

Lest we Forget

Can we Move the Foundation? - Is it time for a new Leader?

For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ.
1Corinthians 3:11.

“The mighty angel [of Revelation 10] who instructed John was no less a personage than Jesus Christ. Setting His right foot on the sea, and His left upon the dry land, shows the part which He is acting in the closing scenes of the great controversy with Satan.” *Manuscript 59*, 1900.

For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled. Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven: but whosoever shall do and teach them, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven. Matthew 5:18,19.

Waymarks Must Be Preserved

“**Today Satan is seeking opportunities to tear down the waymarks of truth**,—the monuments that have been raised up along the way; and we need the experience of the aged workers who have built their house upon the solid rock, who through evil report as well as good report have been steadfast to the truth.” *Gospel Workers*, 103.

“The great waymarks of truth, **showing us our bearings in prophetic history**, are to be carefully guarded, **lest they be torn down, and replaced** with theories that would bring confusion rather than genuine light.” *Selected Messages*, book 2, 101,102.

A Firm Platform

“I saw a company who stood well guarded and firm, giving no countenance to those who would unsettle the established faith of the body. God looked upon them with approbation. **I was shown three steps—the first, second, and third angels’**

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messages. Said my accompanying angel, “Woe to him who shall move a block or stir a pin of these messages. **The true understanding of these messages is of vital importance.** The destiny of souls hangs upon the manner in which they are received.” I was again brought down through these messages, and saw how dearly the people of God had purchased their experience. It had been obtained through much suffering and severe conflict. **God had led them along step by step, until He had placed them upon a solid, immovable platform.** I saw individuals approach the platform and examine the foundation. Some with rejoicing immediately stepped upon it. Others commenced to find fault with the foundation. They wished improvements made, and then the platform would be more perfect, and the people much happier. Some stepped off the platform to examine it and declared it to be laid wrong. But I saw that nearly all stood firm upon the platform and exhorted those who had stepped off to cease their complaints; for God was the Master Builder, and they were fighting against Him. They recounted the wonderful work of God, which had led them to the firm platform, and in union raised their eyes to heaven and with a loud voice glorified God. This affected some of those who had complained and left the platform, and they with humble look again stepped upon it.” *Early Writings*, 258.

Lest we Forget

“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.” *Christian Experience and Teachings*, 204.

No Replaced Timbers Required

“The Word of the Lord has guided our steps since the passing of the time in 1844. We have searched the Scriptures; we have built solidly; and **we have not had to tear up our foundations and put in new timbers.** Letter 24, 1907, p. 3. (To Elder A. G. Daniells, February 4, 1907.)” *Manuscript Release*, volume 1, 54.

Reject Interpretation of Wreckers

“Listen not a moment to the interpretations that would loosen one pin, remove one pillar, from the platform of truth. Human interpretations, the reception of

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fables, will spoil your faith, confuse your understanding, and make of none effect your faith in Jesus Christ. Study diligently the third chapter of Revelation. In it is pointed out the danger of losing your hold upon the things that you have heard and learned from the Source of all light. Letter 230, 1906, p. 4. (To Elders of the Battle Creek Church, and to Ministers and Physicians, July 5, 1906.)” *Manuscript Release*, volume 1, 54.

Undermining Pillars of Faith

“The truths that have been substantiated by the manifest working of God are to stand fast. Let no one presume to move a pin or a foundation stone from the structure. **Those who attempt to undermine the pillars of our faith are among those of whom the Bible says that "in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils."** Letter 87, 1905, pp. 2, 3. (To Elder and Mrs. S. N. Haskell, February 25, 1905.)” *Manuscript Release*, volume 1, 55.2.

Waymarks Must Be Preserved

“At this time many efforts will be made to unsettle our faith in the sanctuary question; but we must not waver. Not a pin is to be moved from the foundations of our faith. **Truth is still truth. Those who become uncertain will drift into erroneous theories, and will finally find themselves infidel in regard to the past evidence we have had of what is truth.** The old waymarks must be preserved, that we lose not our bearings. Letter 395, 1906, p. 4. (To Elder S. M. Cobb, December 25, 1906.)” *Manuscript Release*, volume 1, 55.

