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# THE SENTINEL OF LIGHT

## Work for the Night is Coming



“Work for the night is coming. Work through the morning hours;  
Work while the dew is sparkling; Work ‘mid springing flow’rs.  
Work when the day grows brighter, Work in the glowing sun;  
Work for the night is coming, Work for the night is coming,  
When man’s work is done.”

**W**e returned to our local church (after being gone for three Sabbaths), and it was refreshing to fellowship with the saints. The reason that I am writing about our little congregation is because something was said this past Sabbath that has been very concerning; showing our spiritual condition (as a nation), and giving evidence to the **soon coming of the judgment of the living.** The dear sister that did the welcome (during the service) is a principal at one of the local schools in our area. She said, “Yesterday we received an email stating that all public schools –that receive federal funding– must change the bathroom signs in the schools, to reflect transgender allowance. If this is not done by such and such a date, all federal funding will be withdrawn from the schools.” This news sent shockwaves throughout my body, and I am still nervous even as I write this letter. That “yesterday” was on May 13, 2016.

Now, this might seem to you a small thing, but it really is not – it is a very big deal! Last year, when our family was returning from Trinidad and Tobago (I believe it was in the month of March), we had a layover at the Atlanta airport. During this time, we observed something that startled us all; and yet, it predicted the future. Just to give you a little background first: in most larger airports, there are three types of restrooms – Men, Women and Family. The family restrooms are generally for families with small children, or for someone in a wheelchair.

With this in mind, we were waiting outside of the family restroom when out comes a person. At first it appeared to be a pretty young lady, with shoulder length, “Shirley Temple” curls (and dressed like a sister). The person was greeted by a man who seemed to have lost his way, and wanted directions. When they (who we thought was a girl) opened their mouth, we (as well as the lost man) were astounded. It was a man, dressed like a woman! The outer appearance looked very much like a female, but he was a man – no question! As I looked closer, I could see that this was a precious young man who the enemy of souls confused; so I prayed for him. I have prayed for him many times since then, and I believe that God will help him. When we had this encounter though, we said, “it is only a matter of time before this country passes the same sex law; and then they will want to change the restrooms in public areas, because these poor confused individuals will not realize their true identity.” The same sex marriage law was put into effect in June of 2015, and here we are in May – not even a full year since the date– and the schools in this nation are being affected. I need no other evidence, this is it!

I wish we could all wake up, and see the handwriting that is on the wall. As we travel from place to place, brothers and sisters, there is an awakening that is taking place; and yet, this is still not enough. All of us need to work! God is calling for all able-bodies on deck; please come up to the help of the Lord!

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## Work For The Night Is Coming

For those of you that do not feel like you are equipped to go into the Lord's vineyard, pray and plead for the Holy Spirit, like never before! You do not have to preach, or sing; just be available for God to work through you.

I would like to take the time (again) to invite you to the upcoming Upper Room retreat. If you have never attended, please come! If you have attended in the past, come back! I believe this year's camp meeting will be like none in the past. We are preparing for a lasting experience this year!

Recently, during our trip to North Carolina, we met many precious souls who are actively preparing for the coming of Jesus. One lady that we met spoke very little English (her native tongue is Spanish). She came out to the meetings each night, and told a friend that although she could not understand the preacher's words, she felt the Presence of God during the meetings. She wanted to be there, where God was. Praise the Lord! One night – through an interpreter– she related to our family a dream that she had recently. She dreamt that she was attending a camp meeting, and a lady that she had never seen before came to her and asked if she could watch her son in her absence. Our friend (the sister sharing the dream) consented to watching the child, and the trusting mother walked away. Our Sister said that when she looked around, she and the child were in a large tent. He had some toys, so they began to play with them on the ground. As they started playing, the child pointed to a clock in the tent and said, "look!" Our sister looked up, nodded to the child, and then he said, "look, look at the clock". She smiled and said "yes", as she noticed that the clock was only a few minutes to midnight. When she picked up the toys to play with the boy, he pointed to the clock again, and this time said, "it's not a toy". She smiled and tried to engage the child with the toys, but three more times he pointed to the clock and told her to look. Each time his words were the same, "it's not a toy". With this, she said that she became concerned: what was this child trying to tell her? As she was pondering on these things, the mother of the child returned and thanked her for watching her child. As the mother and child were walking away from our puzzled friend, she said that the child looked back and said for the last time, "look at the clock, it's not a toy". With that, she awoke; and she told us that since that day she has been concerned. Although she did not understand all of the information that was shared during the meetings, she could

tell that it had something to do with time. She wanted us to know that God sent her that dream to tell her that time is running out.

