

THE CURSE OF SIN

FROM CREATION TO RESTORATION



INTRODUCTION: “Cast not away therefore your confidence, which hath great recompence of reward. For ye have need of patience, that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise. For yet a little while, and he that shall come will come, and will not tarry.”(Hebrews 10:35-37)

Here we are cautioned not to let go of or cast away our very confidence in Christ who has promised to give a great reward, “**eternal life to those who by patient continuance in doing good seek for glory, honor, and immortality.**”(Romans 2:7, NKJV)

All that we need is endurance(patience) to the very end, for Christ is coming quickly(Revelation 22:12,21)

It is the core purpose of this lesson to disclose to us **how the curse of sin was pronounced upon the earth, how it has heavily rested on earth and its final removal** when the Lord of the rewards shall come in the clouds of glory to redeem both man and the earth. Let's begin by looking at

A Perfect Creation .

“In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth ... and God saw that it was good...And **God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, it was very good..”**

(Genesis 1:1,10,31)

The fact that everything that God made was perfect in the beginning shows that **“No taint of sin or shadow of death marred the fair creation”**(see Edu 22.2). The atmosphere was perfect, the air was pure, and the land was very fertile.

“As the earth came forth from the hand of its Maker, **it was exceedingly beautiful ... Graceful shrubs and delicate flowers greeted the eye at every turn. The heights were crowned **with trees more majestic than any that now exist..**”(PP 44.2)**

Then God Created man in his **own image**, after

his likeness (Genesis 1:26)



“ As man came forth from the hand of his Creator, **he was of lofty stature and perfect symmetry.** His countenance bore the ruddy tint of health and glowed with the light of life and joy..”(PP 45.3)

Details About Adam and Eve before the fall.

1.Height.

“He was **more than twice as tall as men now living upon the earth**, and was well proportioned ... Eve was not quite as tall as Adam. **Her head reached a little above his shoulders..**”(3SG 33.2)

Since the **average height** of man today can be approximated to **1.7m**, and of a woman **1.6m**, and since Adam's height “**was more than twice**” of this, then his height was probably **above 3 meters**, and his wife's around the same but slightly less than that.

Interestingly enough, there has been no record of such height in history, at least from the time of the flood. World's records show that the tallest man ever recorded in history, **Robert Pershing Wadlow, was 8 feet 11.1 inch, that is 2.72 meters**. And this was because he had a condition called **gigantism**, caused by

abnormal production of growth hormone.

2. Beauty.

“Graceful and symmetrical in form, regular and beautiful in feature, their countenances glowing with the tint of health and the light of joy and hope, **they bore in outward resemblance the likeness of their Maker..”**
(Ed 20.2, 1BC 1082.1)

If they really bore in outward resemblance the likeness of God, then we can just imagine how beautiful they were. Such beauty, the beauty which probably no longer exists today because of sin.

3. Skin color.

“ His complexion was neither white, nor sallow, but ruddy, glowing with the rich tint of health..”(3SG 33.2)

Here you can clearly see, as clearly pointed out, that Adam's, as well as Eve's skin color was **ruddy (reddish)**, not white, black or sallow(yellowish), the color that no longer exists **as it exactly was**, and those who have something closer to that, it is caused by a genetic condition from the Medical perspective.

4. Mental powers

“Every faculty of mind and soul reflected the Creator's glory. **Endowed with high mental and spiritual gifts..**”(Ed 20.2)

They had superior **higher intelligence**. Infact, even their descendants at least up to the flood needed no book to write things down, for **their memory was so strong** that it was very easy to maintain the oral tradition without any problem.

5. Their work.

“And the LORD God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it.”(Gen 2:15)

“A portion of their time was to be occupied in the happy employment of dressing the garden, and a portion in receiving the visits of angels, listening to their instruction, and in happy meditation. **Their labor was not wearisome, but pleasant and invigorating.** This beautiful garden was to be their home, their special residence.”(3SG 34.1)

Additionally, Adam was the king over God’s creation, and Even was the Queen. God said, **“let them have dominion** over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the

earth.”(Gen 1:26)

Adam himself was made **“the father and representative of the whole human family.”**(PP 48.1)

Thus the earth was their kingdom, their territory.

