

The Final Generation: Beloved of God (A. Minagawa 3/31/2018)

*There is a secret from on High that every child of God that has ever lived a victorious transformed life understands: "Strengthened with the memory of the voice from heaven, ["This is **my Beloved Son**, in whom I am well pleased"] **He rested in His Father's love**. In every temptation *the weapon of His warfare was the word of God*. Whenever one is encompassed with clouds, perplexed by circumstances, or afflicted by poverty or distress, Satan is at hand to tempt and annoy. We are tempted to distrust God, to **question His love**. When we learn the **power of His word**, we shall not follow the suggestions of Satan." (DA 119-120)*

When we are struggling in our spiritual walk, remember these words of encouragement:

"He passed by no human being as worthless, but sought to apply the saving remedy to every soul. He sought to **inspire with hope** the most rough and unpromising, **setting before them the assurance that they might become blameless and harmless, attaining such a character as would make them manifest as the children of God.** Often He met those who had drifted under Satan's control, and who had no power to break from his snare. To such a one, discouraged, sick, tempted, and fallen, Jesus would speak words of tenderest pity, words that were needed and could be understood. Others He met who were fighting a hand-to-hand battle with the adversary of souls. These He encouraged to persevere, **assuring them that they would win; for angels of God were on their side, and would give them the victory.** Those whom He thus helped were convinced that **here was One in whom they could trust with perfect confidence.** He would not betray the secrets they poured into His sympathizing ear. **Jesus was the healer of the body as well as of the soul.**" (DA 91-92) **Cast yourself** at His feet with the cry, "Lord, I believe; help Thou mine unbelief. You can **never perish** while you do this — **never.**" (DA 429)

The woman caught in adultery is our story. Satan condemns humanity to death. But Christ with piercing holiness condemns the accusers and sets the woman free. "Neither do I condemn thee: go, and sin no more." **Her heart was melted and she cast herself at the feet of Jesus,** sobbing out her grateful love, and with bitter tears confessing her sins. This was the **beginning of a new life, a life of purity and peace,** devoted to the service of God." (DA 462)

"When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee." Like Noah, when warned about the things not yet seen, we too, in **holy fear**, need to enter the ark (coffin) - to die to this world and ourselves - to save our family. There is no security we can find in this world except in Christ and His Righteousness alone. Fathers and mothers, if you want to save your family, you must be able to hear the still soft voice of God and in holy fear obey God's voice.

"All who are under the training of God need the quiet hour for communion with their own hearts, with nature, and with God . . . We must individually hear Him speaking to the heart. **When every other voice is hushed,** and in quietness we wait before Him, the silence of the soul makes more distinct the voice of God. He bids us, "Be still, and know that I am God." (MH Ch 3)

"And when thou passest through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee." Like Moses and the Israelites, we too can experience **complete deliverance** from the bondage of sin, by the blood of the Lamb and be transformed into His likeness. We too can join in singing the song of Moses and the Lamb. "Who is like unto thee, O Lord, among the gods? Who is like thee, glorious in holiness, fearful in praises, doing wonders, who is like unto thee?"

"And when thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned; neither shall the flame kindle upon thee." Like Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, we too can stand and be faithful and worship the one and only True God with a faith that will not falter and glorify God in all the earth and in so doing reveal Jesus Christ to the world.

"For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. You are precious and honored in my sight, and **because I love you.** Do not be afraid, for I am with you; I will bring *my sons and my daughters* from the ends of the earth, everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made." (Is 43)

I challenge you to memorize Romans 8. This will change your life as it has mine. This will be the heart cry of the Beloved of God in this final generation: *There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death. For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God. You received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out "Abba, Father". If God is for us, who can be against us? Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

The 2300 year prophecy, starting with the decree to rebuild Jerusalem in 457 BC, would terminate in AD 1844, exactly 2300 years later. The heavenly sanctuary, the true blueprint of salvation, would be brought back once again to the attention of the world and then earth's history would wrap up. Over a period of 500 years leading up to 1844, God began to raise men and movements to reverse the damage done by the little horn of Daniel 7:8.