The Light Behind Them

“While I was praying at the family altar, the Holy Ghost fell upon me, and I seemed to be rising higher and higher, far above the dark world. I turned to look for the Advent people in the world, but could not find them, when a voice said to me, "Look again, and look a little higher." At this I raised my eyes, and saw a straight and narrow path, cast up high above the world. On this path the Advent people were traveling to the city, which was at the farther end of the path. **They had a bright light set up behind them at the beginning of the path, which an angel told me was the midnight cry. This light shone all along the path and gave light for their feet so that they might not**

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stumble. If they kept their eyes fixed on Jesus, who was just before them, leading them to the city, they were safe. But soon some grew weary, and said the city was a great way off, and they expected to have entered it before. Then Jesus would encourage them by raising His glorious right arm, and from His arm came a light which waved over the Advent band, and they shouted, "Alleluia!" **Others rashly denied the light behind them and said that it was not God that had led them out so far. The light behind them went out, leaving their feet in perfect darkness, and they stumbled and lost sight of the mark and of Jesus, and fell off the path down into the dark and wicked world below.**" *Early Writings*, 14.

New Truth is not Independent of the Old

"In every age there is a new development of truth, a message of God to the people of that generation. **The old truths are all essential; new truth is not independent of the old, but an unfolding of it. It is only as the old truths are understood that we can comprehend the new.** When Christ desired to open to His disciples the truth of His resurrection, He began "at Moses and all the prophets" and "expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning Himself." Luke 24:27. But it is the light which shines in the fresh unfolding of truth that glorifies the old. **He who rejects or neglects the new does not really possess the old.** For him it loses its vital power and becomes but a lifeless form." *Christ Object Lessons*, 127.

A new Organisation

"The Lord has declared that the history of the past shall be rehearsed as we enter upon the closing work. Every truth that He has given for these last days is to be proclaimed to the world. **Every pillar that He has established is to be strengthened.** We cannot now step off the foundation that God has established. **We cannot now enter into any new organization, for this would mean apostasy from the truth.**" *Manuscript 129*, 1905; *Church Triumphant*, 367.

Our Only Safety

"Our only safety is in preserving the ancient landmarks. "To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them." *Testimonies to the Church*, volume 5, 199.

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God does not contradict

“In the testimonies sent to the Denver meeting, the Spirit of God dictated a message that should prevent the carrying out of plans which would result in disappointment....**God does not at one time send a message of warning, and later another message, encouraging a movement against which He had previously given warning. His messages do not contradict one another.**” *Letter 287, 1905.* (6BIO 41.6).

Our Faith Founded on Truth

“**When the power of God testifies as to what is truth, that truth is to stand forever as the truth.** No after suppositions contrary to the light God has given are to be entertained. Men will arise with interpretations of Scripture which are to them truth, but which are not truth. The truth for this time God has given us as a foundation for our faith. He Himself has taught us what is truth. **One will arise, and still another, with new light, which contradicts the light that God has given under the demonstration of His Holy Spirit.** A few are still alive who passed through the experience gained in the establishment of this truth. God has graciously spared their lives to repeat, and repeat till the close of their lives, the experience through which they passed even as did John the apostle till the very close of his life. And the standard bearers who have fallen in death are to speak through the reprinting of their writings. I am instructed that thus their voices are to be heard. They are to bear their testimony as to what constitutes the truth for this time.

“**We are not to receive the words of those who come with a message that contradicts the special points of our faith. They gather together a mass of Scripture, and pile it as proof around their asserted theories.** This has been done over and over again during the past fifty years. **And while the Scriptures are God's word, and are to be respected, the application of them, if such application moves one pillar from the foundation that God has sustained these fifty years, is a great mistake.** He who makes such an application knows not the wonderful demonstration of the Holy Spirit that gave power and force to the past messages that have come to the people of God.

“Elder G's proofs are not reliable. If received, they **would destroy the faith of God's people in the truth that has made us what we are.**

“**We must be decided on this subject;** for the points that he is trying to prove by Scripture, are not sound. They do not prove that the past experience of God's people was a fallacy. We had the truth; we were directed by the angels of God. **It was under the guidance of the Holy Spirit that the presentation of the sanctuary question**

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was given. It is eloquence for every one to keep silent in regard to the features of our faith in which they acted no part. **God never contradicts Himself.** Scripture proofs are misapplied if forced to testify to that which is not true. **Another and still another will arise and bring in supposedly great light, and make their assertions. But we stand by the old landmarks.** [1 John 1:1-10 quoted.]

“I am instructed to say that these words we may use as appropriate for this time, for the time has come when sin must be called by its right name. We are hindered in our work by men who are not converted, who seek their own glory. They wish to be thought originators of new theories, which they present claiming that they are truth. But if these theories are received, they will lead to a denial of the truth that for the past fifty years God has been giving to His people, substantiating it by the demonstration of the Holy Spirit.--Letter 329, 1905.”

Selected Messages, book 1, 161,162.

