

## THE REFORMATION

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The word "reformation" means the act of reforming; state of being reformed. Much is said of the 16th Century reformation, which resulted in Protestantism. This we want to consider, but we do not want to stop with the 16th Century, because this was only the beginning of the great religious reform which we want to consider.

The reason for the need of a reformation in the church was the fact that the church had slipped away from its original Biblical doctrines of truth. If the church had not drifted away from the Word of God, there would not have been a need for a reformation.

The Apostolic church needed no reform. It was perfect so far as its teachings and practices were concerned. The apostles and others, for quite some time, held the Bible standards clear and separate from doctrines and practices of men. Even though there were false teachers gone out, the true Word of God was preached and practiced. There was a people, called the church, who took the Word of God only for their faith and practice. This kind of a group of people continued for over two centuries. The apostles' teaching was written in manuscripts and was preserved after their deaths, from which we get our Bible today.

The early church followed strictly the instructions and writings of the apostles and leadership of the Holy Spirit. The ministry was on an equality, each one administering according to the proportion of faith given them. The Lord was their Master and they were all brethren. There will be no clashing when the Spirit leads according to the Word. The only organization we have any record of is where seven men were selected to take care of the distribution of temporal things to the poor. This selection was to be men full of the Holy Ghost. Such men could be trusted with temporal affairs.

As long as Jesus was given His place as head of the church, each member looking to and getting his direction from Him, there was unity and harmony. There were false teachers and heresies that sprang up, yet there was a host of preachers and saints who held the true standards of faith and practice until the Third Century. At this time false teachers had increased and much heresy was advocated, insomuch that assemblies were interrupted and congregations were disturbed.

About the year 270 A.D. man-rule superseded the leadership of the Spirit. Bishops began to be exalted to a higher place of authority than the elders; then a struggle for supremacy began among the bishops, which finally resulted in Popery. This was a gradual process, continuing over many years of time, but it resulted in man taking over and trying to fill the place of Christ and the Holy Spirit. The lower classes of people were taught to look to the rulers of higher rank for direction, instead of looking to Jesus the head of

the body, the church. Such a trend soon resulted in a form of worship without inward grace. Signs of miracles and healings, which Jesus said WOULD FOLLOW THEM THAT BELIEVED, had vanished. History tells us that in the year 465 A.D., the bishops and elders in one of their assemblies passed the following resolution: "We once thought that the religion of the Lord Jesus Christ was an inner experience, but now we have decided it is only an external performance." With such teaching Christ was "cut off from the people." However, during this age of apostasy, there were a few true saints of God who would not accept or bow to the apostate conditions.

By 530 A.D. the doctrines of Catholicism were generally accepted. The true doctrines, experiences and practices of the Word of God were lost sight of. The true Bible church had "fled into the wilderness" of confusion. The Catholics had taken the Bible from the people; darkness and gross ignorance had covered the nations. These conditions continued for one thousand years from 530 to 1530 A. D. History records only a few who had experienced the saving grace of God during this long reign of Papal darkness.

With gross darkness covering the entire world there was certainly need of a REFORMATION. It is plain to see from prophecy and Revelation, God planned a reform to begin in the 16th century. God knowing ALL things and He knew what would happen. He knew the "shepherds" would lead his flock into utter darkness.

In the 13th Century Wycliff translated the Bible into the English language. Later his bones were dug up and burned by the Papal authorities as a token of vengeance and hatred for such an act. In the 15th Century John Huss was burned at the stake for exposing and opposing the teachings and practices of Catholicism. These men died with very little accomplished. In 1507 A.D. Martin Luther was ordained a priest in Rome. Having access to the Scriptures, he began to study them for himself. In 1509 he began to lecture on the Bible. He was soon made to see the unscriptural practices of the Catholic Church. This he began to expose and met with much opposition. With his knowledge of the errors and deceptions of Catholicism and an earnest desire for TRUTH, God had a man through whom He could work the beginning of a REFORMATION that would in time lead people back to the true light of the Word of God. Being disgusted with the practices of Catholicism, Luther was in a good position for God to show him something better. He was soon led to see that "the just shall live by faith." It is today and always has been hard for God to enlighten people who are satisfied with what they have. When the glorious doctrine of JUSTIFICATION BY FAITH, the "new birth", began to be preached, hundreds, yea, thousands gladly embraced it, and with firmness protested against their former teachings. They received a peace and satisfaction from the Lord Jesus that Catholicism did not furnish. With all the rituals, dogma and confessions to the priest, with thousands of rosaries, moving of beads and the use of the holy water, they were left in bondage of sin, gall of bitterness and anguish of their souls.

The Augsburg Conference, called by King Charles in 1530 to discuss the differences between Catholicism and those protesting it, marked a dividing point between the "dark and cloudy day" spoken of in Ezekiel 34:12. The "dark day" was the Dark Ages of Papal reign ending in 1530. The "cloudy day" was the age of Protestantism from 1530 to 1880 A.D.

In the 14th chapter of Zechariah we are told of the "cloudy and dark day." In the dark ages, Catholicism dominated all nations. In Zechariah 14:2 God says, "For I will gather all nations against (*the heavenly*) Jerusalem to battle; and the city shall be taken, and the houses rifled, and the women ravished; and half of the people shall go forth into captivity, and the residue shall not be cut off from the city." Here the prophet of God is telling us of the "dark and cloudy day" in which all nations shall be gathered with their deceptions against the heavenly Jerusalem, the church. Now let us notice the first verse of this 14th chapter. "Behold the day of the Lord cometh, and thy spoil shall be divided in the midst of thee." This means the day in which God will permit all nations for a time to overrun the heavenly Jerusalem, the church. The spoils were divided in the middle by the Catholic and Protestant movements. From 1530 to 1880 A.D. there was much reforming, but with the light there was much deception. With every new truth brought to light the devil was on the job to twist its meaning or offer a substitute.

During these 350 years of Protestant reform many Bible doctrines were brought to light, and many deceptions along with them. The doctrine of justification through repentance and faith was first preached. Then the doctrine of entire sanctification, a second work of divine grace, was brought to light, preached and accepted by many. This brought the doctrine of holiness and a sinless life.

In the Catholic Church the priest ate the bread and drank the wine himself. This he did for the benefit of others, and when he blessed the bread and wine, it became the actual body and blood of Christ. Martin Luther held this theory while others held it was only an emblem. This was right; it was only emblematic of the body and blood of Christ and was to be eaten in memory of His sacrificial death. "As oft as ye eat this bread and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come." (1 Corinthians 11:26) While there were and are even yet some who do not understand the real meaning of the Lord's supper, yet the real meaning has been brought to light and accepted by many even in the cloudy day of Protestantism.

At first the ordinance of feet washing was not understood and consequently not practiced. As time went on, different movements began to practice it in connection with the bread and wine. "Ye call me Master and Lord; and ye say well; for so I am. If I then, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet, ye also ought to wash one another's feet." John 13:13-14) This Scripture is plain and needs no further emphasis. This ordinance is for the purpose of testing one's humility.

