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“The Final Blessing”

All things must come to their conclusion. Only one reality lasts forever, and that is when God makes all things new (Revelation 21:5). Even the Bible has a conclusion, a final book: the Revelation of Jesus Christ. It sums up the rest of scripture and gives us our final warning and hope. Within the book are seven blessings, or beatitudes. Revelation 1:3 blesses those who read the book. Revelation 14:13 blesses those who die in the Lord. Revelation 16:15 blesses those who look for Jesus and cling to His righteousness. Both Revelation 19:9 and 20:6 bless those who are part of the first resurrection and are taken by Jesus to Heaven. Revelation 22:7 blesses those who keep the words in the book.

The final blessing is found in Revelation 22:14: “Blessed are those who do His commandments, that they may have the right to the tree of life, and may enter through the gates into the city.” John was shown in vision that the sum of scripture is doing what God tells us to do. Solomon came to the same conclusion in the final book He wrote in scripture, in Ecclesiastes 12:13,14: “Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God and keep His commandments, for this is man’s all. For God will bring every work into judgment, including every secret thing, whether good or evil.”

Of course we must remember that the scripture reveals grace. We must not read Revelation 22:14 and Eccles. 12:13,14 and think we can succeed in obeying the law by our own power. Legalism leads to constant fear and self-doubt, and results in trying to do the least you can do for God and still get a passing grade. Jesus calls us to a better way (Matt. 5:20). We are saved by grace through faith, and even that faith is a gift of God. (Eph. 2:8). But let us not forget the goal: righteousness. The much less-quoted verse Eph. 2:10 says that we are created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

As has been announced, I will be saying goodbye as your pastor in April and moving to Wausau. Thinking about the final thoughts to share with you, I charge you to uplift the everlasting good news of Jesus. Share the three angel’s messages, which is righteousness by faith. We Seventh-day Adventists are blessed to uphold all the commandments of God in their proper light of grace. Do this and you will enter through those pearly gates and have full access to the tree of life. God bless.

Pastor Justin Spady

ELDERS CORNER

Written and submitted by Alan Anderson, Wautoma Company

When I hear the parable of the Good Samaritan, my mind usually dwells on those three pedestrians that are walking down the country road, the three men that each saw the poor, broken man lying in the street helpless and needy. The focus of my attention is usually fixed on the callous indifference displayed by the first two passers-by and the true compassion displayed by the “good Samaritan” who went out of his way to help the injured victim, suffering, in pain and lying by the way. I think we are drawn in, asking to put ourselves in the place of these three passers-by who have by some chance, been brought to the scene of the crime, a witness,

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Weimar NEWSTART Program and the Eight Laws of Health #7

The Weimar NEWSTART Program uses the acronym NEWSTART to address the eight laws of health; N=Nutrition, E=Exercise, W=Water, S=Sunshine, T=Temperance, A=Air, R=Rest, and T=Trust in God. This article will focus on rest. The information is taken from seminar notes.

Scientists do not know why the seventh-day cycle is so common in cultures around the world – unlike days, months, and years the week is not based on any solar or lunar pattern. As followers of Bible truth, we know God initiated the week during Creation. He created the Sabbath day and sanctified and reserved the Sabbath for spiritual and physical refreshment.

“We have an internal, biological 7-day cycle too – after organ transplants, rejection is higher in days 7 and 14.”

Rest is essential both to physical and mental health. Almost 1/3 of our life is spent sleeping – 8 out of 24 hours a day. While we sleep our bodies heal and repair themselves and our mental faculties are restored.

The best sleep occurs in the hours before midnight. Some of you have heard the old saying, “Early to bed, early to rise, makes a man healthy, wealthy and wise.” It’s pretty accurate!

The best restoration of our bodies occurs before midnight. Every hour you sleep before midnight counts as double restoration and repair! There are five stages of sleep and these stages repeat themselves throughout the night, so our bodies repair and restore throughout the night. But the best healing and restoring of our bodies occurs before midnight. So, we see the importance of going to bed early. By the way, for repair, our entire body needs to rest including our stomachs. One reason why illness and disease are rampant in our western culture is that so many of us eat late and then go to bed late. It’s recommended we eat no later than four hours before going to bed. If our bodies struggle to heal and repair during the night, disease can more easily set in.

It’s also important to go to bed and rise in the morning about the same time every day, even on the weekends. It’s good for our bodies.

Getting six or less hours of sleep a night is bad for our health. Getting less than six hours of sleep promotes acidic conditions in the body. Studies show sleeping only 6 hours per night increases heart disease by 18%. Also, levels of insulin were found to be 50% higher than those sleeping 7 ½ to 8 ½ hours. Losing three hours of sleep can decrease the immune system function by 50%. A tired immune system can overlook pre-cancerous cells, giving them a chance to multiply. Lack of sleep increases risk of depression.

