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## SHALL WE FALL UPON THE ROCK AND BE BROKEN?

“For I will gather all nations against Jerusalem to battle;... and half of the city shall go forth into captivity, and the residue of the people shall not be cut off from the city.” Zech. 14:2.

Almost all intelligent beings in the whole world have their eyes fixed on Palestine at this hour. Everyone is interested in the outcome of what is happening there. The Arabs have sworn to annihilate the people of Israel. They would destroy them to a man if God would permit it. But this will never happen.

The Lord will control the situation and bring diversion until His set time has come; then He will sweep both Jew and Arab out of the country; allowing neither one to be victorious over the other. These people are all virtually brethren and sisters. They are all descendants of Abraham.

We repeat that all the world is now watching Palestine where the last great events are to be centered.

We Davidians alone have the Truths dealing with these subjects. Where the Truth began, there will the Truth end.

For many years we have been trying to get these Bible Truths to the church of Laodecia. Apparently our efforts have so far been in vain. Why? Could it be due to our low spiritual condition? Is it not time we search out the cause of this apparent failure? Sister White has this to say about spiritual declension:

“When the church is in difficulty, when coldness and spiritual declension exists, giving occasion for the enemies of God to triumph, then, instead of folding their hands and lamenting their unhappy state, let its members inquire if there is not an Achan in the camp. With humiliation and searching of heart, let each seek to discover the hidden sins that shut out God’s presence.”—*Patriarch and Prophets*, page 497.

“The remnant people of God must be a converted people. The presentation of this message is to result in the conversion and sanctification of souls. We are to feel the power of the Spirit of God in this movement. This is a wonderful definite message; it means everything to the receiver, and it is to be proclaimed with a loud cry....

Luke 20:18 gives us something to consider from another angle: “Whosoever shall fall upon that stone, shall be broken; but on whomsoever it shall fall, it will grind him to powder.”

“A solemn responsibility rests upon those who know the truth, that all their works shall correspond with their faith, and that their lives shall be refined and sanctified, and they be prepared for the work that must rapidly be done in these closing days of the message. They have no time or strength to spend in the indulgence of appetite. The words should come to us now with impelling earnestness; ‘Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord.’ Acts 3:19. There are many among us who are deficient in spirituality, and who, unless they are wholly converted, will certainly be lost. Can you afford to run the risk?...

“If we would escape having a sickly experience, we must begin in earnest without delay to work out our own salvation with fear and trembling. There are many who give no decided evidence that they are true to their baptismal vows. Their zeal is chilled by formality, worldly ambition, pride, and love of self. Occasionally their feelings are stirred, *but they do not fall on the Rock, Christ Jesus*. They do not come to God with hearts that are broken in repentance and confession. Those who experience the work of true conversion in their hearts will reveal the fruits of the Spirit in their lives. O that those who have so little spiritual life would realize that eternal life can be granted only to those who become partakers of the divine nature, and escape the corruption that is in the world through lust!”—9T, pages 154, 155.

“Our work is to proclaim the commandments of God and the testimony of Jesus Christ. ‘Prepare to meet thy God.’ (Amos 4:12), is the warning to be given to the world. It is a warning to us individually. We are called upon to lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us. There is a work for you, my brother, to do, to yoke up with Christ. *Make sure that your building is on the rock*. Do not risk eternity on a probability. You may not live to participate in the perilous scenes on which we are now entering. The life of no one of us is assured for any given time. Should you not watch every moment? Should you not closely examine your own self, and inquire, What will eternity be to me?

“The great burden of every soul should be, Is my heart renewed? Is my soul transformed? Are my sins pardoned through faith in Christ? Have I been born again? Am I complying with the invitation, ‘Come unto Me, all ye that labour and are heavy la-

den, and I will give you rest' (Matt. 11:28)?... Do you count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus? And do you feel it your duty to believe every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God?—Manuscript 32, 1896; 2 S.M., 116, 117.

“There is a transforming power in the religion of Jesus Christ, and this power must be seen upon us in far greater humility, a more earnest, living faith, that we may become a light to the world. Self must be humiliated, and Christ exalted. Why is it that those whom God entrusts with some work in His moral vineyard are so easily lifted up?... Why is there with some so great a want of tenderness, so little heart work?— Is it because those who are self-sufficient *have not fallen upon the rock and been broken*. This is why there is so little trust in God, so little earnest, contrite repentance, so great a lack of fervent prayer. Well may the question be put by every instructor: ‘have I received the Holy Ghost since I believed? Have I received Christ as my personal Saviour?’ Let these questions be solemnly answered.”—T.S.S.W., pp. 85,86. (Old ed.). (Emph. ours).

