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### Trump Wants to Unite with Papacy to Fight "Extremism"

On May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2017 Donald Trump signed an executive order rescinding certain aspects of the Johnson Amendment, an amendment that was placed many restrictions against the churches. Trump took a big step to fulfilling his promise to give "Great power" back to the church. And on this very same day gleefully announced that he will be meeting with Pope Francis on the 24th of this same month. The Pope and Trump had their differences last year when Trump was talking about building the wall across the southern border of the United States where the Pope said that building walls is "not Christian." Trump fired back by saying to the Pope that he is a "really good Christian."

After Obama spent 8 years rolling out a new pro-death, pro-sodomy, homosexual transgender culture which really hit the evangelical community hard. Trump has been able to align himself with evangelical Christianity as its defender against the evils that have been brought in under Obama, and more of the evils to which Hillary was promising to continue in. And now we have Trump ready to "Make America Great Again". In making America great Trump has promised "great power" back to the church.

Trump has made promises to Christians saying "I don't want to insult anybody, but your power has been totally taken away...you'll have great power to do good things...We're gonna bring it back because it's a good thing." He said he will give the church leaders "**Great Power**". And in another speech he said:

"Really, they've shut Christianity down...they're really being silenced... and **think of the power** we have over the democrats, over the republicans, I mean the power. The power is incredible."

### Trump the New Constantine

In **AD 313** an executive order was signed by Constantine similar to the executive order Donald Trump just signed. Constantine's order was called **the Edict of Milan** which according to Wikipedia.com was a law ordering the people of the Roman Empire to "**treat Christians benevolently within the Roman Empire.**" Constantine was considered to be a "really good Christian" **who really helped to give power back to the church.**

A decree enforcing Sunday was made the law of the land only 8 years later at the Council of Nicea in 321 AD by Constantine and the Roman Religion was now enforced by the State power. Heretics were forbidden by the State power to have lawful assemblies, or to lawfully worship contrary to following the Catholic religion. This is how a monster or beast was created.

And now in 2017 we see another image of that beast being created today and seeking to “exerciseth all **the power of the first beast** before him, and causeth the earth and **them which dwell therein to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed.**” (Revelation 13:12)

### Trump Trying to Unite Major Religions to Combat Extremism

President Trump and the Pope agreed to meet on May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2017. On Donald Trump’s first foreign trip since becoming President, his first goal was to unite the world’s religions to combat “**extremism**”.

"We will begin to construct a new foundation of cooperation and support with our Muslim allies to **combat extremism**, terrorism and violence," Mr Trump said.

Donald travelled to Saudi Arabia, Israel and the Vatican this month on a mission to unite three of the world's most prominent religions against intolerance, terrorism and Iran. And after meeting the Pope Trump tweeted that it was the “Honor of a lifetime to meet His Holiness Pope Francis. I leave the Vatican more determined than ever to pursue PEACE in our world.” He also said that “All civilized nations must join together to protect human life and the sacred right of our citizens to live in safety and in peace.”

Certainly a call for “peace and safety”. We could only hope, however, the word of God tells us that “For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them.” (1 Thess 5:3)

We all know Trump has been a skeptic of the climate agenda. But at this meeting Pope Francis did give Trump a gift. It was a copy of the Papal Encyclical on the climate called Laudato Si which was authored by Pope Francis. The very one that was released before Pope Francis came to the United States to address the congress as well as the United Nations in New York where they were pushing the Climate Agenda called the Sustainable Development Agenda. For those who are unfamiliar with what this agenda has to do with, please see my three part video series entitled: “No Man Might Buy or Sell-A New Economic Order-Get Out of the Cities” on YouTube, or you can ask for some on DVD by emailing me. dbarron@gmx.com

### Pope Francis Call to Combat Extremism and Fundamentalism, Unity, and Healing of WOUNDS of Division

It was September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2015 that Pope Francis spoke to the congress of the United States. The congress is the legislative body of America, they are called by many the “law makers”. They have taken a vow to uphold the constitution of the United States, a constitution that was founded on Protestant principles. This constitution was meant to keep the wickedness of human slaughter from having control over the consciences of men. This constitution was to keep the institution that took the lives of more than 50 million people who walked contrary to their doctrines away from being able to enforce their decrees on the people of this country.