The Catholic Church has never been clear on the doctrine of baptism, and many Protestant movements were not clear on the mode or the purpose of this ordinance. Some accepted sprinkling as it was handed down to them, while others adopted the mode of pouring a little water on the head; while others saw clearly and preached that we should "be buried with him by baptism." Many have been confused about the purpose of baptism. Some Protestant movements teach that literal water on the outside of our bodies in the act of baptism will wash away the sins of our inner man. This is a deception. Only the blood of Christ can cleanse the souls of men. "And the blood of Jesus Christ his son cleanseth us from all sin." (1 John 1:7) Others hold that baptism is the door into their church. This, too, is unscriptural. Baptism is not for the putting away of the filth of the flesh, neither is it the door to the church that Jesus built, for Jesus said, "I am the door; by me if any man shall enter in he shall be saved." (John 10:9)

In 1 Peter 3:21 he says, "The like figure whereunto even baptism doth now save us (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answering of a good conscience toward God) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ." (Parentheses added for clarity) We are told clearly that baptism is only a FIGURE or an act, showing by outward performance of water baptism what has taken place in the inner man through the blood of Christ.

In this clouded and much confused age of 350 years, of Protestant sect making, there was much Bible truth brought to light. No one movement seemed to have all. Some churches or movements had more than others. Movements would start with emphasis on certain points of doctrine, and formulate a Church Discipline or Articles of Faith. Once this was done, it was hard to get them to accept any more light. Many movements played on one string, refusing additional light that would have made chords of heavenly music for their souls. When individuals got some new light they had to just walk out of the old movement, or were thrown out, in order to accept it. They soon started another creed, adopted their own articles of faith and practice, and soon became steadfast and as immovable as the group out of which they came. In this way many Protestant churches were started during the 350 years of Protestant sect making. This age is usually spoken of as a reformation. There was much more light and understanding of the Word of God at the last of this age than at the first. New light on the Word of God always brings about a reform. Some will not have it, turn it down and backslide rather than walk in the light. There was much confusion during this cloudy day, except for the doctrines of justification by repentance and faith, and sanctification through consecration and faith. This gave the people God's complete plan of redemption. Men could once more be saved, sanctified and made holy. Thus the doctrine of HOLINESS was experienced and preached. The experience of entire sanctification was preached from about 1730 to 1880 A.D. In the dividing of time in the Revelation, this was the Sardis church age. In the sand of the stream that flows through Sardis there

was much gold, which was a symbol of the glorious experience of a sanctified life.

There was one more Bible doctrine needed to restore the people to the apostolic teaching and practice: THE UNITY OF ALL GOD'S PEOPLE AND A DIVINE CHURCH. All people knew was man-made churches and organizations. When people got saved, they proceeded immediately to take them into some man-made church, each movement having their own mode of induction. All movements and churches soon became filled with many unsaved people who had the same rights as the saved people in all church affairs. According to their rules, the saved must fellowship the unsaved, which is unscriptural because "What fellowship hath light with darkness?" Even an outright hypocrite had equal rights and must be fellowshipped so long as he was a member.

By the end of the Protestant age, or the cloudy day, which ended in 1880, there were hundreds of different denominational churches who, according to their discipline, could not participate with the others. Unity and fellowship of the spirit was hindered because of a lack of UNITY OF THE FAITH. Many sincere Christians saw the need of unity, but did not know what to do, as they did not see the Bible way to have it. There was a moving from mountain to mountain and hill to hill (church to church), trying to find the most scriptural one. Now that many were saved and sanctified, and Bibles were easily obtained, the Holy Spirit could lead them into all truth. First they began to see the sinfulness of division among God's people. Many became dissatisfied with the divided condition of the saints of God. As long as people are satisfied with what they have, it is difficult to get them to see and accept even better things. When God's people see the unscriptural grounds of any faith or practice, they can always find something better by looking into the Word of God. During the cloudy day of 350 years, many sought self-justification in what they were doing instead of seeking the Bible standard.

In the year 1880, D. S. Warner, followed by others, began to teach the Bible standard of UNITY and a DIVINE CHURCH. This was God's time, and He found a man in the person of Warner whom He could trust to preach the new light. Warner was humble, yet a bold and fearless man in declaring God's message. He was clear on a divinely organized church with Jesus as its head, to rule and govern through the operation of the Holy Spirit in His people. In 1879 Warner and a number of other ministers denounced the Eldership of the sectarian church they were in and declared themselves outside and loose from every strap that would hinder them from following Christ as the One and only Head of the Church. In 1880 he began to print "The Gospel Trumpet" paper, and to declare the Church of God to be separate from all denominational churches.

D. S. Warner, with a few others, at this time began to cry out mightily against sectarianism and division, proving by the Word of God it was wrong,

and that the sects constituted spiritual Babylon, and for God's people to come out of her (Babylon), and be not partakers of her plagues. This was like a thunderbolt from heaven on the divided sectarian world. The devil and all sectarianism was moved against this new doctrine of UNITY OF ALL GOD'S PEOPLE AND A DIVINE CHURCH. They were criticized in many religious and secular papers as a low class of people, going around tearing down churches, but notwithstanding this, they increased with zeal, courage and energy and great grace was upon them. The number increased and men and women dedicated their talents, time and means to this great cause. Evangelistic companies were formed, going from place to place, suffering deprivation and persecution to preach this message of truth. Up to this time the glorious light and understanding of the Church of God had not been preached. People were divided and confused. They wandered from hill to mountain trying to find a resting place. They have "found it, Lord, in Thee." Jesus said, "I (*not man*) will build my church." (Matthew 16:18) In Acts 2:48, "And the Lord added to the church daily such as were being saved." While Jesus was here He gathered material for His church, and on the day of Pentecost it was put together, or organized. Solomon's temple was a type of the church. Material was gathered from different parts of the country, hewn out and prepared, and brought together in one place. When they put it together, not the sound of an axe or hammer was heard. On the day of Pentecost, "they were all of one accord in one place." When the Holy Spirit came as a mighty rushing wind, gifts of the spirit were given and God set them in the body, the church, as it pleased Him. (1 Corinthians 12:18) The Body, the Church, was completely formed or organized. This was rather a small beginning. "But the stone grew and became a great mountain." God did the inducting and made the additions to the church, setting each member in the place as it pleased Him. Each member was to act under divine leadership of the Spirit. Any kind of an arrangement by man would disorganize such a group. This is the message Warner and others restored to the church in the Sixth Seal age of time, from 1880 to 1930. Zechariah 14:6 tells us of this very time. After telling about the dark and cloudy day, he says, "But it shall come to pass that at evening time it shall be light." The same message of truth that made it light in the morning time is once more shining to light the pathway of the saints of God.

Brighter days are sweetly dawning,  
O the glory looms in sight.  
For the cloudy day is waning,  
And the evening shall be light.

Lo! the ransomed are returning,  
Robed in shining crystal white,  
Leaping, shouting home to Zion,

Happy in this evening light.

