

Rubbish

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Rubbish, Nehemiah 4:1,2 and Psalm 40:1-3

Nehemiah 4:1, 2. “But it came to pass, that when Sanballat heard that we builded the wall, he was wroth, and took great indignation, and mocked the Jews. And he spake before his brethren and the army of Samaria, and said, What do these feeble Jews? will they fortify themselves? will they sacrifice? will they make an end in a day? **will they revive the stones out of the heaps of the rubbish which are burned?**”

I believe that the **stones** are a part of the truths that will be and are being revived or uncovered from the **rubbish** in the last days – our days - as we will see later on when we take a look at William Miller’s second dream that is in Early Writings.

Rubbish From Strongs #6083 and that from #6080. *Dust {as powdered or gray}; hence clay, earth, mud: - ashes, dust, earth, ground, mortar, powder, rubbish.* So here we see the definition of rubbish. We will look at rubbish in the terms of clay in Psalm 40:1-3.

Psalm 40:1-3. “To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David. I waited patiently for the LORD; and he inclined unto me, and heard my cry. He brought me up also out of an **horrible pit**, out of the **miry clay**, and set my feet upon a **rock**, [and] established my goings. And he hath put a new song in my mouth, [even] praise unto our God: many shall see [it], and fear, and shall trust in the LORD.”

First let us look at **horrible pit**. **Horrible** – It is #7588 in the Strong’s Concordance meaning *uproar {as of rushing}: destruction.* **Pit** – a pit hole {espec. One used as a **cistern or prison**}

So from those definitions an **horrible pit** appears to be a **prison of destruction**.

Now we will look at **clay**. From Strong’s #2916 – to *be sticky*. Through the idea of dirt to be **swept** away. Mud or clay. Calamity. Clay, dirt, mire.

David said that this clay is miry. **Miry** - from Strongs#3121 *dregs {as effervescing}*. Taken from #3196 – to *effervesce; wine {as fermented} intoxication*.

From the definitions above of horrible pit and miry clay it looks that after David waited upon the Lord that the Lord heard his cry and brought him up out of a **prison of destruction** and out of an **intoxicating wine**. This experience can and must be ours. We must be freed from the

prison of destruction and have the intoxicating wine **swept** out of our lives by the dirt brush man. {We will look more into the dirt brush man later.}

2 Timothy 2:24-26. “And the servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle unto all [men], apt to teach, patient, In meekness instructing those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth; And [that] they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil, **who are taken captive by him at his will.**”

We have all, at one time or another been taken captive at Satan’s will. But our being delivered was prophesied in the Old Testament.

Isaiah 42:6, 7. “I the LORD have called thee in righteousness, and will hold thine hand, and will keep thee, and give thee for a covenant of the people, for a light of the Gentiles; To open the blind eyes, **to bring out the prisoners from the prison**, [and] them that sit in darkness **out of the prison house.**”

And in the New Testament Jesus said He would do just that.

Jesus says in Luke 4:18: “The Spirit of the Lord [is] upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, **to preach deliverance to the captives**, and recovering of sight to the blind, **to set at liberty them that are bruised.**”

Miry Clay

“When faithful teachers expound the word of God, there arise men of learning, ministers professing to understand the Scriptures, who denounce sound doctrine as heresy, and thus turn away inquirers after truth. Were it not that the world is hopelessly **intoxicated with the wine of Babylon**, multitudes would be convicted and converted by the plain, cutting truths of the word of God. But religious faith appears so confused and discordant that the people know not what to believe as truth. The sin of the world's impenitence lies at the door of the church.” {GC 389.1}

Now we see miry clay used in 2 other verses in the Bible – Daniel chapter 2 verses 41 and 43.

Daniel 2:41-43. “And whereas thou sawest the feet and toes, part of potters' clay, and part of iron, the kingdom shall be divided; but there shall be in it of the strength of the iron, forasmuch as thou sawest the iron mixed with **miry clay**. And [as] the toes of the feet [were] part of iron, and part of clay, [so] the kingdom shall be partly strong, and partly broken. And whereas thou sawest iron mixed with **miry clay**, they shall **mingle** themselves with the seed of men: but they shall not cleave one to another, even as iron is not mixed with clay.”

“We have come to a time when God's sacred work is represented by the feet of the image in which the iron was mixed with the **miry clay**. God has a people, a chosen people, whose discernment must be sanctified, who must not become unholy by laying upon the **foundation** wood, hay, and stubble. Every soul who is loyal to the commandments of God will see that the distinguishing feature of our faith is the seventh-day Sabbath. If the government would honor the Sabbath as God has commanded, it would stand in the strength of God and in defense of the faith once delivered to the saints. But statesmen will uphold the spurious sabbath, and will **minge** their religious faith with the observance of this child of the **papacy**, placing it above the Sabbath which the Lord has sanctified and blessed, setting it apart for man to keep holy, as a sign between Him and His people to a thousand generations. **The mingling of churchcraft and statecraft is represented by the iron and the clay.** This union is weakening all the power of **the churches**. This investing the church with the power of the state will bring evil results. Men have almost passed the point of God's forbearance. They have invested their strength in politics, and **have united with the papacy**. But the time will come when God will punish those who have made void His law, and their evil work will recoil upon themselves.” (MS 63, 1899). {4BC 1168.8}

After the Lord has delivered us as captives from the prison of destruction and the intoxicating wine of Babylon, He then sets our feet upon a **rock!** Let us take a look at that **Rock!** [I want to point out here that we do not have to be in the Roman Catholic church to be drinking from the wine of Babylon. No matter if we just came out of the world, or from one of the many denominations, or even been SDA's all of our lives, we have still been drinking from the wine of Babylon. We have all been polluted by Rome!!!!!!] Now let us take a look at that **Rock**.

Christ The Rock

1 Corinthians 10:1-5. “Moreover, brethren, I would not that ye should be ignorant, how that all our fathers were under the cloud, and all passed through the sea; And were all baptized unto Moses in the cloud and in the sea; And did all eat the same spiritual meat; And did all drink the same spiritual drink: for they drank of that spiritual **Rock** that followed them: and that Rock was Christ. **But with many of them God was not well pleased: for they were overthrown in the wilderness.**”

Here we see that **Christ is that Rock**. In verse 5 we see that some were overthrown in the wilderness. Let us set our feet upon the Rock Christ Jesus and make our calling and election sure and NOT be overthrown in the wilderness, to not be **swept** away like the **rubbish** that is **swept** out the window in William Miller's dream, that we will be looking at a little later on. Can you say Amen to that!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

1 Peter 2:1-9 “Wherefore laying aside all malice, and all guile, and hypocrisies, and envies, and all evil speakings, As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby: If so be ye have tasted that the Lord [is] gracious. To whom coming, [as unto] a living stone, disallowed indeed of men, but chosen of God, [and] precious, Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ. Wherefore also it is contained in the scripture, Behold, I lay in Sion a chief corner stone, elect, precious: and he that believeth on **him** {Christ} shall not be confounded. Unto you therefore which believe [**he** is] precious: but unto them which be disobedient, the stone which the builders disallowed, the same is made the head of the corner, And a stone of stumbling, and a rock of offence, [even to them] which stumble at the word, being disobedient: whereunto also they were appointed. But ye [are] a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should show forth the praises of **him** who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light:”

Again we see that **Christ is the Rock**, the Chief Corner Stone of the Foundation of our Faith. Also notice that in Psalm 40:3 that after being set upon a **rock** and established in our goings that we have praises for our God. In 1 Peter 2:9 we see we are to show forth the His praises because he has called us out of the darkness of the prison house and the intoxicating wine or doctrines of Babylon and showed us His light!!!!

“Before me was a class of men possessing no inferior talent; there were those who had no knowledge of God, and no faith in his Son, but I knew that Jesus was willing to receive these men, waiting to pardon their transgressions, to **take their feet from the miry clay, and to place them upon the Rock of Ages**. I felt an intense desire to present the truth of God's word in such a way that they might be constrained by the love that Jesus had manifested for them to come to him in all their sinfulness and pollution, that they might be cleansed by the blood of the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world. The most sinful may be made fit for the mansions that Jesus has gone to prepare for those who love him and keep his commandments. They may be *cleansed by faith in his blood, sanctified through obedience to the truth*, and *glorified by the power of God to **shine** in his everlasting kingdom.*” {ST, April 20, 1888 par. 8}

Above we see that Sister White is quoting from Psalm 40:2 and saying **that Rock is the Rock of Ages**. And we know that the **Rock of ages is Christ**. “Have faith in **Christ** as a personal Saviour. **He** has been and ever will be our **Rock of Ages**.” {Ev 361.4} I believe that the rock in Psalm 40:2 also has another meaning.

“The warning has come: **Nothing is to be allowed to come in that will disturb the foundation of the faith upon which we have been building ever since the message came in 1842, 1843, and 1844**. I was in this message, and ever since I have been standing before the world, true to the light that God has given us. We do not propose to take our feet off the **platform** on which

they were placed as day by day we sought the Lord with earnest prayer, seeking for light. **Do you think that I could give up the light that God has given me? It is to be as the Rock of Ages.** It has been guiding me ever since it was given. Brethren and sisters, God lives and reigns and works today. His hand is on the wheel, and in his providence he is turning the wheel in accordance with his own will. Let not men fasten themselves to documents, saying what they will do, and what they will not do. Let them fasten themselves to the Lord God of heaven. *Then the light of heaven will shine into the soul-temple, and we shall see the salvation of God.* {RH, April 14, 1903 par. 35}

In the above quote we see that the light given Sister White, the light given from 1842 -1844 which was the **foundation of our faith** was also the **Rock of Ages**. How could that be?