This is a church whose leadership has throughout history proven to have no respect for the consciences of others.

And this Papal voice through the legislature in the very heart of the nation, Washington DC was given a voice to influence the law making assembly. If it is true that out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh, and that the heart of the nation is Washington D.C. and that legislative body is the mouth, then on this day this country seems to have spoken like a dragon. To most of the world however, there was hardly a notice as this day passed with joy and excitement for most, and all the world, especially the citizens of the United States wondered after the Beast while some of the founding fathers who fought to free America from kingly and religious tyranny may have been rolling in their graves.

James Madison known as the father of the constitution put the first amendment in this light “The purpose of separation of church and state is to **keep forever from these shores the ceaseless strife that has soaked the soil of Europe in blood for centuries.**”- James Madison, 4th president of the United States.

Boy oh boy did the Papacy soak the soil of Europe in blood over the centuries. America has forgotten her history. America has forgotten why she declared independence.

A once protestant government, protesting the Papacy was now allowing this Pope to sit in the heart of the nation. The heart of this beast fully desolate of being the temple of the Shekinah glory, the spirit of Christ and Protestantism gone, the man of sin sitting on the heart was now free to speak. And just what was his message?

While in congress Pope Francis said “We know that no religion is immune from forms of individual delusion or ideological **extremism**. This means that we must be especially attentive to every type of **fundamentalism**... The contemporary world, **with its open wounds** which affect so many of our brothers and sisters, demands that we **confront every form of polarization** which **would divide** it into these two camps.”

Combat “extremism” and dividers. That’s what Trump said. He wanted to unite with Pope Francis to combat,

“extremism” and is working to unite the worlds major religions including the Papacy against it.

Don't miss what he said while in this seat. There are “**open wounds**” or “division”. It is caused by “fundamentalism” and “extremism”. When we look up “fundamentalism” in the dictionary we find that it refers to **Protestantism** or **Bible believing Christianity**.

fun·da·men·tal·ism fəndə'men(t)l, izəm (Noun) a form of a religion, especially Islam or **Protestant Christianity, that upholds belief in the strict, literal interpretation of scripture.**

So what does the Pope expect us to be especially on guard about? Those bible believing Christians. Fundamentalists.

Protestants protest against religious decrees. They protest church and state. They truly believe in the first amendment like as James Madison, Thomas Jefferson and the founding fathers. And they definitely cause issues with the Papacy, and cannot be united with them unless the Pope steps down from his throne and repents. Therefore Protestants are the cause of division, and they are the ones who have kept various religions from being able to heal these “wounds” of “division”.

It is not because of rebellion that they cause division, but because of love for the truth, and understanding of God's true character and how it has been misrepresented over the centuries.

Stay tuned as we continue to keep an eye on the steady trend of events.

### WHAT IN THE WORLD IS GOING ON?



During May 2017 there were several new activities/unrest for 6 volcanoes and ongoing activity was reported for 18 volcanoes, around the world including in Japan, Guatemala, Costa Rica, Indonesia, Papua New Guinea, Columbia, Ecuador, Peru, Russia, Hawaiian Islands (USA), Bogoslof, Fox Islands (USA), Cleveland, Chuginadak Island (USA), Colima, Mexico, and more. A lot of it was significant. Is the earth rumbling with old age? Is Someone trying to wake us up? The one at Bogoslof sent ash 34,000 feet up. It was a powerful explosive eruption which started May 17 and lasted approximately 73 minutes. The Aviation Color Code was raised from orange to red. This is the first major eruption at Bogoslof since March 8. It remains at a heightened state of unrest and in an unpredictable condition. Additional explosions producing high-altitude volcanic clouds could occur at any time. The last major eruption of this volcano started March 8 and resulted in approximately 3 hours of significant ash emissions. The

March 8 event was the first detected disruptive activity since February 19. More than 1000 lightning strikes related to the eruption cloud were detected during this event, which is by far the highest number observed since the beginning of eruption.

