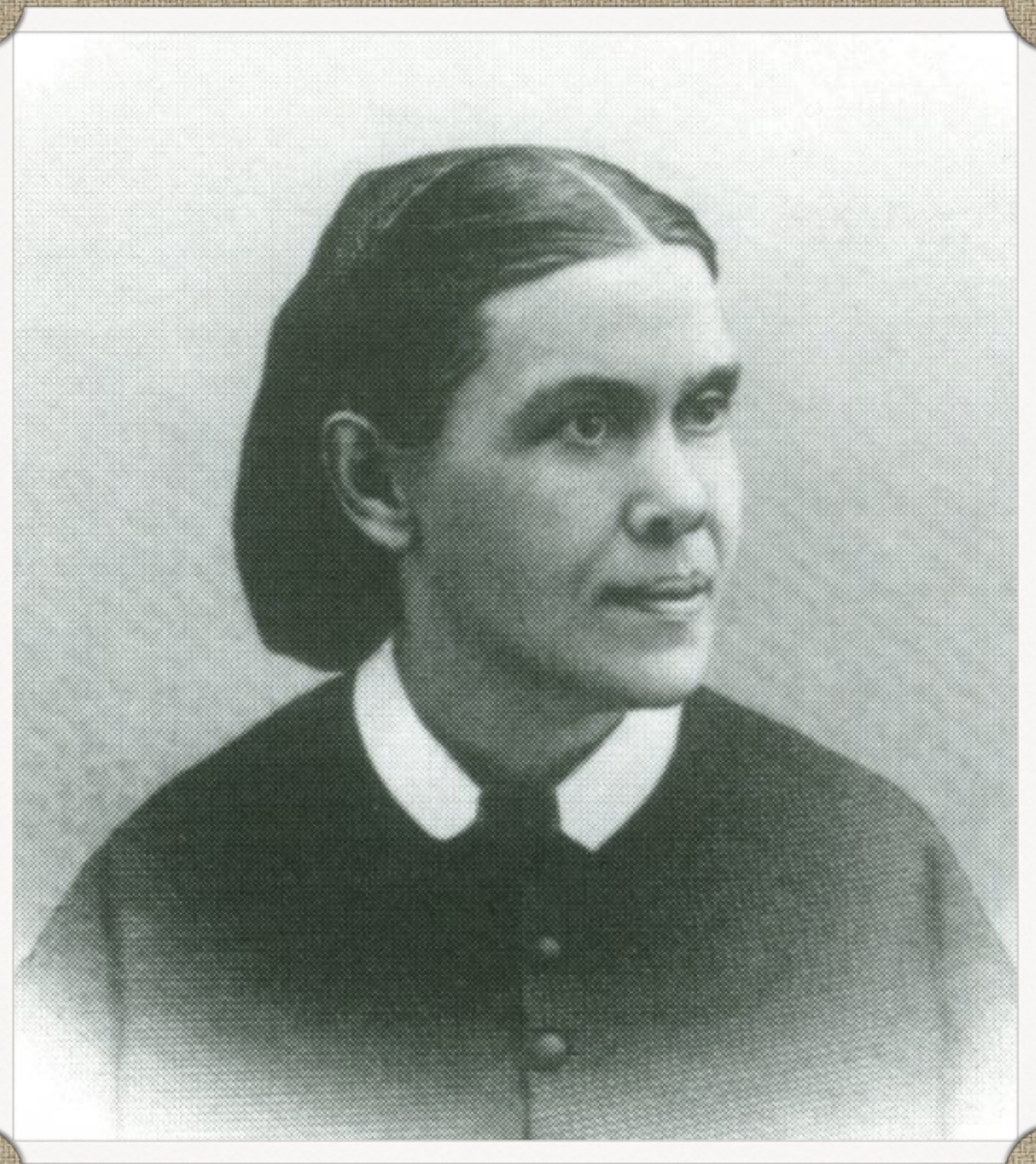
"The message given us by A. T. Jones, and E. J. Waggoner is the message of God to the Laodicean church,....

