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"In a vision in 1880 I asked, 'Where is the security for the people of God in these days of peril?' The answer was. 'Jesus maketh intercession for His people, though Satan standeth at His right hand to resist Him.' 'And the Lord said unto Satan, The Lord rebuke thee, O Satan; even the Lord that hath chosen Jerusalem rebuke thee: is not this a brand plucked out of the fire?' As man's Intercessor and Advocate, Jesus will lead all who are willing to be led, saying, 'Follow Me upward, step by step, where the clear light of the Sun of Righteousness shines.'

"But not all are following the light. Some are moving away from the safe path, which at every step is a path of humility. God has committed to His servants a message for this time; but this message does not in every particular coincide with the ideas of all the the message and the messengers. words of reproof sent to them from God through His Holy Spirit.

"What reserve power has the Lord with which to reach those who have cast aside His warnings



and reproofs, and have accredited the Testimonies of the Spirit of God to no higher source that human wisdom? In the judgment, what can you who have done this, offer to God as an excuse for turning from the evidences He has given you that God was in the work? 'By their fruits ye shall know them.' I would not now rehearse before you the evidences given in the past two years of the dealings of God by His chosen leading men, and some criticize servants; but the present evidence of His working is revealed They dare even to reject the to you, and you are now under obligation to believe. You cannot neglect God's messages of warning, you cannot reject them or treat them lightly, but at the peril of infinite loss. {LS 324.1-324.3}



Tabernacles Reminder

Make plans now!!

WE'RE NEARING HOME!

Levitcus

16:13 Thou shalt observe the feast of tabernacles seven days, after that thou hast gathered in thy corn and thy wine:

16:14 And thou shalt rejoice in thy feast, thou, and thy son, and thy daughter, and thy manservant, and thy maidservant, and the Levite, the stranger, and the fatherless, and the widow, that [are] within thy gates.

October 20-27

Live Oak Florida

at

Martin and Cheryl Thomas' Estate

20396 98th Pl, Live Oak, Florida



Br. Garrick Augustus, Br. Franklyn David, Br. Martin Thomas, Br. Edison Hyacinth

Health Speakers: Sr. Barbara Shields, Br. Allen Gilbert

We are hoping that Sr. Robin Gilbert will also be able to come and speak.

Sr. Gilbert is a medical Missionary who travels the world treating people and is

extremely knowledgeable in herbal medicines.

Sr. Shields will also be offering practical treatments for those interested.

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The Burden of Amos-Part II

Garrick Augustus

"Surely the Lord GOD will do nothing, but he revealeth **his secret** unto his **servants the prophets**." Amos 3: 7

The Bible is clear that YHWH has "secrets" which he discloses only to "the prophets." Those who despise prophecy are despising the knowledge of the unveiled "secrets of God." The Apostle has instructed us on this matter to be in an attitude of receiving those secrets by "proving all things."

"(18) In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you. (19) Quench not the Spirit. (20) **Despise not prophesyings**. (21) **Prove all things**; hold fast that which is good." 1 Thess. 5: 18-21

As present truth believers we must not "despise the gift of prophecy," but are called to "prove," through comparative analysis, "all things", being careful to "hold fast" to only that which is proven to be good. One friend said it this way: "eat the meat and spit out the bones."

"(10) Also I brought you up from the land of Egypt, and led you forty years through the wilderness, to possess the land of the Amorite. (11) And I raised up of your sons for prophets, and of your young men for Nazarites. Is it not even thus, O ye children of Israel? saith the LORD. (12) But ye gave the Nazarites wine to drink; and commanded the prophets, saying, Prophesy not." Amos 2: 9-12

Nazarites are "consecrated or devoted ones," those who are seeking to become citizens of God's eternal kingdom, those who are seeking salvation in Christ alone. The Nazarites took holy vows, much like us today taking our baptismal vows to abstain from pollutants, etc. Thus, in a sense, we today are all Nazarites, if we are seeking unto righteousness. But the prophecy declares that —these have been perverted by the false shepherds in the churches—Israel, because they "gave the Nazarites wine to drink; and commanded the prophets, saying, Prophesy not." This is a state of apostasy, and calls for a spiritual revival and reformation of primitive godliness, to restore that which has been cast aside.