6. Their diet, and that of animals.

“Behold, I have given you every herb bearing seed, which is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree, in the which is the fruit of a tree yielding seed; to you it shall be for meat.

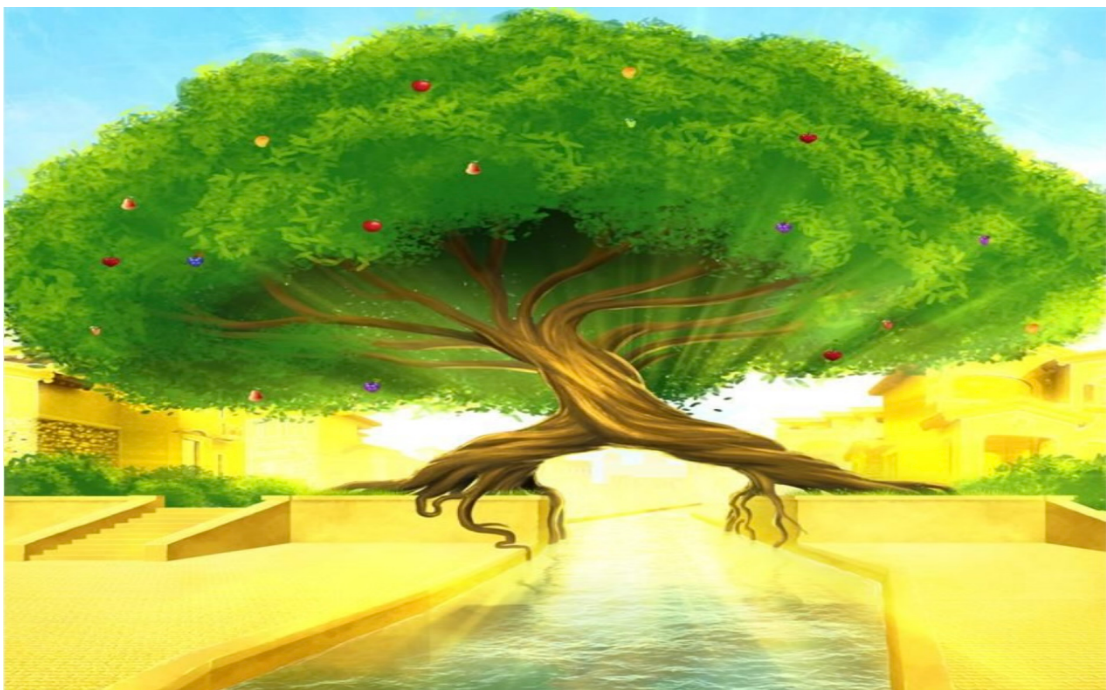
And to every beast of the earth, and to every fowl of the air, and to every thing that creepeth upon the earth, wherein there is life, I have given every green herb for meat: and it was so.”(Gen 1:29,30)

There was no death in Eden. Carnivorous or

omnivorous animals didn't exist. Both lions and Zebras fed on **“every green herb”**, and man on grains, nuts, fruits e.t.c

The Tree of life.

“...out of the ground made the LORD God to grow...the tree of life...”(Genesis 2:9)



“The fruit of the tree of life in the Garden of Eden possessed supernatural virtue. To eat of it was to live forever. Its fruit was the

antidote of death. Its leaves were for the **sustaining of life and immortality.. ”** (Hvn 172.2)

Manifestly, the tree of life was there to sustain their lives. They needed to energize themselves constantly by partaking of its fruits. The more they did this, the longer they lived.

Their relationship with animals.

