

APOSTASY BEFORE THE FLOOD

WHY DID GOD DESTROY THAT WORLD?

INTRODUCTION: “For if the word spoken by angels was stedfast, and **every transgression and disobedience received a just recompence of reward; How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation; which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard him.**”(Hebrews 2:2-3)

ENMITY BEGINS ON EARTH: Let's begin at Genesis 3:14,15...

“And the LORD God said unto the serpent, Because thou hast done this, thou art **cursed above all cattle....** 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.”(Genesis 3:14,15)

In order to arrive at **the whole truth**, we need to understand these verses in their context and put them in **their proper place** .

We must remember that **Sin and worldliness creates enmity against the Holy God** (see Rom 8:7, James 4:4).

Obviously, then, **when Adam fell into sin, Satan was determined to keep the entire Human race in enmity against Heaven, for there’s no enmity between Him and a sinner**, and it would have been so had God not intervened.

Nevertheless, the prophecy “ **I[God]will put enmity between thee[Satan] and the woman[Eve,the Church - Rev 12], and between thy seed [the followers of Satan] and her seed [Christ, and His followers]; it [Christ]shall bruise thy head,**

and **thou** shalt bruise **his** [Christ's] heel..”(Genesis 3:15), shocked Satan, because He knew that though man sinned, Christ(the seed) was soon to come for deliverance through His death, **that men would through Christ overcome His temptations.**

To re-emphasize, the enmity which the Lord put between Satan and the woman(the Church) **is a separating line between good and evil, truth and error, believer and non believer. The two cannot harmonize .**

“And Adam knew Eve his wife; and she conceived, **and bare Cain** , and said, I have gotten a man from the LORD. And she again **bare his brother Abel** . And **Abel was a keeper of sheep, but Cain was a tiller of the ground.** And Cain talked with Abel his brother: and it came to pass, when they were in the field, that **Cain rose up against Abel his brother, and slew him...**”(Genesis 4:1,2,8)

In these verses, as can be seen, is revealed **the**

beginning of the fulfillment of the enmity between the seed of Satan and the seed of a woman. Abel was a seed of a woman [the true Church] for “he was righteous” (Gen 4:25, Heb 11:4). Cain, whose “works were evil” and “who was of that wicked one”(1 John 3:12) was the seed of Satan . Thus, He was an enemy to his own brother who was righteous.

The lesson which lies in these verses is that from the very beginning of the Great Controversy between good and evil, **the Lord has always wanted His followers to stand separate from sin and sinners .** As there's enmity between good and evil, Christ and Satan, so there's enmity between Christ's followers and Satan's followers, **the enmity that will exist till the close of time.** In families and churches, this enmity is clearly seen. **Hatred is cherished more than love. The father kills the son, grandparents are against their own grand children.**

Cain was an enemy to Abel and he slew him. Truth and righteousness compels a child of God to stand **against all** error and unrighteousness. Said the Saviour, "For I am come to set a man **at variance** against his father, and the daughter against her mother, and the daughter in law against her mother in law.."(Matthew 10:35) This variance, you see, is caused by Christ (who claimed to be "the truth" - John 14:6). When the daughter accepts the truth(Christ) and the mother rejects it, variance is created most of the times .

Genesis 4 records that after Abel had died, **Cain went forth and married his wife**. He started having children, first Enoch(not the one who was taken to heaven)- Genesis 6:17, then others until Methusael gave birth to Lamech(verse 18).

Concerning Lamech we read "And Lamech took unto him **two wives**: the name of the one was Adah, and the name of the other Zillah .."(Genesis 4:19)

The descendants of Cain followed in his path of disobedience . Lamech was the first person to practice polygamy. His wives, Adah(which means Adornment/ Ornament) and Zillah(Bell - related to music), and Zillah ' s son Tubalcain(meaning Cain ' s Spices - one who improved the work of Cain), may point to the character of Cain ' s descendants, for Biblical names had special significance.

The wickedness of Lamech, like Cain, is clearly presented in the chapter, such that he went as far as saying , **"If Cain shall be avenged sevenfold, truly Lamech seventy and sevenfold."** (Genesis 4:24)

Though Cain and his descendants were wicked, yet the Lord had to have people who were righteous even after Abel was slain. Here is what the Lord did...