Getting nine or more hours of sleep is also bad for our health. Sleeping more than nine hours increases heart disease by 37% and the risk of heart attacks by 45%. In addition, sleeping more than nine hours per night is not good for our brains, increasing the odds of mental health.

If you have trouble sleeping here are a few recommendations:

Wake up with the sun – sunlight increases levels of alertness.

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Eat a balanced diet rich in plant-based carbohydrates and tryptophan.

Tryptophan is an amino acid necessary for producing serotonin and melatonin. Tryptophan is found in tofu, pumpkin seeds, sesame seeds, almonds, walnuts, black eyed peas.

Get more exercise.

Avoid tobacco, alcohol and caffeine.

Go to bed early, 2-3 hours before midnight.

Sleep in the dark.

Go to bed on an empty stomach. Do not eat within four hours of going to bed.

Don't take your troubles to bed with you!



(Please know that we take Jesus and His resurrection absolutely seriously! But sometimes it's fun to imagine scenes concerning those behind-the-scenes folks.)

Believe His Prophets Devotional Thought

(Submitted by Tim Schmidt)

Then shall the kingdom of heaven be likened unto ten virgins, which took their lamps, and went forth to meet the bridegroom. And five of them were wise, and five were foolish. Matthew 25:1, 2.

We are not to rest in the idea that because we are church-members we are saved, while we give no evidence that we are conformed to the image of Christ, while we cling to our old habits, and weave our fabric with the threads of worldly ideas and customs....

The ten virgins are watching in the evening of this earth's history. All claim to be Christians. All have a call, a name, a lamp, and all claim to be doing God's service. All apparently watch for His appearing. But five are wanting. Five will be found surprised, dismayed, outside the banquet hall.

We are represented either by the wise or by the foolish virgins. There are many who will not remain at the feet of Jesus, and learn of Him. They have not a knowledge of His ways; they are not prepared for His coming. They have made a pretense of waiting for their Lord. They have not watched and prayed with that faith which works by love and purifies the soul. They have lived a life of carelessness. They have heard and assented to the truth, but they have never brought it into their practical life. The oil of grace is not feeding their lamps, and they are not prepared to enter into the marriage supper of the Lamb.

Be not like the foolish virgins, who take for granted that the promises of God are theirs, while they do not follow the injunctions of Christ. Christ teaches us that profession is nothing. "If any man will come after me," He says, "let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me." ...

When we stand the test of God in the refining, purifying process; when the furnace fire consumes the dross, and the true gold of a purified character appears, we may still say, with Paul, "Not as though I had already attained, either were already perfect: but I follow after.... This one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."

This text is from the book [Maranatha](#) by Ellen G. White

New Feature of Grace Notes!

Q&A

At our last district rally, we held a question and answer period. Anyone with any questions relating to the Bible or God or anything along that line, could submit it and the panel would answer it, best that they could. With that in mind, we are starting a similar feature here. Send your question to gracenotesnewsletter.com or through the regular mail and I will forward them, anonymously, to Pastor Justin who will answer them. Try and get them to me as soon as possible so that Pastor has time to research the answer for us.

It looks like no one had any questions this month but I'm going to hold the spot open for next month. I pray that our new Pastor will be willing to continue with this feature.

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the tea party now?"

I smiled and gave his hand a squeeze, and said, "Lets do as your Dad said."

Then dear Daniel said, "Do you know that my step brother does not respect me?"

"Really," I said, "and why is that?" I smiled to myself knowing that his brother probably does not even know what "respect" is. Then in Daniel's excitement, as we were picking roses, he said, "I don't like these." He was looking at one of our Agave plants, a magnificent desert plant he was standing near.

He said, "I don't like them, and I kick them all the time."

"Why would you kick them," I asked? "Well, because they are so spiky," Daniel said.

I took his little hand and put it against the agave, away from the spiky part. "See how soft it feels," I said. Daniel looked surprised. "Did you know," I went on to say, "that this is a very beautiful plant that has a fabulous flower just before it dies? This plant is living, Daniel, and should be treated kindly, don't you think?"

Daniel stood there for what seemed like a long time staring at the plant and then said softly, "I won't kick it again."

From that day to this, I've gotten more involved with this family. It turns out that the two families are this: Casey, and his two children, Daisy and Jonah, and Debbie, and her two children, Daniel and Lily. Debbie is the mystery girlfriend.

Months passed and Debbie confided with me over a cup of tea, she was pregnant, and with Casey's child.

In the meantime, Debbie had a real conversion to Jesus Christ by accepting Him as her Lord and Savior. She was growing in her new walk through life. She was learning that lifestyle changes were required. We talked often by phone and our friendship grew rapidly from good too wonderful. A few days before her baby was due to arrive, she phoned and said, 'I have something serious to ask you, Maureen.'

I said, "That's fine, ask away."

Debbie said, "Please, will you be my mother?"