“...the LORD God formed every beast of the field, and every fowl of the air; and brought them unto Adam to see what he would call them.”(Gen 2:19)

This shows that man was not afraid of even the so called wild animals, and vice versa.

“The lion and the lamb sported peacefully around them or lay down together at their

feet. The happy birds flitted about them without fear...”(PP 50.2)



The test of their loyalty.

“ And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.”(Gen 2:16,17)

Adam and Eve, you see, enjoyed and only knew about all that is good and pleasant. The tree of the knowledge of good and evil was a test to them. **They only had the knowledge of good, but by eating of it they were to not only to possess the knowledge of evil as well, but also to experience its results.**

When they fell, the results of their transgression appointed them to suffering.

“....anxiety and toil were to be their lot. **They would be subject to disappointment, grief, and pain, and finally to death. Under the curse of sin all nature was to witness to man of the character and results of rebellion against God..** ” (PP 59.3.4), thus God pronounced

The Curse upon the earth.

The transgression of the law meant that Adam was no longer to enjoy the life he had in Eden. Everything was changed.

The Lord immediately guarded the tree of life(Gen 3:24), lest man should eat and become an eternal sinner, thereby immortalizing sin. And since their existence depended on the tree of life, then “In order to possess an endless existence, man must continue to partake of the tree of life. **Deprived of this, his vitality would gradually diminish until life should become extinct..**”(PP 60.3)

“So he drove out the man”(Gen 3:24). “**In humility and unutterable sadness they bade farewell to their beautiful home and went forth to dwell upon the earth, where rested the curse of sin..**”(PP 61.5)

The **curse**, you see, rested upon the earth. That is, the earth was filled with **grief, pain, sorrow,**

suffering, disappointment and death, and these things man was to experience.



“The world that God had made **was blighted with the curse of sin and inhabited by beings doomed to misery and death.** There appeared no escape for those who had transgressed the law..”(PP 63.1)

God’s Pronouncements.

Beginning at the serpent He said “**thou art**

cursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field; upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life.”(Gen 3:14)

Implying that the serpent “**was to become the most groveling and detested of them all, feared and hated by both man and beast..**”
(PP 58.2)

“ Unto the woman he said, **I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception; in sorrow thou shalt bring forth children**; and thy desire shall be to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee.”(Gen 3:16)

The pain of child birth is **every woman ’ s portion under the curse of sin**. The mind of a woman in labor pains has to be taken back to Eden and remember what sin has brought to this world. And how many pains there are which are associated with women’s sexuality

and monthly cycles? **Sin is bad, brother, sister.**

“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 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.**”(Gen 3:17-19)

The land that was once fertile was cursed for man's own good. **As opposed to the work in Eden that was not wearisome, man under the curse of sin was to have weariness and pain in work.**

Animals which were **once friendly to them became their enemies**. The powers of rulership they once had were **striped out from them**, and **Satan took dominion away from them**. This is confirmed not only by what the earth has gone through since that time, but also by the record of Scripture.

When Christ was in the wilderness, the devil showed him **the kingdoms of this world** and said “**All this power will I give thee, and the glory of them: for that is delivered unto me; and to whomsoever I will I give it.**”(Luke 4:6)

Thus Satan became the new ruler and representative of this world.(Compare with Job 1:6.2:1)

Because of their Sin, Adam and Eve could no longer enjoy God's presence.

What it meant.

By choosing to disobey God, it meant that
“**Crime would increase through successive generations, and the curse of sin would rest more and more heavily upon the human race, upon the beasts, and upon the earth. The days of man would be shortened by his own course of sin; he would deteriorate in physical stature and endurance and in moral and intellectual power, until the world would be filled with misery of every type..**”
(PP 67.3)

The evil they chose, the curse of sin was to affect God's creation (both plant and animal life) from that moment to the very close of time. Beside the gradual multiplicity of sin, crime, death, pain, grief and sorrow, **man himself was to deteriorate both physically and intellectually. The world was going to witness very short and less intelligent people,**

people experiencing strange diseases and dying like flies.