Is it Time for an New Leader?

First	Second
Elijah	Elisha
Moses	Joshua
Aron	Eleazar
John	Christ
First Angels Message	Second Angels Message
Jeff Pippenger?	?

“I was pointed back to the proclamation of the first advent of Christ. John was sent in the spirit and power of Elijah to prepare the way of Jesus. **Those who rejected the testimony of John were not benefited by the teachings of Jesus.** Their opposition to the message that foretold His coming placed them where they could not readily receive the strongest evidence that He was the Messiah. **Satan led on those who rejected the message of John to go still farther, to reject and crucify Christ.** In doing this they placed themselves where they could not receive the blessing on the day of Pentecost, which would have taught them the way into the heavenly sanctuary. The rending of the veil of the temple showed that the Jewish sacrifices and ordinances

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would no longer be received. The great Sacrifice had been offered and had been accepted, and the Holy Spirit which descended on the day of Pentecost carried the minds of the disciples from the earthly sanctuary to the heavenly, where Jesus had entered by His own blood, to shed upon His disciples the benefits of His atonement. **But the Jews were left in total darkness.** They lost all the light which they might have had upon the plan of salvation, and still trusted in their useless sacrifices and offerings. The heavenly sanctuary had taken the place of the earthly, yet **they had no knowledge of the change.** Therefore they could not be benefited by the mediation of Christ in the holy place." *Early Writings*, 259.

A False Christ

And as he sat upon the mount of Olives, the disciples came unto him privately, saying, Tell us, when shall these things be? and what shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world? And Jesus answered and said unto them, Take heed that no man deceive you. For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many. And ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet. Matthew 24:3-6.

And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many. Matthew 24:11.

Then if any man shall say unto you, Lo, here is Christ, or there; believe it not. For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect. Behold, I have told you before. Matthew 24:23-25.

Every Pillar to Be Strengthened

"The Lord has declared that the history of the past shall be rehearsed as we enter upon the closing work. Every truth that He has given for these last days is to be proclaimed to the world. **Every pillar that He has established is to be strengthened.** We cannot now step off the foundation that God has established. . . .**There is need now to rehearse the experience of the men who acted a part in the establishment of our work at the beginning.** Ms 129, 1905, p. 3. ("Steadfast unto the End, "December 24, 1905.") *Manuscript Releases*, volume 1, 54.

Protest against Removing Landmarks

“When men come in who would move one pin or pillar from the foundation which God has established by His Holy Spirit, let the aged men who were pioneers in our work speak plainly, and let those who are dead speak also, by the reprinting of their articles in our periodicals. Gather up the rays of divine light that God has given as He has led His people on step by step in the way of truth. This truth will stand the test of time and trial. Ms 62, 1905, p. 6. (“A Warning against False Theories,” May 24, 1905.)” *Manuscript Releases*, volume 1, 55.

Experience of Aged Workers

“Young men will be bidden to link up with the aged standard-bearers, that they may be strengthened and taught by these faithful ones, who have passed through so many conflicts, and to whom, through the testimonies of His Spirit, God has so often spoken, pointing out the right way and condemning the wrong. When perils arise which try the faith of God's people, these pioneer workers are to recount the experiences of the past, when in just such crises the truth was questioned, and strange sentiments, proceeding not from God, were brought in. Today Satan is seeking opportunities to tear down the waymarks of truth,—the monuments that have been raised up along the way; and we need the experience of the aged workers who have built their house upon the solid rock, who through evil report as well as good report have been steadfast to the truth.” *Gospel Workers*, 103.

“Those who have served their Master when the work went hard, who endured poverty and remained faithful when there were few to stand for truth, are to be honored and respected. The Lord desires the younger laborers to gain wisdom, strength, and maturity by association with these faithful men. Let the younger men realize that in having such workers among them they are highly favored. Let them give them an honored place in their councils.” *Acts of the Apostels*, 573.

The Testimony of Pioneer Workers.

“I have had presentations regarding the deceptions that Satan is bringing in at this time. I have been instructed that we should make prominent the testimony of some of the old workers who are now dead. Let them continue to speak through their articles as found

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in the early numbers of our papers. **These articles should now be reprinted, that there may be a living voice from the Lord's witnesses. The history of the early experiences in the message will be a power to withstand the masterly ingenuity of Satan's deceptions.** This instruction has been repeated recently. **I must present before the people the testimonies of Bible truth, and repeat the decided messages given years ago.** I desire that my sermons given at camp meetings and in churches may live and do their appointed work.--Letter 99, 1905." *Counsels to Writer and Editors*, 26.