

# The Law of God In the Bible

## Moses:

*“The secret things belong unto the Lord our God; but those things which are revealed (in the Bible) belong unto us and to our children forever, that we may do all the words of this law.” – Deuteronomy 29 : 29. (In brackets is added)*

*“During the first twenty-five hundred years of human history, there was no written revelation. Those who had been taught of God, communicated their knowledge to others, and it was handed down from father to son, through successive generations the preparation of the written word began in the time of Moses. Inspired revelations were then embodied in an inspired book. This work continued during the long period of sixteen hundred years, -- from Moses, the historian of creation and the law, to John, the recorder of the most sublime truths of the gospel.”-- **The Great Controversy, p. 7***

From the above statement we have discovered that from the time of Adam up to the time wherein Moses began to have the Bible documented, there are 2500 years, and from that time up to John the Revelator wherein he has written the very well-known book of Revelation, there would be 1600 years. From the historical fact the book of Revelation was written in year 96. Therefore, the time of creation of the earth could have been calculated to fall in year 4004 BC., that is (2500 years + 1600 years) – 96 years = 4004 years. And that is the year 4004 BC.

*“Sin is the transgression of the law.” – **1 John 3 : 4.** And the law here is the law of the heavenly kingdom of God. When the earth was created, and when Adam and Eve became the first citizens occupying this planet at the beginning, then this new planet juridical became a part of the Heavenly Kingdom of the whole*

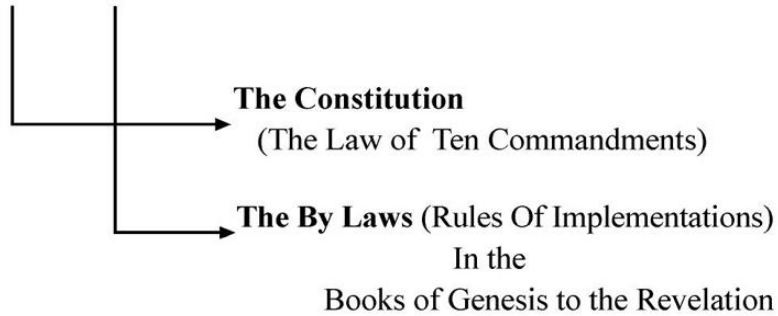
universe. As soon as at the outset of the creation of the earth, the law of the heavenly kingdom should have applied also in force here. Here it is when Sister White said:

*“Adam and Eve at their creation had knowledge of the original law of God. It was imprinted upon their hearts, and they were acquainted with the claims of law upon them.”*— **Review & Herald, April 29, 1875.** And that is why we have been warned in the following word: *“Men who will not admit the claims of God’s law, which are so very plain, will generally take a lawless course; for they have so long taken sides with the great rebel in warring against the law of God, which is the foundation of His government in heaven and on earth.....”* -- **Review & Herald, vol. 2, p. 29.**

But after sin entered our planet, then the rules of implementation of the law in heaven, and in other inhabited planets of the saints, could no more apply here on this planet. Therefore, though the same law of God should also apply here on earth; there are only special rules of implementation to be created to apply here, which would deal more on the matters of faith and repentance. Such rules of implementation would never be recognized there by the saints, because they have never sinned, and there is no transgression of the law found in other planets of the universe.

Despite no written revelation was available with the people during the first twenty five hundred years of human history, yet the same words of revelation have been communicated to Adam and Eve, and even to all their children, either directly or indirectly by the Lord Himself. And even the original law of God, which is The Ten Commandments, had been directly imprinted upon the hearts of the first couple of human ancestors as soon as they have been created. Men cannot live without the law. And thus is the law would not be needed when there is neither man nor woman found on the earth to obey it. Ever since the beginning men have been obliged to keep the law and to maintain law and order among themselves, and toward their Creator, because that is the true religion of God. During His mission on the earth Jesus has ever said: *“If you love Me, keep My commandments!”* – John 14 : 15. It means, if we truly love the Lord, let us honestly keep His law and do all the rules of implementations of the law in THE SPIRIT OF PROPHECY.

**The Bible** consist of :



**Interpreted by :**

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| Luther   | : The Just Shall Live by Faith  | } | The Spirit of Prophecy |
| Knox     | : The Holy Spirit   |   |                        |
| Wesley   | : Grace   |   |                        |
| Campbell | : Baptism Through Immersion   |   |                        |
| Miller   | : The 2300 Prophetic Days of Daniel 8:14                                  |   |                        |
| White    | : The Seventh-Day Sabbath   |   |                        |
| Houteff  | : The 144.000 Elects of God, and The Call for a Revival and a Reformation |   |                        |

**In The Time of The End :**

The Prophecies of The Great and Important Events in The Time of The End,  
Just Revealed to The Last Prophet of GOD,

**Victor T. Houteff**

**In The Laodicean Church :**

There emerged in The Seventh-Day Adventist Church the Pros and the Contras :  
The angel of the church of The Laodiceans and her diehard followes on the one side,  
and the other laymembers on the other side.

