



Don't Let it Happen!!!

By La Rue Carlson

Elder Robert Pierson (1911–1989) was a spiritual giant and leader in the Seventh-day Adventist Church and served as General Conference president (1966-1979). At his farewell address he made a strong final appeal to the church. His introduction started by tracing the history of many of the leading churches of past times and how they slowly went into apostasy until there was no resemblance as to the mission that God gave them.

The following are excerpts of his final appeal to the Seventh-day Adventist Church:

Brethren and sisters, this must never happen to the Seventh-day Adventist Church! This will not happen to the Seventh-day Adventist Church. This is not just another church—it is God's church!

But you are the men and women sitting in this sanctuary this morning on whom God is counting to assure that it does not happen.

Already, brethren and sisters, there are subtle forces that are beginning to stir. Regrettably there are those in the church who belittle the inspiration of the Bible, who scorn the first 11 chapters of Genesis, who question the Spirit of Prophecy's short chronology of the earth, and who subtly and not so subtly attack the Spirit of Prophecy. There are some who point to the reformers and contemporary theologians as a source and the norm for Seventh-day Adventist doctrine. There are those who allegedly are tired of the hackneyed phrases of Adventism. There are those who wish to forget the standards of the church we love. There are those who covet and would court the favor of the evangelicals; those who would throw off the mantle of a peculiar people; and those who would go the way of the secular, materialistic world.

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The Value of Bible Study

From Christian Education, Chapter 15

“All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.” 2 Tim. 3:16, 17. The word of God is like a treasure-house, containing everything that is essential to perfect the man of God. We do not appreciate the Bible as we should. We do not have a proper estimate of the richness of its stores, nor do we realize the great necessity of searching the Scriptures for ourselves. Men neglect the study of the word of God in order to pursue some worldly interest, or to engage in the pleasures of the time. Some trivial affair is made an excuse for ignorance of the Scriptures given by inspiration of God. But anything of an earthly character might better be put off, than this all-important study, that is to make us wise unto eternal life.

My heart aches as I see men—even those who profess to be looking for Christ's coming,—devoting their time and talents to circulating books that contain nothing concerning the special truths for our time,—books of narrative, books of biography, books of men's theories and speculations. The world is full of such books; they can be had anywhere; but can the followers of Christ engage in so common a work when there is crying need for God's truth on every hand? It is not our mission to circulate such works. There are thousands of others to do this, who have as yet no knowledge of anything better. We have a definite mission, and we ought not to turn from it to side issues, employing men and means to bring to the attention of the people books that have no bearing upon the present truth.

Do you pray for the advancement of the truth? Then work for it, and show that your prayers rise from sincere and earnest hearts. God does not work miracles where he has provided means by which the work may be accomplished. Use your time and talents in his service, and he will not fail to work with your efforts. If the farmer fails to plow and sow, God does not work a miracle to undo the results of his neglect. Harvest-time finds his fields barren—there are no sheaves to be reaped, no grain to be garnered. God provided the seed and the soil, the sun and the rain; and if the agriculturist had employed the means that were at his hand, he would have received according to his sowing and his labor.

There are great laws that govern the world of nature, and spiritual things are controlled by principles equally certain; the means for an end must be employed, if the desired results are to be attained. Those who make no decided efforts themselves, are not working in harmony with the laws of God. They are not using the provisions of the heavenly Father, and they can expect nothing but meager returns. The Holy Spirit will not compel men to take a certain course of

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Fellow leaders, beloved brethren and sisters—don't let it happen! I appeal to you as earnestly as I know how this morning—don't let it happen! I appeal to Andrews University, to the Seminary, to Loma Linda University—don't let it happen! We are not Seventh-day Anglicans, not Seventh-day Lutherans—we are Seventh-day Adventists! This is God's last church with God's last message.

You are the men and women, the leaders, whom God is counting on to keep the Seventh-day Adventist Church God's remnant church, the church God has destined to triumph!