What a terrible thing they did!

A Double Curse.

The results of sin began to be realized even more **when Cain Killed Abel** (Genesis 4:1-8). From the very beginning God had given “**free will**” to his creatures, and He has always encouraged them **to choose GOOD (which is blessing, life , peace and joy) and shun EVIL (which is A curse, death, grief , pain e.t.c)**



Cain “was of that wicked one, and slew his brother. And wherefore slew he him? Because his own works were evil, and his brother's righteous.”(1 John 3:12)

“A heavy, double curse, first in consequence of Adam's transgression, and second, because of the murder committed by Cain, was resting upon the earth; yet the mountains and hills were still lovely ... But notwithstanding the richness and beauty of the earth, yet, when compared with its state before the curse was pronounced upon it,

there was manifest evidence of sure and certain decay.”(1SP 67.1)

And when the tide of wickedness overspread the world, which was becoming ripe for destruction **“the hand that had planted Eden withdrew it from the earth.”(PP 62.2)**

The Flood and A third dreadful Curse

Lamech in Genesis 4:19 became the pioneer of polygamy, something which God didn't allow. As time went by, sin became rampant such that even those who worshiped the true God, **“the sons of God”** went after worldliness and perverted their sexuality (see Gen 6:1,2)

“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. And 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 6:5-7,11,12)

They corrupted themselves, yes that “**long-lived race that existed before the flood; men of lofty stature and giant intellect, who, yielding to the control of fallen angels, devoted all their skill and knowledge to the exaltation of themselves; men whose wonderful works of art led the world to idolize their genius,** **but whose cruelty and evil**

inventions, defiling the earth and defacing the image of God, caused him to blot them from the face of his creation..”(GC88 663.2)

“ The entire surface of the earth was changed at the Flood. A third dreadful curse rested upon it in consequence of sin ... Where once had been earth's richest treasures of gold, silver, and precious stones, **were seen the heaviest marks of the curse. And upon countries that were not inhabited, and those where there had been the least crime, the curse rested more lightly.”(PP 107.4,108.1)**

The effects of this curse continued to be seen upon the earth even

After the Flood.

“ After the flood the people ate largely of animal food. God saw that the ways of man

were corrupt, and that he was disposed to exalt himself proudly against his Creator and to follow the inclinations of his own heart. **And He permitted that long-lived race to eat animal food to shorten their sinful lives. Soon after the flood the race began to rapidly decrease in size, and in length of years.**”(CD 373.3)

Why would God allow sinners to continue living and make the world even worse with their course of action? He wouldn't, would he? **Thus God permitted man to eat flesh in order to shorten his life.** After the flood, there was **significant impact** of the curse of sin, by the decrease in stature and years of man.

And it is just after the flood that we see the first case of the son dying **before his father.** “**And Haran died before his father Terah in the land of his nativity**”(Gen 11:28)

Thus we see that the curse of sin was to rest more heavily upon the earth in proportion to the magnitude of wickedness. **Yet, even at the time of the flood and after, the Lord had always asked his people to choose good and shun evil.**

A Blessing and a Curse

It turns out that those who obey the Lord suffer less the consequences of the curse that rests upon the earth.

Said the Lord to the Israelites, “Behold, I set before you this day a blessing and a curse; **A blessing, if ye obey the commandments of the LORD your God, which I command you this day:** **And a curse, if ye will not obey the commandments of the LORD your God, but turn aside out of the way which I command you this day, to go after other**

gods, which ye have not known.. ”

(Deuteronomy 11:26-28)

He also said,

“ I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, **that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore**

choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live:

That thou mayest love the LORD thy God, and that thou mayest obey his voice, and that thou mayest cleave unto him: **for he is thy**

life, and the length of thy days: that thou mayest dwell in the land which the LORD swear unto thy fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them. ” (Deuteronomy 30:19,20)