Free from Babel in the spirit,  
Free to worship God aright,  
Joy and gladness we're receiving,  
O how sweet this evening light.

Hallelujah! saints are singing,  
Victory in Jehovah's might;  
Glory! Glory! keep it ringing,  
We are saved in evening light.

(“Brighter Days Are Sweetly Dawning”, D. S. Warner)

This message of unity spread slowly for a few years. At first it was preached in Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan and Missouri, then to other states. In ten or fifteen years there were thousands of saints who had taken their stand for this glorious message, while many more had heard it but did not have the courage to face the opposition. To accept this message it meant to step out alone, leave the old group, be criticized, lied upon and persecuted in a severe way. Because of this, many refused to walk in the light, backslid, lost their souls and became persecutors of those who did accept it.

The 350 years of Protestantism had brought into existence many hundreds of denominational churches, which taught a mixture of truth and error, making a confusion called in the book of Revelation BABYLON. "And there followed another angel, saying, Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city, because she made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication." (Revelation 14:8) The angel spoken of here is the ministry of the Sixth Seal age which followed the cloudy day of Protestant sect making. This angel or ministry had a message, "Babylon is fallen, is fallen." It is called a "great city," after the ancient city of Babylon whose inhabitants tried to build a tower that reached to heaven, whose languages God confused. This spiritual city of Babylon also tried to build a tower to heaven through their sects and creeds. This, John the Revelator says, is a failure, because it is without truth and is fallen. Conforming to doctrines and creeds of men will never save a soul. When light comes that exposes them they become a sin to those who cling to them.

Saved people should be married to Christ only, and to nothing else. (Romans 7:4) Many were married to their sect or church and became spiritual fornicators. John tells us here that "all nations" had drunk of the wine of this fornication. Spiritual fornication is just as abominable in the sight of God as literal fornication. All nations had drunk of her fornication in ignorance, but when the true light came of the ONE TRUE BIBLE CHURCH, and Babylon is fallen, and come out of her MY people, they had no cloak for

their sectarian sins of division. Knowledge and light brought responsibility, and opened up the wrath of the judgments of God. As fast as this light reached the saved people in Babylon they had to do one of two things: COME OUT OR BACKSLIDE. The latter seemed to be the choice of many.

When people become a part of a man-made sect or church, of which Jesus is not the head, they become spiritual fornicators in such a union. Saints are to be married only to Christ. "Know ye not that your bodies are the members of Christ? Shall I then take the members of Christ and make them the members of an harlot? God forbid. What? know ye not that he which is joined to an harlot is one body? for two, saith he, shall be one flesh. But he that is joined unto the Lord is one spirit." 1 Corinthians 6:15-17, Christ only has one bride (church). It is the one He built and adds to. All others are harlots. Any church that man can organize or set up, fix the mode of entrance, take people in or turn them out, is not the church that Jesus built. Many are married to such earthly institutions, being bound to their disciplines, creeds and dogma, making them their gods. They give their energy, means, time and talents to support harlot institutions, making themselves spiritual fornicators.

The sin of Protestant divisions has reached all nations. "All nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth have waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies. And I heard another voice from heaven saying, Come out of her MY PEOPLE, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues. For her sins have reached unto heaven." (Revelation 18:3-5)

In every nation in which Protestantism has planted its sectarian seed people have been made drunk on the wine of its spiritual fornication. Kings and captains, meaning great leaders, are classed as fornicators. Merchants have been made rich selling their churchanity to the people.

Church organizing and church joining was not a sin to the people UNTIL the EVENING LIGHT CAME which exposed its unscriptural foundations, and at the same time brought the light and understanding of the Bible Church of God. When people see this truth, hear "that other voice" (the Spirit), they must come out of her or backslide and lose out with God.

John, the Revelator, tells us the general condition of Protestantism at the close of the Protestant age and the beginning of the Sixth Seal or evening light age. "And after these things I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power; and the earth was lighted with his glory. And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and the cage of every unclean and hateful bird." (Revelation 18:1-2) In the 17th chapter the general conditions and descriptions are given of sect Babylon. Revelation 18:1 says, "And after these things another angel came and lighted the earth with his glory." This was the ministry of the Sixth Seal

or Warner age. The ministry of this age certainly had power with God. They exposed all sin, including the sin of divisions. The Word was preached which restored knowledge of the divinely organized body with Jesus as its head.

The Sixth Seal ministry cried mightily, with a strong voice, that sect Babylon had fallen. Besides its unscriptural foundation it had become filled with foul spirits and unclean and hateful birds; even devils were operating and carrying on in its circles, under the cloak of religion. We only have to open our eyes and take an honest look to see these things are true.

The evening light was now shining in its fullness. Justification, sanctification, the ordinances, the unity of all God's people with a divine church was being preached as it was in the apostles' time.

There was an earnest endeavor made by the ministry to be led by the Spirit and to follow Jesus as the head of the church. The ministry did much fasting and praying to know the will of God concerning all their work and travels. They would not make a move until they felt clearly they had the Spirit leading them.

There was much pioneer work to be done with open fields of labor everywhere. Some ministers traveled alone, others went two together, while others would travel in small groups. They traveled by faith in God. They traveled by train, horse-drawn vehicles, horseback and many times they walked for miles across hills and plains. They endured many hardships and deprivations, but God miraculously took care of them in so many ways. On many occasions God miraculously furnished means and transportation. Some would even pack their suitcases, or send their trunks to the depot without money in sight to pay their fare. A love for God's glorious evening light message of truth was what dominated the saints of God, and not money, popular church offices and big salaries.

In those days men were called to the ministry from all walks of life. No one would accept hardships as the ministry had to meet except those who were pressed in the spirit by a call from God. One man said the ministry all took a course in "KNEEOLOGY", and a course in theology in Brush College in the School of Hard Knocks. Men from almost all common walks of life accepted God's call to the ministry, and God put his approval upon them by the anointing of the Spirit and the signs that followed. Souls were saved, sanctified, devils cast out, sick healed, many came out of sect Babylon and took their stand for the Bible Church of God. A glorious fellowship of the Spirit existed between all who preached and practiced this evening light message of truth. The saints were taught that in all things "Christ should have the pre-eminence." Even when they got sick they were to trust Him for the healing of their bodies, instead of man.

Many were criticized for trusting God when they got sick instead of calling for doctors. This unwavering decision and faith gave God a chance to show His power to heal sick folk. Many were the miraculous healings wrought by the power of God.

Camp meetings were crowned with victory from beginning to the end; souls were saved, sanctified, devils cast out and the sick healed. These signs can ONLY follow a humble, consecrated, believing and trusting ministry. Camp meetings were marked with much fasting and prayer; now with feasting and a good social time. An earnest endeavor was made to find God's man with God's message each time the pulpit was to be filled. I have known ministers to pray for hours before they filled the pulpit. Some would fast all day before preaching at night. There is something wonderful about a message prayed down from heaven, and delivered under the anointing of the Holy Ghost. It is hard for sinners, backsliders, hypocrites and lukewarm professors to stand in this kind of a congregation.

