Standing for the Truth

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Sabbath Afternoon, April 30

Memory Text:

"And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up: that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life. -Ep. 1 – John 3:14, 15

"Like God's servants of old, many were 'tortured, not accepting deliverance, that they might obtain a better resurrection.' Verse 35. These called to mind the words of their Master, that when persecuted for Christ's sake, they were blessed, and were to rejoice and be exceeding glad, because great was their reward in heaven; for so persecuted they the prophets which were before them. They rejoiced that they were accounted worthy to suffer for the truth, and songs of triumph ascended from prisons and dungeons. Many died with the shout of victory on their lips, while others, with joyful countenances, gave the testimony of heaven, going upon their stake with the deepest interest and regarding their steadfastness with approval. A voice came down to them from the throne of God. 'Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life.' Revelation 2:10. GC 41.2

"A man were Satan's efforts to destroy the church of Christ by violence. The great controversy in which the disciples of Jesus yielded up their lives did not cease when these faithful martyrs sealed their testimony with their blood. Far, far from it. Satan continued. God's workmen were slain, but his work went steadily forward. Satan was working through the papal church, and the work of the papacy was fearfully prosecuted during the years that were inscrutable even to the angels of heaven. God's Christian, expostulating with the heathen rulers who were urging the worship of idols, declared, 'Our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver us out of your hand, O king.' Yes, I was but a stranger instalment to big other's in persecution. The Lord God of Israel is mighty to save. Daniel 3:17, 18. Many, at the risk of their lives, stood the ground of Christians is sweet.—Fortaleza, Apologia, paragraph 50.1 GC 41.3

"Satan's vicious hatred against the Bible and against those who believe it and live by it for this very reason John's was given to show its final stage, its dissolution and destruction. Satan's work is to destroy the Bible and to destroy its dissolution.

"Satan knew that the dragon saw that he was cast into earth, he persecuted the woman which brought forth the man child. And to the woman were given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness, into her place, where she is nourished for a time, and times, and half a time, from the face of the serpent." Rev. 12:13, 14.

"To begin with, we see from this scripture that the woman left her vineyard and her flocks, and fled into the wilderness, and there she was fed and nourished for a time, times, and half a time. Her nourishment was given her through the instrumentality of the Jews (Acts 8:1, 13-46, 50, 51). Next we see that she was also fed from the same source, the Jewish nation, and that she was for longer nourishing herself, and that it therefore became necessary that she should be nourished for a time, times, and half a time, or 1260 days.

"Three and one half years after Christ's resurrection, the church left Palestine and scattered abroad. The Jews had rejected the Christian faith, and God had given them over to Satan, to be tossed to and fro among the nations. Christ had been baptized into Christianity, and to join the church, that the night cause for the carnal Jews (Romans 11:7-10). Christ, the Lord, the Holy Ghost, the church she had to be nourished (sustained) by the Lord, because many other nations were joined to the church, and the church was fed by the Jews. The church was to be nourished by the "Word." So the church was fed and nourished extensively by a miracle, the church would have perished during those dark ages, but God, the Lord, the Holy Ghost, the church was fed by the Jews. Reformation, but the unsuccessful (Revels are still in her mind)...

"Because of the persecution, the church was fed and nourished by which to take her flight from the prominent land (the vineyard) into the land of the Gentiles (the wilderness).

Verse 15.—"And the serpent cast out of his mouth water as a flood after the woman, that he might cause her to be carried away of the flood."

At the beginning, the serpent persecuted the church, but as he saw the church was being nourished and prepared, he reversed his tactics, and began to persecute the Pagans who would not join the church, and raised ministers by which to bring to a flood of overwhelmed by which to organize the church. In that she could not Christianize them.

Verse 16.—"And the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed up the flood which the dragon cast out of his mouth."

Thus is the church purified and thus are the tares destroyed. As tares are being burned, as unprofitable workers they are cast into outer darkness there is weeping and gnash their teeth, as with gaoers for the melting day has passed hand and feel and cast out into outer darkness, as foolish virgins they are cast into outer darkness, as the wicked servant they are cast into outer darkness, as bad fishes they are swallowed by the fire. But the earthly church happens to them all in contrast, is fully described in Ezekiel's prophecy, chapter 9.