"And Adam knew his wife again; and she bare a

son, and called his name Seth: For God, said she, hath appointed me **another seed instead of Abel, whom Cain slew.** And to Seth, to him also there was born a son; and he called his name Enos: **then began men to call upon the name of the LORD..”**
(Genesis 4:25-26)

In the place of Abel, Seth was born as “**another seed**” , which proves that Abel, Seth and the descendants of Seth **were all part of the seed of the Woman** (the Church), as opposed to Cain and his descendants. The fact that he[Seth], with his descendants, “**began...to call upon the name of the LORD**” shows that, as opposed to Cain’s descendants, **these were obedient to the Lord, and thus were His sons and daughters.** Enoch, Methuselah, Jared, Noah, e.t.c were all from Seth’s lineage who feared the Lord.(Read Genesis 5)

That Christ, the seed to destroy Satan, **was to be born in the lineage of Seth** cannot only be seen by reading these chapters, but also by looking at the

information provided by Luke..

“And **Jesus himself** began to be about thirty years of age, being (as was supposed) **the son of Joseph**, which was the son of Heli,...Which was the son of Cainan, which was the son of Arphaxad, which was the son of Sem, **which was the son of Noe**, which was the son of Lamech[not the one in the lineage of Cain], Which was the son of Mathusala, which was **the son of Enoch**, which was the son of Jared, which was the son of Maleleel, which was the son of Cainan, **Which was the son of Enos, which was the son of Seth, which was the son of Adam...**”(Luke 3:23,36-38, read Genesis 5)

Manifestly, then, **the line of demarcation and the enmity between the seed of Satan and the Seed of the woman, between the obedient and the disobedient, was maintained.** Seth with his descendants **on one side** and Cain with his descendants **on the other side.**

With this clear line of separation, Seth and his descendants maintained true worship of God. Yes they maintained holiness while the descendants of Cain practiced evil.

APOSTASY OF THE SONS OF GOD.

“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.. ”
(Genesis 6:1,2)

The statement **“ men began to multiply on the face of the earth”** shows that **both the descendants of Seth(the seed of the woman) and Cain(the seed of the serpent) multiplied, and there were daughters and sons on both sides .**

The phrase **“ sons of God ”** in the text has no reference to the angels as taught by many, **but to**

the descendants of Seth who called upon the Name of the Lord , who believed on His name(compare with John 1:12, Rom 8:14, Patriarchs and Prophets 81.2)

“But as many as received him, **to them gave he power to become the sons of God**, even to them that believe on his name.”(John 1:12)

Thus the sons **of God**(after the Spirit) were the descendants of Seth while the daughters **of men**(after flesh) were Cain's descendants.

From the very beginning, **the Lord purposed that the Sons and daughters of God should stand separate from the daughters and sons of men.** The sons of God needed to diligently obey this principle, and “**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. ” (PP 81.2)

What a mistake! Instead of staying in the way of Abel, the Sons of God went into the way of Cain and became like him, **apostatized**.

Having broken this holy principle, the Seed of the

woman (the sons of God) united with the seed of Satan (daughters of men), **the act which displeased the Lord of Heaven** and compelled him to say

“My spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he also is flesh: yet his days shall be an hundred and twenty years..”(Genesis 6:3).

Here the Lord gave these people 120 years of Probation, and purposed to withdraw His Spirit at its close.

THE ROOT CAUSE.

Was marrying unbelievers really something that stirred up the Lord’s anger? Is it a huge mistake to do so? Well, let’s pursue this...

Says the messenger of the Lord, **“Unhallowed marriages of the sons of God with the daughters of men resulted in apostasy which ended in the destruction of the world by a flood..”(5T 93.1)**

“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 6:5)

As clear as Inspiration can make it, The evil that existed before the flood was as a result of the **“ sons of God ”** marrying the worldly **“daughters of men”** .

Consequently, **“ it repented the LORD that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart. And the LORD said, I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth; both man, and beast, and the creeping thing, and the fowls of the air; for it repenteth me that I have made them. The earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence. And God looked upon the earth, and, behold, it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted his way upon the earth ..”(Genesis 6:6-7,11,12)**

Notice that the earth became corrupt, and that **all flesh had corrupted their ways simply because there were marriage and sexual relations between believers and unbelievers. The Sons of God became infatuated and went after worldly daughters of men.**

We read, **"But if there was one sin above another which called for the destruction of the race by the flood, it was the base crime of amalgamation of man and beast which defaced the image of God, and caused confusion everywhere. God purposed to destroy by a flood that powerful, long-lived race that had corrupted their ways before him .."(1SP 69.1)**

Again we see here that **the earth was corrupt and evil because of the union(amalgamation) of man (between the sons of God and the daughters of men) and beast among themselves . This act, as can be seen, defaced the image of God; almost**

destroyed the holy lineage of the seed of a woman, through which Christ was to come and bruise Satan's head.

