

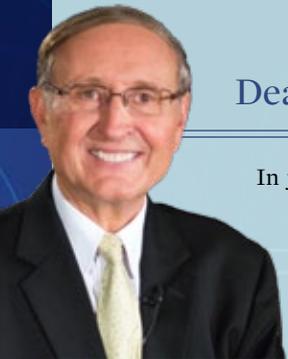
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# SECRETS UNSEALED



## THE RISK OF **ETERNAL** LOSS





Dear *friend* of Secrets Unsealed,

In just a couple of weeks the General Conference Session of the world church will take place in San Antonio, Texas. It would be a gross understatement to say that this will be a run-of-the-mill Session. It will actually be a watershed meeting with **very high stakes** that will determine the future mission, message and identity of the Seventh-day Adventist church.

The central issue at the Session will not be whether the world church will allow for the ordination of women as gospel ministers on a regional basis. The core issue is whether the direction of the church will be charted by Scripture or by culture. If the church chooses culture over Scripture, it will face ever-growing conflicts in other lifestyle and doctrinal matters that will ultimately gut its ability to impact and transform culture. May God forbid that this happens!

I trust that you will read my article “*The Risk of Eternal Loss*” in this newsletter where I discuss how the relationship between the Father and the Son in the Godhead serves as a macro-model for God’s original plan for Adam and Eve and their male and female descendants. I believe that this study will help us understand how men and women in the home and in the church are fully equal and yet with different functions and levels of authority.

I also encourage you to **pray such as you have never prayed before** that the delegates to the Session will be enlightened and guided by Scripture, the Spirit of Prophecy and the Holy Spirit to vote what is best for the future of the church. Secrets Unsealed and other conservative media outlets have invested much time and resources during the last two or three years to inform the church about the serious issues involved. Now, the decision will be in the hands of the delegates. May God have mercy on His people!

There are other even more serious and ominous issues now facing the church that will engage us in the future—the teaching of evolution in our schools, the dangers of Spiritual Formation, the encroachments of the Emerging Church movement, the disintegration of traditional marriage, the proliferation of secularism, the growth of papal power and influence, the push for Sunday legislation, among others. Brothers and sisters, please pray without ceasing that the Lord will keep us faithful and prepare each of us, individually, to receive the latter rain, to finish the work and to go Home!

**IT IS TIME!**

Blessings,

Pastor Stephen Bohr  
President and Speaker, *Secrets Unsealed*

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# Testimony

TIME

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## Direction Amidst Chaos

"I have been blessed by listening to Pastor Bohr many times — on 3ABN as well as on AudioVerse. His sermons are relevant to our times and are much needed. God has given him the spiritual gift of teaching. I live in Denver and was raised Seventh-day Adventist, left and was re-baptized in 1996. I knew then the church had changed, with women elders and all. Now, we hear about spiritual formation. I would not have understood this had it not been for Brother Bohr's sermons on AudioVerse. My local church is in such turmoil and chaos, such as a four-times-married woman elder. I believe God can't bless our church because of this, no wonder it is in such disarray. This behavior drives me into the Word and Spirit of Prophecy even deeper and pastors like Pastor Bohr are a God-send."

DEBRA, EMAIL

## The Don't Care Attitude

"I listened to Julie Mesa's message *Male and Female Created He Them* on AudioVerse. I so much appreciated her thoughts, studies, and her sharing them. I had the mindset that the General Conference voted that women should not be ordained and that the Unions and Conferences that were doing it were wrong, but I really didn't care one way or the other if the GC voted in July to ordain women. After hearing Julie's message, I do care and can certainly see that this is the creeping compromise that can sneak into our church if we have the 'don't care' attitude. Our love to all of you."

RAE, ONLINE LISTENER

## A Support In End-time Days

"I just want to say big a 'thank you' to Pastor Bohr for his ministry and lectures broadcast on 3ABN. Recently he has become my 'favorite' pastor alongside with Doug Bachelor. I really do appreciate his biblical insight into Bible topics, which he unravels brilliantly. I myself am located in Ukraine and watch 3ABN on a satellite dish. Although I cannot order Pastor Bohr's materials (because of a dragon's currency legislation in Ukraine), I am faithful with my tithe to the local church. Once again, keep on with such a great job! Your programs are such a support in these end-time days. God bless!"

IGOR, UKRAINE

## God's Last Day Preachers

"We very much appreciate the way Pastor Bohr fearlessly preaches God's truth! We thank God for him and others like him. We pray God continues to use him in a mighty way. Pastor Bohr reminds me of Noah. I see and hear the Holy Spirit when he preaches."

BECKY, EMAIL

## Better Than I Thought

"I've been watching and studying along with the Anchor School program I ordered and let me tell you it's as good, and better, as I knew it would be. I met Pastor Bohr when he was a guest speaker at AFCE in 2001 and even went to your church in Fresno because of how the Bible is taught and presented to encourage disciplined study methods. Pastor Bohr has been my silent mentor for the last 14 years and the Holy Spirit speaking through him has impacted me to where I know the Holy Spirit is working in me also. I can't thank the Lord enough for the truths *Secrets Unsealed* presents with an unwavering stand in the midst of all the world and especially in our struggling Seventh-day Adventist churches. Keep making videos, and I'll keep buying them to learn and share. God is blessing me with you, and His word will not return void."

BEN, EMAIL

## My Home Church Pastor

"I saw a Facebook offer for a 21-part free mp3 series on women's ordination. I have been wanting to study this subject for a long time and praying for God to provide me with resources, and then boom, there it was, your advertisement, that there is a free series available. I am

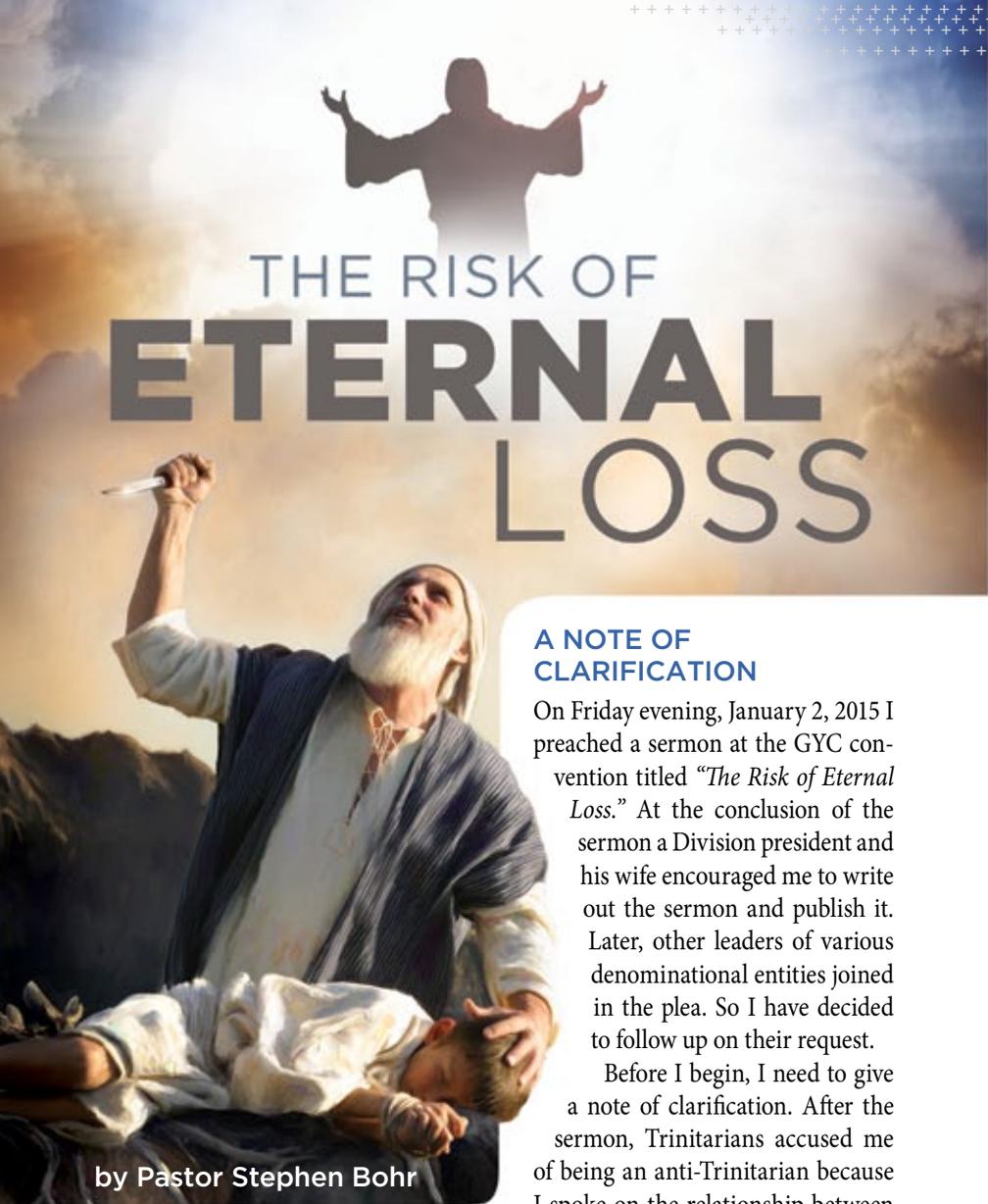
from Finland, and there is much discussion on this subject, and my own home church pastor is a woman. It has only caused turmoil in my church, and I can't see any pastor in Finland taking the Biblical view on women's ordination. They also ordain women elders often, and a majority of the pastors seem to be okay with that. We need this resource in Finland and we need to preach it before it is too late!"

JANICA, FINLAND

## Vivid and Explicit

"I am thankful to God for bringing you into this world. I have learned lots of truths that I did not know before. I do a lot of evangelism work in Kenya (East Africa) and I have been immensely blessed by your work. You are so vivid and explicit in your explanations that I don't think there is anyone left in doubt. I love your teachings of the 24 Elders; I had never heard of it before apart from your sermons, also the issue of women's ordination. You made me understand it so clearly. I have been using your sermons to teach others here in Kenya, though the church here is ordaining women as elders and pastors. God bless you as you go on with the Lord's work."

LANTANO, KENYA



# THE RISK OF ETERNAL LOSS

## A NOTE OF CLARIFICATION

On Friday evening, January 2, 2015 I preached a sermon at the GYC convention titled “*The Risk of Eternal Loss.*” At the conclusion of the sermon a Division president and his wife encouraged me to write out the sermon and publish it. Later, other leaders of various denominational entities joined in the plea. So I have decided to follow up on their request.

Before I begin, I need to give a note of clarification. After the sermon, Trinitarians accused me of being an anti-Trinitarian because I spoke on the relationship between the Father and the Son but failed

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to mention the Holy Spirit. On the other hand, some anti-Trinitarians proudly claimed that I was on their side of the issue for the same reason.

There is a reason why I only mentioned the relationship between the Father and the Son and said nothing about the Holy Spirit. I believe that the Holy Spirit is the third person of the Godhead. But the subject of my sermon on that evening was not on the third person of the Godhead. By way of comparison, Ellen White speaks extensively about the relationship between the Father and the Son in the

first chapter of *Patriarchs and Prophets* and never mentions the Holy Spirit, not even once! Does this mean that she did not believe in the Holy Spirit? Of course not! It simply means that her topic in the chapter was the relationship between the Father and the Son, not the person of the Holy Spirit.

