

Habakkuk's Two Tables #11

THE EVERLASTING GOSPEL

“The message proclaimed by the angel flying in the midst of heaven is the everlasting gospel, the same gospel that was declared in Eden when God said to the serpent, ‘I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.’” *Selected Messages*, book 2, 106.

Genesis 3:15

A PROPHECY

“The spirit which put Christ to death moves the wicked to destroy His followers. All this is foreshadowed in **that first prophecy**: ‘I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed.’ And this will continue to the close of time.” *The Great Controversy*, 507.

THE GOSPEL

“**The first gospel sermon** was preached in Eden, when God said to the serpent, ‘I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.’

“In Eden, Adam and Eve transgressed the law of God. God had forbidden them to eat of the tree of knowledge of good and evil. But **instead of obeying** the voice of God, they listened to the words of the tempter. ‘Hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?’ Satan asked. ‘And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden: but of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, **lest ye die**. And the serpent said unto the woman, **Ye shall not surely die**: for God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.’” *Youth Instructor*, February 22, 1900.

“Our lesson for the present time is, How may we most clearly comprehend and present **the gospel that Christ came in person to present to John on the Isle of Patmos**,— the gospel that is termed ‘the revelation of Jesus Christ’? We are to present to our people **a clear explanation of Revelation**. We are to give them the word of God just as it is, with as few of our own explanations as possible.” *Counsels to Writers and Editors*, 29.

Matthew 24:14–16

EVERLASTING

“Cain and Abel represent two classes that will exist in the world till the close of time.” *Patriarchs & Prophets*, 72.

A TEST

“Cain and Abel, the sons of Adam, differed widely in character. Abel had a spirit of loyalty to God; he saw justice and mercy in the Creator’s dealings with the fallen race, and gratefully accepted the hope of redemption. But Cain cherished feelings of rebellion, and murmured against God because of the curse pronounced upon the earth and upon the human race for Adam’s sin. He permitted his mind to run in the same channel that led to Satan’s fall—indulging the desire for self-exaltation and questioning the divine justice and authority.

“**These brothers were tested, as Adam had been tested before them**, to prove **whether they would believe and obey the word of God**. They were acquainted with the provision made for the salvation of man, and understood the system of offerings which God had ordained. They knew that in these offerings they were to express faith in the Saviour **whom the offerings typified**, and at the same time to acknowledge their total dependence on Him for pardon; and they knew that by thus conforming to the divine plan for their redemption, they were giving proof of their obedience to the will of God.” *Patriarchs and Prophets*, 71.

DEVELOPED

“Cain and Abel are given us in Bible history to represent the two orders in humanity. Abel was **faithful and loyal** to God, and he was preferred by the Lord. Cain was **disloyal**; he wished his own ideas to prevail. Abel protested against these principles as disloyal. But as the eldest, Cain thought that his methods and plans should have the supremacy. It made him very angry that Abel would not concede to his views, and his anger burned so hotly that he killed his brother. **Here the two principles of right and wrong are developed.**” *Review and Herald*, September 14, 1897.

MANIFESTED

“The murder of Abel was **the first example of the enmity** that God had declared would exist between the serpent and the seed of the woman—between Satan and his subjects and Christ and His followers. . . . And wherever there are any who will stand in vindication of the righteousness of the law of God, the same spirit will be **manifested** against them. It is the spirit that through all the ages has set up the stake and kindled the burning pile for the disciples of Christ.” *Patriarchs and Prophets*, 77.

ENMITY

“The enmity referred to in the prophecy in Eden was not to be confined merely to Satan and the Prince of life. It was to be universal. Satan and his angels were to feel the enmity of all mankind. ‘I will put enmity,’ said God, ‘between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel’ (Genesis 3:15).

“The enmity put between the seed of the serpent and the seed of the woman was **supernatural.**” *Selected Messages*, book 1, 254.

Philippians 2:5

Romans 8:6–7

SANCTIFY THEM THROUGH THY WORD

“**They are they that testify of Me,**’—of the Redeemer, Him in whom our hopes of eternal life are centered. The prayer of Christ for His disciples was, ‘Sanctify them through Thy truth; Thy word is truth.’ **If we are to be sanctified through the truth,** we must have an intelligent knowledge of God’s will as revealed in His word. We must search the Scriptures, not merely rush through a chapter, taking no pains to understand it; but we must dig for the jewel of truth, which will enrich the mind and the soul.” *Bible Echo*, October 22, 1894.