Knowing the mischief of the great theologians of his day, Christ has warned: "Woe unto you, lawyers! for ye have taken away the key of knowledge: ye entered not in yourselves, and **them that were entering in ye hindered**." Lu 11:52. It is this class who has corrupted the Nazarites. If we will be saved at all, we must give heed to the true prophets, for the "lawyers" of our day will actively mislead "and commanded the prophets, saying, prophesy not," meaning teach not the prophecies, for they shall fail us! Such are deceivers of the basest sort.

"(13) Behold, I am pressed under you, as a cart is pressed that is full of sheaves. [This pressing is YHWH's Burden, just like a beast of burden bearing its load.] (14) Therefore the <u>flight shall perish from the</u> <u>swift</u>, and the strong shall not strengthen his force, neither shall the mighty deliver himself: (15) Neither shall he stand that handleth the bow [Bow = Word, Hab: 3: 9]; and he that is <u>swift of foot</u> shall not <u>deliver himself</u>: neither shall <u>he that rideth the horse deliver himself</u>. (16) And he that is courageous among the mighty shall flee away naked in that day, saith the LORD." Amos 2: 13-16

"(28) Hast thou not known? hast thou not heard, that the everlasting God, YHWH, the Creator of the ends of the earth, fainteth not, neither is weary? there is no searching of his understanding. (29) He giveth power to the faint; and to **them that have no might he increaseth strength**. (30) Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall: (31) But **they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength**; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; **they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint**." Isa. 40: 28-30

What is the Bow? "Thy **bow** was made quite naked, according to the oaths of the tribes, **even thy word**. Selah. Thou didst cleave the earth with rivers." Hab 3:9 (14) Therefore the <u>flight shall perish from the</u> <u>swift</u>, and the strong shall not strengthen his force, neither shall the mighty deliver himself: (15) Neither shall **he stand that handleth the bow** [Bow = Word, Hab: 3: 9]; and he that is <u>swift of foot</u> shall not <u>deliver himself</u>: neither shall <u>he that rideth the horse deliver himself</u>.

"I returned, and saw under the sun, that **the race is not to the swift, nor the battle to the strong**, neither yet bread to the wise, nor yet riches to men of understanding, nor yet favour to men of skill; but time **and chance happeneth to them all**." Eccl 9:11 "And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake: but **he that endureth to the end** shall be saved." Matt. 10:22

Jesus Christ is looking for some endurers today,

He is looking for those who will finally mount up with wings like eagles, He is looking for those today, whose hearts are surrendered to His will. How about you? Are you ready to stand in your place? Are you ready to look on His face? Are you ready for His kingdom to come?

"(1) Hear this word that the LORD hath spoken against you, O children of Israel, against the **whole family which I brought up from the land of Egypt**, [**12-tribes**] saying, (2) <u>You only have I known of all the families of the</u> earth: <u>therefore I will punish you for all your iniquities</u>." Amos 3: 1, 2.

The church of God is the only object on earth on which He, in a special sense, bestows His supreme regard, and for this reason He shall cleanse her— "punish her for all her iniquities," so she will bear fruits of righteousness unto His glory! Are you, dear reader seeking to purify your soul through obedience to the Truth, so that you may grow into His divine likeness? This is that challenge we all face today, growing into His likeness in this sinful and degenerate age.

"(3) Can two walk together, except they be agreed?" [Christ is waiting with longing desire for the manifestation of His character within his church—in us Present Truth believers, He is longing for this "agreement" with his earthly house and the heavenly host, and for this cause the two must be agreed before they can walk together.] (4) Will a lion roar in the forest, when he hath no prey? will a young lion cry out of his den, if he have taken nothing? (5) Can a bird fall in a snare upon the earth, where no gin is for him? shall one take up a snare from the earth, and have taken nothing at all? (6) Shall a trumpet be blown in the city, and the people not be afraid? shall there be evil in a city, and the LORD hath not done it?" Amos 3: 3-6

"² Out of all the families on earth, I have known no one else but you. That is why I am going to punish you for all your sins. ³ Do two people ever walk together without meeting first? ⁴ Does a lion roar in the forest if it has no prey? Does a young lion growl in its den unless it has caught something? ⁵ Does a bird land in a trap on the ground if there's no bait in it? Does a trap spring up from the ground unless it has caught something? ⁶ If a ram's horn sounds an alarm in a city, won't the people be alarmed? If there is a disaster in a city, hasn't the Lord done it?" Amos 3: 2-6 *God's Word Translation*.

