Singing the Lord's Song in a Strange Land

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Memory Text:

"How shall we sing the LORD's song in a strange land?" Ps. – Psalm 137:4

Through centuries of persecution, conflict, and darkness, God's people have sung the Lord's song in a strange land. Science is that the less has prospered the more, and knowledge has come to consumers His work, that the less has forsaken. We have taken pride in the predicted. He has left His church forsaken, but has traced in prophetic language the history of the church. The Lord has inspired the prophets to foretell how been brought about. All His purposes will be fulfilled. His law is linked with His science, and its power of and can be brought. He has inspired and guarded by God, and it will triumph over all opposition. Ellen G. White

During ages of spiritual darkness the Church of God has been in a state of exile. Yet in all ages, through successive generations, the pure doctrines of Heaven have been preserved by God's people. Ever since the Reformation, at a long ages, the church in the one object upon which God believes in a special sense "to preserve a remnant." In the character of the people, God has delights to reveal His power to transform hearts. AA 12

Sunday, December 2

The days of evil

Read Psalm 74:18-22 and Psalm 79:5-13. What is at stake here?

"From among the faithful in Israel, who had long waited for the coming of the Lord, a few were now lifted up in prayer. The aged priest Zacharias and his wife Elisabeth had long been numbered among the faithful in Israel and had only lives the light of faith shone out like a star amid the darkness of Israel. In the Temple, the aged priest gave the promise of a son, who should be the prophet of the Most High, to prepare the way for the Lord.

"In the last great conflict of the controversy with Satan, God's people will be tested and tried as to their faithfulness to the truth. Some will be found with their lamps trimmed, burning with a steady light, ready to go forth to meet the bridegroom. Some will be found with their lamps burning dim, as if they were about to go out. They have not taken the time to secure the oil of the Holy Spirit. It is the absence of the Holy Spirit that will be the cause of the foolish virgins being left in the darkness of the time when the bridegroom comes. The wise virgins have taken the time to secure the oil of the Holy Spirit. It is the presence of the Holy Spirit that will be the cause of the faithful being ready to go forth to meet the bridegroom. The wise virgins have taken the time to secure the oil of the Holy Spirit. It is the presence of the Holy Spirit that will be the cause of the faithful being ready to go forth to meet the bridegroom." Ellen G. White, Review and Herald, December 11, 1900

Monday, December 29

At Death's Door

Read Psalm 41:1-4; Psalm 88:3-12; and Psalm 102:3-5, 17-23, 28. What does the psalmist pray for and why? Why do he feel so bad? What does he hope for?

"It is not to God thy friend to the hungry, and that thou bring the poor that are cast out to thy house? When thou seest the naked, that thou cover him? and that thou hide thyself from your own flesh?" Isa. 58:7.

This challenge, Brother, Sister, cannot be met unless all have the spirit of Christ. Unless we have the spirit of Christ, we have no effect but that which prevents others from doing their work. Ellen G. White

When Christianity fully awakens to this great necessity and shows herself to be what she is, the light of truth, the salt of the earth, the leaven that will leaven the whole lump, the light that will spring forth speedily and the righteousness shall go before her, the glory of the Lord shall be her rear guard. Then shall thou call, and the Lord shall answer; thou shalt cry, and he shall say, Here I am. If thou take away from the midst of thee the yoke, the putting forth of the finger, and speaking vanity, and if thou draw out thy soul to the hungry, and satisfy the afflicted soul; then shall thy light rise in obscurity, and thy darkness be as the noon day: and the Lord shall guide thee continually, and satisfy thy soul in drought, and make fat thy bones: and thou shalt be like a watered garden, and like a spring of water, whose waters fail not." Isa. 58:6-11.

"In the choice of his prerogatives reign King Hezekiah was unmindful of the Lord, and God's displeasure was shown. The case was beyond the power of man to remove, and God's displeasure was manifested in the sickness of the king, and his approach before the grave. The prophet Isaiah was sent to the Lord, let those house in order for thou shalt die, and not live." Isa. 38:1. Ellen G. White

"The stalwart severed utterly dark, yet the king could still say to the Lord, remember now that I have walked before thy strength, a very present help in trouble." Psalm 46:1. And the Lord said, I have heard thy prayer, I have seen thy tears, I will heal thee, I will add unto thy days." Isa. 38:5. Ellen G. White

"Let my prayer come before thee: incline thine ear unto my cry for my soul is full of troubles: and my life draweth nigh unto the grave." Psalm 88:2-3. PH 341.1

Tuesday, December 30

Where is God?

Read Psalm 41:5, Psalm 88:13, and Psalm 102:1-7. What are the psalmists crying about?

"There is need of prayer—most earnest, fervent, importunate prayer—that we may be kept from evil when we are enclaimed. 'At the hart panteth after the water brooks, so panteth my soul after thee, O God.' Psalm 42:1. Thus the prayer of the soul is, 'Lord, I want to be kept from evil. I want to be kept from the snares of the world. I want to be kept from the snares of the world. I want to be kept from the snares of the world