HIS PROPHEPIC WORD IS TRUTH

“The history of the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, as that of the Son of God, cannot be fully demonstrated without the evidence contained in the Old Testament. Christ is revealed in the Old Testament as clearly as in the New. The one testifies of a Saviour to come, while the other testifies of a Saviour that has come in **the manner predicted by the prophets.** In order to appreciate the plan of redemption, the Scripture of the Old Testament must be thoroughly understood. It is **the glorified light from the prophetic past** that brings out the life of Christ and the teachings of the New Testament with clearness and beauty. The miracles of Jesus are a proof of his divinity; but **the strongest proofs that he is the world’s Redeemer are found in the prophecies of the Old Testament compared with the history of the New.** Jesus said to the Jews ‘Search **the Scriptures;** for in them ye think ye have eternal life, and **they are they which testify of me.**’ At that time there was no other scripture in existence save that of the Old Testament; so the injunction of the Saviour is plain.” *Spirit of Prophecy*, volume 3, 211.

CHRIST’S PARABLES

“Revelation is not the creation or invention of something new, but **the manifestation of what was, until revealed, unknown to human beings.** The great and eternal truths contained in the **gospel** are revealed through diligent searching and humbling of ourselves before God. The divine Teacher leads the mind of the humble seeker for truth; and by the Holy Spirit’s guidance, **the truths of the Word** are made known to him. And there can be no more certain and efficient way of knowledge than in being thus guided. The promise of the Saviour was, ‘When he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all **truth.**’ It is through the impartation of the Holy Spirit that we are made to **understand the Word of God.**

“The psalmist writes, ‘Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? by taking heed thereto according to thy word. With my whole heart have I sought thee: O let me not wander from thy commandments. . . . Open thou mine eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of thy law.’

“We are admonished to seek for the truth as for hid treasure. **The Lord opens the understanding of the true seeker after truth**; and the Holy Spirit enables him to grasp **the truths of revelation**. This is what the psalmist means when he asks that his eyes may be opened to behold wondrous things out of the law. When the soul pants after the excellencies of Jesus Christ, the mind is enabled to grasp the glories of the better world. Only by the aid of the divine Teacher can we understand **the truths of the Word of God**. **In Christ’s school we learn to be meek and lowly because there is given to us an understanding of the mysteries of godliness**.

“He who inspired the Word was the true expositor of the Word. Christ illustrated his teachings by calling the attention of his hearers to the simple laws of nature, and to the familiar objects which they daily saw and handled. Thus he led their minds from the natural to the spiritual. Many failed of grasping at once **the meaning of his parables**; but as they day by day came in contact with the objects with which the Great Teacher had associated spiritual truths, some discerned the lessons of divine truth he had sought to impress, and these were convinced of the truth of his mission and converted to the **gospel**.” *Sabbath School Worker*, December 1, 1909.

“Leading thus from the natural to the spiritual kingdom, Christ’s parables are links in the chain of truth that unites man with God, and earth with heaven.” *Christ’s Object Lessons*, 17.

THE PHARISEE AND THE PUBLICAN

“The Pharisee and the publican represent two great classes into which those who come to worship God are divided. Their first two representatives are found in the first two children that were born into the world.” *Christ’s Object Lessons*, 152.

PETER THE PHARISEE

“For each of the classes represented by the Pharisee and the publican there is a lesson in the history of the apostle Peter. In his early discipleship Peter thought himself strong. Like the Pharisee, in his own estimation he was ‘not as other men are.’ When Christ on the eve of His betrayal forewarned His disciples, ‘All ye shall be offended because of Me this night,’ Peter confidently declared, ‘Although all shall be offended, yet will not I.’ Mark 14:27, 29. Peter did not know his own danger. Self-confidence misled him. He thought himself able to withstand temptation; but in a few short hours the test came, and with cursing and swearing he denied his Lord.” *Christ’s Object Lessons*, 152.

THRICE TESTED

Mark 14:29, 30

PROGRESSIVE

“The evil that led to Peter’s fall and that shut out the Pharisee from communion with God is proving the ruin of thousands today. There is nothing so offensive to God or so dangerous to the human soul as pride and self-sufficiency. Of all sins it is the most hopeless, the most incurable.