Stammering a little, I said, "do you know what you are asking of me?"

"Yes, I do," she said in a very emotional state of mind.

In between sobs, Debbie said, "I am thirty-two years old and I have learned more about how to live life in the one year I have known you, than in the rest of my years. My own mother has so many problems of her own that she is disinterested in me and my children. I need you to be close to me like a mother should be. She went on and on, and my heart ached for the pain that this beautiful young lady had absorbed in her young life.

And yes, you guessed it. I agreed to be Debbie's mother.

Debbie's new baby is named Micah, and he is equally beautiful. Is it possible to become a mother, and a grandmother, to three in one day? The answer is, "yes," because that's what happened to me.

I hope and pray we will all live happily ever after.

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not to the crime itself but to the result of the carnage, a witness to the outcome of sin. Human brutality on display, to this poor soul, robbed and beaten, in need of medical services, presumably a matter of life or death. Without care, this feeble man would soon die.

I wish to ask you, if we have ever contemplated what manner of man this victim was? As humans, we see pictures of starving children, and our hearts cry for them. We have compassion and empathy for them. But if this struggling man were a gang member, a child sex offender, a terrorist or the likes of a man that shoots up a room full of grade school children, our compassion is not there. So often, when hearing about one of the many recent mass murders, I have heard people comment, "Well, why didn't he just shoot himself first?"

For these questions we must turn to Jesus for our example. In Luke 15:1 we are told that Jesus would eat and fellowship with publicans and sinners. He didn't shun them away fearing it would tarnish his reputation. He deliberately sought them out, and his purpose was the saving of their souls.

Now here is my question. Have you ever questioned whether this man in the parable of the Good Samaritan was even worthy of being helped? Was he maybe a low life robber, or a scoundrel, maybe a prison escapee waiting for his death sentence to be carried out. In Jesus day, this man could have been searching out and killing Christians. In fact, couldn't this man, once healed, come back to harm the hero who came to his rescue or even bring harm to the family of that hero. How do we know that the world would be a better place with this person gone?

The Scripture tell us not only to love our neighbor as ourselves, but that we are to love our enemies, to do good to those who hate us, to forgive the sins of those who trespass against us. If our neighbor slaps us on one cheek, we are to turn so they can strike us again on the other cheek.

Now the Scriptures seem to tell us very little about who that injured man was but I think that person is you and me, our neighbor, our family. He is anyone of us and he is all of us. All of us are unworthy sinners and yet in the eyes of God, we are family and He has bestowed on us His love and mercy. God is that Good Samaritan that saw us helpless and suffering by the way. God did not consider whether we were criminals or whether we would rebuke Him or turn our backs on Him. He sent His only son to die for us, lowly andretched as we are, to save us from sin, death and the power of the devil. We are all that injured man, and He cared for us, nursed back to health, carried us to the Inn. We are all helpless and broken and Jesus is our "Good Samaritan." He loved us in spite of our sin. He picked us up when we couldn't pick ourselves up and then He carried us. And though we were unworthy, He redeemed us with His Blood and saved us. When we hear the Parable of the Good Samaritan, how can we not surrender our hearts to Jesus as well as seek to be like Jesus, reaching out to our neighbors in need. Look at Matthew 25:45 "Then He will answer them saying "Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to Me." For all that God has done for us, He implores us to have compassion on others. Matthew 25:34 & 35; "The King will say to those on His right hand, "Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave Me food, I was thirsty and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger and you took Me In. "

The Portage Patriots Pathfinder club is putting together a "Healthy Diet Cookbook" fundraiser. Please forward your favorite Recipes to Steve Collins at fscdriver@yahoo.com Funds will be used to defray expenses to the Oshkosh world wide camperee! The books will be beautiful to see and lay flat for maximum functionality as well. Each recipe will include the contributor's name. Be a part of the Pathfinders experience!

Editors Note

There are 2 full pages of pictures from the Portage District Rally.

Pictures do not turn out very well in black and white so they are only available on the web. To see the pictures, please go to the following :

<https://www.almondsda.org/district-newsletter/2019>

Almond's March Events

- Mar 1 Prayer Mtg. 7:00
- Mar 2 Sabbath – Vegetarian Potluck
- Mar 3 Bible Study (Anderson Home) 5:30
- Mar 6 Weekly reading time at 7:00 (J+D Tess home)
- Mar 6 Steps to Christ Study 6:30 (Luke's apt)
- Mar 8 Prayer Mtg. 7:00
- Mar 9 Sabbath – Vegetarian Potluck
- Mar 10 Prayer Breakfast 9 AM
- Mar 10 Bible Study (Anderson Home) 5:30
- Mar 13 Weekly reading time at 7:00 (J+D Tess home)
- Mar 13 Steps to Christ Study 6:30 (Luke's apt)
- Mar 15 Prayer Mtg. 7:00
- Mar 16 Sabbath – Vegetarian Potluck
- Mar 17 Bible Study (Anderson Home) 5:30
- Mar 20 Weekly reading time at 7:00 (J+D Tess home)
- Mar 20 Steps to Christ Study (Luke's apt)
- Mar 22 Prayer Mtg. 7:00
- Mar 23 Sabbath – Vegetarian Potluck
- Mar 24 Bible Study (Anderson Home) 5:30
- Mar 27 Weekly reading time at 7:00 (J+D Tess home)
- Mar 28 Steps to Christ Study 6:30 (Luke's apt)

