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Son, go work today in My vineyard... *Matthew 21:28*



This Gospel of the Kingdom

“And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come.” Matthew 24:14

One need only look out their front door today to know that Jesus’ coming is imminent. We talk often about plagues, seals, bowls, trumpets, and all the prophecies found in Daniel and Revelation regarding the end of this world and sin. We review the signs and wonders that the Bible told us would happen as landmarks upon the path heavenward so that we would not be deceived. A great earthquake would occur (Lisbon earthquake November 1, 1755). The sun would go dark in the middle of the day and the moon would appear as blood (New England and parts of eastern Canada, May 19, 1780). The stars would fall from the sky (North America, November 12-13, 1833). Wars, pestilence, famines. Friends and loved ones will betray one other, hatred will spread across the whole world. Tribulation, imprisonment, and murder will be done all in the name of the Lord. False prophets will arise as will the anti-Christ.

“Jesus declares: ‘There shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations’ (Luke 21:25; Matthew 24:29; Mark 13:24-26; Revelation 6:12-17). Those who behold these harbingers of His coming are to ‘know that it is near, even at the doors’ (Matthew 24:33).

“The nations are in unrest. Times of perplexity are upon us. Men’s hearts are failing them for fear of the things that are coming upon the earth. But those who believe in God will hear His voice amid the storm, saying, ‘It is I; be not afraid.’” *Last Day Events*, 119



Reading daily media reports is enough to know that Jesus’ coming is imminent.



As people face atrocities, it is natural that anxiety takes place of peace.

As people are faced with the atrocities that are the physical fulfillment of these prophecies, the ever-growing influence of sin in the world, and the deeply-engrained sin in the natural heart of mankind—even of the staunchest Christian—it is natural that worry, anxiety, and fear will threaten to take the place of peace and confidence and trust In God.

“Christ shows that without the controlling power of the Spirit of God, humanity is a terrible power for evil. Unbelief, hatred of reproof, will stir up satanic influences. Principalities and powers, the rulers of the darkness of this world, and spiritual wickedness in high places will unite in a desperate companionship. They will be leagued against God in the person of His saints. By misrepresentation and falsehood they will demoralize both men and women who to all appearances believe the truth. False witnesses will not be wanting in this terrible work.” *The Seventh-day Adventist Bible Commentary*, Vol. 5, 1123

But Matthew makes a very good point after writing about all the end-time events that Jesus spoke of and are found in beginning of Matthew 24. This is what he says:

“But he who endures to the end shall be saved.” Verse 13

“Just as soon as the people of God are sealed in their foreheads—it is not any seal or mark that can be seen, but a settling into the truth, both intellectually and spiritually, so they cannot be moved—just as soon as God’s people are sealed and prepared for the shaking, it will come. Indeed, it has begun already; the judgments of God are now upon the land, to give us warning, that we may know what is coming.

“The days are fast approaching when there will be great perplexity and confusion. Satan, clothed in angel robes, will deceive, if possible, the very elect. There will be gods many and lords many. Every wind of doctrine will be blowing. ...

“The mark of the beast will be urged upon us. Those who have step by step yielded to worldly demands and conformed to

worldly customs will not find it a hard matter to yield to the powers that be, rather than subject themselves to derision, insult, threatened imprisonment, and death. The contest is between the commandments of God and the commandments of men. In this time the gold will be separated from the dross in the church. True godliness will be clearly distinguished from the appearance and tinsel of it. Many a star that we have admired for its brilliancy will then go out in darkness. Chaff like a cloud will be borne away on the wind, even from places where we see only floors of rich wheat. All who assume the ornaments of the sanctuary, but are not clothed with Christ’s righteousness, will appear in the shame of their own nakedness.

“But there are men who will receive the truth, and these will take the places made vacant by those who become offended and leave the truth. ...

“Men of true Christian principle will take their place, and will become faithful, trustworthy householders, to advocate the word of God in its true bearings, and in its simplicity.” *Maranatha*, 200

Friends, the only thing we have to fear in these last days of earth’s history is that we have become too caught up with the world, that we continue to cling to its transient, meaningless treasures and turn our backs on the salvation provided to us by our Creator, our Redeemer, our Advocate, our Friend—Jesus Christ.