“Peter’s fall was not instantaneous, but gradual.” *A New Life*, 41.and

PETER THE PUBLICAN

“At the last meeting of Christ with His disciples by the sea, Peter, tested by **the thrice-repeated question**, ‘Lovest thou Me?’ (John 21:15–17), had been restored to his place among the Twelve. His work had been appointed him; he was to feed the Lord's flock. Now, converted and accepted, he was not only to seek to save those without the fold, but was to be a shepherd of the sheep.” *Acts of the Apostles*, 515.

THREE TESTS

“Self-confidence led him to the belief that he was saved, and step after step was taken in the downward path, until he could deny his Master. Never can we safely put confidence in self or feel, this side of heaven, that we are secure against temptation. Those who accept the Saviour, however sincere their conversion, should never be taught to say or to feel that they are saved. This is misleading. Every one should be taught to cherish hope and faith; but even when we give ourselves to Christ and know that He accepts us, we are not beyond the reach of temptation. God’s word declares, ‘**Many shall be purified, and made white, and tried.**’ **Daniel 12:10**. Only he who endures the trial will receive the crown of life. (James 1:12.)” *Christ’s Object Lessons*, 154, 155.

PURIFIED, MADE WHITE, AND TRIED

THE MILLERITES

Daniel 12:3, 4, 9, 10; Hosea 4:6

“Many who went forth to meet the Bridegroom under the messages of the **first** and **second** angels, refused the third, **the last testing message** to be given to the world, and a similar position will be taken when the last call is made.

“**Every specification of this parable should be carefully studied.** We are represented either by the wise or by the foolish virgins.” *Review and Herald*, October 31, 1899.

FIRST MESSAGE: PURIFIED

SECOND MESSAGE: MADE WHITE

THIRD MESSAGE: TRIED

John 16:8

**SIN; FIRST ANGEL’S MESSAGE; PURIFIED
RIGHTEOUSNESS; SECOND ANGEL’S MESSAGE; MADE WHITE
JUDGMENT; THIRD ANGEL’S MESSAGE; TRIED**

Psalm 77:13

**COURTYARD; SIN; FIRST ANGEL’S MESSAGE; PURIFIED
HOLY PLACE; RIGHTEOUSNESS; SECOND ANGEL’S MESSAGE; MADE WHITE**

MOST HOLY PLACE; JUDGMENT; THIRD ANGEL’S MESSAGE; TRIED

**JUSTIFICATION; COURTYARD; SIN; FIRST MESSAGE; PURIFIED
SANCTIFICATION; HOLY PLACE; RIGHTEOUSNESS; SECOND MESSAGE; MADE WHITE
GLORIFICATION; MOST HOLY PLACE; JUDGMENT; THIRD MESSAGE; TRIED**

THE CLOSED DOOR

“Many who went forth to meet the Bridegroom under the messages of the first and second angels, refused the third angel’s message, the last testing message to be given to the world. . . .

“The parable of the ten virgins was given by Christ Himself, and every specification should be carefully studied. **A time will come when the door will be shut.**” *Manuscript Releases*, volume 16, 270.

THE WHEAT AND THE TARES MANIFESTED

“Both the parable of the tares and that of the net plainly teach that there is no time when all the wicked will turn to God. The wheat and the tares grow together until the harvest. The good and the bad fish are together drawn ashore for **a final separation.**

“Again, these parables teach that there is to be **no probation after the judgment.** **When the work of the gospel is completed, there immediately follows the separation between the good and the evil,** and the destiny of each class is forever fixed.” *Christ’s Object Lessons*, 123.

WHEAT & TARES

“Let both tares and wheat grow together until the harvest. Then it is **the angels that do the work of separation.**” *Selected Messages*, book 2, 69.

“I then saw **the third angel.** Said my accompanying angel, ‘Fearful is his word, awful is his mission. **He is the angel that is to select the wheat from the tares, and seal or bind the wheat for the heavenly garner.**’ These things should engage the whole mind, the whole attention. Again I was shown the necessity of those who believe we are having the last message of mercy, being separate from those who are daily receiving or imbibing new error. I saw that neither young nor old should attend the assemblies of those who are in error and darkness. Said the angel, ‘Let the mind cease to dwell on things of no profit.’” *Manuscript Releases*, volume 5, 425.