May 16 deadly tornadoes hit Elk City, OK and Chetek, WI. Powerful thunderstorms rolled through the region. Preliminary reports mention at least 27 tornadoes and 150 hail/large hail reports from Texas to Wisconsin on May 17. A mobile home park with 50-60 trailers was hit destroying many of them. In Elk City, OK a tornado destroyed at least 40 homes and damaged 50 to 75 others severely.



May 21 a severe storm closes an international border bridge in Laredo, US-Mexico. It brought damaging winds and heavy rain to US-Mexico border region forcing the closure of the bridge.

On May 12 a landslide cut off western end of American Samoa from Malota. An official, Ite Matagia described it as one of the biggest landslides he's seen in recent years.



A few days ago Big Sur (California) was hit again with a huge landslide covering another portion of Highway 1, and closing it, burying it under 40 feet of dirt and rocks! This is on the ocean and had been a beautiful and famous drive for years up the coast.

### Record Weather



Eastern Pacific Hurricane Season is off to a record early start. Tropical Storm Adrian formed May 9 setting a new record for earliest tropical cyclone formation in the NE Pacific. Tropical Cyclone Donna became the strongest May Southern Hemisphere tropical cyclone on record May 7. In April Tropical Storm Arlene developed becoming only the second tropical storm in the Atlantic in the satellite era. (The other was Ana in 2003.) There was snow in the east in May. The colder-than-average temperatures allowed some of the precipitation to fall as snow on May 6 in the higher elevations of N Carolina and Tennessee. And also late-season rain in Southern California! Los Angeles received more than the average precipitation expected in May, San Diego received 7 times the average rain for May and there was snow in the mountains of southern California (some which is still there!) Flooding in various areas including Arkansas. Just a lot of weird record

weather going on. Is Yahweh sending unwelcomed messages to this planet?



World Meteorological Organization (WMO) confirmed 2016 as the hottest year on record, surpassing the exceptionally high temperatures of 2015. What will 2017 bring?

### “YES...SEVENTH-GAY ADVENTISM AND SPIRITUALISM”

by David Barron

The bible is clear about homosexuality, however, there is a growing number who are questioning the plain statements of the word of God. This is becoming quite common.

For instance, only last month, broadcast on NBC News, Kris Widmer who has been pastoring in the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists for 32 years was shocked to receive a 10 page letter from his son confessing that he was a transvestite. As part of a new video by producer Daneen Aker and director Stephen Eyer who have also produced the movie “Seventh-gay Adventist” they share the story of Kris and his daughter Teagan, formerly known to Kris and others as his son Timothy.

His mother Debbie said “We would like the church to continue to grow and change and to become the community of Christ, where **love is more important than law** and people are more important than policy.”

Certainly there is no doubt that there could be a great strain on the family, and no doubt of God’s love and mercy towards homosexuals. The bible says to the Corinthians that “such were some of you” (1 Cor 6:11) That implies that God will forgive those who will give this sin to him. But it certainly doesn’t say “such are some of you.” As many seem to be interpreting the word today.

Is love more important than law as Debbie Widmer said? Or is “Love the fulfilling of the law” (Romans 13:8) Certainly it is wonderful that we love the sinner. Many of us have children that have done many sins. But of late, with respect to Seventh-day Adventism, homosexuality has become prevalent. We are not to lose hope for our children, however, we must respectfully address these issues from a biblical standpoint.

### As in the Days of Noah and Lot

Jesus told us that the end times would be like the days of Noah and Lot. (Luke 17:27-29) What was it like in those days? We are told in the book of Genesis that “GOD saw that the wickedness of man was



great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.” (Genesis 6:5)

Jesus tells us that they were “marrying and giving in marriage” (Matt 24:38) but it wasn’t about being covenanted in spiritual relationships. It was about self-indulgence. We are told “the sons of God saw the daughters of men that they were fair; and they took them wives of all which they chose.” (Genesis 6:2)

They saw something they wanted, whether beauty or lust, and they took it without consideration of the covenant requirements of God, such as that the two should be “one spirit.” (1 Cor 6:13-17) God gave the marriage institution Himself, and the marriage institution is honorable. We are told that “Whoso findeth a wife findeth a good thing, and obtaineth favour of the LORD” (Proverbs 18:22) But it is not honorable if one is carnal, born after the flesh, and the other is born of spirit, a child of the most high, a “son of God” (Genesis 6:2) Is it honorable if your wife is a man?