“It is the voice of Christ that speaks through patriarchs and prophets, from the days of Adam even to the closing scenes of time. The **Saviour** is revealed in the Old Testament as clearly as in the New. It is the light from the prophetic past that brings out the life of **Christ** and the teachings of the New Testament with clearness and beauty. The miracles of Christ are a proof of His divinity; but a **stronger proof that He is the world's Redeemer is found in comparing the prophecies of the Old Testament with the history of the New.**” {DA 799.2}

Because Christ is the one who gives the prophecies to the Prophets, that light from the Bible is the **Rock of Ages**. He is the Word of God. {See John 1:1, 14} The next quote shows that it is all of the light from 1840 – 1844 that we need.

“All the messages given from 1840-1844 are to be made forcible now, for there are many people who have lost their bearings. The messages are to go to all the churches.” {21MR 437.1}

The above quote says the messages given from 1840-1844 are to be made forcible now and are to go to ALL the churches. Why??? **Many People have lost their bearings.** Brothers and Sisters that quote was written in 1906. If the people of God had lost their bearings then, how much more so today????????? Now we know that the messages given from 1840 – 1844 were put on the 1843 chart. We will look at just two of several quotes that tell us that the chart was directed by God.

The 1843 and 1850 Charts

“I have seen that the 1843 chart was directed by the hand of the Lord, and that it should not be altered; that the figures were as He wanted them; that His hand was over and hid a **mistake** in some of the figures, so that none could see it, **until His hand was removed.**” {EW 74.1}

“I saw that the truth should be made plain upon tables, that the earth and the fullness thereof is the Lord's, and that necessary means should not be spared to make it plain. **I saw that the old chart was directed by the Lord, and that not a figure of it should be altered except by inspiration.** I saw that the figures of the chart were as God would have them, and that His hand was over and hid **a mistake** in some of the figures, so that none should see it till His hand was removed.” {SpM 1.3}

The old chart was the 1843 chart. Now we will see that another chart followed after more light was presented to the Advent believers – the 50 who were faithful after the disappointment of Oct. 22, 1844.

“I do not wish to ignore or drop one link in the chain of evidence that was formed as, after the passing of the time in 1844, little companies of seekers after truth met together to study the Bible and to ask God for light and guidance. . . . The truth, point by point, was fastened in our minds so firmly that we could not doubt. . . . The evidence given in our early experience has the same force that it had then. The truth is the same as it ever has been, and not a pin or a pillar can be moved from the structure of truth. **That which was sought for out of the Word in 1844, 1845, and 1846 remains the truth in every particular.**” {1MR 52.2}

These truths sought for from after the disappointment of Oct. 22nd 1844 – 1846 are the truths on the 1850 chart.

“God showed me the necessity of getting out a chart. I saw it was needed and that the truth made plain upon tables would affect much and would cause souls to come to the knowledge of the truth.” {5MR 202.4}

“On our return to Brother Nichol's, the Lord gave me a vision and showed me that **the truth must be made plain upon tables**, and it would cause many to decide for the truth by the third angel's message with the two former **being made plain upon tables.**” {5MR 203.1}

“**The chart is being executed in Boston. God is in it.**” {15MR 213.1}

“**Bro. Nichols has the charge of it.**” {15MR 213.2}

“**I saw that God was in the publishment of the chart by Brother Nichols. I saw that there was a prophecy of this chart in the Bible**, and if this chart is designed for God's people, if it [is] sufficient for one it is for another, and if one needed a new chart painted on a larger scale, all need it just as much.” {13MR 359.1}

“**I saw that the charts ordered by God struck the mind favorably**, even without an explanation. There is something light, lovely, and heavenly in the representation of the angels on the charts. The mind is almost imperceptibly led to God and heaven.” {13MR 359.3}

The charts in the quote above are the 1843 and 1850 charts. Also we have seen how Sister White, while quoting from Psalm 40 verse 2, called that **rock** that God sets our feet upon, the **Rock of Ages**; and we also read the quotes that shows us that the truths on the 1843 and 1850 charts are the **Rock of Ages**. After our feet are set upon a **Rock – Christ and the Foundations and Pillars of Adventism that are found on the 1843 and 1850 charts** – Psalm 40:2 says that He establishes our goings.

“Some of those who are newly come to the faith claim to have special light from God in regard to these messages; but their new light leads them to set aside **the established truths that are the pillars of our faith**. They misinterpret and misapply the Scriptures. They misplace the messages of Revelation 14, and set aside the work which these messages have accomplished. Thus they reject **the great waymarks which God Himself has established**. Since their new light leads them to tear down the structure which the Lord has built up, we may know that He is not guiding them.” {1888 804.1}

We see in the above quote that **the pillars of our faith are established truths, established by God Himself**. And we have already seen that the foundations and pillars of our faith are on the 1843 and 1850 charts, which are the **Rock of Ages** that we are to set our feet upon; and also they are the truths that are to establish our goings. Which **way** are we to go? By the quote below we will see that the way to go is the **old paths**. Before we look at the next quote I want to insert here, that when I first started studying the Present Truth prophecy message, I could see – through the grace of God – that it was truth, and the main thing that I was impressed about was, that it **DID NOT** remove the **Old Waymarks**, which is what practically all other new truth I have looked at does. New truth does not do away with old truth, it just adds to the old and causes both to shine out with greater luster. Now let us look at the **way** we are to go.

Diverting Minds From Present Duty

“The enemy is seeking to divert the minds of our brethren and sisters from the work of preparing a people to stand in these last days. His sophistries are designed to lead minds away from the perils and duties of the hour. They estimate as of little value the light that Christ came from heaven to give to John for His people. They teach that the scenes just before us are not of sufficient importance to receive special attention. They make of no effect the truth of heavenly origin, and rob the people of God of **their past experience**, giving them instead a false science. "Thus saith the Lord: Stand ye in the **ways**, and see, and ask for the **old paths**, where is the **good way**, and walk therein." [Jeremiah 6:16.] {GW 306.2}

“**Let none seek to tear away the foundations of our faith,--the foundations that were laid at the beginning of our work, by prayerful study of the Word and by revelation. Upon these foundations we have been building for more than fifty years.** Men may suppose that they have found a new way, that they can lay a stronger foundation than that which has been laid;

but this is a great deception. "Other foundation can no man lay than that is laid." [1 Corinthians 3:11.] In the past, many have undertaken to build a new faith, to establish new principles; but how long did their building stand? It soon fell; for it was not founded upon the **Rock**. {GW 307.1}

"Did not the first disciples have to meet the sayings of men? did they not have to listen to false theories; and then, having done all, to stand firm, saying, "Other foundation can no man lay than that is laid"? So we are to hold the beginning of our confidence steadfast unto the end. {GW 307.2}

"Words of power have been sent by God and by Christ to this people, bringing them out from the world, point by point, into the clear light of present truth. With lips touched by holy fire, God's servants have proclaimed the message. The divine utterance has set its seal to the genuineness of the truth proclaimed." {GW 307.3}

A Renewal of the Straight Testimony

"The Lord calls for a renewal of the straight testimony borne in years past. He calls for a renewal of spiritual life. The spiritual energies of His people have long been torpid, but there is to be a resurrection from apparent death. **By prayer and confession of sin we must clear the King's highway.** As we do this, the power of the Spirit will come to us. We need the pentecostal energy. This will come; for the Lord has promised to send His Spirit as the all-conquering power. {GW 307.4}

"Perilous times are before us. Every one who has a knowledge of the truth should awake, and place himself, body, soul, and spirit, under the discipline of God. The enemy is on our track. We must be wide awake, on our guard against him. We must put on the whole armor of God. **We must follow the directions given through the Spirit of prophecy. We must love and obey the truth for this time. This will save us from accepting strong delusions. God has spoken to us through His word. He has spoken to us through the testimonies to the church, and through the books that have helped to make plain our present duty and the position we should now occupy.** The warnings that have been given, line upon line, precept upon precept, should be heeded. If we disregard them, what excuse can we offer? {GW 308.1}

"I beseech those who are laboring for God not to accept the **spurious for the genuine**. Let not human reasoning be placed where sanctifying truth should be. Christ is waiting to kindle faith and love in the hearts of His people. **Let not erroneous theories receive countenance from the people who ought to be standing firm on the platform of eternal truth.** God calls upon us to **hold firmly to the fundamental principles that are based upon unquestionable authority.**" {GW 308.2}

In the above quote we not only see that the **way** we are to go are the old paths but that **the old paths are the foundation of our faith, and we saw earlier that they are on the 1843 and 1850 charts**. Now we want to look at the fact that God will, and is sending us **additional light** from His Word, that light is progressive and will be unfolding until the end of time.

