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### The Remnant and its Mission

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#### Memory Text

**Luke 16:31** And he said unto him, If they hear not **Moses** and the **prophets**, neither will they be persuaded, though one rose from the dead.

#### 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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**14. Every True Prophet of God will at times be given insight into the secrets of the heart, directions given by Divine Inspiration regarding or questions of individuals that only God could know to fulfill His purpose for them and the work that heaven has planned for them.**

**1 Samuel 9:9** (Beforetime in Israel, when a man went to enquire of God, thus he spake, Come, and let us go to the **seer**: for *he that is now called* a **Prophet** was beforetime called a **Seer**.)

**1 Samuel 9:19** And **Samuel** answered **Saul**, and said, I *am* the seer: go up before me unto the high place; for ye shall eat with me to day, and to morrow I will let thee go, and will tell thee **all** that *is* in thine **heart**.

**Matthew 9:3** And, behold, certain of the **scribes** said within **themselves**, This *man* **blasphemeth**.

**Matthew 9:4** And **Jesus** knowing their **thoughts** said, Wherefore **think** ye **evil** in your **hearts**?

**Matthew 9:5** For whether is easier, to say, *Thy sins* be **forgiven** thee; or to say, Arise, and walk?

**Matthew 9:6** But that ye may know that the **Son** of man hath **power** on earth to **forgive sins**, (then saith he to the sick of the palsy,) Arise, take up thy bed, and go unto thine house.

**Mark 2:5** When **Jesus** saw their faith, he said unto the **sick** of the palsy, **Son**, thy **sins** be **forgiven** thee.

**Mark 2:6** But there were certain of the **scribes** sitting there, and **reasoning** in their **hearts**,

**Mark 2:7** Why doth this *man* thus speak **blasphemies**? who can **forgive** sins but **God** only?

**Mark 2:8** And **immediately** when **Jesus** perceived in his **spirit** that they so reasoned within themselves, he said unto them, Why **reason** ye these things in your **hearts**?

**Mark 2:9** Whether is it easier to say to the sick of the palsy, *Thy sins* be **forgiven** thee; or to say, Arise, and take up thy bed, and walk?

**Mark 2:10** But that ye may know that the **Son** of man hath **power** on earth to **forgive** sins, (he saith to the sick of the palsy,)

**1 Corinthians 14:24** But if all **prophecy**, and there come in one that believeth not, or *one* unlearned, he is convinced of all, he is judged of all:

**1 Corinthians 14:25** And thus are the **secrets** of his **heart** made **manifest**; and so falling down on *his* face he will worship God, and report that God is in you of a truth.

**John 4:29** Come, see a **man**, which **told** me **all** things that **ever** I **did**: is not this the **Christ**?

### Stories about Ellen White

By D. A. Delafield and Gerald Wheeler pp 44-48

As the years passed, the Whites' travels centered less in New England. They went farther west, spending some time in New York. For a while they rented a house in Oswego, New York. One day Ellen White received a vision concerning a woman attending the Adventist church in Camden, about forty miles east of Oswego. The angel showed her the little group of

believers, pointing out one woman who claimed to be especially pious. "The woman is actually a hypocrite," the angel stated, "and she is deceiving the others."

Arriving at the church, Mrs. White looked around for the woman, but did not see her. Turning to a member, she asked her if everybody belonging to the group had come. She glanced about the room, studying faces, then replied that all had come. Since the woman Mrs. White had seen in the vision lived four miles away, the person Ellen asked had forgotten about her entirely. A few minutes later the hypocritical woman did enter, and Mrs. White instantly recognized her.

During the meeting an opportunity came for each to give a short testimony about his personal religious life. When the woman's chance came, she talked a long time, telling everybody she had perfect love and a holy heart. Unlike other people, she claimed, she did not have to struggle with temptations and difficulties. No discouragements or fears bothered her. Instead, she had perfect peace because she submitted her life completely to God. Not following her own desires, she tried to obey Him in every way. The others attending the meeting seemed to believe her claims.

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Fearing that no one would believe her because she was a stranger in Camden, Mrs. White did not say anything against the woman. When Ellen asked someone what he thought about the pious woman, he said he considered her the most active and faithful member of the little Adventist congregation.

Discouraged, Mrs. White left the meeting with her husband, and they drove to the home where they stayed for the weekend. She knew that she could not tell what she had learned in vision about the woman without turning the people against herself. They would naturally defend their friend and neighbor from the charges of a stranger. Probably the woman would only gain more influence.