1300s: Table of Showbread is Restored — John Wycliff and his followers were the first to protest against the Roman Church. He saw that Rome had forsaken the Word of God for human tradition; he fearlessly accused the priesthood of having banished the Scriptures and demanded that the Bible be restored to the people. The movement paved the way for the Reformation. For this reason Wycliff is known as the "Morning Star of the Reformation"

1400s-1500s: Altar of Sacrifice is Restored — Martin Luther, after discovering the truth that "the just shall live by faith" (Habakkuk 2:4), Luther contested the concept of indulgences and stressed that Christ's sacrifice alone forgave and cleared one from punishment. On Oct 31, 1517 Luther nailed his 95 thesis to the door of All Saints' Church in Wittenberg, Germany which rejected the validity of indulgences. His followers were known as Lutherans.

1500s: Altar of Incense is Restored — John Calvin, a leader of the Swiss Protestant Reformation expounds heavily on the concepts of prayer as a privilege and personal duty of talking with God. He effectively re-emphasized the altar of incense and brought the sanctuary one stop closer to being fully restored. Reformed and Presbyterian churches trace themselves to his Reform.

1600s: Laver is Restored — John Smyth of Amsterdam and Roger Williams of America are considered the founders of the Baptist church. Both stressed the importance of baptism by immersion, with full consent of the one being baptized, as the only legitimate form of baptism.

1700s: Candlestick is Restored — John Wesley was an Anglican cleric and theologian who founded the Methodist movement. He preached and stressed the importance of evangelism and missionary work, a work symbolized by the 7-branch candlestick.

All the reformers and their followers: the Lutherans, Presbyterians, Baptists, and Methodists were treated as a cult for their stance on the Bible and were persecuted by the Roman Catholic Church.

1844: The Ark of the Covenant is Restored — This left one article of furniture to be restored, the ark of the covenant. What movement would God bring upon the scene to complete and restore the Sanctuary blueprint? Beginning in about 1820s, scholars, teachers, theologians, and businessmen, representing the various denominations (Baptists, Methodists, Presbyterians, Anglicans, Catholic, Lutherans) and people in many other nations all mysteriously and independently began to study the prophecies of Daniel, in particular the 2300-day prophecy. Almost unanimously they came to the conclusion that something monumental was going to happen between the years 1843 and 1844. Most believed that the "cleansing of the sanctuary" referred to Jesus' coming to cleanse the earth. When Christ did not return, there was a great disappointment. However, a restudy of the 2300-day prophecy in 1844 revealed the true meaning of the sanctuary being cleansed. The attention of a small group of people was turned to examine the sanctuary with renewed interest. These searchers of prophecy realized that the sanctuary was not the earth, but rather a place in heaven. They discovered changes made to God's law, the identity of the little horn, and the work needed to carry a completed gospel message of the sanctuary to the entire world. They also learned that Christ had entered His final phase of ministry as our High Priest before He would leave the heavenly sanctuary to return in glory and redeem His people from the earth. This small group of people would go on to become the nucleus of the now international and fastest-growing denomination in the world — the Seventh-Day Adventist Church. (*Operation Blueprint* by Ivor Myers)

1844 — Significant Events

The Great Disappointment (October 22) Day of Atonement: Christ had entered His final phase of ministry as our High Priest.

Modern Telecommunication - Internet (May 24): First telegram sent by Samuel Morse "What hath God wrought" (Num 23:23)

Bahai Faith (May 23) Religion of religions — Universal faith. The Báb is publicly proclaimed to be the promised one of Islam (the Qá'im, or Mahdi). He is also considered to be simultaneously the return of Elijah, John the baptist and the "Ushidar-Máh referred to in the Zoroastrian scriptures. He is considered the forerunner of Bahá'u'lláh — the founder of the Bahá'í Faith — whose claims include being the return of Jesus. (Movie: Miller's Prediction 2016)

Mormonism — founder/prophet dies, Brigham Young becomes the leader

Evolution — Charles Darwin writes "The Essay of 1844" and produced one of the earliest expressions of his evolutionary theory.

Communism — Karl Marx writes "Economic and Philosophic Manuscripts of 1844" which shows the development of Marx's ideology, in which he argued for a totally materialist reality that moved through various economic stages until the workers of the world would unite, overthrow their capitalist oppressors, and create a Communist utopia on earth.

Atheism — Friedrich Nietzsche is born on October 15 to become one of the most influential modern atheists.

Codex Sinaiticus (June) Passages missing: Mark 1:1 in the original hand omits reference to Jesus as the Son of God. The resurrection narrative at the end of Mark (16:9–20); the conclusion of the Lord's Prayer: "For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen" (Matthew 6:13); the woman caught in adultery from John 8; the reference to Jesus' ascension in Luke 24:51.

Ellen White's 1st Vision: The journey of 144,000 and Christ's Second Coming (Dec 1844)