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The Remnant and its Mission

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2 Chronicles 20:20 And they rose early in the morning, and went forth into the wilderness of Tekoa: and as they went forth, Jehoshaphat stood and said, Hear me, O Judah, and ye inhabitants of Jerusalem; Believe in the LORD your God, so shall ye be established; **believe** his **prophets**, so shall ye **prosper**.

Bible Study Summary Introduction Statement

The universal church is composed of all who truly believe in Christ, but in the last days, a time of widespread apostasy, a remnant has been called out to keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus. This remnant announces the arrival of the judgment hour, proclaims salvation through Christ, and heralds the approach of His second advent. This

proclamation is symbolized by the three angels of Revelation 14; it coincides with the work of judgment in heaven and results in a work of repentance and reform on earth. Every believer is called to have a personal part in this worldwide witness.

BIBLE STUDY

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2 Peter 1:20 Knowing this first, that **no** prophecy of the scripture is of any **private** interpretation.

2 Peter 1:21 For the prophecy came **not** in old time by the **will** of **man**: but holy men of God **spoke** as *they were moved* by the Holy **Ghost**.

Ellen G. White's Understanding of Her Writings.-- {3SM 50.2}

The Testimonies: Those who carefully read the testimonies as they have appeared from the early days, need not be perplexed as to their origin. The many books, written by the help of the Spirit of God, bear a living witness to the character of the testimonies.-- **Letter 225, 1906. (Published in Selected Messages, book 1, p. 49.) {3SM 50.3}**

The Conflict of the Ages Books: Sister White is not the originator of these books. They contain the instruction that during her lifework God has been giving her. They contain the precious, comforting light that God has graciously given His servant to be given to the world.--**Colporteur Ministry, p. 125. {3SM 50.4}**

The Articles: I do not write one article in the paper expressing merely my own ideas. They are what God has opened before me in vision--the precious rays of light shining from the throne.--**Testimonies, vol. 5, p. 67. {3SM 50.5}**

The Letters (testimonies): Weak and trembling, I arose at three o'clock in the morning to write to you. God was speaking through clay. You may say that this communication was only a letter. Yes, it was a letter, but prompted by the Spirit of God, to bring before your minds things that had been shown me. In these letters which I write, in the testimonies I bear, I am presenting to you that which the Lord has presented to me.--**Testimonies, vol. 5, p. 67.**

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The Interviews: He [Elder G. A. Irwin] has with him a little notebook in which he has noted down perplexing questions which he brings before me, and if I have any light upon these points, I write it out for the benefit of our people, not only in America but in this country [Australia].--**Letter 96, 1899. {3SM 51.1}**

When There Was No Light: I have no light on the subject [as to just who would constitute the 144,000]. . . . Please tell my brethren that I have nothing presented before me regarding the circumstances concerning which they write, and I can set before them only that which has been presented to me.--**Quoted in a letter by C. C. Crisler to E. E. Andross, Dec. 8, 1914. (In White Estate Document File, Number 164.) {3SM 51.2}**

I am not at liberty to write to our brethren concerning your future work.... I have received no instruction regarding the place where you should locate.... If the Lord gives me definite

instruction concerning you, I will give it you; but I cannot take upon myself responsibilities that the Lord does not give me to bear.--**Letter 96, 1909. {3SM 51.3}**

What is the tenth spiritual test of a prophet that Ellen G. White fulfilled?

10. Every True Prophet of God will always strongly admonish all to turn away, forsake and confess their sins

2 Kings 17:13 Yet the **LORD** testified against Israel, and against Judah, by **all** the **prophets**, *and by* all the seers, saying, **Turn** ye **from** your **evil** ways, and **keep** my **commandments** *and* my statutes, according to all the law which I commanded your fathers, and which I sent to you by my servants the prophets.

Proverbs 28:13 He that covereth his **sins** shall not prosper: but whoso **confesseth** and **forsaketh** *them* shall have mercy.

Isaiah 58:1 **Cry** aloud, spare not, lift up thy voice like a trumpet, and **shew** my **people** their **transgression**, and the house of Jacob their **sins**.