Today it is becoming politically incorrect to distinguish between male and female in some cases, between ladies and gentlemen, between boys and girls. We’ve went so far as making laws for transgender bathrooms. In Canada Bill C-16 may be passed this summer which would forbid as hate speech someone calling another by the wrong gender and fines following of up to 250,000 dollars.

In Matthew 19:4-6 Jesus said “Have ye not read, that he which made them at the beginning made them male and female, (5) And said, For this cause shall a man leave father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife: and they twain shall be one flesh? (6) Wherefore they are no more twain, but one flesh. What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder.”

There are several things here to note. God joins them together, not a minister of the Lord, and neither Caesar. But this is God’s. We know that it was “male and female” not “male with male.”

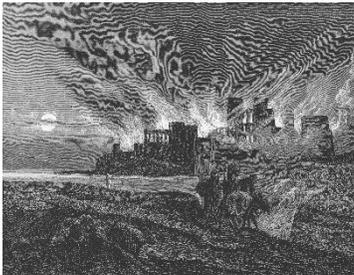
Romans 1:27-28 And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; **men with men working that which is unseemly**, and receiving in themselves that recompence of their error which was meet. And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, **God gave them over to a reprobate mind**, to do those things which are not convenient.

Certainly they don’t have “the mind of Christ.” (1 Cor 2:16) Unfortunately the evangelical Christian’s begged the State to step in and enforce marriage by law several years ago, and the State started issuing certificates for marriage. They gave to Caesar what is God’s. And then in the 90’s they brought in the Defense of Marriage act in order to make it illegal for the homosexuals to be able to marry.

The problem with that is that when Caesar or the state is given control of institutions such as the Sabbath and Marriage, Caesar sometimes likes to redefine what they mean rather than accept the meaning from the Bible where the term originated. For instance, to Caesar Sunday means Sabbath when the bible tells us that it is from Friday evening to Saturday evening.

In June of 2015 a law was signed that says that same sex marriage was now legalized. There are further laws that are made which prevent many churches today from being able to speak against it. Some discrimination as well as persecution has resulted.

In the time of Sodom and Gomorrah homosexuality was rampant. Genesis records that all the men of Sodom, "both young and old," surrounded Lot's house and shouted



"Where are the men who came to you tonight? Bring them out to us so that we can have sex with them" (Genesis 19:5, NIV). It is shocking to read that not only the "old" but also the "young" were practicing

homosexuality. We are told in Jude verse 7 that the judgment for this was fire and brimstone from heaven and that in many ways this is what it would be like in the end of the world.

It was prevalent everywhere as it is today. The numbers are increasing. NEWSWEEK reports that in the United States, "hundreds of gay groups operate on campuses around the country... At the University of Wisconsin at Madison, gay events are as commonplace as the homecoming football game. Perhaps 1,000 gays and lesbians live openly on the 40,000-student campus."

### **Homosexuality Is Growing Rampant in Seventh-day Adventism**

In 1998, a newsletter published by the young adults of the Glendale City SDA Church, in Glendale, California, they made claims that "going by conservatives estimates, there are at least 5,000 gay Adventist in Southern California" (p. 9) In the issue there is an interview with Donald Freedman, who is an active member of the Glendale City SDA Church, and belongs "to an increasing number of Adventists who are open about being gay -- a gay Adventist" (p. 9)

It is noteworthy that Mr. Freedman correlates homosexuality with women's role in the church. He writes: "In our more recent times the issue of women within the church has been an issue that has been hotly debated... People really have to strain to find passages in Scripture that put down gay people" (p. 11).

