

Dear Friend,

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When I go on speaking appointments, my favorite meeting is the question and answer time. As a teacher, I love fielding questions from my students. This meeting gives me the opportunity to help where confusion reigns and there is plenty of that in Adventism today! As you noticed from last month's newsletter, sometimes people do not like my answers and things can get a little warm and even heated. Well.....Recently, I was giving some meetings in which Desmond Ford and his higher criticism/historical method of Bible interpretation was being discussed. Ford felt that was the great problem in SDAntism in 1980 at Glacier View, Colorado. He said, "The primary point of tension at Glacier View is a split between the administrators present and their methodology, and theologians and biblical scholars present and their methodology. Administrators, the book contends, adhered primarily to the proof-text method of biblical interpretation, while scholars held to the historical method, which factored in biblical languages, context, original intent, and so forth. "In the thinking of the majority at Glacier View, Adventist tradition was the norm for interpreting the Bible, rather than the Bible for tradition" (pg. 61). Basically, Ford was saying that Adventism is wrong to let one passage interpret another and that the right way to interpret Scripture was to understand what the writer meant in its original context, time period, etc. In Ford's assertion was a veiled torpedo at the SOP that he despised and butchered at will!

To illustrate this, a professor at PUC, when I was there, declared that Micah 5:2 had NOTHING to do with the Messiah's birth, but had something solely to do with Micah's day. Micah 5:2 reads, "But thou, Bethlehem Ephrata, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting." Matthew 2:4-6 quotes Micah 5:2 for explaining where Christ would be born and Ellen White applies this passage to Christ. "Christ, the Word, the only begotten of God, was one with the eternal Father,—one in nature, in character, in purpose,—the only being that could enter into all the counsels and purposes of God. "His name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of peace" (Isaiah 9:6). His "goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting" (Micah 5:2).—Patriarchs and Prophets, 34.

Ford's historical, contextual method of interpreting Scripture leaves laymen powerless to withstand the educated theologians who use their foolishness to destroy the Bible. The Bible and the SOP interpret the Bible just fine without the stupidity of the scholars! When men use their scholarship and education to supersede the Bible and the SOP, their wisdom has become foolishness; their scholarship has become folly, and they are not to be trusted! Scholars have become educated baboons!!

One individual did not like my colorful language. He did not like me calling 'wise' men educated idiots! He did not like me referring to them as animals without reason!! He felt that was not the spirit of Christ! As he challenged me in the question and answer time, he clearly was not happy with me and wanted to know my response to his question. My answer was rather simple. I cited two individuals in the

New Testament that also used colorful language and referred to the animal kingdom to rebuke worldly wise theologians whose scholarship had supplanted the Bible. The two individuals wereJohn the Baptist and Jesus! John the Baptist had some potent words for worldly, Adventist scholars who were destroying the Bible, “But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees come to his baptism, he said unto them, **O generation of vipers, who hath warned you to flee from the wrath to come?** Bring forth therefore fruits meet for repentance: And think not to say within yourselves, We have Abraham to our father: for I say unto you, that God is able of these stones to raise up children unto Abraham.” Matthew 3:7, 8 He called Adventism’s finest slimy, wiggly, groveling snakes! Why? Because they were trying to destroy the Bible in a religiously, and scholarly fashion, leading the people from the truth!

Jesus, in Matthew 23, lowered the boom on scholarly Adventists. He called them.....

Verses 13, 14, 23, and 25 “Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, **hypocrites!**”

Verse 15 “ye make him twofold **more the child of hell than yourselves.**” Jesus called the scholarly theologians children of hell!

Verses 16-19 “...**Ye fools and blind:** for whether is greater, the gold, or the temple that sanctifieth the gold...Ye fools and blind: for whether is greater, the gift, or the altar that sanctifieth the gift?” Jesus said they were blind idiots!! Wow!

Verse 33 “**Ye serpents, ye generation of vipers,** how can ye escape the damnation of hell?”

Was this the spirit of Christ that lowered the boom? Obviously, but why did He do it? “The interest of the people in Christ and His work had steadily increased. They were charmed with His teaching, but they were also greatly perplexed. They had respected the priests and rabbis for their intelligence and apparent piety. In all religious matters they had ever yielded implicit obedience to their authority. Yet they now saw these men trying to cast discredit upon Jesus, a teacher whose virtue and knowledge shone forth the brighter from every assault. They looked upon the lowering countenances of the priests and elders, and there saw discomfiture and confusion. They marveled that the rulers would not believe on Jesus, when His teachings were so plain and simple. They themselves knew not what course to take. With eager anxiety they watched the movements of those whose counsel they had always followed. In the parables which Christ had spoken, it was His purpose both to warn the rulers and to instruct the people who were willing to be taught. But there was need to speak yet more plainly. Through their reverence for tradition and their blind faith in a corrupt priesthood, the people were enslaved. These chains Christ must break. The character of the priests, rulers, and Pharisees must be more fully exposed.” Desire of Ages, pg. 611