THE MYSTERY OF INIQUITY

“By a variety of images the Lord Jesus represented to John the wicked character and seductive influence of those who have been distinguished for their persecution of God’s people. **All need wisdom carefully to search out the mystery of iniquity that figures so largely in the winding up of this earth’s history.** God’s presentation of the detestable works of the inhabitants of the ruling powers of the world who bind themselves into secret societies and confederacies, not honoring the law of God, should enable the people who have the light of truth to keep clear of all these evils. More and more will all false religionists of the world manifest their evil doings; for there are but

two parties, those who keep the commandments of God and those who war against God's holy law. . . .

“The enmity between the seed of the woman and the serpent is clearly defined by the Lord. ‘And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.’ ‘And unto Adam He said, Because **thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife**, and hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it: cursed is the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life; thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth to thee; and thou shalt eat of the herb of the field; in the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return.’

“By following his own way, by acting in harmony with Satan's temptations and in opposition to the known will of God, man vainly attempted to **elevate and bless himself**. Thus **he gained an experimental knowledge of disobedience to God's commandments**. Thus he knew good and evil; thus he lost his fidelity and loyalty to God and opened the floodgates of evil and suffering to the whole human family. How many today are making the same experiment! When will man learn that the only means for his safety is through a full confidence in a ‘thus saith the Lord’?

“Satan is seeking to intrude his own inventions upon the children of God through human methods. He is seeking to be received as God, or even to be placed above God.

“In changing the Sabbath to the first day of the week, he leads men to disbelieve God's declarations, and so to regard their own ways and plans that they appear exceeding wise in their own eyes and in their perverted judgment. **Through human policy he leads men to regard the expressed commandments of God as of less force than human tradition**, and to regard a deviation from that law which is always holy and just and good, as of little account. He sees that by thus preventing human agencies from walking as obedient children in harmony with God, he can hinder the accomplishment of God's work in our world.

“But Satan's connivings with human agencies who stand in responsible positions are just as much to be feared and shunned now after the experiment of sin has been tried, as it was in the case of our first parents. I am instructed to say that the men who are placed in positions of responsibility in the work of God have **overestimated their right to control others**. The position a man occupies does not change his character. Some have seemed to feel that they must devise for churches and for sanitariums and that there was to be **no questioning of their judgment**. Let them learn of Jesus at every step. He should be the chief authority for every man.

“The One who has often been our Instructor says, ‘How hard it is for man to walk humbly with his God, in a contrite spirit taking God's way and rejecting Satan's propositions which seem to present great worldly advantages.’ **The influence of man's having his own way in the place of firmly standing on the solid foundation that God**

alone has laid, has been repeated over and over again. Refusing to walk in the straight paths that God has signified will bring them to **confusion** and will not teach wisdom to others who have the same test and trial. When will man learn that **God is God, and not a man that He should change?**

“Some who have departed from the right way have been in a continual fever to grasp responsibilities that God has not laid upon them. God calls upon every minister and every physician to maintain the simplicity of the truth. The Son of God who is revealed in both the Old and New Testaments is the Saviour of our world today. From Him every medical missionary is to receive his training. Unless he shall separate himself from the prince of the power of the air, he will mislead souls who have confidence in him. **Let all beware of men who are so educated and uplifted that their plans cannot be understood by the common people.**

“**The intrigues of sin surpass infinite conception.** Every calamity, every suffering and death, is an evidence not only of the power of evil but of the truth of the living God. Having known the truth, the word of the living God, which abideth forever, and which through obedience gives life, man’s weakness in conforming to Satan’s ingenuity is surpassingly strange. All who are taught of God recognize Christ as His Son. **All who disbelieve the known declarations of God demonstrate the popularity of sin, and are not working on the side of life and immortality which are brought to light through perfect sanctification of the truth.** Unless they make a change in character, in words, and in spirit, souls will be lost.

“There is no middle path to Paradise restored. The message given to man for these last days is not to become **amalgamated with human devising.** We are not to lean upon the policy of worldly lawyers. We must be humble men of prayer, not acting like those who are blinded by Satan’s agencies.

“Many have a faith, but not a faith that works by love and purifies the soul. Saving faith is not simply a mere belief of the truth. ‘The devils also believe, and tremble.’ The inspiration of the Spirit of God gives to men a faith that is an impelling power that molds character, and leads men higher than mere formal actions. The words, the actions, and the spirit are to bear testimony to the fact that we are followers of Christ.