If two or more brethren were feeling the weight of a message on their hearts and not knowing just which one God would have delivered at a certain time, they went to prayer until God made it clear. No mistakes are made when God leads, and God expects us to pray until we know HIS WILL. Mistakes could be made, but God never leads but one man to preach at a time. It is a privilege and a duty to "seek and knock" until we find God's will and way.

God has not told us how to carry on our services in detail, but he did say, "Let all things be done decently and in order." I am sure that good common sense will help a saint of God to know what is decent, and what is in order according to the circumstances that surround such an occasion or meeting. Different systems of operation have been used in church services, and I personally feel some are better than others, but God can lead, even with a poor system, if we give Him a chance, and seek him earnestly enough. Some of the best meetings I have ever attended were where the Father, Son and the Holy Ghost were the pulpit committee. This will always put the ministers on one level and with equal rights and no big "I's" or little "you's."

A few times I have seen the wrong man get into the pulpit. I felt sure there had not been enough earnest praying about it. It was not God's fault. When men take over it is seldom that God's man ever gets to fill the pulpit.

The message of "Evening light" has faced many difficulties and much opposition, but it never failed to bring forth visible fruit and results wherever it was preached and practiced. There were even preachers who backslid, gave up and disgraced the truth they once represented and themselves; some were led into deception, while others became fanatical. This hindered the truth but did not stop it by any means. The truth marches on. At one time the question of how a saint should dress and just what was modest apparel caused quite a disturbance among good honest saints. Some became technical and made questionable things a test of fellowship, which should have been left to the conscience and prayerful consideration of each saint of God.

Now let us turn to Isaiah 3:18 and read a few verses, which I think will help us on this subject. "In that day (the day of salvation) the Lord will take away the bravery of their tinkling ornaments about their feet, and their

cauls, and their round tires like the moon, the chains and the bracelets, and the mufflers, the bonnets and the ornaments of the legs, and the head bands, and the tablets, and the earrings, the rings and nose jewels, the changeable suits of apparel, and the mantles and the wimples, and the cringing pins, the glasses and the fine linen, and the hoods, and the veils." It may be hard for us to know just what some of these things were used for. It seems clear that the prophet has reference to things used to decorate and ornament one's self, because of PRIDE IN THE HEART. Now "in that day" of salvation, spoken of by the prophet, in verse 18, Jesus takes away the desire for such things as come from PRIDE in the heart. A real saint of God will make the right use of money, while a covetous man will not. A saint of God has no use for tinkling ornaments of the feet, rings, bracelets, nose jewels or the ornaments of their legs. Their hearts are far from such things. Neither do they want costly array or change of apparel for a show. Saints do need change of apparel for other reasons. Even my mother's old bonnet would be condemned today if it was worn because of pride in the heart. We should give each saint of God the privilege of dressing as they feel down in their heart would please our heavenly Father and not bring a reproach upon the cause of Christ. But once this God given privilege of one deciding for himself what he really felt was becoming and fitting for him, the pendulum did not stop in the middle of the road, but swung to the far extreme of pride and worldliness. Many who claim to be saints of God are decked and adorned with paint, jewelry and all the modern styles and fashions of the world. If they had the kind of an experience the prophet said would be available "in that day" through Jesus Christ, they would not desire such things.

Despite the fact there were individuals and small groups who erred, there were a great innumerable host who clung to the true Bible standard. The church that lives up to the Bible standard of practice and faith is called Mt. Zion. There was a Mt. Zion of the morning time of the church, and there is a Mt. Zion of the "evening light" age. During the "dark and cloudy day" there was no Mt. Zion.

In Revelation 14:1 John says, "And I looked, and lo, a Lamb stood on the Mt. Zion, and with him an hundred and forty and four thousand, having his father's name written in their foreheads. And I heard a voice from heaven, as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of a great thunder: and I heard the voice of harpers harping with their harps: And they sung as it were a new song before the throne, and before the four beasts, and the elders: and no man could learn that song but the hundred and forty and four thousand, which were redeemed from the earth. These are they which were not defiled by women (*harlot churches*); they are virgins. These are they which follow the lamb, whithersoever he goeth. These were redeemed from among men, being the first fruits unto God and unto the Lamb. And in their mouth was found no guile: for they are without fault before the throne of God."

The "dark and cloudy day" is past, and now the "evening light" is shining, which has brought Mt. Zion back to the people. John saw Jesus standing on it, and a great host of saints of God, symbolized by the hundred and forty and four thousand, had seen the light and moved up to Mt. Zion and were seen standing with Jesus. They had the Father's name, Church of God, written in their foreheads; this means they accepted and were known by the name, Church of God. The voice of this people, the church, was heard from heaven, or heavenly places in Christ Jesus, harping God's message of holiness, unity, a divine church, and Babylon is fallen, is fallen, and "Come out of her, my people." No one could sing that song, only those who would accept the truth which was being preached. These were redeemed from the "earthly" man-made doctrines and sects. They had left ALL MAN-MADE CHURCHES, and were no longer "defiled of women." "They followed the Lamb whithersoever he goeth." These were redeemed from all man-made, beastly religions, and were the "first (*real*) fruits unto God and unto the Lamb." Saints without the fullness of light cannot bear a harvest of full fruit. "There was found no guile in their mouth," for their life and message made them "without fault before the throne of God."

The above scripture tells us that there were, in the Sixth Seal age, a people who lived so close to God, preached and lived this evening light message, that He found no fault in them. If the standards preached and practiced by this great host of people were so near perfect that God said, "I find no fault in them," why should we change it? What right has modernists to lead people into something else? Toward the last of the Sixth Seal age, which ended in 1930, little things began to happen. "The little foxes spoil the vines." At first there was a cooling off with some, a loss of anointing and power. The ministry began to appoint committees to decide things they used to settle on their knees. Resolutions were past to give power to this or that special appointed group. Committees were appointed to make out the program, saying who was to preach and the subject they were to preach on. The preacher that wanted Jesus to be the Head of the church, and the ministers to be led by the Holy Spirit, as they had been for over forty years, were left off the programs. Of course they said these fellows are old foggies and not up to date and out of harmony.

For many years the prayer room has been replaced by the committee room. One old minister, after having been deprived of attending the national camp meeting for several years, said, "What is the matter? I do not hear much praying any more. It seems more like a homecoming than a camp meeting." The man to whom he was speaking said, "I can explain this to you. The preachers do not have to pray to find out who is going to preach; that was settled a few months ago by the program committee. The preachers do not have to pray about that any more; you see we have found a better way." Well, in that program committee meeting one of the men prayed a nice prayer. He asked God to help them to know whom to place on the program,

and the subject he should preach on, so that OUR great program will go over. The meeting was dry. A program was about all they had. This old man left the campground broken-hearted, opposing such a program, and was soon branded OUT OF HARMONY WITH THE GREAT MINISTERIAL BODY OF THE CHURCH OF GOD (? ? ? ?) WHOSE HEADQUARTERS are at Anderson, Indiana.