Nothing happens without the fore-knowledge of our Heavenly Father, and so He in advance reveals His secrets to His servants, the prophets. Every operation in nature has its significance: the Lion roars when he has prey, to get them prancing. Birds land in traps that are baited. The trumpet (Tornado Alarm) sounds when there is destruction impending. Present Truth comes for the time appointed, and only those who despise not the *bear*- ers of divine secrets—the prophets—shall receive present truth and be transformed by it. Present truth is "meat in due season," and this meat is available today, the very meat we are here feasting on.

(7) Surely the Lord GOD will do nothing, but he revealeth his secret unto his servants the prophets. (8) The lion hath roared, who will not fear? the Lord GOD hath spoken, who can but prophesy?" Amos 3: 1-8.

"⁷Certainly, the Almighty Lord doesn't do anything unless he first reveals his secret to his servants the prophets. ⁸The lion has roared. Who isn't afraid? The Almighty Lord has spoken. **Who can keep from prophesying**?" Amos 3: 7, 8 in *GW Translation*.

This is why we know that the prophecies were not given by the whims of mankind. A person may write a book or pursue a career by their own internal feelings, devoid of Inspiration; not so with writing of the Scriptures. The prophecies were given *only* by the Will of God through the habitation of his Holy Spirit in a human vessel. And though loath to forbear, the obedient messenger will faithfully declare that Word, persecutions and strifes notwithstanding!

"Then I said, I will not make mention of him, nor speak any more in his name. But **his word was in mine heart as a burning fire shut up in my bones**, and I was weary with forbearing, and I **could not stay**." Jer. 20:9. This "fire in the bones" experience is the testimony of all true prophets, though loath to hold back from teaching the cutting truths of God's Word, which will cause us to revive and be reformed, they dare not polish the message for their audiences, but speak as of the oracles of YHWH.

"(19) We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts: (20) Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation. (21) For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost." 2 Pet. 1: 19-21

Yes, friends, the true prophets spoke because they had fire burning in their bones—they were *moved* by the Holy Spirit of Prophecy! This is the backbone of true revival and reformation, when God's Holy word is made quite plain, quite naked!

"(9) Publish in the palaces at <u>Ashdod</u>, [Holy Land] and in the palaces in the land of <u>Egypt</u>, [Surrounding countries] and say, Assemble yourselves upon the mountains of Samaria, and behold the great tumults [confusion among the enemies of Christ] in the midst thereof, and the oppressed in the midst thereof. (10) For they know not to do right, saith the LORD, who store up violence and robbery in their palaces. (11) Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD; An adversary there shall be even round about the land; and he shall bring down thy strength from thee, and thy palaces shall be spoiled. [This is how anciently the Assyrians, Babylonians, and Romans defeated Israel and Judah—they laid siege and surrounded them. This becomes the type of the great antitype, that just as anciently Babylon decimated the Holy land and took Jerusalem as a spoil, similarly, in the latter days, Assyria will do likewise to the Promised Land (Middle East), and Jerusalem as it focal point. Prophecy however, reveals there is more to this story, as shown in verse 12:]

(12) Thus saith the LORD; As the **shepherd taketh** out of the mouth of the lion two legs, or a piece of an ear; so shall the children of Israel be taken out that dwell in Samaria in the corner of a bed, and in Damascus in a couch." Amos 3: 9-12

While dwelling in their enemies lands as strangers and pilgrims, the true believers are only granted the "corner of a bed" or a "couch," but not a palace outside the vineyard of holiness. Christ is to rescue his people, even as a Shepherd rescues his sheep from the lion's jaws, and He will restore them to the land that He swore to give to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, but only those who have been washed in the blood of the Lamb shall be redeemed. They are as "brand plucked out of the fire?." (Zech. 3: 2). Are you washed? If not, why not dip into the cleansing Fountain which today is opened to you *against* sin and uncleanness!