Additional Light

“There are many at the present day thus clinging to the customs and traditions of their fathers. When the Lord sends them **additional light**, they refuse to accept it, because, not having been granted to their fathers, it was not received by them. We are not placed where our fathers were; consequently our duties and responsibilities are not the same as theirs. We shall not be approved of God in looking to the example of our fathers to determine our duty instead of searching the word of truth for ourselves. Our responsibility is greater than was that of our ancestors. We are accountable for the **light** which they received, and which was handed down as an inheritance for us, and we are accountable also for the **additional light** which is **now** shining upon us from the word of God. {GC 164.1}

“Thus **Jesus** caused the Pharisees to understand that if **he, the light and truth**, had not come, they would not have been guilty of the sin of rejecting him. But he came and flashed the light upon their pathway, and they chose darkness rather than light. This was their guilt. Thus it is with the Sabbath. Those upon whom the light of the Sabbath truth has never shone, have no condemnation. But those to whom the Scriptures have been opened are no longer in darkness. We are not living in the age in which our fathers lived. God gave them treasures of wisdom, which, through the manifestation of his Spirit, and through the testimony and example of his children from generation to generation, have come down along the lines to our time. We have all the **light** which they had, and **additional light** is continually shining, and will shine more and more unto the perfect day. This generation is responsible, not only for all the light that God has imparted to past generations through his Spirit and word, but for **the more abundant light now shining**. We cannot be accepted and honored of God in rendering the same service and doing the same works that our fathers did. In order to be blessed of God as they were blessed, **we must be faithful in improving the increased light**, as they were faithful in improving the light that God gave them. Our heavenly Father requires of his people devotion and obedience according to the light and truth given them, and his claims are right and just. He will accept nothing less than he claims; all his righteous demands must be fully met, or they will remain in force against the transgressor. {RH, January 5, 1886 par. 3}

“If rational beings really desire the truth, God will give them sufficient light to enable them to decide what is truth. If they have a heart to obey, they will see sufficient evidence to walk in the light. But if they in heart desire to evade the truth, he will not work a miracle to gratify their unbelief. He will never remove every chance or occasion to doubt. **If they honestly, sincerely**

grasp the light, and walk in it, that light will increase until lingering doubts will be dispelled. But if they choose darkness, their questioning and caviling over the truth will increase, their unbelief will be strengthened, and the light which they would not accept will become to them darkness, and how great will be that darkness! It will be as much greater than before the light came, as the light which was rejected was clearer and more abundant than the light which first shone upon them. **Thus it was with the Jewish nation; thus it will be with the Christian world in every generation.** The rejectors of light treasure up to themselves wrath against the day of wrath. There are those who walk amid perpetual doubts. They feed on doubts, enjoy doubts, talk doubts, and question everything that it is for their interest to believe. To those who thus trifle with the plain testimonies of God's word, and who refuse to believe because it is inconvenient and unpopular to do so, the light will finally become darkness; truth will appear to the darkened understanding as error, and error will be accepted as truth. **When thus shrouded in error, they will find it perfectly natural and convenient to believe what is false, and will become strong in their faith.** {RH, January 5, 1886 par. 4}

“There are men who have so long rejected light and truth that, like Pharaoh, they have become hardened in heart and fastened in unbelief. **They crave error; their appetite is for falsehood. They drink up scandal against those who believe the truth as an ox drinketh up water, while they reject, with demonstrations of anger, the truth, pure Bible truth, which would give health and vigor to the soul.** When there are so many false teachers, who lead men away from the path of obedience into that of transgression, we need to pray constantly that we may be led into all truth, and that we may not hesitate to stand in defense of the truth. Those who transgress God's law will have much to say about charity; and when the truth is spoken they talk of the liberality and license given in God's word. But love for Christ and for the souls for whom he died, will lead to the utterance of faithful warnings and appeals by the servants of God. {RH, January 5, 1886 par. 5}

“**Those who walk in the light will progress; they will grow up to the full stature of men and women in Christ Jesus. This is the result of sanctification through the truth, and this is what God requires of all. Truth is progressive; and those who are preparing for the last great day will go forward in accordance with the accumulated light which shines upon them from the prophecies and from the lessons of Christ and the apostles.** No one will be condemned in the day of Judgment because of a lack of knowledge which he never had an opportunity to obtain. The light which never shone upon him will never be his darkness. The truth which God's messengers have presented by pen and by voice, the treasures of the word of God which they have opened to the people, the light which has penetrated the darkened chambers of the mind, will, if rejected, be witnesses against them in the last great day. The testimony which will come with condemning power upon the sinner, and which will close his mouth before God and testify of his guilt, is the fact that he saw the light, but for various reasons in harmony with the carnal

heart, would not receive it. He would not receive the truth that was given to save him. The greater the light, the greater the obligations." {RH, January 5, 1886 par. 6}

From the above quote we see the blessings of walking in the **additional light** of God's word. We will grow up into the full stature of men and women in Christ Jesus and the result is sanctification. We also see what happens if we reject that light. Not only will we go into darkness, but we will love and teach error and even drink up scandal in those that believe the truth. Brothers and sisters these very things are being fulfilled in our days. Let us follow on to know the truth walk in the truth and to uphold the truth and be sanctified through the truth!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

"It was because of their former erroneous interpretation of the prophecies, because of the customs and traditions of men, presented and urged upon them by the priests, that their minds had become confused, and were hardened to truth." {RH, October 14, 1890 par. 3}

In the above quote we can see a few of the reasons for the rejection of light. We can also see this taking place in Adventism today. We are now going to look at more at **Rubbish** and how our foundational truths have been buried under various forms of **rubbish** and how that is also blocking the receiving of new light. We will begin with William Miller's second dream found in the book Early Writings.

William Miller's Dream

"I dreamed that God, by an unseen hand, sent me a curiously wrought casket about ten inches long by six square, made of ebony and pearls curiously inlaid. To the casket there was a key attached. I immediately took the key and opened the casket, when, to my wonder and surprise, I found it filled with all sorts and sizes of **jewels, diamonds, precious stones, and gold and silver coin** of every dimension and value, **beautifully arranged** in their several places in the casket; and thus arranged they reflected a light and glory equaled only to the sun. {EW 81.2}

"I thought it was not my duty to enjoy this wonderful sight alone, although my heart was overjoyed at the **brilliancy, beauty,** and value of its contents. I therefore placed it on a center table in my room and gave out word that all who had a desire might come and see the **most glorious and brilliant sight** ever seen by man in this life. {EW 81.3}

"The people began to come in, at first few in number, but increasing to a crowd. When they first looked into the casket, they would wonder and shout for joy. But when the spectators increased, everyone would begin to trouble the **jewels,** taking them out of the casket and **scattering** them on the table. {EW 82.1}

"I began to think that the owner would require the casket and the **jewels** again at my hand; and if I suffered them to be **scattered,** I could never place them in their places in the casket again as

before; and felt I should never be able to meet the accountability, for it would be immense. I then began to plead with the people not to handle them, nor to take them out of the casket; but the more I pleaded, the more they **scattered**; and now they seemed to **scatter** them all over the room, on the floor and on every piece of furniture in the room. {EW 82.2}

"I then saw that among the genuine jewels and coin they had **scattered** an innumerable quantity of **spurious jewels and counterfeit coin**. I was highly incensed at their base conduct and ingratitude, and reproved and reproached them for it; but the more I reproved, the more they **scattered** the **spurious jewels and false coin** among the genuine. {EW 82.3}

"I then became vexed in my physical soul and began to use physical force to push them out of the room; but while I was pushing out one, three more would enter and bring in **dirt and shavings and sand and all manner of rubbish**, until they covered every one of the **true jewels, diamonds, and coins**, which were all excluded from sight. They also tore in pieces my casket and **scattered** it among the **rubbish**. I thought no man regarded my sorrow or my anger. I became wholly discouraged and disheartened, and sat down and wept. {EW 82.4}

"While I was thus weeping and mourning for my great loss and accountability, I remembered God, and earnestly prayed that He would send me help. {EW 83.1}

"Immediately the door opened, and **a man entered the room**, when the people all left it; and he, **having a dirt brush in his hand**, opened the windows, and **began to brush the dirt and rubbish from the room**. {EW 83.2}

"I cried to him to forbear, for there were some **precious jewels** scattered among the **rubbish**. {EW 83.3}

"He told me to "**fear not**," for he would "take care of them". {EW 83.4}

"Then, while he brushed the **dirt and rubbish, false jewels and counterfeit coin**, all rose and went out of the window like a cloud, and the wind carried them away. In the bustle I closed my eyes for a moment; when I opened them, the **rubbish** was all gone. The **precious jewels, the diamonds, the gold and silver coins**, lay scattered in profusion all over the room. {EW 83.5}

"He then placed on the table a casket, much larger and more beautiful than the former, and gathered up the jewels, the diamonds, the coins, by the handful, and cast them into the casket, till not one was left, although some of the diamonds were not bigger than the point of a pin. {EW 83.6}

"He then called upon me to "come and see." {EW 83.7}

“I looked into the casket, but my eyes were dazzled with the sight. **They shone with ten times their former glory.** I thought they had been scoured in the sand by the feet of those wicked persons who had scattered and trod them in the dust. **They were arranged in beautiful order in the casket, every one in its place,** without any visible pains of the man who cast them in. I shouted with very joy, and that shout awoke me.” {EW 83.8}

There are a lot of things to look at in this dream of William Miller, but we will just touch on a few. First let us look at the casket – The Dirt Brush Man placed it on the table and it was **much larger and more beautiful** than the first casket. James White, myself and others believe that the first casket represented the Bible, and many in the present truth prophetic message believe that the new casket represents the Bible and the Spirit of Prophecy and that is the reason it was **much larger and more beautiful** than the first. Also when the Dirt Brush Man put the **jewels, diamonds, and coins in the casket they shone with ten times their former glory.** Why? One example is the 2520. William Miller saw the 2520 or scattering of both the Northern and Southern kingdoms, but he could see light only in the captivity of the Southern kingdom. Hiram Edson, another pioneer saw the 2520 of the Northern kingdom and he thought that was the one of importance. But by 1863 the 2520 and other of the foundations and pillars of Adventism were beginning to be **buried under the rubbish of error and traditions of men.** But in the last few years, since the Dirt Brush Man has been opening the Bible and Spirit of Prophecy to those that have been digging as for hidden treasure, the 2520 has been rediscovered, and we now see that *both* William Miller and Hiram Edson were right, plus it has opened the Bible up to allow many a searcher to see how intricately the Word of God is connected. It has helped us to find even more of the **stones** that Sanballat was asking if they would be revived in our opening text, Nehemiah 4:1, 2. “But it came to pass, that when Sanballat heard that we builded the wall, he was wroth, and took great indignation, and mocked the Jews. And he spake before his brethren and the army of Samaria, and said, What do these feeble Jews? will they fortify themselves? will they sacrifice? will they make an end in a day? **will they revive the stones out of the heaps of the rubbish which are burned?**”

These **stones** are being revived out of the **rubbish** and It is the reviving of the **stones** or foundational truths that have been buried under the **rubbish** and the new light that has come about, that the **jewels, diamonds, precious stones, and gold and silver coins shine ten times their former glory.** Now we want to look more into the **jewels, diamonds, precious stones, and gold and silver coins** along with the **rubbish** and the **dirt brush man.** Also I want you to notice, for yourself, how in many of the following quotes you we will see the same wording as was used in William Miller’s dream.