Here emerged two classes of people :  
The Five Wise Virgins and Five Foolish Virgins.

**In two divisions:  
The Basic Law and the By-Laws**

Basically all the rules of law known among men on the earth consist of only two divisions, namely: The basic law or the constitution, and the by-laws or the rules of implementation of the law. So in the realm of the heavenly kingdom of God, all the rules of law that should be recognized by our people as citizens of the kingdom are of the same divisions. The basic law of God is the law of the Ten Commandments, and the by-laws are the rules of implementation. The rules of implementation for those living in the Old Testament era, is called “The Testimony” (Isaiah 8 : 20), which by the apostle Matthew is also called “The Prophets” (or the writings of the Old Testament prophets). And for those living in the new testament era, it is called “The Testimony of Jesus Christ (Revelation 12 : 17), and for us now living in the time of the end, the rules of implementation of the law is called “THE SPIRIT OF PROPHECY”, wherein is to be found all the interpretations of the Bible and all its secret things are inclusive.

**The Basic Law is immutable, Except the By-Laws which  
are the Rules of Implementation of the Law**

As God and His character are immutable, then the law or the Constitution is also unchangeable. But it is not so with the rules of implementation of the Law. The rules of implementation in the time of Adam and Eve have obliged them to kill a lamb upon an altar as a sacrifice, and to present it as a burnt offering to the Lord. Later when the Israelites came to the wilderness, according to the new rules of implementation of the law of that time, they have been obliged to erect a tabernacle consists of two apartments, the one is called a holy place and the other the most holy, to be used for sacrificing the lamb as a burnt offering on the altar, either every day in the so-called holy place, or once a year in the most holy place. Also the rules on the baptism, which was never before known among the people of God in the Old Testament era, it was later begun to be performed by John the Baptist in the Christian dispensation. And now in the time of the end, we also have the new rules on Health Reform as shown to Mrs. White in 1863 regulating our diet and food in the time of the end, to be implemented in exchange of the old rules as codified by Moses in the Leviticus chapter 11. And now in the time of the end, when all the prophecies of the Bible and the parables of Jesus have been interpreted and presented us as the written testimonies of His Spirit in our midst, we again have come to the fact that not only the Bible will be the sole source of the rules of implementation of the law, but the SPIRIT OF PROPHECY as well will be the more complete rules of implementation of the law, to apply specifically for the people of God in the time of the end.

Therefore, with the more rules of implementation added unto us in this time of the end, the more obligations would be tasked upon us to take into practical religion. And the people of God in this time of the end, is to be identified only as keepers of the Ten Commandments and having all the rules of implementation of the law in their practical religion. This is prophesied by John the Revelator in Revelation 12 : 17; 19 : 10.

When Moses began to write the Bible, he then as the law scientist and the historian of the creation, has ever divided the law of God into two divisions, when he said: *“The secret things belong unto the Lord our God; but those things which are revealed (in the Bible) belong unto us and to our children forever, that we may do all the words of this law.”* – **Deuteronomy 29 : 29.** (In brackets added)

Those things which are revealed in the Bible are to be the rules of implementation of the law for all, who profess themselves to share the faith of Moses, even up to us now living in this time of the end. Whereas all the words of the law are immutable, because they are the image of the immutable character of God Himself.

### **The Secret Things belong only unto the Lord our God**

Actually there are two kinds of secret things mentioned in the Bible:

[A] The secret things that belong only to the Lord our God as mentioned by Moses in **Deuteronomy 29 : 29.**

Such secret things generally could not be found in the Bible. As an example let us read in the following statement of John the Revelator, when he said:

*“And when the seven thunders had uttered their voices, I was about to write : and I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me , ‘Seal up those things which the seven thunders uttered, and write them not.”* – **Revelation 10 : 4**

The seven thunders had uttered their voices. And although John knew fully of the things uttered through the seven thunders, he was not allowed to write them down in his book of Revelation. That is the reason why despite the whole book of Revelation by the servants of the Lord, the prophets, has been now interpreted in our midst; the secret things of the seven thunders would remain to belong to the Lord only.