I believe this morning, fellow leaders that God is looking for men and women, intrepid leaders, men and women who love God's church and God's truth more than they love their lives, to see that this church under God goes through to the kingdom. The task ahead of us is not going to be easy. If I understand the Bible and the Spirit of Prophecy aright this morning, ahead lies a time of trouble, a time of challenge such as this church and this world have never before known.

The servant of the Lord tells us: "The enemy of souls has sought to bring in the supposition that a great reformation was to take place among Seventh-day Adventists, and that this reformation would consist in giving up the doctrines which stand as the pillars of our faith, and engaging in a process of reorganization. Were this reformation to take place, what would result? The principles of truth that God in His wisdom has given to the remnant church, would be discarded. Our religion would be changed. The fundamental principles that have sustained the work for the last fifty years would be accounted as error. A new organization would be established. Books of a new order would be written. A system of intellectual philosophy would be introduced. The founders of this system would go into the cities, and do a wonderful work. The Sabbath of course, would be lightly regarded, as also the God who created it. Nothing would be allowed to stand in the way of the new movement. The leaders would teach that virtue is better than vice, but God being removed, they would place their dependence on human power, which, without God, is worthless." (*Selected Messages*, volume 1, pp. 204, 205).

And then I call attention to a vision the Lord's servant had, in which she saw a ship heading toward an iceberg. She said: "There, towering high above the ship, was a gigantic iceberg. An authoritative voice cried out, "Meet it!" There was not a moment's hesitation. It was a time for instant action. The engineer put on full steam, and the man at the wheel steered the ship straight into the iceberg. With a crash she struck the ice. There was a fearful shock, and the iceberg broke into many pieces, falling with a noise like thunder to the deck. The passengers were violently shaken by the force of the collisions, but no lives were lost. The vessel was injured, but not beyond repair. She rebounded from the contact, trembling from stem to stern, like a living creature. Then she moved forward on her way.

Well I knew the meaning of this representation. I had my orders. I had heard the words, like a voice from our Captain, "Meet it!" I knew what my duty was, and that there was not a moment to lose. The time for decided action had come. I must without delay obey the command, "Meet it!" (*Selected Messages*, volume 1, pp. 205, 206).

Fellow leaders, it may be that in the not too distant future you will have to meet it. I pray God will give you grace and courage and wisdom.

Finally, 'What a wonderful thought it is that the great controversy is nearing its end! In the closing work we shall meet with perils that we know not how to deal with; but let us not forget that the three great powers of heaven are working, that a divine hand is on the wheel, and that God will bring His purposes to pass. He will gather from the world a people who will serve Him in righteousness.' (*Selected Messages*, volume 2, p. 391).

What a wonderful assurance we have this morning, brethren and sisters that you and I are in God's work. This work is not dependent on any man; it is dependent on our relationship with Him. There is only one way for us to face the future, and that is at the foot of the cross. A church with its eyes upon the Man of Calvary will never walk into apostasy. ~~DAJ~~

You can find the complete text of Elder Pierson's farewell address at www.t3asda.org/articles/articles.htm

Anointed Feet

By church member Michael Strack – Michael has been serving as a missionary in Thailand since October 2007

During a recent walk through a Thai village back to the place I am staying, a woman noticed I was only wearing one sandal. I was holding the other. Then she saw the wound on my foot. On recent travels to Hmong villages I had received a blister that turned into an unpleasant wound. Church members were cooking sticky rice in bamboo over an open fire and one of them fell over and spilled hot water on my foot.

The woman very kindly proceeded to pick a stem from a plant growing nearby and apply the sap to my wound. The contact was only slightly painful but then my heart was filled with a sense of gratefulness that this woman with whom I could not communicate would perform such a kind gesture.