So let’s begin our study of the heavenly relationship between God the Father and God the Son. Before the creation of the angels, the beings of the unfallen worlds, and man, the Father and the Son had a very special and unique relationship. Let’s examine 10 characteristics of that relationship.

## TEN CHARACTERISTICS

**Point #1:** In eternity past, before anything was created, Jesus already existed side by side with His Father as a distinct Person, with His own individuality.

God the Father and God the Son are two separate individuals, two distinct personalities, each with their own self-identity. Both the Bible and the writings of the Spirit of Prophecy make this crystal clear. In His intercessory prayer of John 17, Jesus spoke these words to His Father: “*And now, O Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was.*”

It is obvious that the Son could not be with the Father if He was the same person as the Father (see also John 1:1-3). Two distinct persons, two separate individuals, are clearly in focus here. In verse 22 of this same prayer our Lord Jesus described the glory of the

Father that He gave to his twelve disciples: “*And the glory which You gave Me, I have given them, that they may be one just as We are one.*”

In what sense did Jesus desire His disciples to be one? Did He want them to become one person? The apostles, obviously, were 12 individuals yet Jesus prayed that they might be one. If in fact 12 individuals can be one without losing their own individuality, then two can be one in the same sense. Jesus wasn’t speaking numerically here, but of relational and functional unity. Just as the 12 disciples were each distinct individuals, yet in their Lord’s vision united in spirit and purpose, so the Father and the Son are two distinct individuals, united in character and purpose.

Ellen White explained how Jesus wished His disciples to become one: “*The unity that exists between Christ and His disciples does not destroy the personality of either. They are one in purpose, in mind, in character, but not in person. It is thus that God and Christ are one” Ministry of Healing, p. 422.*

Thus it should be clear, from the testimony of the inspired writings, that the Father and the Son are two distinct individuals.

**Point #2:** Although the Father and the Son are two individuals, each with their own distinct personality, the Bible describes them as one.

As pointed out before, the Father and the Son are not one in terms of indi-

viduality but rather in terms of **unity** of character, power and purpose. We think of Jesus' statement in John 10:30, "I and My Father are **one**." Jesus did not mean that He and His Father were the same person but rather that both of them were in unity, on the same page, so to speak.

Ellen White confirms this point in the following statement: "From eternity there was a **complete unity** between the Father and the Son. They were two, but **little short of being identical**—two in **individuality**, yet one in spirit and heart and character" The Youth's Instructor, December 16, 1897.

**Point #3:** It is clear from the inspired writings that the Father and the Son are both **equally** God.

The Father and the Son are both one hundred percent divine. Jesus is not a lesser or inferior God than the Father. The Father and the Son are both equally God in the highest sense of the word. This is a vitally important point on which the Bible is too clear to be misunderstood. In John 1:1 we find the following words: "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and **the Word was God.**"

The Word, described in this verse, is Jesus. This is made clear in verse 14, where we are told that, "the Word became flesh and dwelt among us." Before the beginning of all beginnings, Jesus, the Word, was with God and was God. He was not a god like the Jehovah's Witnesses believe, but God in every sense of the word. Ellen White

confirms this point in the following statement: "God is the Father of Christ; Christ is the Son of God. To Christ has been given an exalted position; He has been made equal with the Father. All the counsels of God are opened to His Son" Testimonies to the Church, vol. 8, p. 268.

Elsewhere, Ellen White states: "This Savior was the brightness of His Father's glory, and the express image of His Person. He possessed **divine** majesty, perfection, and excellence. **He was equal** with God. It pleased the Father that in Him should **all fullness** dwell" God's Amazing Grace, p. 160.

Here is another statement where the equality of the Father and Son is stressed: "Since the divine law is as sacred as God Himself, **only one equal with God** could make atonement for its transgression. None but Christ could redeem fallen man from the curse of the law, and bring him again into harmony with Heaven" God's Amazing Grace, p. 42.

And then we have this amazing statement: "Christ was God **essentially**, and in the **highest sense**. He was with God from all eternity, God over all, blessed forevermore. The Lord Jesus Christ, the **divine Son** of God, existed from eternity, a **distinct person**, **yet one** with the Father" The Faith I Live By, p. 46.

"Christ was the Son of God. He had been **one with Him** before the angels were called into existence. He had ever stood at the **right hand** of the Father." Patriarchs and Prophets, p. 38.

It is significant to note in this last statement that even before the creation of the angels, the Father sat on the center of the throne, while the Son sat at

His **right hand**. That is, while Jesus was equal with the Father and ruled together with Him, the Father was the supreme Ruler. Ellen White thus refers to the Father as "**the King of the universe**" Patriarchs and Prophets, p. 39. It is clear, then, that although the Father and the Son are equal in divinity, status, dignity, power, character and purpose, the Son was functionally subject to His Father, even before the creation of the angels (more on this later).

**Point #4:** There was and is a special intimacy between the Father and the Son.

The Bible tells us that the Son is in **the bosom** of the Father. This fact is underlined in John 1:18, "No one has seen God at any time. The only begotten Son, who is **in the bosom** of the Father, He has declared Him." In the Bible, the bosom is a word that describes closeness and intimacy.

Ellen White confirms this point as well: "He [the Father] permitted Him [Jesus] to leave the **bosom of His love**, the adoration of the angels, to suffer shame, insult, humiliation, hatred, and death" The Review and Herald, February 28, 1888.

The inspired testimony is clear. Jesus was in the bosom of His Father long before He came to this earth as a man.

**Point #5:** Jesus is the **express image** of the Father's Person.

Never does the Bible tell us that the

Father is the image of the Son's person. The Son, rather, is always the image of His Father.

Consider the following statement from the pen of Ellen White where she affirms that the authority of Christ was **next** to that of the Father: "The Son of God was **next in authority** to the great Lawgiver ... He was in the **express image** of His Father, not in features alone, but in perfection of character" Spirit of Prophecy, volume 2, p. 9.

"In Him is gathered all the glory of the Father, the fullness of the Godhead. He is the brightness of the Father's glory and the **express image** of His person. The glory of **the attributes of God** is expressed in His character" Christ's Object Lessons, p. 115.

"He who had been in the presence of the Father from the beginning, He who was the **express image** of the invisible God, was alone able to reveal the character of the Deity to mankind" The Ministry of Healing, p. 422.

So even though the Father and the Son are equal, the Father's authority is supreme. In the familial relationship a son is equal to his father and yet is subject to his father's authority. In like manner, although Jesus is equal with His Father, he is subject to His Father's authority. Jesus was the **express** image of His Father, little short of being identical!

What in fact does the designation "express image" mean? Several New Testament passages explain how ordinary human beings were created in the image of God, and how they must be re-created in that same image (e.g. II Corinthians 3:18). The word for "image" in

these verses is *eikon*, from which we get our English word “icon.” But a different word is used to describe Christ as the image of His Father. Hebrews 1:3 describes Jesus as the **express** image of His Father. The word for “image” here is *xaracter* from which we get our English word “character.” What this means is that Jesus is the mirror image of the Father’s character.

In short, both Scripture and the writings of Ellen White are clear that God the Son is the express image of God the Father.

### **Point #6:** Jesus is the Father’s second Self.

We have all heard the expression, ‘like father, like son.’ This popular saying is a fit description of the relationship that exists between the Father and the Son in the Godhead. When Philip asked Jesus, “*Show us the Father*” (John 14:8), Jesus replied, “*Have I been with you so long, and yet you have not known Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father*” (verse 9).

Jesus is the Father’s second Self, so—according to Jesus—the one who sees Him has in fact seen a reflection of the Father. It is as if the Son has His Father’s DNA!

Let’s consider again a statement from Ellen White that we reviewed earlier: “*From eternity there was a **complete unity** between the Father and the Son. They were two, but **little short of being identical**—two in individuality, yet **one** in spirit and heart and character*” The Youth’s Instructor, December 16, 1897.

So closely does the Son reflect the

Father’s self, that when the Father thinks, the Son makes His thoughts audible: “*What **speech is to thought**, so is Christ to the invisible Father. He is the manifestation of the Father, and is called the Word of God*” That I May Know Him, p. 38.

### **Point #7:** As the Son of God, Jesus is of the same substance as the Father.

In human terms, we might say that the Son has the same DNA as His Father. Philippians 2:6 speaks of how Christ, before His incarnation, was “*in the form of God*.” The Greek word that is translated “form” in this verse, by the way, isn’t referring to simple external characteristics but rather to substance—or essence, the very stuff of which an individual is composed. Ellen White, in harmony with this passage from Philippians, expresses it this way: “*I and the Father are one.*’ *The words of Christ were full of deep meaning, as He put forth the claim that He and the Father were of **one substance**, possessing the **same attributes***” Signs of the Times, November 27, 1893.

Elsewhere the Lord’s servant writes: “*Christ was God **essentially**, and in the **highest sense***” Review and Herald, April 5, 1906.

Ellen White did not mean that Christ was essentially God but rather that he is God essentially. What is meant here is that Christ was God **in His essence**, to the very **core** of His being. He possesses the same divine traits, powers, and wisdom as the Father.

### **Point #8:** Jesus is the reflection of the Father’s glory. That is to say, it is the glory of the Father that shines on the face of Jesus.

Let’s notice once again Hebrews 1:3 where we read that Jesus is the brightness of the Father’s glory. Never do we read in Scripture or the Spirit of Prophecy that the Father is the brightness of the Son’s glory. Rather, it is always the Son who is the reflection of the Father’s glory. John 1:14 adds the same thought: “*And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the **glory as of the only begotten of the Father**, full of grace and truth.*”

The glory of Jesus, therefore, is the glory of the Father. In 2 Corinthians 4:6, we find the same thought expressed in a different way: “*For it is the God who commanded light to shine out of darkness, who has shown in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the **glory of God** in the face of Jesus Christ.*”

Ellen White’s perspective of Christ is in perfect harmony with what the New Testament teaches: “*He (Christ) was the brightness of the **Father’s glory**, the express image of His Person*” Medical Ministry, p. 19.

Elsewhere she writes: “*In Him (Christ) is gathered all the **glory of the Father**, the fullness of the Godhead. He is the **brightness of the Father’s glory**, and the express image of His Person*” Christ’s Object Lessons, p. 115.

“*This Savior was the brightness of **His Father’s glory**, and the express image of His Person. He possessed divine majesty, perfection, and excellence. He was*

*equal with God*” Testimonies to the Church, vol. 2, p. 200.

### **Point #9:** Even though the Father and the Son are on a level of equality as Persons, the Son is subject to the Father’s authority functionally because the Father is His head.