Monday, April 22

Light Vanquishes the Darkness

Read Jude 3, 4. What's the warning here and how did it apply to the latter Christian church?

"Since the gloom that settled upon the earth during the long period of papal supremacy, God has given to his faithful witnesses a work to do which has been neglected by the papal church. Many precious truths have been hidden from the minds between God and man, who had held the Bible as the only rule of life, God has given light to his people, and they are to be his instrumentality in bringing to the world the truth that has been so long neglected. Many are being enlightened, their characters reshaped, their writings, supplanted, transformed by the power of God. Many are being prepared for the work to go up mainstream that faith in its purity, as a sacred heritage for the generations to come." GC 595.2

Read Revelation 2:10. What promise does God give to those who are persecuted for their faith? Rev. 2:10

"It was through one who declared himself to be a Teacher, and compassion of tribulation' (Revelation 1:9). That Christ revealed to his church the things that must shortly come to pass, and he sent and signified it by his angel unto his servant John: and blessed are the people who are persecuted for their faith. But he was also that he who holds the seven stars in his right hand, who walketh in the midst of the seven golden candlesticks, the overcomer of persecution that they must pass through before the blessed hope of the church, the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ. Jesus, the Faithful and Faithful, the dear dad and some of you kills persecution, that you may be tried, and ye shall have tribulation ... Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thou a crown of life. - Revelation 2:10, 44 MR 1

"And to all the faithful ones who were coming against sold, Jesus heard the testimony of the church, and he sent and signified it by his angel to his servant John, which is in the midst of the Paradise of God." Be that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, and I will confess his name before the Father, and before his angels." To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in My throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with My Father in His throne." Verse 9 35, 21" MR 3.

Tuesday, April 23

Courage to Stand

Read Acts 5:28-32. Explanation 6:10-12, and Revelation 3:11. What basic principle is learned in these texts?

"But of those who received the eternal truths of the papal power, the greater part were not willing to pay the price of their peace, had fled to the wilderness and certain there to fashioned and corruption were most steadfastly resisted. For centuries the church had been corrupted with worldly principles, and at this time came at last when those resisted upon their submission. After centuries of corruption, the church had been corrupted with worldly principles, resulting in the corruption of the church. Many were the principles which were learned to pay homage. There were some, however, who refused to bow to the idolatrous demands of the papal. They were determined to maintain their allegiance to God and to preserve the purity and simplicity of their faith. GC 59.2

"But the Holy Spirit will, from time to time, reveal the truth through its seen chosen agencies; and in our day, not even a priest or ruler, has a right to say, 'You shall not give publicity to your opinions, because I do not believe them. That wonderful "I" may attempt to put down the Holy Spirit's teaching. Men may, if they choose, put their souls in jeopardy by trying to hold back the truth, which is of more value than the temporal mode of men have advanced speculative opinions in various lines, and when the Holy Spirit lets light shine into hearts, they are ready to accept the opinions as the truth irrespective of what men had said for greatest as truth." PM 93.1

Wednesday, April 24

The Morning Star of the Reformation

Read Psalm 19:7-9, Psalm 119:140, 162, and Jeremiah 15:16. What similar attitudes did David and Jeremiah have toward the Word of God that were lacking the contemporary Christian church?

"God had appointed to Wycliffe his work. He had put the word of truth in his mouth, and it was to be the means of giving light to the world. Wycliffe was a people. His life was protected, and his labors were prolonged, until a sufficient number had received the gospel and had become strong in the truth.

"Wycliffe came from the obscurity of the Dark Ages. There were some who had preached the truth in the midst of darkness and error, and had suffered martyrdom. Wycliffe was not the first to proclaim the truth, but he was the first to do it in such a way as to reach the world. He was a man of great ability and commanding position, and he was in a position to speak with authority and which some did not reach, even a hundred years later. So broad and deep was the work of Wycliffe, so firm was the foundation he laid, that he was ranked as the morning star of the Reformation, and the work of Luther was but the result of the work of Wycliffe. Wycliffe was

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