God never asks us to do or not do anything that isn’t for our best good. No matter how hard the road may be, He never asks us to sacrifice anything that it is truly in our best interest to give up. God never asks anything of us without giving us the grace and strength to do it. It is character work—heart work—that we must be about right now, so near to the end of all things.

“A character formed according to the divine likeness is the only treasure that we can take from this world to the next. Those who are under the instruction of Christ in this world will take every divine attainment

with them to the heavenly mansions. And in heaven we are continually to improve. How important, then, is the development of character in this life.”

“The heavenly intelligences will work with the human agent who seeks with determined faith that perfection of character which will reach out to perfection in action. To everyone engaged in this work Christ says, I am at your right hand to help you.

“As the will of man cooperates with the will of God, it becomes omnipotent. Whatever is to be done at His command may be accomplished in His strength. All His biddings are enablings.” *Christ’s Object Lessons*, 332, 333

And in this work of perfecting our characters, God has given us His guide book.

“The word of God is the only steadfast thing our world knows. It is the sure foundation. ‘Heaven and earth shall pass away,’ said Jesus, ‘but My words shall not pass away.’”

“‘The word of God shall stand for ever.’ ‘All His commandments are sure. They stand fast for ever and ever, and are done in truth and uprightness.’ Isaiah 40:8; Psalm 111:7, 8. Whatever is built upon the authority of man will be overthrown; but that which is founded upon the rock of God’s immutable word shall stand forever.” *The Faith I Live By*, 15

We can see the signs, and now is the time to be in the book and in prayer. Our hearts and characters must be right. But there is nothing to fear as we seek heaven, regardless of what is happening all around us, because Jesus says, “I am with you always, even to the end of the world.” Matthew 28:19, 20



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Annual Camp Meetings

by Ellen G. White



Speaker presentations take place in this sanctuary/studio on the Steps to Life campus.

“... [E]very day a praise meeting should be held, a simple service of thanksgiving to God. There would be much more power in our camp meetings if we had a true sense of the goodness and mercy and longsuffering of God, and if more praise went forth from our lips to the honor and glory of His name. We need to cultivate more fervor of soul. The Lord says whoso offereth praise glorifieth Me.

“Every camp meeting may be a love feast from the beginning to the end because God’s presence is with His people. All heaven is interested in our salvation. The angels of God, thousands upon thousands, and ten thousand times ten thousand are commissioned ministers to those who shall be heirs of salvation. They guard us against evil and press back the powers of darkness that are seeking our destruction. Have we not reason to be thankful every moment; thankful even when there are apparent ... difficulties in our pathway. The Lord Himself is our Helper.” *Loma Linda Messages* (1981), 537

“Let all who possibly can, attend these yearly gatherings [camp meetings]. Return unto the Lord, gather up the rays of light that have been neglected, comply with the conditions laid down in the word of God, and then by faith claim the promises. Jesus will be present; and He will give you blessings which all the treasures you possess, be they ever so valuable, would not be rich enough to buy. A strong, clear sense of eternal things, and a heart willing to yield all to Christ, are of inestimable value; in comparison with these the riches, and pleasures, and glories of this world, sink into insignificance.” *Manuscript Releases*, Vol. 8, 377, 378

Foreign Mission Project Updates

 Central Nigeria

In His Steps Orphanage



The children living at the orphanage in Makurdi have been training with Daniel Teryila and his staff at the Training Center. As a result of this training, the children have been spreading the gospel in and around Makurdi. Pastor Nuñez's last visit found 35 people who now faithfully worship with the children, the orphanage staff, and Daniel and his staff.

 Colombia

Office Building



Progress is being made on the office building being constructed in Mo-niquira, Colombia. It will house the ministry's printing work. After their two older printers broke down, a new printer was purchased to replace them, and a new solar system has been installed so that they now have stronger electric power.

 Zambia

New Ministry Building



In February, a terrific storm struck Zambia, complete with an extremely rare tornado. A portion of the roof of the almost-complete Ministry office building and church was blown away. But praise the Lord, they were able to have it repaired quickly, and Pastor Nuñez was on hand to dedicate the building at the end of February.



Kenya

Bible Correspondence School



About an hour from the Ministry office, a new group has been formed. The Riverside group consists of eight families. They have been worshipping under a tree, and among them all there are only two Bibles and one song book. For the last four months, Zachari and his team have been studying with them, and the group has decided that they want to travel the distance to join with the church in Keroka.



