



Every morning I like to listen to the news, mostly because I am interested in reports that prove prophecies being fulfilled and mark the soon return of our loving Savoir Jesus Christ. There is an abundance of such reports lately.

Most of the time it is hard to listen to the news, because it is full of violence immorality and disasters. People hurting and people hurting other people. Lately

it is the blame game that makes listening to the news even harder. I can just take so much of it. No matter what happens someone is blaming someone else for the event. Sometimes some of the blame is justified, but some of it is quite ridiculous. The worst I have heard is when they blamed America for causing the tsunami. Than I heard some people blaming President Bush for the damage caused by hurricane Katrina. One time I heard a report where they blamed global warming on the gas cows are passing. This is no joke. Quote unquote intelligent reporters were discussing these issues.

Blame has been around ever since Adam and Eve. When they sinned, Adam blamed Eve and indirectly God for his own transgression. Eve blamed the serpent and God, Who created the serpent for the sin she committed, instead of soul-searching, repenting, and placing the blame where it belongs.

We know from prophecies, that in the last days of this earth's history when even more calamities and disasters will fall on the earth, God's faithful remnant will be blamed for them, because they will not observe Sunday. I used to think, how will reasonable people do that, but now I can see how Satan is priming people's mentality.

No matter how serious the charge is, we are not to worry about the blame people will be casting on us. Rather we should be concerned about the blame that the Lord will cast on us if we did not do the work that He has assigned for us to do. On judgment day He will ask: Where are your children? Where are your friends? Where are your neighbors? Where are your co-workers? We will have to account for every soul who the Lord has guided into our path, for us to witness to. Pointing fingers at that time will not acquit us.

We do not need to be concerned about the blame people might place on us, but we need to earnestly pray that **“we should be holy and without blame before Him...”**

There is still time to join God's team of workers, and it is still easy to do the work!!! Let us cease every opportunity! Let us all make witnessing our number one priority! We do not know how long people have to live, for that matter we don't know how much time we have left.

**We need to do the work NOW -- while the door of opportunity is still open!**

# BETTER TO BE BLAMED BY MAN THAN BY GOD!

“We should sincerely inquire, ‘Am I feeding upon the bread of life? upon divine truth? Am I listening to the voice of God that speaks to me through His word? Am I willing to make any sacrifice rather than be found seeking to excuse myself for not thankfully accepting the invitation to the gospel feast?’ I have heard the call, ‘**Come; for all things are now ready,**’ and am I ready to repeat this call to others? **What excuse will those have to offer in the day of judgment who have known the truth of the Bible, and have had no courage to maintain and advocate it? While they bow their heads in shame, others who have confessed the faith by the word of their testimony, and by their manner of life, will be honored of God, and accounted precious.** Could all appreciate the realities of the day of judgment, would they deny their faith for the sake of worldly advantages? Would they give up all that makes life desirable for the sake of securing worldly favors? **None can live a happy and satisfactory life, who do not live to honor and glorify God at any cost to self.** Shall we refuse the heavenly invitation, ‘**Come; for all things are now ready**’? Shall we separate ourselves from God and heaven, and walk in the imagination of our own hearts, when this means separation from Him Who only can bless us? Those only are safe who believe in Christ as their personal Savior. They have accepted the invitation to the supper of the Lord. What constitutes the gospel feast? Christ says: ‘**I am the bread which came down from heaven.**’ ‘**And this is the will of Him Who sent me, that every one who sees the Son, and believes in Him, may have everlasting life; and I will raise him up at the last day.**’ By faith we are to make Him our personal Savior. He says: ‘**He that eats my flesh, and drinks my blood, dwells in me, and I in him. As the living Father has sent me, and I live by the Father; so he that eats me, even he shall live by me. . . . It is the Spirit that quickens; the flesh profits nothing. The words that I speak to you, they are spirit, and they are life.**’”

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“Oh, we must be terribly in earnest to impress upon every soul that there is a hell to shun and a heaven to be won. **Every energy of the soul must be aroused to force their passage, and seize the kingdom of heaven by force.** Satan is active, and we must be active. Satan is untiring and persevering and we must be. **This is no time now to make excuses and blame others** for our backslidings, no time now to flatter the soul -- if circumstances had only been more favorable, how much easier for us to work the works of God. We must tell even those who profess the truth that **they must cease to offend God by their sinful excuses.** Jesus has provided for every emergency. If they will walk where He leads the way, He will make rough places plain. He, with His presence will create an atmosphere for the soul. He closes the door, and brings the soul into seclusion with God, and the needy soul is to forget everyone and everything but God. Satan will walk with him, but speak aloud to God, and He will drive back the hellish shadow of Satan. With humble, subdued, thankful hearts they will come forth saying, ‘**Thy gentleness hath made me great**’.”