Let's recast verse 12 again, this time paralleled with Isa. 31: 4:

"Thus saith the LORD; As the shepherd taketh out of the mouth of the lion two legs, or a piece of an ear; *so shall the children of Israel be taken out* that dwell in Samaria in the corner of a bed, and in Damascus in a couch." Amos 3: 12

When lions (or mountain lions) are feeding, no amount of striking them with objects will distract them from the purpose at hand—securing and killing the prey. The story has been told of a cyclist who was attacked by a mountain lion, and even though two fit men were smiting it with everything they could summon at hand, the beast still killed her! The lion was by no means distracted by their blows. This is similar to the single handed focus of Christ in rescuing his church—His true worshippers—He cannot be distracted from saving us, for we are engraved on the palms of His hands.

The High Cost of Privilege

(13) Hear ye, and testify in the house of Jacob, saith the Lord GOD, the God of hosts, (14) That **in the day**

that I shall visit the transgressions of Israel upon him I will also visit the altars of Bethel: and the horns of the altar shall be cut off, and fall to the ground. (15) And I will smite the winter house with the summer house; and the houses of ivory shall perish, and the great houses shall have an end, saith the LORD." Amos 3: 13-15

In the day when God brings judgment on the Promised land, he will also bring judgment upon his church on earth—in that He "will also visit **the altars of Bethel**!"

"Come to Bethel, and transgress; at Gilgal multiply transgression; and bring your sacrifices every morning, and your tithes after three years: And offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving with leaven, and proclaim and publish the free offerings: for this liketh you, O ye children of Israel, saith the Lord GOD." Amos 4: 4, 5

Bethel means the house of YHWH, the gate of heaven. Of Bethel Jacob declared: "this is none other but the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven." Gen. 28: 17. In this light then, the people who "come to Bethel and transgress" are Christians, Present Truth believers, who faithfully go to church from Sabbath to Sabbath, carrying their tithes and offerings though mixed in with "leaven"—unrighteousness, unholy living, open rebellion against Torah worship (read Lev. 2: 11). Many have turned the church into a club, and feel that as long as they are returning their tithes and offerings, even giving a "second tithe," they have no need or fear of divine reproof and correction, because "money talks" in their

"For thus hath the LORD spoken unto me, Like as the lion and the young lion roaring on his prey, when a multitude of shepherds is called forth against him, he will not be afraid of their voice, nor abase himself for the noise of them: so shall the LORD of hosts come down to fight for mount Zion, and for the hill thereof." Isa 31:4

world. How surprised will they be at the master's coming! He wants us to return our tithes, but he wants *more* our heart surrender to his Holy Word—sanctification!

How different are the outcomes in our Father's eyes! The phrase, "yet have ye not returned unto me, saith the Lord," occurred five times in these 13 verses. David had *five smooth stones* in his bag, in preparation to defeat Goliath of his day. Christ shows five calls for labourers, indicating five messages of revival and reformation, in order to prepare a people for His kingdom. This chapter is calling attention to the fact the God is pleading with us, with message after message, but we, like our ancestors have "mocked the messengers of God, and despised his words, and misused his prophets" (2 Chron. 36: 16), until the wrath of YHWH will be kindled against his people, and there be no remedy! I appeal to

the reader, to prayerfully study the 9th chapter of Ezekiel, and ask God to give you a heart of repentance, a heart centered on Revival of primitive godliness, and Reformation *against* the decadence and apostasy of our age, a willingness to raise the standard against the enemy.

Ancient Israel's stumbling block was their pride of knowledge and spiritual achievements. Why, they had the Torah, they knew how to avoid diseases, they had a perfect dietary regimen, their males were circumcised, and thus were clean from transmitting STD viruses to their spouses, they had lofty temples which commanded the attention of the world, and they had indeed arrived to the pinnacle of worldly success. The same can be said of us today as Seventh-day Adventists. But as ancient Israel and Judah turned to idolatry and apostatized from following Christ their leader, the same is true of modern Israel (5T. p. 217). And just as YHWH raised up prophets to guide, warn and nurture his church then, He has done the same in our day, and like Israel of old, we too have despised the prophetic utterances of His servants in our day, until we are now at the point of readying to cave in to the demands of homosexuality! Oh, the peril of privilege! Read the sermon below, and ask yourself if you have heard the voice of the loving Y'shuah (Jesus Christ), or that of the hateful enemy of souls? How did we get here?

"When God Disagrees with God, Whom Do You Follow?