"The Laodicean message has been sounding. Take this message in all its phases and sound it forth to the people wherever Providence opens the way. **Justification by faith and the righteousness of Christ** are the themes to be presented to a perishing world. Oh, that you may open the door of your heart to Jesus!"

Ellen G. White to Uriah Smith, Letter 24, Sept. 19, 1892; in *1888 Materials*, p. 1052.

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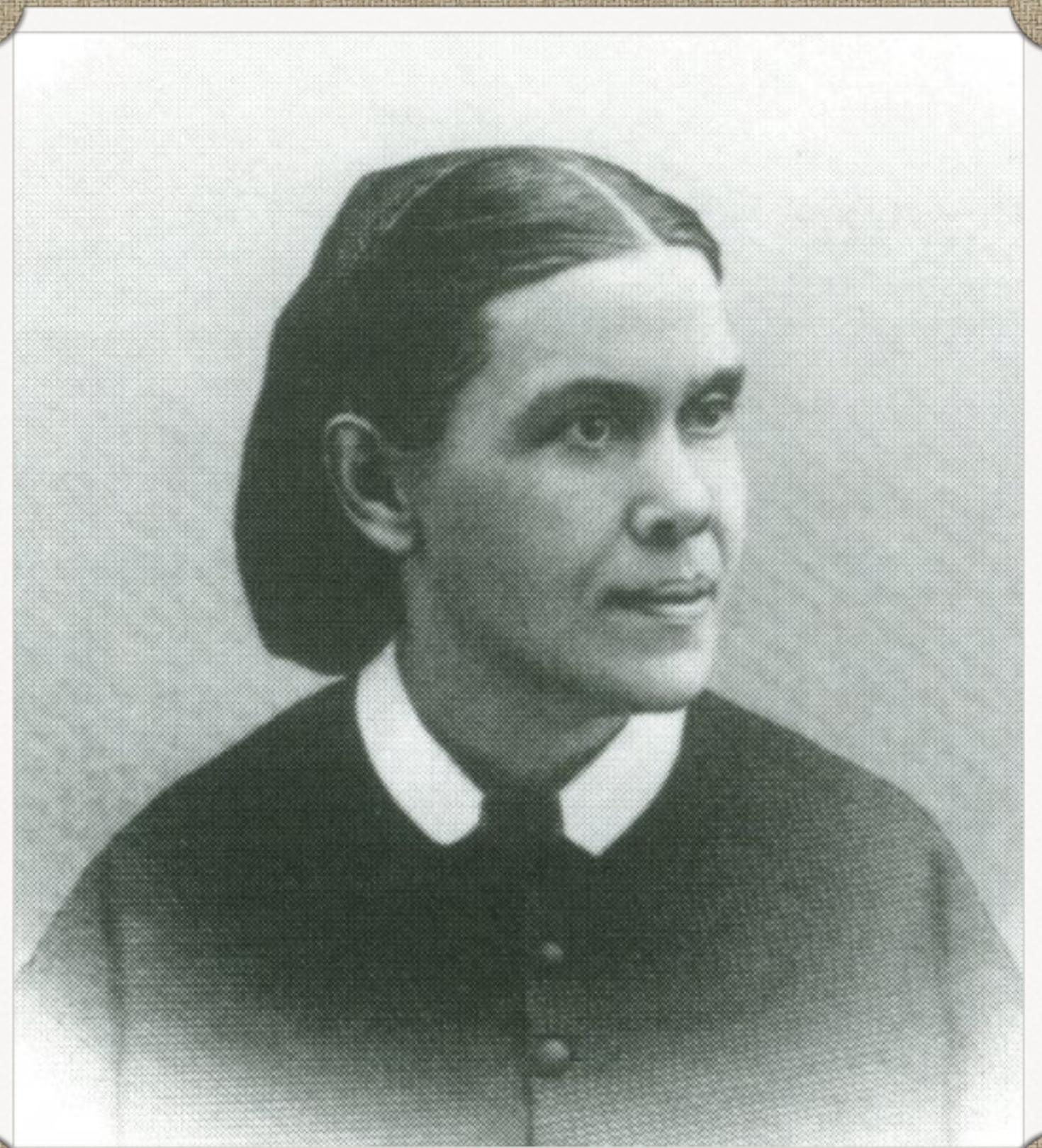


“Several have written to me, inquiring if the **message of justification by faith is the third angel’s message**, and I have answered, ‘**It is the third angel's message in verity.**’”

Ellen G. White, “Repentance the Gift of God,” *Review and Herald*, April 1, 1890.