Someone might ask: How is it possible to be equal with someone else, and at the same time be subject to that person’s authority? The Bible explains how this is so, in 1 Corinthians 11:3, “*But I want you to know that the head of every man is Christ, the head of woman is man, and the **head of Christ is God.***”

So, according to the Bible, the Father is the Head of Christ and as such, Christ is subject, or submissive, to His Father’s will—in eternity past, in the present, and in eternity future. Needless to say, both the Father and the Son have authority and dominion, but while the Father possesses *absolute* authority, the Son possesses *delegated* authority. Never do we read that the Son has ever held independent authority. Rather, He has always been subject to His Father’s authority and His Father’s will. Before the creation of angels, the beings of other worlds and humans, Jesus was already subject to His Father’s will. When Lucifer began spreading rumors, insinuating that Jesus was one just like himself, Ellen White explains that the Father assembled the heavenly host to explain the true position of His Son: “*The **great Creator** assembled the heavenly host, that **He might**, in the presence of all the angels, **confer spe-***

**cial honor** upon His Son. The Son was seated on the throne with His Father, and the heavenly throng of holy angels was gathered around them. The **Father then made known** that it was **ordained by Himself** that Christ, His Son, should be equal with Himself, so that wherever was the presence of His Son, it was His own presence. The word of the Son was to be obeyed as readily as the word of the Father. His Son **He had invested with authority** to command the heavenly host. Especially was His Son to work in union with Himself in the anticipated creation of the earth and every living thing that should exist upon the earth. His Son would carry out **His will and His purposes** but would do **nothing of Himself alone**. The **Father's will** would be fulfilled in Him” The Story of Redemption, pp. 13-14.

Did you notice how many times Ellen White refers to God as ‘Father’ and to Jesus as ‘Son’? It is obvious that Jesus was already the Son in heaven before the incarnation. Here is a second Ellen White statement with added details: “The **King of the universe** summoned the heavenly hosts before Him, that in their presence **He might set forth** the true position of **His Son**, and show the relation He sustained to all created beings. The Son of God shared the Father’s throne, and the glory of the eternal, self-existent One encircled both ... Before the assembled inhabitants of heaven **the King declared** that none but Christ, the **only begotten of God**, could fully enter into His purposes, and to Him it was committed to execute the mighty counsels of **His [the Father’s] will**. The Son of God had wrought the

**Father’s will** in the creation of **all the hosts of heaven**; and to Him, as well as to God, their homage and allegiance was due. Christ was still to exercise divine power, in the creation of the earth and its inhabitants. But in all this He would not seek power or exaltation for Himself contrary to **God’s plan**, but would exalt the **Father’s glory** and execute **His purposes** of beneficence and love” Patriarchs and Prophets, p. 36.

These Ellen White statements, affirming the Son’s submission to the Father from eternity past merely echo such Bible verses as 1 Corinthians 8:6, Colossians 1:15-17, and Hebrews 1:2 where we are informed that the Father created all things through the instrumentality of the Son.

First Corinthians 8:6, in language too clear to be misunderstood, affirms: “... yet for us there is one God, the Father, **of whom** are all things, and we for Him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, through whom are all things, and **through whom** we live.” And in Revelation 4:11 we are clearly told that all things exist by the will of the one who was sitting on the throne—the Father.

Even after His earthly sojourn, Christ remained subject to His Father. This is clear from Jesus’ statement to His disciples just before His ascension to heaven, when He declared, “All authority **has been given to Me** in heaven and on earth” Matthew 28:18. Without question, it is the Father who gave His Son this authority. We see this same fact declared yet again in Philipians 2:9-11, “Therefore **God also has highly exalted Him** and **given Him the name** which is above every name that

at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, **to the glory of God the Father.**”

The text is clear. It is the Father who exalts Christ and gives Him the name that is above every name, and it is all to the glory of God the Father. We never read about the Son giving authority to the Father. Even after His resurrection and ascension, Christ is still subject to His Father’s authority. This will continue to be true even after sin is eradicated from the universe. Consider the following verse: “Now when all things are made subject to Him, then the **Son Himself will also be subject** unto Him who put all things under Him, that God may be all in all” 1 Corinthians 15:28.

When James and John asked Jesus if, in the future kingdom of glory, they could sit, one on His right hand and the other on His left, Jesus replied that “to sit on My right hand and on My left is not Mine to give, but it is for those for whom it is prepared **by My Father**” Matthew 20:23. Notice Jesus didn’t say He Himself would decide who would sit on His right and left in the future kingdom. Rather, it will be the Father who will make that decision.

Many resent and resist the idea of subjection, because they assume that to be subject to someone is equivalent to being inferior. People think that if they take orders from another, or carry out another’s will, they are less important. But Jesus taught just the opposite: the servant is the greatest. God’s way of thinking and ours are diametrically

opposed. In God’s order, the one who descends is the one who is highest. The problem exists with our way of thinking—we assume that subjection is a bad thing. But if subjection is a bad thing, how is it that it existed even before sin invaded God’s universe, as the Son subjected Himself to His Father’s will? How can it be bad when the Son will be subject to His Father’s will in eternity future?

**Point #10:** It has been and always will be a delight for the Son to subject Himself to His Father’s will and purposes because He knows that His Father loves Him.

The Son does not subject Himself to His Father’s will as a slave. He willingly and joyously does His Father’s will because He is certain that the Father loves Him. It isn’t difficult to subject oneself to the plans and desires of another, if you are certain that person loves you fully. Often Jesus spoke of doing His Father’s will because of His confidence in His Father’s love. Jesus expressed it this way: “The Father **loves the Son**, and has given all things into His hand” John 3:35. And again: “For **the Father loves the Son**, and shows Him all things that He Himself does; and He will show Him greater works than these, that you may marvel” John 5:20.

## THE CREATION

Now let’s turn our attention to the creation of Adam and Eve.

God worked the better part of six days to create this earth, and everything He made was perfect and beauti-

ful. On the sixth day, God formed man from the dust of the ground, breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, thus making Adam a living being (Genesis 2:7). Adam then named the animals, noticing all the while that each had a counterpart—a mate—like itself. No doubt he felt lonely having no such companion for himself. Genesis 2:20 observes at this point, “*But for Adam there was not found a helper comparable to him.*”

God then gave Adam the first general anesthesia in history. Scripture tells us how Adam fell into a deep sleep, enabling God to perform the first surgery—and to leave no scar. From one of Adam’s ribs, God created a woman, and brought her to the man—His special gift to Adam (Genesis 2:22).

We can only imagine Adam’s response when he woke up from that general anesthesia, opened his eyes, and saw this breathtakingly beautiful woman standing before him. “WOW!” he must have exclaimed. “Here is one just like me!” And then we read how God officiated the first wedding of human history—the marriage of Adam and Eve.

## A MINIATURE REFLECTION

Now let us turn to Genesis chapter 1, and discover some very interesting details. A careful study of Genesis 1:26, 27 helps us understand that God intended the relationship of the first man and woman of the human race—Adam and Eve—to be a small scale reflection of the relationship between the Father and the Son in the Godhead. God wanted to reveal in miniature—

just as He would later do with the plan of salvation by means of the Hebrew sanctuary service—the relationship He sustained with His Son.

In Genesis 1:26, God the Father took the initiative and spoke to His Son: “*Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness.*” We have already noticed that the Scriptures teach that the Father accomplished the work of Creation through His Son (1 Corinthians 8:6; Colossians 1:15-17; Hebrews 1:2), thus it is clear that in Genesis 1:26 the Father is working in concert with His Son. The Father is basically saying to His Son, “Let’s make man to reflect the relationship that exists between us!”

With one lone exception, the word ‘man’ in Genesis chapters one and two is accompanied by the definite article, and refers solely to the masculine gender. The lone exception is found in Genesis 1:26 where the word “man” is generic, and refers to both the male and female. So God is saying to His Son, “*Let Us [Father and Son] make man [man and woman] in Our image, according to Our likeness.*” Clearly, the relationship between the Father and the Son was to be reflected and explained in the relationship between Adam and Eve. That’s why the Father said to the Son, “*Let Us [Father and Son] make man [man and woman] in Our image.*” Thus, the relationship and roles of men and women in the human race were to reflect the relationship and roles that exist between God the Father and God the Son in the Godhead.

## DOMINION

God said, regarding Adam and Eve, “*Let*

*them have dominion*” Genesis 1:26. Just like the Father and the Son had dominion, so Adam and Eve were to exercise the same. But we must keep in mind, as we noted before, that the Father in the Godhead—the one sitting on the center of the throne—had *absolute* dominion. The Son who was sitting at the right hand, had *delegated* dominion, but the Father was His Head. Likewise, Adam and Eve both had dominion, but as with the Godhead, one of them was to be the head in the relationship and that one was Adam (1 Corinthians 11:3; 1 Timothy 2:12-13).

## ADAM AND EVE’S RELATIONSHIP

Let’s pursue the relationship between Adam and Eve to see if it reflects the relationship between the Father and Son in the Godhead. The creation story is clear that Adam and Eve were **two distinct persons** just as the Father and the Son are two distinct persons. As is true with the Father and the Son, Adam and Eve were **distinct** one from the other, each with their own individuality.

Yet the creation story also makes it clear that although Adam and Eve were two, they were also in another sense, **one**—one flesh, as Genesis 2:24 states. Jesus even went so far as to say that they were **no longer two** but one (Matthew 19:4-6). They were two persons, yet in the sense of **unity**, one—just like God the Father and His Son.

As God the Father and God the Son are both fully and equally God, so Adam and Eve were fully and **equally human**. Both Adam and Eve are

referred to by the generic word “man” in Genesis 1:26 as both the Father and the Son are called God in John 1:1, 2. Eve was not some **lesser order** of humanity; she was one hundred percent “man”—in the **generic sense** of the word. Consider the following Ellen White statement: “*Eve was created from a rib taken from the side of Adam, signifying that she was not to control him as the head, nor to be trampled under his feet as an inferior, but to stand at his side as an equal, to be loved and protected by him*” Patriarchs and Prophets, p. 46.

Eve was not only equal with Adam, but she was taken from a place close to **Adam’s bosom**. God did not take a bone from Adam’s head or foot but rather from near his heart. A **special intimacy** existed between them. We read in Deuteronomy 13:6, interestingly, how one’s wife is to be “*the wife of your bosom.*” Here we see a striking parallel with the Godhead, as the Son was “*in the bosom of the Father*” John 1:18.

Like Jesus is the Father’s second self, so Eve was created to be Adam’s **second self**. Notice how Ellen White describes this: “*A part of man, bone of his bone, and flesh of his flesh, she was his second self, showing the close union and the affectionate attachment that should exist in this relation*” Patriarchs and Prophets, p. 46. Adam could therefore legitimately say, “One who has seen Eve has seen me.”

Further, Eve was of the **same substance** as Adam. She had his DNA—only his, in fact, because Eve had no mother. As Eve had only the DNA of Adam, so Jesus has only the “DNA” of



His Father—the same essence and substance.

Notice Genesis 2:23, “And Adam said, *‘This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh. She shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man.’*”

I have previously shown from Scripture that Jesus is the glory of the Father. In a similar way the apostle Paul states that man was created to be **the glory of God**, and the woman was created to be **the glory of man**: “For a man indeed ought not to cover his head, since he is the image and glory of God; but woman is **the glory of man**” 1 Corinthians 11:7.

Some women might respond to this verse with the rejoinder, “I don’t like that. I don’t want to be the glory of the man, I want my own glory.” But Jesus didn’t say that. He was perfectly happy reflecting the glory of His Father. When God created Adam first, and then Eve, Eve was to be the glory of Adam because she was taken from him. This is why Paul comes short of stating that Eve was created in the image of God. Eve was clearly the image and glory of God but she derived

that glory and image through Adam.

The Bible is equally clear that even though Adam and Eve were equal, Adam was still the **head of Eve** and Eve was to be **subject** to his loving authority. Consider the following text: “*But I want you to know that the head of every man is*

*Christ, and the head of woman is man, and the head of Christ is God*” 1 Corinthians 11:3.