Matthew 1:21 And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name **JESUS**: for he shall **save** his **people** from their **sins**.

Acts 26:15 And I said, Who art thou, Lord? And he said, I am **Jesus** whom thou persecutest.

Acts 26:16 But rise, and stand upon thy feet: for I have appeared unto thee for this purpose, to **make** thee a **minister** and a witness both of these things which thou hast seen, and of those things in the which I will appear unto thee;

Acts 26:17 Delivering thee from the people, and *from* the **Gentiles**, unto whom now I send thee,

Acts 26:18 To **open** their **eyes**, *and* to **turn** *them* from darkness to light, and *from* the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive **forgiveness** of **sins**, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me.

1 John 1:7 But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son **cleanseth** us from **all** sin.

1 John 1:8 If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

1 John 1:9 If we **confess** our **sins**, he is faithful and just to forgive us *our* sins, and to **cleanse** us from **all** unrighteousness.

Let's read the following quote on this Biblical Test of a prophet from Ellen's written articles.

Many of us are too half-hearted. We give up under trial, and let discouragement sap our spiritual strength. Let us change this manner of service. When we serve God with the entire affections, we shall see the salvation of God in our own experience and in the experience of others. Christ lives to make intercession for us. He wants to set his seal upon us, and to fashion our characters after the divine pattern. He wants to take from us everything that would stand in the way of our reaching the standard of his Word. **He wants us to believe in him, and to turn away from our sins.** He calls us to reach perfection. We can fulfil his purpose for us only as we study his life and follow his example. **{YI, November 21, 1911 par. 15}**

In the Day of Judgment, the course of the man who has retained the frailty and imperfection of humanity will not be vindicated. For him there will be no place in heaven. He could not enjoy the perfection of the saints in light. **He who has not sufficient faith in Christ to**

believe that He can keep him from sinning, has not the faith that will give him an entrance into the kingdom of God.--Manuscript 161, 1897.

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{3SM 360.4}

Now is the time when we are to confess and forsake our sins that they may go beforehand to judgment and be blotted out. Now is the time to “cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.” It is dangerous to delay this work. Satan is even now seeking by disasters upon sea and land to seal the fate of as many as possible. What is the defense of the people of God at this time? It is a living connection with heaven. If we would dwell in safety from the noisome pestilence, if we would be preserved from dangers seen and unseen, we must hide in God; we must secure the protecting care of Jesus and holy angels. In these days of peril, the Lord would have us walk before him in humility. **Instead of trying to cover our sins, he would have us confess them, as Joshua confessed the sins of ancient Israel.** We profess to be the depositaries of God's law. We profess to be building up “the old waste places,” and to be raising up “the foundations of many generations.” **If this great and solemn work has indeed been committed to us, how important that we depart from all iniquity! {HS 155.2}**

It is not safe for us to close our eyes and harden our conscience so that we shall not see or realize our sins. We need to cherish the instruction we have had in regard to the hateful character of sin, in order that we may truly confess and forsake our sins. "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (**1 John 1:9**). Are you willing to be cleansed from all unrighteousness? . . . {TMK 242.4}

Let us help one another all we can. Let us speak words of kindness, words that will be a blessing, not a curse. We are living in the great day of atonement. **We are now to confess and forsake our sins, that we may be saved. {GCB, April 14, 1903 par. 47}**

What is the eleventh spiritual test of a prophet that Ellen G. White fulfilled?

11. Every True Prophet of God will always strongly admonish all to prepare for their appearing before the judgment seat of Christ by keeping all of God's Commandments

Acts 24:25 And as he reasoned of righteousness, temperance, and **judgment** to come, Felix trembled, and answered, Go thy way for this time; when I have a convenient season, I will call for thee.

2 Corinthians 5:10 For we must **all** appear before the **judgment** seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things *done* in *his* body, according to that he hath done, whether *it* be good or bad.

Romans 14:10 But why dost thou judge thy brother? or why dost thou set at nought thy brother? for we shall **all** stand before the **judgment** seat of Christ.