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“The time of test is just upon us, for the **loud cry of the third angel has already begun in the revelation of the righteousness of Christ**, the sin-pardoning Redeemer. This is the beginning of the **light of the angel whose glory shall fill the whole earth.**”

Ellen G. White, *Review and Herald*, Nov. 22, 1892.

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“Said my guide, ‘There is much light yet to shine forth from the law of God and the **gospel** of righteousness. **This message**, understood in its true character, and proclaimed in the Spirit, **will lighten the earth with its glory**.... The closing work of the third angel's message will be attended with a power that will send the rays of **the Sun of Righteousness** into all the highways and byways of life, . . .’”

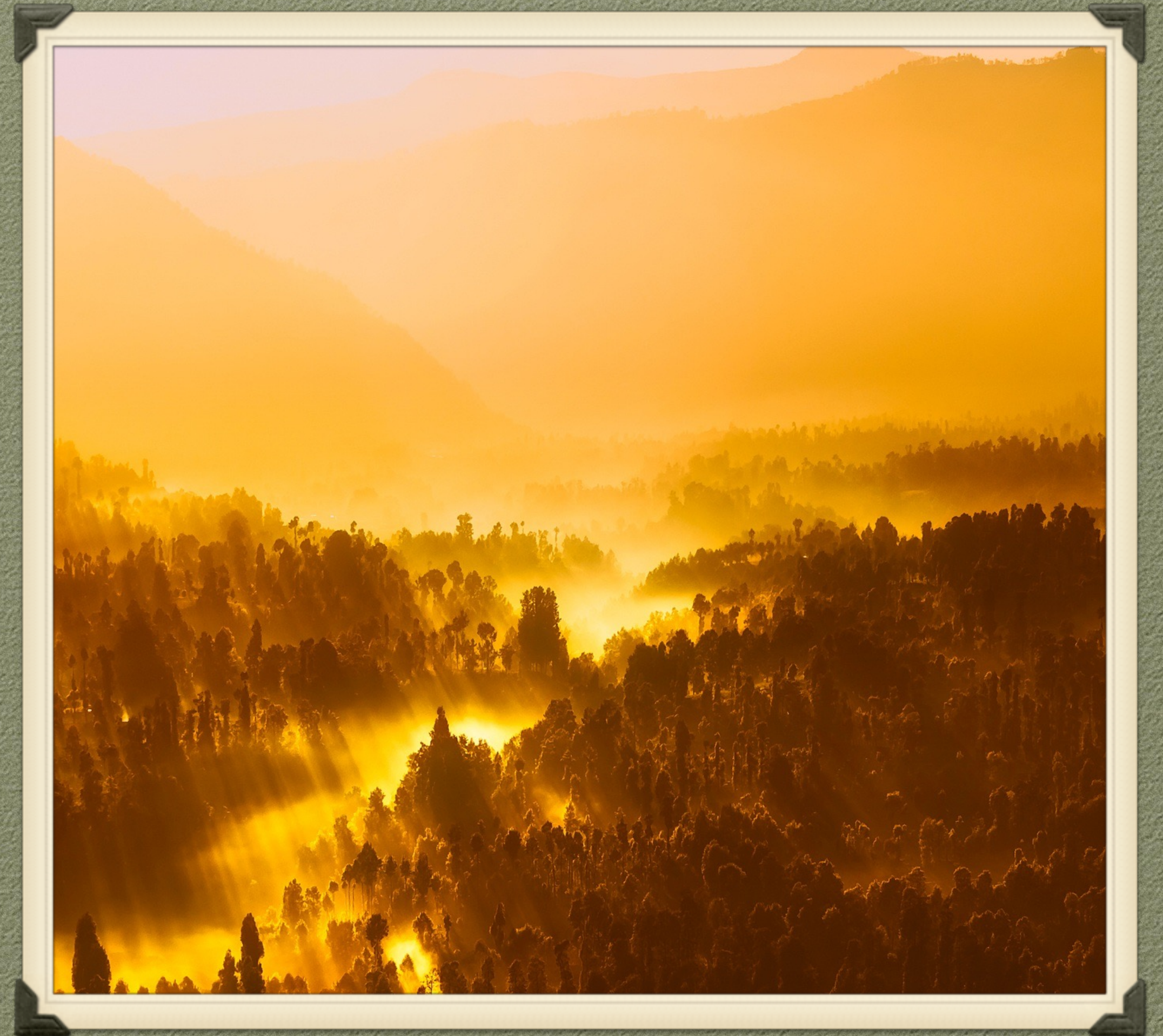
Ellen G. White, Manuscript 15, Nov. 1888; in *1888 Materials*, pp. 165-166.