"Unlike in the vision, Peter, when recognizing the hand of God upon this cross-cultural meeting and seeing the evidence of the Spirit at work in Cornelius' family, discarded the scriptures taught to him at his mother's knee that said he was to keep himself separate from unclean Gentiles. He rejected the words of God from the past in light of the acts of God in the present. And, incredibly, so did the early church. They called Peter in to reprimand him for mixing with Gentiles, but after hearing his eyewitness account of God's Spirit at work with non-Jewish people, they end up saying, "It's really happened! God has broken through to the other nations, opened them up to Life!" (11.18)⁴

"Have not faithful followers of God over the millennia had to adjust their understanding of God in light of new revelation? Has not the powerful work of God's Spirit in the now forced people to re-read the Bible stories of God's words and actions in the past? We have allowed science to lead us to a reinterpretation of certain passages.⁵ We have allowed our convictions about human equality to change the way we understand verses about slavery and women's subjugation. We have changed our understanding of end-time prophecy in light of Jesus not returning when we were convinced the Bible said he would.

"If we see evidence of the Spirit of God at work in the life of a gay man, how do we turn our backs and say, "Because of what God said in the past, I am choosing to not believe what He appears to be doing in the **present?**" If we are struggling to still explain to ourselves why two lesbians in a committed relationship is incompatible with God's ethics of fidelity and love for one another because we've got half a dozen proof texts that say that it's wrong, no ifs, ands or buts; isn't it time that we let go of God's words in the past because of His obvious action in the present? If accepting bisexual and transgendered individuals into our faith communities seems like something Jesus would do, can't we just go with the Spirit of Jesus? Those of us who hold to the traditional reading of Leviticus 20.13 have already chosen to disobey God's command to kill practicing homosexuals. Can't we just disobey the rest of that verse in light of the ministry of Jesus and how the Spirit is working today in LGBT individuals around the world and welcome them into our midst as spirit-filled men and women of God?

"It is time to be faithful to God. Not the One whose old words we thought we understood, but the One Who is acting now and is working in your heart and mine. Let us be obedient to the never-ending revelation of God."

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This article was written by one who has been consecrated to the sacred office of Pastor, a shepherd of the flock of God, yet is stridently leading people away from Christ and into the arms of Satan! He is still being paid by the tithes to do this devilish work! O friend, join with us your convictions that when every other place is shifting sand, on Christ the solid Rock we shall stand, by His grace. The above article suggests that God (YHWH) disagrees with Himself over the passage of time. This is the principle of evolution. He does not know this basic truth that "I am YHWH I change not, therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed." Mal. 3: 6. Jesus Christ the same, yesterday, today and forever.

"We must individually hear Him speaking to the heart. When every other voice is hushed, and in quietness we wait before Him, the silence of the soul makes more distinct the voice of God."—Ellen G. White, *The Ministry of Healing*, p. 58. Ω

Proverbs 3:1 My son, forget not my law, but let thine heart keep my commandments

Ministry Update

Passover 2013

Heralds of the 'King' Ministries had decided this year not to keep Passover in Missouri. The reasoning was mostly due to economics, the cost of travel etc. had risen with the increase of gasoline during that particular time. However, Camp Fair Havens made a request for Br. Garrick Augustus to come and share the Rod message with them; they were willing to make him the key speaker giving him all the time necessary to present the "Gospel of the Kingdom".

Camp Falr Havens is located about 10 miles from HKM and we have often shared their facilities during the festival seasons. This camp is a mixture of believers from different backgrounds and beliefs with the majority being Seventh-day Adventist feast keepers. Over the years we have developed quite a friendship and they have permitted our speakers time in their pulpit to share the message we so dearly love. So, while it was not a shock to received the request it was certainly an exciting time. A few of us were able to attend and what a joy it was to see them grasping on to a concept so many others refuse to accept—the Kingdom truths!

Br. Garrick, his wife, and 3 month old son were able to come out and spend three days teaching on the subject of the premillennial kingdom of glory. Let us keep this group in our prayers.

California

Br. Augustus will be traveling to southern California in the Fall where he will be meeting up with another group of SR believers. This group has ask Br. Augustus to speak at a week-long public evangelistic seminar. The group is expecting the public and SDA's from the surrounding churches to attend, so please keeps this in your prayers for a successful evangelistic outreach.

Book

One last prayer request on behalf of Br. Augus-

tus: Br. Garrick has been working on a book dealing with all of the misinformation so widely distributed and published against the "*Shepherd's Rod*" message. This has been a work many years in the making. He has gathered material from as many sources as he could possibly find and has placed this material in the book along with a thorough *biblical* explanation of why this is no more than the devil's plot to destroy God's last day message.