Let’s ask ourselves, “Is it a bad thing that God is the Head of Christ? Is it a bad thing that Christ is the Head of the man?” Most would likely answer “no” to the above questions. Yet many of these same persons would say it is a very negative thing for the man to be the head of the woman! This is incongruous with the attitude of Christ in the Godhead. In the heavenly economy, the Son happily considers the Father His Head. And most, if not all, Christian men have no problem considering that Christ is their Head. Why then should a godly Christian woman have trouble considering the man as her head?

Sadly, in our radically egalitarian world, too many have problems with authority and hierarchy of any kind. Contemporary culture, or much of it, insists that roles of all kinds be identical and interchangeable; thus we find deep resistance to the idea of women submitting in any way to the authority

of men—spiritually or otherwise. But clearly, whether we like it or not, that’s what the Bible teaches. The apostle Paul instructs wives to be subject to their husbands (Ephesians 5:22-25; Colossians 3:18), and he even goes further in stating that what applies in the home applies as well in the church (1 Timothy 2:12, 13; 3:1-7; Titus 1:5-9; 1 Corinthians 11:3).

How many wives would find it hard to submit to their husbands if their husbands loved them in the way the apostle commands “*just as Christ also loved the church, and gave Himself for it*” (Ephesians 5:25)? This is precisely the way it is in the relationship between God the Father and God the Son. The Son has no trouble submitting to His Father, for He knows His Father loves Him supremely and entirely.

Another important point to consider is that in 1 Corinthians 11:3, God the Father is the only One mentioned who is not subject to a head. Christ has a Head, man has a Head, and woman has a head. But the Father has no head, and the woman is head of no one. That is where the order of authority ends. The Father is the Head of Jesus, Jesus is the Head of the man, and the man is the head of the woman. The woman, however, is head of no one, and the Father has no head. This is the order of authority that God has established.

## EVE’S SIN

Now we turn to the story and significance of Eve’s sin. When we consider the inspired evidence, it becomes clear that Eve in fact committed two grave mistakes before she partook of the fruit

from the forbidden tree (Genesis 2:17).

First, she wandered from her husband’s side and acted **independently** of him deciding to do her own thing. Second, unhappy with the position that God had assigned her, she desired to ascend to a more exalted sphere. In fact, she wished to ascend to the very height of God, as the serpent suggested (Genesis 3:5). In the end, it came down to selfishness. Notice the following Ellen White statements: “*The angels had cautioned Eve to beware of **separating herself** from her husband while occupied in their daily labor in the garden; with him she would be in less danger from temptation than if she were alone. But absorbed in her pleasing task, she unconsciously **wandered from his side**” Patriarchs and Prophets, pp. 53-54.*

“*Eve, unconsciously at first, **separated from her husband** in her employment. When she became aware of the fact, she felt that there might be danger, but again she **thought herself secure**, even if she did not remain close by the side of her husband. She had wisdom and strength to know if evil came, and to meet it” The Story of Redemption, p. 32.*

In other words, Eve’s first mistake was to assume she could act **independently** of her head, that her judgment was sufficiently strong in Adam’s absence, and that she would be safe anyway.

The second mistake Eve made, as we noted above, was in assuming she could ascend to a **higher sphere** than the one God had assigned her. The following inspired statement is quite pointed in this respect: “*Eve had been perfectly happy by her husband’s side in her Eden*

home; but like restless modern Eves, she was flattered with the hope of entering a **higher sphere** than that which God had assigned her. In attempting to **rise above** her original position, she fell far below it. All who are unwilling to take up cheerfully their life duties in accordance with God's plan will reach a similar result. In their efforts to **reach positions** for which He has not fitted them, many are leaving vacant the place where they might be a blessing. In their desire for a **higher sphere**, many have sacrificed true womanly dignity and nobility of character, and have left undone the very work that Heaven appointed them" Patriarchs and Prophets, p. 59.

So Eve made two big mistakes before eating the fruit. First, acting **independently** of her husband, thinking she would be safe in his absence; and second, wanting to **ascend to a higher sphere** from where she was.

## ADAM'S SIN AND DILEMMA

What, then, was Adam's great mistake? Like Eve, to be sure, his principal sin was eating from the forbidden tree. But there's something else involved here. Just as the Father's most precious possession was His Son, so Eve was the most precious thing Adam had. When Eve transgressed, Adam faced a great dilemma: Would he be willing to give up the most precious gift that God had given him, the one who was **one with him**? Would he be willing to give up the one who was his very own substance, his glory? Would he be willing to tear from his bosom the one who was his intimate partner? Would he risk losing her, and being separated

from her forever?

Obviously, in his decision, Adam was thinking only of his own selfish self-interest. Ellen White describes it this way: "There was a terrible struggle in his mind. He mourned that he had permitted Eve to wander from his side. But now the deed was done; **he must be separated** from her whose society had been his joy. How could he have it thus? Adam had enjoyed the companionship of God and of holy angels. He had looked upon the glory of the Creator. He understood the high destiny opened to the human race should they remain faithful to God. Yet all these blessings were lost sight of in **the fear of losing** that one gift which in his eyes outvalued every other. Love, gratitude, loyalty to the Creator—all was overborne by love to Eve. She was part of himself, and he could not endure **the thought of separation**" Patriarchs and Prophets, p. 56.

## GOD THE FATHER'S DILEMMA

At this point, it would be instructive to review the relationship between the Father and the Son. As we have seen, Adam and Eve's relationship was a miniature reflection of the divine relationship. Like Adam and Eve, both the Father and the Son were distinct Persons and yet one in substance and character. As Eve was in the bosom of Adam, so Jesus was in the bosom of His Father. And the Son was the Father's second self as Eve was Adam's. The Son was the Father's express image and glory as was Eve Adam's.

So now, in the wake of humanity's sin, God the Father faced a dilemma

on a much larger scale than Adam. The Father had to make a decision similar to the one Adam had to make in Eden. Would the Father be willing to give up His most prized possession in heaven, His most intimate Partner, the one who was his second self, his glory, his image and very substance? Would He be willing to give up His own Son, at the risk of eternal loss or would He keep Him to Himself?

It was a great struggle for the Father, we can be sure. What is strikingly clear is the contrast between the decision of God the Father, to give up what was most precious to Him, and the decision of Adam to not give up the one most precious in his life. Ellen White vividly explains the Father's struggle in the following statement: "Before the Father He [Christ] pleaded in the sinner's behalf. While the host of heaven awaited the result with an intensity of interest that words cannot express, long continued was that mysterious communing—'the counsel of peace'—for the fallen sons of men. The plan of salvation had been laid before the creation of the earth, for Christ is a lamb 'foreordained before the foundation of the world'; yet **it was a struggle, even with the King of the universe**, to yield up His Son to die for the guilty race" Signs of the Times, November 4, 1908.

Ellen White adds further commentary on this scene in the following statement: "God permitted His Son to come, a helpless babe, subject to the weakness of humanity. He permitted Him to meet life's peril in common with

every human soul, to fight the battle as every child of humanity must fight it, **at the risk of failure and eternal loss**" Desire of Ages, p. 49.

God the Father, in other words, risked the loss of His Son forever—the loss of the One who was co-substantial with Him, His express image, his second self, the one who shared His glory and was close to His bosom. The above passage from Ellen White continues as follows: "The heart of the human father yearns over his son. He looks into the face of his little child, and trembles at the



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thought of life's peril. He longs to shield his dear one from Satan's power, to hold him back from temptation and conflict. To meet a **bitterer conflict** and a **more fearful risk**, God gave His only begotten Son that the path of life might be made sure for our little ones. 'Herein is love.' Wonder, O heavens, and be astonished, O earth!" Desire of Ages, p. 49.

In another statement, Ellen White observes: "For our redemption, **heaven itself was imperiled**" Christ's Object Lessons, p. 196. The Father's choice was the opposite of Adam's. The Father was willing to risk the security of heaven itself in order to save us! Adam, by contrast, was unwilling to take a much smaller risk. He was unwilling to relinquish His most prized possession, at the risk of losing her forever.

Romans 8:32 describes the Father's

self-sacrificing love: “He who **did not spare His own Son**, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?”

The following Ellen White statement describes the love of the heavenly Father: “The eternal Father, the unchangeable One, gave His only begotten Son, **tore from His bosom** He who was made in the express image of His Person, and sent Him down to earth to reveal **how greatly He loved mankind**” Review and Herald, July 9, 1895. The Father, in other words, loved humanity as much as He loved His own Son.

Let us again review a passage we noted above, continuing where we left off: “Before the Father He [Christ] pleaded in the sinner’s behalf. While the host of heaven awaited the result with an intensity of interest that words cannot express, long continued was that mysterious communing—‘the counsel of peace’—for the fallen sons of men. The plan of salvation had been laid before the creation of the earth, for Christ is a lamb ‘fore-ordained before the foundation of the world; yet it was a struggle, even with the King of the universe, to yield up His Son to die for the guilty race.’”

This is where we left off. Now let’s finish the statement: “**But** ‘God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.’ O, the mystery of redemption! The love of God for a world that did not love Him! Who can know the depths of that love which “passeth knowledge”? Through endless ages, immortal minds, seeking to comprehend the mystery of that incomprehensible love, will wonder

and adore” Signs of the Times, November 4, 1908.

We can see, from our study of the inspired writings, that Adam’s experience was a reflection of that of God the Father. Sadly, Adam made a different choice. He refused to give up the co-substantial one. God the Father, by contrast, chose to give up His only-Begotten Son.

### THE SON’S DILEMMA

Now we turn to another question: What was the Son’s dilemma in all of this? The answer is that it was the counterpart of Eve’s dilemma, only on a much larger stage. Christ was equal to God, but instead of endeavoring to rise higher than the position God had assigned, He chose to step lower. The Son’s attitude and response were the opposite of Eve’s. While Eve wished to **ascend** and become God, Christ chose to **descend**, even lower than the heavenly position His Father had given Him—He took the form of a servant. Laying aside His crown, His scepter and His royal robe, He came down to the level of those He wished to save.

Philippians 2:5-8 tells us: “Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, Who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, but made Himself of **no reputation**, taking the form of a **servant**, and coming in the likeness of men. And being found in appearance as a man, He **humbled Himself**, and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross.”

Eve wanted to ascend. Christ, by contrast, chose to descend. He yielded

up the scepter, stepped down from His eternal throne, that He might bring light to be benighted, and life to the perishing. Jesus knew, as well as His Father that his choice to come down involved an infinite risk: “Satan with his fierce temptations wrung the heart of Jesus. The Savior could not see through the portals of the tomb. Hope did not present to Him His coming forth from the grave a conqueror, or tell Him of the Father’s acceptance of the sacrifice. He feared that sin was so offensive to God that Their **separation was to be eternal**” Desire of Ages, p. 753.

But there is more. Remember how Eve chose to act independently of Adam? And how she felt that she could do just fine on her own?

In contrast to Eve, Jesus **never separated** or acted independently from His Head. Throughout His earthly sojourn Jesus chose to walk hand in hand with His Father. As He had done in eternal ages, He chose to subject His own will to His Father’s will (Luke 22:42; John 5:30).

### A STRIKING ILLUSTRATION

In Genesis 22 we find a dramatic story that God gave us to illustrate the agonizing sacrifice that was made by both the Father and His Son. God comes to Abraham and commands: “Take your son, your **only** (the word *only*, in Hebrew, meaning unique or one-of-a-kind) son Isaac, whom you **love**, and go sacrifice him on a mountain I will show you.”