Romans 14:11 For it is written, *As I live, saith the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God.*

Romans 14:12 So then every **one** of us shall give **account** of **himself** to God.

Jude 1:14 And **Enoch** also, the seventh from Adam, **prophesied** of these, saying, Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousands of his saints,

Jude 1:15 To execute **judgment** upon **all**, and to convince all that are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have ungodly committed, and of all their hard *speeches* which ungodly sinners have spoken against him.

Acts 10:42 And he **commanded** us to **preach** unto the people, and to testify that it is he which was ordained of God *to be* the **Judge** of quick and dead.

Ecclesiastes 12:13 Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and **keep** his **commandments**: for this *is* the whole *duty* of man.

Ecclesiastes 12:14 For God shall bring **every** work into **judgment**, with every secret thing, whether *it be* good, or whether *it be* evil.

We can investigate the following Ellen G. White quotes to verify this Bible Test also.

Every human agent is merging his or her character under one of two heads—the Prince of Life or the prince of darkness. . . . **If we serve sin we shall meet the reward of the transgressor of the law of Jehovah before the judgment seat of Christ.** . . . All the invitations given by a gracious God—given, but slighted and refused and rejected—will be presented to every individual, and the sentence that will fix the destiny of the soul in eternal bliss or to be punished with the fiery element of the wrath of God, will close the history of the wicked forever. **{CTr 102.2}**

Let every business transaction be done in righteousness, remembering that we must all stand before the judgment seat of Christ, {HFM 75.1}

We are nearing the end of time. Trials will be abundant from without, but let them not come from within the church. Let God's professed people deny self for the truth's sake, for Christ's sake. **"For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ."** . . . Everyone who truly loves God will have the spirit of Christ and a fervent love for his brethren. The more a person's heart is in communion with God, and the more his affections are centered in Christ, the less will he be disturbed by the roughness and hardships he meets in this life. Those who are growing up to the full stature of men and women in Christ Jesus will become more and more like Christ in character, rising above the disposition to murmur and be discontented. They will despise to be faultfinders. **{LHU 338.2}**

Those who occupy important positions, who are brought in contact with souls for whom Christ has died, should place upon men the estimate God has placed upon them and regard them as precious. **But many have treated the purchase of Christ's blood in a harsh manner, in harmony with the disposition of men instead of according to the mind and spirit of Christ. Of His disciples Christ says, "All ye are brethren." We should ever keep in mind the relation which we bear one to another, and remember that we must meet those with whom we associate here, around the judgment seat of Christ. God will be the Judge, and He will deal justly with every individual. {TM 224.1}**

John says, "I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works." **Let everyone who professes the name of Christ consider the fact that he must meet every act of injustice, give an account for every harsh word, at the judgment seat of Christ. It will not be pleasant to review the words that have been spoken that have wounded and bruised souls, to review the decisions that have worked against souls for whom Christ died.** Every action will come into judgment, and the spirit that prompted it will be made manifest. The fruit of every selfish, arbitrary exaction will be made plain, and men will see the results of their doings even as God sees them. They will see that they have turned precious souls out of the right path by dealing with them in an un-Christlike manner. We are living in the great Day of Atonement, and it is now time that everyone should repent

before God, confess his sins, and by living faith rest upon the merit of a crucified and living Saviour. **{TM 224.2}**

Would you like to follow the counsel of all of God's prophets in confessing and turning away from sin so that Jesus can clear our names in the Judgment? Yes!

Do true prophets ever give their own ideas or opinions? No

Who actually inspires and speaks through the prophets? The Holy Spirit

What two things must a follower of Christ do through the power of His Holy Spirit and His promises? Confess and forsake our sins

Who saves us from our sins? Jesus

How many sins can Jesus' blood cleanse us from? All of our confessed and forsaken sins

How many will appear before the judgment seat of Christ? All

What is the whole duty of man in preparation for appearing before the judgment seat of Christ? Fear God and keep His Commandments

Will God also judge us for all of the secret thoughts and motives as well as all our words and actions? Yes