The book is entitled "What Every Seventh-Day Adventist Should know About *The Shepherd's Rod.*" He is currently working with the publishers, as it is in the editing stage, and we are pushing for a Winter release. Satan has tried diligently to keep this book from going to press and we ask for your continued prayers that nothing else will stand in the way of getting this book out to the world so we can finally have a resource for those who want to know the truth about the *Rod* message and the history behind its rejection by the SDA church.

Even many SR believers will be surprised to see how much research went into this book and the amount of information Br. Augustus has accumulated. For instance; did you know that the very day Br. Houteff was sharing the message before the church-appointed "Committee of Twelve," to investigate his message, the church was, on *that same day*, at an earlier time, already printing their "A Reply to the Shepherd's Rod" Pamphlet? This is only one example of many. The "Reply" was written *before* the message was delivered!

Trinidad

Please continue to keep Br David and the Trinidadian group in prayer. We are praying that the Lord will open the way that we may put a Medical Missionary outpost on the property in Trinidad. As medical expenses soar across America and the world, these are the times when our Health Message and the Entering Wedge will be most effective. We need to reach souls through every means possible and the health message is a *healthy* beginning.

Health Wave Healthy Nugget Recipe

Doesn't a good old vegan hotdog just sound good once in a while? If you are like me the price of those Loma Linda and Worthington ones make me cringe as well as the ingredients not necessarily being the best. This quarter we have included a recipe for a very delicious vege-dog. I have not personally made these but know some who has. They claim these are better than Big Franks and the recipe can even be altered without effecting the results. One friend replaced cooked oatmeal for the tofu and another dispensed with the mace and pepper. So feel free to experiment and make them according to your own taste.



Hotdogs



Grind Almonds first in blender then remove. Next crumble and add tofu to blender. In measuring spoon add soy sauce and enough water to equal 6 ½ TBS of liquid and add to blender. Add remaining ingredients EXCEPT GLUTEN and ARROWROOT. Blend till completely smooth and place in large mixing bowl. Add arrowroot to wheat gluten and then mix into other ingredients until evenly combined. You will have a soft dough. Divide dough into eight portions, roll each portion into a hotdog shape (but not longer than your steamer). Wrap each dog into parchment paper than into aluminum foil, lightly twist the ends. Tightly pack so as to prevent bursting. Place 4 on the bottom and the other 4 at a 90 degree angle on top. Steam over simmering water for 45 minutes, if dogs are layered switch places half way through. If freezing leave dogs wrapped in parchment paper and aluminum foil in a plastic bag. To heat boil in water for five minutes.

Borrowed from: http://thriftyliving.net/2008/10/20/homemade-veggie-hotdogs/

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More On Tabernacles

As we get feedback on the Tabernacles invitation we believe that we will be having a good turnout. We encourage all who can possibly come to do so. We need to be gathering together to encourage and uplift one another in Christ. Sometimes the cares of this life can be overwhelming and to make time just to get away from all the worries and stress of everyday life can revive the heart, encourage the soul and bring a new vigor to the mind and spirit. It is always a blessing to meet new believers and to renew old friendships.

All the festivals, and especially Tabernacles were appointed times to rejoice before YHWH. There is not a better example of the command to rejoice at the time of the festivals than this one, taken from the book *"Patriarchs and Prophets"* Chapter 56:

"It was the time of the Feast of Trumpets. Many were gathered at Jerusalem. The scene was one of mournful interest. The wall of Jerusalem had been rebuilt and the gates set up, but a large part of the city was still in ruins.

"On a platform of wood, erected in one of the broadest streets, and surrounded on every hand by the sad reminders of Judah's departed glory, stood Ezra, now an aged man. At his right and left were gathered his brother Levites. Looking down from the platform, their eyes swept over a sea of heads. From all the surrounding country the children of the covenant had assembled. 'And Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God. And all the people answered, Amen: . . . and they bowed their heads, and worshiped the Lord with their faces to the ground.'