To re-emphasize, through the seed of the Woman, Christ was to come and destroy Satan. Christ being the Holy one of Israel, the descendants of the woman (Starting from Abel, then Seth and all who followed after) had to maintain their holy lineage. By mingling with unbelievers, they became like them and lost their peculiarity and holiness. The children who were born out of this were not as godly as they should have been, they knew not who God really was. This is what destroyed the Image of God and caused confusion everywhere. It was, therefore, necessary for the Lord to clear out everything and start afresh.

PUTTING THE WHOLE THING INTO CONTEXT , here are the points to look at....

1) That the “sons of God” in Genesis 6 are the descendants of Seth, while the “daughters of men” are the descendants of Cain.

2) That if there were “sons of God”, there were “daughters of God” too. Using the same token of logic, there were “daughters of men” as well as “sons of men”.

3) That the statement “ the daughters of men... were fair ” means that they looked and dressed themselves in the way that could take a man away from God. They adorned themselves, with “chains, and the bracelets, and the mufflers, The bonnets, and the ornaments of the legs, and the headbands, and the tablets, and the earrings, The rings, and nose jewels, The changeable suits of apparel, and the mantles, and the wimples, and the crisping pins...”(Isaiah 3:19-22)
They were worldly, and capable of stimulating sensual desires.

4) That the sons of God were allured, and fell for these worldly women, leaving the “daughters of God” among them who cared more for “the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit...” “women professing godliness with good works.” (1 Peter 3:4, 1 Tim 2:10)

5) That though people had multiplied at the time of the flood, yet only “eight souls were saved by water .”(1 Peter 3:20)

6) That this fact will compel a student of scripture to believe that the “daughters of God” had, later, corrupted their ways before the Lord and had gone after the “sons of men”, otherwise they could have been saved together with Noah.

7) That in that drama, the sons of men were converted to impurity and worldliness, though it was supposed to be otherwise.

8) That the sexual relations that existed between

these two groups destroyed all holiness and purity in such a way that children who were born out of this were a confused and corrupt species, with no proper knowledge of God. Thus, the image of God in man was defaced, and confused spread everywhere .

9) That none was found righteous in that generation apart from Noah (Gen 6:8,9).

10) That in order to restore purity and holiness, to maintain the holy lineage of the seed of the woman in preparation for the coming of Christ, the Lord of Heaven had to destroy that wicked world and start everything afresh .

It was thus that the Lord destroyed the earth by water, to purify it and prepare well for the plan of Redemption, **because sexual immorality prevailed everywhere** “ And the rain was upon the earth **forty days and forty nights...And all flesh died** that moved upon the earth, both of fowl, and of

cattle, and of beast, and of every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth, and every man: all in whose nostrils was the breath of life, of all that was in the dry land, **died** . **And every living substance was destroyed which was upon the face of the ground, both man, and cattle, and the creeping things, and the fowl of the heaven; and they were destroyed from the earth: and Noah only remained alive, and they that were with him in the ark .** ”(Genesis 7:12, 21-23)

A confused species of man(parents as well as all who were born out of sexual immorality) and a confused species of animals (all animals which God didn't create, which were as a result of amalgamation) were all destroyed.

APOSTASY BEFORE THE CLOSE OF TIME.

The Saviour clearly indicated that **the world before the flood was a perfect depiction of the world**

just before the second coming. Said He,

“But as the days of Noe were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark, And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be..”
(Matthew 24:37-39)

It should be remembered that there's nothing wrong with eating, drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, but if any of these isn't done to the glory of God, then it becomes sinful. **“Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God..”(1Corinthians 10:31)**

But **“The people who lived before the flood ate animal food and gratified their lusts until their cup of iniquity was full, and God cleansed the earth of its moral pollution by a flood ... The**

inhabitants of the Old World were intemperate in eating and drinking. They would have flesh meats, although God had given them no permission to eat animal food. They ate and drank to excess, and their depraved appetites knew no bounds. They gave themselves up to abominable idolatry. They became violent and ferocious, and so corrupt that God could bear with them no longer. Their cup of iniquity was full, and God cleansed the earth of its moral pollution by a flood. As men multiplied upon the face of the earth after the flood, they forgot God, and corrupted their ways before Him. Intemperance in every form increased to a great extent.”(CD 373.2.4)

These people, you see, did not just destroy the sacredness of marriage in the first place, but they went on also and became intemperate “in every form”. They had already started eating animal food even before the Lord had not permitted them to to so.