That night God sent Ellen White a symbolic dream. In it a door opened, revealing a closet crammed with junk. An angel standing beside her told her she must clean it out. Taking a lamp and turning its flame up brighter, she began to remove the rubbish. Soon the closet stood clean and empty. Several persons had watched Mrs. White empty the closet. Turning to them, she said they should not let anyone put any more trash in the little room, but should use it for more important things.

Sunday morning included another meeting with the tiny congregation. James White planned to preach on the parable of the ten virgins, but after he started, he began having difficulty speaking. He kept losing his voice and stumbling over words. His thoughts would either jumble up in confusion or his mind would go blank so that he couldn't think of the right word to say. Realizing that the

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problem hindering his speaking would not go away by itself, James suggested that the group pray. During the prayer God took Mrs. White into vision.

She saw the hypocritical woman groping around in darkness symbolic of her spiritual life. Christ appeared, and looking at the woman and her husband, frowned. Mrs. White trembled at the sight of His expression, knowing that the hidden evil in the woman's life had caused Christ to frown.

Coming out of vision, Ellen, still trembling, told those present what she had seen. Amazement and disbelief crossed their faces. The woman calmly sat and listened until Mrs. White finished. "I am glad the Lord knows my heart," she said, standing. "He knows that I love Him."

His face angry, her husband rose to defend her. With his Bible in his hand, he exclaimed, "The Bible is all we want. I shall not give up the Bible for visions." Mrs. White had often heard the argument used against her.

"Don't worry, dear," the woman said, trying to quiet her husband. "The Lord knows me, and will take care of it all." Her face showing hurt and puzzlement, she turned to the little gathering and repeated with tears in her eyes, "If my heart could only be opened that you might see it, you would see that it is pure and clean."

The other Adventists quickly felt sympathy for the woman and resentment against Mrs. White. Mrs. White was a stranger, while the woman was a neighbor. Naturally they would

believe her instead of someone unknown to them. Although saddened at the people's hostility and disbelief, Ellen knew she had done her duty before God

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and felt sure He would take care of the woman and the problem she caused.

When the Whites left the meeting, the woman came up to Mrs. White and announced that she held no hard feelings against her. In fact, she added, she would even pray for Mrs. White. If Ellen White reached heaven, the woman promised to greet her there.

For a short time after the Whites had traveled on to other places, the Adventists in Camden wondered and debated whether they should believe Mrs. White or their neighbor. Many felt that she had abused the woman and damaged her reputation. Then something happened to prove Mrs. White's claims.

Fear seized the woman's mind, a fear so strong that no matter how hard she tried she could not escape it. A feeling that she should confess what she was really like overwhelmed her. When she could stand it no longer, she went to her friends and neighbors and began to tell them the secrets of her life. They came tumbling out. She shocked the people by telling them that the man she had lived with for years was not her husband. She had run away from her real husband in England, leaving a child behind.

Claiming special knowledge about medicine, she had sold bottles of medicine supposedly originally costing a dollar, but actually worth only twelve cents. Through a false oath she had defrauded a poor man of thirty dollars. The people now realized the truthfulness of Mrs. White's charges against her.

The woman did not stop with just admitting her guilt.

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She tried to make right as far as possible the wrong things she had done, and at one time prepared to walk forty miles to confess to another person. When she could, she returned money that she had defrauded from people. Her repentance seemed genuine. But equally important, the Camden Adventists knew that God spoke through Ellen G. White.

## **Angel over the tent**

### **Chapter entitled "The Vision of the Missing Hairnet" 10**

**As told by Arthur L. White pp 9-11**

It all happened many, many years ago in Northern California. Mrs. Ellen G. White, the Lord's messenger, was living at Healdsburg only a few blocks from our new college. Since her husband, Elder James White, was now dead, Sister White invited several young ladies to live in her home as they attended school. Among these was one young lady of considerable ability who did some teaching at the school.

How this young lady enjoyed living in Sister White's home: It was a large, white, two-story, frame house, surrounded with garden and orchard. Sister White was a big-hearted, understanding mother to the girls who lived with her. All went well for a few months. Then it happened. As this girl went through Sister White's bedroom on some errand, she saw something on the dresser she wanted very much. She stopped and looked at it. The longer she lingered, the more she felt she just had to have it. She looked this way and that, and seeing no one around she reached out her hand and took it.

And what was it? A watch, or something valuable, you think? No. It was just a hairnet. The women at that time often wore a net over their hair. True, it was a well-made, silk hairnet. Sister White would not miss it, she thought, and it was just what she so much wanted.

Leaving Sister White's bedroom, with the hairnet in her closed hand, the young lady went to her bedroom and opening her trunk, put the net in the corner of the tray. She closed the trunk and went about her duties. But there was no song in her heart now. You know why.