O that we all might fall upon the Rock and be broken!

H. G. Warden

## ONE SOLITARY LIFE

He was born in an obscure village, the child of a peasant woman. He grew up in still another village, where he worked in a carpenter shop until he was 30. Then for three years he was an itinerant preacher. He never wrote a book. He never held an office. He never had a family or owned a house. He didn't go to college. He never visited a big city.

He never traveled 200 miles from the place where he was born. He did none of the things one usually associates with greatness. He had no credentials but himself. He was only 33 when the tide of public opinion turned against him. His friends ran away.

He was turned over to his enemies and went through the mockery of a trial. He was nailed to a cross between two thieves. While he was dying, his executioners gambled for his clothing, the only property he had on earth. When he was dead, he was laid in a borrowed grave through the pity of a friend.

Nineteen centuries have come and gone, and today he is the central figure of the human race and the leader of mankind's progress. All the armies that ever marched, all the navies that ever sailed, all the parliaments that ever sat, all the kings that ever reigned, put together, have not affected the life of man on this earth as much as that ONE SOLITARY LIFE.

## CURRENT EVENTS

Since I have been asked to give a report on the progress of the work, and due to the many unanswered questions which have been asked from time to time about the workers, it seems appropriate to combine the two at this time so all Davidia will know what is going on here at Headquarters.

First, grasp this, and then picture the situation with all our men folk, Sister Nan Smith, our Secretary, Sister Reba Smith, the wife of our Vice president, and Sister Faye Talley all holding public jobs, besides their work at home, quite naturally, we can **not** expect much from them.

The first young person to forsake home, family, and friends in answer to the call for help, was Brother Edwin Booth, from Riverside, California. He has put his shoulder to the wheel in doing the printing and duties relating to it. Most of the younger ones are eager to learn and willing to help. The spirit of self-sacrifice and endurance shown in order to have a part in the finishing of the work, is especially encouraging to those of us who worked personally with Brother Houteff. I hope we never lose our vision or ability to set good examples and encourage the younger ones to hold on tenaciously, remembering that they are the ones depended upon to finish this work and give the last message.

Many have asked about Brother Quackenbush, who worked so faithfully on Mt. Carmel for several years. I am happy to report that he is one of our number and works as hard as then, with one exception,—not as many hours. He is 84 years young.

Brother and Sister Sidney Smith and son, Byron,

are living in the same building with the other workers. Brother Smith does anything his hands find to do willingly and in good spirits. While he passes out spiritual food, Bonnie is in the kitchen, her natural habitat, dishing out healthy vegetarian dishes and that same delicious Mt. Carmel bread. She and Sister Nan Smith have been attending night school twice per week taking typing. As most of you know she was reared on Mt. Carmel. Recently Bonnie has shown her talent in art by arranging our cover page for the Sabbath School Quarterly, Byron, her son, does chores and likes to help some in the print shop.

Sister Lula Mae Newsom is trying to re-acquaint herself with the varityper since it came back from an extended repair job. She works on the Codes, types, etc., in the correspondence and publishing work.

My husband, C. T., after surviving two major surgeries last summer has made his tenth come-back, and is enjoying life as usual. He was 83 the 30th of March.

Oh, I forgot to inform you that I live here also. I suppose I could be called the female janitor since I try to keep the fire going and ashes out of the print shop.

In regards as to why a fireplace in the print shop, why it is not heated with the furnace as the rest of the building, some will recall that this room, 30 x 24, with 12 glass windows and a double-glass door, was donated to the association by the Kenneth Stringer family while John C. Campbell was operating the Salem Rest Home. The elderly ones enjoyed many hours in that lovely light room by the fireplace which is now our print shop. Little did

we realize it at the time that God in His mercy was providing for our needs of today.

Since relating this much about the building, I will go a step further and tell you this: There are 18 rooms, a large hall through the building, four bathrooms, also a basement with three rooms with cement floors and a furnace room which is not floored.

This should give you a good briefing regarding the occupants at headquarters and our workers here. Feel free to write to us. These contacts encourage us very much.