The Adventists in the 1st century were taught to trust in the religious leaders and to depend upon their teachings for their spiritual growth. As the people were weighing the teachings of the scholars and the teachings of Christ, they were confused and dumbfounded. Christ spoke clearly to break the shackles that bound them! Is there not need for plain speaking today? Are we not bombarded with false ideas within and outside the denomination? Have we not been told, “**In this fearful time, just before Christ is to come the second time, God's faithful preachers will have to bear a still more pointed testimony than was borne by John the Baptist. A responsible, important work is before them; and those who speak smooth things, God will not acknowledge as His shepherds. A fearful woe is upon them.**” Testimonies, vol. 1, pg. 321

From Edward “In the next coming days, I will be sending you stories I gathered to share with you. It is amazing and so interesting to see God’s people sitting quietly while listening to a Revelation/Daniel series and also a Health series. The Solwezi people shouted a praise the Lord at the end of each sermon. How was that possible, I had asked a brother there to borrow a small project which I was using with my laptop computer which I always carry with me wherever I go. We had a large crowd of about 250 Solwezi residents who gathered at the camp meeting. I was given an opportunity to present messages that I had and that is how I was using a projector in the night and during the day, we were using a 21 inch TV for the DVD series. We had a question and answer session which helped a lot for the folks who were touched with the wonderful explanation about the beasts of Daniel and Revelation. There was also another area where most of the people appreciated so much to listen to health messages. In all these areas, we were taking more than an hour before we could get to another sermon. I also want to reveal to you that we had 2 Rwandan brothers that attended Solwezi camp meeting. Their names are difficult to pronounce but I can remember their first names which are Robert and John. The two brothers were privileged to get more DVDs to take back home which is bordering Uganda. I assured them of receiving more DVDs in the near future. We discussed and talked about the work in their country and we found out that our great enemies are the SDA leadership who feel that they should control us and the fact that they are failing to control the American’s influence of his messages in the dvds, that is what is angering these mainstream leaders in trying to do something from the shame non-Adventists are putting across their faces through questions they ask after listening to any available series they have.”

“A young man of Solwezi was among the campers. His name is Mambwe Mambwe. This young man was initiated into Satanism and he had more than 5 demonic spirits which were tormenting him when Daniel/Revelation messages were being heard. This young man Mambwe Mambwe had joined a group of 9 men who were spending most of their times in the grave yards. They had tattooed their bodies and their goal was to kill Christians who were disturbing them each time they were praying. They had a month in a year where they were drinking human blood and they would make curses against faithful Christians. This young man was sent to the camp meeting to disrupt our meetings. But his mission failed after we had prayed and were now listening to the 13th chapter of Revelation when he collapsed to the ground. The leaders at the camp tried to take him to a booth and prayed for him but when he woke up, he shouted in a strange voice that he came to kill the American and that he is from the bottomless pit. I was called to hear what the young man was saying and when he told me that the American and I were the target because the influence of the dvd messages were revealing about his kingdom, so he was sent to disrupt the meetings. That young man continued talking and we decided to pray at once. We offered 4 prayers and by the end of those prayers, that young man was silent and asleep like a babe. After 15 minutes, he awoke and we began to counsel him by the word of God. He confessed that he was among those who have been sent to stop the American programs but what has surprised them is that the American has strong opposing powers that are very difficult to conquer. Mambwe at this time was shedding tears when he was revealing this. We strengthened him in the Lord and brought him in the enclosure and joined the other members who were listening to the messages. Each passing day, we kept teaching him simple faith from the word of God until Sabbath afternoon when he was baptized with others. This is one story that I wanted to share with you and I will attach some photos. (Note, for strange reasons, some Solwezi pics are missing from my laptop. I don’t know what happened but I will share with you those that are in my folder. May God bless you P.B for the funds you have sent me \$700.00. I will let you know when I have accessed the funds sometime this week. It is because of your support that this work here has been enhanced.”