“The Lord gave me a view, January 26, 1850, which I will relate. I saw that some of the people of God are stupid and dormant and but half awake; they do not realize the time we are now

living in, and that **the man with the "dirt brush"** [SEE "WILLIAM MILLER'S DREAM," PAGE 81.] has entered, and that some are in danger of being swept away. I begged of **Jesus** to save them, to spare them a little longer, and let them see their awful danger, that they might get ready before it should be forever too late." {EW 48.2}

In William Miller's dream it is the **rubbish** that is being swept away. It looks like that Jesus is the dirt brush man and that He has entered and some are in danger of being swept away. That would mean that at least one meaning of **rubbish** would be the **people** who were in danger of being **swept** away. In many of the following quotes we will see also that **rubbish has several meanings, including error and traditions of men and also sin of various kinds.**

In William Miller's dream the dirt brush man came in and started **sweeping** away the **rubbish** *after* William Miller Wept. In Rev. chapter 5, Jesus, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, begins to open the Little Book *after* John weeps.

Also In William Miller's dream the dirt brush man told him to "**fear not**". Now let's look at Revelation 1:17; "And when I saw him, I fell at his feet as dead. And he laid his right hand upon me, saying unto me, **Fear not**; I am the first and the last: "

In the Bible when the term "**fear not**" is used, it is usually God or Christ speaking. Another reason to believe that the dirt brush man is Christ. Also in William Miller's dream and in the Bible verses where "fear not " is used by Deity, it is meant to give comfort to the one being addressed.

Christ - The Dirt Brush Man in His Day

"The sayings of Christ are to be valued, not merely in accordance with the measure of the understanding of those who hear; they are to be considered in the important bearing which Christ Himself attaches to them. **He took the old truths, of which He Himself was the originator, and placed them before His hearers in heaven's own light.** How different was their representation. What a flood of meaning and **brightness** and spirituality was brought in by their explanation. {16MR 122.2}

"**After His resurrection, Christ opened the understanding of His followers, that they might understand the Scriptures.** Everything had been transformed by the working of the arts of Satan. Truth was covered up by the **rubbish of error**, and hidden from finite sight. When Christ referred to His humiliation, rejection, and crucifixion, the disciples could not take in His meaning. It had been a part of their **education** to expect Christ to set up a temporal kingdom, and when He spoke of His sufferings they could not understand His words. He reproved them because of their slowness of apprehension, and promised them that when the Comforter should come, He would bring many things to their remembrance.

“Christ had many truths to give to His disciples, of which He could not speak, because they did not advance with the light that was flashed upon the Levitical laws and the sacrificial offerings. **They did not embrace the light, advance with the light, and follow on to still greater brightness as Providence should lead the way.** {16MR 123.1}

“And for the same reason Christ's disciples of 1897 {could be 2011} do not comprehend important matters of truth. So dull has been the comprehension of even those who teach the truth to others that many things cannot be opened to them until they reach heaven. It ought not to be so. But as men's minds become narrow, they think they know it all, and set one stake after another in points of truths of which they have only a glimpse. They close their minds as though there were no more for them to learn, and should the Lord attempt to lead them on, they would not take up with the increased light. They cling to the spot where they think they see a glimmer of light, **when it is only a link in the living chain of truths and promises to be studied.** They know very little of what it means to follow in the footsteps of Christ. {16MR 123.2}

“The harmonious relation of truth, like links in a chain, will, just as fast as the mind is quickened by the Spirit of God to comprehend light and in humbleness of mind appropriate it, be dispensed to others, and give the glory back to God. The development of truth will be the reward to the humble-hearted seeker, who will fear God and walk with Him. The truth which the mind grasps as truth is capable of constant expansion and new developments. While beholding it, the truth is seen in all its bearings in the life and character, and becomes more clear and certain and beautiful. As the mind grasps it in its preciousness, it becomes elevated, ennobled, sanctified. {16MR 123.3}

In the above quote on page 122 paragraph 3 we see that the **rubbish is error** and it is caused at least in part from their **education**.

“Christ's teaching was simplicity itself. He taught as one having authority. The Jews looked for and claimed that the first advent of Christ should be with all the representations of glory which should attend His second advent. The great Teacher proclaimed the truth to humanity, many of whom could not be educated in the schools of the rabbis, neither in Greek philosophy. **Jesus uttered truth in a plain, direct manner, giving vital force and impressiveness to all His utterances.** Had He raised His voice to an unnatural key, as is customary with many preachers in this day, the pathos and melody of the human voice would have been lost, and much of the force of the truth destroyed.” {13MR 240.3}

“The **key** of knowledge in Christ's day had been taken away by those who should have held it to **unlock** the treasure house of wisdom in the Old Testament Scriptures. The rabbis and teachers had virtually shut up the kingdom of heaven from the poor and the afflicted, and left them to

perish. In His discourses Christ did not bring many things before them at once, lest He might confuse their minds. **He made every point clear and distinct.** He did not disdain the repetition of old and familiar truths in prophecies if they would serve His purpose to inculcate ideas. {13MR 241.1}

“Christ was the originator of all the ancient gems of truth. Through the work of the enemy these truths had been displaced. They had been disconnected from their true position, and placed in the framework of error. Christ's work was to readjust and establish the precious gems in the framework of truth. The principles of truth which had been given by Himself to bless the world had, through Satan's agency, been buried and had apparently become extinct. Christ rescued them from the **rubbish of error, gave them a new, vital force, and commanded them to shine as precious jewels, and stand fast forever.** {13MR 241.2}

“Christ Himself could use any of these old truths without borrowing the smallest particle, for He had originated them all. He had cast them into the minds and thoughts of each generation, and when He came to our world **He rearranged and vitalized the truths** which had become dead, making them more forcible for the benefit of future generations. **It was Jesus Christ who had the power of rescuing the truths from the rubbish, and again giving them to the world with more than their original freshness and power.**” {13MR 241.3}

In the above quote it is interesting to note, even though it is not the topic of our subject that there was a **key** of knowledge that could unlock the Old Testament wisdom, but it had been taken away—by who? The rabbis and teachers. Sounds familiar doesn't it. It has happened and is happening in our day. William Miller found a **key** attached to the casket in his dream, which I and others believe are the rules of interpretation he and others used in the Advent movement of the 1840's.

But to our main topic – on page 241.2, in the first sentence we see that Christ is the originator of all the ancient **gems of truth**. Here we see these truths are called gems. “Satan through his agents had displaced the truths and **buried** them and they had apparently become extinct. But Christ came and **rescued** them from the **rubbish of error** and gave them a new, vital force and commanded them to shine as **precious jewels** and stand fast forever.”

On page 241.3 of the above quote we see that Christ rescued the truths from the **rubbish** and gave them to the world in more than their original freshness and power. So in William Miller's dream, at least one of the things that was covering up the jewels and precious stones, was error. Also in his dream, the dirt brush man after sweeping away the rubbish, placed the jewels back in the casket and they **shone ten times their former glory**. I also believe that from the above quote we can see that **Christ was the dirt brush man in His day**. He was sweeping away

error and the traditions of men. In the next quote below we see the same thing taking place, and here Christ frees the **rubbish of error** from the **exactions and traditions** of men – another definition of **rubbish**.

“In the days of Christ the **established teachers instructed men in the traditions of the fathers, in childish fables, mingled with the opinions of those who they thought were high authorities.** Yet neither high nor low could discern any ray of light in their teaching. What wonder was it that crowds followed in the footsteps of the Lord, and gave him homage as they listened to his words! **He revealed truths that had been buried under the rubbish of error, and he freed them from the exactions and traditions of men, and bade them stand fast forever. He rescued truth from its obscurity, and set it in its proper framework, to shine in its original luster.** He addressed men in his own name; for authority was vested in himself, and **why should men, professing to be his followers, not speak with authority concerning subjects on which he has given light?** Why take inferior sources of instruction when Christ is the great Teacher who knows all things? Why present inferior authors to the attention of students, when he whose words are spirit and life invites, "Come, . . . and learn of me"? [Matthew 11:28, 29.] {CE 81.1}

Brothers and Sisters do we not see in our church that the above is happening. The leadership of Adventism is going to the first day churches to learn how to bring more people into the Adventist church and in so doing bringing in much rubbish or error and traditions of men. Today it is not acceptable in many of our pulpits to use the S.O.P. , yet many a minister quote the likes of C. L. Lewis and many other infidels.

Christ the Dirt Brush Man in Martin Luther's day.