The attempt by a "gay Adventist" to correlate homosexuality with women's ordination is significant. And the bible is certainly clear that homosexuality is not only a forbidden sin, but it is an "abomination". (Leviticus 18) This was several years ago, and what was it leading to? It confuses the functional roles between males and females which has led to the rejection of sexual role distinctions in the church. In the same way that same sex marriage is in the world.

### **Women's Ordination and Gender Distinction**

It was two years ago that we had a vote on the role of women in the church and women's ordination. And though one group realized the biblical distinction in roles there have been major divisions and factions since. Since then many things are transpiring concerning the LGBT movement and we have yet to see where it is all leading. It was only last year that the Hollywood SDA Church appointed its first transgender elder. Rhonda Dinwiddle is his/her claimed name and she/he teaches the Sabbath school. "Rhonda" claims that the Akers movie Seventh-gay Adventists was a life-changing experience, and paved the way for him/her to join the Hollywood Adventist Church.

In June of last year Alice Machado was baptized into the Chico Seventh-day Adventist church in north central California where her 'husband' (Amber Machado) was already a baptized member. Yes, that's right her husband Amber. That is a woman. The baptism was performed by Ginger Hanks Harwood, a former associate professor at the La Sierra University theology department.

Baptizing a practicing homosexual into the church. Ellen White spoke of a sexual epidemic in the book Testimonies on Sexual behavior where she wrote the following.

### **Sexual Sin Prevalent Leads to A Cage of Unclean and Hateful Birds**

"They are coveting their neighbors' wives, and the seventh commandment is broken. We are in danger of becoming a sister to fallen Babylon, of allowing our churches to become corrupted, and filled with every foul spirit, a cage for every unclean and hateful bird; and will we be clear unless we make decided movements to cure the existing evil?" {Testimonies on Sexual Behaviour 188}

That was written in 1886 with respect to sins that were happening in the church in that day. Coveting their neighbor's wives was a sexual sin, but in 2017 there is a sexual epidemic taking place that is far worse. The bible tells us that Babylon falls because of her fornication with the kings of the earth. A sexual sin in itself. This use of State power to control the consciences of men and persecute those it deemed as heretics was the method of the Roman Catholic Church throughout the dark ages.

Well, the cleansing of the camp didn't happen, the existing evils of 1886 came back, and as a result several homosexual Seventh-day Adventists were baptized into the church. Not only this, but they had an organization of their own using the name Seventh-day Adventist called Kinship Seventh-day Adventists. They have their own meetings which they call "kamp meetings" where these nominal Adventists come together for fun and frolic.

In 1980 this plague was rampant in the church, and the mainstream body called the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists trademarked the name Seventh-day Adventist under the United States government in an effort to stop the homosexual Adventists from using the name. A waiting process happened where there could be an appeal to the trademark, and by 1986 after the waiting process was unknown to most and over, they began litigation against the Seventh-day Adventist homosexual kinship group.

Well, going up to the Kings of the earth for help is not God's idea of "curing the existing evil". (See Revelation 18:1-4) And the Kinship group won in court against the General Conference and was able to keep the name after all of that. God wasn't on the side of the Kinship group obviously. However, obviously God wasn't on the side of the General conference because as a church in prophecy is a woman, she was playing the harlot in going to the United States government (kings of the earth) for help. And she lost. (Rev 18:2, 3)



If court was God's way, then He would have easily won in court. But God was not in that method.

Isa 31:1 Woe to them that go down to Egypt for help; and stay on horses, and trust in chariots, because they are many; and in horsemen, because they are very strong; but they look not unto the Holy One of Israel, neither seek the LORD!

So they finally resorted to this very sin that Babylon is guilty of and was guilty of during the dark ages. That is to seek help from King Caesar.