The one-time simple practices of seeking God for direction through Jesus Christ, making "him to be head over all things to the church," is gone; little practiced any more. They have gone back to the old practices the people came out of years ago. Paul says, "If I build again that which I have destroyed I make myself a transgressor." With many preachers leading the way, "The sow hath returned to her wallowing in the mire."

Time has moved us over into the Seventh Trumpet age since 1930. Many changes have been made in the past 22 years. Even 30 years ago, one would not have believed apostate conditions could have developed so fast as they have. We are living in the Laodicean, or lukewarm age. Worldliness and play has taken the place of spirituality and prayer. Ministers who used to preach against all worldly adornment and the wearing of gold, say it is alright now, many of whom perform double ring wedding ceremonies with great pomp and pride. Many so-called churches of God have installed the gymnasium and supper room and turned the house of God into a social playhouse. Instead of PRAYING WITH ONE ACCORD, they are playing in one accord. Instead of organizing prayer bands, they are organizing bathing and ball teams. Instead of having a burden to win souls to Jesus, they put their all in winning the next game. Instead of a campaign for souls it is a campaign for MONEY. Instead of a minister and his congregation praying for more power and favor with God, they strive for more praise and applause with the movement.

The great majority of the ministers in the so-called church today are spewed out of the mouth of God. All they have left is their own. Spiritual vision and direction is gone. They are blinded into man-rule, feeling that some things are all right now that used to be wrong.

Lukewarmness strikes a deathblow to faith in God.

This is the reason many preachers have quit practicing divine healing and turned to the puny hand of men. You cannot trust both God and man at the same time. In order to get healed one must get his eyes off of man and get them on God. Do not misunderstand me. I am not criticizing doctors, for they have their place with unsaved people. The saints of God have the GREAT Physician who said, "All power is given unto me," to be their physician and healer.

When people got saved in the Sixth Seal age, they were instructed to trust God for healing of their physical bodies, that "He forgiveth all our iniquities, and healeth all our diseases." (Psalm 103) They were not only taught that Jesus was the safest and best Physician, but that they owed it to

him that in "All things He (Jesus) should have the preeminence (first place)." "Many were the afflictions of the righteous, but God delivered them out of them all," and they came out with victory, glory and power that could be had in no other way.

There were some medical doctors who got saved, gave up their medical practice and went to preaching that Jesus would save sinners and heal the sick. They were well recognized, God approved men of the Sixth Seal. NO preacher who did not trust God for his physical healing was considered in good standing. He was usually taken to one side and taught the "way more perfectly."

Signs and wonders surely followed the Sixth Seal ministry, but in comparison, where is it today? They are doing the very things they once preached against. They are now training and sending medical doctors to the mission fields, together with nurses, building hospitals, equipping them with drugs and surgical equipment. This is the greater part of the program of the so-called Church of God. Our Sunday school literature is full of such teaching, telling how sick people are healed by the doctors, and the great things the doctors and nurses are doing. When you send your money to the Missionary Board at headquarters, this is what you support. First, you support a great office force, few of which trust God at all for healing. Second, the stream flown across to the heathen world is just like its head quarters' fountain: Try man's wisdom first, leave God to the last. The great need of the hour is to exalt Jesus Christ and his power to save and heal. "The wisdom of men is foolishness to God."

The so-called Church of God today has an organization equal to any sectarian movement I know of. They have organized every phase and force they can think of in the church. Great systems of governmental operations are put into working order. It has a immense, centralized headquarters, with men elected and seated there to plan and put over their program. This program is promoted with money, the raising of which is the chief subject and HEADLINES in all the literature. "MONEY, MONEY, MONEY, meet the budget" is the great war cry. Plans and instructions are given out from HEADQUARTERS. Laymen, state evangelists, youth leaders or WHAT HAVE YOU, are subsidiaries reaching into every place teaching loyalty and support to this great octopus of man-rule.

Most denominations have a way of openly and publicly taking people into their group, but this great and organized movement calling itself the Church of God, has a different method. All you have to do to be a member of this group is to SUPPORT THE BUDGET. This organization has many office workers at its headquarters, the salaries of whom are not published. Field workers from every state in the Union are called by the authorities at headquarters to meet to receive instructions as to the best way to put over the money program. This costs money. The overhead expenses are great. Much of the money raised is absorbed in overhead expenses and never gets to

the cause for which it was solicited. In God's great plan, where He is secretary, treasurer, gatherer, dispenser and giver, the overhead expenses are light. Jesus says, "Go ye therefore into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature . . . and lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world." "I will supply ALL your needs." If you have a purse, take it with you; if not, go any way, in faith trusting God who said, I will not leave nor forsake you.

There are a few things wrong with man's way of running the affairs of the church. (a) It is wrong because your ways are not my ways, saith the Lord. God's way is best and should be accepted. "If ye love me keep my commandments." (b) Man's way always misses the mark; God's way is the only right way, safe, sound, economical and works out for the best for us, and His glory. (c) In God's great plan of divine leadership and government there is no place a hypocrite can fill, because all offices, gifts and callings are of the Spirit; none but the Spirit-filled can have them.

This great movement, with its earthly organizations and headquarters, now calling itself the Church of God, is of the same nature and origin as all other Babylonian movements. Therefore, it is a part of Babylon itself. It has the same quality and kind of subjects--good and bad mixed up together, and the same kind of government. It, too, "has become the cage of every unclean and hateful bird, the hold of every foul spirit." One of the major reasons God does not want man to set up organizations in the church is that man cannot keep them clean.

The covetous will seek for the money job; those that love praise of men will seek the high offices and places of honor. With hopeful aspirations many go along awaiting future elections and appointments.

In such an institution as this, setting itself up as the work of the church, only the ignorant can be blessed by the Spirit of God and that in a small way. If they knew enough truth to get the richest blessings of God, they would have to come out of such as this. Those that once knew the truth of God's word, that condemned such heresies of men, cannot go along in these things and be clear before God. For the sake of prestige and popularity many have not wished to retain a love for the truth, and are believing a delusion, and are being damned. This is what the Bible said would happen. We are living in perilous times and many are going to lose their souls rather than come out and take their stand against that which is wrong and stand for the right. Luther, Wesley, Warner and many others found it was not popular and easy to go against influential movements and tell them they were wrong.

A few years ago I knew many preachers who cried out against the above mentioned things. It came to the place where they had to line up and go along or lose their popularity. Some thought they would reform the movement, but they found that this could not be done. Instead of reforming the movement it reformed them and they fell in line. They support it and send their money to it, and they are a part of it. Many evangelists on the field

do not believe in this great earthly headquarters and its machinery, they but are afraid to speak against it, for fear of losing meetings. God pity such a one! He is one of the "fearful" who John said would have his part in the lake of fire, with all the false prophets, etc. This is the very condition man gets into when God sends him a strong delusion, that he may believe a lie and be damned. The minister who sees these things and will not cry out against them is a watchman on whom the blood of the people will rest. The blood of many will be required at his hands.