“The Reformer continued searching the Scriptures, praying, preaching, and writing. He knew not how soon his work might close, and he be deprived of liberty or even life; but so long as God should will it, he determined to labor for the upbuilding of Christ's kingdom. The knowledge that precious souls were everywhere receiving the truth, filled him with joy. {ST, July 19, 1883 par. 11}

“It was his work to build in the temple of the Lord. There were living **stones buried from sight amid the **papal rubbish of false doctrines, forms, and ceremonies,** and he must search them out, and lay them on the true foundation.** The followers of Christ were not then united as a peculiar and holy people separate from the world. They were mingled with the sons of Belial, and must be separated by the power of divine truth.” {ST, July 19, 1883 par. 12}

“As Luther exalted the word of God, and deposed the human power and authority that had usurped its place, the cry was raised by his enemies that he preached novelties, and that it could not be possible that great and learned men had been in so grave error. To this he

answered: "These are not novelties that I preach. But I affirm that the doctrines of Christianity have been lost sight of by those whose special duty it was to preserve them; by the learned, by the bishops. I doubt not, indeed, that the truth has still found an abode in some few hearts, were it only with infants in the cradle. Poor husbandmen and simple children, in these days, understand more of Jesus Christ than the pope, the bishops, or the doctors." {ST, August 2, 1883 par. 1}

"Luther went steadily forward, rejoicing in his freedom from the shackles of Rome. He spoke and wrote as **God moved him**, not only confirming all that he had hitherto said, but still more decidedly protesting against the errors and abominations of popery. Every word was a living spark, burning away the accumulated rubbish of ages." {ST, August 2, 1883 par. 2}

We see in the above two quotes that Luther was removing **papal rubbish** of false doctrines, forms, and ceremonies and the **rubbish** of the ages. We also saw that **it was God that moved him. Christ was the dirt brush man in Luther's day**. He is the one who opens the understanding of the hearts of His faithful servants. After Luther's time of the reformation the next movement was the great Advent movement lead by William Miller. And in the quotes below we will see that it was God who worked upon his heart to proclaim the truth.

Christ The Dirt Brush Man In William Millers Dream

"**God sent His angel to move upon the heart of a farmer.** {William Miler} who had not believed the Bible, to lead him to search the prophecies. Angels of God repeatedly visited that chosen one, to guide his mind and open to his understanding prophecies which had ever been dark to God's people. **The commencement of the chain of truth** was given to him, and he was led on to search for **link after link**, until he looked with wonder and admiration upon the Word of God. He saw there a perfect chain of truth. That Word which he had regarded as uninspired now opened before his vision in its beauty and glory. He saw that one portion of Scripture explains another, and when one passage was closed to his understanding, he found in another part of the Word that which explained it. He regarded the sacred Word of God with joy and with the deepest respect and awe." {EW 229.1}

"God directed the mind of William Miller to the prophecies and gave him great light upon the book of Revelation. {EW 231.1}

"If Daniel's visions had been understood, the people could better have understood the visions of John. But at the right time, God moved upon His chosen servant, who, with clearness and in the power of the Holy Spirit, opened the prophecies and showed the harmony of the visions of Daniel and John and other portions of the Bible, and pressed home upon the hearts of the people the sacred, fearful warnings of the Word to prepare for the coming of the Son of

man. Deep and solemn conviction rested upon the minds of those who heard him, and ministers and people, sinners and infidels, turned to the Lord and sought a preparation to stand in the judgment. {EW 231.2}

“Angels of God accompanied William Miller in his mission.” {EW 232.1}

Again we see that it is Christ that was the dirt brush man in William Miller’s day – in the time of the Advent movement.

Christ The Dirt Brush Man in Our Day

“Did not the first disciples have to meet the sayings of men? did they not have to listen to false theories; and then, having done all, to stand firm, saying, "Other foundation can no man lay than that is laid"? **So we are to hold the beginning of our confidence steadfast unto the end.** {GW 307.2}

“Words of power have been sent by God and by Christ to this people, bringing them out from the world, point by point, into the clear light of present truth. With lips touched by holy fire, God's servants have proclaimed the message. The divine utterance has set its seal to the genuineness of the truth proclaimed.” {GW 307.3}

Above we can see that God and Christ is sending words of power to us today. **Christ is the Dirt Brush Man in our day. Actually Christ was and is the dirt brush man since the beginning of time.**

“By the inspired testimony of Moses and the prophets he clearly proved the identity of Jesus of Nazareth with the Messiah and showed that **from the days of Adam it was the voice of Christ which had been speaking through patriarchs and prophets.**” {AA 221.2}

Rubbish Of Error Begins to Cover up the Jewels of Truth

“The great disappointment in 1844 was a trying ordeal. They had not the light that would have enabled them to discern the reason of their disappointment. Some gave up the Faith others held to their past experience but became bewildered in regard to their position after 1844. They were exposed to temptation **and received various errors as Bible truth.** But I was shown that the Lord would, in His providence, clear away the **rubbish of error** and reveal to them the **jewels of truth.** These would be gladly received by many, and the harps that had been left tuneless would be taken from the willows and again give forth sweet music. **Many will discover the lost links in the chain of truth, and they will see a beautiful harmony in the whole.** They will have a fresh experience, being assured that He whom they trusted has not forsaken them and left them in darkness. "The Lord will command His lovingkindness in the daytime, and in the night His song shall be with me" [Psalms 42:8].” {20MR 378.5}

In the above quote we can see that right after the disappointment in 1844 that many received various errors as Bible truth, but the Lord – the dirt brush man – would clear away the **rubbish of error**. But brothers and sisters since the disappointment many truths have been buried under the rubbish of error. Especially the foundational truths begin to be buried in 1863. The first one which we have already discussed, is the 2520 time prophecy, which is on the 1843 and 1850 charts and also revealed in William Miller’s dream by him using the word scatter 7 times before the dirt brush man comes in and gathers the scattered jewels. The 2520 is now being denied by most SDA’s and especially the ones that are well known and in the spotlight, which is the main reason the lay members are rejecting it. The 2520 is a Bible truth that is plain to see when studied out with an open mind. But I believe that the truth of the matter is that most SDA’s do not know much of any of the truths on the 1843 and 1850 charts, which are the foundations and pillars of our faith. These truths are a part of the first, second, and third angels messages and we – God’s people, are represented by these angels and we are to separate the **rubbish of error** with the truth of the Word of God as we will see in the quote below.

“The work for this time is represented by the first, second, and third angels flying in the midst of heaven. The first angel has his message, the second follows the first and bears his message. But the first is not dropped; it loses none of its force as the second is proclaimed. So also with the third. **These angels represent the people of God proclaiming the word of God to the world, whereby are produced impressions so powerful that truth is separated from the rubbish of error and stands revealed in its unblemished pure beauty.** These messages of truth open the most lofty contemplation of scenes through which they conduct us--solemn, refining, and awfully grand.” {1888 939.3}

“You can also in meekness call the attention of others to the precious truths of God's word. Young men should be instructed that they may labor in these cities. They may never be able to present the truth from the desk, but they could go from house to house, and point the people to the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world. The **dust and rubbish of error** have **buried the precious jewels of truth; but the Lord's workers can uncover these treasures, so that many will look upon them with delight and awe.** {HS 182.1}

“There is a great variety of work, adapted to different minds and varied capabilities. In the day of God not one will be excused for being shut up to his own selfish interests. And it is by working for others that you will keep your own souls alive. Do you shrink from this work because there is a cross connected with it? Remember that self must be denied if you would win Christ. Earnest, unselfish effort will garner sheaves for Jesus. The humble worker who obediently responds to the call of God, may be sure of receiving divine assistance. **The Lord is a mighty helper. If the workers will rely wholly upon him, he will accomplish a great work through them.**” {HS 182.2}

The Lord is a mighty helper, it is through His Spirit that truth is revealed to His people. Again the Lord is the dirt brush man in our day.

“The present message--**justification by faith**--is a message from God; it bears the divine credentials, for its fruit is unto holiness. Some who greatly need the precious truth that was presented before them, we fear did not receive its benefit. They did not open the door of their hearts to welcome Jesus as a heavenly guest, and they have suffered great loss. *There is indeed a narrow way in which we must walk; the cross is presented at every step. We must learn to live by faith; then the darkest hours will be brightened by the blessed beams of the Sun of Righteousness.* {1SM 359.1}

“There is great need that Christ should be preached as the only hope and salvation. When the doctrine of **justification by faith** was presented at the Rome meeting, it came to many as water comes to the thirsty traveler. *The thought that the **righteousness of Christ** is imputed to us, not because of any merit on our part, but as a free gift from God, seemed a precious thought.*” {1SM 360.1}

“There are grand truths, long hidden under the **rubbish of error**, that are to be revealed to the people. The doctrine of **justification by faith** has been lost sight of by many who have professed to believe the third angel's message.” {1SM 360.3}

“The end is near! We have not a moment to lose! Light is to shine forth from God's people in clear, distinct rays, bringing Jesus before the churches and before the world. Our work is not to be restricted to those who already know the truth; our field is the world. The instrumentalities to be used are those souls who gladly receive the light of truth which God communicates to them. These are God's agencies for communicating the knowledge of truth to the world. **If through the grace of Christ his people will become new bottles, he will fill them with the new wine. God will give additional light, and old truths will be recovered, and replaced in the frame-work of truth; and wherever the laborers go, they will triumph.** As Christ's ambassadors, they are to search the Scriptures, to seek for the truths that have been hidden beneath the **rubbish of error**. And every ray of light received is to be communicated to others. **One interest will prevail, one subject will swallow up every other,--Christ our righteousness.**” {RH, December 23, 1890 par. 19}

In the above two quotes we see God will give additional light and also that old truths will be recovered, that have been hidden beneath the rubbish of error, and replaced in the frame-work of truth. And we see that one of the truths lost in the **rubbish of error** is **justification by faith – the righteousness of Christ** and how that Christ our Righteousness is the one interest that will

prevail, the subject that would swallow up all others. In the next quote below we see also that we do not realize the importance of Justification by faith as we should.