And relative to the health, he said,

“And said, **If thou wilt diligently hearken to the voice of the LORD thy God, and wilt do**

that which is right in his sight, and wilt give ear to his commandments, and keep all his statutes, I will put none of these diseases upon thee, which I have brought upon the Egyptians: for I am the LORD that healeth thee.”(Exodus 15:26)

Thus we see that by living a life of sin, a life of disobedience, **people not only shorten their lives, but also curse themselves physically, spiritually and mentally. And instead of just changing their course of action, they complain and blame God.**

The nations that perished In Ancient times did so because of their transgressions, for “**the wages of sin is death**”(Rom 6:23) and sin is “**the transgression of the law**”(1 John 3:4).

After predicting that the Israelites were to be afflicted for 400 years, the Lord said that they were to return afterwards, “**...for the iniquity**

of the Amorites is not yet full.”(Gen 15:16), implying that God had given this nation of the Amorites **enough time to repent but they didn ’ t, so they perished.** Not only the Amorites, but other nations too who defiled their ways, and the Lord warned his people that **if they did the same they would have a similar fate**(Leviticus 18:25-29)

There’s no favoritism in the eyes of God, you see. As long as there’s disobedience, He spares neither the heathen nor his own people.

When Barack hired Balaam to curse the children of Israel, his mouth was constrained to utter blessings instead of curses, because the Lord “**hath not beheld iniquity in Jacob, neither hath he seen perverseness in Israel**” (Numbers 23:21), showing that as long as God’s people are walking in his Word, **they will always be blessed and not be cursed.**

Said He, **“No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper.”**(Isaiah 54:17)

Yet later when one person among them brought a curse upon the camp, we read, **“ Did not Achan the son of Zerah commit a trespass in the accursed thing, and wrath fell on all the congregation of Israel? and that man perished not alone in his iniquity.”** (Joshua 22:20, read chapter 7). When Israel sinned, the weapon formed against them prospered. This is true for all people in every generation.

Evidently, then, the same hand of the Lord that is strong enough to save is also strong enough to destroy those who live in disobedience.

All have sinned, where is Hope?

Throughout history, we've seen how the curse

has rested more heavily upon the earth. Now since the Word of the Lord has declared all people to be under sin, “**For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God.**” (Rom 3:28), that is **all have broken God’s law**, and since that word also says “**Cursed be he that confirmeth not all the words of this law to do them.**” (Deuteronomy 27:26), then not only the land, but **all of us have been pronounced to be under curse, for we are all sinners and all deserve to suffer grief and die eternally.** The only way out to this is to realize what has been accomplished through

The Plan of Redemption.



“For as many as are of the works of the law are under the curse: for it is written, Cursed is every one that continueth not in all things which are written in the book of the law to do them. But that no man is justified by the law in the sight of God, it is evident: for, The just shall live by faith. And the law is not of faith: but, The man that doeth them shall live in them. Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree.”(Galatians 3:10-13)

True is the saying “while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.”(Rom 5:8), and He “gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.”

(Titus 2:14)

We did nothing for him, for we were transgressors, and a curse was resting on us - ready to destroy us. **But Christ took both the curse and the penalty of sin upon Himself.**

“Christ was treated as we deserve, that we might be treated as He deserves. He was condemned for our sins, in which He had no share, that we might be justified by His righteousness, in which we had no share. He suffered the death which was ours, that we might receive the life which was His. ‘With His stripes we are healed.’(DA 25.2)

Thus Salvation has come to us **freely by His**

grace. Here we see the climax of the Plan of Redemption that was formulated before time began.

“For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead.

For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive. ” (1 Corinthians 15:21,22)

“But Christ, by His sacrifice paying the penalty of sin, would not only redeem man, but recover the dominion which he had forfeited. All that was lost by the first Adam will be restored by the second..”(PP 67.1)

Thus in Christ’s sacrifice alone can we see the true promise of **the restoration of all that was lost through transgression, and the total eradication of sin and its curse that has troubled the world for almost 6000years.**

And since there has been a Gradual but serious disappearance of Edenic atmosphere, so there should be a gradual but serious **“restitution of all things, which God hath spoken by the mouth of all his holy prophets since the world began.”** (Acts 3:21) Until all shall be fully restored **“at the last trump”**

The Time of the End.

