

*Faith of Our Fathers*

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*Faith for Today*

**"To stand in defense of truth and righteousness when  
the majority forsake us, to fight the battles of the  
Lord when champions are few, this will be our test. . .  
we have wandered away from the old landmarks.  
Let us return."**

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## ***Faith of Our Fathers***

Joseph Bates, one of the principal leaders in the 1844 movement, and also one of the founders of our church, published the following in the REVIEW AND HERALD of August the 19th, 1851.

### ***"Our Labor in the Philadelphia and Laodicean Churches"***

"The true church are to be found with those that can, and are, striving to overcome, whose names are represented with their own, on the breastplate of judgment, and entered into the Philadelphia state in the fall of 1844, and became a church at that time according to the message then delivered them. See Rev. 3:7-8; Matt. 25:10. At this point of time then, the door was shut against the Sardis church and the wicked world. And another door opened to the Philadelphia church, to enter with the Master of the house to the marriage. Jesus in giving this message says, 'Behold I HAVE set before thee an OPEN DOOR,' and no man can shut it. Here is a nail fastened in a sure place. It is not possible to move this message of AN OPEN and SHUT DOOR, either before or after the tenth of the seventh month in 1844. The principal men in this church, however, soon laid a plot, by confederating and leaguering together, to reverse all that the Saviour had said, and have the door open into the Holy Place again.

"On the 29th of April 1845, they associated themselves together in the city of Albany, N.Y. , and there counseled together and devised their plans, the very opposite to what they had affirmed to before God and the world, but a few months previous. Yet they moved out from this association, and have been proclaiming an open door from that time unto the present, their teaching and practice the very opposite of what they were, when they organized in the

Philadelphia church. Thus they have organized the Laodicean church. And by their false teaching they have drawn thousands of the Philadelphians away with them into the Laodicean state. Jesus has sent a gracious message for all the honest in this state, saying, 'As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten; be zealous therefore and repent.' Rev. 3:19. We thank the Lord that a goodly number have taken heed to his message, and are now in the Philadelphia church, believing and proclaiming the third angels message. Still Jesus is calling after others, saying, 'Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and sup with him, and he with me. To him that overcometh, will I grant to sit with me in my throne even as I overcame and am set down with my Father in His throne.' Verses 20, 21. Thus Jesus is continually calling and holding out every inducement, by counseling, chastening, and promising the poor Laodicean, even the highest He can bestow, if, after all He has done, he will repent and open his heart to Him.

"My dear brethren in the Philadelphia church, let us read this gracious message again, and pray the God of Israel to animate and inspire us with new courage, and unslackened zeal to carry out the purpose of our Divine Lord and Master, to the poor Laodicean, by searching them out wherever they can be found, and teaching them the present truth." Joseph Bates----Fairhaven, July 24, 1851. Published in R. & H. Saratoga Springs, N. Y. Tuesday, August 19, 1851

We will later on see how God placed His seal of approval upon the teaching of Joseph Bates through the Spirit of Prophecy.

Next we will hear from another leader in the 1844 movement: Elder James White.

## ***"Philadelphia Church"***

"The history and descriptions of the 144,000 apply to those who are to be changed at the coming of the Lord, and to no other class. 'Having his Father's name written in their foreheads.' Said the True Witness to Philadelphia church, 'Him that overcometh, will I make a pillar in the temple of My God and he shall go no more out and I will write upon him the name of my God.' Where? 'In their foreheads', just where John saw the 'Father's name.' Now just as sure as the Philadelphia church is the true church of the last days, just so sure the 144,000 are sealed, just before the coming of the Lord." Elder James White, RH - May 9, 1854

## ***Philadelphia Church Into the Kingdom***

"In mercy He (God) reached forth His hand, and enabled the Advent people in 1844 to break the cords of sectarianism that bound them, that they, the Philadelphia church might be disciplined and guided into the kingdom by the order and pure doctrines of the gospel." Elder James White, RH - Dec. 6, 1853