“Having done all we can on our part, our doing cannot save us. But there is something that will save us, and that is the power of God. Connection with the power of God is our only salvation. There is not one of us but what ought to lay hold of the subject of justification by faith. It means ten times more, yes, a hundredfold more, than many of us seem to realize. We are to feel that we have not a particle of dependence, not a particle of trust in ourselves. We are to trust in the living God, in His power, in His might, and in His grace to keep us, or we shall fall.” {2SAT 60.4}

That last quote says a lot and is very important for us to experience God’s power by being connected by living faith to Him through Jesus Christ, the Son of God and the son of man, to depend on Him, trust in Him, in His power and might and grace. But yet we are to do all we can on our part. God works and man works.

Philippians 2:12, 14. “Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling. For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of [his] good pleasure.”

“Satan had urged on the **papal priests and prelates** to bury the word of truth beneath the **rubbish of error, heresy, and superstition**; but in a most wonderful manner it was preserved uncorrupted through all the ages of darkness. It bore not the stamp of man, but the impress of God. Men have been unwearied in their efforts to obscure the plain, simple meaning of the Scriptures, and to make them contradict their own testimony; but like the ark upon the billowy deep, the word of God outrides the storms that threaten it with destruction. As the mine has **rich veins of gold and silver** hidden beneath the surface, so that all must dig who would discover its precious stores, so the Holy Scriptures have treasures of truth that are revealed only to the earnest, humble, prayerful seeker. God designed the Bible to be a lessonbook to all mankind, in childhood, youth, and manhood, and to be studied through all time. He gave His word to men as a revelation of Himself. **Every new truth discerned is a fresh disclosure of the character of its Author.** The study of the Scriptures is the means divinely ordained to bring men into closer connection with their Creator and to give them a clearer knowledge of His will. It is the medium of communication between God and man.” {GC 69.2}

“As those who now labor in the cause of reform, experience conflicts and trials, as they find their path hedged in by difficulties, and obstructed by the **rubbish of error**, let them remember that they are traveling the same road that prophets, apostles, and reformers of every age have traveled before them. Christ himself trod a more thorny path than any of his

followers. They may comfort themselves with the thought that they are in good company. One mightier than Satan is their leader, and he will give them strength to be steadfast in the faith, and will bring them off victorious.” {ST, June 21, 1883 par. 17}

“The lessons that Christ presented in his words of truth are like **precious pearls**; for in them he bestowed upon men an inestimable possession. Much that he taught is still but dimly understood, and **the rubbish of error covers many a glorious gem of truth**. These **jewels of truth** should be searched for with as great diligence as men search for hidden treasure. Those who know the love of Christ should regard it as did the man who found the **hidden treasure**, and for joy thereof went and sold all that he had, that he might buy the field, and dig over every inch of it to discover the rich veins of **gold and silver**. The teaching of Christ is more precious than any mine of earth can be, and it demands more zeal on our part to seek for the **gems of truth** than does any possession we can secure in the world. **We should put forth most strenuous efforts to understand the full meaning of the truth he would convey to the mind in parables or maxims. Let him who would comprehend spiritual things, dig deep in the mines of truth.”** {ST, November 7, 1892 par. 6}

“An honest man, according to Christ's measurement, is one who will manifest unbending integrity. **Deceitful weights and false balances**, with which many seek to advance their interests in the world, are abomination in the sight of God. . . . Firm integrity shines forth as gold amid the dross and **rubbish of the world**. **Deceit, falsehood, and unfaithfulness** may be glossed over and hidden from the eyes of man, but not from the eyes of God. The angels of God, who watch the development of character and weigh moral worth, record in the books of heaven these minor transactions which reveal character.” {CG 152.4}

“**Many have, as had Moses, very much to unlearn in order to learn the very lessons that they need to learn.** Moses had need to be self-trained by severest mental and moral discipline, and God wrought with him before he could be fitted to train others in mind and heart. He had been instructed in the Egyptian courts. Nothing was left as unnecessary to train him to become a general of armies. The false theories of the idolatrous Egyptians had been instilled into his mind, and the influences surrounding him, and the things his eyes looked upon, could not be easily shaken off or corrected. {CTr 99.4}

“**Thus it is with many who have had a false training in any line.** All the idolatrous **rubbish of heathen lore must be removed**—bit by bit, item by item—from Moses’ mind. Jethro helped him in many things to a correct faith, as far as he himself understood. He was working upward toward the light where he could see God in singleness of heart. God Jehovah was revealed to him. This thorough intellectual training in Egypt, and as a shepherd among the mountains, in

the pure air, made him a strong thinker and a strong doer of the Word of God.”—Manuscript 45, 1890 (Manuscript Releases, vol. 2, pp. 324-326). {CTr 99.5}

“In the East the houses of the poor usually consisted of but one room, often windowless and dark. The room was rarely swept, and a piece of money falling on the floor would be speedily covered by the **dust and rubbish**. In order that it might be found, even in the daytime, a candle must be lighted, and the house must be **swept** diligently. {COL 192.4}

“The lost coin represents those who are lost in trespasses and sins, but who have no sense of their condition. They are estranged from God, but they know it not. Their souls are in peril, but they are unconscious and unconcerned. In this parable Christ teaches that even those who are indifferent to the claims of God are the objects of His pitying love. They are to be sought for that they may be brought back to God. {COL 193.3}

“The coin, though lying among **dust and rubbish**, is a piece of silver still. Its owner seeks it because it is of value.... {COL 194.3}

“The woman in the parable searches diligently for her lost coin. She lights the candle and **sweeps the house**. She removes everything that might obstruct her search....” {COL 194.4}

The Connection of Rubbish and Sin

“It is the purpose of God that His children shall blend in unity. Do they not expect to live together in the same heaven? Is Christ divided against Himself? Will He give His people success before they **sweep away the rubbish of evil surmising and discord**, before the laborers, with unity of purpose, devote heart and mind and strength to the work so holy in God's sight? Union brings strength; disunion, weakness. United with one another, working together in harmony for the salvation of men, we shall indeed be "laborers together with God." Those who refuse to work in harmony greatly dishonor God. The enemy of souls delights to see them working at cross purposes with one another. Such ones need to cultivate brotherly love and tenderness of heart. If they could draw aside the curtain veiling the future and see the result of their disunion they would surely be led to repent.” 4 {CCh 43.1}

“If when our brethren surmise evil, we would go to them, saying, "Forgive me if I have done anything to harm you," we might break the spell of Satan and set our brethren free from their temptations. Do not let anything interpose between you and your brethren. If there is anything that you can do by sacrifice to clear away the **rubbish of suspicion**, do it. God wants us to love one another as brethren. He wants us to be pitiful and courteous. He wants us to educate ourselves to believe that our brethren love us, and to believe that Christ loves us. Love begets love.” {CCh 290.1}

“Through tradition, through false education, these men are exalted as the world's educators; but in going to them students are in danger of accepting the vile with the precious; **for superstition, specious reasoning, and error are mingled with portions of true philosophy and instruction.** This mingling makes a potion that is poisonous to the soul,-- destructive of faith in the God of all truth. Those who have a thirst for knowledge need not go to these polluted fountains; for they are invited to come to the fountain of life and drink freely. **Through searching the word of God, they may find the hidden treasure of truth that has long been buried beneath the rubbish of error, human tradition, and opinions of men.” {CE 102.2}**

“God calls upon those who hold responsible positions in Sabbath school work to **put away all egotism, all self-confidence, and pride of opinion; if a message comes that you do not understand, take pains that you may hear the reasons the messenger may give, comparing scripture with scripture, that you may know whether or not it is sustained by the word of God.** If you believe that the positions taken have not the word of God for their foundation, if the position you hold on the subject cannot be controverted, then produce your strong reasons; for your position will not be shaken by coming in contact with error. There is no virtue or manliness in keeping up a continual warfare in the dark, closing your eyes lest you may see, closing your ears lest you may hear, hardening your heart in ignorance and unbelief lest you may have to humble yourselves and acknowledge that you have received light on some points of truth. {CSW 28.2}

“To hold yourselves aloof from an investigation of truth is not the way to carry out the Saviour's injunction to "search the Scriptures." Is it digging for hidden treasures to call the results of some one's labor a mass of rubbish, and make no critical examination to see whether or not there are precious jewels of truth in the collection of thought which you condemn? Will those who have almost everything to learn keep themselves away from every meeting where there is an opportunity to investigate the messages that come to the people, simply because they imagine the views held by the teachers of the truth may be out of harmony with what they have conceived as truth? Thus it was that the Jews did in the days of Christ, and we are warned not to do as they did, and be led to choose darkness rather than light, because there was in them an evil heart of unbelief in departing from the living God. No one of those who imagine that they know it all is too old or too intelligent to learn from the humblest of the messengers of the living God.”--TSS 62-66. {CSW 29.1}

Oh, brothers and sisters, may we be humble and teachable, willing to search the scriptures to see if these things are so!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

“The question that should come home to each of us is, **Upon what foundation am I building?** We have the privilege of striving for immortal life; and it is of the greatest importance that we dig deep, **removing all the rubbish**, and **build on the solid rock, Christ Jesus. He is the sure foundation.** "Other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ." 1 Corinthians 3:11. In Him alone is our salvation. "There is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved." Acts 4:12. {CT 61.3}

