LATTER RAIN and LOUD CRY, part 5 (final) quotes

#7 – Will You Follow This Message?

How can a message centering in Christ and His righteousness, and a message of separation out of the harlot church, be combined into one harmonious truth called the last message of mercy?

The message of Revelation 18 is the final half of the last message of mercy, and it joins the message of the Righteousness of Christ of the third angel as the midnight cry joined the second angel's message (see Early Writings, p 277).

The third angel's message points hungering and thirsting souls to Jesus; Revelation 18 separates the people from man-controlled bondage to be completely free in Jesus! The third angel's message separates the soul from the contamination of personal sins; the fourth angel's message separates the person from being corporately contaminated by the sins of their wicked church! Both messages involve separation; one from personal sin, the other from corporate sin. Refusing to obey either message means that you cannot be completely perfect and free from sin – whether personal or corporate, and thus you cannot give God glory!

If you neglect to obey either message, you will be contaminated with sin, whether your own or the corporate church. You would then be held guilty of the rejection of Jesus by not bearing your cross – to separate from personal sin, which is the third angel's message, or not bearing your cross to separate from groups of determined sinners, which is the fourth angel's message. In this disobedient sinful condition, you would not receive the seal of God.

"The angel [of Ezekiel 9] is to place a mark upon the forehead of <u>all who are</u> <u>separated from sin and sinners</u>, and the destroying angel will follow, to slay utterly **both old and young**." Testimonies, vol 5, p 505.

2) Even if you overcame all your personal sins, but refused to separate from your corrupt church, you would still fail to perfect righteousness completely and to be without the spot and stain of sin.

"It is <u>impossible</u> for you to unite with those who are corrupt, <u>and still remain pure</u>. "What fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? and what concord hath Christ with Belial?" **God and Christ and the heavenly host would have man know that if he unites with the corrupt**, <u>he will</u> <u>become corrupt</u>." Review and Herald, January 2, 1900 (vol 4, p 137).

Following or preaching only the message of the Righteousness of Christ, but not following the Loud Cry message, will leave people contaminated with corporate sin. Thus they will lose eternal life. Following or preaching only the Loud Cry message, but not pointing the people to Christ and His righteousness, will leave the people contaminated with personal sin. Thus they will also fail of eternal life. Both messages of the third and fourth angels must be obeyed in order to fulfill all righteousness and be completely free from every spot of sin in Jesus.

3) If either the message of the Righteousness of Christ, or the message of Revelation 18, is decidedly rejected, there are no other messages which can bring you back to God, and the door of your probation closes!

"We know that now everything is at stake. The third angel's message is to be at this time regarded as of the highest importance. **It is a life and death question**." Last Day Events from the Letters and Manuscripts of E.G. White, p 76 (Letter 28, February 17, 1900).

This last message of mercy is a life and death question! If the message of Christ's righteousness of the third angel – of being able to overcome all sin before Jesus comes (see Acts of Apostles, p 531) – is decidedly rejected and cast away, the door shuts, probation individually closes while you are still living. And for probation to close while you are still living, what would have had to take place in the heavenly sanctuary above? Judgment would have taken place against your name!

Yet if the third angel's message is accepted, but the Revelation 18 message – to separate physically from your Babylonian church – is decidedly rejected and cast away, then the door also shuts, probation individually closes upon you while you are still living. Thus judgment would have had to take place against your name in the heavenly sanctuary!

These messages of the third and fourth angels are connected with the judgment of the living, and there are no second chances!

"The message presented at this time is the last message of mercy for a fallen world. Those who have the privilege of hearing this message, and persist in refusing to heed the warning, **cast away their last hope of salvation**. <u>There will be no second probation</u>." Testimonies, vol 6, p 19.

4) Probation is closing upon those who decidedly reject either of these shut door messages of the third or fourth angel. And when the lost finally realize this, they will sing a most bitter wailing song of despair!

"...there are many, <u>many in our churches</u> who know little of the real meaning of the truth for this time....**Oh, how many who have not sought their souls' salvation will soon make the bitter lamentation:** '<u>The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are</u> <u>not saved</u>.' [Jeremiah 8:20]!" Testimonies, vol 8, p 252.