Just imagine at this time, how much the earth has lost of its value, and **how the curse of sin has rested on earth from the time Adam fell and the first curse was pronounced upon the earth.** There has been a huge increase in intensity and magnitude of everything that is evil. The Word says

“ For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now.”(Rom 8:22)

“... the earth shall wax old like a garment, and they that dwell therein shall die in like manner”(Isaiah 51:6)

The entire creation, you see, has been in pain since creation. Many people ask, **why do innocent animals suffer? Why do innocent children and even adults develop some strange diseases or die in wars?** These are difficult questions to answer, except that because the world is under a curse so the whole creation is touched by its consequences.

The world has changed so much since the flood. The death rates today, the diseases, griefs, disappointments and pains far exceed what existed in the past, because we are far away from the time when Eden was on earth. Most of these things are not necessarily self inflicted. Today we ’ ve very short people, different races and skin colours, wide

variations in terms of appearances, all because of the curse. Who shall deliver us from this? Tribalism, racism, rape, defilement, immorality, infidelity, hatred, violence, pride, selfishness, are all just telling as where we are in the stream of time. Death can strike at anytime.

“ Moses, the first historian, gives quite a definite account of social and individual life in the early days of the world's history, but we find no record that an infant was born blind, deaf, crippled, or imbecile. Not an instance is recorded of a natural death in infancy, childhood, or early manhood.... It was so rare for a son to die before his father that such an occurrence was considered worthy of record: ‘Haran died before his father Terah.’ The patriarchs from Adam to Noah, with few exceptions, lived nearly a thousand years. Since then the average length of life has been decreasing. At the time of Christ's first

**advent the race had already so degenerated that not only the old but the middle-aged and the young were brought from every city to the Saviour to be healed of their diseases.”
(1MCP 143.2.3)**



Why do some people today born blind, lame or deaf? Why do some women die during child birth? Why are some people black and others white? Why do we have short and very short people? What about famines and pestilences and wars? Why is the world

filled with misery of every type? Why are some people so evil that they can do every possible thing to their fellow human beings? Dear reader, Sin is bad, sin is deceitful, sin is destructive, sin crucified the Son of God. Flee from sin, brother, sister.

“Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof. Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God.”(Romans 6:12,13)

Now since **“even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body.”(Rom 8:23)**, we need to realize that before our sickly mortal bodies are delivered, all must hear the the message of Christ’s redeeming love. God will

not put an end this problem **until his name is sounded everywhere.** “**And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come.**”(Matthew 24:14)

And since he accomplishes this final work through His Church, then it cannot be the church that is against Him, that brings the curse upon herself through transgression. Says the Word

“The curse of the LORD is in the house of the wicked: but he blesseth the habitation of the just.”(Proverbs 3:33)

Since “In His dealings with His people **in the past the Lord shows the necessity of purifying the church from wrongs.**” And since “**One sinner may diffuse darkness that will exclude the light of God from the entire congregation.**”(3T 265.1)

Then the church at this time, which is daily being converted to the world, is not ready to finish this work.

Moreover we read, “... **Sanctify yourselves ... There is an accursed thing in the midst of thee, O Israel: thou canst not stand before thine enemies, until ye take away the accursed thing from among you.**” (Joshua 7:13)

The entire church of the Old Testament was living under a curse because of one Achan, one sinner, and they couldn't defeat their enemies. **“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)

Again if “ **Only when the Church is**

composed of pure, unselfish members, can it fulfill God's purpose..”(RH May 21, 1901, par. 7), then **the wicked, the unclean persons must soon be removed from the church.**