[B] The secret things that are to be revealed unto His servants the prophets for the benefit of our salvation in the time of the end. This is prophesied by the prophet Amos, when he said: *“Shall a trumpet be blown in the city, and the people not afraid? Shall there be evil in a city, and the Lord hath not done it? Surely the Lord God will do nothing, but he revealeth his secret unto his servants the prophets.”* – **Amos 3 : 6, 7.**

The Bible consists of several Scriptures, and was written in several modes of language (not languages), as here bellow,

1. In the common and ordinary mode of language, such as in the history of creation, and in the writings of the apostles, with the exception of the book of Revelation.
2. In type and anti-typical mode of language, such as the house of Israel the type, and its antitype is the Seventh-Day Adventist Church in the time of the end.
3. In the parabolic mode of language, as in the parables of Jesus, and.
4. In the prophetic mode of language, such as in the whole prophecies of the Bible.

The scriptures written in the common and ordinary mode of language could directly be read and understood, so that no more need of prophets to do the interpretations for us. But those scriptures categorized in number 2 to number 4, are yet to be interpreted by the prophets of God under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. To this end Prophet Amos said: *“Surely the Lord God will do nothing, but He revealeth His secret unto His servants the prophets.”* – **Amos 3 : 7.**

But when and where are the prophecies and the parables of Jesus to be interpreted? Let us read Daniel 12 : 4, 8 – 10, and the book of Sister White:

*“But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro, and the knowledge shall be increased.....*

*And I heard, but I understood not: then said I, O my Lord, what shall be the end of these things? And he said, Go thy way, Daniel: for the words are closed up and sealed till the time of the end. Many shall be purified, and made white, and tried; but the wicked shall do wickedly; and none of the wicked shall understand; but the wise shall understand.”* – **Daniel 12 : 4, 8 – 10.**

*“In the Revelation all the books of the Bible meet and end. Here is the complement of the book of Daniel. One is a prophecy; the other a revelation. The book that was sealed is not the Revelation, but that portion of the prophecy of Daniel relating to the last days.”* – **The Acts of the Apostles, p. 585**

Daniel who lived several hundred years before the New Testament era, his words of prophecy was just interpreted in the time of the end. Then followed by the book of Revelation and all other books of the Bible that meet and end in the Revelation. The interpretations of those prophetic words could be found only in the Laodicean Church of the Seventh-Day Adventists, because this is the only Church of God in

the last days. So the prophets tasked to reveal those prophetic words would inevitably be Sister White and Brother Victor T. Houteff. And the interpretations thereof could be found only in the SPIRIT OF PROPHECY. This is the combination of the message of the angel of Revelation 18 : 1 by Bro. Victor T. Houteff, and the third angel's message of Revelation 14 by Sister White, which are now enlightening the earth, beginning in the Laodicean Church. This is according to the words of the Lord's servants themselves when they said:

*“And after these things I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power; and the earth was lightened with his glory.” – **Revelation 18 : 1***

*“Then I saw another mighty angel commissioned to descend to the earth, to unite his voice with the third angel, and give power and force to his message. Great power and glory were imparted to the angel, and as he descended, the earth was lightened with his glory......This message seemed to be an addition to the third message, joining it as the midnight cry joined the second angel's message in 1844.” – **Early Writings, p. 277.***

The fact that Ellen G. White's Spirit of Prophecy of the third angel's message of Revelation 14 is no more much appreciated in the churches, should have been understood. It is not because most of the secret things deliberated therein belong only to the Lord, but due to the fact that the additional message of the angel of Revelation 18 : 1 has been rejected by the leadership of the Church. And as the result, the Church failed to be enlightened even up to this very day. The third angel alone has no power to enlighten the Church, even the angel of Revelation 18 : 1 by itself could not do much to have the earth enlightened.

### **The Author of the Law and It's Rules of Implementation**

The servant of the Lord said:

*“The Ten Commandments were spoken by God Himself, and were written by His own hand. They are of divine, and not of human composition. But the Bible, with its God-given truths expressed in the language of men, presents a union of the divine and the human. Such a union existed in the nature of Christ, who was the Son of God and the Son of man. Thus it is true of the Bible, as it was of Christ, that “the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us.” **John 1 : 14.**” – **The Great Controversy, p. 8.***

The Law of God consists of the Ten Commandments as the basic law or the Constitution, and the Bible containing the By-Laws or the Rules of Implementation

of the Law. Such division is also called by several names. The prophet Isaiah called it “the Law and the Testimony” (Isaiah 8 : 20), John the Revelator called it the Law and the Testimonies of Jesus Christ (Revelation 12 : 17), and the Testimonies of Jesus Christ in the time of the end by him is called THE SPIRIT OF PROPHECY. And Mrs. Ellen G. White has even likened the Testimonies of Jesus Christ to the Testimonies of His (Jesus) Spirit. In the following statement she said:

*“In ancient times God spoke to men by the mouth of prophets and apostles (in the Bible). In these days (in this time of the end) He speaks to them by the t e s t i m o - n i e s o f H i s S p i r i t. There was never a time when God instructed His people more earnestly than He instructs them now concerning His will, and the course that He would have them pursue” – Evangelism, p. 255, 256 (In brackets added).*

Jesus speaks to us in these days through the testimonies of His Spirit. And those are the written testimonies of His Spirit by Mrs. Ellen G. White in her Spirit of Prophecy publications and by Bro. Victor T. Houteff in his Shepherd’s Rod publications.