Time is truly running out, friends. We must get ready, get ready, get ready! I pray that you will pray about attending the Upper Room retreat, in preparation for the Latter Rain.

For your convenience you may sign up for the Upper Room Retreat at our website today.

## Amiah's Nature Lesson

One day, as my family and I were working in the garden, mommy and I were weeding the flower bed. The weeds were so hard to pull out that we had to shovel them out. As I was shoveling out one weed, God gave me the spiritual lesson: the flower bed is our hearts; the weeds are seeds of sin (pride, selfishness, etc.); the shovel is like us helping God, by trying to stop sinning; and I am likened to God. God is trying to pull out all of the seeds of sin from our hearts, but because they are so deeply rooted in our hearts, we have to (with His help) try to stop sinning. Then finally, our hearts can be nice and clean with God's help.



We ended our last Bible study by noticing a parallel between God's work of preparing His people at His first coming (through John the Baptist), and God's work of preparing His people for His second coming (by the great Advent Message, represented in the First, Second and Third Angels' Messages). All of this can be found in Early Writings, in the chapter "A Firm Platform". Let's briefly notice a paragraph or two on this, in review, to bring us back to where we were in our last study

"Many look with horror at the course of the Jews in rejecting and crucifying Christ; and as they read the history of His shameful abuse, they think they love Him, and would not have denied Him as did Peter, or crucified Him as did the Jews. But God who reads the hearts of all, has brought to the test that love for Jesus which they professed to feel. All heaven watched with the deepest interest the reception of the first angel's message. But many who professed to love Jesus, and who shed tears as they read the story of the cross, derided the good news of His coming. Instead of receiving the message with gladness, they declared it to be a delusion. They hated those who loved His appearing and shut them out of the churches. Those who rejected the first message could not be benefited by the second; neither were they benefited by the midnight cry, which was to prepare them to enter with Jesus by faith into the most holy place of the heavenly sanctuary. And by rejecting the two former messages, they have so darkened their understanding that they can see no light in the third angel's message, which shows the way into the most holy place. I saw that as the Jews crucified Jesus, so the nominal churches had crucified these messages, and therefore they have no knowledge of the way into the most holy, and they cannot be benefited by the intercession of Jesus there...." {EW 259, 260.1}

"I was pointed back to the proclamation of the first advent of Christ. John was sent in the spirit and power of Elijah to prepare the way of Jesus. Those who rejected the testimony of John were not benefited by the teachings of Jesus. Their opposition to the message that foretold His coming placed them where they could not readily receive the strongest evidence that He was the Messiah. Satan led on those who rejected the message of John to go still farther, to reject and crucify Christ.

In doing this they placed themselves where they could not receive the blessing on the day of Pentecost, which would have taught them the way into the heavenly sanctuary..." {EW 259}

Now, did you notice what it says the blessing that came on the day of Pentecost would have taught them? The way into the heavenly Sanctuary. God had tried to get His disciples to get this picture very graphically – He explained it in detail, and by supernatural events. On the afternoon of the crucifixion, what happened to the veil in the temple at Jerusalem? It was torn in twain from the top to the bottom. What did that mean? That God was through with this sanctuary (type).

It was His intention that with Christ's offering on Calvary, the true people would follow Him by faith, and recognize His inauguration to His priestly work in the Holy Place of the heavenly Sanctuary (and also realize that the power and outpouring of the Spirit was Heaven's undeniable evidence of the change of ministration).