Portage March Events

Portage SDA Church email address is:

portagesdachurch@gmail.com

Portage SDA Church Facebook:

Type: Portage Seventh-day Adventist

Radio station:

WPSA LP 93.5 FM

Bible study:

Every Tuesday at 6:30 pm at fellowship hall. Topical study from Mark Finley's "Studying Together"

If you have anything coming up in your church that needs to be promoted, please let us know. We would be happy to promote your event or to share stories of your event after it happened. We are also looking for human interest type stories or anything that has touched your life. Share with others so that we can all be touched in the way that you were.

Happy Birthday!



March

Elizabeth Tess	3/5	ALMOND
Tina Leake	3/5	REEDSBURG
Luella Zipsie	3/6	REEDSBURG
Harlow Peterson	3/8	ALMOND
Luke Anderson	3/16	ALMOND
Ellie Pavek	3/20	OXFORD
Lois Schweitzer	3/23	ALMOND
Ken Wilson	3/23	ALMOND
Keni Gillingham	3/24	REEDSBURG
David Jones	3/24	OXFORD
Marc Anderson	3/29	ALMOND
John Tess	3/29	ALMOND



Wautoma SDA Company March Schedule of Events

Date

3/2/2019	Sabbath School/Church @ 9:30 a.m./11:00 a.m.
3/3/2019	Bible study at the Anderson's @ 5:30 p.m.
3/4/2019	Women's Group at the Anderson's @ 10:00 a.m.
3/6/2019	Prayer Meeting/Prophecy @ church @ 6:30 p.m.
3/9/2019	Sabbath School/Church @ 9:30 a.m./11:00 a.m.
3/10/2019	Bible study at the Anderson's @ 5:30 p.m.
3/11/2019	Women's Group at the Anderson's @ 10:00 a.m.
3/13/2019	Prayer Meeting/Prophecy @ church @ 6:30 p.m.
3/16/2019	Sabbath School/Church @ 9:30 a.m./11:00 a.m.
3/17/2019	Bible study at the Anderson's @ 5:30 p.m.
3/18/2019	Women's Group at the Anderson's @ 10:00 a.m.
3/20/2019	Prayer Meeting/Prophecy @ church @ 6:30 p.m.
3/23/2019	Sabbath School/Church @ 9:30 a.m./11:00 a.m.
3/24/2019	Bible study at the Anderson's @ 5:30 p.m.
3/25/2019	Women's Group at the Anderson's @ 10:00 a.m.
3/27/2019	Prayer Meeting/Prophecy @ church @ 6:30 p.m.
3/29/2019	Pastor Torres on the Family 7:00 p.m.
3/30/2019	Sabbath School/Church @ 9:30 a.m./11:00 a.m. Pastor Torres on the Family

Hello from Wautoma,

Work on our new church building is progressing well. We have been working on new lighting, replacing some electrical wiring, running speaker and audio lines, and planning the completion of drywall. We have a wood floor that we plan to sand and refinish.

Many thanks go out to the volunteers that have been working on this. We are drawing nearer to its completion but not quite ready to set an opening date.

The last weekend in March, Pastor Torres will be joining us in worship with a focus on family.

Please come and join us both Friday evening and on Sabbath, March 29 & 30, 2019 to a blessing about drawing families closer together and closer to God.

Alan Anderson

Our Earnest!

One day while reading Ephesians 1:14, I was a bit uncertain what the word "Earnest" meant. As an adjective, I knew it meant sincere, honest, serious. But this seemed to be used in the noun form. What did it mean? "The earnest of our inheritance".

Asking my Mother about the word, she said, "When she was a little girl, she lived with her grandmother. Her uncles would sometimes be there too and they sometimes used the word when they were talking about a man buying a farm who could only put up "earnest money" at the time.

In other words, it's meaning today is the same as "down payment".

That made sense, yet it didn't satisfy the use of the word as a noun, so I looked the word up in the dictionary...

"SOMETHING GIVEN OR DONE IN ADVANCE AS A PLEDGE OF THE REMAINDER." WOW! Now that made sense.

Something was a SOMEONE! Namely Jesus...our Earnest.

He did everything in advance for us, with the promise of a happy ending. The best is yet to come!