Now it is clear that the Author of the Law of the Ten Commandments is none other than God the Father Himself; and the Author of the Bible and all its interpretations in the SPIRIT OF PROPHECY, is none other than Jesus the Son Himself. Although we have witnessed of how the By-Laws or the Testimonies of Jesus Christ have been amended from time to time ever since the beginning up to this time of the end, the basic Law of the Ten Commandments could never be amended, either by adding something into it or by subtracting something from it. This is worthy of our understanding, because the Ten Commandments are the image of the everlasting character of God and His Son. As long as their beings are everlasting, their character would also be everlasting. That is the only character of God popularly known among His people on the earth by the word “L O V E”.

**LOVE**

The Character  
of God

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**THE BIBLE**

Interpreted Into



**The Spirit of  
Prophecy**

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## **The Love of God (in His Law) differs widely from the love of man (in the cultures)**

Love is the character of God, and hence to be the source of the Law of the Ten Commandments. The Lord God has specified His character of love into ten commandments, and then has classified them into two main groups : the first four commandments of the one group on the one side, containing the commandments of how men have to love God supremely with all their hearts and all their might and power, and soul, as their creator. The second six commandments of the other group on the other side, containing the commandments of how we have to love our fellowmen as well as how to love ourselves. Actually the Ten Commandments are just the principles in general sense. This is similar to the basic Law or the Constitution of every nation in the world today.

So that the commandments could be taken into practical doing, they must have to be detailed into the Bible. Thus is the Bible containing the rules of implementation of the Law of the Ten Commandments? However, since the most parts of the Bible by itself are prophetic, it must yet be interpreted to be comprehended by the people. Or else those prophetic parts of the Bible could not be taken into practical doing, and they would fail to be the rules of implementation of the Law. The prophetic books of Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Daniel, Hosea, Joel, up to Malachi, and the Revelation, are the prophecies of the Bible. They belong specifically to the people in the time of the end. And to this end the angel Gabriel said to Daniel:

*“Go thy way, Daniel: for the words are closed up and sealed till the time of the end. Many shall be purified, and made white, and tried; but the wicked shall do wickedly; and none of the wicked shall understand; but the wise shall understand.”*  
– **Daniel 12 : 8 – 10.**

The “w i s e” mentioned by Gabriel, would be none other than those categorized wise virgins of the Laodicean Church. Many of them would be purified and made white, and tried, because they have taken into practical doing all the rules of implementation of the Law whereas the wicked shall do wickedly, and none of the wicked shall understand. Do you know what are the wicked now doing with the Law and its By-Laws in the churches?

The so-called ‘LOVE’ is upheld reverently as high as possible, whereas the Law of the Ten Commandments has been taken for granted as mere common things, because generally they have been familiar with it. And due to their rejection of the message of the angel of Revelation 18 : 1 to unite his voice with the message of the third angel of Revelation 14, to enlighten the earth, they fail to get any light to enlighten their way into the Bible and its prophecies. As the result, they only go to the good stories of the Bible, either of the experience of the Israelites of the Old

Testament, or of the New Testament, regarding the lives of Jesus and His apostles. And sometimes they had to use also the experiences of great men of the world, to sustain their teaching of “LOVE” either through the pulpits or through the Sabbath School Lessons.

And in their practical doing of the “LOVE”, they compete with the Christians of the world outside, to show their generousities to help the needy of the world, to sustain their people’s suffering from diseases, catastrophe, earthquake, and war etc. And for all these they got applause from the people and their governments. And thus they were satisfied and very much grateful to the Lord, because they thought the Church has shown its part to share the LOVE of God to their fellowmen. Whereas they forget, that what they were doing is not the LOVE of the character of God, but just the love of men according their culture and tradition. And that is why they got the applause and favor from the world and its people and even from their governments.

The LOVE of God is a principle, and that is to be the source of the Ten Commandments as the basic law and their by-laws as the rules of implementation of the law. The rules of implementation of the law in this time of the end could only be found in the so-called the SPIRIT OF PROPHECY. Although the rules of implementation are changeable, to ensure the objectives of the Ten Commandments to be obeyed through the all changing periods of history, the LOVE of God is unchangeable. Jesus said: *“If ye l o v e Me, keep my commandments!”* -- John 14 : 15. *“He that saith, I know Him, and keepeth not His commandments, is a l i a r, and the truth is not in him.”* – 1 John 2 : 4.