A few hours later in the day, Sister White was preparing to go out, and entering her bedroom to get ready, she brushed her hair, and thought to put on the net, as was the custom of that

day. But she could not find the net anywhere. It was not on the top of the dresser. She looked back of it, she looked under it, but could not find the missing article anywhere. Giving up, she did without it.

That evening at worship time the girls gathered with Sister White around the open fireplace. Often Sister White, in connection with the worship, told a story of the early days. How they did enjoy these stories! But this evening, Sister White had a question to ask the girls.

“Have any of you seen my hairnet?” she asked. Continuing, she said, “It was right there on my dresser in the bedroom. When I went to get it, it was gone. It must be found. It could not go away by itself.” But no one seemed to know about the hairnet, for no one responded. There was one girl there however, who wished Mrs. White would not say anything about a hairnet. The matter was dropped.

A day or two later, as Sister White was passing through this girl’s room, a voice spoke to her as she passed the trunk, “Lift the lid of that trunk!”

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But it was not Sister White’s trunk and she would not think of looking into someone else’s trunk.

Again the voice spoke to her, “Lift the lid of that trunk.”

Now she recognized the voice to be that of an angel, and she obeyed and opened the trunk. In the tray was the missing hairnet. She left it there, closed the trunk, and went about her tasks. That evening, as the family came together again for worship, the hairnet question came up. “Does anyone know where the hairnet is?” Sister White asked. “I am sure it can be found. It could not go away by itself.” But there was no response, and no one seemed to know anything about the hairnet, Sister White did not press the matter further. One girl was worried and in her heart she determined to destroy the hairnet, lest Sister White should discover that she had taken it. How ungrateful this would seem!

A few days after this, Sister White was seated in the living room in front of the fire in the fireplace, busy with her writing. It may have been a personal testimony she was writing to someone, or she may have been working on some of the last chapters of Great Controversy, For several hours she had been busy with her pen and her hand was tired, her mind was tired, and her eyes were tired. She laid her pen down and looked into the fireplace, and then just for a moment she was in vision. This was one of the shortest visions ever given to Sister White.

In this vision she saw the hand and arm of a girl. In the hand was a hairnet. She also saw on the table a kerosene lamp which was burning. She saw the hairnet held over the lamp and then lowered until the net touched the flame. In a flash of light, the silk net burned, and it was gone. The vision was over, and Sister White found herself in the living room by the open fire. Now she knew what had happened to the missing hairnet.

That evening when the family was together around the fireplace, Sister White again asked about the hairnet. Did not someone know what had happened to it? Someone must know about it. But nothing was said; no one seemed to know. Sister White dropped the matter.

A little later Sister White called aside the girl in whose trunk she had seen the hairnet. She told her about the voice that spoke to her. She told her what she saw when she opened the trunk. Then she told her about the short vision and of how she saw the hairnet burn up over the lamp.

The girl broke down in tears. “Yes, Sister White, I took it,” she confessed. “I wanted it so much, and I did not think you would miss it, but when you began to press the matter I feared you would find out that I had taken it, so I held the net over a lamp and burned it up, just as you saw in the vision, and I said to myself, ‘Now no one will ever know about the hairnet.’”

But someone was watching from up in heaven. The angels made a record of what took place, and God sent His angel down to this world with a vision for Sister White just about the hairnet. It was such a small thing

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for the Lord to bother about. God who created the earth and guides the planets, sent His angel down to this world with a vision for Sister White just about a hairnet a girl had taken. But it was a matter much more important than the value of the hairnet. Here was the soul of a young lady at stake.

She was a member of the church. She went to Sabbath School and to church. She was a Seventh-day Adventist, and she felt that she was all right. She did not realize that there were little sins in her life—sins which led her to steal and to deceive. But when she saw that God loved her so much that He sent His angel down to this world with a vision for Sister White just about the hairnet, then she began to see some things differently. Some of the seemingly little things now seemed much more important. How much the Lord must love her; How important the little things were!

Not only did this girl confess her sin of stealing and make the matter right with Sister White and with the Lord, but this experience became the turning point in her life.

This young lady gave her heart anew to God, and she lived a sweet, consistent Christian life. And that was why the vision was given to Sister White. It was to help men and women, and boys and girls to live sweet, consistent Christian lives that so many visions were given to Sister White. And the counsels were written out in the Spirit of Prophecy books to help every one live good lives, and to get ready to meet Jesus.