This condition, the Saviour explained, must exist just before the end of time. How important it is then that we know of these things before it shall be too late!

ENMITY CONTINUES....

Since Genesis 3:15 was a prophecy “**embracing all the ages to the close of time, and foreshadowing the great conflict to engage all the races of men who should live upon the earth.**” (GC88 505.1), then **The Lord’s principle hasn’t changed**, His sons and daughters of today must stand **separate** from the World of unbelievers, for “**It is impossible for you to unite with those who are corrupt, and still remain pure.**”(FLB 221.2)

We read, “**Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part**

hath he that believeth with an infidel? And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing...”(2 Corinthians 6:14-17)

With this in mind, let's dig deep into the mine of the Lord ' s truth and find out how the amalgamation(union) which existed before the flood has continued to exist today....

PROBLEM 1 - Worldliness and Carnality.

“Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God.”(James 4:4)

“Because the carnal mind is enmity against God.”
(Romans 8:7)

The Word clearly states that **friendship**(union/marriage) between a child of God and the world **creates enemy against God. What a challenge!** In actuality, man should be united with God and have enmity against Satan and the world, but the opposite usually happens. **What unions are you having, brother, sister? Are your maintaining purity by standing separate from worldly practices?**

Carnality or the word carnal is related to physical, worldly appetites(especially sensual ones). He who follows “ **the flesh with the affections and lusts** ” (compare Galatians 5:24) is carnally minded, **which is enmity against God.** Are we, at this late hour, going to help Satan in his battle by willfully practicing that which the Lord of glory has forbidden? Are we going to comfortably love

the world and it's practices?

Again, **“your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear.”**(Isaiah 59:2)

Sin is deceitful. Sin is bad. Sin separates the soul from God.

Still further, we read “For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and **now tell you even weeping, that they are the enemies of the cross of Christ:**

Whose end is destruction, **whose God is their belly**, and whose glory is in their shame, who mind earthly things.”(Philippians 3:18,19)

Here is another solemn warning . Those **whose God is their belly(Stomach), who can't control their appetite, who eat whatever they find, are enemies(having enmity) of the cross of Christ.** As the people before the flood perverted their appetite, so the people of these days have done the same.

This warning, also, comes at this late hour to the **“ Seventh-Day Adventists, who have had great light ” on the health reform but “ have not walked in the light.”**

SOLUTION 1.

“Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world ... For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith. Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God?.” (1John 2:15-16,5:4,5)

To maintain **purity and holiness as sons and daughters of God**, we must **divorce flesh, sin and the world and stand separate**. We must say

“ Hello Mr Flesh, Sin and World, sorry for disappointing you, but we are breaking up now. I’m returning to my first and true lover, even Christ my Redeemer.” This we can do in the strength of Prince Emmanuel. We need to die to self. Let’s not be married to pride, covetousness and selfishness. Yes let ’ s not be slaves to appetite, we must be “temperate in all things.”(1 Cor 9:25)

We must remember that “ Satan is continually seeking to overcome the people of God by breaking down the barriers which separate them from the world. Ancient Israel were enticed into sin when they ventured into forbidden association with the heathen. In a similar manner are modern Israel led astray..”(GC88 508.2)

PROBLEM 2 - The Church Leaving Her True Husband.

“ But ye are a chosen generation, a royal

priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light.”(1Peter 2:9)

“ Seventh-day Adventists have been chosen by God as a peculiar people, separate from the world. By the great cleaver of truth He has cut them out from the quarry of the world and brought them into connection with Himself.”(LDE 45.2)

But alas, “The professed followers of Christ are no longer a separate and peculiar people. The line of demarcation is indistinct. The people are subordinating themselves to the world, to its practices, its customs, its selfishness. The church has gone over to the world in transgression of the law, when the world should have come over to the church in obedience to the law. Daily the church is being converted to the world.” (ChS 45.1)

“So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth. Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked.”(Revelation 3:16-17)

“ The church has turned back from following Christ her Leader and is steadily retreating toward Egypt. Yet few are alarmed or astonished at their want of spiritual power. Doubt, and even disbelief of the testimonies of the Spirit of God, is leavening our churches everywhere. Satan would have it thus. Ministers who preach self instead of Christ would have it thus. The testimonies are unread and unappreciated..”(5T 217.2)

As the sons of God “little by little” mingled with Cain ’ s descendants and became like them in character, so the Church is “ daily ... being converted to the world ” and to its practices. What a tragedy! The difference between the

Church and the world is in name and profession only, and not in practices.