Think of the struggle it was for

Abraham to give up his son, the son of the promise! This was a miniature reflection of the struggle God the Father went through when he faced the decision to give up **THE** Son of the Promise. Abraham struggled in agony, but in the end decided to do as God commanded.

Taking Isaac, some servants, the wood, the knife, and the means to light a fire, Abraham set out for Mount Moriah. Like God the Father, he chose to give up his own precious, beloved son.



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Arriving at the mountaintop, it was Isaac’s turn to make a decision. Would he place himself fully in his father’s will, and willingly give up His life upon the sacrificial altar? The father struggled to give up his son, and the son submitted to his father’s authority.

### LESSONS

Considering this illustration, and the redemption narrative we have reviewed, we are constrained to ask: How much does God love us? The answer: Infinitely! The writings of the Spirit of Prophecy tell us that if even one soul had needed salvation, the Father and the Son would have endured the same agony, and would in the end have agreed to the sacrifice. Inspiration tells us: “The value of a soul, who can estimate? Would you know its worth, go



to Gethsemane and there watch with Christ through those hours of anguish, when He sweat as it were great drops of blood. Look upon the Savior uplifted on the cross. Hear the despairing cry, 'My God, My God, why hast Thou forsaken me?' (Mark 15:34). Look upon the wounded head, the pierced side, the marred feet. Remember that **Christ risked all**. For our redemption, **heaven itself was imperiled**. At the foot of the cross, remembering that **for one sinner** Christ would have laid down His life, you may estimate the **value of a soul**" Christ's Object Lessons, p. 196.

Inspiration tells us: "If but **one soul** would have accepted the gospel of His grace, Christ would, to save **that one**, have chosen His life of toil and humiliation and His death of shame" The Ministry of Healing, p. 135.

"The loss of **even one soul** is a calamity **infinitely** outweighing the gains and treasures of a world" The Great Controversy, p. 21.

So, what is the value of a single soul? Here is the answer: "The wealth of earth dwindles into insignificance when compared with the worth of **a single soul** for whom our Lord and Master died. He who weigheth the hills in scales and the mountains in a balance, regards a human soul as of **infinite value**" God's Amazing Grace, p. 173.

You will notice that the value of a single soul is infinite. Why is this? Simply because each one is unique and irreplaceable! When there is only one of a kind, it is priceless. Once a soul is lost, it is lost forever!

How, may we ask, do we purchase something that is of infinite value or priceless? The answer is: Only by paying an **infinite price** can you purchase something that is of infinite value. Thus Ellen White explains: "Jesus, the world's Redeemer, gave His precious life to save fallen humanity. Every son and daughter of Adam is His purchased possession. He paid the **infinite price**, the ransom money in His own precious life, to redeem man. Therefore, he identifies His interest with suffering humanity" The Home Missionary, Dec. 1, 1894.

"The soul is of **infinite value**. Its worth can be estimated only by the **price paid** to ransom it. Calvary! Calvary! will explain the true value of the soul" Testimonies to the Church, vol. 3, p. 188.

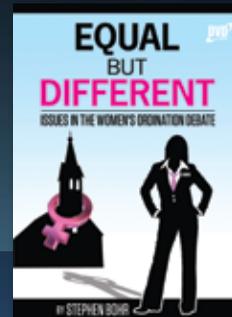
But the gospel story not only tells us how much the Father and the Son love us. It also tells us how much we should love others. If the value of even one soul is infinite should we not work arduously to win as many as possible? We are instructed: "**One soul** is of more

value to heaven than a whole world of property, houses, lands, money. For the conversion of one soul we should tax our resources to the utmost" Testimonies to the Church vol. 6, pp. 21-22.

"**One soul** saved in the kingdom of God is of more value than **all earthly riches**. We are answerable to God for the souls with whom we are brought in

contact, and the closer our connections with our fellow men, the greater our responsibility. We are one great brotherhood, and the welfare of our fellow men should be our great interest. We have not one moment to lose. If we have been careless in this matter, it is high time we were now in earnest to redeem the time, lest the blood of souls be found on our

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garments. As children of God, none of us are excused from taking part in the great work of Christ in the salvation of our fellow men” Testimonies to the Church, vol. 3, p. 209.

I would like to share a final lesson that we can learn from this study.

In the ongoing discussion on women’s ordination, some have led us to believe that if we don’t believe that men and women can fulfill identical roles in both the home and in the church then we must believe that

**GOD’S WAY IS ALWAYS BEST.**

women are inferior to men. In light of what we’ve studied, however, it should be clear how false this assumption is. God has called men to be the elders and pastors of the church. They are to be husbands of one wife, heads of their households. But, too many today believe that the husband and the wife in the home and men and women in the church have interchangeable roles. But the Bible is clear that men are to occupy the position of leader in the home and

elder/pastor of the church. This does not mean that women are inferior to men, any more than a different role on the part of Christ makes Him inferior to His Father. Beings can have different functions and yet be equal.

This isn’t rocket science. It is easy to understand. And yet today, there are those who are resisting the place that God has assigned them, and they wish to change God’s order. That’s

what started the original rebellion in the first place, both in heaven

and on earth.

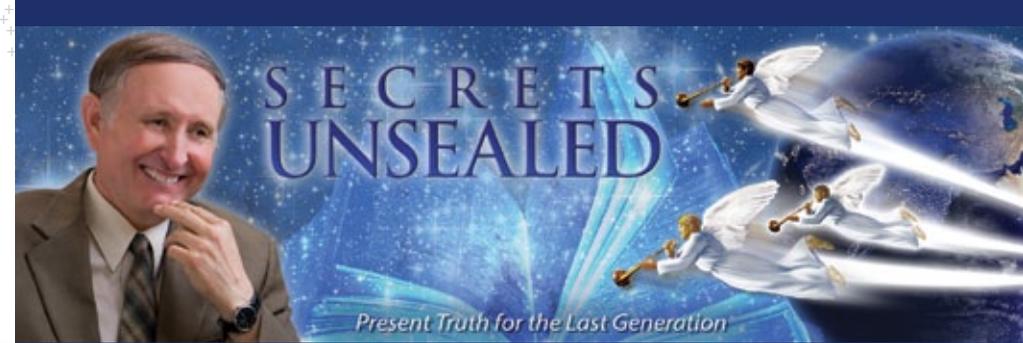
God’s way is always best. In eternity future, all of us—like the Father and the Son—will have different functions. Some will have higher functions, higher responsibilities, than others. Ellen White speaks of higher and lower ranks of angels. It was this order against which Lucifer rebelled. If this is our attitude here on earth, we will hardly be fit for a heaven seeking security against another rebellion. In Jesus’ kingdom, one with the highest position descends to the lowest, so he can serve others. May that be the spirit of us all!



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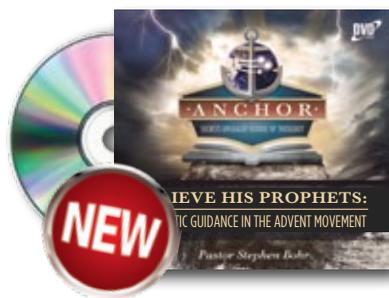
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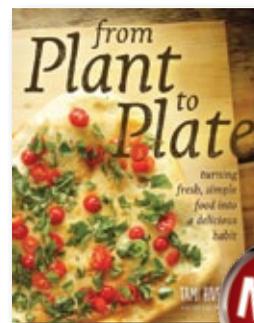
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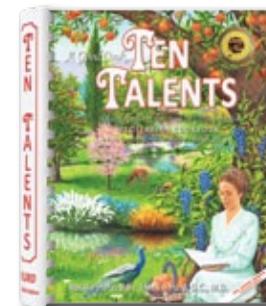
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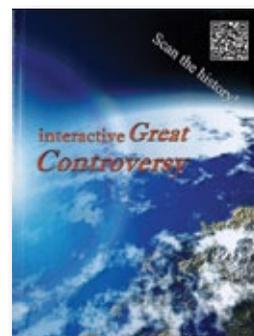
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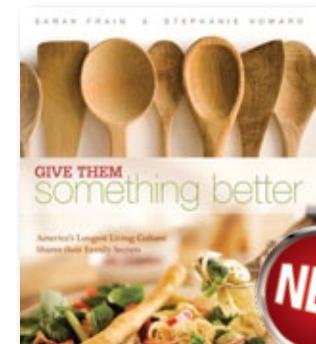
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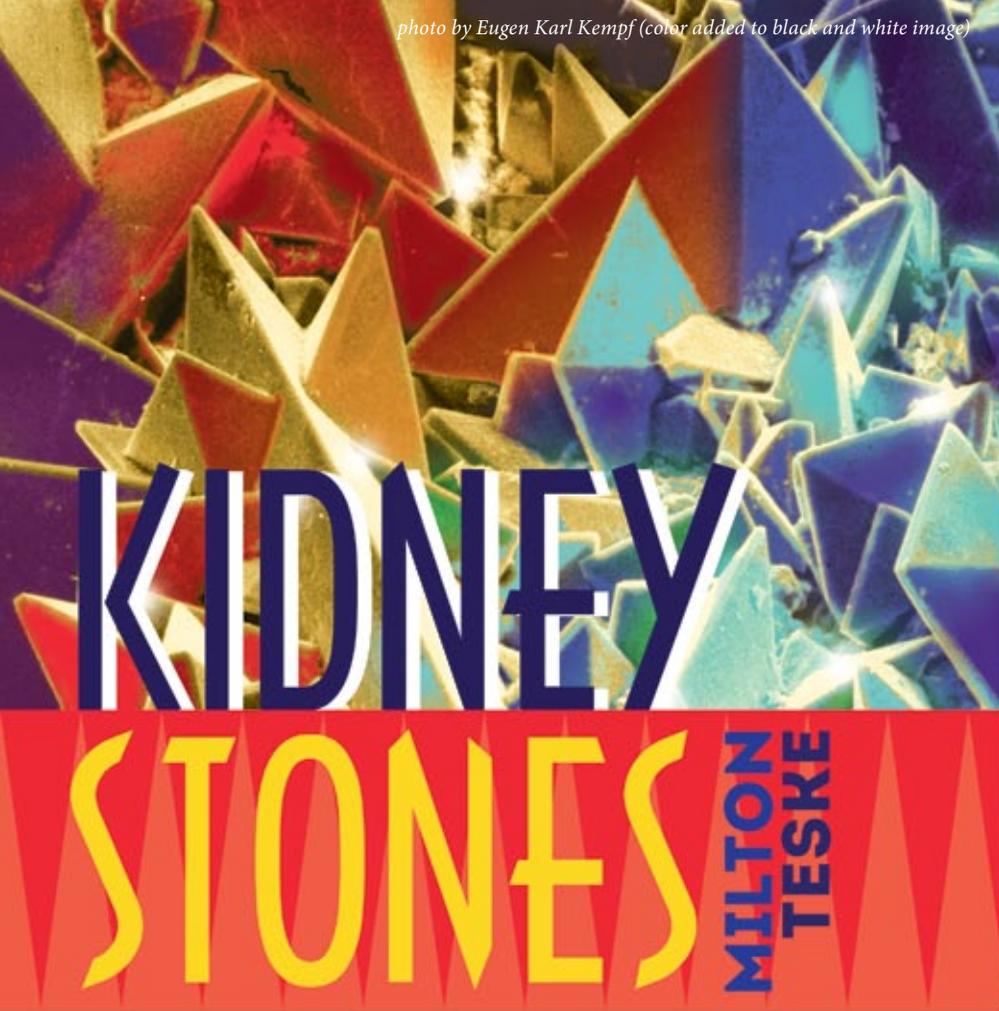
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## In the emergency room where I work,

patients presenting with kidney stones are a common sight, usually several of them every shift. You can recognize them from the other side of the ER. The crampy, colicky pain is one of the most sharp, severe, unbearable pains imaginable. Women tell me it is way worse than labor pains. They are moving around trying every possible position to relieve the pain, and no position will relieve it. Typically they are standing beside the gurney doubled over in pain rather than lying on it when I walk into the room. Severe nausea and vomiting are frequently part of the picture because of the intense nature of the pain.