**Story based on account as given by W. C. White.**

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

**15. Every True Prophet of God will always follow all the teachings of the Bible as the inspired Word of God including the writings of Moses and the Old Testament.**

**John 5:46** For had ye believed **Moses**, ye would have believed **me**: for he **wrote** of **me**.

**John 5:47** But if ye believe **not** his **writings**, how shall ye **believe** my **words**?

**Deuteronomy 18:15** The LORD thy God will **raise** up unto thee a **Prophet** from the midst of thee, of thy brethren, **like** unto **me**; unto him ye shall hearken;

**Deuteronomy 18:18** I will **raise** them up a **Prophet** from among their brethren, like unto thee, and will put my words in his mouth; and he shall **speak** unto them **all** that **I** shall **command** him.

**Luke 24:26** Ought not **Christ** to have **suffered** these things, and to enter into his glory?

**Luke 24:27** And beginning at **Moses** and **all** the **prophets**, he expounded unto them in **all** the **scriptures** the **things** concerning **himself**.

**Luke 24:44** And he said unto them, These *are* the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that **all** things must be **fulfilled**, which were **written** in the law of **Moses**, and *in* the **prophets**, and *in* the **psalms**, concerning **me**.

**Luke 24:45** Then **opened** he their **understanding**, that they might **understand** the **scriptures**,

**2 Timothy 3:16** **All** scripture *is* given by **inspiration** of God, and *is* profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:

**Romans 15:4** For **whatsoever** things were written  **aforetime** were **written** for our **learning**, that we through patience and comfort of the **scriptures** might have **hope**.

**Hebrews 4:1** Let us therefore fear, lest, a promise being left *us* of entering into his rest, any of you should seem to come short of it.

**Hebrews 4:2** For unto us was the **gospel** preached, as well as unto **them**: but the word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in them that heard *it*.

Notice another fulfillment that Ellen G. White graciously portrays in these inspirational quotes.

**But the minister of the gospel, who follows the teachings of Christ, will gain a thorough knowledge of both the Old and New Testament, that he may present them in their true light to the people an inseparable whole--the one depending upon and illuminating the other.** Thus, as Jesus instructed His disciples, they will bring forth from their treasure "things new and old" **(2SP 254, 255). {5BC 1094.2}**

"Had ye believed Moses," said Jesus, "ye would have believed Me: for he wrote of Me. But if ye believe not his writings, how shall ye believe My words?" **It was Christ who had spoken to Israel through Moses. If they had listened to the divine voice that spoke through their great leader, they would have recognized it in the teachings of Christ. Had they believed Moses, they would have believed Him of whom Moses wrote. {DA 213.2}**

"How can ye believe, which receive honor one of another, and seek not the honor that cometh from God only?" Christ asked. "Do not think that I will accuse you to the Father: there is one that accuseth you, even Moses in whom ye trust. For had ye believed Moses, ye would have believed me: for he wrote of me. But if ye believe not his writings, how shall ye believe my words?" **{RH, March 26, 1901 par. 15}**

**Moses spoke only the words which the Great Teacher, enshrouded in the pillar of cloud, bade him speak. The writings of Moses presented types of the Messiah and promises of His coming. All these would condemn the Jews, because they professed to believe Moses. Had they really believed him, they would have welcomed the One of whom he wrote. {RH, March 26, 1901 par. 16}**

**The words which God spoke to Israel by His Son were spoken for us also in these last days. The same Jesus who, upon the mount, taught His disciples the far-reaching principles of the law of God, instructed ancient Israel from the cloudy pillar and from the tabernacle, by the mouth of Moses and Joshua.... Religion in the days of Moses and Joshua was the same as religion today (ST May 26, 1881). {2BC 994.4}**

**Would you be happy to read the prophecies of the Bible and the inspired writings of Ellen G. White that will reveal secrets in our hearts that can be changed by His power? **Yes!** Is it your desire to build your faith on Jesus and His Word in both the Old and the New Testaments? **Yes!****

## **RESEARCH QUESTIONS**

**What can God reveal to prophets at times that demonstrate something that only He can do? **Read all that is in the heart****

**Who at times can be shown the whole life history of a person to build their faith and confidence in the Jesus who can save them from their sins? **The prophets****

**If someone does not believe the writings of Moses and the Prophets in the Old Testament who else will they not believe? **Jesus****

**Who was a prophet of the Old Testament that was just like Jesus? **Moses****

**What three sections that make up all of the Old Testament did Jesus believe was inspired and taught about Himself, His death, burial and resurrection the third day? **Moses, the Psalms and the Prophets****

**What does the reading of Moses, the Psalms and the Prophets open for us in regards to Jesus and His sacrifice for our sins? **Our understanding****

**What needs to be mixed with the reading of the scriptures to make it profitable and of any benefit to us? Faith**