## ***144,000 Philadelphians***

"Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of My God, and he shall go no more out, and I will write upon him the name of My God, and the name of the city of My God, which is the New Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven from My God: and I will write upon him My new name.' Who is the Spirit here addressing? The church of Philadelphia. Verse 7. And what is the church of Philadelphia? It is now quite generally admitted that the churches

brought to view in Rev. 2, 3 denote seven states of the Christian Church during the gospel dispensation; and we learn from the message which is given to the Philadelphia church (the church of brotherly love), that that is the state the true church will be in at the coming of the Lord, for He says, addressing them, "Behold I come quickly: hold that fast which thou hast that no man take thy crown." From these considerations we derive an important conclusion; namely, that the 144,000 and the Philadelphia Church are identical." R.H. - July 3, 1856

### ***Another Testimony from a Philadelphian***

"According to our faith in 1844, which I believe to be correct, the church of Philadelphia, or brotherly love, was in its glory, about the tenth day of the seventh month, after we had left the nominal churches, and had become united under the influence of truth. 'I know they works, behold I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it.' We can fix the chronology of the open and shut door here brought to view by John, nowhere but in 1844. We present an open door to all that have ears to hear. But those that have closed their ears to the proclamation of the last message of mercy must answer for it in the day of accounts." Wm. S. Ingraham - R.H. - June 9, 1853

All of our forefathers connected with the 1844 movement believed that the Philadelphia church was God's true church and God's last church and the Laodicean church was an offshoot, or as it says in Rev. 3:9, the synagogue of Satan. The Spirit of Prophecy confirms this truth in the following message.

## ***The Philadelphia Church and the Spirit of Prophecy***

In Revelation 3:9, in the message to the Philadelphia church we read about some people who belong to the synagogue of Satan. Who are they? The Spirit of Prophecy informs us, that they are Adventists; and at the same time we are told that the Philadelphians are saints. Here is the statement:

"You think, that those who worship before the saints feet, Rev. 3:9, will at last be saved. Here I must differ with you, for God shewed me that this class were professed Adventists, who had fallen away, and 'crucified to themselves the Son of God afresh, and put Him to open shame.' And in the 'hour of temptation,' which is yet to come, to show out every one's character, they will know that they are forever lost; and overwhelmed with anguish of Spirit, they will bow at the saint's feet." Mrs. E.G. White "A Word to the Little Flock" page 12

## ***The Laodiceans Are Professed Adventists***

"The Laodecian message applies to the people of God, who profess to believe present truth. The greater part are lukewarm professors, having a name but no zeal." 4T 87

Seventh-day Adventists profess to believe present truth.

## ***Cast Down to Hell***

In our testimony the Lord tells us that the Laodicean church will be spewed out of His mouth. In another testimony the Lord tells us that the

Laodicean church is the Seventh-day Adventist church. In still another testimony the Lord tells us that the professed Adventist belong to the synagogues of Satan. And we have yet a testimony where we are told that the Adventist will be cast down to hell. Here it is: "And thou, Capernaum, Seventh-day Adventists, who have had great light, which art exalted unto heaven in point of privilege, shalt be brought down to hell: for it the mighty works, which have been done in thee, had been done in Sodom, it would have remained until this day." Mrs. E.G. White - R.H. - August 1, 1893

### ***Our Forefathers and Organization***

"The Advent Principle. What is the principle that unites the Advent children in the sweetest union without the formal constraint of organization? Is it not the power of living faith, a faith that works by love, and the true and only principle of Christian fellowship? There can be no room for sinister motive in such a union. This faith embraces little of earth, and necessarily excludes all worldly ambition. . . . They have no church discipline to fear, nor the restraint of popular sentiment, which to other religious communities often bind the dead to the living. Thus the true wheat is continually sifted, and the chaff passing away, without any danger of one precious grain being lost. The Adventist would have no constraint but that of love, and no faith but that which receives every word that God has spoken." Published in R.H. - April 11, 1854

That kind of church I want to belong to. What about you?

## ***The Spirit of Prophecy on Organization***

"We feel as if we must belong to some organization if we would accomplish good. But John the Baptist did not work on this plan. His mission was to prepare the way for the Messiah by his God-given message; and under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, he did the work appointed him without calling to his aid priest or rabbi. . . . They (apostles) were few in numbers, but under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, they did more for the conversion of those in Jerusalem than the large religious organization had ever done. . . . No one is to seek to bind the hands of God's instrumentalities. God has given to every man his work, and if his children will consecrate themselves to him, no one has a right to specify who is to work, or who is not to work. Let God work through whomsoever he will." Mrs. E.G. White R.H. - March 29, 1898

## ***The Wise and the Foolish Virgins***

By Mrs. E.G. White

"I am often referred to the parable of the ten virgins, five of whom were wise, and five foolish. This parable has been and will be fulfilled to the very letter, for it has a special application to this time, and, like the third angel's message, has been fulfilled and will continue to be present truth till the close of time. In the parable, the ten virgins had lamps, but only five of them had the saving oil with which to keep their lamps burning. This represents the condition of the Church. The wise and the foolish have their Bibles, and are provided with all the means of grace; but many do not appreciate the fact that they must have the heavenly unction. . . .