Those who accepted Jesus as Saviour went on with Him, and the Holy Spirit that came on the day of Pentecost taught them the way into the heavenly Sanctuary. That is what this next quotation tells us:

"The great Sacrifice had been offered and had been accepted, and the Holy Spirit which descended on the day of Pentecost carried the minds of the disciples from the earthly sanctuary to the heavenly." {EW 259}

Then the early church, as the result of the cross and the Pentecostal baptism, anchored their faith and hope where? No longer in Jerusalem, but in Heaven. No longer in an earthly priesthood, but in Jesus, the great High Priest. Was it quite a change of ministration? Why, it was tremendous. Just think, for hundreds of years, the Jews had been coming up there and bringing their lambs; then all of a sudden (one day) it was over. How much did they know about it? Did they go right on? Did they keep shedding the blood of lambs, sprinkling the blood, and all of that? Yes, they went right on as if nothing had happened. Well, the Lord accepted that, didn't He? Or did He? Why no, and that is the point. The Jews were left in total darkness it says, if you read on in the book Early Writings.

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Now let us get the picture. Here we have the early church, with the Pentecostal blessing. Suppose John, a little while after the crucifixion and the resurrection (you remember, he had friends and relatives among the high priest family), meets one of the members of the priesthood and he says, "I understand that something happened there in the temple the other day, and the veil was torn apart." "Yes." "Well, what are you going to do about it?" "Well, patch up the old one and go on."

Is that what they did? They paid no attention to that supernatural intervention. They went on as if nothing had happened. And as the result, they ended up beheading James, stoning Stephen, putting Peter and John in jail, and rejecting the true Spirit of God, which had been poured out from where? From the heavenly Sanctuary. Finally, the whole temple and city was burnt up in A.D.70, and the Jews were scattered like wrecks on the desert shore. What a tragedy!

And remember, they were the true people of God for two millenniums. They missed their destiny, and note that the reason they rejected the marvels of Pentecost is because they had rejected Christ. And the reason that they rejected Christ was because they had rejected John the Baptist's message; and John did no miracle. **Their rejecting the plain message of truth (at Jordan) prepared them to reject the mighty miracles of Christ, and the tremendous outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost. They just rejected the whole thing, and charged it to the devil.** This is exactly what is going on right now! That is the way Christendom of this generation will treat the Loud Cry, my friends. This is precisely what we are up against.

Notice the application here in [Early Writings](#):

"I saw that as the Jews crucified Jesus, so the nominal churches had crucified these messages, and therefore they have no knowledge of the way into the most holy, and they cannot be benefitted by the intercession of Jesus there. Like the Jews, who offered their useless sacrifices, they offer up their useless prayers to the apartment which Jesus has left; and Satan, pleased with the deception, assumes a religious character, and leads the minds of these professed Christians

to himself, working with his power, his signs and lying wonders, to fasten them in his snare." {EW 261}

If you could imagine –in your mind, to get a mental picture– two parallel events: 1) the cross - with its shut door in Abib 14, in A.D. 31; and 2) the ministry of the Most Holy Place - with its shut door (on the 10th day, of the 7th month) which was October 22, in 1844. Now, notice the parallels in each of these. First we have a change of ministration. Up until the cross, they came with their sacrifices. Now with Jesus crucified, and with Christ enthroned in the Holy Place, where is everyone to bring their prayers? To the heavenly Sanctuary. So, we have a change in ministration. Was there a change of ministration in October 22, 1844? From where? The Holy to the Most Holy; the first apartment, to the second. See Dan. 8:14

Now in each case, the majority of the professed people of God rejected the message which would have taught them the change of ministration. And those who reject the change of ministration fail to receive the blessings that come from that change of ministration. This is our message!

The question that is likely to come to our minds, and would blunt the edge of all we have studied is this: Aren't there true people of God in all of these other churches? Now, we know there are, don't we? The Bible teaches us that: "Other sheep I have, which are not of this fold" (John 10:16).

The Spirit of Prophecy tells us that the majority of God's people are still in the churches of Babylon. But, brethren, I ask you: what is God's purpose, through the Three Angels' Messages, for His people in Babylon? To call them out. (See Rev. 14:8; 18:1-4)

Inspiration says, "The light will shine, and all who are honest will **leave** the fallen churches, and take their stand with the remnant." {EW 261}

The remnant keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ – which is the Spirit of Prophecy (Rev. 12:17; 19:10).