In the Living Bible, it says, "His presence within us is God's GUARANTEE that He really will give us all that He has promised; and the Spirit's seal upon us means that God has already purchased us and that He guarantees to bring us to Himself. This is just one more reason for us to praise our glorious God." (Eph. 1:14)

Now whenever I think of the word "earnest", I immediately associate it with Jesus, Savior, Lord, Redeemer, Friend, Triumphant Deliverer and Victorious God!

Pray that each of us learns to put more trust and confidence in The Faithful One. He is able to save and deliver us.

HE KEEPS HIS PROMISES!

Nona Schmidt, Almond

Prophecy Highlights March 2019

(Submitted by Tim Schmidt)



Landmarks of "the Daily" (Introduction)

(Written & Compiled by R. LEE – 2009)

"Then I saw in relation to the "Daily," that the word "sacrifice" was supplied by man's wisdom, and does not belong to the text; and that the Lord gave the correct view of it to those who gave the judgment hour cry. When union existed, before 1844, nearly all were united on the correct view of the "Daily;" but since 1844, in the confusion, other views have been embraced, and darkness and confusion has followed."

"The Lord showed me that Time had not been a test since 1844, and that time will never again be a test." –

Ellen G. White, The Present Truth, November, 1850, No. 11, page 87.

The above statement from the pen of inspiration in and of itself is very plain and simple to understand. It is also very clear concerning who had the "correct view" of "the Daily" in the book of Daniel. Unfortunately, it has been misunderstood, its meaning has been distorted, and it has been explained away from the obvious import of the plain meaning of the English words that were penned under inspiration. This has been going on now for over 100 years, by Sabbath-keeping Adventists. Laity, ministry and theologians alike have been doing this, so that they can teach other views concerning "the Daily" in the book of Daniel.

And the consequences of this distortion and manipulation of this plain inspired statement, has indeed caused confusion and a departing from the faith, by those who have accepted differing views of "the Daily" in the book of Daniel, from the one taught by the majority of Millerite Adventists who gave the judgment hour cry (that is, those who gave the 1st Angel's message in the Millerite Advent Movement of 1840 – 44). A number of theologians have been led to reject the Biblical validity of the foundational teaching concerning the Cleansing of the Heavenly Sanctuary commencing in 1844; while other Sabbath-keeping Adventists, have fallen into the error and confusion of re-applying the time prophecies of Daniel 12:11 & 12, in literal days to some end-time event yet in the future.

A simple analysis of the above inspired statement reveals the following truths to the careful reader:

1. "I saw" – that is, Sister White saw in an inspired, prophetic vision concerning this subject.
2. The subject that she saw in vision was "the Daily" in the book of Daniel.
3. The word "sacrifice" does **NOT** belong to the text, but was added by man's supposed wisdom. That is, it was added by the translators of the King James Version.
4. The Lord gave the **CORRECT VIEW** of "the Daily" in the book of Daniel, to those who gave the *judgment hour cry* (that is, those who gave the 1st Angel's message in the Millerite Advent Movement of 1840 – 44).
5. When union existed before 1844 among the Millerite Adventists, nearly all were united on the correct view of "the Daily" in the book of Daniel.
6. But since the confusion after 1844, other views concerning "the Daily" in the book of Daniel have been embraced, which have resulted in darkness and confusion.

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7. The Lord showed Sister White that Time had not been a test since 1844, and it will never be a test again.

The compiler has been blessed over the last eighteen months or more to read many thousands of pages of books, pamphlets, and Millerite periodical articles during the time that the Judgment Hour Cry was being given to the world by the Advent Movement of 1840 – 44. And the majority teaching concerning the “*the Daily*” in the book of Daniel has been clearly revealed to the compiler through this exhaustive research and can be summarized as follows:

1. The word “*sacrifice*” which is linked together in all five places where “*the Daily*” in the book of Daniel occurs, does not belong to the Hebrew text, and has been supplied by the translators.

2. The Millerite Adventists saw “*the Daily*” in the book of Daniel as a desolating power or an abomination which symbolized Paganism and its religious rites and practices. This power was removed or taken away in 508 A. D., to make way for the rise of “*the transgression of desolation*” (Daniel 8:13), or “*the abomination that maketh desolate*” (Daniel 11:31) which they saw as the Papacy.

3. As from the taking away of Paganism in the Roman Empire in 508 A. D., the prophetic periods of the 1290 and 1335 days (that is, the 1, 290 and 1, 335 years) of Daniel 12:11 & 12, ended respectively in 1798 and 1843.

4. The more accurate translation “*the continual*” for the phrase “*the daily*”—was frequently used by the Millerite Adventists in their writings on this subject. (There are some individuals today who consider the use of the words “*the continual*” in relation to “*the Daily*” in the book of Daniel as a false teaching that is a departure from the “Judgment Hour Cry” view on this subject. Further, they believe that this alternative translation was brought in by Uriah Smith in his theological books written years after 1844. While the compiler is not an admirer of Uriah Smith’s books, in fairness to him, it needs to be documented that the Millerite Adventist writers did indeed frequently use the translation “*the continual*” in their writings concerning this subject.)