“The greatest light and blessing that God has bestowed is not a security against transgression and apostasy in these last days. Those whom God has exalted to high positions of trust may **turn from heaven’s light to human wisdom.** Their light will then become darkness, their God-entrusted capabilities a snare, their character an offense to God. God will not be mocked. A departure from Him has been and always will be followed by its sure results. The commission of acts that displease God will, unless decidedly repented of and forsaken, instead of seeking to justify them, lead the evildoer on step by step in **deception** till many sins are committed with impunity. All who would possess a character that would make them laborers together with God and receive the commendation of God, **must separate themselves from the enemies of God, and maintain the truth which Christ gave to John to give to the world.**” *Manuscript Releases*, volume 18, 30–36.

And Samuel said, Hath the Lord *as great* delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the Lord? Behold, to obey *is* better than sacrifice, *and* to hearken than the fat of rams. For **rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft**, and stubbornness *is as* iniquity and idolatry. **Because thou hast rejected the word of the Lord**, he hath also rejected thee from *being* king.

And Saul said unto Samuel, I have sinned: for I have transgressed the commandment of the Lord, and thy words: because I feared the people, and obeyed their voice. Now therefore, I pray thee, pardon my sin, and turn again with me, that I may worship the Lord.

And Samuel said unto Saul, I will not return with thee: for thou hast rejected the word of the Lord, and the Lord hath rejected thee from being king over Israel.

And as Samuel turned about to go away, he laid hold upon the skirt of his mantle, and it rent. And Samuel said unto him, The Lord hath rent the kingdom of Israel from thee this day, and hath given it to a neighbour of thine, *that is* better than thou. And also the Strength of Israel will not lie nor repent: for **he is not a man, that he should repent**. 1 Samuel 15:22–29.

MINGLING THE SEEDS

And it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born unto them, That the sons of God saw the daughters of men that they *were* fair; and they took them wives of all which they chose.

And the Lord said, My spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he also *is* flesh: yet his days shall be an hundred and twenty years.

There were giants in the earth in those days; and also after that, when the sons of God came in unto the daughters of men, and they bare *children* to them, the same *became* mighty men which *were* of old, men of renown. And God saw that the wickedness of man *was* great in the earth, and *that* every imagination of the thoughts of his heart *was* only evil continually. Genesis 6:1–5

“Upon receiving the curse of God, Cain had withdrawn from his father’s household. He had first chosen his occupation as a tiller of the soil, and he now founded a city, calling it after the name of his eldest son. He had gone out from the presence of the Lord, cast away the promise of the restored Eden, to seek his possessions and enjoyment in the earth under the curse of sin, thus standing at the head of that great class of men who worship the god of this world. **In that which pertains to mere earthly and material progress, his descendants became distinguished.** But they were regardless of God, and in opposition to His purposes for man. To the crime of murder, in which Cain had led the way, Lamech, the fifth in descent, added polygamy, and, boastfully defiant, he acknowledged God, only to draw from the avenging of Cain an assurance of his own safety. Abel had led a pastoral life, dwelling in tents or booths, and the descendants of

Seth followed the same course, counting themselves ‘strangers and pilgrims on the earth,’ seeking ‘a better country, that is, an heavenly.’ Hebrews 11:13, 16.

“**For some time the two classes remained separate.** The race of Cain, spreading from the place of their first settlement, dispersed over the plains and valleys where the children of Seth had dwelt; and the latter, in order to escape from **their contaminating influence**, withdrew to the mountains, and there made their home. **So long as this separation continued, they maintained the worship of God in its purity.** But in the lapse of time they ventured, little by little, **to mingle** with the inhabitants of the valleys. This association was productive of the worst results. ‘The sons of God saw the daughters of men that they were fair.’ The children of Seth, attracted by the beauty of the daughters of Cain’s descendants, displeased the Lord by intermarrying with them. Many of the worshipers of God were beguiled into sin by the allurements that were now constantly before them, and they lost their peculiar, holy character. **Mingling with the depraved, they became like them** in spirit and in deeds; the restrictions of the seventh commandment were disregarded, ‘and they took them wives of all which they chose.’ The children of Seth went ‘in the way of Cain’ (Jude 11); they fixed their minds upon worldly prosperity and enjoyment and neglected the commandments of the Lord. Men ‘did not like to retain God in their knowledge;’ they ‘became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened.’ Romans 1:21. Therefore ‘God gave them over to a mind void of judgment.’ Verse 28, margin. Sin spread abroad in the earth like a deadly leprosy.” *Patriarchs and Prophets*, 81.