Bible Training School -DT- 06-01-1917

“We may multiply forms and ceremonies, and heap resolution upon resolution, and be nothing better for all these things. What we need is purity of heart; and God can give us this as a free gift of His grace. **Many blame circumstances for their defective characters.** They say, ‘I could do so much better if things were only different; but this one tries me, and that one vexes me, and that is the reason that I am not a better Christian.’ But this is a deception. **There is grace with God to enable you to serve Him just where you are, and excuses of this order have no weight with Him.** Do not charge your circumstances with your failure. The Lord knows where you are, and He would have you practice those things which make for godliness. You need not be an element of strife, no matter what arises to try to vex you. You may be a peacemaker, whatever may be your circumstances. Jesus says,

**'Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God.'** What a shame it is that Satan is allowed to work so successfully among us! Why do we permit gossips to pour into our ears complaints and reproaches concerning our brethren and our friends? Why do we take up a reproach and stir up strife, instead of making peace? This grieves God's Holy Spirit, and causes love to leak out of the heart as water out of a leaky vessel. Let us have a practical religion. Look to Christ by faith, and behold His purity, His mercy, and His love, and bring our actions into harmony with the divine Spirit. Let us have the Spirit of Jesus in our homes. Let us sing and make melody unto the Lord in our hearts. **If the praise of God is in our household, there will be no danger of discord in the church.** Where there are peacemakers, there is the ministry of holy angels. Be converted; repent; realize what religion is. Open your hearts, and let the Lord Jesus in. **We cannot be half-hearted in the service of God, and be prepared to stand in the judgment.** We must have Christ in the inward parts, and His sacred presence will create a pure atmosphere in the home and in the church. If He abides with us, sweet music will come from our hearts, and our prayer and praise circle will be enlarged. Have little Bible classes among yourselves, and make them interesting. Go out and behold God in nature, and **when you glorify God, He will honor you. Unless we give ourselves entirely to Christ, Satan will take control.** Let us run with patience the race that is set before us, keeping our eyes fixed upon the Author and Finisher of our faith. Take your stand fully under the blood-stained banner of the cross. Look to Christ by faith, and light and joy and melody will spring up in your heart. Cultivate the faith that works by love and purifies the soul, and you will be among the blessed, and shall see God, and praise Him through the endless ages of eternity." The Youth's Instructor -DT- 01-09-1896

**"Let every family seek the Lord in earnest prayer for help to do the work of God.** Let them overcome the habits of hasty speech and the desire to blame others. Let them study to be kind and courteous in the home, to form habits of thoughtfulness and care." The Adventist Home Speech -PG- 438

"Conscientious, enthusiastic workers are needed. The time for labor is short. The months of 1886 are swiftly passing. Soon this year, with its burden of records, will be numbered with the past. Let the precious months remaining be devoted to earnest soul-labor for our Master. **Could we behold a faithful record of the manner in which we have spent the months already past, would the view be satisfactory?** Deduct every action which would benefit no one, which was performed merely to gratify 'the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eye, and the pride of life,' and how little remains of willing service, performed for the glory of God! Is not the record alarming? How many will have such an account to meet in the day of final Judgment! How many precious hours have been squandered in selfish gratification! How often, to please ourselves, have we neglected opportunities to work for Christ! Even when we consecrate to God the full strength of our powers, we can do but little in comparison with all that Christ has done for us. Let us, then, serve Him with undivided affection, by zeal and fidelity manifesting our gratitude for the love which we are powerless to repay."

Advent Review and Sabbath Herald -DT- 06-15-1886

**"Therefore to him that knows to do good, and does it not, to him it is sin."** James 4:17

"God's law reaches to the internal as well as to the external actions of men. It is a discerner of the thoughts and intents and purposes of the soul. A man may be guilty of sins which God alone knows. God's law is indeed a searcher of hearts. There are dark passions of jealousy and revenge and hatred and malignity, lust, and wild ambition that are covered up from human observation and the great I AM knows it all. Sins have been contemplated and yet not carried out for want of opportunity. God's law makes a record of all these. These hidden away, secret sins form character. **The law of God condemns not only what we have done but what we have not done. We will, in the day of final accounts, find a register of the sins of omission as well as the sins of commission.** God will bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing. It is not enough that by your own measurement of character you prove you have done no positive wrong. **The fact that one has done no positive good will be enough to condemn him as a wicked and slothful servant.**" Manuscript Releases Volume Six -PG- 141



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