How shall the Church preach the **“gospel of the kingdom...in all the world for a witness unto all nations”** (Matt 24:14) when **she’s creating enmity against the owner of the gospel and having friendship with those who are to be converted?**

Surely the descendants of Seth could not have converted the descendants of Cain as long as they remained alike in character. Israel, too, made a similar mistake:

“The alliances made by the Israelites with their heathen neighbors resulted in the loss of their identity as God's peculiar people. They became leavened by the evil practises of those with whom they formed forbidden alliances. Affiliation with worldlings caused them to lose their first love, and their zeal for God's service. The advantages they sold themselves to gain, brought only disappointment, and caused the loss of many

souls. The experience of Israel will be the experience of all who go to the world for strength, turning away from the living God.. ” (4BC 1155.8.9)

At one point, they failed to overcome a small city called Ai simply because one member among them, Achan, cherished sin and they were defeated(Joshua 7). And **“ If the presence of one Achan was sufficient to weaken the whole camp of Israel, can we be surprised at the little success which attends our efforts when every church and almost every family has its Achan?”(5T 157.1)**

SOLUTION 2.

“I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see.”(Revelation 3:18)

Pure Faith and Love, together with the righteousness of Christ and His Holy Spirit is what the Church needs if she's to be at peace with God. She must be revived and say "I will go and return to my first husband; for then was it better with me than now.."(Hosea 2:7)

She must divorce the world and return to the Lord.

But "Are we hoping to see the whole church revived? That time will never come.."(TR 9.2)
What then? Is the church going to remain in the same condition forever? Well that would only mean that God is a loser, what a terrible thought to cherish. Hasn't he promised that he will finish the work and "cut it short in righteousness"?

Necessarily, then, "the church must be purged, and will be.."(10MR 21.3)

"... the days of purification of the church are

hastening on apace. God will have a people pure and true. In the mighty sifting soon to take place we shall be better able to measure the strength of Israel. **The signs reveal that the time is near when the Lord will manifest that His fan is in His hand, and He will thoroughly purge His floor.”**(5T 79.4, see also LDE 180.5)

When she shall be thus separated from the World by the Lord’s strange act, when Judgement begins “**at the house of God**”(1 Pet 4:17, see also Ezekiel 9, 1T 189.2, 197.1, 1MR 260.2) **then** it shall be said of her, “**for henceforth there shall no more come into thee the uncircumcised and the unclean..**”(Isaiah 52:1)

“...the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.”
(Psalm 1:5)

“In that day shall there be upon the bells of the horses, HOLINESS UNTO THE LORD; and the

pots in the LORD'S house shall be like the bowls before the altar. Yea, **every pot in Jerusalem and in Judah shall be holiness unto the LORD of hosts**: and all they that sacrifice shall come and take of them, and seethe therein: and **in that day there shall be no more the Canaanite in the house of the LORD of hosts..**”(Zechariah 14:20-21)

Then it shall come to pass, **after sinners have been sifted out of the Church**, that “**Clad in the armor of Christ's righteousness, the church is to enter upon her final conflict.** ‘**Fair as the moon, clear as the sun, and terrible as an army with banners**’ (Song of Solomon 6:10), **she is to go forth into all the world, conquering and to conquer.**” (PK 725.2)

Then it is that the gospel work will be accomplished. **This is her only strength, her only hope, her only deliverance.**

PROBLEM 3 - Marital Relations with The Unconverted.

“Neither shalt thou make marriages with them; thy daughter thou shalt not give unto his son, nor his daughter shalt thou take unto thy son. For they will turn away thy son from following me, that they may serve other gods: so will the anger of the LORD be kindled against you, and destroy thee suddenly..”(Deuteronomy 7:3-4)

The sons of God, in marrying the daughters of man, became converted, lost their peculiarity, defaced the image of God, and brought destruction upon the world. This act will produce similar results even today.

The Lord condemns such unions even today, for the fact that “they will turn away thy son from following me, that they may serve other gods.”