In an attempt to secure unity last September, the General Conference has been making the attempt to take over the rebelling conferences. The reasoning behind it was because some divisions refuse to follow the decisions of the decision making board, and now, feeling there is no choice left, and hopeless, are feeling the need to resort to force. Sadly Ellen White said "Force is the last resort of every false religion" ( The Signs of the Times, May 6, 1897)

Can God bring it through now? "As reformers they had come out of the denominational churches, but they now

act a part similar to that which the churches acted. **We hoped that there would not be the necessity for another coming out.**"—Ellen White '88 356, 357 (1889)

Now The Widmers are not alone in their struggles to reconcile their faith with LGBTQ identities. A Seventh-day Adventist pastor in Arizona recently stepped down from her position after coming out as bisexual which was all over the mainstream news as well, and all of this within the last couple months.

And just about one month before director Stephen Eyer director of the movie Seventh-gay Adventist was at the Green Lake Church in Seattle, where pastor John McClarty preached a sermon titled "What to do with real people." The sermon set the stage for an afternoon viewing of the pro-gay Adventist movie Seventh-gay Adventist. In the sermon pastor McClarty tells us that some portions of the bible are to be rejected.

We were told that spiritualism would be a serious issue in these last days. In the garden of Eden several years ago, the devil came to Eve with the question "Hath God Said" (Genesis 3:1) And this questioning of God's plain word and the plainest statements has been going on since the beginning. And what's more is not only is he trying to get us to question the plain statements, but he twists them to mean the direct opposite of what they are. He can turn the words "thou shall surely die" into "thou shall not surely die" and make it look very "pleasant to the eyes." (Genesis 3:4, 6)



And this was the very thing coming out of the pulpit at this meeting. Pastor McClarty said in his sermon "We came to some passages, and Linda Hibe would read this passage of scripture, and she would rare back and go... it'd be, you know, God said go kill somebody or something, I mean, you know, God said and Linda would go "That's not right" Linda was right... If we are going to be faithful to God, there are times when we must push back against the ancient words."

Did God say it? Hath God said? God is wrong if He commands justice? God is unjust? Where do these accusations originate? This seems to be the epidemic, trusting the plain statements in the word of God is becoming a thing of the past. Here is what we are told about spiritualism.

### Spiritualism Within

"Spiritualism is now changing its form, veiling some of its more objectionable and immoral features, and assuming a Christian guise. Formerly it denounced Christ and the Bible; now it professes to accept both. **The Bible is interpreted in a manner that is attractive to the unrenewed heart, while its solemn and vital truths are**

**made of no effect. A God of love is presented; but his justice, his denunciations of sin, the requirements of his holy law, are all kept out of sight.** Pleasing, bewitching fables captivate the senses of those who do not make God's word the foundation of their faith. Christ is as verily rejected as before; but Satan has so blinded the eyes of the people that the deception is not discerned. {Ellen White Spirit of Prophecy Vol. 4 Page 405}



This is what the devil did with the word in the garden of Eden. This is spiritualism, the dragon, Satan and his angels. And all this to make the truth of no effect. She says that "A God of love is presented...his justice, his denunciations of sin, the requirements of his holy law, are all kept out of sight."

And that is what Satan seeks to attack in all of this. The justice of God. Why would pastor McClarty have an issue with God commanding justice? Because the justice of God denounces those sins, and we are told that those who would continue in sin would be destroyed, or were sometimes commanded by God to be destroyed.

Pastor McClarty mentioned the book of Samuel. Interestingly, In the book of 1 Samuel chapter 15 we are told of the story of Saul where God's word is given to Saul.

1 Samuel 15:1-3 Samuel also said unto Saul, The LORD sent me to anoint thee to be king over his people, over Israel: now therefore **hearken thou unto the voice of the words of the LORD.** (2) Thus saith the LORD of hosts, I remember that which Amalek did to Israel, how he laid wait for him in the way, when he came up from Egypt. (3) Now **go and smite Amalek, and utterly destroy all that they have, and spare them not; but slay both man and woman, infant and suckling, ox and sheep, camel and ass.**

In this story we are told that Saul thought his understanding of justice to be better than God's, and so the words of God were not regarded by him, and instead of listening and believing, and obeying the plain statements, he saved the king as well as the sheep and oxen alive. (1 Sam 15:13-22)

The word of God through Samuel was that "**thou hast rejected the word of the LORD**, and the LORD hath rejected thee from being king over Israel." (1 Sam 15:26) The word of God was plain, and **the plain word was rejected by Saul**, and after rejecting this the word of the LORD was not given to Saul anymore. He had disbelieved these statements to be from the LORD, and this was his unpardonable sin. He had spiritualized away the plain statement.