“Those who empty their hearts of **vanity and rubbish**, through the grace of God may purify the mind and make it a storehouse of knowledge, purity, and truth. And it will be continually reaching beyond the narrow boundaries of worldly thought, into the vastness of the infinite.” {CT 513.4}

“In many cases the **rubbish of the world** has clogged the channels of the soul. **Selfishness** controls the mind and warps the character.” {DG 16.1}

“The Pharisees prided themselves on their obedience to the law; yet they knew so little of its principles through everyday practice that to them the **Saviour's words** sounded like heresy. **As He swept away the rubbish under which the truth had been buried, they thought He was sweeping away the truth itself.**” {DA 307.3}

“**There is a vast amount of rubbish brought forward by professed believers in Christ, which blocks up the way to the cross.** Notwithstanding all this, there are some who are so deeply convicted that they will come through every discouragement and will surmount every obstacle in order to gain the truth. But had the believers in the truth purified their minds by obeying it, had they felt the importance of knowledge and of refinement of manners in Christ's work, where one soul has been saved there might have been twenty.” {4T 68.2}

“The Lord has revealed to me that when the heart is cleansed and sanctified, and the members of the church are partakers of the divine nature, a power will go forth from the church, who believe the truth, that will cause melody in the heart. Men and women will not then depend upon their instrumental music but on the power and grace of God, which will give fullness of joy. **There is a work to be done in clearing away the rubbish which has been brought into the church. . . .**” {Ev 512.3}

“Many professed Christians are well represented by the vine that is trailing upon the ground and entwining its tendrils about the roots and **rubbish** that lie in its path. To all such the message comes, "Come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord." 2 Corinthians 6:17. ... **Your tendrils must be severed from everything earthly. . . . It is impossible for you to unite with those who are corrupt, and still remain pure.**” {FLB 221.2}

“In Christ is the fountain of all knowledge. In Him our hopes of eternal life are centered. He is the greatest teacher the world has ever known, and if we desire to enlarge the minds of the children and youth, and win them, if possible, to a love of the Bible, we should fasten their minds upon the plain and simple truth, **digging out that which has been buried beneath the rubbish of tradition, and letting the jewels shine forth.**” {FE 450.2}

“And he shall sit as a refiner and purifier of silver: and he shall purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver, that they may offer unto the Lord an offering in righteousness.”
Malachi 3:3. {AG 311.1}

“Here is the process, the refining, purifying process, to be carried on by the Lord of hosts. The work is most trying to the soul, but it is only through this process that the **rubbish and defiling impurities** can be removed. Our trials are all necessary to bring us close to our heavenly Father, in obedience to His will, that we may offer unto the Lord an offering in righteousness. God has given each of us capabilities, talents to improve. **We need a new and living experience in the divine life, in order to do the will of God. No amount of past experience will suffice for the present, or will strengthen us to overcome the difficulties in our path. We must have new grace and fresh strength daily in order to be victorious. . . .**” {AG 311.2}

“They do not appreciate the value of the truth they present, and little realize what it has cost those who, with prayers and tears, through trial and opposition, have sought for it as for **hid treasures**. Every new link in the chain of truth was to them as precious as tried gold. These links are now united in a perfect whole. Truths have been dug out of the **rubbish of superstition and error**, by earnest prayer for light and knowledge, and have been presented to the people as precious pearls of priceless value.” {GW92 137.1}

“The people must be aroused to do the work which God enjoins upon them, to **take up the stumbling-blocks and clear out the rubbish**, that the Spirit of God may come in.” {GW92 225.2}

“The few faithful builders upon the true foundation (1 Corinthians 3:10, 11) were perplexed and hindered as the **rubbish of false doctrine** obstructed the work. Like the builders upon the wall of Jerusalem in Nehemiah's day, some were ready to say: "The strength of the bearers of burdens is decayed, and there is **much rubbish**; so that we are not able to build." Nehemiah 4:10. Wearied with the constant struggle against persecution, fraud, iniquity, and every other obstacle that Satan could devise to hinder their progress, some who had been faithful builders became disheartened; and for the sake of peace and security for their property and their lives, they turned away from the true foundation. Others, undaunted by the opposition of their

enemies, fearlessly declared: "Be not ye afraid of them: remember the Lord, which is great and terrible" (verse 14); and they proceeded with the work, everyone with his sword girded by his side. Ephesians 6:17. {GC 56.2}

"The same spirit of hatred and opposition to the truth has inspired the enemies of God in every age, and the same vigilance and fidelity have been required in His servants. The words of Christ to the first disciples are applicable to His followers to the close of time: "What I say unto you I say unto all, Watch." Mark 13:37. {GC 56.3}

"Obey not the voice of the deceiver, which is in harmony with the unsanctified will, but obey the impulse that God has given. . . . Everything is at stake. Will the human agent cooperate with the divine "to will and to do"? If man places his will on God's side, fully surrendering self to God's will, the high and holy endeavor of the human agent takes down **the obstruction** he himself has erected, the **rubbish is cleared away from the door of the heart**, the defiance barricading the soul is broken down. **The door of the heart is opened and Jesus enters, to abide as a welcome guest.**" {HP 27.6}

"We need a more heavenly atmosphere to surround our souls. We need to have our lips touched with a live coal from off the altar. We need to hear the word from Christ, "Be thou clean." If we have scattered darkness, if we have **accumulated rubbish and hoarded doubts**, if we have planted seeds of doubt and discouragement in the minds of others, may God help us to see our sin. We cannot afford to drop a single word of doubt, for it will germinate and grow and bring forth a bitter harvest. We should take heed to the exhortation, "Be ye holy in all manner of conversation" (1 Peter 1:15). One seed of doubt sown, and it is beyond the power of man to kill it. God alone can pluck it from the soul. . . ." {HP 106.4}

"When tempted to murmur, censure, and indulge in fretfulness, wounding those around you, and in so doing wounding your own soul, oh! let the deep, earnest, anxious inquiry come from your soul, Shall I stand without fault before the throne of God? Only the faultless will be there. **None will be translated to heaven while their hearts are filled with the rubbish of earth.** Every defect in the moral character must first be remedied, every stain removed by the cleansing blood of Christ, and all the unlovely, unlovable traits of character overcome." {Mar 58.4}

"The lily on the lake strikes its roots down deep beneath the surface of **rubbish and slime**, and through its porous stem draws those properties that will aid its development, and bring to light its spotless blossom to repose in purity on the bosom of the lake. It refuses all that would tarnish and mar its spotless beauty. {MYP 423.1}

“We may learn a lesson from the lily, and although surrounded with influences that would tend to corrupt the morals and bring ruin upon the soul, we may refuse to be corrupted, and place ourselves where **evil association** shall not corrupt our hearts.” {MYP 423.2}

“**The rubbish of questionable principles and practices is to be swept away**. The Lord desires the mind to be renovated and the heart filled with the treasures of truth.”--MS 24, 1901. (HC 106.) {1MCP 36.2}

“He knows whether we are clearing the King's highway from **all rubbish and hindrance**, so that He can beckon our souls onward and upward, or whether we are filling the path with **rubbish** and blocking up our own way, and placing stumbling blocks in the way of sinners to hinder the salvation of precious souls for whom Christ died.”--Und MS 23. {2MCP 434.2}

“Many have so much **rubbish** piled up at the door of the heart that they cannot admit Jesus. Some have difficulties between themselves and their brethren to remove; others have **evil tempers, pride, covetousness**; with others, **love of the world** bars the entrance. All this must be taken away, before they can open the door and welcome the Saviour in.” {OHC 352.4}

“The world is to be warned of its coming doom. The slumbers of those who are lying in sin and error are so deep, so deathlike, that the voice of God through a wide-awake minister is needed to awaken them. Unless the ministers are converted, the people will not be. **The cold formalism that is now prevailing among us must give place to the living energy of experimental godliness**. There is no fault with the theory of the truth; it is perfectly clear and harmonious. But young ministers may speak the truth fluently, and yet have no real sense of the words they utter. They do not appreciate the value of the truth they present, and little realize what it has cost those who, with prayers and tears, through trial and opposition, have sought for it as for hid treasures. Every new link in the chain of truth was to them as precious as tried gold. These links are now united in a perfect whole. **Truths have been dug out of the rubbish of superstition and error**, by earnest prayer for light and knowledge, and have been presented to the people as **precious pearls** of priceless value.”--4T 445, 446. {PaM 27.3}

“As a wise master builder, Jeremiah at the very beginning of his lifework sought to encourage the men of Judah to lay the foundations of their spiritual life broad and deep, by making thorough work of repentance. Long had they been building with material likened by the apostle Paul to wood, hay, and stubble, and by Jeremiah himself to dross. "Refuse silver shall men call them," he declared of the impenitent nation, "because the Lord hath rejected them." Jeremiah 6:30, margin. Now they were urged to begin building wisely and for eternity, casting aside the **rubbish of apostasy and unbelief**, and using as foundation material the **pure gold, the refined**

silver, the precious stones--faith and obedience and good works--which alone are acceptable in the sight of a holy God.” {PK 409.3}