In nine tenths of the cases, this is true. Consequently one can marry **“only in the Lord”**(1 Cor 7:39)

Remember, brother, sister, that “While God moves upon the minds of His servants, **Satan works through the children of disobedience. There is no concord between Christ and Belial. The two cannot harmonize.** To connect with an unbeliever is to place yourself on Satan's ground. You grieve the Spirit of God and forfeit His protection. Can you afford to have such terrible odds against you in fighting the battle for everlasting life?”(5T 364.2)

Again, **“Though the companion of your choice were in all other respects worthy (which he is not), yet he has not accepted the truth for this time; he is an unbeliever, and you are forbidden of heaven to unite yourself with him. You cannot, without peril to your soul, disregard this divine injunction.”**
(5T 364.1)

Though you may be a child of God walking in the way of Abel, **yet if you connect yourself with someone who's not united with you in Faith, you start walking in the way of Cain**(placing yourself on Satan's ground) **as did the sons of God before the flood.** The results of such unions will, in no wise, be different from those before the flood. Take this seriously, brother, sister, for it affects your eternal destiny. Learn from Samson and Solomon, dear folks.

SOLUTION 3.

“Except the LORD build the house, they labour in vain that build it: except the LORD keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain.” (Psalm 127:1)

To begin with, the Lord must build the house, **let Him choose for you.** Always Remember that **“...a prudent wife [or husband] is from the LORD.”**

(Proverbs 19:14). **Yes, the Lord can perfectly choose for you the one you can love and respect.** The sons of God before the flood married **as they chose and pleased**(Gen 6:2). I pray you won't to this, dear friend.

“Let a young woman accept as a life companion only one who possesses pure, manly traits of character, one who is diligent, aspiring and honest, one who loves and fears God..”(LYL 24.2)

You cannot marry someone who is not of the same faith as you. **But here inspiration reveals that even if someone is of the same faith as you, yet you cannot still safely marry any who is a believer of the present truth in name only. Only the man who “possesses pure, manly traits of character, one who is diligent, aspiring and honest, one who loves and fears God” is qualified,** and **the same is true for a woman.** This is for your own safety, brother, sister.

“It will be far better not to marry at all, than to be unfortunately married. But seek counsel of God in all these things, be so calm, so submissive to the will of God that you will not be in a fever of excitement and unqualified for His service by your attachments.”(LYL 37.2)

“Remember, you have a heaven to gain, an open path to perdition to shun. God means what He says..”(MYP 442.1)

To those who are already Married and the Lord has blessed them, **we praise God, continue clinging to His robe for help.** To those who are unhappily married or have married an unbeliever, **do not end the marriage**(1 Cor 7:12-14), **pray to the Lord.** To all who are not yet married, who maybe preparing for marriage, and are united with someone who's not worthy, read this counsel: “You may say: **‘But I have given my promise, and shall I now retract it?’** I answer: **If you have made a promise contrary to the Scriptures, by all means retract it**

without delay, and in humility before God repent of the infatuation that led you to make so rash a pledge. Far better take back such a promise, in the fear of God, than keep it and thereby dishonor your Maker.”(5T 365.1)

And to those who are looking for God fearing partners, let them make sure that they themselves are God-fearing. You cannot be worldly minded and yet be looking for the spiritually minded.

THE CORE ISSUE IN THE FINAL HOURS.

The hunger for sexual immorality today is a clear evidence that “the end of all things is at hand.” Satan knows that the more people have sexual intercourse either outside marriage or with different people, the more the image of God disappears. By “Mingling with the depraved[perverted daughters of men], they[the sons of God] became like them in

spirit and in deeds.” (PP 81.2), so their children were affected. Similarly, children who are born from depraved parents, or from a believing parent and a depraved parent are largely affected in most of the cases. Satan understands this, thus he makes people, especially young people to be so obsessed with sex. The carnal nature of many even within the Church can hardly allow them to receive the light of truth which precedes from the very throne of God. They reject God’s messages of warning which condemn their practices. There’s confusion everywhere, the earth is as corrupt as it was in the days of Noah. Many Children have no direction, they are familiar with sin more than righteousness. “The world is fast becoming ripe for destruction. Soon the judgments of God are to be poured out, and sin and sinners are to be consumed..”(ChS 56.1)

CONCLUSION

You can, however, make a difference dear folks

by deciding for Christ. And no matter how corrupt the world may be, the Lord still has a minority of those “that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus.. ” (Revelation 14:12)

May the Lord of Peace Help His People.