“Very soon thereafter a few of the chief men of Israel approached Ezra with a serious complaint. Some of ‘the people of Israel, and the priests, and the Levites’ had so far disregarded the holy commands of Jehovah as to **intermarry** with the surrounding peoples. ‘They have taken of their daughters for themselves, and for their sons,’ Ezra was told, ‘so that **the holy seed have mingled themselves with the people**’ of heathen lands; ‘yea, the hand of the princes and rulers hath been chief in this trespass.’ Ezra 9:1, 2.

“In his study of the causes leading to the Babylonish captivity, Ezra had learned that **Israel’s apostasy was largely traceable to their mingling with heathen nations.** He had seen that if they had obeyed God’s command to keep separate from the nations surrounding them, they would have been spared many sad and humiliating experiences. Now when he learned that notwithstanding the lessons of the past, men of prominence had dared transgress the laws given as a safeguard against apostasy, his heart was stirred within him. He thought of God’s goodness in again giving His people a foothold in their native land, and he was overwhelmed with righteous indignation and with grief at their ingratitude. ‘When I heard this thing,’ he says, ‘I rent my garment and my mantle, and plucked off the hair of my head and of my beard, and sat down astonished.’” *Prophets and Kings*, 619–620.

“God gave to Abraham and to his seed the rite of circumcision as a token that he had separated them from all other nations as his peculiar treasure. By this sign, they solemnly agreed to fulfill the terms of the covenant made with Abraham and repeated to

Isaac and Jacob. But the descendants of Abraham departed from the worship of the true God, and transgressed his law. **They mingled with the nations who had no knowledge or fear of God before their eyes, and gradually imitated their customs and manners,** until God's anger was kindled against them, and he permitted them to have their own way and follow the devices of their own corrupt hearts." *Signs of the Times*, April 22, 1886.

"Satan is busily laying his plans for the last mighty conflict, when all will take sides. . . .

"Listen to the voices, mark the powers, that prevail in the world. Is there any voice of prayer? Do you see any sign that God is recognized? There are priests, plenty of them; but they are trampling under their feet the law of Jehovah. Their garments are stained with the blood of souls. Multitudes are sacrificing to devils. Look, you who are hesitating between obedience and disobedience. Look in imagination at the vast multitudes worshipping at Satan's altar. Listen to the music, to the language, **called higher education.** But what does God declare it?—**The mystery of iniquity.**" *Pamphlets*, 004, 11.

"The Son of God was rejected by those whom He came to bless. He was taken by wicked hands and crucified. But after He had risen from the dead, He was with His disciples forty days, and in this time He gave them much precious instruction. He laid down to His followers the principles underlying the **higher education.** And when He was about to leave them and go to His Father, His last words to them were, 'I am with you always, even unto the end of the world.'

"To many who place their children in our schools, strong temptations will come, because **they desire them to secure what the world regards as the most essential education.** Who knows what constitutes the most essential education, unless it is the education to be obtained from that Book which is the foundation of all true knowledge? Those who regard as essential the knowledge to be gained along the line of worldly education are making a great mistake, one which will cause them to be swayed by individual opinions that are human and erring. To those who feel that their children must have what the world calls the essential education, I would say, Bring your children to the simplicity of the word of God, and they will be safe. **We are going to be greatly scattered before long, and what we do must be done quickly.**

"The light has been given me that tremendous pressures will be brought upon every Seventh-day Adventist with whom the world can get into close connection. **Those who seek the education that the world esteems so highly, are gradually led further and further from the principles of truth until they become educated worldlings.** At what a price have they gained their education! They have parted with the Holy Spirit of God. They have chosen to accept what the world calls knowledge in the place of the truths which God has committed to men through His ministers and prophets and apostles. And there are some who, having secured this worldly education, think that they can introduce it into our schools. But let me tell **you that you must not take what the world calls the higher education and bring it into our schools and sanitariums and churches. We need to understand these things. I speak to you definitely. This must not be done.**

"Upon the mind of every student should be impressed the thought that education is a failure unless the understanding has learned to grasp the truths of divine revelation, and unless the heart accepts the teachings of the gospel of Christ. The student who, in the place of the broad principles of the word of God, will accept common ideas, and will allow the time and attention to be absorbed in commonplace, trivial matters, will find his mind becoming dwarfed and enfeebled. He has lost the power of growth. The mind must be trained to comprehend the important truths that concern eternal life." *Fundamentals of Christian Education*, 535–536.