The best way to bring out these historical facts concerning the Millerite view of “*the Daily*” in the book of Daniel is to let the writers speak for themselves, without comment from the compiler. So extracts from Millerite books, pamphlets and periodicals will be copied dealing with this subject, at the time the Judgment Hour Cry was being given to the world.

By the end of this Study Document the reader should see that the above four summarizing points have been historically verified as being a correct representation of the teachings that the majority of the Millerites had concerning “*the Daily*” in the book of Daniel. For those who have access to this Study Document, they should never again be misled or deceived by any attempted distortion or manipulation of the real historical evidence of what the Millerites’ actually taught concerning “*the Daily*” in the book of Daniel, by those who may wish to teach an alternative view of the subject. As such, the compiler trusts that this Study Document will be valued as an anchor to help establish the “correct view” of “*the Daily*” in the book of Daniel.

I have retyped the articles for the reader as many of the copies of the source documents that I have in my possession are not easy to read, and would be difficult to reprint from in a “*user friendly*” fashion. The wording is as it appeared in the original Source Documents. I trust that the reader will take this fact into consideration when reading these documents.

I pray that after carefully reading this Study Document the reader will embrace the original and correct teaching concerning “*the Daily*”, following the counsel of the true Spirit of Prophecy, as found in The Present Truth, November, 1850, No. 11, page 87.

{May the Lord bless and guide the honest in heart reader as you carefully study these materials. And may this Study Document be used to help establish you in the original Advent message, so that you will not be led away with the various winds of false doctrines that are blowing today.} —Next month: The Testimonies of William Miller.

Are You In Need of ?

This section is intended as an outreach to help those with needs, also helping those with the need to free up space in their homes by donating those un-needed items to someone who may have a use for them. May God Bless you for your generosity. If you have items to donate to someone, please let us know.

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or gracenotesnewsletter@yahoo.com

Business office desk. It is still in good shape but has seen many years of use so it contains minimal wear and tear on the front, around the drawers especially. All the drawers are in good working condition and the lockable drawer works.

30" tall X 60" wide. 715-570-2179

Seventh-day Sabbath versus Ceremonial Sabbaths

This passage, Colossians 2:16, 17 is one of the most misunderstood passages in the Bible. The Bible is plain on the Sabbath.

It was given at Creation (Gen. 2:1-3)

Jesus observed it (Luke 4:16)

Paul observed it (Acts 13:42-44)

And it will be observed in heaven: (Isaiah 66:22, 23).

The Bible mentions two kinds of Sabbaths: The seventh-day Sabbath and the yearly sabbaths.

The seventh-day Sabbath, instituted at creation and part of the Ten Commandment Law, is a weekly reminder of the loving, all-powerful Creator.

The yearly Sabbath relates specifically to the history of Israel.

Colossians 2:16, 17 specifically states "Let no one judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of an holyday, or of the new moon, or of the sabbath days: which are a shadow of things to come; but the body is of Christ."

The seventh day Sabbath is a memorial of creation not a shadow of something to come. Hebrews 10:1 connects the law of shadows with animal sacrifice. Ezekiel 45:17 uses the exact same expressions in the exact same order as Colossians 2:16, 17 and connects it all with the ceremonial systems of feasts and sacrifices (meat offerings, drink offerings, feasts, new moons, and sabbaths to make reconciliation for the house of Israel.

Leviticus 23:3 discusses the Seventh-day Sabbath.

Leviticus 23:5-32 discusses the ceremonial sabbaths (Passover, verse 5; unleavened bread, verse 6; wave sheaf, verse 10, first fruits, verse 17; trumpets, verse 24; Day of atonement, verses 27-32; tabernacles, verses 34-36). Both the feast of trumpets (verse 24), and the Day of Atonement (verse 32) are specifically called sabbaths.

These annual sabbaths were intimately connected to events foreshadowing Christ's death and His Second Coming. They were designed by God to be shadows or pointers to the coming Messiah.

Leviticus 23:37 uses the language of Colossians 2:16, 17 to describe these ceremonial sabbaths. Leviticus 23:38 distinguishes the ceremonial sabbaths from the seventh-day Sabbaths by using the expression "Beside the sabbaths of the Lord."

Since Christ has come, the shadowy sabbaths of the ceremonial law have found their fulfillment in Him. The seventh-day Sabbath continues to lead us back to the Creator God who made us. God's people will keep it as a distinguishing sign of their relationship to Him. (Revelation 14:12; Ezekiel 20:12, 20).

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Jokes & Puns

What does DNA stand for? National Dyslexia Foundation

Scientists have just found the gene that causes shyness. They would have found it earlier, but it was hiding behind two other genes.

How does NASA organize a party? They planet.