The love of God obliges His people to keep His commandments. But the love of man constrains us to do everything according to the ethical rules of cultures and tradition of the people. Whereas the love of man is coming from emotion or feeling, which is changeable, it depends mainly upon the things caught by his (five) senses. That is why, with the changing of time and place that could also change the culture and tradition of men that the love of man in turn could also change.

### **To distinguish between the acts of Loving GOD supremely and the acts of Loving Fellowmen In the Law of God**

In the order of God’s Law, the obligation to love God has been placed at the foremost. Only those who first priorities their love to their Maker are the true people of God. Such people are generally unknown among their fellowmen, because their acts of loving their God have not affected much to their fellowmen. Thus it is,

when they fall into a sin for failing to love God supremely as specified here below, or when they rise again from their falling, no other people would be directly affected. This could easily be understood, because in the love of God only two parties are implicated in.

**To Love God** = to obey all the instructions given in regard to the

- Sacredness, Honor, Greatness, and the Unity of the Lord God, His Name, and the Holiness of His Day of Rest.
- The prophecies of the Old Testament,
- The book of Revelation,
- The Parables of Jesus

The first couple of men ever since the beginning had been familiar with the Law of God. They had been familiar to obey the entire instructions given them in regard to the sacredness, the honor, the greatness, and the unity of the Lord God, His Name, His Greatness, and the holiness of His Day of rest. However, since the prophecies and the parables of Jesus, were not yet known in their life time, these are the only instructions they failed to obey. It is clear now that those prophecies and the parables of Jesus only oblige us to love God supremely, without having any need to love our fellowmen. And all these should be proven when we obey all the instructions as stipulated in the SPIRIT OF PROPHECY.

However, when we want to practice the acts of love toward our fellowmen as specified here below:

**To love our fellowmen** = to establish and to keep:

- A prosperous family
- Good education
- Healthful living in general
- Good communication between people
- And others,

the other people will be directly affected. And when we fall in any sin for failing to meet one of the specifications, the consequences would sometimes be fatal to those implicated in the transgression. This should be understood, because the acts of loving our fellowmen will at first implicate at least two parties, and then implicate the Lord God as the third party, and very often implicate also some Government agencies in some particular cases. Several of the very distinct cases of the sin, will be seen at those who were implicated in the sin of murder, in adultery, in robbery, of those who steal, and those who speak a lie, and those who failed to honor their parents, etc... As an example, when someone is committed in sin of robbing, the first victim would be those who lost their property. The second is the robber

himself, because he would soon be convinced by himself to the Lord God of his acts of sin. And third, the Government through its law enforcers of the Police agency, the Prosecutors, and the Judges, who would take the case to the court of justice to punish the actor of the transgression.

Actually the Law of God obliging people to love their fellowmen was already known ever since the beginning of Creation. The specifications thereof have been familiar among the people before the Flood, either by those of God's own people or by those who only trusting their lives to the power of nature. Even among the people who are not as yet aware of their Maker and His written Law in this time of the end, they would have lived up the unwritten Law of God indirectly from the law of nature. Even the Government leaders of the world, have formulated their own laws and regulations, up to the details, without having the least knowledge of the Ten Commandments and the Testimonies of Jesus, as the Constitution and the By-Laws of God. And they are successful having to uphold their own laws and regulations to keep peace and order in the societies.

Due to the fact that the SPIRIT OF PROPHECY was for the first time known in this time of the end, it is just this SPIRIT OF PROPHECY that has divided the Church of God into two classes of people in this time of the end. The people of God, who have been used to be under the guidance of the Spirit, began to split with each other. Those who are always aware that there must be some more truths on "the things to come" (John 16 : 13) yet to be revealed from the Bible before the close of time, would gladly accept the new light presented them in the SPIRIT OF PROPHECY. Whereas the others who are no more hungry and thirsty for the new truths to be revealed in their midst, would arise to slam every new light presented to them. Unknowingly to their spiritual condition, they have hardened their hearts on and on, that at last they should have been left alone by the Spirit of their guidance. The consequence is at the end they have lost altogether their citizenship of the kingdom of God. They now turned to be "the wicked", who have sinned against the Holy Spirit, the unpardonable sin.