When this is done, then it shall be said of her, **“henceforth there shall no more come into thee the uncircumcised and the unclean.”**

(Isa 51:1)

“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)

To the wicked, the antitypical Achans who forsake the Lord, He says “Therefore will I **number you to the sword, and ye shall all bow down to the slaughter...**Behold, my servants shall sing for joy of heart, but ye

shall cry for sorrow of heart, and shall howl for vexation of spirit. And **ye shall leave your name for a curse unto my chosen**: for the Lord GOD shall slay thee, and call his servants by another name.”(Isaiah 6:12,14,15)

When God slays the wicked in the Church, he also causes the denominational name to cease. The living saints, those who escape **the judgment in the house of God**(1 Peter 4:17) **shall be called by another name**. They will go from one end of the earth to another, proclaiming the sweet message of Christ’s redeeming love.

Then, and only then will the Lord “**finish the work, and cut it short in righteousness: because a short work will the Lord make upon the earth.**”(Rom 9:28)

The Restoration of the Kingdom.

Through the death of Christ, the kingdom of glory has to be restored. And we know that Satan has been defeated, his rulership has been crushed (Luke 10:18, Revelation 12:7-12) but when is the Kingdom going to be restored?

First, the Savior before his death said “**the kingdom of God is within you.**” (Luke 17:17), that is, **we start experiencing the kingdom in the heart by faith.** All who are to live in the kingdom fully restored are to live it in their hearts first, all who are to be saints in heaven must first be saints on earth.

The restoration therefore first begins in the heart, and what is to be in the kingdom we must start practicing - **even the diet that God gave to mankind at the beginning.**

Second, after his resurrection the disciples asked Him,

“When they therefore were come together, they asked of him, saying, Lord, **wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel?**

And he said unto them, **It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power.**” (Acts 1:6,7)

Thus the kingdom was not then to be established, but “**they were to pray for its coming as an event yet future.**”(MB 107.3)

“...But the full establishment of the kingdom of His glory will not take place **until the second coming of Christ to this world..**”(MB 108.1)

This simply means that though the kingdom is not to be fully established until Christ comes, **it partially begins on earth before the close of probation when its atmosphere shall be**

experienced by a small number of its citizens in the Church purified.

“ In the last days of this earth's history, God's covenant with His commandment-keeping people is to be renewed. ‘In that day will I make a covenant for them with the beasts of the field, and with the fowls of heaven, and with the creeping things of the ground: and I will break the bow and the sword and the battle out of the earth, and will make them to lie down safely. And I will betroth thee unto Me forever; yea, I will betroth thee unto Me in righteousness, and in judgment, and in loving-kindness, and in mercies. I will even betroth thee unto Me in faithfulness: and thou shalt know the Lord.’”(PK 299.1)

Here you see the Edenic peace between Animals and mankind is restored in the last days, and the experience of the Church that

shall accomplish the final work will indeed be a kingdom experience. There where God's people will be, there peace and purity will be also. The kingdom of Glory in its infancy begins before the end of time.(Ezekiel 36,Jer 30, Micah 4, Dan 2:44), then fully established at the coming of Christ. Then **“the kingdom and dominion, and the greatness of the kingdom under the whole heaven, shall be given to the people of the saints of the most High, whose kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey him.”**(Dan 7:27)

Behold He Cometh

“Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him, and they also which pierced him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him. Even so, Amen.”
(Revelation 1:7)



“ One of the most solemn and yet **most glorious truths** revealed in the Bible **is that of Christ's second coming, to complete the great work of redemption..**”(GC88 299.1)

The second coming of Christ **will bring about a complete redemption and restoration of all things.** The wicked themselves, “ **cursed children**”(2 Peter 2:14), will helplessly try to hide from his overpowering glory(Rev 6:14-17)
These “ **shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord,**

and from the glory of his power.” (2 Thess 1:7). “...he will make an utter end: affliction shall not rise up the second time.” (Nahum 1:9). Sin and sinners will be no more.