I went into a pet shop. I said, "Can I buy a goldfish? The guy said, "Do you want an aquarium?" I said, "I don't care what astrological sign it is."

Two goldfish are in a tank. One looks at the other and says, "You know how to drive this thing?"

Have you heard about corduroy pillows? They're making headlines.

As a scarecrow, people say I'm outstanding in my field. But hay, it's in my jeans.

I have an EpiPen. My friend gave it to me when he was dying. It seemed very important to him that I have it.

I waited and stayed up all night and tried to figure out where the sun was, then it dawned on me.

I bought the world's worst thesaurus yesterday. Not only is it terrible, it's terrible.

What do Alexander the great and Winnie the Pooh have in common? They have the same middle name.

What did the left eye say to the right eye? Between you and me, something smells.

You know why you never see elephants hiding up in trees? Because they're really good at it.

What do you do with a sick chemist? If you can't helium, and you can't curium. Then you might as well barium.

Will You Be My Mother?

By Maureen Williamson

I woke up this particular day with a real urgency that I needed to visit an elderly lady whose husband has been sick for about a year. They live about a quarter of a mile from us, in Deer Creek. I asked Bill if he would like to walk with me. Bill said, "Yes." I hurried to pick some roses and then off we went walking, holding hands in the warm sun of this glorious day that God blessed us with.

That particular visit was NOT the reason for the urgency, it was something quite different, and quite unexpected.

Bill and I were returning home and just before Lucky Lane, (our street), we saw a water company truck stop at one house. Because Bill and I are naturally observant, we noticed the man get out a very long metal stick and put it in the unit. I asked Bill, 'what is he doing?'

Bill sighed and said, "sad to see, and sorry to say, but their water is being turned off."

I went cold because I know a man who recently lost his job lives in that house, and there are four children less than ten years old who plays in that yard.

Bill had to get back to something he was doing so I went to Dorothy, who is 80 years old and comes to our bible study. She loves the Lord and has an adventurous spirit. It is easy to see that she wants to be available to make a difference. "Dorothy," I said, "Do you want to come on a Jesus mission with me?"

Without any hesitation Dorothy smiled and said, "yes."

"Okay, take those curlers out your hair and lets go now," I said, smiling.

The fact that this family's water was turned off really upset me as I know how vital water is. Water is a life line, and how would the children manage without water? It's impossible to cook without water, so how will they eat? How will they drink without water? How will they bathe without water? A person cannot live without water. I shared my thoughts with Dorothy and she agreed, by the name of Jesus something must be done.

As if on a mission, and really it was a mission, Dorothy and I marched over to the house and I rang the door bell. After a few seconds a young man, who looked no more than thirty years old, peeped out the crack of the slightly open door. I greeted him and said, "My name is Maureen, and this is my friend, Dorothy."

"Yes," the young man said.

"I live in the house up that road," I said, and pointed up our lane. "My friend, Dorothy, also lives on the same road."

"Yes," the young man said again.

"We are Christians," I said, "and we have come to find out if you and your family are all right." I went on to say, "my husband, Bill, and I, were walking past your house a few minutes ago and noticed the water company turning your water off. I was very concerned because I know you have children, and I am here to invite you and your children to come to my home if you need to bathe, or shower. Come to my house if you would like a hot meal, come for anything that you need, and we will help you if we are able."

By this time I noticed that the door was opening wider and the young man was smiling. His words were soft and kind and he was no longer suspicious. The young man said, "I stopped the water company from turning off the water. I am in financial difficulties and lost my job, but I gave the man my last one hundred dollars not to turn the water off."

I sighed noticeably. So did Dorothy. By this time he had let the door go completely and a big dog rushed to his side. I could now see inside the house clearly, and there was very little furniture within eyesight. The young man's name is, Casey, and he said two of the kids are his girlfriend's children. The other two are his. Casey also told me that he is studying hard to become a Policeman.

I invited Casey and his girlfriend to come to our weekly Bible Studies, and to bring the children with him on Wednesday evenings at 7pm. I could see in his face that he trusted us. We left after showing him where we lived, and adding that if there is anything we can do, please tell us.

Dorothy and I waited for the weekend, figuring that the children, who go to school in Payson, would be home then. We hoped to meet them personally. Dorothy purchased a gift card from Wal-Mart, and I had a marvelous new hard cover Bible in pictures for children, not to mention a fist full of sweets in a pretty heart-shaped plastic basket. Off we went to the house again, and Casey was very happy to see us. "Here we are, your friends," I said, "come to visit you again." The children came out of the house one by one to stand in front of us, and how very lovely they were.

The eldest is, Daisy, followed by, Daniel, Jonah, and finally Lily, the youngest, who came out, ran up to me, and held my hand. After a little chitchatting and lots of smiles, we gave the gifts and I asked if the children could come to my house for a tea party.

Casey thought for a moment and said, "They are not suitably dressed, how about next week at this time?"