"Yet even here was evidence of the sin of Israel. Through the intermarriage of the people with other nations, the Hebrew language had become corrupted, and great care was necessary on the part of the speakers to explain the law in the language of the people, that it might be understood by all. Certain of the priests and Levites united with Ezra in explaining the principles of the law. 'They read in the book in the law of God distinctly, and gave the sense, and caused them to understand the reading.' "And the ears of all the people were attentive unto the book of the law.' They listened, intent and reverent, to the words of the Most High. As the law was explained, they were convinced of their guilt, and they mourned because of their transgressions. But this day was a festival, a day of rejoicing, a holy convocation, a day which the Lord had commanded the people to keep with joy and gladness; and in view of this they were bidden to restrain their grief and to rejoice because of God's great mercy toward them. 'This day is holy unto the Lord your God,' Nehemiah said. 'Mourn not, nor weep. . . . Go your way, eat the fat, and drink the sweet, and send portions unto them for whom nothing is prepared: for this day is holy unto our Lord: neither be ye sorry; for the joy of the Lord is your strength.'

"The earlier part of the day was devoted to religious exercises, and the people spent the remainder of the time in gratefully recounting the blessings of God and in enjoying the bounties that He had provided. Portions were also sent to the poor, who had nothing to prepare. There was great rejoicing because the words of the law had been read and understood.

"On the following day the reading and explaining of the law were continued. And at the time appointed--on the tenth day of the seventh month--the solemn services of the Day of Atonement were performed according to the command of God.

"From the fifteenth to the twenty-second of the same month the people and their rulers kept once more the Feast of Tabernacles. It was proclaimed 'in all their cities, and in Jerusalem, saying, Go forth unto the mount, and fetch olive branches, and pine branches, and myrtle branches, and palm branches, and branches of thick trees, to make booths, as it is written. So the people went forth, and brought them, and made themselves booths, everyone upon the roof of his house, and in their courts, and in the courts of the house of God. . . . And there was very great gladness. Also day by day, from the first day unto the last day, he [Ezra] read in the book of the law of God.'

"As they had listened from day to day to the words of the law, the people had been convicted of their transgressions, and of the sins of their nation in past generations. They saw that it was because of a departure from God that His protecting care had been withdrawn and that the children of Abraham had been scattered in foreign lands, and they determined to seek His mercy and to pledge themselves to walk in His commandments. Before entering upon this solemn service, held on the second day after the close of the Feast of Tabernacles, they separated themselves from the heathen among them.

'As the people prostrated themselves before the Lord, confessing their sins and pleading for pardon, their leaders encouraged them to believe that God, according to His promise, heard their prayers. They must not only mourn and weep, and repent, but they must believe that God pardoned them. They must show their faith by recounting His mercies and praising Him for His goodness. 'Stand up,' said these teachers, 'and bless the Lord your God for ever and ever.' {PK 661.1--665.4}

Isn't God wonderful! Here was an example of God's people feeling remorse for their wicked ways and wanting to morn and repent, but were not allowed to until the time of rejoicing was over. We must never misconstrue this as believing that these people were able to enter into an appointed time with unclean hearts. No, no never, the Day of Atonement had already past and their hearts had already been made ready, but hearing the law had made them recognize even more fully the sinfulness of sin. We too need to see the sinfulness of sin so just as they chose to separate themselves from the heathen, we too need to make the same choice. Ω

Accommodations for Tabernacles

There will be some housing available but not enough for everyone, so we advise you to bring a tent or camper or even build your own booth to sleep in. Other items to bring: Bible and notebook for notes, and of course your Hymnal and any suitable musical instrument you can play.

Bedding
• Towels
• Instruments
• Donation

Donations for the Ministry's needs and to help with food expenses. We need to complete our Audio/Video outreach packet in preparation for radio, TV and Internet-TV appearances, and earnestly solicit your material and financial contributions to achieve this end.

Each family may be asked to plan and prepare a meal so that not just a few are left doing all the work in the kitchen. (smile)

Bring smiles on your faces, and a song of joy in your heart. Most of all bring the attitude of incessant prayer.

Please, no pets.

Here are a few Motels in the Live Oak area, if this is your choice.

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6811 N Us 129 & I-10, Live Oak · (386) 362-7459

Holliday Inn Express and Suites:

6694 Us 129 N, Live Oak · (800) 939-4249

Quality Inn:

6819 Us Highway 129, Live Oak · (386) 362-6000

Best Western:

6819 Us Highway 129, Live Oak · (386) 362-6000

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