They can tell me exactly what they were doing at the very moment when it started. Kidney stone pain goes from zero to 100% instantly (as the ureter goes into spasm around the sharp rough edges of the stone). They awake suddenly from

As you look closely at the surface of a kidney stone with a microscope you can see why they cause such severe pain as they pass through the urinary tract.

sleep in the middle of the night, or they can relate exactly what scene on TV they were watching when it struck them, or they were driving at such and such a place and suddenly it hit them.

Immediately on arrival, the ER nurse starts an IV and then along with a bolus of normal saline I will order medications for pain and spasm and nausea and vomiting. Soon the pain and vomiting will be relieved and then we can proceed with the work up. The urine may show some blood in it and then a CT scan will show how big the stone is, where it is and if it is causing any obstruction.

Small stones will probably pass within a few hours to a day or two. Larger stones may require lithotripsy or other urological procedures to break up or remove them, and they can result in complications such as pyelonephritis or even renal failure.

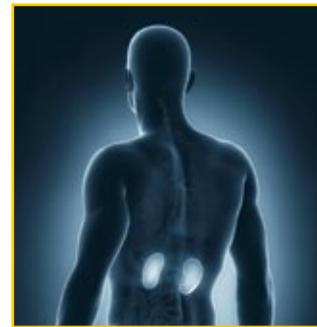
## Major Increase In Stones

Today, kidney stones are so common that one in 11 people will have one, a dramatic increase from just 20 years ago when only half as many people got kidney stones. The incidence of kidney stones has been increasing gradu-

ally since the end of World War II. The question that must be asked is, what is causing this increase that seems to be accelerating? Many of those forming kidney stones will go on to form multiple stones over the coming months and years.

## Animal Protein the Major Cause

Researchers are finding that the increasing numbers of kidney stones are directly related to the increasing amount of animal protein in the diet. Indeed the **only risk factor** consistently to be associated with kidney stone formation in all demographic groups is **increased intake of animal protein**. To evaluate if this was a cause and effect relationship, they studied the effects of adding increased animal protein to the diet.



They tried adding a can of tuna to the diet each day to see its effect on stone formation risk factors. The amount of calcium in the urine as well as urinary oxalate levels and uric acid levels all dramatically increased. The probability of stone formation increased over 250% on the days they ate the extra can of tuna.

And these people were still only averaging around 80g of protein per day with this extra can of tuna added. Many Americans are eating 100g to 200g per day, primarily animal protein. The higher the intake of animal protein, the more likely they were to form multi-

ple stones. So we see the reason behind why I see so many patients suffering such severe pain from kidney stones in my ER every day. It is the almost universal increase in meat consumption.

Further studies were done recently to see if it was primarily beef or chicken or fish that were associated with increased kidney stone formation. And the results: All of these forms of animal protein caused stone formation.

substances being removed are calcium, oxalate and uric acid, and there is less water intake, the more concentrated will be the solution of these substances. And the higher the concentration, the more likely they are to precipitate out into crystals and form into stones. The more water, the more diluted the concentration of these stone will be in forming substances and the less likely they will be to make a stone.



### A Plant-based Diet

Over a century ago, God sent a health message to His remnant people through His messenger. We have been instructed to completely abstain from flesh foods, that the flesh of animals is unfit for human consumption. Now over a century later as meat consumption in the U.S. continues to increase, we see yet another reason for the wisdom of this counsel. Most cases of kidney stones could be avoided entirely by obeying this instruction.

As we move into the last years of this earth's history, and disease and misery and pain are continually increasing, we can share God's healing love to those around us and spare them from so many of the painful afflictions that are a curse to the inhabitants of this rebellious world.

Obedience to God's original plan is still the best medicine for this world.



MILTON TESKE, MD

### What About Vegetable Protein?

Interestingly, populations with a relatively high intake of vegetable protein compared to animal protein have a very low incidence of kidney stones. Those on a low animal protein diet have very low levels of urinary calcium, oxalate and uric acid. This may explain why we rarely find kidney stones in primarily vegetarian societies.

### Water

Water is essential to the good health of every organ of the body and the kidneys are no exception. The kidneys filter out waste products from the blood into the urine, and a good supply of water is essential to this process. When the



DATING,  
MATING,

& RELATING PART 2

BY PASTOR JUSTIN TOROSSIAN

### THE SECOND MOST SUCCESSFUL MATCHMAKER IN HISTORY

When you let God write your love story, it will end happily ever after in His kingdom. Yet sadly, the “happily ever after” dream of marital bliss ends up in shambles for many. Why? Because whenever we turn a blind eye to red flags of warning, closing our ears to the Holy Spirit's alerts, we're heading for disaster. God is the ultimate “Matchmaker.” He delights in leading men and women into happy relationships — and He's good at it! When two people are fully submitted to Him, they can trust in His leading. After all, *“this [the choice of a life partner] concerns your happiness more than any other event of your*

*life, and you need counsel and advice here more than on any other point.”*

Don't miss this. Aside from committing your life to Jesus, **the choice of who you marry is the most important one of your life!** God loves you, desires the best for you, and He longs to give you clear leading and help in this decision. But He's not the only one.

While God has big plans for your life (Jeremiah 29:11), the sobering reality is that Satan *also* has plans for your life, *especially* when it comes to relationships.

Check this out: *“He [Satan] is busily engaged in influencing those who are wholly unsuited to each other to unite*

their interests. He exults in this work, for by it he can produce more misery and hopeless woe to the human family than by exercising his skill in any other direction.”<sup>2</sup>

### THE DEVIL'S MOST EFFECTIVE STRATEGY

Wow! The devil is a matchmaker too! And his **most effective** strategy for creating misery in people's lives is through matchmaking.

Think about it. Herodias led Herod to behead John the Baptist. Jezebel influenced Ahab to Baal-worship and tyranny. Ananias convinced his wife Sapphira to lie, leading both to die. History is full of examples of Satan's skillful and destructive matchmaking. One of Satan's most successful strategies to get people into wrong relationships is through the flip of physical intimacy.

### THE FLIP OF PHYSICAL INTIMACY

God created men and women with the capacity to connect in three ways, and in this order — intellectually, emotionally, and then physically. It is only as we do so in this order, that we can experience the fullness of intimacy in marriage that God has designed us to have. But Satan works to get people to reverse this order, so that they connect physically first. When this happens, the emotional connection a couple shares is unhealthy, and as a result there is virtually no intellectual connection at all.

Being physically intimate is the fastest and most effective way to lose your ability to think logically. An old prov-

erb says, “When two people kiss, they close their eyes.” In other words, physical intimacy causes people to stop really “keeping their eyes open” in getting to know each other. Physical intimacy short-circuits the ability to rationally, objectively discover whether or not you're in a God-matched relationship. Kissing and all intimacies beyond it will make it nearly impossible to think straight, and will drown out the sound of God's warnings and promptings to you. That's why the Bible warns against sexual activity before marriage.

Putting physical intimacy first always skews our judgment. Samson, the strongest man on the planet, had his eyes gouged out and died an early death because he let passion control him. Solomon said, (speaking of lust as an adulteress), “For she has cast down many wounded, And all who were slain by her were strong men” Proverbs 7:26. Solomon would know — his multiple pagan wives led him to depart from God. Solomon's own mother had a one-night stand with his father. When Bathsheba fell pregnant, King David

*Few temptations are more dangerous or more fatal ...*

sent her husband Uriah off to die in battle (2 Samuel 11). And the list goes on and on.

In a response to a letter from a young man asking for advice, Ellen White expressed the danger of placing physical intimacy first. “*Few temptations are more dangerous or more fatal ... than the temptation to sensuality, and none if yielded to will prove so decidedly ruinous to soul and body for time and eternity.*” Next, she reminded him



### WILL YOU TRUST HIM WITH YOUR RELATIONSHIPS?

If you haven't yet, why not commit right now to allowing God write your love story? You'll never regret it.

## GOD: the ultimate Matchmaker, pairs people up for a life of joy.

about Joseph who physically ran from the temptation to sleep with Potiphar's beautiful wife. She says “*the welfare of his entire future is suspended upon the decision of a moment.*”

Did you catch that? The rest of Joseph's life, both on this earth and for eternity, was hanging on the decision of **a single moment**. It was a *moment vs. eternity ... a little while vs. forever ... a minute vs. the infinite*. Joseph made the right choice, but not all Christians have the same track record. Maybe you've messed up when it comes to crossing the boundaries of physical intimacy. If you've stopped crossing that line and have asked God for forgiveness, then you stand forgiven! You're a new person (1 John 1:9; 2 Corinthians 5:17). And if you're struggling with crossing that line right now, determine to stop by God's grace, and claim His promises for victory (James 4:7).

Remember, Satan is a matchmaker. But while he may have plans for your life, **starting right now**, you can choose **God's plan** for your life to be fulfilled. God, the ultimate Matchmaker, pairs people up for a life of joy on earth, and an eternal life in heaven.

Don't miss our third and final part next time as we discover *What to Do When The Time **Is** Right*.

### SUGGESTED RESOURCES

- *Letters to Young Lovers & Adventist Home*, books by Ellen White
- *The Elephant in the Room: Sex, the Gospel, and the Church* book by Dustin Hall
- *A Greater Lust*, series on Victory Over Pornography and Lust by Scott Ritsema, [beltoftruthministries.org](http://beltoftruthministries.org)
- *CROSS — Christian Resources on Spouse Selection*, powerful workbook, [mybiblefirst.org](http://mybiblefirst.org)
- *Happily Ever After: Finding True Love God's Way*, audio sermon series by Alan and Nicole Parker [audioverse.org](http://audioverse.org)
- *Keys for a Happy Marriage* free Bible study [amazingfacts.org](http://amazingfacts.org)
- *They Lived Happily Ever After* DVD series by Pastor Stephen Bohr, see p. 25



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<sup>1</sup> *Daughters of God*, 190.  
<sup>2</sup> *Letters to Young Lovers*, 29.  
<sup>3</sup> *Letters to Young Lovers*, 69.



# The Hidden Treasure

## LESSON 19

Matthew 13:44; Proverbs 2:1-5;  
2 Corinthians 4:3-4; Colossians 2:3;  
Christ's Object Lessons (COL), pp. 103-114

In this lesson we will study the parable of the hidden treasure. Though it is one of Jesus' shorter parables, it teaches profound spiritual lessons.

### The Customs of the Day

1. Where did people hide their treasures in ancient times? *"In ancient times it was customary for men to hide their treasures in the \_\_\_\_\_"* (COL 103).
2. For what three reasons did people bury their treasures in the earth in ancient times? *"Thefts and \_\_\_\_\_ were frequent ..."*

whenever there was a \_\_\_\_\_ in the ruling power, those who had large possessions were liable to be put under \_\_\_\_\_ tribute. Moreover the country was in constant danger of \_\_\_\_\_ by marauding armies" (COL 103).