Out of this apostate, lukewarm, spewed out condition

God is endeavoring to gather out a remnant for His name who will again stand for the truth. God is going to be able to find a few who will not fear, falter, let up or let down. These will hear the second cry, "Babylon is fallen, is fallen. Come out of her, MY people." Yes, "Be not partakers of her sins, . . . for her sins have reached unto heaven."

"And it shall come to pass in that day that the Lord shall set his hand AGAIN THE SECOND TIME to recover the remnant of his people, which shall be left, from all their confused and scattered condition. God set his hand the FIRST TIME in the Sixth Seal age, and he got a people out, in whom He said, "I find no fault in them." Now, this same movement of people have slid back into the very things they came out of. In this Seventh Seal age God is having to set his hand again the second time to gather a people for his name. It will be only a REMNANT who will have the courage to stand against such great opposition. Jeremiah represents this remnant as the children of Benjamin. "O ye children of Benjamin, gather yourselves to flee out of the midst of Jerusalem, and blow ye the trumpet in Tekoa, and set up a sign of fire in Bethhascerum, for evil appeareth out of the north, and great destruction." (Jeremiah 6:1) He is speaking of the very time in which we live. We are told to flee out of Jerusalem. It is not a safe place to live any more. Evil always comes from the cold, frozen regions of the "north." Tekoa was a defense City, and we are told to flee into it and "blow ye the trumpet." Sound the warning of danger against Jerusalem. Bethhaccerem was a beacon light city, so He said to set up a sign of fire there. We should take warning, get out of this modern, lukewarm group and get on fire for God and sound the warning to others to flee. The people calling themselves "Jerusalem" today are trying to live on the husks of a manmade program, becoming poor, blind, and naked. They set a table and furnished their own drink offering, of which Isaiah tells us. "Ye are they that forsake the Lord, that forget my holy mountain (*Mt. Zion*), that prepare a table for the troop, and that furnish the drink offering unto that number. Therefore will I number you to the sword, and ye shall bow down to the slaughter. Therefore thus saith the Lord, My servants (*the remnant*) shall eat, but ye shall be hungry: (*programmed to death*) behold, my servants shall drink (*pure water of life*) but ye shall be thirsty: behold, my servants shall rejoice (*praise God, I'm out of such things*), but ye shall be ashamed: (*no power, no victory, joy is gone*). . . . 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 65:11-15) When people rebel against the word of God they are slain by it. Today, those who refuse to come out of this so-called Church of God (Jerusalem) are slain. The name by which they are known has become a curse unto God's people. God is setting his hand the second time and is gathering a remnant who refuse to be identified with, or be called by their name, for it is left for a curse. The things they are doing have disgraced the name. Who would want to be part of a group whose practices made their name an abomination? That is what the people have done who carried the name Church of God through the Sixth Seal age. They failed to live up to the New Testament, became lukewarm and were spewed out of the mouth of God, and are no longer the heavenly Jerusalem.

"That he who blesseth himself in the earth shall bless himself in the God of truth; and he that sweareth in the earth shall swear by the God of truth; because the former troubles are forgotten and because they are hid from mine eyes." (Isaiah 65:16) The people who have been blessed of God in the Sixth Seal age no longer bless themselves in the God of truth; their pledges and affirmations are no longer in Him, but are turned to earthly things. In the last part of this verse God said he was going to let these things be in the past and hid from his eyes and raise up another people worthy of His name. As we pass Out of the Sixth Seal into the Seventh Seal, God is taking the "remnant" who will flee out of the old Jerusalem, whose name is left for a curse, and create them a new heavenly Jerusalem. Verse 17, "For behold, I create new heavens and a new earth: and the former shall not be remembered, nor come into mind." The righteousness of the righteous in the Sixth Seal age are not going to be remembered, for now they have sinned. God is forgetting them and using the "remnant" who fled out of their midst to "create a new heaven and a new earth" in which men will "bless themselves in the God of truth." Verse 18, "But be ye glad and rejoice forever in that which I create: for, behold, I create Jerusalem a rejoicing, and her people a joy." "And I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and joy in my people: and the voice of weeping shall be no more heard in her, nor the voice of crying." God tells us to rejoice forever in this new group whom He has created a rejoicing. Those who come out of the old and become a part of the newly created Jerusalem certainly have much to rejoice about; they are free from its sinful practices and bondage.

The people who once constituted the "heavenly Jerusalem" in the Sixth Seal age lost their heavenly standing, so God had to move the city over into the Seventh Seal and create the city, Jerusalem, anew. He is taking "the overcomers" in the Sixth Seal, those who continue to lift up the Sixth Seal standard and accept the additional light of the Seventh Seal, and making them the newly created Jerusalem, over which He said He would rejoice.

Many groups here in the beginning of this Seventh Seal age have accepted the name Church of God. Some are as follows: Seventh Day Advent

Church of God, Pentecost Church of God, Apostolic Church of God, The Assembly Church of God, The Church of God in Christ, and The Freewill Church of God. These are Protestant reform movements who have not seen the Church of God up to the full standard of the New Testament. They seem to be working around a certain teaching or doctrine, and do not have a clear knowledge of all the teachings and doctrines of the Bible necessary to bring them up to the standard of the New Testament.

Following this, we have the Gospel Trumpet Church of God, or Warner Reformation, divided into about a half dozen groups, each one having an auxiliary or subsidiary handle attached to the name Church of God to designate its location or group according to the grouping of men. This Jerusalem God said He would make anew and create a rejoicing is not all or any one of these groups. Some of these groups are considered as compromisers and some as "standpatters," that is, they are claiming to hold to the Sixth Seal teaching and practice of the Church of God. Some are holding to more truth than others. With some the thought of "we" and "us" have hindered their vision from seeing "it" and "them." This kind of group-mindedness is sectarian and destructive to the unity of the Spirit. A saint on entering a congregation or assembly must be granted the same FREEDOM IN THE LORD the first day of his arrival the same as he would six months or one year later: I mean a SAINT

It is easy to see that "lukewarmness" has affected all these groups, and there has been a loss of faith, power, victory and leadership of the Spirit. Wherever there is lukewarmness there are to be seen those things of which God said to repent.

Some groups are trying to stand for the Sixth Seal light and reject the Seventh Seal. This will put them under the same condemnation that characterized all groups in the past who rejected new light on the Word of God. In this Seventh Seal age, God is setting His hand again the second time to gather a people for His name who are not "group-minded" but "God-conscious and TRUTH-minded." The GROUPING will take care of itself. The call is to "whosoever will," but only a "remnant" will accept His message on His terms of truth. If you reject all groups made by men, you will be denounced by them. God's way is not popular among men. This remnant that God is now setting His hand the second time to gather must come out of all groups who are falling short of Bible standard of faith and Christian living, and "Follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth." Just a few (remnant) will ever know just what it means to be DELIVERED FROM THE WORLD, SELF AND THE PEOPLE. Just a few people will ever know what it really means to be ALIVE TO CHRIST and DEAD TO EVERYTHING ELSE.