RIGHTEOUSNESS BY FAITH

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“I heard those clothed with the armor speak forth the truth in great power. . . . I asked what had made this great change. An angel answered, ‘It is the **latter rain**. The refreshing from the presence of the Lord. The **loud cry** of the Third Angel.’”

Ellen G. White, “The Shaking,” *Review and Herald*, Dec. 31, 1857.



MOST PRECIOUS MESSAGE SUMMARIZED



“The Lord in His great mercy sent a **most precious message** to His people through Elders Waggoner and Jones. This message was to bring more prominently before the world the **uplifted Saviour**, the **sacrifice for the sins of the whole world**. It presented **justification through faith in the Surety**; it invited the people to receive the **righteousness of Christ**, which is made manifest in **obedience to all the commandments of God....**

MOST PRECIOUS MESSAGE SUMMARIZED



“This is the message that God commanded to be given to the world. It is the third angel's message, which is to be proclaimed with a loud voice [Loud Cry], and attended with the outpouring of His Spirit in a large measure [Latter Rain].”

Ellen G. White to O. A. Olsen, Letter 57, May 1, 1895; in *1888 Materials*, pp. 1336-1337.

MOST PRECIOUS MESSAGE SUMMARIZED



“What is justification by faith? It is the work of God in laying the glory of man in the dust, and doing for man that which it is not in his power to do for himself. When men see their own nothingness, they are prepared to be clothed with the righteousness of Christ.”

Ellen G. White to Brother and Sister Maxon, Letter 73, Oct. 12, 1896; in *Manuscript Releases*, vol. 20, p.117.

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“The Spirit which characterized that wonderful meeting on the Day of Pentecost **is waiting to manifest its power** upon the men who are now standing between the living and the dead as ambassadors for God. **The power which stirred the people so mightily in the 1844 movement will again be revealed.** The third angel’s message will go forth, not in whispered tones, but with a loud voice.”

Ellen G. White, *Testimonies*, vol. 5, p. 252; written in 1885.

ANTICIPATING THE COMING OF THE LATTER RAIN & THE LOUD CRY

“While in Switzerland, I was addressed in the night season I seemed to be in the Tabernacle at Battle Creek, and my guide gave instructions in regard to many things at the [1886] conference. I will give in substance a few things that were said:

‘The Spirit of God has not had a controlling influence in this meeting. **The spirit that controlled the Pharisees is coming in among this people, who have been greatly favored of God.**’ . . . ‘There are but few, even of those who claim to believe it, **that comprehend the third angel's message, and yet this is the message** for this time. It is present truth....’ (Cont)