As I walked away the Lord brought to my mind at least three different times someone had performed a similar gesture to the same wound. A previous time, a woman in the Hmong village applied some kind of nice smelling ointment, and before that, the Hmong church elder cleansed it and applied medicine. I was reminded of the significance of the foot and the anointing in Scripture. "Ponder the path of thy feet, and let all thy ways be established. Turn not to the right hand nor to the left: remove thy foot from evil." Proverbs 4:26-27. The feet represent the spiritual walk and direction. They that preach the gospel of peace are represented as having beautiful feet (Romans 10:15) because of the significance and importance of the message they are carrying.

Mary anointed the feet of Jesus before the climax of His mission. He had the most difficult path to walk that He might prepare the way for His true followers. In John 13:4, Jesus Himself washes His disciple's feet. This is extremely significant in that He is signifying that He has a special path of purity and holiness for His followers to walk in. "LORD, who shall abide in thy tabernacle? Who shall dwell in thy holy hill? He that walketh uprightly, and worketh righteousness, and speaketh the truth in his heart." Psalms 15:1-2. He then commands that we should also wash each other's feet. We are

Three Angels Kitchen

Chili Cheesy Mac

Original recipe from Lacey Cowan

INGREDIENTS

- 1 package Soyrizo*
- 1 onion
- 1 bell pepper (any color)
- 1 lb of favorite noodles

Cheezy Sauce

- 1/4 cup rinsed, raw cashews
- 4-ounce jar pimento, drained
- 1 Tbs lemon juice
- 1/4 cup nutritional yeast flakes
- 2 Tbs tahini
- 1 tsp onion powder
- 1/4 tsp garlic powder
- 1/4 cup cornstarch
- 1 1/4 tsp salt
- 2 1/2 cups water

DIRECTIONS

Saute onion and peppers in olive oil or water. When tender, add Soyrizo to the onion/pepper mixture, following package directions; then set aside.

In separate saucepan:

Bring 1 1/2 cups of water to a boil in a saucepan. Liquefy the remaining ingredients, including the remaining 1 cup of water, in blender until smooth. Pour blended mixture into boiling water and continue cooking until thick. Stir soyrizo mixture and cheezy sauce together and serve over noodles of your choice.

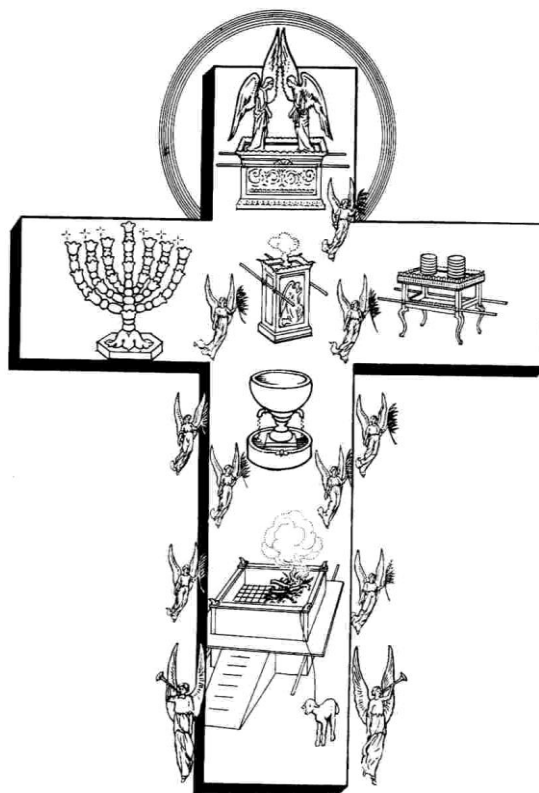
*Soyrizo is a healthy alternative to the Mexican Sausage called Chorizo. Soyrizo is made with 100% soy beans.

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are to guide others by our example and our words into the way of life. This "path" and this "way" for our "feet" is the message of Christ's righteousness. He has prepared His righteousness for us and designs that we receive this gift and walk in it. The Savior bids us to take up our cross, follow Him in the way, and receive the rest He wants to give. As God's special people at the end of time, we have the message of what it really means to be justified: To receive the purity and righteousness of Jesus by faith and to walk in it. God does not only call us righteous, He makes us so. When Jesus sees the travail of His soul which is His character reproduced in His people, He will be satisfied. This is what Jesus expects from all His hard labor.