3. How was it possible for hidden treasures to be lost? *"But often the \_\_\_\_\_ of concealment was forgotten; \_\_\_\_\_ might claim the owner, \_\_\_\_\_ or exile might separate him from his treasure ..."* (COL 103).

4. Could the treasure be found simply by walking over the place it was buried? *"A man might pass over the place where the treasure had been \_\_\_\_\_. In dire necessity he might sit down to rest at the foot of a \_\_\_\_\_, not knowing of the riches hidden at its roots"* (COL 104-105).

5. What would friends and relatives think of the person who sold all to buy the field? *"His family and his neighbors think that he is acting like a \_\_\_\_\_. Looking on the field, they see no \_\_\_\_\_ in the neglected soil"* (COL 104).

6. What was the man willing to do in order to purchase the field and find the treasure? *"The finder of the treasure in the field was ready to part with \_\_\_\_\_ that he had, ready to put forth untiring \_\_\_\_\_ in order to secure the hidden riches"* (COL 104; Mt. 13:44).

### The Symbols of the Parable

1. What is symbolized by the field? *"In the parable the field containing the \_\_\_\_\_ represents the Holy \_\_\_\_\_."* (COL 104).
2. According to Ellen White, what does the treasure represent? *"And the \_\_\_\_\_ is the treasure"* (COL 104).
3. Is Ellen White's concept in harmony with the Bible? Notice the words of the apostle Paul: *"But if the \_\_\_\_\_ be \_\_\_\_\_, it is hid from them that are \_\_\_\_\_. In whom the god of this world hath blinded the \_\_\_\_\_ of them which believe not, lest the light of*



the glorious \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them” (2 Corinthians 4:3-4).

4. \_\_\_\_\_, and not silver; and \_\_\_\_\_ rather than \_\_\_\_\_ gold” (Proverbs 8:10).

5. \_\_\_\_\_ is sit to get wisdom than \_\_\_\_\_! And to get \_\_\_\_\_ rather to be chosen than \_\_\_\_\_!” (Proverbs 16:16).

6. How does Proverbs 2:1-5 help us understand the meaning of the treasure? “If thou seekest her [wisdom] as \_\_\_\_\_, and searchest for her as for hid \_\_\_\_\_; then shalt thou understand the \_\_\_\_\_ of the LORD, and find the \_\_\_\_\_ of God.”

7. What did David have to say about the value of the law of God? “The law [torah] of thy mouth is \_\_\_\_\_ unto me than thousands of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_” (Psalm 119:72).

8. Who is represented by the man who discovered and bought the treasure? “So the \_\_\_\_\_ of heavenly treasure will count no \_\_\_\_\_ too great and no \_\_\_\_\_ too dear, in order to gain the treasures of truth” (COL 104).

## Why the Treasure is Hidden

1. What happens when people place earthly riches above the Word of God? “From them the treasures of His \_\_\_\_\_ are \_\_\_\_\_” (COL 106).

2. How does the field and the treasure apply to the Jewish people? “As a \_\_\_\_\_ treasure, truth had been intrusted to the \_\_\_\_\_ people. ... They had the word of God [the field] in their hands; but the traditions which had been handed down from generation

to generation, and the human \_\_\_\_\_ of the Scriptures, hid from them the truth [the treasure] as it is in \_\_\_\_\_” (COL 105).

3. Does God conceal His truth from men? “God does not \_\_\_\_\_ His truth from men. By their \_\_\_\_\_ course of action they make it obscure to \_\_\_\_\_” (COL 105).

4. What is true higher education, according to the Spirit of Prophecy? “The true higher education is gained by \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ the word of God. But when God’s word is laid aside for books that do not lead to God and the kingdom of heaven, the education acquired is a \_\_\_\_\_ of the name.” (COL 107).

NOTE: If what Ellen White says is true, most of the education which is imparted in worldly schools and in many of our own SDA schools is a perversion of true education.

5. What wise words of counsel about text books does Ellen G. White give to our educational institutions? “Instead of books containing the \_\_\_\_\_ of reputedly great authors, they choose the word of Him who is the greatest \_\_\_\_\_ and the greatest teacher the world has ever known ...” (COL 108).

6. Why did the Jews fail to find Christ in the Old Testament? “It required a \_\_\_\_\_ to receive changeless, eternal truth. Therefore they would not admit the most \_\_\_\_\_ evidence that God could give to establish faith in Christ” (COL 105).

NOTE: In order to find Christ in the Scriptures, two things must happen. First, we must put all our effort and energy to dig deep into the Word. Second, we must be willing to give up all that which would keep us from “buying” Christ.

7. What did Jesus say to the Jews of His day? “Ye \_\_\_\_\_ the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have \_\_\_\_\_ life: and they are they which testify of me. And ye will not \_\_\_\_\_ to me, that ye might have life” (John 5:39).

NOTE: The Jews of Christ’s day searched the Old Testament Scriptures [the field] in order to find the treasure but came up empty because they rejected the treasure of Scripture, Jesus Christ. This is why Jesus said, “For had ye believed Moses [his writings], ye would have believed me; for he wrote about me” (John 5:46).



## Searching for the Treasure

1. What did the man of the parable do when he found the hidden treasure? “When a man hath found, he hideth, and for \_\_\_\_\_ thereof goeth and selleth \_\_\_\_\_ that he hath, and buyeth that field” (Matthew 13:44).

2. THOUGHT QUESTION: What do you think is meant by the act of selling all in order to buy the field? \_\_\_\_\_

3. What example from Adventist history illustrates what it means to search for hidden treasure? (See quotation #11 the end of this material). \_\_\_\_\_

4. How did the pioneers approach Bible study? (Study quotation #11 at the end of this material and write down several answers.)

- A. \_\_\_\_\_
- B. \_\_\_\_\_
- C. \_\_\_\_\_
- D. \_\_\_\_\_

5. Why do many fail to find the hidden treasures of God’s word? “They are content with \_\_\_\_\_ work, taking for granted that they have all that is \_\_\_\_\_. They take the sayings of others for \_\_\_\_\_, being too \_\_\_\_\_ to put themselves to diligent, earnest labor, represented in the word as \_\_\_\_\_ for hidden treasure” (COL 109-110).

6. How important is a study of the Scriptures? “It is \_\_\_\_\_ for old and young not only to \_\_\_\_\_ God’s word, but to \_\_\_\_\_ it with wholehearted earnestness, praying and searching for truth as for hidden treasure. ... Our \_\_\_\_\_ depends on a knowledge of the \_\_\_\_\_ contained in the Scriptures” (COL 111).

7. How important is faith in the search for the hidden treasure of God’s word? “To have faith means to \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ the gospel

treasure, with all the obligations which it \_\_\_\_\_. ... without the eye of faith [the seeker] cannot \_\_\_\_\_ the treasure” (COL 112-113).

## Gems from Ellen White on the Hidden Treasure

1. “We are to regard the Bible as God’s disclosure to us of eternal things—the things of most consequence for us to know. By the world it is thrown aside as if the perusal of it were finished, but a thousand years of research would not exhaust the hidden treasure it contains. Eternity alone will disclose the wisdom of this Book, for it is the wisdom of an infinite mind. Shall we, then, cultivate a deep hunger for the productions of human authors and disregard the word of God?” Counsels to Teachers, p. 443.

2. “The jewels of truth lie scattered over the field of revelation; but they have been buried beneath human traditions, beneath the sayings and commandments of men, and the wisdom from heaven has been practically ignored. Satan has succeeded in making the world believe that the words and achievements of men are of great consequence” Counsels to Teachers, p. 437.

3. “Thousands of men who minister in the pulpit are lacking in essential qualities of mind and character because they do not apply themselves to the study of the Scriptures. They are content with a superficial knowledge of the truths that are full of rich depths of meaning; and they prefer to go on, losing much in every way, rather than to search diligently for the hidden treasure” Counsels to Teachers, p. 460.

4. “The Bible is to be your standard, the living oracles of Jehovah are to be your guide. You are to dig for the truth as for hidden treasures. You are to find where the treasure is, and then you are to plow every inch of that field to get the jewels. You are to work the mines of truth for new gems, for new diamonds, and you will find them” Faith and Works, p. 77.

5. “These men [worldly authors] had received their talents from God, and every gem of thought by which they had been esteemed worthy of the attention of scholars and thinkers, belongs not to them, but to the God of all wisdom, whom they did not acknowledge. Through tradition, through false education, these men are exalted as the world’s educators; but in going to them students are in danger of accepting the vile with the precious; for superstition,



specious reasoning, and error are mingled with portions of true philosophy and instruction. This mingling makes a potion that is poisonous to the soul,—destructive of faith in the God of all truth. Those who have a thirst for knowledge need not go to these polluted fountains; for they are invited to come to the fountain of life and drink freely. Through searching the word of God, they may find the hidden treasure of truth that has long been buried beneath the rubbish of error, human tradition, and opinions of men” Fundamentals of Christian Education, pp. 170-171.

**6.** “The wonderful symbol of the living bird dipped in the blood of the bird slain and then set free to its joyous life {Lev. 14:4-8}, is to us the symbol of the atonement. There were death and life blended, presenting to the searcher for truth and hidden treasure, the union of the pardoning blood with the resurrection and life of our Redeemer. The bird slain was over living water; that flowing stream was a symbol of the ever flowing, ever cleansing efficacy of the blood of Christ, the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world” Sons and Daughters of God, p. 226.

**7.** “In those days there were many who searched for treasure which was supposed to be buried in certain localities where great cities had once stood. In the great thoroughfare of travel, where Jesus was then teaching, it was not unusual to meet persons who had come long distances on their way to where it was supposed hidden treasure could be found. The desire for great riches led them upon a journey fraught with many perils. They had left their avocations upon a venture that seldom proved successful. But if they secured a small treasure they redoubled their exertions, hoping to realize still greater riches. Jesus had this class of his hearers in view, when he thus illustrated the mysterious riches of his grace, which, once having attracted the heart of man, lead him to seek higher attainments and greater blessings. The more he realizes of the peace of God, the more he desires to drink deeper at the fountain of his love. The thirst for righteousness, the longing and seeking for its treasures, continually increase.”

“In order to obtain a vast treasure that is supposed to be hidden in a field, or a gem that is of great and unknown value, the man who is seeking for riches invests all his substance in that field, or uses it to purchase the precious jewel, calculating that it will increase in value on his hands and bring him the for-

tune that he covets. So should the Christian, who desires the riches of Heaven, set aside all considerations that interfere with his eternal welfare, and put his soul into the work of securing the riches of Christ's love. His talents, his means, his energies, should all be applied in such a way as to win the approbation of God. Jesus directs the minds of his hearers to infinite riches, hidden where all may engage in searching for them, sure of being successful, never doomed to the disappointment of fruitless toil. He came from Heaven to direct the search. High and low, rich and poor, stand upon an equal footing, and none need seek in vain” Spirit of Prophecy, volume 2, pp. 251-252.

**8.** “Above all other books, the word of God must be our study, the great textbook, the basis of all education; and our children are to be educated in the truths found therein, irrespective of previous habits and customs. In doing this, teachers and students will find the hidden treasure, the higher education” Testimonies for the Church, volume 6, pp. 131-132.