"Satan uses those who claim to believe the truth

but whose light has become darkness as his medium to utter his falsehoods and transmit his darkness. they are the foolish virgins indeed, choosing darkness rather than light, and dishonoring God. . . . Are we wise virgins, or must we be classed among the foolish? This is the question which we are deciding today by our character and attitude. . . .

The state of the Church represented by the foolish virgins is also spoken of as the Laodicean State." R.H. - August 19, 1890

The Philadelphians and the Laodiceans will live together during the last generation of this earth's history as the wise and foolish virgins. The Philadelphians are the wise virgins and the Laodiceans are the foolish. When the loud cry, which is a repetition of the midnight cry, is given, it will forever separate them. But it will then be too late for the Laodiceans to be saved. The Spirit of Prophecy makes this point very clear.

### ***"Will Have No Power to Act"***

The Laodiceans will continue to fight against God and against the truth just like the Jews did. "The Jews had made the courts of the temple a scene of sacrilegious traffic. . . . Today the sacrilegious work is being more than repeated. There will be messages borne and those who have rejected the messages God has sent, will hear most startling declarations. The Holy Spirit will invest the announcement with a sanctity and solemnity which will appear terrible in the ears of those who have heard the pleading of infinite love, and have not responded to the offers of pardon and forgiveness. Injured and insulted Deity will speak, proclaiming the sins that have been hidden. As the priests and rulers, full of indignation and terror, sought refuge in flight at the last scene of the

cleansing of the temple, so will it be in the work for these last days. The woes that will be pronounced upon those that have had the light from heaven, and yet did not heed it they will feel. But WILL HAVE NO POWER TO ACT. This is represented in the parable of the wise and foolish virgins. They cannot obtain a character from the wise virgins, and they have no oil of grace to discern the clear light or to accept it. They cannot light their lamps and join the procession that goes in to the marriage supper of the Lamb." E.G. White in Special Testimonies to Ministers-No. 7, pp. 54, 55

This tract is a warning to you, dear readers, so that you will not be like the foolish virgins and squander away your precious hours of probationary time in following the Laodicean church leaders until you also "WILL HAVE NO POWER TO ACT."

### ***"It is Written"***

Our forefathers would accept nothing which did not have a plain "Thus saith the Lord" for its support. "Thy word have I hid in my heart, that I might not sin against Thee. Here is the true scriptural and radical reformer, and the element of all radical and permanent reform. It is written, it is written, it is written! Thy word, Thine O God for my salvation!" *Sel. R.H. October 20, 1859*

It is very easy for a true child of god to prove by the Word of god that a Philadelphian will have the name of God written on his forehead. But where would a poor Laodicean go in order to find any proof of being accepted by the Lord? There is no statement in all the word of God indicating any salvation for a Laodicean. His only proof and hope of salvation is in the sayings of the General Conference etc.

But such is indeed poor currency when dealing with the Lord. It is only the doctrines and commandments of men. And here the battle begins. "Between

the laws of men and the precepts of Jehovah will come the last great conflict of the controversy between truth and error. Upon this battle we are now entering,—a battle not between rival churches contending for the supremacy, but between the religion of the Bible and the religions of fable and tradition." Mrs. E.G. White In Captivity & Restoration p. 625 or PK p. 625

Yes Brother and Sister "upon this battle we are not entering." Let our Philadelphian password be: "It is written, it is written;" and let our Captain be the Lord of Host.

### ***Our Forefathers and Military Service***

"At the beginning, in 1864 and 1865, there was but one stand, and that was 'non-participation' under all circumstances. Participation in war and taking of human life was considered a violation of the commandment, 'Thou shalt not kill.'" The following quotation from 'S.D.A.s in Time of War,' clearly shows the denomination's stand toward war at the time when the movement was organized.