The sinners against the Holy Spirit are actually none other than the Lord's own people, who were ever before under His guidance of the Holy Spirit. They are the people who have ever enjoyed the privilege to know how to love their God supremely with the whole heart and soul, with all their strength and power, and to love their fellowmen as how to love their own selves. But why could they not be led unto all truths, and even could not be made aware of the things to come in this time of the end? Is the Holy Spirit of God less powerful to have full control over His people? The servant of the Lord said:

*“Will God compel your obedience; will He compel your will? Never. The Lord has furnished you with capacities, with intelligence, with reason. He has sent from heaven His only-begotten Son to open the way for you, and to place within your reach immortality. What account can you render to God for your weakness, your disobedience, your impurity, your evil thoughts and evil works?”* – **Testimonies to Ministers, p. 452.**

*“The law of love being the foundation of the government of God, the happiness of all intelligent beings depends upon their perfect accord with its great principles of righteousness. God desires from all His creatures the service of love – service that springs from an appreciation of His character. He takes no pleasure in a forced obedience; and to all He grants freedom of will, that they may render Him voluntary service.”* – **Patriarchs and Prophets, p. 34.**

*“It is not God’s purpose to coerce the will. Man was created a free moral agent. Like the inhabitants of all other worlds, he must be subjected to the test of obedience”* – **Patriarchs and Prophets, pp. 331, 332.**

### **The Result and Consequence of Loving God supremely**

As we are now living in the time of the end, wherein all the prophecies and the parables of Jesus have now been interpreted in *The SPIRIT OF PROPHECIES*, then the following statement by Gabriel the angel of God to Daniel would truly meet its fulfillment. To Daniel the angel said:

*“Go thy way, Daniel: for the words are closed up and sealed till the time of the end. Many shall be purified, and made white, and tried; but the wicked shall do wickedly; and none of the wicked shall understand; but the wise shall understand.”*  
– **Daniel 12 : 8 – 10.**

The fact that with the book of Daniel to be revealed in the time of the end, the book of Revelation would certainly follow suit, even all the books of the Bible which meet and end in the Revelation. Read *The Acts of the Apostles*, p. 585. Hence, we are to conclude that the wise virgins in the time of the end would have comprehended the Law and the By-Laws according to the whole Rules of implementations in the *SPIRIT OF PROPHECY*. And just for this very reason, many of them shall be purified, and made white, and tried. But why should they yet to be tried? From the pen of His servants (Matthew and the prophet Isaiah) the Lord said:

*“Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteous’ sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, of my sake. Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you.” – Matthew 5 : 10 – 12.*

*“Hear the word of the Lord, ye that tremble at his word; your brethren that hated you, that cast you out for my name’s sake, said, ‘let the Lord be glorified: but he shall appear to your joy, and they shall be ashamed.” – Isaiah 66 : 5.*

The wicked seemed to dominate the Church of God not only now in this time of the end, but just ever since the time of the Old Testament prophets. In this time of the end those categorized wise virgins of the kingdom of heaven, for righteous’ sake of the truths of the SPIRIT OF PROPHECY, would be hated and persecuted by their own fellow believers. All manner of evil will be pronounced against them falsely, that at last they will be disfellowship of the Kingdom of their own, which is the SDA Church of God. This is understandable because the wicked ones of the foolish categorized virgins in the SDA Church today have outnumbered those categorized wise virgins in the same Church.

Through the prophet Isaiah we have been warned, that our own brethren of the wicked ones, for the sake of the name of the Lord, they would hate us that cast us out of the Church, and said: “Let the Lord be glorified!” You see how awkward it is for such cases to occur rampant in the Seventh-Day Adventist churches today, just against only those categorized wise virgins for righteous’ sake of the truths of the SPIRIT OF PROPHECY.

And at last, a short period before the special company of the 144.000 wise virgins to depart to Palestine, to stand with the Lamb on the mount Zion, there will come a last troublous time to befall them. This is the time of Jacob trouble prophesied by Prophet Daniel in the following words:

*“And at that time shall Mikhail stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people : and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time : and at that time thy people shall be delivered, everyone that shall be found written in the book.” – Daniel 12 : 1.*

## **The Investigative Judgment in the Heavenly Court of Justice**

*“Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: ‘Fear God, and keep His commandments: for this is the whole duty of man. For God shall bring every work into Judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil.”*

**– Ecclesiastes 12 : 13, 14. --**

Prior to the coming of Jesus, either in the Palestine to stand with the 144,000 saints on the mount Zion, or of His second coming in the clouds of heaven to receive His redeemed multitude from the earth, there must first be accomplished an investigative judgment to be held in the heavenly court of justice. The objective of the investigative judgment is that the Church should first be purified of all her sins and sinners that in purity the people may see Jesus in their living condition, because by the prophet Malachi we have been warned:

*“But who may abide the day of his coming? And who shall stand when he appearth? for he is like a refiner’s fire, and like fullers’ soap : And he shall sit as a refiner and purifier of silver : and he shall purifier the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver, that they may offer unto the Lord an offering in righteousness.” – Malachi 3 : 2, 3.*