**9.** “The Majesty of heaven was not discerned in the disguise of humanity. He was the divine Teacher sent from God, the glorious Treasure given to humanity. He was fairer than the sons of men, but His matchless glory was hidden under a cover of poverty and suffering. He veiled His glory in order that divinity might touch humanity, and the treasure of immense value was not discerned by the human race. ...”

“The Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us’ (John 1:14). The treasure indeed is hidden under the garb of humanity. Christ is the unsearchable riches, and he who finds Christ finds heaven. The human agent who looks upon Jesus, who dwells by faith on His matchless charms, finds the eternal treasure.”

“Christ does not use this parable to commend the man who hides the treasure until he can buy the field, but His object in using this illustration is to convey to our mind the value of spiritual things. To obtain worldly treasure, the man would make a sacrifice of his all, and how much more should we give for the priceless, heavenly treasure!” That I May Know Him, p. 58.

**10.** “We have purchased the field of truth because of the treasure that is hidden therein. The rich gems of truth do not lie on the surface. You must dig for them. Take your Bible, and compare passage with passage, and verse with verse, and you will find the precious jewels of truth. You should put the precious gems of light in a beautiful setting, and hang them in memory’s hall” Review and Herald, April 16, 1889.



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**11.** “My husband, with Elders Joseph Bates, Stephen Pierce, Hiram Edson, and others who were keen, noble, and true, was among those who, after the passing of the time in 1844, searched for the truth as for hidden treasure.”

“We would come together burdened in soul, praying that we might be one in faith and doctrine; for we knew that Christ is not divided. One point at a time was made the subject of investigation. The Scriptures were opened with a sense of awe. Often we fasted, that we might be better fitted to understand the truth. After earnest prayer, if any point was not understood, it was discussed and each one expressed his opinion freely; then we would again bow in prayer, and earnest supplications went up to heaven that God would help us to see eye to eye, that we might be one, as Christ and the Father are one. Many tears were shed.”

“We spent many hours in this way. Sometimes the entire night was spent in solemn investigation of the Scriptures, that we might understand the truth for our time. On some occasions the Spirit of God would come upon me, and difficult portions were made clear through God’s appointed way, and then there was perfect harmony. We were all of one mind and one spirit.”

“We sought most earnestly that the Scriptures should not be wrested to suit any man’s opinions. We tried to make our differences as slight as possible by not dwelling on points that were of minor importance, upon which there were varying opinions. But the burden of every soul was to bring about a condition among the brethren which would answer the prayer of Christ that His disciples might be one as He and the Father are one.”

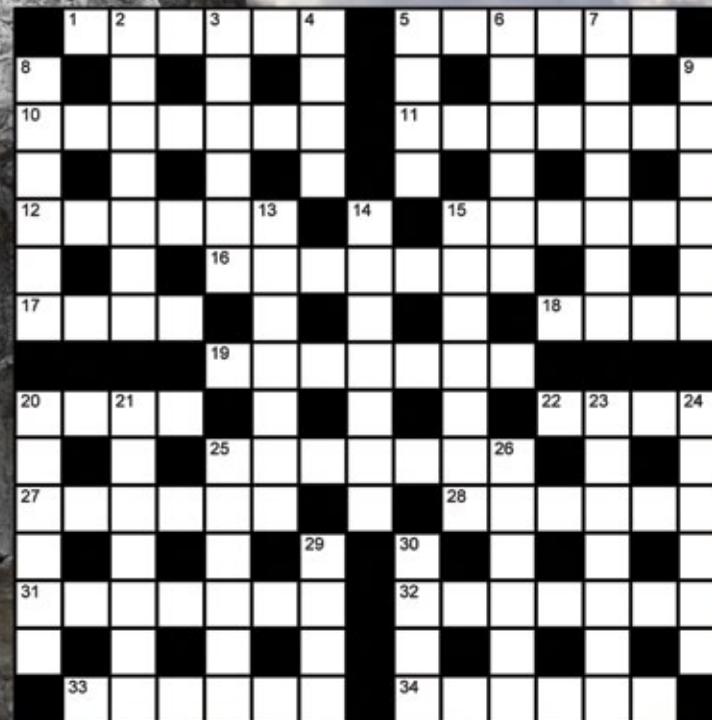
“Sometimes one or two of the brethren would stubbornly set themselves against the view presented, and would act out the natural feelings of the heart; but when this disposition appeared, we suspended our investigations and adjourned our meeting, that each one might have an opportunity to go to God in prayer, and without conversation with others, study the point of difference, asking light from heaven. With expressions of friendliness we parted, to meet again as soon as possible for further investigation. At times the power of God came upon us in a marked manner, and when clear light revealed the points of truth, we would weep and rejoice together. We loved Jesus; we loved one another” Christian Experience and Teaching of Ellen G. White, pp. 192-195.

## ACROSS

1. Dust + \_\_\_\_ = A living soul
5. Timothy lived here
10. The angel of the Lord \_\_\_\_ round about them that fear Him
11. Anointed one
12. Jesus died in this season
15. Zadok was a \_\_\_\_
16. These discovered scrolls confirm the accuracy of the Scriptures
17. Jesus, the \_\_\_\_ of Sharon
18. It is called Wormwood
19. The demoniac had \_\_\_\_ of demons
20. Thy word is a light unto my \_\_\_\_
22. The sacrifice could not have any \_\_\_\_
25. The resurrected boy \_\_\_\_ seven times
27. Asked for double of the Holy Spirit
28. Abraham lied, saying Sarah was his \_\_\_\_
31. Jesus calmed the \_\_\_\_
32. The Pharisees were filled with \_\_\_\_ as they plotted to murder Jesus
33. In the \_\_\_\_ of death, I will fear no evil
34. Far away

## DOWN

2. A scribe does this
3. Aaron’s rod had this
4. Though an \_\_\_\_ should encamp against me, I will not fear
5. God’s word is a \_\_\_\_ to my feet
6. Jabin’s army captain, fought against Barak
7. If we see a poor man in vile \_\_\_\_, it is a sin to be partial unto him
8. Cast down by the angel at the golden altar
9. When God washes us, we are \_\_\_\_ than snow
13. Place of burning
14. Ahithophel was David’s \_\_\_\_
15. Had Caesar’s name and subscription on them
20. Seven years of famine followed seven years of \_\_\_\_
21. God always causes us to \_\_\_\_ in Christ
23. Rejoice in hope and be \_\_\_\_ in tribulation
24. Remove the chaff
25. Above all, take with you the \_\_\_\_ of faith
26. Crown
29. Esau traded his birthright for this
30. One-tenth of an ephah





# EMERGING SPIRITUALITY

## BLESSING *or* CURSE

SECRETS UNSEALED SUMMIT 2015  
OCTOBER 29 - NOVEMBER 1

### Speakers

Pastor Stephen Bohr, Howard Peth, Allen Davis, PhD, Milton Teske, MD,  
Alexa Hernandez, Janet Neumann



### Event Location & Lodging

Tenaya Lodge at Yosemite  
1122 Hwy 41, Fish Camp, CA 93623  
You must call 800-635-5807, Option 2

▶ Use **Group Code: 30R29C** for the Hotel Summit Rate of \$135/night + tax.

### Event Registration

SecretsUnsealed.org or  
Call 559-264-2300 or 888-REV-1412

▶ *Hotel and Event Registration are two separate fees. Register early for best price.*

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# 2015 Summit Registration Form

OCTOBER 29 - NOVEMBER 1, 2015  
Thursday 7:00pm to Sunday 12:30pm

EVERY ATTENDEE MUST REGISTER. NO ON-SITE REGISTRATION AVAILABLE!

### LOCATION and LODGING

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To reserve your room at Tenaya, call 800-635-5807, Option 2

Use Group Code: **30R29C** for the Summit Rate

*This hotel will sell out quickly. Book your room early!*

### REGISTRATION and MEALS

9:30am breakfast buffet and 4:00pm dinner buffet

**Register early!** Registration closes when full capacity is reached.

	Full Registration* 5 meals	Weekend + (Fri pm - Sun am) 4 meals	Weekend (Fri pm - Sat pm) 3 meals	Sabbath Only 2 meals	Sabbath Only NO meals
Adult (13+)	___\$350/375*	___\$256	___\$184	___\$106	___\$44
Child (4-12)	___\$ 89	___\$ 62	___\$ 48	___\$ 31	___\$ 0

\*Full Registration fees for Adults are:

- \$350 from June 1 through Sept. 24
- \$375 from Sept. 25 through Oct. 15

Select meal type:

- VEGAN  
 VEGETARIAN

**TOTAL Registration Cost:**

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

### Step #1: Complete Personal Information for each attendee.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

### Step #2: Select Payment Type

**Check:** Number \_\_\_\_\_  **Money Order:** Number \_\_\_\_\_

*(A \$15 fee will be charged for returned checks.)*

**Credit Card:** Number

Exp. date (MM/YY)   Security Code: \_\_\_\_\_ *(last 3 digits on signature strip)*

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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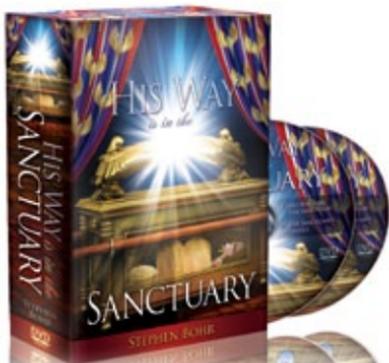
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Address \_\_\_\_\_

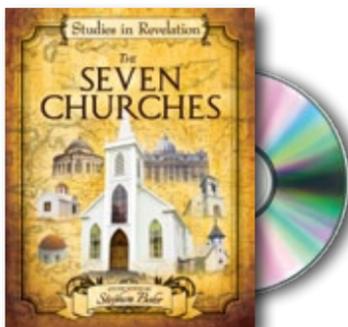
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Sale ends September 30, except for "His Way Is In the Sanctuary" and "The Seven Churches." These two end June 30.

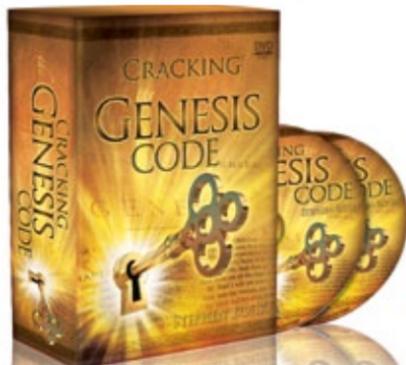
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**His Way Is In The Sanctuary DVD Set**  
HWIITSDVSET-32 ... ~~\$189.99~~ **\$169.00**



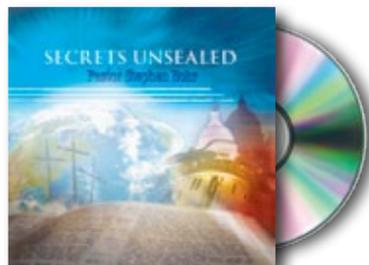
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The Seven Churches CD Set**  
SIR7CCDSET-135 .... ~~\$176.00~~ **\$132.00**



**Cracking The Genesis Code DVD Set**  
CGDVDSET-52 ..... ~~\$269.00~~ **\$215.00**



**They Lived Happily Ever After DVD Set**  
MSDVDSET-5 ..... ~~\$44.95~~ **\$34.95**



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