“**The Restorer of Paths to Dwell In**” – Chapter 9 – Eternal Truth

Note- Anytime you see GPS it means “God’s Prophet Says”

**“… and thou shalt be called, The repairer of the breach, The restorer of paths to dwell in.” Isaiah 58:12**

 1 Corinthians 6:19 **“What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?”** Truth and error cannot inhabit the same temple of God. How is it with your temple, in your most holy place of your frontal lobes where you worship God? Error cannot and should not exist in that place. In the last 8 chapters you may have learned things you were never aware of. God is calling you to be a restorer of paths to dwell in. Will you answer the call? This message will cause a shaking amongst God’s people. But didn’t the message Christ gave in His earthly sojourn cause a shaking? Christ is giving a call to us today. He said in John 15:20 **“Remember the word that I said unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord. If they have persecuted me, they will also persecute you.”** So to stand in defense of truth in our day will bring persecution from our own brethren. But these truths are our Father’s truths and we need not get angry or upset if they are rejected. Truth is in itself a peacemaker to the soul.

As we begin today Let us invite God’s presence … Father, Satan is wroth because his long range plans that have turned a denomination upside down are being threatened by a people who want to be restorers of paths to dwell in. But there are those among us who Satan has stirred up to oppose your truths, and it is for those that we pray that they may see. We invite your presence as we examine more of those things that the enemy of souls does not want us to know, in Jesus name, AMEN.

Each chapter of our series “The Restorer of Paths to Dwell In,” we begin with this quote: ***“The greatest want of the world is the want of men,--men who will not be bought or sold; men who in their inmost souls are true and honest; men who do not fear to call sin by its right name; men whose conscience is as true to duty as the needle to the pole; men who will stand for the right though the heavens fall.”--***Education, p. 57. (1903) {CM 54.4} How will you stand my brother … my sister? Will you stand in the face of persecution?

Right now it is very important to read this statement once again today, before we get into today’s study:

***“In reviewing our past history, having traveled over every step of advance to our present standing, I can say, Praise God! As I see what God has wrought, I am filled with astonishment, and with confidence in Christ as leader. We have nothing to fear for the future, except as we shall forget the way the Lord has led us, and His teaching in our past history.”*** {CET 204.1} (Christian Experience and Teachings of Ellen G. White.)

I want to examine a series of Spirit of Prophecy quotations that will reinforce much of what we have been learning. Some will be of the newly released quotations from the White estate.

Special Testimonies, Series B, No. 2, p. 59. GPS, ***“Messages of every order and kind have been urged upon Seventh-day Adventists, to take the place of the truth which, point by point, has been sought out by prayerful study, and testified to by the miracle-working power of the Lord. But the waymarks which have made us what we are, are to be preserved, and they will be preserved, as God has signified through His word and the testimony of His Spirit. He calls upon us to hold firmly, with the grip of faith, to the fundamental principles that are based upon unquestionable authority.”***--Special Testimonies, Series B, No. 2, p. 59. (1904.) {CW 52.1} But sadly this has not been the case. Instead of holding firmly with the grip of faith, we let loose and now as a denomination embrace intellectual philosophy.

 Same source: Special Testimonies, Series B, No. 2, p. 51. ***“As a people we are to stand firm on the platform of eternal truth that has withstood test and trial. We are to hold to the sure pillars of our faith. The principles of truth that God has revealed to us are our only true foundation. They have made us what we are. The lapse of time had not lessened their value.”-***- Special Testimonies, Series B, No. 2, p. 51. (1904.) {CW 52.2} She said the principles of truth that God has revealed to us are our only true foundation. But she also warned us that ***“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. Their foundation would be built on the sand, and storm and tempest would sweep away the structure.”***  {1SM 204.2} Our pioneers had the only true foundation that was built on the Rock and that Rock is the begotten Son of God. But the current foundation of intellectual philosophy is built on sand and the structure that promotes it will be swept away.