From Kenya “ I had been so engrossed in my daily evangelical work that I hardly noticed that I spent less time in my own studies and consoled myself that after all I was too busy doing the Lord's work until two weeks ago when your words came forcefully to my mind. I thought of how E.J Wagoner drifted away slowly from the Lord until he reached to the point of messing up himself with Miss Edith Adams simply because he was no longer connected to the source of power and strength. I realized i needed to set aside serious time for study and to seek spiritual nourishment and just as our Lord bade the disciples, "Come and rest awhile" and for the last two weeks I have been studying, reading most of the wonderful books you've been sending me, fasting and praying for spiritual strength and discernment and am happy to inform you that I have indeed learned a lot. During most of this time, i have taken to studying the wonderful PPT and PDF you gave us back in Ghana which were safely stored in my pen drive, I had not studied them since I never had a laptop to use in these studies. I have learnt a lot and I now understand from the beginning 2520 and many of the wonderful sermons and the many series and I can't stop reading this till late in the night. I feel so energized and confident that my scriptural knowledge is increasing by the day and hence 1 Peter 3:15, and 2Tim:15 encourages me and thereby this knowledge helps and will be handy when out there defending the truth among the people. I also have plenty of sermons to present at my church. Pastor Bill I'm so happy to be connected with you, a fearless defender of truth and my fervent prayer is to follow your footsteps as my human example after Christ. Your zeal for speaking the truth stands out and am glad to inform you that many people have come to know you through your books among them truth seeking Adventists who've read your books and some also follow you on You tube. Many others know you at the postal offices where I frequent while going to collect the parcels since I've given out the books and tracks to almost all the employees in this offices and they usually ask me where you got all the startling information/truths contained in the books Enemy unmasked and secret terrorists and they marvel and confess that you speak so boldly in them and gradually their conscious and interest is being aroused by this truths judging from the questions they pose since majority of them are Sunday believers. I keep in touch with my fellow workers whom I sent the materials in different parts of the country and confirmed that they're reaching the people and so far the gospel is penetrating and others are making choices to stand with this present truth that they are not getting from their blind watchmen who are preaching lies and smooth things to them, those dumb dogs concerned only with their paycheck having unlawful unity with the world and despising the truth. Dear Bill Hughes, thank you very much for standing with the truth and refusing to be silent and for making it possible for this truths to reach many souls not only in Kenya but also the world over. God bless you and your family in the great work you are doing for Him.”

From Malawi “Greetings to you again in Jesus Christ. I would like to share with you the testimonies about the evangelism work we are doing here. Many Catholics and other Sunday worshipers are still confessing that the true Sabbath day is Saturday. They are always joining the Sabbath churches around their areas. We thank God for your teaching materials which are winning more souls to Christ. Also we praise His holy name for His power in His living word to transform the world. PRAISE GOD!!! If possible please continue to send us your teaching materials to reach other more areas. Also pray for another 30 people who also need Chichewa Bibles for their journey to evangelize in their areas after they have trained through your materials. We are evangelizing at Kwethemule village this week.”

From North Carolina “Thank you so much for the wonderful series on Desmond Ford and The Sanctuary Service at Archdale these past 3 days. It was refreshing and a blessing to hear someone defend our SDA doctrines and speak God's TRUTH. Your frankness is appreciated.”

From California, "I've never been more grateful for a ministry who explains the word of God so well. All praise to God. To many things going on in this world and we need more Truth. Prayers for this ministry and may God always be glorified through it.

From Ghana "God is blessing us with books and other literatures through your office. We have reopened school and we have starting evangelism. Pictures and videos will be sent to you soon for your cooperation. We have received five different packages and is awesome. You are indeed contributing to spreading the gospel in Africa especially a Private University like Garden City University College. May God bless you for his work."

From Malawi "We are more proud of you, the gift of the Chichewa bibles has been received as you promised and they are 18 in number. This gift has reached us at the right time as we have been praying to God to open the door of his blessings for us to be favored with the gift of the bibles but in Chichewa as it is now. We thank God that He has spoken in you to bless us with such beautiful gift. The BIBLES are going to be distributed to the converts very soon as there are many people who have been waiting to receive their own bibles for church use. We are very much appreciating for the amazing job you have done, may the amazing God bless your ministry (The Truth Triumphant Ministry) We as the body of Christ, we'll be putting you and your family and the ministry in our daily prayers, all the pastors and the church elders are wishing all the best."

From Malawi "The month of August has gone with many good results in our ministry through your literature support. We have taught a large number of people, baptized them, gave them the literature for their spiritual growth and teach their friends. A large number of people are coming to join the true worshiping day after hearing our teachings through your materials. We appreciate very much for your support, and we beg for your continuous support in the month of September, so that we might reach other more areas. We need more Chichewa and English bibles, also tracts and booklets. We wish we could reach some far areas with this amazing teaching."

Upcoming Appointments

October 12 Village Lighthouse Gayle Holback 740 360- 1105

October 31-Nov. 3 Sisterhood of Churches in Arkansas, David Arbour 870 582-3623

November 9 ????????????

December 13, 14 Alabama

Blessings to you,

Pastor Bill