The Seventh Seal is the harvesting of the earth, spoken of in Revelation 14:19: "And the angel thrust in his sickle into the earth, and gathered the vine of the earth, and cast it into the great wine press of the wrath of God." The angel spoken of here is the ministry in the Seventh Seal

age who are preaching against theories, organizations and man made dominations of all kinds. Christ, and His standards of truth only, is the true vine." Everything else is the false vine of earthly origin. God's truth and judgments are His sickle and winepress. Every thing of earthly origin is being gathered and burned in the fire of Holy Writ.

In Matthew 13:39 Jesus made it plain that "the harvest is the end of the world, and the reapers are the angels" (*the ministry*). "The Son of man shall send forth his angels, and they shall gather out of his kingdom all things that offend, and them which do iniquity; and shall cast them into a furnace of fire: there shall he wailing and gnashing of teeth. Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father." (Matthew 13:39-43) This makes it clear that those who are determined to hold to the cluster of the vine made by men will be gathered by the ministry, who use the true Word of God as the sickle, and cast them into a furnace of spiritual fire. From such ones you can hear wailing and gnashing of teeth against the true people of God, for dealing out God's judgments against them. Many are offended when they hear the message, come out of Babylon, both old and new; they feel the price is too great for them to pay. Do not be deceived; much of this "vine of the earth" is branded Church of God. Many who read this little book will wail and gnash their teeth. He who is a part of the "true vine," and refuses to become a part of or give any support to the false vine of man-rule and organizations in the church, is branded by such people as being false. The sickle, the Word of God, will never harm the individual who is standing out clear for ALL THE TRUTH, and against ALL DECEPTIONS AND DOCTRINES OF MEN. Clinging to the TRUE VINE OF TRUTH and spiritual life is the hope of the Church.

Since the 16th Century Reformation began, light has been coming; with this light the enemy of souls has brought much deception. For every ray of light the devil has offered a substitute, which he has successfully used to deceive many. "In the last days perilous times shall come." It is clear, according to the Word of God, that we are in the last days. This is the last age symbolized in the Revelation, the drama of time ends; the next is eternity. The Gog and Magog forces (Catholic and Protestant deceptions) are gathering together in the form of the National Council of Churches to offset and oppose the true saints of God who stand for Bible truth. God is gathering His true children, the few who will follow, into the "camp of the saints." A clear knowledge of gospel, prophecy and the book of Revelation, with a willingness to walk in the light, will bring us in knowledge into what is called "the camp of the saints." This is the last age; this is where we must camp in order to be ready for the return of Christ.

The devil is working through the "three unclean spirits" of Revelation 16. The spirit out of the mouth of the dragon is atheistic. An example is clearly seen in Russia and her allies. The spirit out of the mouth of the beast would signify the infidelity and deception in Catholicism and Protestantism.

The spirit out of the "false prophet" is clearly seen by the miracles and wildfire of false holiness movements. These would naturally be against the few who declare the truth which condemns such things and says, "Come out of her, my people."

"And he gathered them together into a place called in the Hebrew tongue Armageddon." (Revelation 16:17) This is not a literal battle John was talking about. It is a spiritual conflict; the battle for truth and right, which we have already entered into, and will get worse from here on to the end. In tracing history and running references in our Bibles, this word Armageddon runs us back to the plains of Megiddo, where Deborah, Barak and Gideon fought some great battles and won great victories in the days of ancient Israel. If you are not well acquainted with the story of Gideon's army, turn to Judges 6:7. You will find Gideon's army a type of the battle of Armageddon which we are fighting today. We note that Gideon had 32,000 men to face 120,000 of the enemy, but God told him he had too many. God knew they would be inclined to take the glory to themselves and say, "I did it." God told Gideon to put the men to a test and let all who were "fearful" to return quickly, and 22,000 returned and went back. This was a little over two-thirds of the men. In the past few years I have observed many who said they saw the truth, started to battle, but soon returned back. Many ministers, who should be true-blue warriors, a few years ago acknowledged truth, became fearful and went back. There is a fear of losing prestige and popularity with those who oppose the truth. Many are well aware that the iron hand of human control, in an underhanded and sly way, will soon boycott all who will not support it. Some preachers, who would not stand for this spiritual tyranny, have had their church houses and even parsonages taken from them. And for this cause many others became FEARFUL, changed their attitude and took their stand again for and send their money to support these ABOMINABLE THINGS.

God told Gideon the 10,000 were too many and to put them to a test. God wants a people made white and tried. Only 300 stood the test and lapped water from their hand like the dog. In order to stand for God's truth you may have to take the water of life and be treated like a dog; if so, it will pay off well at the end. God's true people today in comparison are like the 300--just a "remnant."

I have observed this Church of God movement for forty or fifty years. There are preachers who years ago seemed to be solid for certain truth, but today they are going whole heart and soul with the thing they used to preach against. They became "fearful," did not wish to retain a love for the truth, fell into "delusions," and then what ? ? ? ? We might find a better method, but TRUTH DOES NOT CHANGE! That which was truth forty years ago is still TRUTH. Woe unto that man who adds to or takes from the precious old Book.

There are many who are affiliated with the Church of God movement, whose headquarters are at Anderson, Indiana who never heard the truth

preached and practiced as it used to be preached. All they know is man-rule with boards, committees, resolutions and earthly headquarters. They have never seen any people demonstrate where the government was not left to other people. They seem to think that some how Jesus will be the head of "other men," whom He said would never be allowed to fill such a place, only in Babylon. I have reasons to believe some who are mixed up in this abominable condition are saved because they have not heard the truth. This cannot be applied to those who once knew the truth and then turned away. God wants the TRUTH broadcast to the four winds of heaven, so no one will have any excuse. One man said he saw some new truth, but he was waiting for God to raise up a man who could put it over with the MOVEMENT. God does not have and never will have such a man, because the MOVEMENT WILL NOT HAVE IT. They have already rejected it as a movement. History does not record any movement, once settled and fixed, ever being reformed. God's plan is not to reform man-made movements, but to have people COME OUT OF THEM.

I have been asked, "What group shall I go with?" Group-mindedness is sectarian in its very nature. Get your mind off of groups. Jesus said, "Follow me," not the group. If you claim to belong to a visible group you may point to, you will not go long until you will find that someone has disgraced the group. There are a few, yes, a remnant who are being gathered into the camp of the saints, in understanding and knowledge, who have their eyes set on the Word of God, determined to "Follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth." These become a group without any grouping by men. Their minds are not on groups, as such, but stayed on God and truth. As long as we have a desire for the esteem, praise and applause of men we will cater to the group that will give it. Get your minds upon Jesus Christ and His truth; look higher than worldly things. Refuse to listen to the one who says, "Lo, here or lo, there." Those that "knock, seek and ask" with an eye single to the glory of God are the ones to whom "it shall be given."