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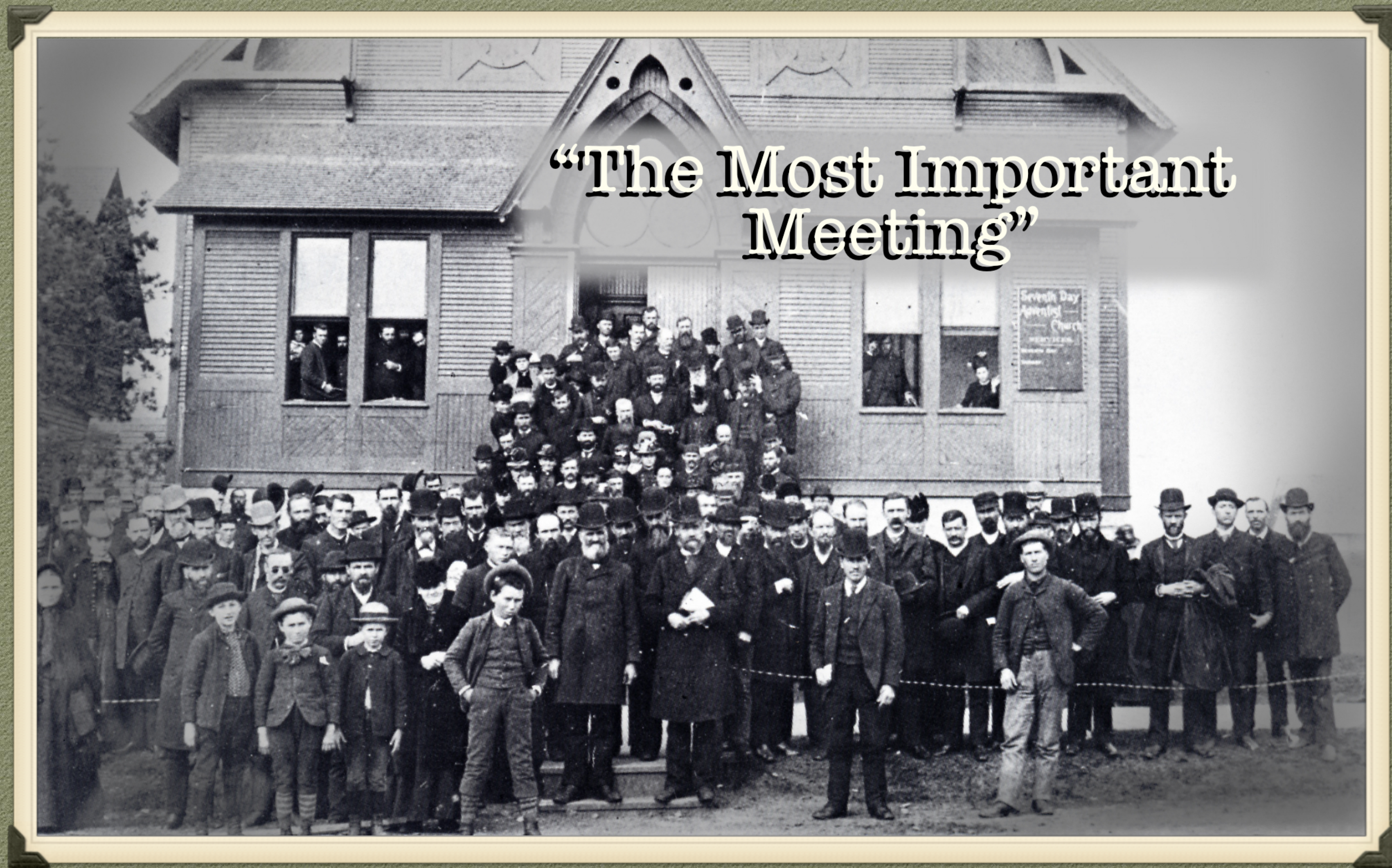
“A revival of true godliness among us is the greatest and most urgent of all our needs.... We have far more to fear from **within** than from **without**. The hindrances to strength and success are far greater from the church itself than from the world....

“There is nothing that Satan fears so much as that the people of God shall clear the way by removing every hinderance, so that the Lord can pour out his Spirit upon a languishing church and an impenitent congregation. If Satan had his way, there would never be another awakening, great or small, to the end of time.... (cont)

ANTICIPATING THE COMING OF THE LATTER RAIN & THE LOUD CRY

“**When the way is prepared** for the Spirit of God, the blessing will come. Satan can no more hinder a shower of blessing from descending upon God’s people than he can close the windows of heaven that rain cannot come upon the earth.”

Ellen G. White, *Review and Herald*, March 22, 1887.



CHRIST OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS

PART 3

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