"The denomination of Christians calling themselves Seventh-day Adventists, taking the Bible as their rule of faith and practice, are unanimous in their views that its teachings are contrary to the spirit and practice of war; hence, they have ever been conscientiously opposed to bearing arms. If there is any portion of the Bible which we, as a people, can point to more than another as our creed, it is the law of ten commandments, which we regard as the supreme law, and each precept of which we take in **its most obvious and literal** import. The fourth of these commandments requires cessation from labor on the seventh day of the week, the sixth prohibits the taking of life, neither of which in our view, could be observed while doing military duty. Our practice has uniformly

been consistent with these principles. Hence, our people have not felt free to enlist into the service. In none of our denominational publications have we advocated or encouraged the practice of bearing arms; and when drafted, rather than violate our principles, we have been content to pay and assist each other in paying the \$300 commutation money. And while that provision remained of universal application, we did not deem any public expression of our sentiments on this question called for." p. 58 copied from "A Witness for the Truth" p. 17

The Lord has told His children that "in the army they cannot obey the truth." 1T 361 The Laodiceans do not believe this Testimony. They boast continually of how they have served and how they can serve God in the army. They apparently are trying to prove that the Bible and the Testimonies are telling a lie. Will they succeed? Is it not true, that "in the army they cannot obey the truth and at the same time obey the requirements of their officers?" *Ibid.* God's true children believed this Testimony in 1864 and God's true children believe the same today.

## ***Our Forefathers and the Voice of God***

"Why we should cherish the Testimonies."

"Because they are the voice of God uttered in love to His erring children." Amos 3:7; Lamentations 3:22.

"Because their fruit is evident of Divine origin." Isa. 8:20; Matt. 7:20.

"Because they have been among us, the sounding of one voice,—the voice of God." R.H. February 1, 1898 by J.E. Evans

When the leaders in then Laodicean church change the wording and the meaning in the writings of the Spirit of Prophecy, are they not rejecting the voice of God? They have changed the wording and the meaning in GC; GW; TM etc. So that the meaning

is just the contrary in such places to what Sister White wrote under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. See tract: Great Crisis by same author.

### ***Wicked and Righteous in the Same Church***

Many Laodiceans excuse and condone the wrongs committed in their church by saying that the wicked and righteous must live together until the Lord comes. If such a doctrine was the true Gospel, then why do the Laodicean preachers as well as laymembers urge people from all other churches to join their church? If the good and the bad must dwell together in the same church until Jesus comes, then why not leave the people where they are? Is the Laodicean church any better than the other churches? Has not the Lord told us: "We have far more to fear from within than from without. The hindrances to strength and success are far greater from the church itself than from the world." Mrs. E.G. White in COR 147 - old edition

"The tares and the wheat are to grow together until the harvest, and the harvest is the end of the probationary time." E.G. White COL 72; 5T 384

"There are thousands upon thousands, millions upon millions, who are now making their decision for eternal life of eternal death." 6T 406.7

Therefore the end of probationary time for thousands upon thousands is right now. Now is the time, for the wicked and the righteous to be separated. "In this time, the gold will be separated from the dross in the church." 5T p. 81 Notice carefully! It does not read, the dross will be separated from the gold in the church. Sister White says: "If my name is cast out as evil, I am in excellent company." Mrs. E.G. White LLM - p 232

"Faith of our Fathers, Holy faith. We will be true to

thee til death."

## ***Saved by Faith or by an Organization***

"Faith is simply to take God at His Word." 1T 620  
To have faith means to believe what God says. Rom. 4:3  
God says: "I will spue thee (the Laodicean church) out  
of my mouth." Rev. 3:16.

The Laodicean Church leaders say just the con-  
trary; they say, "The Laodicean Church is the transla-  
tion church. . . . I have great consolation and grati-  
tude in remembering, that this is the very church  
that will be translated into the kingdom of God." J.L.  
McElhany R.H. November 30, 1939

Which statement do you believe? One statement  
is the word of God. The other originated with the fa-  
ther of lies. The Philadelphians believe what God  
says, and the Laodiceans believe a lie which says that  
the Laodicean church "will be translated into the  
kingdom of God." Here is where you, dear brother or  
sister, will finally take your stand. You will either be-  
lieve what God says about and be saved, or you will  
believe and follow Laodicea and be spued out of the  
mouth of God. My prayer is that you will believe God  
and be saved.