What came to these people which they chose to reject? "The truth for this time"! And what then passed them by? The time of harvest!

5) Will you let the harvest pass you by? Will you refuse to follow the harvest message of the Loud Cry and instead remain connected to a doomed harlot church?

"The message must go from east to west, and from west to east again. A great shaking must come up. The professed believers in the truth for this time are asleep....

"The message of the angel [of Revelation 18] following the third <u>is now to be</u> <u>given</u> to all parts of the world. <u>It is to be the harvest message</u>, and the whole earth will be lighted with the glory of God. The Lord has this one [last] call of mercy to [give to] the world, <u>but the perversity of men diverts the work from its true bearing</u>, and the light has to struggle amid the darkness of men who feel themselves competent to do a work that God has not appointed them to do." Last Day Events from the Letters and Manuscripts of E.G. White, p 78 (Letter 86, June 18, 1900).

6) The time of harvest occurs when the message of the Loud Cry reaches you, not when the Sunday law is passed! And your salvation is determined by how you react to this solemn message! And you are hearing this message now! Which means that the harvest is taking place for you right NOW!!

Those deciding against and rejecting this message prove themselves to be unworthy of eternal life, and are determined for destruction without a second chance. Their probation will close while they still live showing that their case had already been decided in heaven! This means that the judgment of the living had already begun upon them individually!

"Let both grow together until the harvest. Then the Lord sends forth His reapers to gather out the tares and bind them in bundles to burn, while the wheat is gathered into the heavenly garner. <u>The time of the judgment</u> is a most solemn period, when the Lord gathers His own from among the tares. <u>Those who have been members of the same family are separated</u>. A mark is placed upon the righteous." Testimonies to Ministers, p 234.

"The tares and the wheat are to grow together until the harvest; **and** <u>the harvest is the</u> <u>end of probationary time</u>." Christ's Object Lessons, p 72.

The harvest occurs on an individual basis in the time of the judgment of that living individual, in the end of their probationary time, for all those individuals who decidedly reject these messages!

7) "Depart ye, depart ye, go ye out from thence, <u>touch no unclean thing</u>; go ye out of the midst of her; be ye clean, that bear the vessels of the Lord." Isaiah 52:11.

How can you "touch" an unclean thing or an unclean church? By fellowshipping with her, and especially by being a member of her. Membership in a corrupt apostate harlot church connects you, or touches you, with the unclean harlot church. Even if you have left the church, but have not removed your name from the roll-books, your membership still touches you to that unclean church. You would then be touching the unclean thing by retaining your membership, you would be unclean by this touch, and would be considered a partaker in the sins of that harlot church!

"...as the human heart throws its living current of blood into all parts of the body, so does the management at this place, **the headquarters of our church**, <u>affect the</u> <u>whole body of believers</u>. If the physical heart is healthy, the blood that is sent from it through the system is also healthy; but if this fountain is impure, the whole organism becomes diseased by the poison of the vital fluid. So it is with us. If the heart of the work becomes corrupt, <u>the whole church</u>, in its various branches and interests, <u>scattered abroad over the face of the earth</u>, suffers in consequence." Testimonies, vol 4, p 210.

As the headquarters of the church is corrupt, then everything connected with the headquarters – all around the world – is also corrupt. This would include World Divisions, Union Conferences, State Conferences, Institutions, Publishing Houses, all local churches, evangelists, pastors, elders, teachers, and hence all church members! If you are connected with any corrupt and impure church, in either membership or association, then you are touching the unclean woman; you are thereby unclean and considered a partaker in her sins!

"Can two walk together, except they be agreed?" Amos 3:3.

"We are exhorted, 'touch not the unclean.' **Those who associate with the impure**, **<u>themselves become impure</u>**. If we choose the society of the ungodly, we shall be affected by their ungodliness." Review and Herald, October 23, 1888 (vol 2, p 255).

