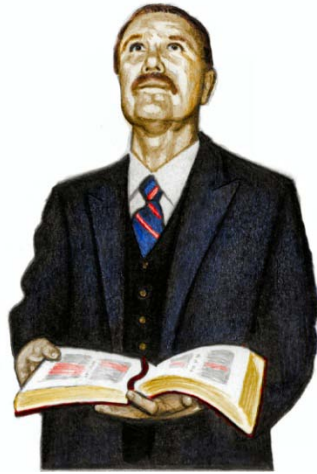




Cling to Your Bible*

Unless we are intelligent in the Scriptures,*
may we not, when this mighty
miracle-working power of Satan
is manifested in our world,
be deceived and call it the workings of God;
for the Word of God* declares that,
if it were possible,
the very elect should be deceived.

**Unless we are rooted and grounded in the truth*,
we shall be swept away**

by Satan's delusive snares.

BE SURE TO READ:

GREAT CONTROVERSY, CHAPTER 32

“Snares of Satan”

We must cling to our Bibles.*

If Satan can make you believe that there are things in the Word of God* that are not inspired, he will then be prepared to ensnare your soul.

We shall have no assurance, no certainty
at the very time we need to know what is truth*.

Evangelism, page 249,

A correct understanding of "what saith the scriptures*" in regard to the state of the dead is essential for this time. God's word* declares that the dead know not anything, their hatred and love have alike perished. We must come to the sure word of prophecy* for our authority.

Our feet should be shod with the preparation of the gospel, and the truth* of God should be our shield and buckler.

We must know for ourselves that we have the truth* of God. Therefore let no one entertain the question whether this or that portion of the word* of God is inspired. Go to work; gird on the armor of Christ's righteousness. Advent Review and Sabbath Herald, December 18, 1888

Cling close to your Bible*, for its sacred truths can purify, ennoble and sanctify the soul. You must hold the truth* and teach it as it is in Jesus, else it is of no value to you.

Before the light of God's truth*
let human opinions
and ideas
and human wisdom
appear as they are in the sight of God
-as foolishness.

Let no man feel that his position as president either of the General Conference or of a state conference clothes with him a power over the consciences of others that is the least degree oppressive, for God will not sanction anything of this kind. He must respect the rights of all, and all the more because he is in a position where others will pattern after him. Christian Leadership, page 30

When Satan tells you that your sins are such that you need not expect any great victories in God, tell him the Bible* teaches that those who love most are those who have been forgiven most. Do not try to lessen your guilt by excusing sin. You cannot come near to God by faith unless you realize your sinfulness. Then you can place yourselves right on the promises, and with unwavering faith can claim a share in the infinite sacrifice that has been made for the human race. **Cling closely to Jesus**, and His great heart of love will draw you unto Himself. Lift Him Up, page 333,

Brethren, cling to your Bible*, as it reads,
and stop your criticisms in regard to its validity,
and obey the Word*,
and not one of you will be lost.

The ingenuity of men has been exercised for ages to measure the Word of God* by their finite minds and limited comprehension. If the Lord, the

Author of the living oracles*, would throw back the curtain and reveal His wisdom and His glory before them, they would shrink into nothingness and exclaim as did Isaiah, "I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of people of unclean lips" (Isa. 6:5). Selected Messages Book 1, page 18

In my dreams I have been talking to you as I have here written. My heart yearns over you with intensity. Trying as your case now is, do not despond. You need cheerfulness and decision. Seek for help from God. God is your friend. You are never alone. The Bible* is your counselor. It is a light to them who are in darkness. Be steadfast in the hour of trial, for you will have new trials to meet.

But cling to Jesus, and make Him your strength.

Testimonies for the Church Volume Five, page 507

Let those who contemplate giving themselves to the work, place themselves in connection with those who have had a good experience in the ways of God, and a knowledge of his cause. Let all seek a clear understanding of the Scriptures* of truth. See to it that the living Saviour is your Saviour, and that you are following in his footsteps. Cultivate piety and humility of mind. Combat intellectual laziness and spiritual lethargy. Be ready for every work that you can do for the Master.

Instead of catching up every new and fanciful interpretation of the Bible*,

CLING TO THE MESSAGE.

Let not every influence affect you; but seek to develop a character that is consistent, meek, teachable, and yet firm and cheerful; and with all this, be sober and watch unto prayer.