### ***A Message from the Lord***

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STANDING IN THE WAY OF GOD'S MESSAGES

Sanitarium, Cal. Dec.4, 1905

"One thing it is certain is soon to be realized,—the  
great apostasy, which is developing and increasing  
and waxing stronger, and will continue to do so until  
the Lord shall descend from heaven with a shout. We  
are to hold fast the first principles of our denomi-  
nated faith and go forward from strength to increased  
faith. Ever we are to keep the faith that has been

substantiated by the Holy Spirit of God from the earlier events of our experience until the present time. We need now larger breath, and deeper, more earnest, unwavering faith in the leadings of the Holy Spirit. If we needed the manifest proof of the Holy Spirit's power to confirm truth in the beginning after the passing of time, we need today all the evidence in the confirmation of the truth, when souls are departing from the faith and giving heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of devils. There must not be any languishing of soul now." Mrs. E.G.White

Question please? Why has the above message been suppressed by the SDA Laodicean Church???

In the above message the Lord tells us: "We are to hold fast the first principles of our denominated faith." Have we done this? The first principles of our denominated faith were the Philadelphian principles. The Laodicean principles came in later as a snare, a stumbling block, a deception, and have caused thousands of Philadelphians to be deceived and fall into the Laodicean condition. This is indeed "the great apostasy which is developing and increasing and waxing stronger, and will continue to do so until the Lord shall descent from heaven with a shout."

The Lord longs for us to come back into the Philadelphian church; the church of brotherly love, the church of the wise virgins, so that He can place His seal upon our foreheads. Are you willing to come?? "We have wandered away from the old landmarks. Let us return." 5T 137

## ***A Different Church***

The Seventh-day Adventist Laodicean Church, as we now see it, is not a continuation of the godly religious movement which started in and around the year 1844. The Seventh-day Adventist Laodiceans

have now a church altogether from the church Elder and Sister White were members of nearly a century ago.

In the year 1853 the SDAs believed that in order to be saved they should belong to the Philadelphian church. But now one hundred (*plus*) years later, the supposed to be the same SDAs, have changed Churches. They now believe that in order to be saved they must belong to the Laodicean Church. Here is the proof: "It is a heartening that the Laodicean Church is also to be the translated church." J.L. McElhaney - RH Oct. 19, 1950

When did the Adventists believe the truth? In 1853 when they belonged to the Philadelphian Church, or in 1953 when they belong to the Laodicean Church? You judge for yourself.

The Seventh-day Adventists have:

1. Changed churches. See tract: "*The Branches*"
2. Changed their message. See tract: "*The Victory*"
3. Changed leaders. 5T 217
4. Changed their doctrine. See tract: "*The Harvest*"
5. Changed their books. See tract: "*The Crisis*"
6. Changed their faith. See tract: "*Testimonies Slighted*"
7. Changed their god. READ THE BIBLE LS p 326

The Seventh-day Adventist Church leaders have on their own individual responsibility gradually changed everything with regards to the church. It is now a different church altogether. They have done just what the Lord warned them not to do in the following Testimony:

"The enemy of souls has sought to bring in the supposition that a great reformation was to take place among Seventh-day Adventists, and that this reformation would consist in giving up the doctrines which stand as the pillars of our faith, and engaging in a process of reorganization. Were this reformation to take place, what would result? The principles of truth that God is His wisdom has given to the rem-

nant church, would be discarded. OUR RELIGION WOULD BE CHANGED. The fundamental principles that have sustained the work for the last fifty years would be accounted as error. A new organization would be established. Books of a new order would be written. A system of intellectual philosophy would be introduced. The founders of this system would go into the cities, and do a wonderful work. The Sabbath of course, would be lightly regarded, as also the God who created it. Nothing would be allowed to stand in the way of the new movement. The leaders would teach that virtue is better than vice, but God being removed, they would place their dependence on human power, which without God, is worthless. Their foundation would be built on the sand, and storm and tempest would sweep away the structure." Mrs. E.G. White - Series B. No. 2 pp 54,55

Yes indeed our religion has been changed. The prophecy already has come to pass.