This does not mean that we do all the work alone. Sister Pat Wolfe Smith, mother of four small children, who was also a Mt. Carmel girl, does all her work, but still finds time to assist Sister Newsom with the manuscripts and typing.

Notwithstanding our handicap because of the absence of our Editor, Brother Green, since his work called him away, his faithful wife, Rose, and daughter, Janet, have been real stand-bys and helped faithfully and regularly when possible. Brother Howard Luce is also a good helper. We appreciate those that can be called on and gladly make special efforts to help.

We cannot forget a word of appreciation for the help our brethren in California have contributed. Sometimes it is difficult for us to make things clear and concise. Nevertheless we are grateful for their cooperation and help. We are encouraged when they assure us of their confidence in us, believing that God is leading here. Brother Reichmann is a real stand-by, willingly answering our calls for help. I am sure that all are trying to do their part in finishing the work the Lord left us to do. Brother

Howard Blum also deserves recognition for his faithful work in research on the "Bashan" question. Sister Warden's prompt answers to our correspondence and help in typing were greatly appreciated.

Brother Warden is still faithfully giving studies to interested parties when he is physically able.

And last but not least, is Brother Adair in his endeavor to interest the young Adventists in California. As a result of his efforts with them we have had some very encouraging letters, expressing their interest and gratefulness for this "addition to the third angel's message," asking for literature, some even making contributions.

One more person which we cannot omit is Sister Stella Smith, affectionally called, "Ma Smith", by all. She is 88 years young literally, as she is young at heart. She is the mother of Brother Sump Smith. She still helps her daughter, Sister Helen Luce, with the house work, and attends all our church services, the weather permitting.

Let's change the picture now from the details of work to the welcomed Sabbath services in our little white church just across the road. Forgetting our weekly work and problems, we enter the sanctuary which is almost always graced with an inspiring arrangement of flowers by Sister Fay Talley. Here we blend our voices in the singing of our good old hymns to the music of our re-tuned organ and new piano. (Our former piano was past repairs.) Sister Pat Smith is our organist, Sister La Delle Talley pianoist. In their absence Sister Nan Smith and Sister Newsom assist.

We have our Sabbath School studies in three different classes—the small children, the intermediates, and adults. This is followed by a study given



by one of our ministers.

As the Sabbath is nearing its close we again meet for vesper service. By old and young alike, this seems to be one of the most enjoyable parts of our Sabbath services. The Spirit of participation shown in the singing of these good old songs brings back memories of Friday nights on old Mt. Carmel.

Mid-week we have our prayer meeting. If any special reports have come in from the field these are shared followed by a season of prayers not only for ourselves and the work, but also for all the brethren, especially our workers and those newly interested in the message. Of course the sick and afflicted are likewise remembered at the "throne of grace." Then a short study with a discussion pertaining thereto is given. Recently, Brother Howard Luce, our Sabbath School Superintendent and song leader, and Brother Edwin Booth have ventured into the field of giving studies.

Since the beginning of the New Year, the printing press has been increasing in the production of literature. Also we are reprinting the TG's to go with the current Sabbath School Lessons. We hope soon to be able to fill any requests for literature promptly.

We wish all to feel welcomed to visit with us, but we would appreciate knowing of the plans of each in advance, in order to accommodate all. Then too, some one of us might be away for a few days just at the time to miss seeing you. This we certainly do not wish to happen.

Since the Code has been delayed, several important events have been brought to our attention. Therefore, I thought it would be of interest to the Field to know that Brother Jack Knipple, Sr., who lives in Greensboro, North Carolina, has started meeting with the small Davidian group in Meadows of Dan, Virginia. This little group have their own church, but due to lack of leadership, and more who are interested, services are seldom held here unless they have visitors. Please pray for a revival there.

The "Mideast Crisis" tract has been sent to both of the churches that Brother Knipple attends, and so far only two tracts have been returned. In the summer of 1967, a friend gave me her "Mideast Crisis" tract. It was several months before I decided to study it. I must confess that it played a big part in my decision to re-enter this work.

From the recent interest being shown, I believe God is using this little tract, and we feel that it should be reprinted very soon. We wonder to what extent the foreign field has made use of it.

At Headquarters all are well, and of good courage, and we thank God for all that has been accomplished both here and throughout the field. Let us remember, "Prayer changes hearts as well as things." So let us continue the work He has given us to do with all our heart, mind and soul, until we receive "New Marching Orders."