"You are exhorted to touch not the unclean thing; for in touching this, you will yourself become unclean. It is impossible for you to unite with those who are corrupt, and still remain pure. 'What fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? and what concord hath Christ with Belial?' God and Christ and the heavenly host would have man know that if he unites with the corrupt, he will become corrupt." Bible Commentary, vol 6, p 1102 (Review and Herald, vol 4, p 137).

By your willing choice to remain associated with, or by retaining your membership in, a corrupt apostate church, you are made partakers in the sins of the church – being corporately responsible in all the church's wickedness. So you are not distinct, but are considered one with this unclean woman in sin, and you will receive the same punishment as your apostate harlot church does!

"Know ye not that your bodies are the members of Christ? Shall I then take the members of Christ, and make them the members of an harlot? **God forbid. What?** Know ye not that <u>he which is joined to an harlot is one body</u>? For two, saith He, <u>shall be one flesh</u>." 1 Corinthians 6:16.

8) The SDA church is indeed a harlot!

"In the balances of the sanctuary <u>the Seventh-day Adventist church is to be</u> <u>weighed</u>....Why is there so dim a perception of the true spiritual condition of the church?...The heavenly Teacher inquired: 'What stronger delusion can beguile the mind than the pretense that you are building on the right foundation and that God accepts your works, when in reality you are working out many things according to worldly policy and are sinning against Jehovah?'...

"I saw our Instructor pointing to the gaments of so-called righteousness. Stripping them off, He laid bare the defilement beneath. Then He said to me: 'Can you not see how they have pretentiously covered up their defilement and rottenness of character? 'How is the faithful city become a harlot!' My Father's house is made a house of merchandise, a place whence the divine presence and glory have departed." Testimonies, vol 8, p 247-250.

9) Jesus is not united with, or a part of, any of the harlot churches! And neither should any of His true followers.

"If any man serve me, let him follow me; and where I am, there shall also my servant be: if any man serve me, him will my Father honour." John 12:26.

Jesus is separate and distinct from all the harlot churches, and He is lovingly beckoning with open waiting arms for all His people to come away from all the corruption, away from all the apostasy of the churches, and to come outside unto Him. This loving and merciful message of the Loud Cry is Jesus Himself calling for you to come out to be with Him!

In clinging to the corrupt and apostate church, you are clinging to Satan – who is the author of the corruption and apostasy. In this condition you would be far from the Lord Jesus! But you do not have to remain far from Christ! You do not have to remain connected to any corrupt church. You can obey this last message of mercy, separating yourself from personal sin and from corporate sin, and come out of all the churches in order to be with Jesus outside! Will you bear your cross of separation and follow Him out of the church?

"Wherefore Jesus also, that he might sanctify the people with his own blood, suffered without the gate. Let us <u>go forth therefore unto him without the camp</u>, bearing his reproach." Hebrews 13:12-13.

Sanctification cannot be obtained within the corrupt church, but only by coming out of her and joining Christ and His true people outside. Will you follow Jesus out of the camp, out of the sheepfold, out of the cage and prison house – out of all the churches? Will you open your ears to hear His voice calling for you!

"I the Lord have called thee in righteousness, and will hold thine hand, and will keep thee, and give thee for a covenant of the people, for a light of the Gentiles; **To open the blind eyes, to bring out the prisoners from the prison, and them that sit in darkness** <u>out of the prison house (the church)</u>." Isaiah 42:6-7.

"Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that entereth not by the door into the sheepfold, but climbeth up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber. But he that entereth in by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. To him (Christ) the porter openeth; and the sheep hear his voice; and he calleth his own sheep by name, <u>and leadeth</u> them out. And when he putteth forth his own sheep, he goeth before them, and the sheep follow him: for they know his voice. And a stranger will they not follow, but will flee from him: for they know not the voice of strangers." John 10:1-5.

10) "All who venture to have their own way, who do not join the angels who are sent from heaven with a message to fill the whole earth with its glory, <u>will be passed by</u>. The work will go forward to victory <u>without them</u>, and they will have <u>no part in its triumph</u>." Review and Herald, December 23, 1890 (vol 2, p 454).