This is the sum total of the Three Angel's Messages, and this is the experience that will cause that other angel of Revelation 18 to lighten the earth with glory. This is the glory of Christ's righteousness manifest in the lives of His people. Please join me today as I accept the Savior's invitation to cleanse and anoint my feet that we may "walk worthy of the mission to which we have been called." Ephesians 4:1. "Faithful is He that calls us who also will do it." 1 Thessalonians 5:24. *TAJ*

The Path to the Throne of God Through the Sanctuary



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BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

February

- 11 – Lesley Orellana
- 12 – Lillian Boyington
- 16 – Chris Turnham

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Need a Satellite Dish?

Would you like to have a 3ABN satellite dish? You can order one from Adventist Satellite by phone at 866-552-6882 or online at:

www.adventistsat.com/shop/category/glory.

If you need help with installation or troubleshooting, contact Gene Martin at 918-439-7434 when you receive your dish.

Upcoming Health Expo

Collinsville, March 22.

Upcoming Prophecy Seminar

Collinsville, starting April 3. More details to come.

Dennis Priebe Meetings

Coming May 1-2, 2009. Elder Dennis Priebe will be sharing deep insights into the gospel, the three angels messages, and other distinctive truths for our times. More details to come.

action. We are free moral agents; and when sufficient evidence has been given us as to our duty, it is left with us to decide our course.

You who are waiting in idle expectation that God will perform some wonderful miracle to enlighten the world in regard to the truth, I want to ask you if you have employed the means that God has provided for the advancement of his cause? You who pray for light and truth from heaven, have you studied the Scriptures? Have you desired “the sincere milk of the word,” that you may grow thereby? Have you submitted yourselves to the revealed command? “Thou shalt,” and “thou shalt not,” are definite requirements, and there is no place for idleness in the Christian life. You who mourn your spiritual dearth, do you seek to know and to do the will of God? Are you striving to enter in at the straight gate? There is work, earnest work, to be done for the Master. The evils condemned in God’s word, must be overcome. You must individually battle against the world, the flesh, and the devil. The word of God is called “the sword of the Spirit,” and you should become skillful in its use, if you would cut your way through the hosts of opposition and darkness.

Wrench yourself away from hurtful associations. Count the cost of following Jesus, and make it, with a determined purpose to cleanse yourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit. Eternal life is worth your all, and Jesus has said, “Whosoever he be of you that forsaketh not all that he hath, he cannot be my disciple.” Luke 14:33. He who does nothing, but waits to be compelled by some supernatural agency, will wait on in lethargy and darkness. God has given his word. God speaks in unmistakable language to your soul. Is not the word of his mouth sufficient to show you your duty, and to urge its fulfillment?

Those who humbly and prayerfully search the Scriptures, to know and to do God’s will, will not be in doubt of their obligations to God. For “if any man will do his will, he shall know of the doctrine.” John 7:17. If you would know the mystery of godliness, you must follow the plain word of truth, —feeling or no feeling, emotion or no emotion. Obedience must be rendered from a sense of principle, and the right must be pursued under all circumstances. This is the character that is elected of God unto salvation. The test of a genuine Christian is given in the word of God. Says Jesus, “If ye love me, keep my commandments.” John 14:15. “He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him. . . . If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him. He that loveth me not keepeth not my sayings: and the word which ye hear is not mine, but the Father’s which sent me.” John 14:21, 23, 24.

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Worship Schedule

Saturday (Sabbath)

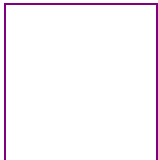
Sabbath School.....9:30am
Main Worship Service.....10:45am

Wednesday

Prayer Meeting.....7:00pm

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