Since the prophetic word of Malachi is to meet its fulfillment in this time of the end, it will come to pass that many of our people would fail to see Jesus, because they would be slain prior to the coming as those prophesied in Ezekiel chapter 9. In regard to when the purification of the Church should begin, prophet Daniel said:

*“And he said unto me, unto two thousand and three hundred days; then shall the sanctuary be cleansed.” – Daniel 8 “ 14.*

Seventh-Day Adventists should have been familiar with the verse that the 2300 prophetic days or years terminate in October 22, 1844, from which the process of purification in the heavenly sanctuary began. To this regard Sister White said:

*“The cleansing of the sanctuary therefore involves a work of investigation -- a work of j u d g m e n t. This work must be performed prior to the coming of Christ to redeem His people; for when He comes, His reward is with Him to give to every man according to his works. Revelation 22 : 12.” – **The Great Controversy, p. 422.***

## The Judgment is to Apply to only God's own People

The servant of the Lord said:

*“As the books of record are opened in the judgment, the lives of all who have believed on Jesus come in review before God. Beginning with those who first lived upon the earth, our Advocate presents the cases of each successive generation, and closes with the living. Every name is mentioned, every case closely investigated. Names are accepted, names rejected. When any have sins remaining upon the books of record, unrepented of and unforgiven, their names will be blotted out of the book of life, and the record of their good deeds will be erased from the book of God's remembrance. The Lord declared to Moses: “Whosoever hath sinned against Me, him will I blot out of My book.” Exodus 32 : 33. And says the prophet Ezekiel: “When the righteous turneth away from his righteousness, and committeth iniquity, ..... all his righteousness that he hath done shall not be mentioned.” – Ezekiel 18 : 24.” – **The Great Controversy, p. 483.***

The investigative judgment in the heavenly sanctuary began in 1844 on the cases of the dead. And later to close with the cases of the living, who are now popularly known by the name Seventh-Day Adventists. The servant of the Lord said further:

*“Solemn are the scenes connected with the closing work of the atonement. Momentous are the interests involved therein. The judgment is now passing in the sanctuary above. For many years this work has been in progress. Soon ---none know how soon --- it will pass to the cases of the living. In the awful presence of God our lives are to come up in review. At this time above all others it behooves every soul to heed the Saviour's admonition: “Watch and pray: for ye know not when the time is.” Mark 13 : 33. “If therefore thou shalt not watch, I will come on thee as a thief, and thou shalt not know what hour I will come upon thee.” Revelation 3 : 3.” – **The Great Controversy, p. 490.***

*“The righteous and the wicked will still be living upon the earth in their mortal state --- men will be planting and building, eating and drinking, all unconscious that the final, irrevocable decision has been pronounced in the sanctuary above. Before the Flood, after Noah entered the ark, God shut him in and shut the ungodly out; but for seven days the people, knowing not that their doom was fixed, continued their careless, pleasure-loving life and mocked the warnings of impending judgment. “So,” says the Saviour, “shall also the coming of the Son of man be.” Matthew 24 : 39. Silently unnoticed as the midnight thief, will come the decisive hour which marks the fixing of every man's destiny, the final withdrawal of mercy's offer to guilty men.” – **The Great Controversy, p. 491.***

## The Work of Preparation is an Individual Work

Due to the fact that all SDA churches today are dominated by the wicked ones of the foolish categorized virgins, then to every one of us as Seventh - day Adventist the servant of the Lord, Mrs. Ellen G. White has warned:

*“The work of preparation is an individual work. We are not saved in groups. The purity and devotion of one will not offset the want of these qualities in another. Though all nations are to pass in judgment before God, yet He will examine the case of each individual with as close and searching scrutiny as if there were not another being upon the earth. Everyone must be tested and found without spot or wrinkle or any such thing.” – The Great Controversy, 490.*

And through the prophetic words of the prophet Jeremiah addressed to us in this time of the end, we have been warned:

*“Thus said the Lord; cursed be the man that trusteth in man, and maketh flesh his arm, and whose hearth departeth from the Lord. For he shall be like the heath in the desert, and shall not see when good cometh; but shall inhabit the parched places in the wilderness, in a salt land not inhabited.”*

*“Blessed is the man that trusteth in the Lord, and whose hope the Lord is. For he shall be as a tree planted by the waters, and that spreadeth out her roots by the river, and shall not see when heat cometh, but her leaf shall be green; and shall not be careful in the year of drought, neither shall cease from yielding fruit.” – Jeremiah 17 : 5 - 8*

And from the interpretations given us by the servant of the Lord we have been warned:

*“We must study the truth for ourselves. No man should be relied upon to think for us. No matter who he is, or in what position he may be placed, we are not to look upon any man as a criterion for us. We are to counsel together and to be subject one to another; but at the same time we are to exercise the ability God has given us, in order to learn what is truth. ....  
We are warned not to trust in man, nor to make flesh our arm. A curse is pronounced upon all who do this.” – Testimonies to Ministers, pp. 109, 110, 367.*