 In 6T p 17 GPS, ***“No line of truth that has made the Seventh-day Adventist people what they are, is to be weakened. We have the old landmarks of truth, experience, and duty, and we are to stand firmly in defense of our principles, in full view of the world.”--***Testimonies, Vol. 6, p. 17. {CW 52.3}

This quote from chapter 8 bears repeating: ***“Messages of every order and kind have been urged upon Seventh-day Adventists, to take the place of the truth which, point by point, has been sought out by prayerful study, and testified to by the miracle-working power of the Lord. But the waymarks which have made us what we are, are to be preserved, and they will be preserved, as God has signified through His Word and the testimony of His Spirit. He calls upon us to hold firmly, with the grip of faith, to the fundamental principles that are based upon unquestionable authority.”*** {1SM 208.2}

Here is one of the newly released quotes by the White Estate, ***"In giving His commission to His followers, Christ did not tell them they would be left alone. He assured them that He would be near them. He spoke of His Omnipresence in a special way. Go to all nations, He said. Go, to the farthest portion of the habitable globe, but know that My presence will be there. Labor in faith and confidence, for the time will never come when I shall forsake you."*** {Ms138-1897 (December 2, 1897) par. 21}

Now this is irrefutably clear. Christ assured His followers that He would be present with them everywhere they could be on the earth and as the prophet makes clear; by His omnipresence.

Here is a message of comfort for you and me regarding the adversary of God’s true people, from MS1, 1865. GPS, ***"Said the angel, 'Rebellion will occur up to the time of the closing up of the work of the third angel’s message. Marvel not, neither be discouraged. He who conquered the leader in rebellion stands at the head of this great work. Although Satan may exult and seem for a time to triumph, the first great Conqueror has His eyes upon him, and he can go no farther than He permits. He is permitted to have power for a time to reveal the true-hearted, to prove the faithful, to develop the spurious and separate them from the pure in heart. Rebels will be purged out from among the loyal and true in due time, for the truth was gathered of every kind'***" (Manuscript 1, 1865).

Here are two more quotes and then we will examine a number of the newly released quotes by the White Estate, ***"While He extends to all the world His invitation to come to Him and be saved, He commissions His angels to render divine help to every soul that cometh to Him in repentance and contrition, and He comes personally by His Holy Spirit into the midst of His church.”*** {Lt2d-1892 (December 23, 1892) par. 7} – EGW And who comes personally by His Holy Spirit? Christ.

Next, ***"JEHOVAH, OUR FATHER, AND HIS SON JESUS CHRIST ARE ALONE TO BE EXALTED. The knowledge of God is eternal life to those who receive it. His holy banner is to stand elevated above all the greatness of the greatest men, above all the honor and glory of the world.”*** {Ms11-1898 (June 29, 1898) par. 11} – Who alone are to be exalted? God our Father and His Son. And we are to have no other gods before Him.

***“When God’s people take the position that they are THE TEMPLE OF THE HOLY GHOST, CHRIST HIMSELF ABIDING WITHIN, they will so clearly reveal Him in spirit, words, and actions, that there will be an unmistakable distinction between them and Satan’s followers.”*** — SpM, p. 243.4 – Who abides within? CHRIST HIMSELF.

***“The only defense against evil is the indwelling of Christ in the heart through faith in His righteousness.”*** — Desire of Ages, p. 324 – What is our only defense against evil? The indwelling of Christ, not a third god.

***"God loves us even as He loves His Son, and Christ has given us the assurance, 'I will not leave you comfortless; I will come to you.' Let us have many, many love feasts over this assurance, knowing that Christ is ever beside us, to strengthen and to bless.”*** — Manuscript 139, 1902 – We are comforted by Christ Himself.

***“Sin could be resisted and overcome only through the mighty agency of the Third Person of the Godhead, who would come with no modified energy, but in the fullness of divine power. It is the Spirit that makes effectual what has been wrought out by the world’s Redeemer. It is by the Spirit that the heart is made pure. Through the Spirit the believer becomes a partaker of the divine nature. Christ has given His Spirit as a divine power to overcome all hereditary and cultivated tendencies to evil, and to impress His own character upon His church.”*** — Desire of Ages, p. 671.2 – Christ has given us His own Spirit, His Omnipresent Holy Spirit.

***“There must be A POWER WORKING FROM WITHIN, A NEW LIFE FROM ABOVE, before men can be changed from sin to holiness. THAT POWER IS CHRIST. His grace alone can quicken the lifeless faculties of the soul, and attract it to God, to holiness.”*** — Steps to Christ, p. 18 – Christ is the power working within.

***“The Holy Spirit, WHICH PROCEEDS FROM THE ONLY BEGOTTEN SON OF GOD, binds the human agent, body, soul, and spirit, to the perfect, divine-human nature of Christ.”*** — Review and Herald, April 5, 1906 par. 16 – How much clearer can it be said?

***“Let them be thankful to God for His manifold mercies and be kind to one another. They have one God and one Saviour; and ONE SPIRIT–THE SPIRIT OF CHRIST–is to bring unity into their ranks.”*** — Testimonies Volume 9, p. 189 — 1909 – Who is the One Spirit? The Spirit of Christ.