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Will those who leave the fallen churches, to unite with this movement, understand about the Sabbath and keep it? Oh yes. Will they understand the Spirit of Prophecy, and follow it? Oh yes. Will they understand the Sanctuary, and enter into it? Oh yes. They will be upright Seventh-day Adventists, won't they? Yes.

This brings us to the heart of our lesson, as we come to the final points in our Bible study. What are the practical implications and applications for what we've been studying over the last few months? **How may we detect and discern the false "holy spirit" which operates from a ministration that is past, and ignores the ministration of the present?** I suggest these thoughts, brethren, but I can only introduce it in this brief study. **It centers around our attitude toward two things that we face in the Most Holy Place.**

**One of which is the law of God.** The ministration of Christ moves into the Most Holy Place for the final generation, for the work of the investigative judgment. Please read Rev. 11:19. That brings us to the Ark in the Most Holy Place, enshrined within are the precepts of the Decalogue - the Ten Commandments. This is the standard of judgment (see James 2:12; Ecc. 12:13, 14). We should all be acquainted with this. But now, I want you to notice this statement in the chapter on "Modern Revivals", in The Great Controversy (and this bears careful reading in the light of what we have studied for the last few months):

**"It is only as the law of God is restored to its rightful position that there can be a revival of primitive faith and godliness among His professed people." {GC 478}**

So some of the great measuring lines, a definite yardstick by which to measure every so called "revival" is: What is its attitude toward the law of God in its teaching? What are the fruits of the revival, in the lives of those who seem to be helped? What is their attitude toward the law of God, both vocal and demonstrative? This is what the Bible means when it says in Is. 8:20, "To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, *it is* because *there is* no light in them."

You remember that in the impending conflict in the book The Great Controversy, the prophet calls our attention to the fact that the thing which leads to the eventual rejection of the Ten Commandments (by Christendom in general) is the Sabbath point. The clergy would like to have the force of the Ten Commandments back of them, in what they are trying to do. But the sticker, or seal, is that Fourth Commandment. Well, now that is one thing.

**Now the second thing we come face-to-face with in the Most Holy Place, to help us to detect the true movement from the false movement, is much broader.** What is this second thing we face in the Most Holy Place? **It lies in this point of the change of ministration.** **What are the implications of the fact that Christ (on October 22, 1844) closed the door of the first apartment, and opened the door to the Most Holy Place? This, of course, calls for a lot of study.** Just let me introduce this thought: Everything in the court and the Holy Place is preparatory to the work in the Most Holy Place. **The Most Holy Place is the place of the finished work.** It marks the end; it points to the time and work of the message - "Unto two thousand and three hundred days, then shall the sanctuary be cleansed" (see Daniel 8:14). "E-D" are the last two letters of that prophecy, which means that the work gets done. It doesn't mean, "then shall the sanctuary remain in the process of cleansing, indefinitely". No. It means a finished work. Those who read this lesson should have an understanding of the true theology of Seventh-day Adventism on this subject. And that is this point. That which defiles the Sanctuary, making the cleansing of the Sanctuary necessary, is the transfer of confessed sins from the penitent to the Sanctuary. Therefore, as long as the stream of confessed sins flows into the Sanctuary, so long the Priest must remain on duty to deal with those sins. This is presented in Selected Messages, so clearly and so briefly, that we will put the quotation in so that all may read it. You find this inspired quotation in Selected Messages, Book 1:

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“As you come with humble heart, you find pardon, for Christ Jesus is represented as continually standing at the altar, momentarily offering up the sacrifice for the sins of the world. ... A daily and yearly typical atonement is no longer to be made, but **the atoning sacrifice through a mediator is essential because of the constant commission of sin.**” {1SM 343, 344}

As long as sin continues, the presentation of the atoning sacrifice must continue. We are the only church in the world that understands and teaches the development of a mature people at a point that we, as Seventh-day Adventists call the close of probation, followed by a period of test and trial of those people without a mediator in the heavenly sanctuary. This is the crux (or heart) of our peculiar message.

