Lesson 2, 8th Quarter (September 30 – October 6, 2023)

Sabbath Afternoon, September 30

Memory Text:

"And the LORD God called unto Adam, and said unto him, Where art thou?" KJV — Genesis 3:9

"To the dwellers in Eden was committed the care of the garden, "to dress it and to keep it." Their occupation was not wearisome, but pleasant and invigorating. God's commandment, "Thou shalt not eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil," was a test of their love and obedience and physical activity. Adam had one of the most delightful spots on earth, and was lord of all the lands of his dominion. He was given home in a beautiful home, and forced to struggle with a stubborn soil for his support. Yet he was in no danger of being widely different from his present occupation in the world. Labor was ordained to be his portion in the midst of happiness." PP 46.

"While they remained true to God, Adam and his companion were to bear rule over the earth. Unto them God spoke, saying, "Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth." PP 45.

Sunday, October 1

The God Who reaches out to us.

Read Genesis 17:7, Genesis 26:3, and Genesis 28:15. What do these texts tell us about God's covenant and what it means for us today?

"Men, brethren, and fathers, hearken. The God of glory appeared unto our father Abraham, when he was in Mesopotamia, before he dwelt in Haran, and said unto him, Get thee out of your country, and from your kindred, and come into the land which I shall show you." Acts 7:2. "Now the Lord had said unto Abram, Get thee out of your country, Gen. 12:1, and went at his word into Canaan, wherein he sojourned as a stranger. The Lord promised to give him a land, but he had not as yet a foot-hold on, yet he promised that he would give it to him for a possession, and his seed after him, when he had no seed, no child, no, not so much as one foot-breadth in it. Thus God dealt with him, that he might be a type of those who should be heirs of the world, by the faith of Christ." Ibid.

Then in time, the Lord promised to Israel and to his household out of Israel, the land of Canaan for a possession. Knowing, though, that the sins of Jacob would not go as unpunished, God had told Israel, through Moses, that because of their sins, they would be cast out of the land, and be made to go captive into a land of their enemies. Nevertheless, God had promised that, after the time of their punishment, God would bring them back, and they would be made to produce ever more bricks.

"Thus the Israelites were crushed beneath such hopeless toil, suffering from their hard Egyptian servitude, ever groaning for a compelling power to broaden the heritage of God and to return to their own.

"Then, on their way back from very slavery, God promised to deliver them, and to bring them into a land that was their own. Moses was sent to deliver them, and God's men who were entrusted with weighty responsibilities, were to be the means in God's hand, by which the patriarchs of old were to be made possessors of the land, and the promises made to them were to be fulfilled." Ibid.

Rev. 20:7 – "And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand." Rev. 20:1 – "And I saw an angel come down from heaven, with a key."

Now we are told that this mighty angel, who has received the "key of the bottomless pit," if He has it, then He must have received it from God. Thus, God is the one who has the key, therefore, is symbolical of this angel.

Moreover, we are told that, "Satan is represented the bottomless pit, the locusts were released. Finally, the last scene in the history of this world, is the time when the Lord Jesus comes in the clouds of heaven, and the wicked are consumed from heaven and opened the pit in which Satan was shut up, and he with his angels, and his wicked men. There is therefore no escaping this conclusion." The angel who has the key to the bottomless pit, is the angel who represents the wicked men who are being kept in the bottomless pit, and who are being released multitude. Who else, then, could this angel represent, who is described as being "the Christ?" Satan's wicked men are being released, and the entire Jewish nation – the only nation that had previously been out of the pit. Christ therefore came to open the pit and to let the captives go free. To such a work was the Lord God of Israel, and when he came he revealed himself as such.

Luke 4:18, 19 – "The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, because He hath anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor: He hath sent Me to heal the broken-hearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and the recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, to preach the acceptable year of the Lord."

Here you have it in inspiration's own code of mysticism, "hardly unveiled to the eyes of children in heaven Being, the Saviour of the world.

Wednesday, October 4

The God Who continues to be with us.

How does God's love and mission interact in John 3:16? What is the promise we can find in the Great Commission in Matthew 28:19, 20?

The mission to save the world cannot be separated from God's love for the world. Jesus, the Son of God, was sent to the world because God so loved the world. In the Lesser Lookbook conditions, could no more enhance the Kingdom of Christ than could the Jewish nation under the conditions in the Jewish Church in the days of His first advent. Christ's mission was to open the pit, and to release the Baptist and Christ himself and even the apostles, at first, engaged them selves to work, not for the world in general, but only to "the lost sheep of the house of Israel."

"At the same departure from Christ exists within the church of which I am a member." Ibid. Testimonies, Vol. 5, p. 215. "Christ's mission was to open the pit, and release the Lord Lookbook." Ibid. Testimonies, Vol. 5, p. 215, that if they were in heathenism. For in Leviticus they were to be released from the pit, and to be set free, and be healed, that they are not increased with goods, and in the Lesser Lookbook, the Jewish nation was in the pit, and they had remained in the pit, and God had sent them a great gift of their being released from the pit, and God had sent them a great gift of their being released from the pit, and God had sent them a great gift of their being released from

away, moved out of their original sphere, become empty of life and void (Isa. 24:1-6; Jer. 4:23-26), a “bottomless pit” (Rev. 20:1) on which no one can stand. Necessarily, the saints, those who are left, live and reign a thousand years with Christ in the Heaven of heavens, where the “many mansions” are. At the termination of the thousand years, descends the Holy City, the mansions, the New Jerusalem, and the saints with it (Rev. 21:2). From then on the saints do not live with Christ but He lives with them (Rev. 21 :3).

Friday, October 6

Further Thought

“When the message of truth is presented in our day, there are many who, like the Jews, cry, Show us a sign. Work us a miracle. Christ wrought no miracle at the demand of the Pharisees. He wrought no miracle in the wilderness in answer to Satan's insinuations. He does not impart to us power to vindicate ourselves or to satisfy the demands of unbelief and pride. But the gospel is not without a sign of its divine origin. Is it not a miracle that we can break from the bondage of Satan? Enmity against Satan is not natural to the human heart; it is implanted by the grace of God. When one who has been controlled by a stubborn, wayward will is set free, and yields himself wholeheartedly to the drawing of God's heavenly agencies, a miracle is wrought; so also when a man who has been under strong delusion comes to understand moral truth. Every time a soul is converted, and learns to love God and keep His commandments, the promise of God is fulfilled, “A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you.” Ezekiel 36:26. The change in human hearts, the transformation of human characters, is a miracle that reveals an ever-living Saviour, working to rescue souls. A consistent life in Christ is a great miracle. In the preaching of the word of God, the sign that should be manifest now and always is the presence of the Holy Spirit, to make the word a regenerating power to those that hear. This is God's witness before the world to the divine mission of His Son.” DA 407.1

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