***“THE LORD JESUS ACTS THROUGH THE HOLY SPIRIT; FOR IT IS HIS REPRESENTATIVE.”*** — Messages to Young People, p. 55.3 – Very plain!

***“CHRIST IS FORMED WITHIN, and BY HIS SPIRIT He fulfils the promise, “I will never leave thee nor forsake thee.“” —*** Signs of the Times, September 27, 1899 par. 9 – What a blessed promise whe we enter the time of trouble.

***“The Holy Spirit is Himself*** [Jesus] ***divested of the personality of humanity and independent thereof. He*** [Jesus] ***would represent Himself as present in all places BY HIS HOLY SPIRIT, AS THE OMNIPRESENT.”*** — 14MR 23.3 - EGW \*bracketed comments added for clarity. The Holy Spirit can not be encumbered with physicality. Christ is physically in the Heavenly sanctuary, while by His Omnipresence He is everywhere present.

***“Christ draws them to Himself by AN UNSEEN POWER. He is the light of life, and He imbues them with HIS OWN SPIRIT.”*** — God’s Amazing Grace, p. 52.3 – Also plain!

***“Christ claims all those as His who have believed in His name. The vitalizing power of THE SPIRIT OF CHRIST DWELLING IN THE MORTAL BODY binds every believing soul to Jesus Christ. Those who believe in Jesus are sacred to His heart; for their life is hid with Christ in God.”*** — CC 229.4 – {Conflict and Courage} What wonderful knowledge is truth.

***“Live in the sunshine of the Saviour’s love. Then your influence will bless the world. Let THE SPIRIT OF CHRIST control you. Let the law of kindness be ever on your lips. Forbearance and unselfishness mark the words and actions of those who are born again, to live THE NEW LIFE IN CHRIST.“*** — CCh 128.1 – Ever live within your remnant dear Jesus.

I think we have had an abundance of quotes to show that the omnipresent spirit of Christ is the third person of the Godhead, the Comforter, the Holy Spirit.

I believe that as these messages spread through our church that there will be a wonderful manifestation of the power of God. Listen to the following quote and the sad result of those who reject it. RH Extra, Dec. 23, 1890

***“There is to be in the [Seventh-day Adventist] churches a wonderful manifestation of the power of God, but it will not move upon those who have not humbled themselves before the Lord, and opened the door of the heart by confession and repentance. In the manifestation of that power which lightens the earth with the glory of God, they will see only something which in their blindness they think dangerous, something which will arouse their fears, and they will brace themselves to resist it. Because the Lord does not work according to their ideas and expectations they will oppose the work. "Why," they say, "should we not know the Spirit of God, when we have been in the work so many years?"***--. {LDE 209.3} That should cause us to weep for those who have closed their minds to the real truth about the Godhead.

Now I want to return to a former quote in 1 SM 204, 205 where GPS ***“A new organization would be established. Books of a new order would be written. … A system of intellectual philosophy would be introduced. …”*** 1 Selected Messages, 204, 205.

So here we have a prophecy about a movement that from previous readings of the full quote, will move from the solid rock and will shift onto the sand. And in order to do that, they will account the fundamental principles as error, they will write new books, and they will change the religion, and God will be removed. Now let’s see what are some examples of these new “books of a new order” that are written more currently today that Sister White talks about. I mentioned a few previously, but will expand now. “Questions on Doctrine,” a book that was written in the 1950’s. If you open the pages of that book you’ll find that there is a belief in there that talks about the Trinity, exactly what Kellogg was teaching. But then it gets a little more updated.

In 1946, in the book, Evangelism, editors LeRoy Edwin Froom and Roy Allen Anderson compiled E.G. White’s statements removed from their original context, and intentionally inserted the word “Trinity” in subtitles, to advance the Trinity doctrine, even though she and all the pioneers were anti-Trinitarian. Perhaps it was a coincidence, but Froom wrote his book after a return from a trip to the Vatican. Ex-Jesuit priest Alberto Rivera testified on video that the Jesuit Order was instructed by the Black Pope to infiltrate the SDA Church, and bring it over to Rome.

In his 1971 book, MOVEMENT OF DESTINY, Leroy Froom attacks the writings of some of the pioneers as it pertains to the Begotten Son of God and imposes the Trinitarian view as the correct view. He has probably done more to bring the Trinitarian doctrine into Adventism than any other person. Also in his book, he upholds the false doctrine of the Atonement being completed at the cross, implying our pioneers were in error. Supposedly a respected scholar, this man has influenced many SDA's into some of the false doctrines embraced today.