*“God cannot glorify His name through His people while they are leaning upon man and making flesh their arm.” – 5 Testimonies, p. 729.*

*“Satan is constantly endeavoring to attract attention to man in the place of God. He leads the people to look to bishops, to pastors, to professors of theology, as*

*their guides, instead of searching the Scriptures to learn their duty for themselves.*  
“ – **The Spirit of Prophecy, vol. 4, pp. 413, 414.**

However, we must also be very careful to the fact that the Lord still has a people, who are the wise categorized virgins. Hence He must have also divinely appointed ministers on their side. To this end the servant of the Lord, Sister White said:

*“God has a church, and she has a divinely appointed ministry. ‘And He gave some apostles; and some, prophets; and some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers; for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ .....etc.* “– **Testimonies to Ministers, p. 52.**

Since God has a living Church upon the earth up to end of time, so is His appointed ministry to exist. And though His earlier appointed ministry, which is the General Conference of SDA and all her ministers, have been spewed out of Jesus’ mouth, He is yet to have a new one for us.

## **The Law and our Prayer**

*“He that turneth away his ear from hearing the law, even his prayer shall be abomination.” -- **Proverb 28 : 9.***

One of the things we have prayed for, every time we send our petition to the Lord, is that the Lord might be willing to forgive us our sins. And we must be sure that our petition will not be neglected by the loving Father of Heaven. However, since we have been accustomed to utter prayer of such form again and again without understanding, many of us seem always failed to be aware of the fact that *“He that turneth away his ear from hearing the law, even his prayer shall be abomination.”*

Since due to the fact that most of our people are still in the dark of the Law of God and its By-Laws containing the Rules of Implementation in the SPIRIT OF PROPHECY, how could we be assured that our petition to the Lord to plead for mercy and forgiveness of sin could gain His approval? Have you ever imagined God would be willing to forgive us our sins, whereas due to our own ignorance of the Law and its Rules of Implementation, that we ourselves do not know which part of the Law we have transgressed? Is it possible for the Lord continues to forgive us our sins, whereas we ourselves continue to be implicated in the same sins due to ignorance? Actually, if the Lord supposedly would ask every one of us to show Him which part of the Law we have transgressed that we need to be forgiven, not many of us will be able to answer Him. This is understandable

because most of our people are more accustomed to the unwritten rules of human cultures and tradition than to the Law of God and its Rules of Implementation in the SPIRIT OF PROPHECY.

Although the rules on how To Love our Fellowmen (in the Law of God) have been fully copied by men, either into the laws of their nations or into their unwritten rules of cultures and tradition, the rules on how to love God supremely could not be copied by anyone, because they are the written testimonies of God's Spirit provided us into The SPIRIT OF PROPHECY. Those who have rejected The SPIRIT OF PROPHECY would never understand THE THINGS TO COME of John 16 : 13. They would have sinned against the SPIRIT, and their prayer shall be abomination to the Lord.

## Concluded

*“He (Jesus) saves men, n o t in sin, but f r o m sin; and those who love Him will show their love by obedience.”*

**-- Review and Herald, vol. 6, p. 45. --**

Never for a moment think that for the sake of our salvation the Lord would have changed His Law, or to add some more rules of implementation to enable the sinner to be saved in his sin. Such an idea is a flagrant transgression of the law of God as well as against the law science. The immutable character of the Law of God could be understood, either from its rules of implementation or from the law science. The servant of the Lord said:

*“In true science there can be nothing contrary to the teaching of the word of God, for both have the same Author. A correct understanding of both will always prove them to be in harmony. Truth, whether in nature or in revelation, is harmonious with itself in all its manifestations. But the mind not enlightened by God's Spirit will ever be in darkness in regard to His power. This is why human ideas in regard to science so often contradict the teaching of God's word.” – 8 Testimonies for the Church, p. 258.*

*“If the law could be changed, man might have been saved without the sacrifice of Christ; but the fact that it was necessary for Christ to give His life for the fallen race, proves that the law of God will not release the sinner from its claims upon him. It is demonstrated that the wages of sin is death. When Christ died, the destruction of Satan was made certain. But if the law was abolished at the cross, as many claim, then the agony and death of God's dear Son were endured only to*

*give to Satan just what he asked; then the prince of evil triumphed, his charges against the divine government were sustained. The very fact that Christ bore the penalty of man's transgression is a mighty argument to all created intelligences, that the law is changeless; that God is righteous, merciful, and self-denying; and that infinite justice and mercy unite in the administration of His government."* – **Patriarchs and Prophets, p. 70.**

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