Guadalajara, Mexico

Outreach Complex



A donation was received to cover the cost of a new sound system for the extension office/church in Guadalajara.

During the weekly radio broadcast *La Verdad Presente*, Tere, a faithful listener who is unable to walk and is home-bound, requested a large print Bible and so on. requested a large print Bible and the additional book offers extended in the program.

Juan Silva and his mother Guadalupe are new listeners to the radio broad-

cast. After hearing the message for the first time, Juan texted a request for books. The books were delivered and Juan was so thankful to have received them that he sent a photo of himself with them.

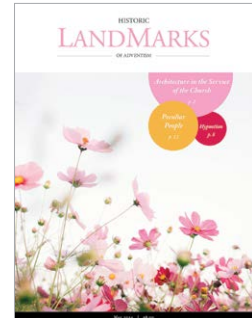
We are so grateful for the support you, our brothers and sisters in Christ, have given to us in the past. We are hoping to expand the radio broadcast to twice a week, but due to the pandemic, inflation, and other factors, the monthly costs have doubled.

To support these and similar mission projects, mark your donations **Missions**.

HISTORIC LANDMARKS

OF ADVENTISM

in May



If you're a *LandMarks* subscriber, you should have the May issue in your hands already. If you're not a subscriber, you can

access the magazine online at www.stepstolife.org.

Architecture is art. People have built beautiful buildings since ancient times. Architectural beauty is especially reflected in religious structures. Architecture has served the Roman Church as a tool of dominance. The power of the Roman Catholic Church is manifested in the might of the Gothic cathedral. Did you know that a cathedral's architecture has meaning? Read the article "Architecture in the Service of the Church" to learn more.

In contrast to the established church architecture, we are to be a peculiar people—i.e. different. The problem is that most people like to fit in. But God wants His people to stand out so the whole world can, through them, be drawn to Him. Read more in the article "His Peculiar People."

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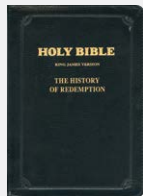
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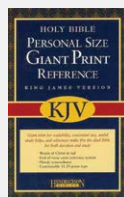
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Registration begins at 3:00pm	6:00 - 7:00 am <i>Private personal prayer and devotion time in the sanctuary</i>			
	Serving Breakfast 7:00 – 8:00 am			
	9:00 - 10:15 Dr. Patricia McEachrane	9:00 - 10:15 Ivan Plummer	9:00 - 10:15 Pr. Domingo Nunez	
	Break			
	11:00 - 12:30 Pr. Domingo Nunez	11:00 - 12:30 Dr. Patricia McEachrane	11:00 - 12:30 Pr. John Grosboll	
	Serving Lunch 1:00 – 2:00 pm			
	2:30 - 3:45 Dr. Patricia McEachrane	2:30 - 3:45 Communion/Baptism Pr. Domingo Nunez	2:30 - 4:00 Concert - Eldaa Royer	
Break/Snack Bar 4:00 – 5:00 pm		Watermelon 4:00 – 5:00 pm		
5:15 - 6:30 Ivan Plummer	5:00 - 7:00 Sabbath Preparation	5:15 - 6:30 Ivan Plummer		
6:30 - 8:00 Pr. John Grosboll	7:00 - 8:30 Pr. Domingo Nunez	7:00 - 8:30 Pr. Domingo Nunez Mission Report	7:00 - 8:30 Pr. John Grosboll	

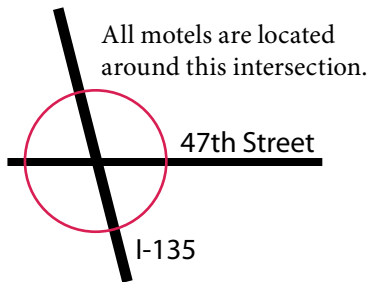
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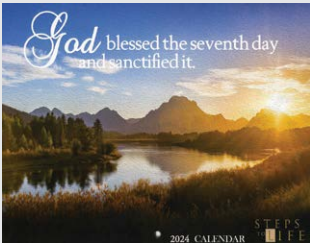


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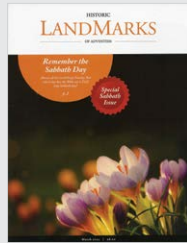
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