And we have another book titled “The Trinity” [©2002], and this is a book written by 3 professors from Andrews University – and it talks about the doctrine of the Trinity. It talks about God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Spirit. Like Kellogg and like the current Fundamental Beliefs.

But listen to this statement in chapter 6. In talking about the Father and the Son, here is what it says. **“… do we really want to take such expressions in a totally literal way? Or would it be more appropriate to interpret them in a more metaphorical way that draws on selective aspects of sonship and fatherhood?**

The Father and the Son a metaphor? Or even suggesting that they are playing roles? Sister White said this in R&H 8/06 1906 par. 13, ***“Again and again we shall be called to meet the influence of men who are studying the sciences of Satanic origin, through which Satan is working to make a non-entity of God and Christ.”*** R&H 8/06 1906 par. 13

Now listen to what it says in “The Trinity” in chapter 13 on page 202 speaking about the pioneers, **“Thus they initially rejected the traditional doctrine of the trinity …”** In the next sentence they say the pioneers finally became convinced of one God in three persons. The problem with this false witness is that people who read this book will believe the professors without investigating what the pioneers did believe.

But here is the most dangerous part of this book and why it is not at all inspired by God. Chapter 17, page 273, sadly it reads as follows:

**“But what about direct prayer to the Holy Spirit? While we have no clear example of or direct command to pray to the Spirit in Scripture, doing so does have, in principle, some implicit Biblical support. If the Spirit is indeed Divine and personal and He interacts in all sorts of personal ways (bringing conviction, healing, transforming grace, granting gifts, etc.) it only seems logical that God’s people can pray directly to and worship the Holy Spirit.”**

In message chapter 6, I explained why this is so dangerous. Just as Satan has the whole world convinced of a counterfeit Sabbath, he has most of the Christian world convinced of a counterfeit Holy Spirit. He said **“I will be like the Most High.”** In Isaiah 14:14. In the same verse 14 he said **“I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; …”**

Then I read you the SOP quote where she wrote, **“… *he plants his own throne between the heaven and the earth, between God and the human worshiper. He intercepts every ray of light that comes from God to man, and appropriates the worship that is due to God.”*** {RH, October 22, 1895 par. 2}

Since Ellen White and our pioneers believed in a two Divine Being Godhead, with their own omnipresent Holy Spirit as the third person of the Godhead, then this third “God the Holy Spirit” is non-existent and counterfeit and any prayers or worship directed to such can be appropriated by Satan to his delight. I saw a senior pastor of a well-known SDA University praying to “God the Holy Spirit” and encouraging people to do so. Did Jesus ever encourage such? Did the SOP ever encourage such? It is amazing to me how intelligent men in high position can be, either knowingly or ignorantly, such willing tools of Satan. God is no respecter of persons, neither should we be.

There are many more things in that book that can be challenged and ultimately categorized as pure nonsense. I will give that book no more time. But sadly, there are many other books that uphold a trinity perspective.

In *1888 Materials*, p. 1633, Ellen White says very clearly: “**There is no place for gods in the heaven above.**” That should be obvious to everyone, but the Holy Spirit inspired her to write that for obvious reasons…

***“God is the only true God. He fills all heaven. Those who now submit to His will shall see his face; and His name will be in the foreheads of all who are pure and holy.”*** 1888 Materials, p. 1633.

So while people are teaching there are three gods, Ellen White tells us, there are no god*s* in the heaven above. “God is the only true God.” Who is she talking about? God the Father. John 17:3 says – Jesus speaking of His Father – says, **“That they might know Thee, the only true God.”**

After 120 years of Noah preaching the truth to tens of thousands, when it came time to board the ark, 8 people went in. All the rest put their faith in a foundation of sand.

Is it really any different today? The majority of the church today will reject these messages and by choice will be non-restorers of paths to dwell in. They will stay with three Gods. Let me ask you this and listen carefully. Would God and Jesus ever put their omnipresent Holy Spirit latter rain on the head of a single SDA that chooses the counterfeit god and is therefore violating the first commandment by putting a non-existent god before God? They have another spirit, and by not accepting that Jesus was the begotten Son of the Father God, they have another Jesus. And if that be the case then they have another gospel.

Let us pray … Father we hold up those among us who have eyes but cannot see, and ears but cannot hear. Give then sight for we are running out of time to get this right. In Jesus name, AMEN.