As to the name God's people should go by here on the earth, there is not a name God's true people can be called by that a false group or a hypocrite cannot assume. There are many, who call themselves Church of God, whose lives disgrace the name. For the sake of holding church property the name, New Testament Church of God, comes nearer to expressing what God's people must be to be the Bible church. To be the Bible Church of God we must measure up to the New Testament. Even at that, a hypocrite can take that name. Perhaps, by name only, the true people of God can never be located here in this world. Earthly property is never secure from invasion of apostate conditions, but truth and grace in the "Camp of the Saints" will never be exploited to the spoils of the enemies of truth any more. Amid all this confusion and strife of the "last days" in which we live, it will take more than assuming a NAME to point out the TRUE people of God. At this critical time in which we live, God has a name for His people that no one can borrow

or substitute. Let us turn to Revelation 3:12 and read: "Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of my God, and he shall go no more out: and I will write upon him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, which is new Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven from my God: and I will write upon him my new name."

John here is telling us of those who come out of the Sixth Seal age with victory, according to the Sixth Seal light, pass over into the Seventh Seal age and accept the additional light, that God will make such a one a pillar in his temple, or church, in the Seventh Seal age. It is easy to see by observation and previous scriptures given that only a remnant have faith, power and victory through the Lord Jesus Christ today. For "they shall go no more out." The next move will be up, as this is the last age of time; there is no other age to move out into.

Let us notice what Jesus said of that individual that comes through with victory and what he would do: "I will write upon him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, which is new Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven from my God: and I will write upon him my new name." This writing is to be done in the Spirit. Only those who have forsaken all, and are following the Lamb whithersoever he goeth, are worthy of such spiritual power and victory. This is that Jerusalem God said "He would create a rejoicing." On this people God said He would write his NEW NAME." There are just a few today who will have courage to denounce all organizations of men and women. Even great missionary societies, run by women, are an abomination in the sight of God. To denounce and quit supporting such things is the ONLY way to follow the Lamb of God and not man. This is the people on whom God can write a name no one can steal or substitute; only God can write it there, and man cannot rub it out. Only those given over to and completely submitted to the will of God can have such an experience. Those who follow man or groups of men or women dishonor Christ as the Head of the body, the church. They once more kill the two witnesses--WORD and SPIRIT. Jesus will not write "the name of his God or the name of the city of his God" upon a people who take the members of "the body of Christ" and join them to the modern harlot groups of men.

We are now in the last age of time, and entering the last great conflict. There has never been a time when men were more fearful to stand for truth. Men are afraid to break with this great modern organization calling itself the Church of God, for fear of losing prestige and honor with the movement. For selfish purposes many "unclean and hateful birds" have slipped in, whose picture is drawn in 2 Timothy 3:1-9. You may read it for yourself. God wants a holy people; God wants a separate people. "Come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and I will receive you." "Holiness becometh thy house forever, O Lord." "Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers." My brother, God wants a people to come out of every thing

and follow the Lamb and not groups of men. The government of God's church is a theocracy and not a democracy.

Men always have tried to cover up the bad things about sects and creeds of men with some good things it may bring about. This is a poor way to judge any deception, sin or sect. God does not want us to even tolerate "sin that grace may abound." "Come out of her, my people" is God's way. "And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war. His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on his head were many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself. And he was clothed in a vesture dipped in blood; and his name is called The Word of God. And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean. And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the wine press of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. And he had on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, King of Kings and Lord of Lords." Revelation 19:11-16.

John the Revelator here was shown Jesus Christ, the Word of God, marching to victory with the judgments of God against ALL SIN, deceptions and organizations of men. In verse 14 mention is made of those following the white horse and rider: The Word of God clothed in fine linen clean and white. These are they who have walked out of modern Babylon of today, that which calls itself Church of God. These are they who have come out of EVERY THING pertaining to man rule. They follow the Word of God only. "They follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth." Christ is the head of such a people; they seek, fast and pray until the Holy Spirit makes the way clear. All they have and are is consecrated to the service of the White Horse Captain and Leader, the Lord of Lords and King of Kings. Such a group does not need a man or men for its leader, neither does it need an earthly headquarters. Its headquarters is the throne of God in heaven itself. This white horse and rider is dealing out judgment against all nations. The sword out of his mouth is the word of truth exposing and condemning everything unscriptural and sinful. Its message must ring "Holiness," even "the hells of the horses must ring holiness unto the Lord."

This group on white horses, following the Word of God, is the last reformation. A reformation has been under way since the beginning of the Protestant age. Some things brought to the nations of the earth have been good and some bad. The Sixth Seal, or Warner age ending in 1930, brought a clear message of God's plan of complete redemption and a divine church. Lukewarmness has caused this people to lose their vision of divine truth. They have gone back to building the things they once tore down. God is once more "setting his hand the second time" and last time, to gather a people for His name. This is the "Camp of the Saints," a "remnant," that "third part brought through the fire," represented as armies on white horses," making

the last march in battle, getting ready for the return of Christ. Only those who are dead to sin, self and the world, being "delivered from the people," can be a part of that group, whose captain and leader is the "Lord of Lord and King of Kings."

The angel is now standing in the sun, inviting "the fowls of the air," evil spirits, to devour "kings and captains," great religious leaders, who do not "wish to retain a love for the truth." (Revelation 19:17-18) These "kings and captains" are great religious leaders who will not accept God's message of truth because it condemns what they are doing. Every one who refuses to walk in the light of revealed truth will be devoured by evil spirits.

We are sure the end of time is near. "The day and the hour knoweth no man, but my Father only." The signs given in the word of God, including the symbols of the book of Revelation, show that we are nearing an end. This Seventh Seal or Laodicean church age is the last age given in the book of Revelation. There is no more going out; the next is going up for the redeemed and down for the damned.

This time world will end with the second coming of Christ, the general resurrection of the dead, and the final judgment. Both they "that have done good unto the resurrection of life, and they that have done evil unto the resurrection of damnation," will receive their eternal rewards. "But the day of the Lord will come as a thief; in the which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up." (2 Peter 3:10) Like the thief, Jesus will come at a time when people will least expect Him. "For many will say, where is the sign of his coming; since our fathers fell asleep all things continue as they were." When Jesus comes, this world and the heavens which surround it will be burned up. Not burned over, but burned UP. That just means that it will be no more. No place will be found for them. There will be no time, place or need for a millennium. The judgment will be a separating time. The Lord will separate the saved from the unsaved as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. The saved ones will hear the words, "Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world." The unsaved will hear the words, "Depart, ye cursed, into everlasting punishment prepared for the devil and his angels." We are told again that the righteous shall mount up to "meet the Lord in the air, and forever be with the Lord." "I go to prepare a place for you. I will come again and receive you unto myself, that where I am there ye may be also." (John 14:3) "Be thou faithful unto death and thou shalt receive a crown of life."