"Why has the history of the work of the disciples, as they labored with holy zeal, animated and vitalized by the Holy Spirit, been recorded, if it is not that from this record the Lord's people to-day are to gain an inspiration to work earnestly for Him? What the Lord did for His people in that time, it is just as

essential, and more so, that He do for His people to-day. All that the apostles did, every church-member is to do. And we are to work with as much more fervor, to be accomplished by the Holy Spirit in as much greater measure, as the increase of wickedness demands a more decided call to repentance.

"...Should not the power of God be even more mightily revealed to-day than in the time of the apostles?..."—Testimonies, Vol. 7, page 33.

"My love be with you all in Christ Jesus." 1 Corinthians 16:24.

Sister Thara M. (C. T.) Smith

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#### Food For Thought

The work ahead of us seems to be as high as a mountain in our eyes; but viewed through the eyes of Jesus it is nothing but a mole hill. Let us keep a living connection with Jesus. Though we cannot see Him, we must have faith that He is with us at all times. The work we have to do will triumph, we will triumph with it and have a home in the Kingdom, if we keep this living connection.

E. J. Booth

#### Excerpts from Letters

Dear Brethren Davidians:

I am now attending P.U.C., studying in the field of—. I am serious in my studies because I know that new and old light must be incorporated together.

Today I conducted a study on the Kingdom of Daniel 2. There were four College students present. They were very much interested in the setting up of the Kingdom and some other truths contained in the message. These fellows wanted some reading material. I thought it would be best to contact—. I do believe that Pacific Union College is ready for Present Truth.

For some time I have been studying with—. I believe this message, and would like to prepare myself to be a Davidian minister. When teaching the message, I want to be able to answer any question.

Your brother in Christ,

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Dear Davidians:

Thanks to Jesus that I have met a teacher of the Shepherd's Rod. Now I am receiving the blessings of the new light. It answers my questions which no one else could answer.

Thank the Lord for sending messages like this to His church so He can prepare a people among whom there will be real brotherly love, harmony, and one accord.



Please send me all the literature you have. This will be appreciated and welcomed.

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Dear People:

I just came across your truths that you have for us S.D.A.'s, and I want all the literature and books you can send. I am sending you thirty dollars to cover the cost. Any left over is a thank offering to you people.

Once again I want to thank you for remaining faithful to God's truths.

Walking with you,

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Dear Sirs:

In January of this year I came in contact with—. Since then he has been studying with me this glorious light.

Beginning with the first study, I have been holding back my tithe, praying that the Lord would send me the light as to which is His proper storehouse.

I do believe this message to be light sent from God for the eleventh hour call.

Your sister in Christ,

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Dear Brethren:

My reason for writing you now is that I have a personal conviction that my tithe has been payed long enough to the S.D.A. church, but it is not put into that use which is necessary to further present truth.

I must admit that it was S.D.A. literature and my constant searching of the Scriptures that led me into the last church. Still many questions remained unanswered. Necessarily, the Lord had to bring me in contact with the message of the Shepherd's Rod which was an answer far above anything I have received for this time and for the interpretations of prophecies.

I know there are divisions among you but it is of human origin while the truth is only one and it is divine which will result in sealing 144,000. Therefore as long as I pay tithe it must go somewhere and it must support the truth. I chose your group hoping that you are "about our Father's business" and until I know better that is where my tithe will remain. Because of lack of wisdom and understanding may our Heavenly Father be my judge for this decision whether it be right or wrong.

Your brother in Christ Jesus,

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Dear Brethren:

Enclosed is my tithe.

I have seen some very difficult times all because I lost sight of my Lord. After much heart searching, I am again employed; but this time in a much better situation than before. I am not making as much money, but God has richly blessed me in peace of mind. There is a chance to progress and I know the Lord will bless me if I am faithful. Please pray for me.

I would appreciate it very much if you would mail me the Sabbath School Lessons if they are available. Also could you tell me when and if you will be pub-

lishing the Volumes of the Shepherd's Rod? May I have a Sabbath School Quarterly too?

Thank you.

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Dear Brother Smith:

We are very glad for the Sabbath School Lessons. They are very timely; and it helps us to be more informed with the message. This gives the members a better chance to study the message for themselves of which they stand in need.

Sincerely yours to be faithful,

Bahamas