"We have been regarded as a people moving under God's guidance, and enjoying a remarkable record of success and prosperity. BUT A NEW CHAPTER HAS BEEN OPENED." Mrs. E.G. White - Series B. No. 6 p 60 - April 22, 1902

"You have been going on and on for years against light, against knowledge, the Laodicean message applies to your case. Many have become corrupted in faith, corrupted in principle. Many have dishonored God, and sold themselves to sin, and in word and deed have helped others on in the strange paths they have chosen, until they do not know what pure religion is. They have sacrificed faith for worldly favor, and are leavened with that which is opposed to righteousness. At first they felt some compunction of conscience, but they refused to turn back, and now hardness of heart is preparing them for hopeless apostasy, and the judgments of God." Mrs. E.G. White SpTB07 p13.2  
- Nov. 20, 1905

In this Testimony just quoted, we have a description of what a Laodicean really is:

1. A person with corrupted faith.
2. Dishonoring God.
3. Do not know what pure religion is.
4. Have sacrificed faith for worldly favor.
5. Opposed to righteousness.
6. Hardness of heart.
7. Hopeless apostasy, and the judgments of God.

That is the sad spiritual condition of a Laodicean and of the Laodicean Church. And yet in this deplorable condition their church leaders make the boastful claim: "The Laodicean Church is also to be the translated church." J.L. McElhaney - R.H. Oct. 9, 1950

Dear reader: Remember this testimony and warning to the Laodiceans. That as long as you are connected and bound together with the Laodicean Church you are also connected with "hopeless apostasy, and the judgments of God."

"The Lord has also warned you about the spiritual food that is being given to the members of that church. "The food that is being prepared for the flock will cause spiritual consumption, decline, and death." Mrs. E.G. White - R.H. - June 18, 1901

### ***Is the Church a Harlot?***

Has the SDA Laodicean Church fallen away from God so as to be counted a harlot in the sight of Heaven? Is the church now unfaithful to Her Lord and Master? Is she referred to as a harlot? In 8T p. 250, we read: "How is the faithful city become an harlot?" My Father's house is made a house of merchandise, a place whence the Divine presence and glory have departed! For this cause there is weakness, and strength is lacking." It is the Angel of the Lord who

here calls the church a harlot. READ THIS FOR YOURSELF.

## **"Go Ye Out of the Midst of Her"**

*Testimony Vol. 5 p83*

The Lord does not want His true followers to be continually listening to false doctrine promulgated and preached in the Laodicean Church. So He sends us this message: "Go ye out of the midst of her." The pronoun "her" applies in this testimony to the Seventh-day Adventist Laodicean Church and to no other church in particular. God's true people are admonished not to stay in her, but to "Go — Out." Read this for yourself: "God's watchmen will not cry, 'Peace, peace,' when god has not spoken peace. The voice of the faithful watchmen will be heard: 'Go ye out from hence, touch not the unclean. Go ye out of the midst of her. Be ye clean that bear the vessels of the Lord! The church (what church?) cannot measure HERSELF by the world, nor by the opinion of men, nor by what she once was.'" 5T 83

Would the Lord tell His true children to come out if it was best for them to stay in? The fact that so many stay in is an indication that they lack faith in the leadings of the Holy Spirit.

Yet the Lord has not promised salvation to anyone as a recompense for leaving a fallen church. If you want to be saved, "follow the Lamb," Christ. Rev. 14:4. But Christ has been forever separated from the SDA Laodicean Church: "Christ has departed. His Spirit has been quenched in the church." 2T p. 442 —Where do **you** take your stand?

God says: "So then because thou (the church of the Laodiceans) art lukewarm, neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee (the church) out of my mouth." Rev. 3:16. Does the Devil speak over the radio? —A voice contradicting the Bible was heard over the radio on

Sunday, Jan. 11, 1953, in the time allotted to the Voice of Prophecy, which said: "There are some in Laodicea who are lukewarm." Which statement do you believe? God says the Church is lukewarm. The voice over the radio says: "Some in the church."