"But none need be deceived by the lying claims of spiritualism. God has given the world sufficient light to

enable them to discover the snare. As already shown, **the theory which forms the very foundation of spiritualism is at war with the plainest statements of Scripture.**" (Great Controversy Page 556)

Pastor McClarty was giving a message that is from none other than the dragon and his angels, spiritualism. And that building is a cage of unclean birds, spirits of devils speaking through the minister. And the people seemed to be blinded to discerning the deception.

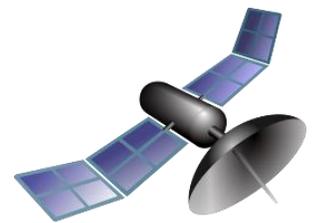
King Saul was at war with the plainest statements in the word of God was he not? After this disobedience Saul resorted to going to the witch of Endor, and was deceived by the spirits of devils. Like Pastor McClarty, Saul was fighting against the plain statements in the word of God, saying God was wrong in commanding justice. Was it wrong? Samuel understood it to be justice.

1 Samuel 15:32-33 Then said Samuel, Bring ye hither to me Agag the king of the Amalekites. And Agag came unto him delicately. And Agag said, Surely the bitterness of death is past. (33) And **Samuel said, As thy sword hath made women childless, so shall thy mother be childless among women. And Samuel hewed Agag in pieces before the LORD in Gilgal.**

He understood what this king had done and what the nation was doing. Sometimes we don't know all the circumstances, but we can be sure that God does. And we need to be very careful when questioning his justice. Sometimes we question some of these things in the Old Testament and say they are "wrong" because of our "low standard of right and justice."

Notice the following from Ellen White: "God's love is represented in our day as being of such **\*\*a character as would forbid His destroying the sinner.\*\*** Men reason from **their own low standard of right and justice.** "Thou thoughtest that I was altogether such an one as thyself" (Psalm 50:21). They measure God by themselves. They reason as to how they would act under the circumstances and decide God would do as they imagine they would do.

**The plea may be made that a loving Father would not see His children suffering the punishment of God by fire while He had the power to relieve them. But God would, for the good of His subjects and for their safety, punish the transgressor.** God does not work on the plan of man. **He can do infinite justice that man has no right to do** before his fellow man. Noah would have displeased God to have drowned one of the scoffers and mockers that harassed him, but **God drowned the vast world.** Lot



would have had no right to inflict punishment on his sons-in-law, but **God would do it in strict justice.**

**Who will say God will not do what He says He will do?**—Ellen White Manuscript Releases 12:207-209;

God said he would do these things. And He has, and He will. Who are we to question Him? Where does this question originate? “Hath God said?” (Genesis 3:1) Satan and his angels. We are questioning several of the plainest statements in scripture when we say God can’t kill, or command killing as if it is sin. When we start to make God sound unjust we are playing into the side of spiritualism and Satan in putting God on trial. We are not recognizing that sometimes in acts of mercy, in order to save some, he must destroy some.

“To our merciful God the act of punishment is a strange act. “As I live, saith the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked; but that the wicked turn from his way and live.” Ezekiel 33:11. The Lord is “merciful and gracious, long-suffering, and abundant in goodness and truth, ... forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin.” Yet He will “by no means clear the guilty.” Exodus 34:6, 7.

While He does not delight in vengeance, He will execute judgment upon the transgressors of His law. He is forced to do this, to preserve the inhabitants of the earth from utter depravity and ruin. In order to save some He must cut off those who have become hardened in sin” {Ellen White Patriarchs and Prophets Page 628}

There is definitely a path here that many are being led down. The devil and his angels are at war with the plain statements in the word of God. And we are called to stand up and declare that “True and righteous are His judgments” and that there is no injustice with God. It is in love to the transgressor that He will execute judgment. But it was in love to the transgressor that He died to save from the penalty.

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