**Immortality is given back to man,
death is swallowed up.**

The immortality that Adam lost through sin will be given to the saints of the most high.



“ ... for the trumpet shall sound, and the

dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, **Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?** “(1 Corinthians 15:52-55)

Man is restored to the tree of life, the traces of the curse are finally removed.

“All come forth from their graves the same in stature as when they entered the tomb. Adam, who stands among the risen throng, is of lofty height and majestic form, in stature but little below the Son of God. He

presents a **marked contrast** to the people of later generations; **in this one respect is shown the great degeneracy of the race.** But all arise with the freshness and vigor of eternal youth. **In the beginning, man was created in the likeness of God, not only in character, but in form and feature. Sin defaced and almost obliterated the divine image; but Christ came to restore that which had been lost. He will change our vile bodies, and fashion them like unto his glorious body.** The mortal, corruptible form, devoid of comeliness, once polluted with sin, **becomes perfect, beautiful, and immortal. All blemishes and deformities are left in the grave. Restored to the tree of life in the long-lost Eden,** the redeemed will ‘**grow up**’ [Malachi 4:2.] to the full stature of the race in its primeval glory. The last lingering traces of the curse of sin will be removed, and Christ's faithful ones will appear “in the beauty of the Lord our God;” **in mind and soul and body reflecting**

the perfect image of their Lord. Oh, wonderful redemption! long talked of, long hoped for, contemplated with eager anticipation, but never fully understood. ”

(GC88 644.3)

All will be raised **in the same stature they had before they died**, the blemishes are left in the grave, and **when restored to the tree of life all will grow up to the full stature and exalted to the state that Adam had in the beginning**. Everything that sin has wrought on us will be removed - yes, the scars, different races and barriers will be removed. We will have the same power and strength of **both the mind and the body** which Adam had in the beginning, for in the resurrection the body **“is sown in dishonour; it is raised in glory: it is sown in weakness; it is raised in power:”**(1 Cor 15:43,44)

Adam’s first Dominion is restored.

“The Son of God redeemed man's failure and fall, and now, through the work of the atonement, Adam is re-instated in his first dominion.”(GC88 647.3)

There shall be no more curse.

“ And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.”(Rev 21:3)

“ And there shall be **no more curse ”**
(Revelation 22:3)

The Edenic work itself is restored.

“There the Eden life will be lived, the life in garden and field. ‘They shall build houses,****

and inhabit them; and they shall plant vineyards, and eat the fruit of them. They shall not build, and another inhabit; they shall not plant, and another eat: for as the days of a tree are the days of My people, and Mine elect shall long enjoy the work of their hands.’ Isaiah 65:21, 22. “(Ed 303.5)

Eden fully restored, and the kingdom fully restored, the saints reign forever.



“And he shewed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb. In the midst of the street of it, and on either side of the river, was there the tree of life, which bare twelve manner of fruits, and yielded her fruit every month: and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. And there shall be no more curse: but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it; and his servants shall serve him: And they shall see his face; and his name shall be in their foreheads. And there shall be no night there; and they need no candle, neither light of the sun; for the Lord God giveth them light: and they shall reign for ever and ever.”(Rev 22:1-5)

“Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world”(Matthew 25:34)

We shall be **in the eternal kingdom of glory** soon, we shall meet before the throne of God our father and of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Seeing Christ face to face, the saints will have all their difficult questions related to this life answered. All that cannot be made plain now will be made plain then.

“For **now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face:** now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known.”(1 Cor 13:12)



“ Then they that have kept God's commandments **shall breathe in immortal vigor beneath the tree of life; and through unending ages the inhabitants of sinless worlds shall behold, in that garden of delight, a sample of the perfect work of God's creation, untouched by the curse of sin — a sample of what the whole earth would have become, had man but fulfilled the Creator's glorious plan.**”(PP 62.3)

“Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the

**things which God hath prepared for them
that love him.”(1 Cor 2:9)**

May the Lord help us