“We have no time to lose. Important work is before us, and if we are slothful servants we shall certainly lose the heavenly reward. But few have broad and extensive views of what can be done in reaching the people by personal, interested efforts in a wise distribution of our publications. Many who will not be induced to listen to the truth presented by the living preacher will take up a tract or a paper and peruse it; many things they read meet their ideas exactly, and they become interested to read all it contains. Impressions are thus made upon their minds which they cannot readily forget. The seed of truth has in some cases been buried for years beneath the **rubbish of the world, and the pleasing fables** that deceived ones have enjoyed. After a time some earthly sorrow or affliction softens their hearts, and the seed springs up and bears fruit to the glory of God.” {PM 397.2}

“Oh, that all could see this and embrace the message given them of God! He has raised up His servants to present truth that, because it involves lifting the cross, has been lost sight of, and is buried beneath the rubbish of formality. It must be rescued and be reset in the framework of present truth. Its claims must be asserted, and its position given it in the third angel's message.” {3SM 189.3}

“God will not accept the most splendid service, or the most brilliant talent, unless it is laid upon, and connected with, the living foundation stone; for this alone gives true value to the ability possessed, and makes it a living service to God. We may look back through centuries, and see the living stones gleaming like jets of light through the **rubbish of moral darkness, errors, and superstition. These precious jewels shine with continually increasing luster, not alone for time, but for eternity.**” (Redemption: The Teachings of Paul, p. 80). {6BC 1087.8}

“Those who **criticize and condemn** one another are breaking God's commandments, and are an offense to Him. They neither love God nor their fellow beings. Brethren and sisters, let us clear away the **rubbish of criticism and suspicion and complaint**, and do not wear your nerves on the outside. Some are so sensitive that they cannot be reasoned with. Be very sensitive in regard to what it means to keep the law of God, and in regard to whether you are keeping or breaking the law. It is this that God wants us to be sensitive about.” (GCB April 1, 1903). {7BC 937.2}

We saw in the above quote the evil of criticizing. In the next quote we will see that **there is a place to criticize.**

“But Christ has given us no assurance that to attain perfection of character is an easy matter. A noble, all-round character is not inherited. It does not come to us by accident. A noble

character is earned by individual effort through the merits and grace of Christ. God gives the talents, the powers of the mind; we form the character. It is formed by hard, stern battles with self. Conflict after conflict must be waged against hereditary tendencies. **We shall have to criticize ourselves closely, and allow not one unfavorable trait to remain uncorrected.**" {COL 331.1}

"Christ gave no such instruction in regard to the Old Testament Scriptures, the only part of the Bible which the people of His time possessed. His teachings were designed to direct their minds to the Old Testament and to bring into clearer light the great themes there presented. For ages the people of Israel had been separating themselves from God, and they had lost sight of precious truths which He had committed to them. These truths were covered up with **superstitious forms and ceremonies** that concealed their true significance. Christ came to remove the **rubbish** which had obscured their luster. He placed them, as **precious gems**, in a new setting. He showed that so far from disdaining the repetition of old, familiar truths, **He came to make them appear in their true force and beauty**, the glory of which had never been discerned by the men of His time. Himself the Author of these revealed truths, He could open to the people their true meaning, freeing them from the misinterpretations and false theories adopted by the leaders to suit their own unconsecrated condition, their destitution of spirituality and the love of God. He cast aside that which had robbed these truths of life and vital power, and gave them back to the world in all their original freshness and force." {5T 709.2}

"The promise of the Holy Spirit was the brightest hope and the strongest consolation that Christ could leave His disciples when He ascended to heaven. **The truths of God's Word had been buried beneath the rubbish of misinterpretation; the maxims of men, the sayings of finite beings, had been exalted above the Word of the living God.** Under the enlightening power of the Holy Spirit, the apostles separated truth from false theories, and gave to the people the word of life. {YRP 325.2}

"**The Holy Spirit is often rejected because it comes in unexpected ways.** Evidence upon evidence that the apostles were speaking and acting under **divine inspiration** had been given to the Jewish priests and rulers, but still they firmly resisted **the message of truth**. Christ had not come in the way they expected, and though at times they were convinced that He was the Son of God, yet they stifled conviction, and thus became blinder and more hardened than before. They crucified Christ, yet Christ in His mercy gave them additional evidence in the works wrought by the disciples. He sent His servants to tell them what they had done, and even in the terrible charge that they had killed the Prince of life, He gave them another call to repentance. But, feeling secure in their own righteousness, the Jewish teachers were not prepared to admit

that the men who had reproved them for crucifying Christ were speaking by the direction of the Holy Spirit. . . ." {YRP 325.3}

"The wrath of God is not declared against men merely because of the sin they have committed, but because they choose to continue in a state of resistance, because they repeat the sins of the past in spite of the light and evidence given them. If the Jewish leaders had submitted, they would have been pardoned; but they were determined not to yield. In the same way, the sinner, by continued resistance, places himself where he knows nothing but resistance."--Signs of the Times, Sept. 27, 1899. {YRP 325.4}

Our High Calling

"The end is near! We have not a moment to lose! Light is to shine forth from God's people in clear, distinct rays, bringing Jesus before the churches and before the world. Our work is not to be restricted to those who already know the truth; our field is the world. The instrumentalities to be used are those souls who gladly receive the light of truth which God communicates to them. These are God's agencies for communicating the knowledge of truth to the world. **If through the grace of Christ his people will become new bottles, he will fill them with the new wine. God will give additional light, and old truths will be recovered, and replaced in the frame-work of truth;** and wherever the laborers go, they will triumph. As Christ's ambassadors, they are to **search the Scriptures, to seek for the truths that have been hidden beneath the rubbish of error.** And every ray of light received is to be communicated to others. **One interest will prevail, one subject will swallow up every other,--Christ our righteousness."** {RH, December 23, 1890 par. 19}

"When Adam came from the Creator's hand, he bore, in his physical, mental, and spiritual nature, a likeness to his Maker. "God created man in His own image" (Genesis 1:27), and it was His purpose that the longer man lived the more fully he should reveal this image--the more fully reflect the glory of the Creator. All his faculties were capable of development; their capacity and vigor were continually to increase. Vast was the scope offered for their exercise, glorious the field opened to their research. The mysteries of the visible universe--the "wondrous works of Him which is perfect in knowledge" (Job 37:16)--invited man's study. Face-to-face, heart-to-heart communion with his Maker was his high privilege. Had he remained loyal to God, all this would have been his forever. Throughout eternal ages he would have continued to gain new treasures of knowledge, to discover fresh springs of happiness, and to obtain clearer and yet clearer conceptions of the wisdom, the power, and the love of God. More and more fully would he have fulfilled the object of his creation, more and more fully have reflected the Creator's glory. {Ed 15.1}

"But by disobedience this was forfeited. Through sin the divine likeness was marred, and well-nigh obliterated. Man's physical powers were weakened, his mental capacity was lessened, his

spiritual vision dimmed. He had become subject to death. **Yet the race was not left without hope. By infinite love and mercy the plan of salvation had been devised, and a life of probation was granted. To restore in man the image of his Maker, to bring him back to the perfection in which he was created, to promote the development of body, mind, and soul, that the divine purpose in his creation might be realized--this was to be the work of redemption. This is the object of education, the great object of life.**" {Ed 15.2}

Brothers and Sisters please read those two paragraphs over and over again. What a high calling. What a privilege can be ours to be restored to the image of our Maker, to be brought back to the perfection in which Adam was created. But it does not stop there. Throughout eternal ages we will continue to gain new treasures of knowledge, to discover fresh springs of happiness, and to obtain clearer and yet clearer conceptions of the wisdom, the power, and the love of God. All of this can be ours, but first we must get the **Rubbish of error, traditions and sayings of men out of our hearts and mind. We must get the rubbish of sin, selfishness, criticizing, faultfinding and all other sins that so easily beset us. How????**

"Those who strive for the Spirit of God will be rewarded in accordance with the promise, **"As many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name."** My brethren and sisters, will you not awake out of sleep? Will you not pray, and watch unto prayer? Through the power that Jesus gives, we can be **"more than conquerors."** But we can not manufacture this power. **Only through the Spirit of God can we receive it.** We need a deep insight into the nature of Christ and into the mystery of his love, "which passeth knowledge." We are to live in the warm, genial rays of the Sun of Righteousness. Nothing but Christ's loving compassion, his divine grace, his almighty power, can enable us to baffle the relentless foe, and subdue the opposition of our own hearts. **What is our strength?--The joy of the Lord. Let the love of Christ fill our hearts, and then we shall be prepared to receive the power that he has for us.** {RH, March 31, 1904 par. 2}

"Let us thank God every day for the blessings that are ours. **If the human agent will humble himself before God, realizing how inappropriate it is for him to cherish self-sufficiency, realizing his utter inability to do the work that needs to be done in order that his soul may be purified; if he will cast away his own righteousness. Christ will abide in his heart. He will put his hand to the work of creating him anew, and will continue the work till he is complete in him.**" {RH, March 31, 1904 par. 3}

"Beholding Christ for the purpose of becoming like him, the seeker after truth sees the perfection of the principles of God's law, and he becomes dissatisfied with everything but perfection. Hiding his life in the life of Christ, he sees the holiness of the divine law as revealed in the character of Christ, and more and more earnestly he strives to be like him. A warfare may be expected at any time; for the tempter sees that he is losing one of his subjects. A battle must

be fought with the attributes that Satan has been strengthening for his own use. {RH, March 31, 1904 par. 13}

“The human agent sees what he has to contend with,--a strange power opposed to the idea of attaining the perfection that Christ holds out. But he knows that **with the Redeemer there is saving power that will gain for him the victory in the conflict. The Saviour will strengthen and help him as he comes pleading for grace and efficiency.**” {RH, March 31, 1904 par. 14}

May God Bless each reader of this as they seek to obtain eternal life is my prayer!!!!!!