Walk in a perfect way.

Let the high, sacred truth you profess

be constantly elevating your character,

**ennobling and refining you,
and fitting you for the heavenly courts.**

The learners in Christ's school must show that they are not unappreciative scholars. Let the sanctifying grace of God strengthen, soften, and subdue your entire nature. You must yourself be what you wish others to be. Christ prayed concerning his disciples, "**I sanctify myself, that they also might be sanctified.**" Bring into your life the piety, the Christian courtesy, the respect for one another that you wish to see reflected in those who embrace the truth* through your instrumentality. Advent Review and Sabbath Herald, May 29, 1888,

While thus depending upon God, we shall not be found warring against the truth*, but we shall always be enabled to take our stand for the right.

**We should cling to the teaching of the Bible*,
and not follow the customs and
traditions of the world,
the sayings and doings of men.**

When errors arise and are taught as Bible truth*, those who have a connection with Christ will not trust to what the minister says, but, like the noble Bereans, they will search the Scriptures* daily to see if these things are so.

When they discover what is the word of the Lord,
they will take their stand on the side of truth*.

They will hear the voice of the true Shepherd saying,

"This is the way, walk ye in it."

Thus you will be educated to make the Bible* the man of your counsel,

and the voice of a stranger you will neither hear nor follow.

The Signs of the Times, May 19, 1890,

But if Jesus, when He was upon earth, with all His power and miracles could not break down that prejudice that was in the heart of the people, what can we do? **Brethren, pray. Don't argue**, but pray before God, and let every soul hang himself upon God. Let us seek God now that we may find him. Let the truth* of God come into your hearts; open the door.

Now I tell you here before God, that the covenant question, as it has been presented, is the truth. It is the light. In clear lines it has been laid before me. And those that have been resisting the light, I ask you whether they have been working for God, or for the devil. It is the clear light of heaven, and it means much to us. It means to show us that **you can not depend upon your own smartness and your criticisms**, but you must hang your helpless soul upon Jesus Christ, and upon Him understand.

**The angels of God will be round about us,
if we will only cling to the right.**

Wherever Christ is, there are angels to communicate the power and the grace and the glory. I honor my Lord and my Master. I want to carry the banner of truth* to the very close of this message. And when the message shall triumph, I want to triumph with it.

No more will my lips be sealed. I have been watching to see what course these men would take, how much light would come into their souls. I have been watching to see. I told Brother Dan Jones, I will not tell you my opinion; my faith. ***Dig in the Bible****. Sink the shaft of truth to find out what is truth.* But I tell you to-day, while I have been keeping in silence, the Lord has been revealing night after night, the position of individual cases before me.

The converting power of God is needed in our midst. He will work through our ministers as he did in Bethlehem. He will shed his light and his glory upon us ***if we will only give him a chance.***

But when you begin to talk with them

they will make your words mean something else.

The Devil is at their side.

He is just as much at their side as he was at the side of those men of Nazareth when Christ proclaimed that he was the anointed one. The power of God, the Holy Ghost, the great Convictor, said it was so, and they said right out it was so. But the Devil said, Think of this; why, His mother and his brethren are right here with us. Well, then, Satan followed up the track, and what next? They were ready to pitch him over the precipice. It is not best to set the feet an inch in the powers of darkness.

But God help us right here on this ground to surrender to Him. I have born testimony after testimony, but it has not had any weight. *They have rejected everything but their own ideas.* May God help you to not close your hearts and minds to this testimony. May God help you to accept and receive it as truth.* The Ellen G White 1888 Materials, page 596.

Since such ample provisions have been made for our salvation, shall we be excusable if we put forth no effort to obtain eternal life? God has given his beloved Son to die that we might be saved. What an infinite condescension on the part of the God of heaven! By the death of Jesus Christ life and immortality are brought to light. What a hope we have!

And with such a hope as this shall we cling to sin?

Shall we not consent to be purified from every spot and stain?

It is for us to search the Scriptures;*

for said Christ,

"They are they which testify of me."

And while we have the precious testimony of the word of God before us, we can be both hearers and doers of the word*.*

As we see the weakness of human nature, instead of trying to justify ourselves in wrongdoing, let us become more familiar with the word of God. It will strengthen our minds in the time of temptation. * King James Version*

*"Thy Word is Truth" John 17:17