We agreed, and smiling, left, a mission accomplished. Hallelujah!

That same evening, as Bill and I were sitting down to dinner, there was a knock at our door. Bill went to the door. I heard children's voices, and called, "Are those my new friends?" The two children ran under Bill's arms, and into mine, with smiles on their beautiful, young, and tender faces.

"We need a pot to make spaghetti," Daisy said.

Bill pulled out a nice deep pot that somebody had given to us that we had never used. He gave it to them. Meanwhile, I said, "Come, let's pick a few roses for you to give to your Dad."

As we approached the rose garden, Daniel pressed close to me and said, "Why must we have to wait for next Saturday? Why don't we have

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District Music Fest - Oxford - February 16, 2019



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Anderson



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Spady & Carrie Veldman



Luella Zipsy



Jennifer & Pastor Spady



Stanley Cottrell & Pastor Spady



Oxford Hospitality

Thank you to the Oxford Church for hosting this District Rally. You did a fine job at putting this together. The music was great, the fellowship was wonderful and of course the food is always good. Thanks again for your hard work and for making us all feel like family! A special thanks goes out to the Wisconsin Academy Singers!
God Bless

Dear friend,

Thank you for your love for missions, including the Hmong work. 2019 is the year for our Hmong members here in Wisconsin, across the NAD, and around the world to do much more evangelism and outreach than ever. Therefore, we are making plans both to train our members and to provide more materials to share with the Hmong Community locally and worldwide.

Recently, the Hmong Adventist leaders in Thailand asked us to help to plan and coordinate the second **International Hmong Camp Meeting** to be held **April 4-7, 2019** in Chiang Mai, **Thailand**.

You can Help! If you would like to support the Wisconsin Hmong Youth Mission Trip, International Camp Meeting, and Post Conference training for Hmong leaders from closed countries, here's how you can help:

Pray – The Hmong come from an Animist background in which they live in fear of the spirits. The enemy does not release his subjects easily, so we need your prayers for God's special protection and presence as we seek to advance His Kingdom among the Hmong.

Donate online at <https://wi.adventist.org/>

Click on **"Give Online!"** at the top of the home page.

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Under the **Local Church** heading, you should see "Hmong International Camp Meeting"

Enter the amount you would like to give.

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For: Hmong International Camp Meeting

Thank you for your prayers and support as we seek to grow the work among this barely reached people group. Feel free to contact me for more details.

Very gratefully,

Pastor Ko Saelee

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RECIPE CORNER

Garden Chili

2 (16 oz) cans kidney beans, drained

1 (8 oz) can tomato sauce

4 cloves garlic, crushed

1 and 1/2 cups chopped onion

2 tbsp vegetable oil

1 cup chopped celery

1 cup chopped carrots

1 cup chopped green bell pepper

1 (15 oz) can chopped tomatoes

1 tsp cumin

1 tsp dried basil

2 tbsp chili powder

1/2 cup water

1/2 tsp hot red pepper sauce

1 cup shredded Cheddar cheese

1. Combine kidney beans and tomato in a large pot. Cook over med-low heat.

2. Sauté garlic and onion in oil in a large skillet over med-high heat for 5 minutes. Add celery, carrots and bell pepper. Cook, stirring occasionally, until vegetables are tender, about 10 minutes.

3. Add vegetables to pot; stir. Add undrained tomatoes, cumin, basil, chili powder, water and red pepper sauce. Cook until chili is slightly thickened, about 35 minutes.

4. Ladle chili into soup bowls and sprinkle with Cheddar.

Serves 6

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Vision Statement:

To be a resource which encourages and inspires unity in our church district; through inspirational thoughts, informative articles and testimonials; preparing for the soon coming of Christ.

Ministry

From Home

Have you ever thought of having a prison ministry? You don't have to leave your home to have this. A letter changes the life of an inmate every time they receive it. Pray that God will lead you to write an inmate. Give an inmate a blessing!

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Thanks,

Grace Notes Editor

Recipe Corner

Our potluck meals are the best.

Share some of your best vegetarian or vegan recipes for others to try.

Send it to us and we'll share it for you.

Healthy food doesn't have to taste bad!

One Smart Cookie

From the Weimar NEWSTART Cooking School

Ingredients:

- 1 cup walnuts or other nuts
- 1 cup unsweetened shredded coconut
- 1 cup whole wheat pastry flour or gluten free flour
- ½ tsp. salt
- 1 tsp. baking powder
- ½ cup honey or maple syrup
- 1 tsp vanilla extract

Directions:

Place dry ingredients in a food processor and process until coarse meal mixture is formed. Add wet ingredients and mix well to form into a dough. Scoop into a slightly sprayed cookie sheet, flatten with a fork and add walnuts or other nuts on top. Bake 12-15 minutes at 350 degrees or until golden brown. Cool. Enjoy!

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