### ***Warning Against Apostasy***

When the Kellogg apostasy was in progress during the first part of the 20th century, the Lord in His mercy sent a testimony of warning to the church: "We cannot now STEP OFF THE FOUNDATION that God has established. We cannot now enter into any new organization for this would mean apostasy from the truth." Mrs. E.G. White - Ms. 129 - 1905

Now dear reader, in what way did Dr. Kellogg and his followers "step off the foundation that God has established?" The answer is: He disbelieved the Testimonies and at the same time professed to believe them: "Letters have come to me with statements made by men who claimed to have asked Dr. Kellogg if he believes the testimonies that Sister White bears. He declares that he does, but he does not." Mrs. E.G. White - San. Cal. Nov. 1905 Ser. B. #7p60

That was the way the Kellogg apostasy started. The disbelieved the Testimonies and at the same time professed to believe them. The Lord does not want any of His faithful children to follow such a denomination. If you follow a church like that, "this would mean apostasy from the truth." Are you doing that? But now the whole the whole Seventh-day Adventist Laodicean Church is doing that very thing. But if it was "apostasy from the truth" to disbelieve the testimonies in the year 1905, is not also disbelief in the testimonies apostasy from the truth now at the present time? The SDA Laodicean church members profess to believe the testimonies, but they do not. They

themselves do not know whether they believe the Testimonies or not, because they never read them. "The testimonies are unread and unappreciated." 5T 217 If you, dear reader, desire to find out whether the church has apostatized or not, you better begin to read the testimonies. If want to find out whether you believe the testimonies yourself or not, *you better read the testimonies for yourself*, and find out.

## ***Another Warning***

"It is as certain that we have the truth as that God lives." 4T 595. Who has the truth? Who does the word "WE" refer to? Does the word "we" refer to anyone on the face of the earth, believer or unbeliever? No, certainly not. Does the word "we" here in this sentence refer only to Sister White and those who believe the same truth as she did? I think you must admit that Sister White here includes those only who believe together with her in the Bible and in the Testimonies.

Admitting this to be true, then who in the church has the truth today? Answer: Only those who believe the Bible and the Testimonies like Sister White did. Only those who believe in justification by faith as Sister White did. How many Seventh-day Adventist church members today believe in justification by faith like Sister White did? Not one in a hundred. Here is proof: "There is not one in one hundred who understands for himself the Bible truth on this subject, justification by faith, that is so necessary to our present and eternal welfare." Mrs. E.G. White - COR p106 - old edition.

There are therefore in the SDA Laodicean Church over 99% unbelievers. They believe neither the Bible nor the Testimonies, even though they profess to do so. The Lord tells us: "Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers." II Cor. 6:14

Now if any human being counsels you to stay in

the fallen church bound together with unbelievers and yoked up together with such as reject the truth, do you think such a counsel is from the Lord, or is it from the great deceiver, the prince of darkness? You judge for yourself.

### ***God's Last Church Upon This Earth***

The 144,000 constitute God's last church upon this sin cursed earth. Rev. 14:1-3 They include all the true children of God living on this earth at that time. Here is the proof: "This was the time of Jacob's trouble. Then ALL the saints cried out with anguish of spirit, and were delivered by the voice of God. The 144,000 triumphed." EW 37. See also Broadside2, January 31, 1849 par. 2

They are not members of the Laodicean church nor of any other visible church upon this earth, because they are "not defiled with women:" fallen churches. Rev. 14:4

"The angels of heaven are sent forth to minister to those who shall be heirs of salvation. We know not how who they are; it is not yet made manifest who shall overcome." DA 639

"The church (the visible church) has turned back from following Christ. . . . 5T 217. But the 144,000 are following Christ. Rev.14:4. Therefore they have been separated from the visible church.

"They are without fault. . . ." Rev. 14:5

They are being led by the Spirit of God. Rom. 8:14

They believe in perfect organization like God has ordained. "Every man is to stand in his lot and place, thinking, speaking, and acting in harmony with the Spirit of God. Then, and not till then, will the work be a complete symmetrical whole." 6T 293

They truly love God and concerning them is written: "Great truths that have lain unheeded and un-

seen since the day of Pentecost, are to shine from God's word in their native purity. To those who truly love God the Holy Spirit will reveal truths that have faded from the mind, and will also reveal truths that are entirely new. Those who eat the flesh and drink the blood of the Son of God will bring from the books of Daniel and Revelation truth that is inspired by the Holy Spirit. They will start into action forces that cannot be repressed." FCE 473 written in the year 1897 many years after U. Smith's book on Daniel and Revelation was published.

### ***What Should We Do?***

"Place mind and will where the Holy Spirit can reach them; for He will not work through another man's mind and conscience to reach yours." 7T 214

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