You see, there are multitudes in Christendom that believe that Christ is coming, and that He is coming soon. But they think that He might come any day, and catch away His bride. It might happen this minute, while we are sitting here. **Their eyes are not looking for a finished work, a perfected people.** Their thought is that He may come now. He may come next year. He may come in ten years, or who knows when. But now note, brethren: what a tremendous impact of a message which tells all the world, “the hour of His judgment is come”, and closes with, “here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus” (Rev. 14:7, 12). God has staked the honor of His throne on developing a people who can stand the test of the Judgment, and vindicate His character before the on-looking universe. (Please read Lev. 16)

“The very image of God is to be reproduced in humanity. **The honor of God, the honor of Christ, is involved in the perfection of the character of His people**” {DA 671.3}. This is the work of the Sanctuary, of the Day of Atonement (the 10th day, of the 7th month) – to develop those perfected people. (Please read Lev. 16:29, 30; Titus 2:11-14)

***Now in that context, may we read again this opening statement, from “The Present Truth” of March 1850:***

“My dear brethren and sisters, this is a very important hour with us. Satan has come down with great power, and we must strive hard and press our way to the kingdom. **We have a mighty foe to contend with; but an Almighty Friend to protect and strengthen us in the conflict. If we are firmly fixed upon the present truth** and have **our hope like an anchor of the soul cast within the second veil, the various winds of false doctrine and error cannot move us.**” {The Present Truth, March 1, 1850}

“**The excitements and false reformations of this day do not move us, for we know** that **the Master of the house rose up in 1844 and shut the door of the first apartment of the heavenly tabernacle.** And now we certainly expect that they will go with their flocks to seek the Lord, but they shall not find Him. He has withdrawn Himself within the second veil from them. The Lord has shown me that the power which is with them is a mere human influence and not the power of God.” {Ibid}

*And brethren, as we get confirmed, and help in **confirming our people in what Christ has done and is doing since October 22, 1844; as we get their minds on the holy Law of God, and on the power (the tremendous power, the enabling power, the sufficient power of the blood of Christ) to develop a people that will be safe to live in a world unattended by a mediator in the heavenly Sanctuary – they will not be interested in the false revivals around us.***

*Oh, there is in this a tremendous challenge, a wonderful encouragement. And a people who are heart-to-heart with Christ in that will not be interested in the false revivals of Pentecostalism. They will know their way through, as these different trends and tides of the ecumenical movement go back and forth. They are anchored in that Third Angel’s Message, based upon the Second and the First, and upon them God will shower the Latter Rain from the Most Holy Place; as He showered the Early Rain from the Holy Place, at the day of Pentecost. 🙏*

## Recipe of the Month

# Walnut Spread

### **Sauce:**

½ Cup Raw Cashew  
3 Tbs. nutritional yeast flakes  
1 tsp. garlic powder  
1 ½ tsp. onion powder  
¾ tsp. salt  
¼ cup pimentos or diced red pepper  
1 tsp. lemon juice  
Blend until smooth

2 Cups whole wheat or gluten free bread crumbs  
1 Cup finely dice walnuts  
¼ Cup tomato paste  
½ Cup diced Lindsay green olives  
1/3 Cup freshly diced green onions  
¼ Cup Dice red or yellow sweet pepper  
¼ Cup diced celery (optional)  
1 Tbs. finely chopped onions  
1 tsp. fresh garlic (minced)



Blend first 5 ingredients until creamy. Mix remaining ingredients together to combine. Add creamy cashew sauce to create a spread. Cover and refrigerate to marinate for a couple of hours. Serve with crackers, bread or celery sticks. This is soooooo delicious. Surprise your family next Sabbath with this delightful treat.

# Messengers of Light Ministry's



## CALENDAR <sup>OF</sup> EVENTS

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**June 4-11**

*Revival and Reformation*

Gloryland SDA Church

**Nairobi, Kenya**

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**July 2-9**

*Revival and Reformation weekend*

CentrepoinTE Auditorium

**Ottawa, ON CANADA**

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**August 9-14**

*An Upper Room Experience In Preparation for the Latter Rain*

**Georgia Baptist Conference Center**

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